

BOOTCAMP · COHORT 2026

20 HOURS · 7 DAYS · 5 TRACKS

Project-Based *AI* Bootcamp.

*A week of learning by building. Solve a real
problem and ship it in public.*

FORMAT

LIVE + MENTORED

OUTPUT

DEPLOYED SOLUTION

PROOF

VIDEO · DOCS · APP

AUDIENCE

BUILDERS & MENTORS

BEFORE WE BEGIN

A transition raises *two* questions at once.

Question 01

How do I *generate income* now?

The near-term question. Pays the bills. Shapes the next 30, 60, 90 days.

Question 02

What kind of work do I want to *build next*?

The longer-term question. Shapes the next phase of life. Where meaning lives.

TWO PATHS FORWARD

Work for someone else — or *work for yourself*.

PATH A

Work for someone else.

The traditional path — but the rules of hiring are changing fast.

- A Traditional full-time employment
- B The proof-of-work portfolio
- C Contract, fractional & project work
- D Apprenticeship through startups
- E Community as career infrastructure

PATH B

Work for *yourself*.

AI lowers the barrier. One motivated person can design, build, market, and sell.

- A Solopreneurship
- B Service businesses (fastest to revenue)
- C Product businesses (slower, scalable)
- D Creator & community economy
- E The hybrid — pieces of both

*Most people will do **both** for a period of time. That's not a failure — it's the model.*

A NEW WORKING MODEL

The career arc isn't a line anymore. It's a *loop*.

OLD MODEL

~~Learn~~ → ~~Work 30 years~~ → ~~Retire~~

EMERGING MODEL

Learn → *Build* → *Share* → Collaborate → *Reinvent* → REPEAT

The biggest shift is identity, not technical. You move from "I worked at a company" to "I solve problems."

This bootcamp is the smallest possible version of that loop — compressed into one week.

BOOTCAMP PHILOSOPHY

Three ideas anchor everything we do this week.

01 Learn by building.

02 Solve real problems.

03 Show your work publicly.

YOU WILL LEAVE WITH

A deployed AI-enabled solution

Public portfolio artifacts

Practical AI workflow experience

Exposure to modern AI-native development

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

By the end, every participant *can do* six things.

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- 01 Identify and frame a meaningful problem.
 - 02 Use AI tools to accelerate development.
 - 03 Build and deploy a working solution.
 - 04 Document their work publicly.
 - 05 Present their solution clearly.
 - 06 Collaborate with AI systems with confidence.
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TIME STRUCTURE

20 hours, structured for momentum.

4

Live sessions, one hour each.

LIVE

6

Mentoring sessions across the week.

MENTORING

16

Independent build time, overlapping the week.

BUILD

20₊

Minimum total engagement to ship.

TOTAL

TWO WAYS TO RUN THIS WEEK

Pick the structure that *matches your goal*.

TRACK A

Work for *Skill Forward*.

Build inside an active cohort with mentorship and real stakeholders.

- A 2 × 1-on-1 sessions with me each week
- B Customer: **Skill Forward Cohort 1**
- C Stakeholders: **PCC, Worksystems**
- D Brief, audience, and acceptance scoped together
- E Ship something the cohort actually uses

TRACK B

Work for *yourself*.

Independent build, scoped around a real customer and a real offer.

- A 1 project discussion with me
- B Independent build for the rest of the week
- C Clearly named customer
- D Clearly named offer
- E A path to **potential revenue**

*Pick one to start. You can change tracks — **once** — by end of Day 02.*

PROJECT TRACKS

Pick one track. Ship one project.

Track 01	Track 02	Track 03	Track 04	Track 05
Frontend Vibe Coding Rapid UI, prototypes, landing pages, mobile-first apps.	Backend Vibe Coding APIs, AI workflows, automation pipelines.	Data Engineering Collect, clean, transform, and visualize data.	AI-Native Multimodal Text, image, audio, video. Storytelling with AI.	Your Own Track Define the problem, audience, stack, and deliverables.
BOLT.NEW LOVABLE VERCEL NETLIFY	SUPABASE FIREBASE N8N RENDER	GOOGLE COLAB AIRTABLE PYTHON STREAMLIT	OPENAI RUNWAY CANVA DESCRIPT	SCOPED WITH MENTOR

Make it *look* and *feel* right — fast.

FOCUS

Rapid UI creation
AI-assisted prototyping
Landing pages, dashboards, mobile-first apps

EXAMPLE PROJECTS

Community resource finder
Personal wellness tracker
AI-enhanced portfolio
Event discovery tool

TOOL STACK

Bolt.new
Lovable
Vercel
Netlify

Build the *plumbing* that runs while users sleep.

FOCUS

APIs

AI workflows

Automation pipelines

EXAMPLE PROJECTS

AI email assistant

Workflow automation

Community intake system

AI chatbot backend

TOOL STACK

Supabase

Firebase

n8n

Render

Turn messy data into *answers*.

