

A little hello. A whole lot of heart.

The Instaply Handbook

Less scrolling. More little hellos.
Blue and Coral will show you the way.



22 small chapters. Read one. Try one thing. Come back anytime.

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Pick a little path

Read one chapter. Try one thing. There's no final exam.
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The PDF stays with you offline. App links need Instaply running on your computer. For the latest web guide, [visit the illustrated handbook](#). Screenshots show capture-time examples.

Hello, you. Hello, Instaply.

Meet Blue and Coral. Pick one thing you'd like to do.



Blue says

“I’m Blue. I’ll find the buttons. This is Coral. She’ll keep us thinking about the person behind the comment. You bring your voice!”

What shall we do today?

- Write your first reply: [start with one comment](#).
- Find a button: open a page guide, such as [Inbox](#).
- Handle a busy post: try [a batch with a personal touch](#).
- Untangle a snag: [we’ll help you find a clue](#).

Read. Write. Review. Hello!

Instaply brings Instagram comments into a local workspace on your Mac. Read one, write an answer, and decide what happens next.

Import → Inbox → Write or Generate → Review → Send → Sent.

Importing, translating, generating, and saving a draft do not publish a reply. Sending needs your confirmation of the words and recipient. Confirmed replies appear in Sent. **All comments** imports can also bring in comments you already answered on Instagram.

**Coral says**

“One useful chapter is plenty. Try one thing, then come back when you need us. No homework!”

A simple path, at your pace

Two things to know before we wander

Archive removes local text and drafts. It keeps an identifier, not a recoverable message. If Gmail feels familiar, this is the difference to remember.

Pictures are examples. Screenshots show the real app on September 30, 2026. Your comments and counts will differ. Character scenes explain a task, not a live result.

The handbook works in Safari and Chrome. Find **Documentation** above Settings. In a narrow window, open **Navigation** first.

Your first little reply

Bring in a few comments. Save one reply you like.



Coral says

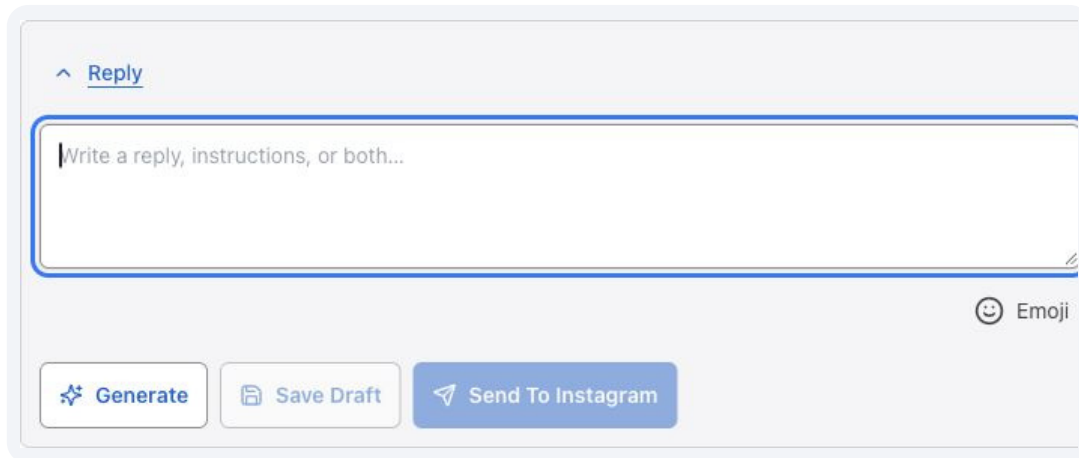
“Let’s answer one person. The rest of the Inbox can wait.”

Bring a few comments in

- 1 In [Settings](#), check the connected Instagram handle.
- 2 In [Import](#), choose **Recent posts** and a small count, such as 5.
- 3 Choose **No reply from me** under **Comments to include**. Choose **Import**, read the result, then open **Inbox** from Navigation.

Find your words

- 1 Pick a comment. Open its post if you need more context.
- 2 Choose **Reply**. Write your answer, or add guidance and choose **Generate**.
- 3 If you used Generate, wait for **Reply ready**. Read and edit the reply.
- 4 Choose **Save Draft**. Your words are saved locally. Nothing has been posted.



The reply editor, ready for your own words
Capture-time example. Follow current interface labels.

Try a tiny thank-you

The comment: “Love the light in this shot!”

A possible reply: “Thank you! Such lovely light to work with.”

Use it as a starting point. Change it to fit what actually happened in your photograph.



Blue says

“Read it aloud. Does it sound like you? Lovely. A saved draft is already a first win.”

Read it together before you send

Ready to send?

Choose **Send To Instagram**. Check the recipient and exact words in the confirmation. Choose **Send reply** when you are ready to publish. Saving first is optional.

Read the result afterward. Confirmed replies appear in [Sent](#). Failed or unconfirmed sends stay in **Inbox**. Check the Instagram thread before confirming a retry. A timeout does not prove that nothing was posted.

Next adventure: [the reply remix](#), or [a tour of Inbox](#).

Inbox: where little hellos begin

Read comments, keep drafts, and choose what happens next.

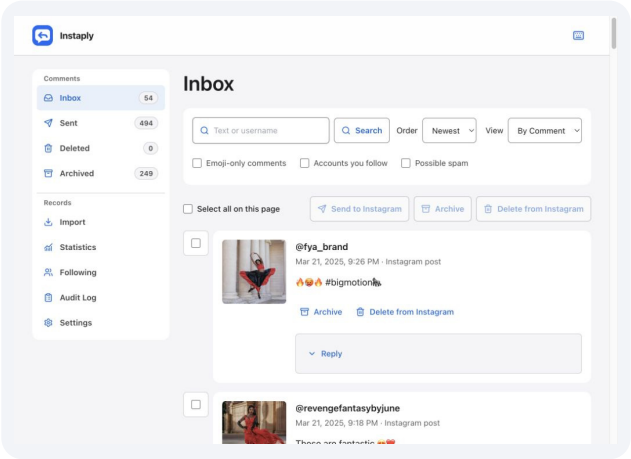


Blue says

“Home base! Pick a comment you’d enjoy answering. We’ll start there.”

Get to know one card

A card keeps the author, original date, comment, post preview, and actions together. Saved drafts stay here too. A non-English comment can show an English translation below the original.



Inbox keeps comments and their tools together
Capture-time example. Follow current interface labels.

