Mingus Redesign: Workflow-Preserving Transformation Prompts

Overview

These prompts accomplish dual goals: visual transformation to match the landing page while preserving all existing user workflows and functionality.

PHASE 0: WORKFLOW DISCOVERY & DOCUMENTATION

Prompt 0.1: Audit Current Application Structure

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Analyze and document the existing Mingus application structure:

1. Create a comprehensive inventory of all current components:
   - List all React components with their file paths
   - Document component props and state management
   - Map component dependencies and relationships
   - Identify shared utilities and helper functions

2. Document current user workflows:
   - Map all user journeys from login to task completion
   - Identify critical user actions and their current UI paths
   - Document form submissions and data validation rules
   - Map current navigation patterns and menu structures

3. Catalog existing functionality:
   - List all current features and their implementation
   - Document API endpoints and data operations
   - Map current calculation algorithms (wellness scores, cash flow)
   - Identify integration points with external services

4. Create workflow preservation checklist:
   - Health check-in process: steps, inputs, outputs, timing
   - Cash flow forecasting: data inputs, calculations, display
   - Milestone planning: creation, tracking, alerts
   - Career guidance: data collection, recommendations, tracking

Export findings to: `/docs/current-state-analysis.md`
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Prompt 0.2: Create Component Migration Map

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Create a detailed migration strategy for each existing component:

1. For each current component, create migration plan:
   - Component name and current file path
   - Current styling approach (CSS, Tailwind classes)
   - Props interface and state management
   - User interactions and event handlers
   - Data dependencies and API calls

2. Map visual changes needed:
   - Current color scheme → violet/purple theme mapping
   - Current layout → new layout structure needed
   - Current components → new design system components
   - Animation and interaction changes required

3. Identify high-risk changes:
   - Components with complex state management
   - Forms with validation logic
   - Components with calculation algorithms
   - External API integration points

4. Create testing strategy:
   - Unit tests needed for each component
   - Integration tests for workflow validation
   - User acceptance criteria for each component
   - Performance benchmarks to maintain

Export to: `/docs/component-migration-plan.md`
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Prompt 0.3: Establish Baseline Metrics

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Create baseline measurements for performance and user experience:

1. Performance baselines:
   - Current page load times for each route
   - Component render times and re-render frequency
   - API response times and data processing speed
   - Bundle size and resource loading metrics

2. User experience baselines:
   - Current task completion times for key workflows
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   - Number of clicks/taps required for common actions
   - Current accessibility compliance level
   - Mobile vs desktop usage patterns

3. Functional baselines:
   - Current calculation accuracy for all algorithms
   - Data synchronization and persistence reliability
   - Error handling and recovery procedures
   - Integration uptime and reliability metrics

4. Create automated testing suite:
   - E2E tests for critical user workflows
   - Visual regression testing setup
   - Performance monitoring and alerting
   - Accessibility testing automation

Export to: `/docs/baseline-metrics.md` and implement monitoring
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PHASE 1: DESIGN SYSTEM WITH WORKFLOW COMPATIBILITY

Prompt 1.1: Create Backward-Compatible Design System

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Implement new design system while maintaining existing component interfaces:

1. Update Tailwind configuration:
   - Add violet/purple color palette matching landing page
   - Preserve existing color class names for compatibility
   - Add new gradient utilities without breaking existing
   - Implement backdrop-blur and glass-morphism utilities

2. Create design token system:
```typescript
   // Create /src/design-tokens/index.ts
   export const COLORS = {
     // New violet theme
     primary: {
       50: '#faf5ff',
       400: '#a855f7',
       500: '#8b5cf6',
       600: '#7c3aed',
       900: '#4c1d95'
     },
~~~

```
    // Preserve existing color mappings for compatibility
    legacy: {
      blue: '#7c3aed', // Map old blue to new violet
      green: '#10b981', // Keep green for success states
      red: '#ef4444'    // Keep red for errors
    }
  }
```

3. Create component wrapper system:
   - Build higher-order components that apply new styling
   - Maintain existing prop interfaces exactly
   - Add theme switching capability for gradual migration
   - Preserve all existing event handlers and callbacks
4. Implement feature flag system:

```typescript
// Create /src/utils/feature-flags.ts
export const useFeatureFlag = (flag: string) => {
  // Allow users to toggle between old and new design
  // Enable gradual rollout capability
}
```

Test: Verify all existing components still render and function correctly

```

### **Prompt 1.2: Transform Header While Preserving Navigation**
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Update application header to match landing page while maintaining all current functionality:

1. Create new header component:

