VaultPilot™ Owner's Handbook

Direct-to-Disk Markdown & Visual Marquee Web Clipper for Obsidian, Logseq & Capacities — 100% Local, Zero Accounts.

864ZEROS · CHROME & EDGE MV3 EXTENSION

4-PAGE COMPLETE ILLUSTRATED GUIDE

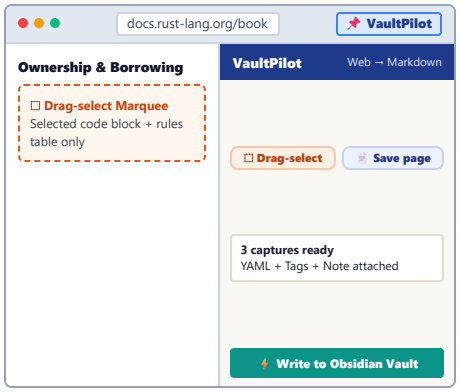
Your Research Belongs in Plain Markdown on Your Own Hard Drive — Not Trapped in a Read-It-Later Cloud

Cloud read-it-later services shut down, lock your highlights behind **recurring monthly subscriptions**, mangle code blocks and tables, and track every URL you read. VaultPilot is a clean-room Chromium Manifest V3 side-panel clipper that captures full pages, highlighted quotes, or exact **Drag-select** visual regions into deterministic Markdown + YAML frontmatter — writing straight into your local Obsidian, Logseq, or Capacities vault on disk.

WHY PKM RESEARCHERS, ENGINEERS & WRITERS SWITCH TO VAULTPILOT

Research Workflow	Cloud Read-It-Later Subscriptions	VaultPilot™ Local-First Clipper
Data Custody & Shutdown Risk	Proprietary cloud DB — if they shut down, notes vanish	**✓ Plain .md files written directly onto your local disk**
Selective Page Capture	Dumps noisy navbars, sidebars & cookie banners	**✓ Precision Drag-select viewport marquee + right-click quote**
Markdown & Metadata Quality	Broken code fences, stripped links & messy HTML	**✓ Deterministic Markdown + clean YAML frontmatter & notes**
Telemetry & Accounts	Mandatory account + reading-history analytics	**✓ Zero accounts · 0 outbound analytics · Local IndexedDB**
Pricing Model	Recurring monthly subscription just to clip articles	**✓ Free Capture & Liberate Forever · One-Time Direct-to-Vault Unlock**

UP & RUNNING IN 60 SECONDS INSIDE CHROME™ OR MICROSOFT EDGE™ (DESKTOP)



Desktop browser viewport marquee (left) + docked MV3 Side Panel (right).

1 **Pin VaultPilot & Open the Browser Side Panel**

Click your browser's 🧩 **Extensions** icon → pin **VaultPilot** → click once to open the persistent right-hand Markdown Side Panel.

2 **Click "Drag-select", "Save page", or Right-Click Any Quote**

Draw a rectangle around the exact section/table you want, capture the whole article, or right-click highlighted text → `864zeros: Save selection`.

3 **Add Tags/Notes & Liberate or Write Direct-to-Vault**

Export clean `.md` files free via **Liberate to Markdown**, or write straight into your local Obsidian vault folder in 1 click.

10-Second Toolbar Pin Tip: Click Chrome/Edge 🧩 **Extensions** → 📌 **Pin VaultPilot** so your Side Panel research queue stays 1 click away across every tab.

Chrome™ & Edge™ MV3

Anatomy of the VaultPilot Side Panel

Exact Rectangular Browser Clipper, Accordion Queue & Vault Actions

Persistent MV3 Side Panel

Side Panel · Auto/Dark

Stays open across tabs. Unlike tiny toolbar popups that close when you click the page, your queue stays visible.

Drag-Select Marquee

Draw Box → Clean DOM

Surgical region capture. Drag a rectangle around just the documentation table or code block — zero page clutter.