Want to...	Choose...
Meet the person	Their username
See the post	The thumbnail or post link
Start writing	Reply

Want to...	Choose...
Keep your words for later	Save Draft
Get a checked starting point	Generate, then edit the ready text
Publish your reply	Send To Instagram, then confirm the exact text
Finish local review	Archive, which removes local content
Remove public content	Delete from Instagram, then confirm

Try one post at a time

- 1 Set **View** to **By Post**.
- 2 Choose **Expand comments** on one group.
- 3 Read the conversation together, then draft your answers.

Collapsing a group keeps drafts and selections. The badge counts matching comments on this page, not every Instagram comment on the post.



Coral says

“One post. A few people. A conversation you can actually follow. Much nicer than racing the whole list.”

One post. One conversation at a time.

Find the hello you’re looking for

Search a short piece of original text or a username. Choose **Search** or press Return. Search again after changing filter checkboxes. **Order** and **View** update immediately. **By Comment** sorts by comment date. **By Post** sorts the posts by publication date, then the comments inside each group.

Emoji-only comments, **Accounts you follow**, and **Possible spam** narrow the view. Possible spam is a filter, not a verdict or another queue. Use your judgment before deleting.

No matching comments? Try **Clear search and filters**. Empty Inbox? Choose **Import comments**. More clues: [Find that one comment](#).

Keep your words safe

Save Draft before closing your session. Collapsing keeps unsaved text in this tab, but saving is the dependable choice. Replies allow **2,200 characters**, including spaces, emoji, and both bilingual paragraphs.

Inbox shows up to 30 matches per page. **Select all in this post** and **Select all on this page** include eligible matches here, including collapsed groups. Later pages are not selected.

If the app says the comment changed, reopen the card and check the latest saved draft before trying again.

Sent: a trail of little hellos

Find the replies that landed, and the words you sent.

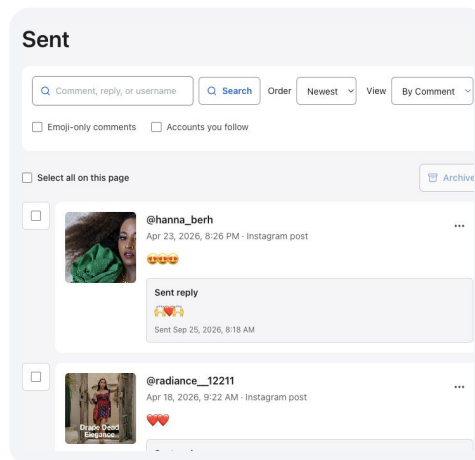


Coral says

“A hello has landed. Let’s find the words you sent.”

What belongs here?

Confirmed Instaply replies, plus eligible comments imported as already answered by your connected account. A saved draft or generated suggestion does not count as sent.



Sent shows answered comments and stored replies
Capture-time example. Follow current interface labels.

Find a reply you remember

- 1 Enter a phrase from the reply, comment, or username.
- 2 Choose **Search** or press Return.
- 3 Open the post link to see the public conversation.
- 4 Clear the search box and choose **Search** to browse again.

Sent searches the latest stored reply text too. Filters describe the original incoming comment and commenter.



Blue says

“Can’t spot today’s reply? Search its words. The list follows the original comment date, so dates can play hide-and-seek.”

Looking for your words? Follow the clue.

Why that reply sits farther down

By Comment sorts by the original comment date. **By Post** groups by publication date, then orders comments inside each group. Neither sorts by the time you replied.

The reply text is missing

Choose **Load original reply** when offered. It reads Instagram and saves an available owner reply without posting. Reimporting can fill missing text too. If several owner replies exist, the first available one is displayed.

Finished with the local record?

Use **More actions** → **Archive**, or bulk Archive for eligible cards. Read the confirmation. Local content is removed, Instagram stays unchanged, and delivery safeguards remain.

Sent does not edit published replies or offer Instagram deletion. Next: [Archived](#), [Deleted](#), or [Statistics](#).

Deleted: keep the story straight

Check the record of confirmed Instagram deletions.



Blue says

“This is the record after Instagram confirms a deletion. An attempt alone doesn’t belong here.”

Check what happened

Deleted keeps local snapshots and deletion dates for successfully removed comments. Failed or uncertain deletions stay in their source queue. An empty page is normal.

Deleted

Order
Newest
View
By Comment

☐ Emoji-only comments
 ☐ Accounts you follow

No deleted comments

Comments deleted from Instagram appear here.

An empty Deleted page is a normal state
Capture-time example. Follow current interface labels.

- 1 Find the comment by original text or username.
- 2 Read its deletion date.
- 3 Open the post link if you need context.

Search, applicable queue filters, **Order**, and **By Post** help you browse these local records.



Check the result before choosing another action.

Coral says

“An unclear result deserves a closer look. Let’s check before choosing another action.”

Still unconfirmed?

Go to its source queue and choose **Check deletion** when offered. It only inspects. Missing content or a permission error does not prove successful deletion. Conflicting actions stay blocked while the result is uncertain.

Tidy the local entry

Archive removes local content while retaining the deletion record and an Archived ID. Eligible items can be archived individually or in a batch. Read the confirmation first.

There is no reply editor or restore action here. Removing a local entry cannot bring the Instagram comment back. Instagram deletion also removes the comment’s replies and cannot be undone through Instaply.

Before choosing: [Tidy here](#), or [remove there?](#).

Archived: little bookmarks, not a backup

Meet the bookmarks that stop routine reimport.



Coral says

“A tiny bookmark lives here. The old conversation and draft don’t live inside it.”

What did Archive keep?

The comment’s Instagram ID. It tells Import, “We’ve finished with this one.” Past activity and send or deletion records can remain elsewhere in the app.

Archiving removes the local comment and its saved words. Instagram stays unchanged. **Archived is not a backup.**

Archived		
Archived IDs prevent reimport. Forget selected IDs to allow eligible comments back on a later import.		
☐ Select all on this page		Forget selected IDs (0)
☐ 18075517819696540	Added Sep 30, 2026, 5:37 PM	Forget ID
☐ 18063848474264394	Added Sep 30, 2026, 4:09 PM	Forget ID
☐ 18153849373384432	Added Sep 30, 2026, 4:09 PM	Forget ID
☐ 18098045047623808	Added Sep 30, 2026, 4:09 PM	Forget ID
☐ 17987067371970255	Added Sep 30, 2026, 4:09 PM	Forget ID
☐ 18062685047591589	Added Sep 29, 2026, 7:44 PM	Forget ID

Archived lists identifiers and archive dates
Capture-time example. Follow current interface labels.

Want an eligible comment to return?

- 1 Find its identifier.
- 2 Choose **Forget ID**, or **Forget selected IDs** for selected IDs on this page.
- 3 Read and confirm the scope.
- 4 Import the relevant post again.



