

Cursor IDE — second laptop / agent handoff

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Cursor does not ship a single “export entire IDE” button. Use this checklist to move **code + rules + agent chat history** to another machine.

1. Code (required)

On the **new** laptop, follow FRESH_ENV_CLONE.md (~/repos/ac).

2. Workspace rules (recommended)

Copy from the old machine:

Source	Destination on new laptop
~/repos/ac/.cursor/rules/ (if present)	same under workspace
~/repos/ac/AGENTS.md	workspace root

Or re-clone — rules live in ac-docs / monolith exports when committed.

3. Agent conversation history

Cursor stores transcripts per project, e.g.:

~/cursor/projects/<project-slug>/agent-transcripts/*.jsonl

Handoff archive (run on the **old** laptop from repo root):

```
cd ~/repos/ac
tar czvf ~/ac-cursor-handoff-$(date +%Y%m%d).tar.gz \
  .cursor/rules 2>/dev/null \
  AGENTS.md 2>/dev/null \
  -C "$HOME/.cursor/projects" \
  $(ls -ld "$HOME/.cursor/projects"/*androidcast* 2>/dev/null | xargs -I{} basename {})
```

Copy the .tar.gz to the new laptop and extract:

```
mkdir -p ~/.cursor/projects
tar xzvf ac-cursor-handoff-YYYYMMDD.tar.gz -C ~
```

Open ~/repos/ac in Cursor on the new machine — past chats appear under that project when the slug matches.

4. What is ***not*** portable

- Local Cursor login / API keys (re-sign-in)
- Uncommitted work (commit or stash before switch)
- Cluster secrets (secrets.lab.env on NFS — not in git)

5. Scripted helper

ac-scripts/export-cursor-handoff.sh — builds the tarball paths above.