TotalRecalls Smart Search Engine (SSE) — Quick-Start Guide

The Simple Guide to Finding Any AI Conversation in Plain English
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1. What is Smart Search Engine (SSE)?

When you use ChatGPT, Claude, Perplexity, or other AI assistants, your work quickly scatters into hundreds of chats across different websites.

- **TotalRecalls Downloader** saves those conversations to your computer as clean Markdown and JSON files.
- **Smart Search Engine (SSE)** is the companion search add-on that lets you search and chat with your entire archive in plain English—completely offline, right on your PC.

Nothing is uploaded to the cloud. Your data stays entirely in your hands.

2. Before You Begin

1. **TotalRecalls Downloader Pro:**
   Make sure you have downloaded conversations using TotalRecalls. By default, your chats are saved to:
   `C:\Users\<YourUsername>\TotalRecalls-download\Library\`
2. **System Requirements:**
3. Windows 10 or Windows 11 (64-bit).
4. 4 GB to 8 GB of RAM.
5. No special graphics card (GPU) required.
6. **Your SSE License Key:**
   Format: `SSE-XXXXXXXX-XXXX-XXXX` (emailed to you when you purchased the SSE Add-On or the Pro + SSE Bundle).

> **Important Note:** Also, note that the first download and indexing run may take 5–15 minutes depending on the number of conversations being indexed by the Smart Search Engine (SSE).

3. How to Launch & Activate (3 Steps)

Step 1: Extract the Files

Unzip the downloaded `TotalRecalls-Smart-Search-Engine-1.0.0.zip` archive into any folder on your PC (for example, in your Documents folder or on your Desktop).

Step 2: Open the Search Engine

Double-click:
👉 `run-smart-search.bat`
(This opens the Smart Search Engine chat interface directly in Microsoft Edge or Google Chrome).

Step 3: Activate Your License

1. In the top-right corner, click **Activate SSE Key**.
2. Paste your `SSE-XXXXXXXX-XXXX-XXXX` license key into the box.
3. Click **Activate SSE**.
4. The badge will switch to **SSE Licensed**.
   (Activation verifies your key online once; after that, all search, vector indexing, and questions run 100% offline on your PC).

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4. Three Ways to Search Your Chats

1. By Meaning (Semantic Search)

You don't need to remember the exact keywords you used. Ask natural questions like:
"How did I configure automated database backups?"
"*What did Claude recommend for fixing that Python bug?*"
SSE finds the most relevant passages based on the concept and meaning.

2. By Exact Keyword (Lexical Search)

Use this when you remember a specific term, code snippet, model name, error code, or person's name.

3. Hybrid Search (Best Overall)

Blends meaning and exact keywords together so you get both conceptual accuracy and exact match precision.

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5. What You See in Your Search Results

Every result includes: * **The AI Provider & Date:** (e.g., ChatGPT, Claude, Perplexity, Gemini, Mistral, DeepSeek, Grok, Qwen). * **The Highlighted Answer:** The exact paragraph answering your question. * **Match Score:** How

closely the answer matches your query. * **Direct File Link:** Click to open the original Markdown (.md) or JSON (.json) file directly on your computer in Notepad, Word, or VS Code.

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6. Privacy & Offline Guarantee

- **No Cloud Uploads:** TotalRecalls never sends your prompts, questions, or chat logs to any external server.
- **No Telemetry:** We do not track your searches or record usage data.
- **100% Offline:** Once the initial local search weights initialize, your PC does not need an active internet connection to search.

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7. Customer Support

Need help or lost your license key?
Send an email to: **support@totalrecalls.app**
(A real human responds to every message).