Blue says

“Forget the marker, then import. Two steps. They can bring an eligible comment back, but they can’t rebuild an old draft.”

Forget the marker, then import again.

What to expect

Forgetting removes the marker, not the app’s past send or deletion records. The comment must still exist on Instagram and match your import choices.

Archived shows up to 30 IDs per page. Use **Next page** or **First page**. Selection covers this page. There is no comment-text Search because the comment bodies are no longer kept.

Before archiving a draft: keep a copy you want, or finish it. There is no restore-draft button. Compare [the cleanup choices](#).

Import: bring the conversations along

Choose a useful batch of posts. Bring the comments in.



Blue says

“Small wagon first! A few posts are easier to unpack than the whole attic.”

Bring in a manageable batch

- 1 Choose **Recent posts**.
- 2 Enter a whole **Number of posts** from 1 to 1,000.
- 3 Choose **Comments to include**. **No reply from me** is a useful everyday start.
- 4 Choose **Import**. Read the result, then choose **Inbox** in Navigation.

Import comments

Recent posts

Date range

Number of posts

10

Comments to include

No reply from me

Import

Choose recent posts and the comments to include
Capture-time example. Follow current interface labels.

That count means posts to check, not a comment limit. One busy post can bring in plenty of comments.

Looking for a particular shoot?

Choose **Date range**, then **From** and **To**. Both dates are included and refer to post publication. From must be on or before To. Check the displayed time zone, especially near midnight.

Pick...	To bring in...
No reply from me	Comments your connected account has not answered
No replies from anyone	Threads with no replies at all
All comments	Eligible unanswered comments, plus answered ones in Sent
Emoji-only comments	Unanswered comments made only of Unicode emoji and optional spaces

Your own comments, replies to other comments, and hidden comments are not added to the queues. If Instagram cannot confirm who replied, the app will skip the comment or stop the import rather than guess. A heart plus a sentence is not emoji-only. Neither is a typed smiley.



Small wagon. Useful conversations.

Coral says

“Pick the slice you need today. Then read the result.
‘Checked’ and ‘added’ are different little stories.”

While the wagon rolls

The app first finds the posts, then shows how many it has checked. **Comments checked** includes comments already in the app, so it can be higher than the number added.

You can browse other pages while importing. Keep the tab open. **Cancel import** works until saving starts. If the app cannot finish reading the comments, it will stop without saving a partial batch.

Instagram may leave a post unavailable. Check any notice in the result. Comments already stored for that post remain.

No duplicate wagonloads

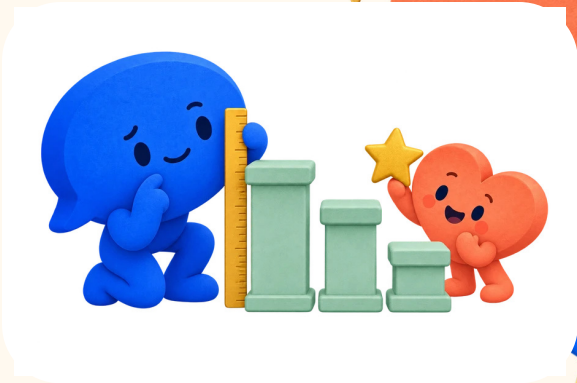
Reimporting keeps existing drafts and queue choices. It refreshes available post details without adding duplicate cards. Archived IDs stop those comments returning. The queues do not update automatically when something changes on Instagram.

Missing preview? A lookup may be running. A neutral fallback can remain if no image is available. Your comment and draft have not disappeared.

This page also imports **following.json**. Expand **How to get following.json**, choose the file, then **Import accounts**. [Following](#) explains the steps.

Statistics: little replies add up

See what each number means, without chasing a score.

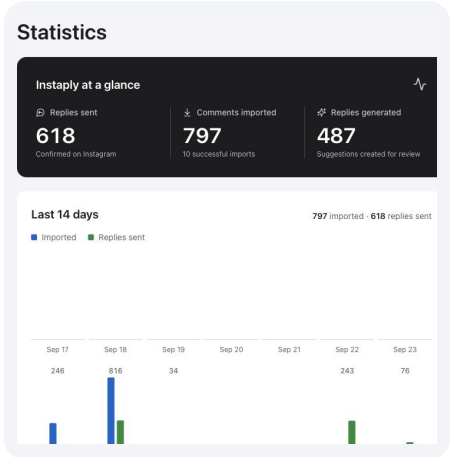


Coral says

“A little progress! Let’s see what the numbers mean before turning them into a scoreboard.”

Three numbers. Different stories.

Number	What it means
Replies sent	Confirmed Instagram sends recorded in activity history
Comments imported	Comments added by successful imports. The note shows how many imports ran
Replies generated	Suggestions created for review, not replies sent



Statistics brings lifetime highlights and recent activity together
Capture-time example. Follow current interface labels.

Try a quick check-in

Look at **Replies sent** and your current **Inbox** count. One is past activity, the other is what is stored now. **Replies generated** counts completed suggestions, including ones you edited, sent, or never used. These numbers do not need to match.

Last 14 days shows locally recorded daily imports and sends. **View daily counts** opens the accessible numbers behind the chart. **Workspace** shows current queue, retained-post, and following counts.



Blue says

“The pencil is a suggestion. The landed airplane is a confirmed send. Different jobs, different counts.”

Different numbers tell different stories.

Meet the familiar voices

Top commenters ranks up to 20 accounts across retained queues and available Archived information. It counts comments, with text and emoji-only breakdowns. It does not rate someone’s contribution.

Older Archived records can lack author detail and be excluded. Look for the note.

What did Generate do?

The **Generate** panel shows completed suggestions, failures, retries, and typical recorded time. Expand **How Generate is counted** for the details:

- **Suggestions ready for review:** completed runs, not a list of drafts still waiting.
- **Failed:** unsuccessful runs.
- **Needed retry:** runs that checked more than one candidate.
- **Median time:** recorded successful durations, not a promise for the next run.

Replies sent after review shows which recorded replies were sent as generated, edited, or written manually. A shared generation counts as one run. **Emoji-only** can overlap any of those groups.

Why history can outgrow the queues

Archiving or clearing comments keeps Statistics. Sent can also include replies discovered on import, which are not new Instaply sends. An empty Deleted page can still have past deletions counted here. Full purge removes this history.

API usage checks Instagram only when you choose **Check now** or **Check again**. Instagram may not provide a percentage. This is not an exact count of requests left. If you reach a limit, wait as directed.

Following: hello, familiar faces

Find familiar faces. Refresh your following snapshot.



Coral says

“Oh, we know them! A fresh snapshot helps familiar hellos stand out.”

