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The 7 AI Tools That Help Me Build Client MVPs in 21 Days

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I used to believe that speed and quality couldn't coexist. Then AI arrived — and everything changed.

Over the past year, my small team at **IgnytLabs** delivered **40+ client MVPs, most in about 3 weeks.** We're not a huge development shop. We just figured out how to build smarter — not harder.

Here's precisely what my stack looks like. These tools have essentially become my co-founders.
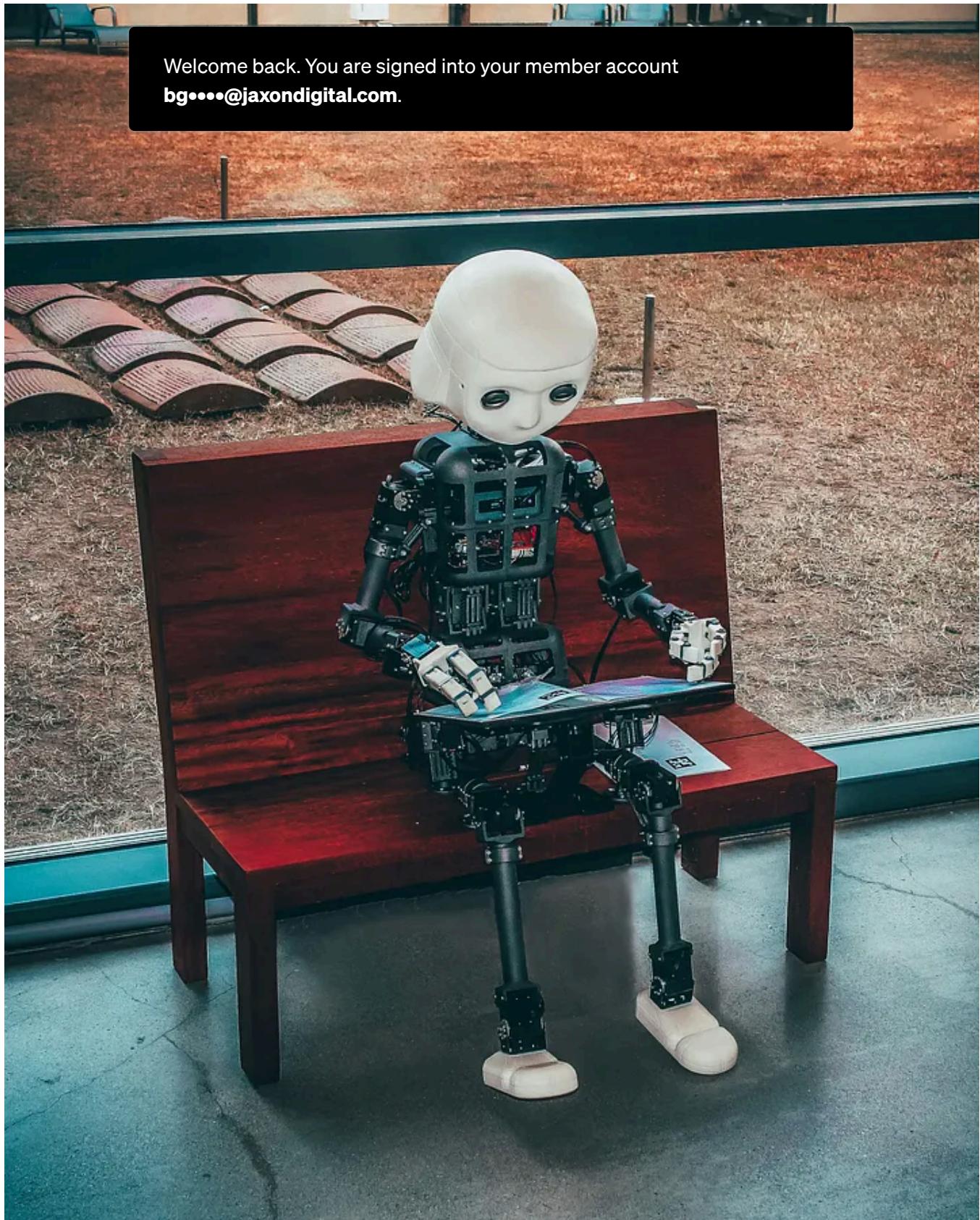
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1. Lovable — My Launch Pad

