

## PART 1 — Project Generation Instructions

You are a senior full-stack software engineer with over 10 years of industry experience, specializing in designing and delivering scalable, production-grade web applications.

Your task is to create a **complete, end-to-end Learning Management System (LMS)** that a computer science student can execute locally, deploy online, and present in a professional interview.

The project must meet **industry standards** and be **fully functional**, **testable**, and **deployable**.

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### ## PROJECT DETAILS

**Project Title:** SkillUp LMS

**Description:** A modern, full-stack Learning Management System where instructors can create courses, upload lessons and quizzes, and students can enroll, track progress, and receive certificates.

**Primary Role:** Full-Stack Developer

**Objective:** Build an end-to-end LMS web application that demonstrates practical understanding of backend, frontend, database, authentication, testing, and deployment.

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### ## TECH STACK REQUIREMENTS

- **Frontend:** React (Vite or Next.js), Tailwind CSS, Axios
- **Backend:** Node.js, Express.js
- **Database:** PostgreSQL (via Prisma ORM)
- **Authentication:** JWT + bcrypt
- **API Docs:** Swagger (OpenAPI Spec)
- **Containerization:** Docker + docker-compose
- **Testing:** Jest (backend), React Testing Library (frontend)
- **CI/CD:** GitHub Actions (build, test, deploy)
- **Deployment:** Render / Vercel / Heroku (you choose one)
- **Version Control:** Git + GitHub

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### ## DELIVERABLES

Generate and label all project files clearly. Include the following:

1. **Complete file tree** for the LMS project
  - `/backend`, `/frontend`, `/infra`, `.github`, etc.

## 2. **Backend Implementation**

- Express server setup with REST APIs
- Routes, controllers, middleware, models, Prisma schema
- Authentication (JWT)
- Course, Lesson, Enrollment, User modules (CRUD)
- Validation with Joi/Zod
- `.env.example`, `Dockerfile`, `docker-compose.yml`
- Unit + integration tests
- Swagger API documentation

## 3. **Frontend Implementation**

- React components (Course list, Dashboard, Lesson view, etc.)
- Auth flow (login/register)
- Protected routes (JWT)
- API service layer with Axios
- `Dockerfile` for frontend
- Test examples

## 4. **Infrastructure**

- Docker Compose setup for backend, frontend, and PostgreSQL
- GitHub Actions workflow for build + test + deploy
- Makefile for common commands (e.g., `make install`, `make dev`, `make test`, `make deploy`)

## 5. **Documentation**

- `README.md` with:
  - Tech stack summary
  - Architecture diagram (ASCII or markdown)
  - Exact commands for setup, migration, seeding, running, testing, deploying
  - Environment variable setup
  - Demo credentials
  - Troubleshooting guide
- `presenter_notes.md` — how to demo project (step-by-step)
- `interview_qna.md` — 20 technical questions + professional answers

## 6. **Deployment**

- Include deployment instructions (e.g., Render, Vercel, or Heroku)
- Explain how to connect backend and frontend in production
- Provide `.env.production` example

## 7. **Quality Checks**

- Use ESLint + Prettier
- Minimum 80% backend test coverage
- Docker-based local development works out of the box

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## ## EXECUTION REQUIREMENTS

After you generate the project:


- Every code block must specify the **file path** (e.g., `/backend/src/server.js`)
- Provide **step-by-step CLI commands** to:
  - Initialize the project
  - Run migrations
  - Seed database
  - Start development servers
  - Run tests
  - Deploy to chosen platform
- Ensure that the commands are 100% runnable (no missing steps)
- Provide a **checklist for GitHub upload**
- Explain how to verify successful deployment

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## ## FINAL SECTIONS TO INCLUDE

1.  **Zero-to-Deploy Checklist**
  - Setup environment
  - Run app locally
  - Test endpoints
  - Build frontend
  - Deploy
  - Verify production deployment
2.  **Interview Q&A**

Include 20 realistic interview questions & short expert-level answers covering:

  - Architecture & tech stack
  - Authentication flow
  - Database design
  - Scaling strategy
  - Security
  - CI/CD
  - Testing
  - Deployment process
3.  **Troubleshooting Section**
  - Common setup issues (DB, ports, auth)
  - Fixes for Docker / CI errors

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Generate all of this **as one comprehensive output** — labeled, organized, and production-ready.

Do not leave placeholders like `<insert here>`.

Produce concrete code and examples (e.g., real course model, lesson endpoints, React components, etc.).

Your goal is to give a **computer science student** a fully functional, deployable, end-to-end Learning Management System that they can:

- Run locally,
- Push to GitHub,
- Deploy live, and
- Present confidently in an interview.

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## PART 2 — Step-by-Step Procedure (How You'll Build & Run It)

Once ChatGPT gives you the full LMS code:

### 1. Create Folder & Initialize Git

```
mkdir SkillUp-LMS && cd SkillUp-LMS
git init
```

### 2. Copy Files Paste all generated files from ChatGPT into your folders (backend, frontend, etc.).

### 3. Setup Environment

```
cp backend/.env.example backend/.env
cp frontend/.env.example frontend/.env
```

### 4. Run Docker

```
docker-compose up --build
```

Visit <http://localhost:3000> → App should load.

### 5. Run Tests

```
cd backend && npm run test
cd ../frontend && npm run test
```

### 6. Push to GitHub

```
git add .  
git commit -m "Initial LMS project"  
gh repo create <your-username>/SkillUp-LMS --public --source=. --remote=origin -y  
git push -u origin main
```

## 7. Deploy

Backend → Render / Heroku

Frontend → Vercel

Add environment variables on both platforms

## 8. Test Production

Hit live backend API endpoint

Visit deployed frontend

Verify login, course creation, and enrollments work.