FOCUS

Collecting

Cleaning

Transforming

Visualizing data

EXAMPLE PROJECTS

Community insights dashboard

Energy analysis tools

AI-assisted reporting

Survey analytics

TOOL STACK

Google Colab

Airtable

Python

Streamlit

Tell a story across *every* medium.

FOCUS

Text
Image
Audio
Video & AI storytelling

EXAMPLE PROJECTS

AI documentary
Podcast assistant
Interactive learning tool
AI-generated media workflows

TOOL STACK

OpenAI
Runway
Canva
Descript

Bring your own *problem* . Scope it with a mentor.

YOU DEFINE

Problem
Audience
Tool stack
Deliverables

MENTORS HELP YOU

Right-size scope for a week
Pick a stack you can actually ship
Define what "done" looks like
Plan the demo from day one

SUGGESTED DAILY FLOW

The week at a glance.

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7
Kickoff & choose project	Research & customer interviews	Prototype build	Build sprint & mentoring	Deployment	Documentation & video	Demo day
LIVE · SESSION 01	LIVE · SESSION 02	LIVE · SESSION 03	INDEPENDENT	INDEPENDENT	INDEPENDENT	LIVE · SESSION 04

SESSION 01

KICKOFF + PROBLEM DISCOVERY

SESSION 01 · LIVE LECTURE · 1 HOUR

Kickoff & problem discovery.

WE'LL COVER

- Introduction to AI-native work
- What makes a good bootcamp project
- Personal vs. community problem solving
- Overview of the five tracks
- Proof-of-work portfolios
- AI-assisted workflows

YOU SUBMIT BY END OF DAY

- Problem statement
- Target user
- Chosen track
- Initial project scope

Talk to *real* people. Then build.

WE'LL COVER

- Customer discovery
- Talking to real users
- Design thinking with AI
- Fast iteration loops
- Brainstorming & validating with AI

EXERCISE & DELIVERABLE

- Interview a friend
- Interview a peer
- Interview a community member
- Interview a potential user
- 1-page problem validation doc

Build systems & ship a prototype.

WE'LL COVER

- Prompt engineering
- AI coding workflows
- Debugging with AI
- Documentation generation
- Deployment basics
- Working in public

BUILD SPRINT DELIVERABLE

- Start implementation
- Deploy first version
- Record progress
- A working prototype

Demo day & storytelling.

WE'LL COVER

- Demo storytelling
- Showing impact
- Technical communication
- Building credibility through public work

EACH PARTICIPANT PRESENTS

- Problem
- Solution
- Demo
- Lessons learned
- Next steps

Six mentoring hours, threaded through the week.

DAY 01

Project scope

Right-size the problem. Define the smallest valuable thing you can ship.

DAY 02

Customer insights

Debrief your interviews. Sharpen the problem statement. Lock the audience.

DAY 03

Prototype review

Pressure-test the build. Cut what's not core. Unblock with AI.

DAY 05

Deployment support

Get it on the public internet. Debug deploys, environments, and access.

20 / 25

DAY 06

Docs & video

Coach the write-up and the demo video. Make the work legible to strangers.

DAY 07

Demo preparation

Tighten the story. Rehearse the demo. Anticipate the questions.

BOOTCAMP KICKOFF

REQUIRED TO RECEIVE CERTIFICATE, STIPEND & AI CREDITS

Three artifacts. *All three* required. May 31, June 6th

A

Public video

LOOM OR YOUTUBE

Problem
Solution
Demo
Reflection

B

Public documentation

GITHUB · NOTION · BLOG ·
SUBSTACK

Problem
Architecture / tools
Lessons learned
Future improvements

C

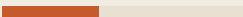
Deployed solution

VERCEL · NETLIFY · RENDER ·
STREAMLIT CLOUD

Web app, dashboard, or workflow
API or data pipeline
Video experience
Accessible by URL

EVALUATION RUBRIC

How your project will be evaluated.

Functional prototype		25%
Problem clarity		20%
Creativity & AI usage		20%
Public documentation		15%
Demo & storytelling		10%
Deployment completion		10%

EXAMPLE PROJECT DIRECTIONS

Starting points, not assignments.

PERSONAL PRODUCTIVITY

AI meal planner
Resume optimizer
Meditation companion
Career transition assistant

COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS

Nonprofit volunteer matcher
Local resource finder
Elder support tool
Neighborhood knowledge archive

CREATOR TOOLS

Newsletter summarizer
Podcast clipping tool
AI book companion
Community storytelling app

RECOMMENDED AI STACK

Bring what you know. Add one new tool this week.

GENERAL AI	CODING	COLLABORATION
ChatGPT Google AI Studio Claude	Cursor GitHub	Notion Miro



*The goal is not perfection. The goal is **proof-of-work**, learning in public, and building something useful for yourself or your community.*