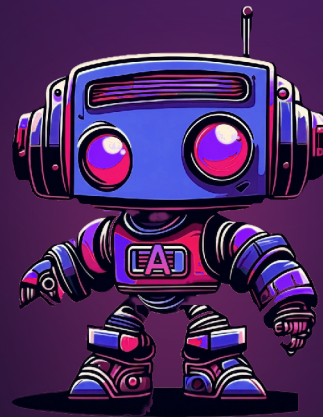


TOPIC 6 OF 6

Privacy, safety & upkeep

Decide what stays extra private, back up everything Aperio remembers, and bring it back after a reinstall or a new computer.



Your memories are yours — this topic keeps them private, and keeps them safe.

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PART 1

Keep something extra private

After this page, you can tell Aperio to keep a specific memory on this computer only — even if you later switch to a cloud AI provider.

Everything you tell Aperio already stays on your own computer by default, thinking with its free built-in local AI (see *Setup & configuration*). For most memories, that's already private enough. For a few — a password, a medical note, anything you'd never want to leave this machine even if you later connect a cloud AI — you can say so directly, and Aperio remembers that too:

- *“Remember my safe’s combination, and keep it private — never send it to a cloud AI.”*
- *“Save this privately: my therapist’s name is Dr. Okafor.”*
- *“Remember my passport number. Keep it off any AI service outside this computer.”*

- 1 In a chat with Aperio, say what you want it to remember.
- 2 Say plainly that it should stay private — for example, “keep it off any cloud AI.”
- 3 Wait for Aperio to confirm.

DONE LOOKS LIKE

Aperio confirms it saved the memory as private. Ask it later, *“is that memory private?”* — it checks and tells you.

! **I’m not sure it worked.** Say it as its own plain instruction — “remember this, and keep it private” — rather than burying “private” in the middle of a longer sentence, so Aperio doesn’t miss it.

WORTH KNOWING

While you’re on Aperio’s built-in local AI, every memory already stays on your computer — private or not. This setting only starts to matter once you connect a cloud AI provider: from then on, memories marked private are skipped for that provider, no matter what you ask it.

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PART 2

Back up your memories

After this page, everything Aperio remembers exists as one plain file you can keep somewhere safe.

Aperio's memory lives in one file on your computer. Back it up before you reinstall Aperio or move to a new computer — the same way you'd back up a folder of photos or documents.

- 1 In a chat with Aperio, say: *"Back up all my memories."*
- 2 Wait for Aperio to confirm.
- 3 Note the file name it gives you — by default, it's saved to your own home folder.

DONE LOOKS LIKE

Aperio's reply names a file like `aperio-export-2026-08-15T12-00-00.json`, and that file exists in your home folder. Copy it somewhere safe — a backup drive, or cloud storage you trust.

! I can't find the file. It's saved in your own user folder — on macOS/Linux that's the one a new terminal opens in; on Windows, it's your own user folder, inside the Users folder on your C: drive. Search your file browser for "aperio-export" if you're still not sure.

WORTH KNOWING

Uninstalling Aperio removes its memory database along with everything else it installed. Back up first if you plan to uninstall, reinstall, or move to a new computer.

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PART 3

Restore a backup

After this page, a backup file brings every memory back — on the same computer or a new one.

Reinstalled Aperio, or set it up on a different computer? Point it at your backup file and everything comes back.

- 1 Copy your backup file onto the new or reinstalled computer, if it isn't there already.
- 2 In a chat with Aperio, say: *"Restore my memories from aperio-export-2026-08-15T12-00-00.json"* — using your own file's name and location.
- 3 Wait for Aperio to confirm how many memories and articles came back.

DONE LOOKS LIKE

Aperio reports the number of memories restored. Search for something you know was in the backup, the same way you would in *Everyday memory* — it should be there.

! **A restored memory doesn't turn up in search yet.** Aperio finishes making restored memories searchable in the background — wait a few minutes and search again.

WORTH KNOWING

Restoring is safe to run more than once — Aperio matches memories and wiki pages by their own ID, so nothing gets duplicated.

You've now marked what should stay private, backed up everything Aperio remembers, and proven you can bring it back. However you use Aperio from here, your memories are yours to keep — and now, yours to protect.

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PART 4

Uninstall Apero

After this page, Apero and everything it installed are gone from your computer — except the parts you choose to keep.

Everything Apero installs is contained in its own folder, except Node.js. Back up your memories first (Part 2) if you plan to reinstall or move to a new computer.

- 1 Windows:** double-click `uninstall.bat` in the Apero folder.
- 2 macOS / Linux:** run `bash uninstall.sh` in the Apero folder.
- 3** The uninstaller stops the server, removes Apero's engine, dependencies, database, and logs, and deletes the Desktop launcher. It offers to also delete the downloaded AI model.
- 4** Delete the Apero folder itself once the uninstaller finishes.

DONE LOOKS LIKE

The Apero folder is gone, and the Desktop launcher icon is gone. Node.js stays on your computer — the uninstaller never removes it, in case another app needs it.

What gets installed, and what the uninstaller removes

THING	WHERE	REMOVED BY UNINSTALLER?
llama.cpp engine	Inside the app folder	Yes
AI model	Shared Hugging Face cache, outside the app folder	Offered, not automatic — shared with other tools
Dependencies	Inside the app folder	Yes
Memory database, logs, settings	Inside the app folder	Yes
Node.js	System-wide	No — kept in case you use it elsewhere

! I want my memories back after uninstalling. Use the backup file from Part 2 to restore them, the same way described in Part 3 — on this computer or a new one.