Find someone you follow

This page opens **Accounts you follow**. It shows the snapshot count, last update, alphabetical handles, and followed dates when available. A handle opens its Instagram profile.

Accounts you follow

526 currently followed · Updated 9/24/2026	
Search accounts	<button>Search</button>
@143_lani_	Followed 10/20/2025
@321regina123	Followed 6/4/2024
@555danie555	Followed 6/8/2026
@_7hunder	Followed 7/9/2024
@__apurvi	Followed 6/6/2024
@__deleted__bhiebaajcjaeejcd	Followed 11/21/2023
@__lupian__	Followed 12/18/2024
@_coverstory.com_	Followed 4/7/2025
@_dance4lyfe_	Followed 7/9/2024
@_janeexo	Followed 12/18/2024

The following snapshot, with search and profile links
Capture-time example. Follow current interface labels.

- 1 Enter part of a handle in **Search accounts**, without @.
- 2 Choose **Search** or press Return. Capitalization does not matter.
- 3 Choose **Clear search** to browse everyone again.

Search accepts up to 30 characters. Each page shows up to 50 accounts, with **Previous** and **Next**. The header count is the whole snapshot, not just your matches.

Refresh your circle

- 1 Request a download for the intended Instagram account in Accounts Center.
- 2 Choose Followers and following, JSON, and all time. Instagram's labels can vary.
- 3 Download and extract the archive.
- 4 In **Import**, choose **following.json**, then **Import accounts**.



Blue says

“A snapshot, not a live window. If a new friend is missing, check the import date first.”

A fresh snapshot helps familiar faces stand out.

What the upload changes

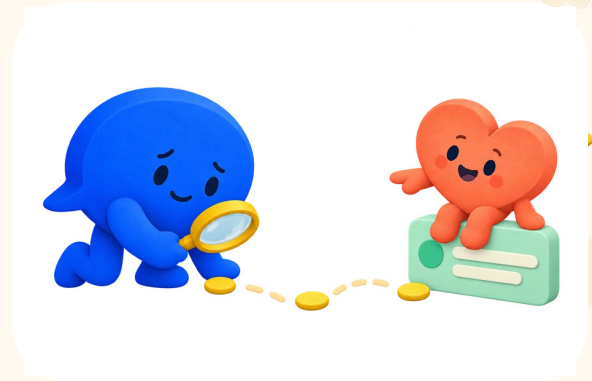
A successful upload replaces the snapshot. It adds new accounts, updates existing ones, and marks absent accounts no longer followed. An empty list marks every earlier account no longer followed. **It does not follow or unfollow anyone on Instagram.**

The file can be up to 16 MiB. Instaply reads its following list and does not keep the uploaded file. If the file cannot be read, your existing list stays unchanged.

This snapshot powers the **Accounts you follow** comment filter. Clear all comments keeps Following. Full purge removes it. There is currently no separate Followers page or follower-list import.

Audit Log: follow the breadcrumbs

Follow an action from its first step to its result.

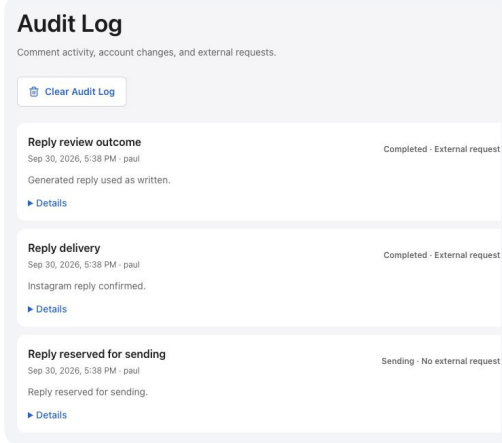


Blue says

“Breadcrumb detective, reporting for duty. Read the reason first. Then follow the trail.”

Read one event

The newest events come first. Read the action, time, status, and reason. Choose **Details** if you need a closer look.



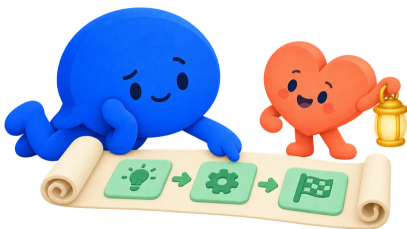
Read the event, status, and reason first
Capture-time example. Follow current interface labels.

Up to 30 entries appear per page. Use **Next page** or **First page**. There is no comment Search here.

Follow one reply's trail

- 1 Pick a reply you recognize.
- 2 Find related events and compare the target and timestamps.
- 3 Look for the latest confirmed result.

One click can create several events. An old **Sending** event can remain after a later **Completed** result.



Read the whole trail, not just one breadcrumb.

Coral says

“One breadcrumb doesn’t tell the whole story. The latest confirmed result is our best clue.”

Did it make a public reply?

External request can mean reading Instagram, generating, translating, or checking a result. It does not always mean posting. Look for a confirmed send.

No external request means that event was local. Other events in the same action’s trail may involve an external request.

Details can help explain a failed action or a generated reply. You do not need to read them for every event.

Before clearing the trail

Clear Audit Log permanently removes these entries after confirmation. It keeps comments, settings, Statistics, and send or deletion records. It does not fix an unconfirmed action or create a backup.

Archiving or clearing comments also removes their text from associated newer audit details. If you need help, share the useful reason and approximate time, never tokens or secrets.

Settings: keep a good thing connected

Check your account, access, and local cleanup choices.

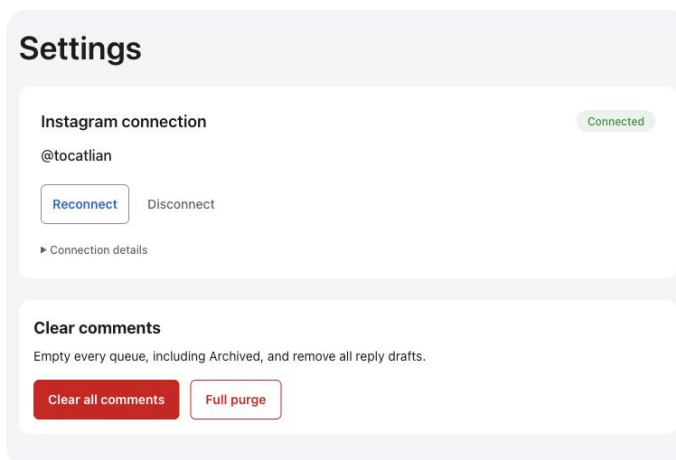


Coral says

“Quick handle check? Tomorrow-you will thank us.”

Connect the right account

Check the intended Instagram Business or Creator account. A new setup may say **Setup needed** or **Not connected**. An established connection shows its handle and access status.



