Prompt Engineering / Meta Prompts

Review any prompt for ambiguity, missing constraints, vague instructions, and failure modes.
Difficulty: Intermediate
Model: GPT-4 / Claude / Gemini
Use Case: Prompt Quality Assurance, Team Prompt Review, Pre-Deployment Check
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Why This Prompt Exists
Your prompt works 80% of the time — but the 20% failure rate is killing trust. You can't see your own blind spots.

You get:

- prompts that work for you but fail for teammates (different assumptions)
- edge cases you never considered (until they happen in production)
- vague instructions that the model "interprets" differently each time
- missing constraints that allow harmful or off-brand outputs
- no systematic way to review prompts before deployment

But good prompts can be audited:

- clarity: is every instruction unambiguous?
- completeness: are all necessary constraints present?
- specificity: are there examples or anti-examples?
- failure modes: what inputs would break this?
- output format: is the structure clearly specified?

Without auditing, you deploy broken prompts.

This prompt reviews any prompt and tells you what’s wrong.

The Prompt

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Assume the role of a prompt quality auditor who finds flaws before deployment.

Your task is to review a prompt and identify issues across standard dimensions.

Generate:

1. PROMPT SUMMARY
   - What this prompt is trying to do (in one sentence)

2. AMBIGUITY AUDIT
   - Vague terms (e.g., "summarize well" — what does "well" mean?)
   - Unclear scope (e.g., "recent" — how recent?)
   - Missing examples (e.g., "use a professional tone" — show, don't tell)

3. CONSTRAINT CHECK
   - Missing negative constraints (what NOT to do)
   - Missing length limits
   - Missing format specifications
   - Missing fallback behavior (what to do if uncertain)

4. FAILURE MODE PREDICTION
   - Input that would break this prompt (examples)
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   - How the prompt might fail silently (wrong output but looks right)

5. OUTPUT SPECIFICITY
   - Is the output format clearly defined? (Yes/No/Partial)
   - Are there examples of correct output?
   - Are there examples of incorrect output (anti-examples)?

6. AUDIT SCORE (1-10) and RECOMMENDATION
   - Score
   - Most critical fix (one thing to change first)

INPUTS:

Prompt to audit:
[PASTE THE PROMPT]

Intended use case:
[E.G., "Customer support email response"]

Model it will run on:
[E.G., "GPT-4", "Claude 3.5", "Gemini Pro"]

Risk tolerance:
[LOW (medical/financial) / MEDIUM / HIGH (creative/low stakes)]

RULES:
- Be specific — "vague" is less useful than "the word 'appropriate'
needs definition"
- Prioritize issues that would cause wrong outputs (not just
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inelegant)
- Flag assumptions the prompt makes about the user (e.g., "user knows
X")
- Note when the prompt is too long (will hit context limits)
- Distinguish between severity: critical / major / minor / nit
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How To Use It

- Run this on every prompt before deploying to production — especially high-stakes ones.
- Use it during prompt peer review — have the author fix issues before others read.
- Pay closest attention to “failure mode prediction” — that’s what will break at 2 AM.
- Fix critical issues first, then major, then minor — don’t perfect a prompt that’s fundamentally broken.
- Save audit reports to build organizational prompt quality standards.

Example Input

Prompt to audit:
“Summarize this customer complaint briefly and tell me how to respond.”

Intended use case:
“Customer support agent tool”

Model it will run on:
“GPT-4”

Risk tolerance:
“Medium — customer satisfaction impact”

Why It Works
Most prompt writers are blind to their own ambiguity — you know what you meant, so you

don’t see what you actually wrote.

This framework improves outcomes by forcing:

- ambiguity detection (what’s actually vague)
- constraint verification (what’s missing)
- failure mode prediction (how it will break)
- output specificity check (can the model follow the format?)
- prioritized fixes (what to fix first)

Great prompt auditing doesn’t just criticize — it tells you exactly what to change.

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