Lovable is where every new project begins. It's like having a front-end developer, a backend en—

I use it to:

- Build full UIs from text

- Hook up Supabase for auth and data

- Add Stripe payments in minutes

- Drop in OpenAI-powered features on day one

A quick story: last month, a client requested a subscription dashboard. The UI, login system, payment setup, and basic dashboard were all completed **within 4 hours**.

That's not an exaggeration — Lovable's pre-wired integrations manage 80% of the setup before you even open a terminal.

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2. Cursor — The Perfectionist

Once Lovable has completed the heavy lifting, I transfer the project to **Cursor**, my favourite AI code editor.

Lovable gives me a solid 80%. Cursor helps me complete the final 20% — the details users actually notice.

This is where I:

- Refine components

- Clean up business logic

- Fix edge cases and slow queries

- Polish the design and flow

Lovable creates the framework. Cursor adds the muscle.

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3. CodeR...

I don't care...   ...s my safety net.

It automatically reviews my code and leaves comments like a senior engineer would.

Here's what it's great at:

- Live feedback inside Cursor

- Full code reviews on GitHub

- Spotting potential security risks

- Flagging messy or redundant code

It's not perfect, but it has caught issues that would've damaged my client's trust more than once.

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4. ChatGPT — My Silent Partner

This one's obvious, but I use **ChatGPT** for more than "help me write code."

It's my idea filter and planning buddy.

Prompts I actually use:

- "Here's the client brief — give me a complete feature list for an MVP."

- "Suggest a database schema for a social learning app with progress tracking."

- "Show me user flows that encourage sign-ups."

Half the battle is transforming vague client goals into something technical and actionable — and that's precisely where ChatGPT excels.

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5. UX Pilot — Fast Design Without the Drama

Some clients want mockups before you start coding. I understand — they need to *see*
something

Instead of spending a week in Figma, I fire up **UX Pilot.**

It takes a prompt like *"A dashboard for a fitness app with progress charts and a dark
theme"* and provides wireframes that actually look usable.

Then it learns the brand colours and design system — so the client perceives it as
custom-made.
Honestly, it saves me entire days.

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6. Ideogram — The Visual Polish

Even the best MVPs can fail if they *appear* half-baked.

I use **Ideogram** to give everything a clean, professional finish — from hero images
and brand assets to even tiny dashboard icons.

Clients always comment on it. One even said,

> "Our MVP looks better than our main product."

That's when I knew this part of the process really matters.

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7. Unicorn Studio — The Wow Button

When I want a client's landing page to impress people, I open **Unicorn Studio**.

You can incorporate 3D scenes, animations, and subtle motion without writing any
code.

I once created a 3D animated hero section for a fintech client. It took me about 20
minutes. Their conversion rate increased by **34%** the following week.

Sometimes, looks *do* matter.

Why This Stack Works

Every tool in this setup excels at *a* specific task. Collectively, they span the entire build cycle:

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| Step | Tool          | What it's best at        |
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| 1    | Lovable       | Lays the foundation fast |
| 2    | Cursor        | Refines and optimizes    |
| 3    | CodeRabbit    | Keeps code clean and secure |
| 4    | ChatGPT       | Plans and strategizes    |
| 5    | UX Pilot      | Designs at lightning speed |
| 6    | Ideogram      | Makes it look pro        |
| 7    | Unicorn Studio | Adds that "wow" layer   |
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That combo lets me create fully functional, client-ready MVPs in under **21 days**—not just prototypes, but products that look and feel like finished products.

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Final Thoughts

I used to spend half my time wiring databases and fixing layouts. Now, AI tools handle the grunt work so I can focus on **user experience and business logic** — the stuff clients actually care about.

This stack won't replace developers; it replaces slow, painful development.

If you're still coding each button and schema manually, try adopting an AI-first approach for one project. You might never return to the old way.

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