Settings shows the connected account and local cleanup controls
Capture-time example. Follow current interface labels.

- 1 Choose **Connect Instagram** or **Reconnect**.
- 2 Sign in and authorize the intended professional account.
- 3 Choose **Enable comment access** if needed.
- 4 Try a small import to check that access works.



Blue says

“The right handle first. The wagon of comments second.”

Check the account before you bring comments in.

Need more connection detail?

Expand **Connection details** for account ID, access expiry, comment access, refresh controls, and the setup guide. **Refresh access** is enabled when a refresh is available. Expired access may need reconnecting.

Disconnecting removes the stored connection and stops Instagram operations. Imported local records remain. To revoke Instagram’s grant too, use Instagram’s Apps and Websites settings.

Choose the cleanup you mean

Clear all comments empties Inbox, Sent, Deleted, and Archived, including drafts and translations. Posts, settings, Following, Statistics, and action records remain. Audit history remains too, with associated comment text removed.

Full purge removes all local database records, including settings, Following, Statistics, and past send or deletion records. Your encrypted Instagram connection remains. Type **PURGE ALL DATA** to confirm. This also removes protections against repeating earlier actions.

Both are permanent. Neither changes Instagram or creates a backup. Wait for active Instagram actions to finish. If clearing is blocked, follow the message about the unresolved action. Reimport cannot recover old drafts. [Compare the cleanup choices](#) before choosing.

Where your information lives

Comments, drafts, Following, snapshots, and activity live in a local SQLite database. Instaply does not encrypt that database. The token is encrypted separately outside the repository. Your Instagram password is not stored.

Instagram handles its authorized operations. Generation and translation use installed Codex and your existing ChatGPT sign-in. Local storage does not mean every operation works offline.

Documentation: pick a little path

Find a chapter. Try one thing. Come back anytime.



Blue says

“You found us! Now let’s find the thing you want to do.”

Pick a path

- **Start here:** meet us and save your first reply.
- **Page guides:** find the controls on a specific screen.
- **Little missions:** try a real task, such as finding a comment.
- **Help & habits:** untangle a snag or learn a shortcut.

Choose **Documentation** in Records, directly above **Settings**. In a narrow window, open **Navigation** first.

Find an answer, then try it

- 1 Use **Find a page or task** to filter chapter titles, summaries, and topics.
- 2 Open a chapter. Use **On this page** to jump to a section.
- 3 Choose **Open this app page**, when shown, to try the task.

This search finds guide topics, not Instagram comments. Clear it to see every chapter again.

**Coral says**

“Pick a chapter. Try one thing. Come back for the next thing. No final exam, promise.”

Pick a chapter. Try one thing.

Hop around whenever you like

All chapters returns to the library. **Browse chapters** opens the chapter menu. **Previous** and **Next** offer a reading order.

Each main page has its own guide: Inbox, Sent, Deleted, Archived, Import, Statistics, Following, Audit Log, Settings, and Documentation. The root address opens Inbox. Local Tools leads here.

Help right where you need it

A **page guide** sits beside each working-page title. Smaller help links beside controls take you to a specific section. Look for the question mark and outward arrow. Blue and Coral’s tip invitations follow the topic they’re explaining.

Help opens in a **new browser tab**, or a window if your browser prefers. Your original tab keeps your words, selections, filters, and open review. The section heading highlights to show where you landed.

“Just us and the handbook,” says Blue. The separate guide has a quiet **Instaply Handbook** header and chapter navigation. Close its tab or window with the browser’s usual control when you’re ready to return.

Curious about the machinery?

Expand **Under the hood** in the library for application, workflow, setup, architecture, data-model, and testing references. These are useful for maintenance. You don’t need them to write a first reply.

The September 30 PDF remains the original edition. This illustrated handbook is available on the web and as a PDF. Screenshots are examples. If an old picture differs, follow current interface labels.

Find that one comment

Remember a phrase? Let's follow that clue.



Coral says

"You remember two words? Excellent. Detective hats on."

Follow one clue

- 1 Start in the right queue: Inbox, Sent, or Deleted.
- 2 Enter a short original-text fragment or username.
- 3 Choose **Search** or press Return.
- 4 Nothing? Choose **Clear search and filters**, then try a shorter clue.

Inbox

Order
Newest
View
By Comment

☐ Emoji-only comments
 ☐ Accounts you follow
 ☐ Possible spam

☐ Select all on this page

☐



@greenie143

Mar 20, 2025, 6:49 PM · Instagram post

Stunning work by all again 🌟💖💖

Search uses a fragment of comment text or a username
Capture-time example. Follow current interface labels.

Try this, then that

Too much: the whole sentence you half remember.

Try instead: **lighting**, a short phrase, or part of a handle.

Comment search accepts @ on usernames. Capitalization does not matter. Sent also searches stored reply words.



Blue says

“A smaller clue can find more. Then use a filter to narrow it down.”

Try a smaller clue.

Checkbox, then Search

Changing a filter prepares the next search. Choose **Search** to apply it. **Order** and **View** update immediately, return to the first page, and preserve applied filters.

- **Emoji-only comments:** Unicode emoji and optional spaces only.
- **Accounts you follow:** your imported Following snapshot.
- **Possible spam:** a narrower view, not another queue or a verdict.

Where the clue won't work

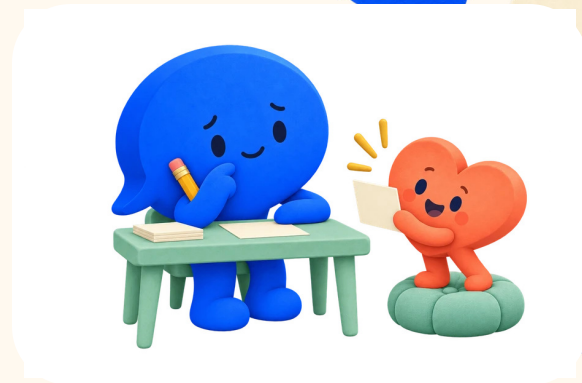
Search uses original comments, not translations or post captions. Keep it to a phrase or username. Special search commands are not supported.

Following has its own handle search without @. Archived and Audit Log have no comment-text Search.

Still missing? Check Sent, Deleted, or Archived, then check your import dates. More clues: [A small snag?](#)

The reply remix

Turn a useful starting point into words that sound like you.



Blue says

“Blank box staring at you? Give it one useful nudge. We’ll make a starting point.”

Try a reply remix

- 1 Read the comment. Open the post for context if needed.
- 2 In the reply editor, add a draft, guidance, both, or nothing.
- 3 Try **Keep it warm and brief** when that fits.
- 4 Choose **Generate**. Wait through **Generating** and **Checking**.
- 5 Read the ready reply aloud. Edit it. Save, or review before sending.

