

Step 0: Set Context in Cursor

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Building an LMS Gradebook MVP. Gradebook is accessed from the main topbar.

Upon entry, users see a sidebar of courses (like Discussions).

Teachers can manage grade sections (categories/weights), assignments, student grades, and set late penalties.

Students can view their own grades, weights, and run "What-If" scenarios.

Backend uses Prisma models and Express API. Frontend uses Next.js/React in /src/app/gradebook/, with role-specific and shared components.

All business logic for grade calculation is shared and modular for future extensibility.

Step 1: Schema & Backend Scaffolding

1.1. Update Prisma Schema

- File: `prisma/schema.prisma`
 - Add models: `GradeSection`, `Assignment`, `Grade`, update `Course` with `latePenalty`.
 - (Optional: Enum for assignment types for future extensibility.)

1.2. Generate and Migrate

- Run `npx prisma generate` and `npx prisma migrate dev`.

1.3. Scaffold Backend Routes

- **File:** `apps/api/src/routes/gradebook.ts`
 - Set up Express router.
 - Endpoints:
 - `GET /api/gradebook/courses` (user courses)
 - `CRUD /api/gradebook/:courseId/sections`
 - `CRUD /api/gradebook/:courseId/assignments`
 - `GET/POST /api/gradebook/:courseId/grades`
 - `GET/PUT /api/gradebook/:courseId/late-penalty`
 - `GET /api/gradebook/:courseId/students`
 - Add middleware for auth/permissions.
 - Stub handlers initially—return mock data or success for now.
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Step 2: Frontend Scaffolding

2.1. Setup Next.js Route and Context

- **Folder:** `apps/web/src/app/gradebook/`
 - Create `page.tsx` for Gradebook entry point.
 - Create `GradebookContext.tsx` for shared state.
 - Add `types.ts` for TypeScript interfaces (Course, GradeSection, Assignment, Grade, etc.).
 - Add `api.ts` for API calls.

2.2. Wire Up Context and Initial Layout

- In `page.tsx`, wrap main content in `GradebookContext`.
 - **Render:** topbar Gradebook button, sidebar placeholder, main content placeholder.
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Step 3: Sidebar and Course Selector

3.1. Sidebar UI

- **File:** `GradebookSidebar.tsx`
 - Fetch and display user's courses.
 - On course select, update context with selected course.
 - **Integrate** in `page.tsx` so sidebar always appears after Gradebook is selected.
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Step 4: Main Content Area and Routing

4.1. Main Content Split

- **File:** `GradebookMain.tsx`
 - Switches between teacher/student view based on context/role.
- **Teacher folder:** `/Teacher/`
 - `GradeSections.tsx` (category management UI)
 - `Assignments.tsx` (assignment CRUD UI)
 - `StudentGrades.tsx` (grade entry, averages, student selector)

- **Student folder:** `/Student/`
 - `MyGrades.tsx` (view own grades)
 - `WhatIfTool.tsx` (hypothetical calculator)
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Step 5: Implement Grade Section Management (Teacher)

5.1. GradeSections Component

- **File:** `/Teacher/GradeSections.tsx`
 - Display/add/edit/delete categories.
 - Use sliders/up-down for % input (enforce sum=100).
 - Update live total.
 - Fetch/save via `/sections` endpoint.
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Step 6: Late Penalty (Teacher)

6.1. LatePenalty UI

- Add late penalty edit form under sections management.
 - GET/PUT from `/late-penalty` endpoint.
 - Store in context for grade calculation.
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Step 7: Assignment CRUD (Teacher)

7.1. Assignments Component

- **File:** `/Teacher/Assignments.tsx`
 - List, add, edit, delete assignments.
 - Assignment form: name, due date, section dropdown, optional comment.
 - Validate section/category on save.
 - CRUD with `/assignments` endpoint.
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Step 8: Student Grades and Entry (Teacher)

8.1. StudentGrades Component

- **File:** `/Teacher/StudentGrades.tsx`
 - Teacher-only table: student selector, grade entry for each assignment, submitted date, status (late/on time, allow override), comments.
 - Show average for each assignment.
 - Fetch/save via `/grades` endpoint.
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Step 9: Student View (MyGrades + What-If Tool)

9.1. MyGrades Component

- **File:** `/Student/MyGrades.tsx`
 - Read-only table: assignments, grades, categories, late status, comments.
 - Display section weights (view-only).

- Fetch from `/grades` endpoint.

9.2. WhatIfTool Component

- File: `/Student/WhatIfTool.tsx`
 - Modal/dialog for hypothetical grades.
 - On change, recalculate and show new total using shared grade logic.
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Step 10: Shared Grade Calculation Logic

10.1. Calculation Utility

- File: `/lib/gradebook.ts`
 - Export function to calculate overall grade from assignments, sections, weights, late penalties.
 - Use in both Teacher and Student components (and for What-If Tool).
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Step 11: UI Polish, Accessibility, Responsive

11.1. Accessibility/Responsive

- Review: semantic HTML, ARIA, keyboard navigation.
- Ensure layouts work on tablet/mobile.

11.2. UI Components

- Folder: `/components/gradebook/` (shared components: sliders, tables, modals, etc.)

Step 12: Finalize & Test

12.1. Test with sample data for both roles.

12.2. Edge cases: weights, missing assignments, late penalties.

12.3. Bugfix and polish.