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Vibe Coding Hack Sheet

Digihandler Academy · 14 hacks, a project brief, a rules file starter and a pre-publish checklist. Checked against official tool docs in November 2026.

The 14 hacks: tick each one on your next project

Plan

- [ ] **1.** Answer four questions: what, who, why, one key action.
- [ ] **2.** Use Plan or chat mode before any code. Let the AI interview you.
- [ ] **3.** Write a short rules file (project knowledge, AGENTS.md, CLAUDE.md or .cursor/rules).

Build

- [ ] **4.** One change per prompt. More than two "and"s? Split it.
- [ ] **5.** Name what must not change.
- [ ] **6.** Attach a screenshot or sketch instead of describing.

Check

- [ ] **7.** Save every working version (bookmark, checkpoint, Git commit).
- [ ] **8.** Two failed fixes? Stop. Reset the chat or plan the root cause.
- [ ] **9.** New chat for each feature.
- [ ] **10.** Give the AI a check to run and ask for the output as proof.
- [ ] **11.** Test like a user: pages, forms, two accounts, phone view.

Protect

- [ ] **12.** Run a security scan before the first publish. Fix critical items.
- [ ] **13.** Keys live in Secrets or environment settings, never in code or chat.
- [ ] **14.** Set a spending cap or usage limit before you start.

Remember: rolling back code does not always roll back your database. Check what a restore covers before you click it.

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TEMPLATE

Project brief

Fill this in before your first prompt, then paste it into Plan mode.

App name

What is it? (one sentence)

Who is it for?

Why will they use it?

The one key action

Not in version one (save for later)

Rules file starter (copy and edit)

Product: _____ for _____ (audience).
Style: calm / premium / playful (pick one). Brand colours: _____.
Language: simple English. Show prices in rupees.
Tech: keep the stack the tool chose. Do not add new libraries without asking.
Never put API keys or passwords in code. Use the Secrets or environment settings.
Mistakes to avoid (add when you correct something twice): _____

Prompt template for one change

Change: _____ (one thing only)
Where: _____ (page and section)
Done when: _____ (what I should see or be able to do)
Do not change: _____
Then tell me how to check it, and show me the result.

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CHECKLIST

Before you publish

Go through this list every time before sharing your app with real users.

Test like a user

- [ ] Every page looks right, including empty states
- [ ] Every form tried with good and bad input
- [ ] Saved data still there after refresh
- [ ] Two accounts: one cannot see the other's data
- [ ] Key flows checked in phone view

Safety and cost

- [ ] Security scan run, critical items fixed
- [ ] No API keys or passwords in code or chat
- [ ] Payments or personal data reviewed by a developer
- [ ] Spending cap or usage limit set
- [ ] Latest working version saved or committed

Version log

Date	Feature that now works	Version / commit name	Notes

Prices and free plans change. Check each tool's official pricing page before you buy or upgrade.

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