A nudge that actually helps

Want...	Try guidance like...
A brief thank-you	Keep it warm and brief. Thank them for noticing the lighting.
Accurate credits	Thank the team without claiming the designer’s work.
A reply on an older post	Keep it reflective. Don’t make the shoot sound upcoming.
A playful voice	Short and playful, without sounding promotional.

Use guidance that fits the real post. Guidance does not prove a fact.



Good start. Now make the words yours.

Coral says

“Good start! Now check the names, dates, and claims. And the big question: ‘Would I actually say this?’”

Let the checks finish

A preview is still being checked. **Save and Send stay disabled until the reply is ready.** The app may try another idea along the way. Once ready, the reply is yours to edit. It is not saved or posted automatically.

Generate uses available post details, the conversation, earlier replies, and what you type. It cannot see the post image. Check names, dates, and claims yourself.

Another idea, or your old words?

Choose **Generate** again for another option. **Undo generation** brings back your previous words. Cancelling or a failed generation leaves your earlier text in place. You can always write the reply yourself.

Missing comment text or out-of-date post details? Reimport the relevant posts. Generate does not import for you. It also checks earlier suggestions to help avoid repeating the same reply on a post.

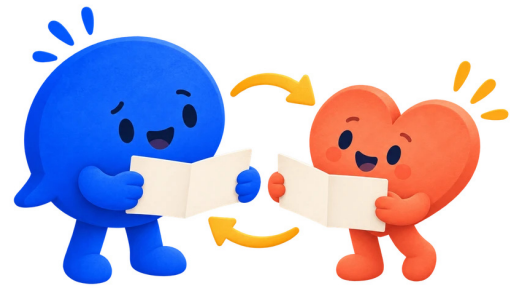
Four questions before sending

- Does it answer this person?
- Are the facts supported?
- Does it sound like the account?
- Is it meaningfully different from other replies on the post?

Sending still needs your final exact-text confirmation.

Hello, in more than one language

Read the original. Check both reply paragraphs.

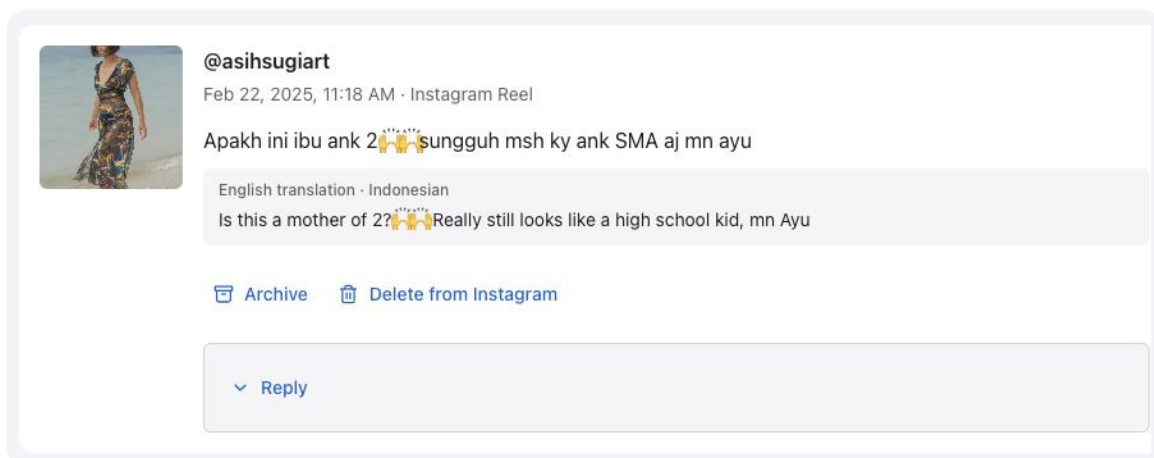


Coral says

“A hello in another language is still a hello. Let’s listen before we answer.”

Read the original and translation

The original comment stays in place. A labelled English translation and detected language can appear underneath.



The original comment and its English translation stay together
Capture-time example. Follow current interface labels.

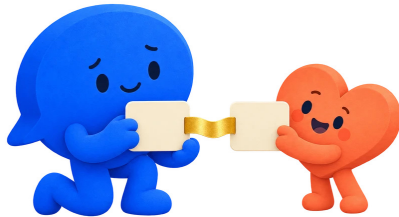
Uncached translation and language detection use signed-in Codex, like generation. Exact-text results can be reused later. Emoji-only comments do not need translation.

Check the two reply paragraphs

For a non-English comment, Generate normally writes:

- 1 A reply in the original language.
- 2 A blank line, then an equivalent English version.

Both paragraphs form **one editable reply** and are sent together. Explicit single-language guidance is supported too.



Blue says

“Two paragraphs. Same meaning. Make sure English hasn’t sneaked in a new claim.”

Two paragraphs. The same meaning.

The combined **2,200-character limit** includes both versions, spaces, punctuation, and emoji.

A phrase feels puzzling?

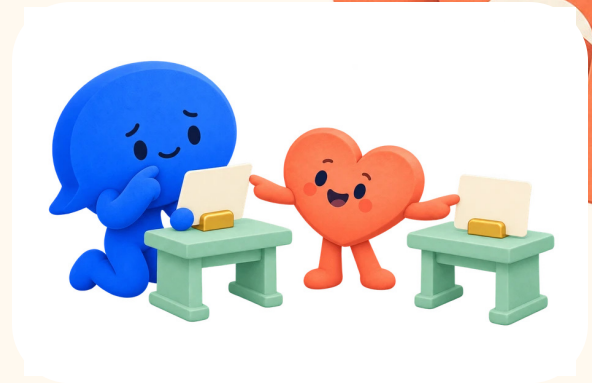
Informal expressions can be tricky. Open the original conversation when meaning matters. If translation fails, your comment and draft stay usable. Retry when ready. Imports do not wait for translation.

Searching for the English words?

Comment search uses original incoming text, not the translation. Try a short original phrase or handle. Sent can match stored reply words, including English if you sent it.

A batch with a personal touch

Fewer clicks. A proper look at every person's reply.



Blue says

“A batch saves clicking. Let’s still give every person a proper look.”

Try with two comments

Select two eligible Inbox cards, then choose the toolbar’s **Send to Instagram**. Compare the modes. Cancel if you’re only exploring.

Selection covers the current page, including matching comments in collapsed By Post groups. It does not reach later pages.

Same words, or separate replies?

