

Sahil x Vibe Coding | Field Guide

A practical, evidence-conscious guide to AI-assisted software creation.

What vibe coding means

Describe software behaviour in natural language; let an AI system generate code; inspect, test and iterate. Andrej Karpathy popularised the term in 2025.

A repeatable workflow

1. State the user problem. 2. Specify constraints. 3. Ask for a small change. 4. Run the result. 5. Test and inspect. 6. Commit a working version. 7. Repeat.

Verification checklist

Test mobile layouts, keyboard navigation, screen readers, reduced motion, empty states, errors, broken links, secret exposure, dependency risk, performance and recovery.

Example: thought garden

Request: Build a private browser-based thought garden. Require local-only storage, a clear delete button, accessible controls and a reduced-motion option. Inspect the generated implementation before publishing.

When to slow down

Do not assume generated code is secure or correct. Sensitive data, payments, medical systems and other consequential applications need more rigorous expert review.

Reflection prompts

What did the AI do? What did I verify? What remains uncertain? Could I repair this if the model disappeared?

Further reading and exploration

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