```typescript
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```
// Update existing header component, preserve all props
interface HeaderProps {
  user: User;
  notifications: Notification[];
  onNotificationClick: (id: string) => void;
  onUserMenuClick: () => void;
  // Preserve all existing props
}
```

2. Visual updates:
   - Background: slate-900/80 with backdrop-blur-md
   - Logo: violet gradient square (w-8 h-8) with "M"
   - Greeting: "Hey [username]!" in white text
   - Notifications: Bell icon with violet dot indicator
   - User avatar: violet gradient circle
   - Border: border-b border-slate-700/50
3. Preserve existing functionality:
   - Keep all current menu items and their actions
   - Maintain notification click handlers and state
   - Preserve user menu dropdown functionality
   - Keep existing keyboard shortcuts and accessibility
   - Maintain responsive behavior patterns
4. Migration strategy:
   - Wrap existing header with new styling
   - Use feature flag to toggle between old/new
   - Preserve all existing click handlers exactly
   - Maintain current routing and navigation logic

Test: Verify all header functionality works identically to current version

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### **Prompt 1.3: Create Layout System Preserving Current Structure**
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Implement new layout system while maintaining existing routing and navigation:

1. Create AppLayout wrapper:

```typescript
// Create /src/components/layout/AppLayout.tsx
interface AppLayoutProps {
  children: React.ReactNode;
  currentPath: string;
  user: User;
  // Preserve existing layout props
}
```

2. Implement sidebar navigation:
   - Width: 256px (w-64) with slate-800/50 background
   - Navigation items: Home, Heart, Briefcase, Target, Settings
   - Active state: violet-600 background, white text
   - Hover state: slate-700/50 background, violet-400 text
   - Preserve existing route matching and active states
3. Maintain current routing structure:
   - Keep all existing route paths exactly the same
   - Preserve current route guards and authentication
   - Maintain existing navigation state management
   - Keep current breadcrumb and back navigation
4. Responsive behavior:
   - Desktop: fixed sidebar with full navigation
   - Mobile: collapsible sidebar with hamburger menu
   - Preserve existing mobile navigation patterns
   - Maintain current touch targets and gestures

Test: Verify all current routes work and navigation state is preserved

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## **PHASE 2: COMPONENT-LEVEL TRANSFORMATION**

### **Prompt 2.1: Transform Dashboard While Preserving Data Logic**
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Update the main dashboard component to match mockup while preserving all functionality:

1. Preserve existing dashboard data structure:

```typescript
// Maintain existing interfaces exactly
interface DashboardData {
  currentBalance: number;
  wellnessScore: number;
  forecast: ForecastData;
  emergencyFund: number;
  // Keep all existing properties
}
```

2. Create metrics grid (4 columns):
    - Current Balance: DollarSign icon, preserve calculation logic
    - Wellness Score: Heart icon, maintain scoring algorithm
    - Forecast: TrendingUp icon, keep forecasting calculations
    - Emergency Fund: Target icon, preserve fund tracking logic
3. Visual updates only:
    - Cards: bg-gradient-to-br from-slate-800 to-slate-700
    - Icons: violet-500/20 background, violet-400 color
    - Borders: border-slate-600 with hover:border-violet-500/50
    - Text: white for values, slate-300 for labels
4. Preserve all existing functionality:
    - Keep current data refresh intervals
    - Maintain existing click handlers for detail views
    - Preserve current loading and error states
    - Keep existing responsive breakpoints and behavior
5. Data compatibility:
    - Maintain all existing API calls exactly
    - Preserve current data transformation logic
    - Keep existing caching and persistence
    - Maintain current real-time update mechanisms

Test: Verify all dashboard metrics calculate correctly and match previous values

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### **Prompt 2.2: Transform Health Check-in While Preserving Algorithm**
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Update health check-in component to match mockup while maintaining existing workflow:

1. Preserve health scoring system:

```typescript
// Keep existing interfaces and calculation logic
interface HealthMetrics {
  physicalActivity: number; // 0-10 scale
  mindfulness: number;      // minutes per week
  relationships: number;    // 0-10 scale
  // Maintain exact same data structure
}