Mode	A good fit when...
One reply for all	The same exact words suit every selected person
Different reply for each	A question and a compliment need different answers

One reply for all is the default. Check the people, write or generate the shared reply, and remove anyone it does not suit.

Shared review shows the people and exact reply
 Capture-time example. Follow current interface labels.

Remove only deselects someone. Their Inbox record and draft remain. Removing the last recipient closes the dialog. Removal is disabled during generation and after sending begins.

Make separate answers

Choose **Different reply for each**, open **Guidance (optional)** if useful, then choose **Generate all replies**. Each person moves through Waiting, Generating, and Ready. Replies may finish out of order.

Read and edit every answer. **Regenerate** changes one person's suggestion. A failed or cancelled regeneration keeps existing text. Cancelled or interrupted generation preserves completed replies.



Coral says

“Two people, two proper looks. Check the names and the words before the final send.”

Give every person a proper look.

The final review

Check the people and the words. **One reply for all** sends the same text to each person. **Different reply for each** needs a ready reply for everyone, with no duplicate answers. Follow any message beside an editor before sending.

You can select up to 30 comments on a page. Scroll through the review to check everyone.

Send replies to Instagram is the final public confirmation. Keep the dialog open during sending. Finish or dismiss review before changing pages or filters.

If the batch stops

Send and Delete work through the selection one comment at a time. They stop if an action fails or cannot be confirmed. Read the result before retrying. Completed items stay completed, and later items may not have been attempted.

Bulk Archive reports archived and skipped counts. Bulk Delete needs the exact selected count and its own confirmation.

Tidy here, or remove there?

Local tidy or public deletion? Choose the outcome you mean.



Coral says

“Before we tidy, what do you want to change? Here in the app, or out on Instagram?”

Pick the outcome first

Want to...	Choose...	What happens
Finish local review	Archive	Local text and draft removed. Archived ID kept. Instagram unchanged.
Remove public content	Delete from Instagram	Confirmed deletion removes the comment and replies. A local record moves to Deleted.

Neither has a restore button in Instaply. Read the author, text, and scope before confirming.

Choose the size of the tidy

- One finished local comment: Archive.
- A marker blocks an eligible import: Forget its Archived ID, then import.
- Detailed events you want removed: Clear Audit Log.
- A broader local reset: read the Settings scope carefully.



Blue says

“Same card, very different outcomes. Read the confirmation before making a permanent choice.”

Choose what you want to change.

What each local cleanup keeps

Action	Removed	Retained
Forget Archived IDs	Selected reimport markers	Instagram content and action records
Clear Audit Log	Audit entries	Comments, settings, Statistics, send and deletion records
Clear all comments	Queues, Archived IDs, drafts, translations, saved conversation context	Posts, settings, Following, Statistics, action records, audit history with associated comment text removed
Full purge	All local database records, including settings and past action protections	Your encrypted Instagram connection

Clearing creates no backup. Reimport cannot recover removed drafts or detailed history. Wait for active Instagram actions to finish. If clearing is blocked, follow the message about the unresolved action.

Full purge requires **PURGE ALL DATA**. It removes protections against repeating earlier actions. Instagram stays unchanged.

The public action is uncertain

A failed send may have reached Instagram. Inspect the thread and Audit Log before a newly confirmed retry. **Check deletion** is a read-only inspection. Missing content alone does not prove successful deletion.

Your copies need care too

The local database is not encrypted by Instaply. Tokens are encrypted separately. Backups, exports, and real guide screenshots need their own handling.

Generate uses relevant post details, comments, guidance, and earlier replies through signed-in Codex. Translation sends comment text to Codex when no saved translation is available.

A small snag? We're right here.

Keep your words. Find the snag. Try one useful step.



Blue says

“First clue: what does the page say? We’ll take one small step from there.”

A comment seems missing

- 1 Clear Search and filters.
- 2 Try the right queue and a shorter original-text fragment.
- 3 Check whether it was answered, archived, or deleted.
- 4 Check Import’s post dates and time zone.

An empty result list does not prove that a record vanished.



Save your words while we find the snag.

Coral says

“Keep the draft you like. Finding the snag shouldn’t mean losing your words.”

Find your next useful step

If you see...	Try...
App won't open	Check that the app's local server is running, then open <code>https://localhost:3000/inbox</code>
Setup needed	Ask the maintainer to finish the Instagram setup
Comment access needed or Access expired	Enable access or reconnect in Settings. Check the handle
No new comments	Check dates, eligibility, existing records, and Archived IDs
Few followed-account matches	Check snapshot date and export account
No thumbnail	Use the post link while lookup finishes, or reimport
Generate unavailable	Check installed Codex and sign-in. Keep your text or write manually
Translation failed	Retry. The original and draft remain usable
Save or Send disabled	Finish generation and check your reply is not empty or over 2,200 characters. Follow any message on the card
The comment changed	Reopen the card and check the latest saved draft
Failed or unconfirmed send	Inspect Instagram and Audit Log before a confirmed retry
Unconfirmed deletion	Use Check deletion. Missing content or access errors do not prove success
Batch stopped	Read completed, failed, skipped, and remaining counts
Rate limit	Wait as directed. Retry a sensible scope

Need another pair of eyes?

Note the screen, approximate time, post or comment, and visible error. Useful Audit Log entries help the maintainer connect the dots. Never share tokens, passwords, or secrets.

The app does not automatically resend. A failed send stays in Inbox. Check the result before trying again, and confirm the words again when you do.

A little rest for your scrolling finger

Meet one shortcut and give your scrolling finger a rest.



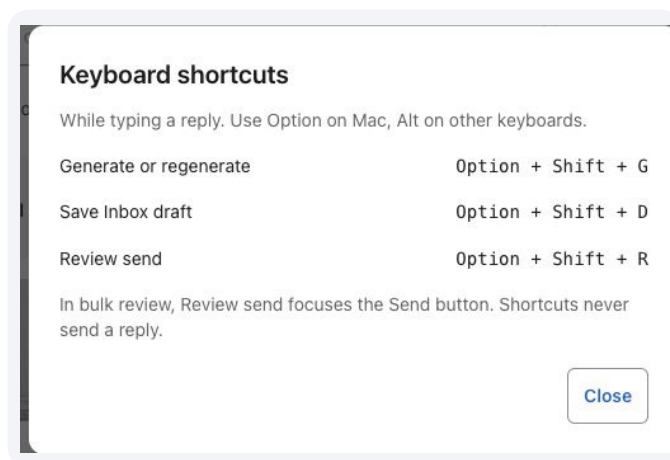
Coral says

“One shortcut today is plenty. Tiny holiday for your scrolling finger!”

Three keys worth meeting

Open **Keyboard shortcuts** using the header icon. Use **Option** on Mac or **Alt** on other keyboards. These work from reply fields.