Accordion Research Queue

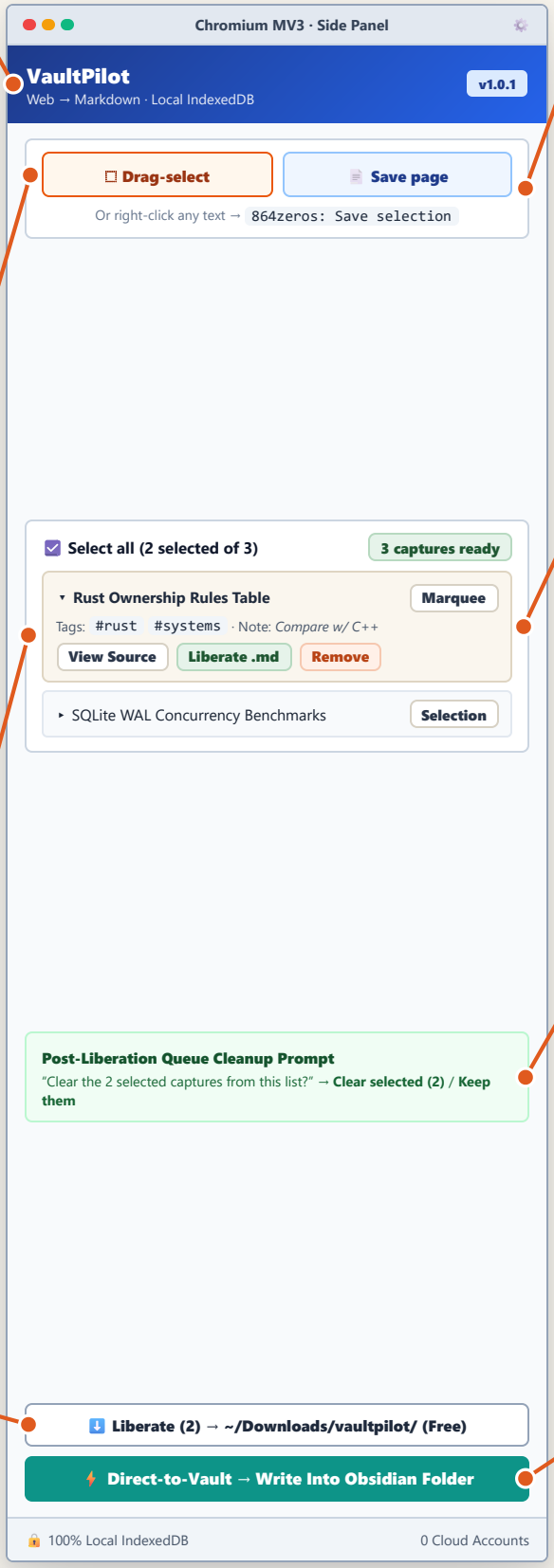
Shift+Click · Select All

Batch research triage. Collect 15 clips across tabs, expand cards in warm Parchment preview, then export together.

Free Batch Liberate (.md)

Free Forever · ~/Downloads

Never holds notes hostage. Exporting clean `.md` files to `~/Downloads/vaultpilot/` is 100% free forever.



Full-Page & Right-Click Clip

Save page · Context Menu

Three ways to clip. Use *Save page*, *Drag-select*, or right-click highlighted text on any webpage.

Inline Tags, Note & Source

#tags · Note · Source URL

Context while fresh. Attach your own synthesis note and tags right inside the card before filing to your vault.

Smart Post-Export Cleanup

Clear Selected · Keep Them

Inbox-zero research loop. Offers a gentle 1-click prompt to clear exported clips without accidental loss.

Direct-to-Vault Disk Write

Obsidian · Logseq · Capacities

Skips the Downloads shuffle. Writes `.md` files straight into your local vault folder on disk.