// Preserve existing correlation calculation
const calculateFinancialImpact = (metrics: HealthMetrics) => {
  // Keep existing algorithm exactly as is
}
```

2. Visual transformation:
   - Expandable section with ChevronDown/ChevronRight toggle
   - Three metric cards with violet-500/10 backgrounds
   - Icons: Activity (physical), Brain (mindfulness), Users (relationships)
   - Financial impact: emerald-400 for positive, red-400 for negative
3. Preserve existing workflow:
   - Keep current input methods (sliders, number inputs, etc.)
   - Maintain existing validation rules and error handling
   - Preserve current save/submit functionality
   - Keep existing notification and reminder system
4. Data preservation:
   - Maintain existing data storage format
   - Keep current API endpoints and request format
   - Preserve existing historical data access

- Maintain current data export capabilities

Test: Verify health scores calculate identically and correlations remain accurate

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### **Prompt 2.3: Transform Financial Components Preserving Calculations**
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Update all financial components while maintaining exact calculation accuracy:

1. Cash Flow Forecast component:

```typescript
// Preserve existing calculation engine
interface CashFlowData {
  income: IncomeItem[];
  expenses: ExpenseItem[];
  projections: ProjectionData[];
  // Keep exact same data structure
}

// Maintain existing forecast algorithm
const calculateCashFlow = (data: CashFlowData) => {
  // Preserve existing logic exactly
}
```

2. Visual updates:
    - Chart area: h-64 with violet gradient overlay
    - Timeline: Today, Next Week, Month End with white amounts
    - Background: GlassCard component with backdrop-blur
3. Transaction list component:
    - Each item: slate-700/50 background, rounded-xl
    - Icons: ArrowUpRight (expense), ArrowDownRight (income)
    - Amounts: emerald-400 for income, white for expenses
    - Include existing wellness impact descriptions
4. Preserve all financial logic:
    - Keep existing calculation algorithms exactly
    - Maintain current rounding and precision rules

- Preserve existing data validation and error handling
- Keep current currency formatting and localization

5. Milestone planning preservation:
   - Maintain existing milestone creation workflow
   - Keep current expense estimation algorithms
   - Preserve existing alert timing and notification logic
   - Maintain current progress tracking calculations

Test: Verify all financial calculations match current system exactly

```

### **Prompt 2.4: Transform Settings While Preserving User Preferences**
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Update settings page to dark theme while maintaining all user configurations:

1. Preserve settings data structure:

```typescript
// Keep existing user preferences interface
interface UserSettings {
  notifications: NotificationSettings;
  privacy: PrivacySettings;
  integrations: IntegrationSettings;
  goals: GoalSettings;
  // Maintain exact same structure
}
```

2. Visual transformation to dark theme:
   - Background: gradient from slate-900 via violet-900 to purple-900
   - Cards: GlassCard components with slate-800 backgrounds
   - Forms: dark inputs with violet focus states
   - Buttons: GradientButton components with violet theme

3. Preserve all existing functionality:
   - Keep all current form validation rules
   - Maintain existing save/cancel behavior
   - Preserve current section organization and tabs

- Keep existing help text and tooltips

4. Migration strategy:
   - Migrate existing settings without data loss
   - Preserve all current user preferences
   - Maintain existing account linking workflows
   - Keep current privacy and security settings
5. Form preservation:
   - Keep all existing input types and validation
   - Maintain current error handling and messaging
   - Preserve existing auto-save and draft functionality
   - Keep current accessibility features

Test: Verify all settings save correctly and existing preferences are preserved

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## **PHASE 3: ADVANCED FEATURES WITH WORKFLOW PRESERVATION**

### **Prompt 3.1: Add Interactive Features Without Breaking Existing Workflows**
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Enhance the application with new interactive features while preserving current functionality:

1. Create expandable metric cards:

```typescript
// Enhance existing metric display without changing data
interface MetricCardProps {
  title: string;
  value: number | string;
  change?: number;
  icon: React.ComponentType;
  expandedContent?: React.ReactNode;
  // Add new props while keeping existing ones
}
```

2. Add modal system for quick actions:
   - "Add Expense" modal with existing form validation

- "Set Milestone" modal preserving current creation workflow
- "Health Check-in" modal with existing scoring system
- All modals preserve existing save/cancel behavior

3. Enhanced dashboard interactivity:
   - Clickable chart areas for drill-down (preserve existing detail views)
   - Filterable transaction history (maintain existing filter logic)
   - Expandable forecast views (keep existing calculation display)
   - Quick edit capabilities (preserve existing validation)
4. Preserve existing state management:
   - Keep all current Redux/Context state exactly
   - Maintain existing action creators and reducers
   - Preserve current side effects and middleware
   - Keep existing persistence and hydration logic

Test: Verify all existing workflows still function with new interactive features

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### **Prompt 3.2: Implement Career Insights While Preserving Current Logic**
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Add career insights widget while maintaining existing career guidance functionality:

1. Create career widget component:

```typescript
// Build on existing career recommendation system
interface CareerInsight {
  jobTitle: string;
  salaryRange: string;
  location: string;
  salaryIncrease: number;
  // Use existing data structure
}
```

2. Visual implementation:
   - Violet gradient background (violet-500/10 to purple-500/10)
   - Briefcase icon with "Opportunity Alert" header

- Job details using existing recommendation algorithm
- "View Details" button preserving existing navigation

3. Preserve existing career functionality:
   - Keep current job matching algorithm exactly
   - Maintain existing salary progression tracking
   - Preserve current market data integration
   - Keep existing user preference and filtering logic
4. Data integration:
   - Use existing career data APIs without modification
   - Maintain current data refresh schedules
   - Preserve existing notification preferences
   - Keep current job alert and recommendation logic

Test: Verify career recommendations match existing system exactly

```

### **Prompt 3.3: Add Insight System Preserving Correlation Logic**
```

Implement daily insights widget while maintaining existing wellness-finance correlation:

1. Create insight generation system:

```typescript
// Build on existing correlation algorithms
interface DailyInsight {
  message: string;
  category: 'health' | 'finance' | 'career' | 'milestone';
  impact: 'positive' | 'negative' | 'neutral';
  // Use existing correlation calculation results
}
```

2. Visual implementation:
   - Violet-600/20 to purple-600/20 gradient background
   - Light bulb emoji with "Today's Insight" title
   - Personalized message based on existing correlation data
   - Proper contrast and typography for readability

3. Preserve correlation algorithms:
    - Keep existing health-to-spending correlation logic
    - Maintain current statistical analysis methods
    - Preserve existing data aggregation and trend analysis
    - Keep current insight generation rules and triggers
4. Data source preservation:
    - Use existing user behavior data without modification
    - Maintain current data collection and storage
    - Preserve existing privacy and data handling rules
    - Keep current data retention and cleanup policies

Test: Verify insights are generated using existing correlation logic accurately

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## **PHASE 4: RESPONSIVE DESIGN WITH WORKFLOW PRESERVATION**

### **Prompt 4.1: Implement Mobile-First Design Preserving Touch Workflows**
```

Create responsive design that maintains existing mobile user workflows:

1. Mobile navigation preservation:
    - Keep existing mobile menu structure and navigation
    - Maintain current swipe gestures and touch interactions
    - Preserve existing mobile-specific shortcuts and actions
    - Keep current mobile input patterns and keyboard behavior
2. Responsive layout implementation:
    - Sidebar: collapse to icons with slide-out drawer
    - Metrics: stack vertically maintaining current tap targets
    - Forms: preserve existing mobile input behavior
    - Charts: maintain current touch interaction for data exploration
3. Touch target preservation:
    - Minimum 44px for all interactive elements (existing standard)
    - Maintain current spacing between touch elements

- Preserve existing long-press and multi-touch gestures
- Keep current mobile-specific validation and error handling

4. Performance preservation:
   - Maintain current mobile loading performance
   - Keep existing image optimization and lazy loading
   - Preserve current mobile data usage patterns
   - Maintain existing offline capabilities

Test: Verify all mobile workflows function identically to current version

```

### **Prompt 4.2: Optimize Performance While Maintaining Functionality**
```

Implement performance optimizations without changing existing functionality:

1. Component optimization:

```typescript
// Optimize existing components without changing interfaces
const OptimizedDashboard = React.memo(Dashboard, (prevProps, nextProps) => {
  // Custom comparison preserving existing behavior
});

// Add lazy loading while preserving existing routing
const LazySettings = React.lazy(() => import('./Settings'));
```

2. Bundle optimization:
   - Code splitting at route level preserving existing navigation
   - Dynamic imports for heavy components without changing UX
   - Tree shaking optimization without removing existing functionality
   - Asset optimization maintaining existing resource loading

3. Data optimization:
   - Implement caching layer preserving existing data freshness
   - Optimize API calls without changing existing request patterns
   - Add request deduplication maintaining existing data flow
   - Implement progressive loading preserving existing user experience

4. Runtime optimization:
    - Virtual scrolling for long lists preserving existing interaction
    - Debouncing for search and filters maintaining existing behavior
    - Memoization for expensive calculations preserving existing accuracy
    - Background processing without affecting existing user workflows

Test: Verify performance improvements don't affect existing functionality

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## **PHASE 5: TESTING AND VALIDATION**

### **Prompt 5.1: Comprehensive Workflow Regression Testing**
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Create and execute comprehensive test suite validating all existing workflows:

1. Automated workflow testing:

```typescript
// Create E2E tests for each critical workflow
describe('Health Check-in Workflow', () => {
  it('should preserve existing scoring calculation', () => {
    // Test existing calculation accuracy
  });

  it('should maintain existing correlation analysis', () => {
    // Test wellness-finance correlation
  });
});

describe('Cash Flow Forecast Workflow', () => {
  it('should maintain calculation accuracy', () => {
    // Test existing forecast algorithms
  });
});
```

2. User acceptance testing:
    - Test all critical user journeys with real users
    - Validate task completion times match or improve

    - Confirm user satisfaction with workflow preservation
    - Verify accessibility improvements don't break existing patterns
3. Data integrity testing:
    - Verify all calculations produce identical results
    - Test data migration and preservation accuracy
    - Validate API integration continues to function correctly
    - Confirm data export and import capabilities remain intact
4. Performance validation:
    - Confirm page load times meet or exceed current performance
    - Validate mobile performance maintains existing standards
    - Test under existing user load and data volume
    - Verify memory usage and resource consumption

Test result documentation: `/docs/workflow-validation-results.md`

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### **Prompt 5.2: Create Rollback and Monitoring Systems**
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Implement comprehensive rollback capabilities and monitoring:

1. Feature flag implementation:

```
typescript

  // Create granular feature flag system
  interface FeatureFlags {
    newDesign: boolean;
    newHeader: boolean;
    newDashboard: boolean;
    newSidebar: boolean;
    // Allow component-level rollback
  }

  // Implement real-time flag updates
  const useFeatureFlag = (flag: keyof FeatureFlags) => {
    // Allow instant rollback without deployment
  };
```

2. Monitoring and alerting:

- Real-time workflow completion rate monitoring
- Error rate tracking with automatic rollback triggers
- User satisfaction scoring with trend analysis
- Performance monitoring with regression detection

3. Rollback procedures:
    - Instant visual reversion capability
    - Database rollback procedures for any data issues
    - User communication plan for any required rollbacks
    - Gradual rollout capability with user cohort management
4. Support and documentation:
    - User guide for new interface with workflow mapping
    - Troubleshooting guide for common transition issues
    - Support team training on workflow preservation validation
    - FAQ addressing workflow continuity concerns

Implementation: Create rollback-ready deployment with monitoring dashboard

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### **Prompt 5.3: Final Production Validation**
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Conduct final validation before full production rollout:

1. End-to-end workflow validation:
    - Complete health check-in workflow test with calculation verification
    - Full cash flow forecasting test with algorithm accuracy check
    - Complete milestone planning workflow with alert timing validation
    - Career guidance workflow test with recommendation accuracy verification
2. User experience validation:
    - A/B testing between current and new interface
    - User task completion time comparison
    - Accessibility audit with screen reader testing
    - Mobile user experience validation across devices
3. Technical validation:
    - Load testing with current user volume

- Security audit with penetration testing
- Integration testing with all external services
- Data backup and recovery procedure testing

4. Business continuity validation:
    - Verify all existing business rules and calculations
    - Confirm compliance with existing regulatory requirements
    - Validate data retention and privacy policy compliance
    - Test existing export and reporting capabilities
5. Launch readiness checklist:
    - ✅ All workflows function identically to current system
    - ✅ Performance meets or exceeds current benchmarks
    - ✅ Rollback procedures tested and verified
    - ✅ User training materials prepared and tested
    - ✅ Support team trained on new interface
    - ✅ Monitoring and alerting systems operational

Final validation report: `/docs/production-readiness-validation.md`

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## **IMPLEMENTATION SUCCESS CRITERIA**

### **Dual Goal Achievement Metrics**
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Visual Transformation Goals:
✅ 100% color palette match with landing page (violet/purple theme)
✅ Consistent typography and spacing with landing page
✅ Glass-morphism effects and backdrop blur implemented
✅ Modern gradient backgrounds and card styling
✅ Responsive design matching landing page quality

Workflow Preservation Goals:
✅ 100% workflow compatibility - no broken user journeys
✅ Zero data loss or calculation errors
✅ Identical or improved task completion times

✅ Maintained user satisfaction scores during transition
✅ All existing integrations and APIs functioning correctly

Technical Quality Goals:
✅ Performance maintained or improved
✅ Accessibility compliance maintained or improved
✅ Error rates remain at current levels or better
✅ Mobile experience preserved and enhanced
✅ Rollback capability tested and verified

These prompts ensure you achieve both a stunning visual transformation that matches your landing page AND preserve every critical user workflow that makes Mingus valuable to your users. Each prompt builds systematically toward both goals simultaneously.