Shortcut	Action
Option + Shift + G	Generate or regenerate
Option + Shift + D	Save an Inbox draft
Option + Shift + R	Open individual send review, or focus Send in bulk review



Shortcut help is close at hand
Capture-time example. Follow current interface labels.

Shortcuts do not publish by themselves. Final send confirmation still applies. Repeated keys and text composition do not trigger repeated actions.

Try saving a draft

- 1 Write a response in an Inbox editor.
- 2 Press **Option + Shift + D**.
- 3 Check its saved state. Nothing has been sent.



Blue says

“Save the words, rest the finger. The shortcut gets you to a step. You still choose what happens next.”

One shortcut is plenty for today.

The everyday keys

- **Tab / Shift + Tab**: move between controls.
- **Space**: operate buttons and checkboxes.
- **Return**: submit Search.
- **Escape**: close the emoji palette and ordinary dismissible dialogs when no action is underway.

Skip to content bypasses navigation. In a narrow window, open **Navigation**. Post expansion and selection work with pointer or keyboard in Safari and Chrome.

Fancy a small emoji detour?

Choose **Emoji** beside an editor. Pick one to insert at the cursor or replace selected text. The palette stays open for another pick. **Done**, **Escape**, or an outside click closes it.

An emoji is ordinary draft text. It never sends itself.

The questions you were about to ask

Quick answers to the things you were about to ask.



Blue says

“The question that saves three clicks? My favourite kind.”

Will Generate post while I’m reading?

No. Wait for the ready reply, then read and edit it. Sending needs your confirmation of the exact words.

Can I keep a draft for tomorrow?

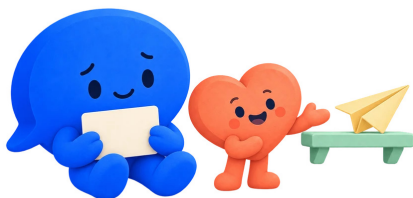
Yes. **Save Draft** stores it locally and keeps the comment in Inbox. Save before closing. An unsaved tab buffer is not the dependable choice.

Why did Search find nothing?

Try the right queue, fewer filters, and a short original phrase. Submit Search after changing the query or checkboxes. Following expects no @. Comment search accepts it.

Is Archive like Gmail?

It finishes local review and removes the local comment and draft. Archived keeps its ID so it will not return on import. Past activity can remain elsewhere, but the old draft cannot be restored.



A draft is yours until you choose to send.

Coral says

“A draft is yours until you choose to send. A suggestion, a saved draft, and a public reply are three different things.”

Can I undo deletion?

Not through Instaply. Deleted records successful Instagram removals. Clearing a local entry does not restore public content.

Does Following update itself?

No. Upload a newer `following.json` snapshot. This does not follow or unfollow anyone on Instagram.

Why don't generated and sent counts match?

One counts completed suggestions. The other counts confirmed Instaply sends. You can try several ideas and send none. Replies discovered on import are shown in Sent, but are not new Instaply sends.

Do I need an OpenAI API key?

No. Generation and translation use installed Codex and existing ChatGPT sign-in. Instagram needs its own authorized connection.

A few words, translated

Word	Think of it as...
Queue	A local collection, such as Inbox or Sent
Snapshot	Information captured at import time
Owner reply	An answer from your connected Instagram account
Preview	A candidate still being checked
Ready	A suggestion that completed the app's checks
Unconfirmed	An external result the app could not establish
Archived ID	A marker that blocks routine reimport

The maintainer's little corner

Keep the installation, records, and credentials in good shape.



Blue says

“Instaply already opens and connects? You can skip this corner. I’ll keep it bookmarked.”

Keep the current setup intact

Preserve **data/live/kisau-pulse.sqlite**, established environment settings, and the separately encrypted credentials. Do not seed or reset the operator’s database, replace its environment with an example, or regenerate its encryption key.

Instaply is the display name. Historical package and storage names can still say Kisau Pulse.

Starting a new checkout?

- 1 Follow the repository README. Use Node.js 22.13 through 22.x and the configured npm version.
- 2 Install dependencies. Copy the example environment only for a new setup. Run the local Instagram setup helper.
- 3 Configure the server-only Meta Instagram Login app ID and secret.
- 4 Register **<https://localhost:3000/api/instagram/callback>** exactly. Preserve the encryption key.
- 5 Run the app, complete certificate trust, and connect the intended professional account.

Manual sending needs **INSTAGRAM_ENABLE_REPLY_SEND=true**. Install Codex and sign in with the existing ChatGPT account. Do not add a separate OpenAI API integration or key requirement.

**Coral says**

“Preserved drafts. Known credentials. A backup you can use. Those are good gifts for future-you.”

Keep the things future-you will need.

Keep the account’s voice accurate

For Kisau, supported website references use kisau.com (link in bio). Keep photographer roles and contributor credits accurate. Use editor guidance to clarify personal or collaborator perspective. A tag alone does not prove a role.

Credentials and backups

The encrypted token lives outside the repository in the workspace-specific Kisau Pulse directory. Moving the repository may need planned credential relocation or reconnection. The Instagram password is not stored.

Back up while stopped, or use a consistent SQLite backup process. There is no in-app backup button. Destructive clearing creates no backup. Instaply does not encrypt the database.

Keep the guide in step

Chapter Markdown lives in `docs/user-guide/chapters`. The catalog supplies titles, summaries, artwork, and reading order.

Run `npm run docs:html`, then `npm run docs:html:check`. Generated HTML belongs under `docs/html` and is not hand-edited.

The September 30 Markdown and PDF remain the original edition. Technical references live under **Under the hood**.

A little kindness to future-you

Save your words. Check the results. Leave a happy place to return.



Coral says

“Before we go, let’s leave a friendly welcome for tomorrow-you.”

A good place to pause

- 1 Let active imports and public actions finish. Read their results.
- 2 Check failed or unconfirmed actions before retrying.
- 3 Save drafts you want to keep.
- 4 Look in Sent or Audit Log if an outcome needs another glance.
- 5 Peek at Statistics if you’re curious.

**Blue says**

“Saved the words? Checked the outcome? Lovely. We can put our feet up.”

Saved draft? Lovely. Tomorrow-you says thanks.

Pick tomorrow's small adventure

- **Detective hat:** [find a remembered comment](#).
- **One-post catch-up:** try [Inbox's By Post view](#).
- **Writing spark:** [make a suggestion yours](#).
- **Familiar faces:** [refresh Following](#).
- **Curious glance:** [understand one statistic](#).

A thoughtful session counts, even with comments left in Inbox. Come back when you have time. We'll be here.