YAML Frontmatter & Disk Write Security

Obsidian Properties Compatibility, Sanitizer & Zero-Telemetry MV3

Obsidian-Ready YAML Header

`source_url` **Properties ✓**

Instant Dataview & Bases queries. Every file starts with clean YAML frontmatter recognized natively by Obsidian.

Code & Heading Fidelity

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**Built for technical docs.** Preserves fenced code blocks, nested lists, inline code, and markdown links cleanly.

### System / Light / Dark Theme

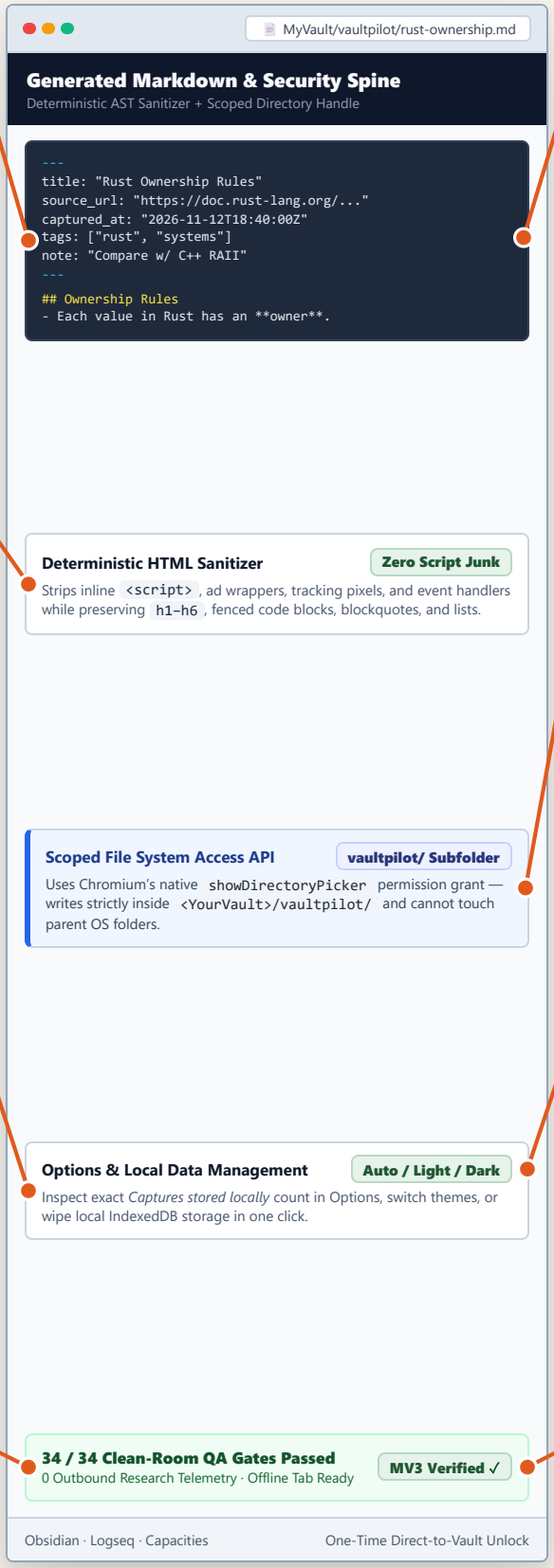
**Auto** **Parchment** **Dark**

**Easy on research eyes.** Matches your OS dark/light schedule automatically via the Options tab.

### Zero Research Telemetry

**0 URL Pings** **Offline Ready**

**Private reading habits.** Neither the pages you visit nor the passages you clip are ever sent to any server.




### Provenance & Timestamping

`captured_at` **ISO-8601**

**Citation-ready forever.** Never wonder where a quote came from six months later when writing an article or brief.

### Persisted Vault Handle

**Pick Folder 1×** → **1-Click Save**

**Zero folder-picker fatigue.** Stores your chosen Obsidian vault handle in local IndexedDB for instant repeat writes.

### Unlimited Local Storage

**unlimitedStorage** **IndexedDB**

**Stage hundreds of clips.** Hold massive literature-review queues locally until you are ready to export.

### One-Time Unlock Forever

**Free Liberate** **1× Vault Key**

**Replaces annual clipper SaaS.** Free core forever; optional one-time unlock adds Direct-to-Vault folder writing.
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6 Local-First Research & PKM Playbooks

How Obsidian, Logseq, Capacities & Technical Teams Use VaultPilot Without Cloud Lock-In.

6 HIGH-LEVERAGE CAPTURE WORKFLOWS — ZERO DOWNLOADS-FOLDER CLUTTER

1. API Docs & StackOverflow Snippets

Drag-select

Click `Drag-select` and draw a box around just the working code block and parameter table — zero sidebar navigation noise.

✓ Outcome: Clean offline engineering reference inside Obsidian.

2. Academic & Legal Literature Review

Right-Click Quote

Highlight key holdings or citations across 12 open tabs → right-click → `864zeros: Save selection`. Every quote keeps exact URL + ISO timestamp.

✓ Outcome: Instant source-verified citations when drafting.

3. Obsidian Inbox Triage Folder

Direct-to-Vault

Point VaultPilot at your Obsidian vault root; clips land neatly in `vaultpilot/` with YAML `tags` ready for Obsidian Bases or Dataview.

✓ Outcome: Zero manual dragging from ~/Downloads.

4. NDA & Internal Intranet Clipping

0 Cloud Sync

Clip internal wikis, Jira specs, or client dashboards that corporate security forbids sending to third-party cloud read-it-later servers.

✓ Outcome: 100% compliant local-machine custody.

5. Paywall-Safe Archival Before Link Rot

Save page

Save essential essays, recipes, and tutorials while open in your browser so link rot or site redesigns never erase your reference library.

✓ Outcome: Permanent plain-text archive you control.

6. Clean Context Files for Local AI / LLMs

Liberate (N)

Convert 5 messy vendor documentation pages into stripped, token-lean `.md` files ready to drop into Claude Code, Cursor, or local LLMs.

✓ Outcome: Cuts HTML token bloat by 80%+.

30-SECOND CLIPPER POWER TIPS

Shift + Click Cards
Hold Shift while clicking queue headers to expand & compare multiple clips.

Right-Click Speed
Use *864zeros: Liberate to Markdown* from any page's right-click menu.

Logseq & Capacities
Standard Markdown + YAML imports cleanly into any local-folder PKM app.

Pair With LinkLater
Stash 40 open tabs with LinkLater, then clip the keepers with VaultPilot.

Chromium Manifest V3 Permission & Privacy Transparency

Zero Analytics SDKs

VaultPilot uses standard MV3 `sidePanel`, `storage`, `activeTab`, `scripting`, `contextMenus`, and `downloads` permissions strictly to extract DOM Markdown on demand and save files locally. **Zero browsing history, page content, or notes ever leave your computer.** © 864zeros LLC. Chrome™ is a trademark of Google LLC; Microsoft Edge™ is a trademark of Microsoft Corporation.

MORE SOVEREIGN FOCUS & RESEARCH TOOLS — SCAN OR CLICK ANY CARD

Zero Subscriptions · 100% Local-First Custody

CHROME & EDGE TAB SAVER

LinkLater
Close 40 'read later' browser tabs in one click with 1-click Send to Obsidian support.
Tap or Scan →
864zeros.com/products/link-later

DESKTOP FOCUS EXTENSION

Signal2Noise
Pick today's 3 real browser priorities and quiet task overwhelm in seconds.
Tap or Scan →
864zeros.com/products/signal2noise

LOCAL AI VIDEO STUDIO

OmniClip
Turn long-form videos into 9:16 face-tracked shorts with kinetic captions 100% locally.
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