

# STUDYMATE — FINAL UPDATED PROJECT PLAN

*(Agentic, Production-Thinking Career Platform)*

This is **not** a course platform.

This is **not** a mock interview app.

This is a **thinking simulator for real-world engineering & interviews**.

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## 1 CORE PROBLEM (WHY THIS EXISTS)

### Reality

- Colleges teach **theory**
- Platforms teach **content**
- Interviews test **decision-making under constraints**

Students fail because they:

- Jump to solutions
- Ignore scale, cost, failure
- Don't think like real engineers

### Your Solution

Build a system that behaves like a real senior engineer / interviewer / team, and forces the user to think before answering.

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## 2 CORE IDEA (ONE-LINE)

An agentic career platform that trains users to think in production by questioning, challenging, and adapting to their decisions.

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### 3 HIGH-LEVEL SYSTEM FLOW (BIG PICTURE)

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User
↓
Agent Orchestrator (Brain)
↓
Chooses Module
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Module QUESTIONS User
↓
User Responds
↓
System Adapts & Gives Feedback
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Career State Updates
↓
Orchestrator Replans Next Action
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This loop is the **heart of the system**.

### 4 MODULES (FINAL & LOCKED)

You have **6 core modules**.

## MODULE 1: AGENT ORCHESTRATOR (THE BRAIN)

### What it does

- Stores user goal (role, focus)
- Tracks weaknesses across system
- Decides what user should do next

### Example

If user:

- Fails interview trade-offs → push Interview Thinking
- Struggles with recursion → push DSA Visualizer
- Finishes learning fast → skip basics

| User does NOT control the flow blindly. System guides them.

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## MODULE 2: INTERACTIVE COURSE GENERATION (UNIQUE)

### Old Way

- Generate 10 chapters
- User reads passively

### New Way

Course behaves like a mentor

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## How ONE lesson works (REAL EXAMPLE)

Topic: Load Balancing

### Step 1 — Scenario First

| "Your backend receives 10x traffic suddenly. What breaks first?"

Options:

- Database
- Load Balancer
- Application Server
- Cache

User chooses: **Database**

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## Step 2 — Why Question

| "Why do you think database breaks first?"

User explains.

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## Step 3 — Teaching (Contextual)

System explains:

- When DB becomes bottleneck
  - When app or LB breaks instead
  - Why naive assumptions fail
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## Step 4 — Failure Injection

| "Now traffic spikes unevenly. What changes?"

User adapts.

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## Step 5 — Micro Check

One small check → result affects next lesson.

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## Why this is unique

- No content dump
  - Question → decision → explanation
  - Branching based on thinking quality
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# MODULE 3: PROJECT STUDIO (MOST UNIQUE PART)

## Problem

Students don't know:

- What project to pick
- How real projects are designed

## Solution

| Simulate a real software company workflow using agents.

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# REAL EXAMPLE: PROJECT STUDIO FLOW

User says:

| "I want to build a resume-worthy backend project."

## Agent 1: Idea Analyst

Asks:

- Who is the user?
- What problem?
- Why this project matters?

Rejects weak ideas.

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## Agent 2: Research Agent

Says:

- Similar products exist
- What works / what fails
- Scope trimming

## Agent 3: System Design Agent

Designs:

- Architecture
  - APIs
  - DB schema (high-level)
  - Explains trade-offs
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## Agent 4: UI/UX Agent

Defines:

- Screens
  - User flow
  - UX logic
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## Agent 5: Execution Planner

Creates:

- Week-wise milestones
- What to build first
- What can wait

Agents **may disagree** — this is realism.

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# MODULE 4: PRODUCTION THINKING INTERVIEW MODULE

This is **NOT** mock Q&A.

This is a **real interviewer simulation**.

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## REAL INTERVIEW EXAMPLE

### Question

| "You have 5000 resumes. Pick top 20."

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## Step 1 — Clarification

System asks:

| "Are resumes PDFs? One-time or continuous? Bias constraints?"

If user jumps to solution → penalty.

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## Step 2 — Core Answer

User explains approach.

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## Step 3 — Follow-up (KEY DIFFERENCE)

System asks:

- "What fails at scale?"
  - "How do you monitor this?"
  - "How do you handle bias complaints?"
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## Step 4 — Curveball

| "Now resumes double overnight."

User must adapt.

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## Step 5 — Reflection

| "What would you improve with more time?"

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## Interview Metrics (NOT right/wrong)

Metric	Meaning
Clarification Habit	Do they ask questions first

Metric	Meaning
Structure	Clear thinking
Trade-off Awareness	Pros/cons
Scalability Thinking	Beyond small scale
Failure Awareness	What breaks
Adaptability	Adjust after feedback

Feedback is **pattern-based**, not generic.

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## MODULE 5: DSA SKILL MASTERY (WITH VISUALIZER)

### Core Insight (YOUR POINT)

Understanding code ≠ understanding algorithm.

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### DSA VISUALIZER FLOW (REAL EXAMPLE)

#### Algorithm: Binary Search

##### Step 1 — Visual Run

User sees:

- Pointer movement
  - Mid updates
  - Comparisons
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##### Step 2 — Pause & Predict

| "What happens next?"

User answers.

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## Step 3 — Explanation

System explains step.

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## Step 4 — Pattern Mapping

Links:

- Binary search → lower bound problems
- Similar patterns

No compiler needed.

Visualizer + reasoning is enough.

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## MODULE 6: CAREER TRACKER (INTELLIGENCE)

### What it shows

- Learning growth
- Interview thinking improvement
- DSA mastery
- Weak areas

### What it does NOT do

✗ Predict job in X days

Trends > fake predictions.

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## WHAT WE REMOVED (FINAL)

✗ Judge0 / Code execution

✗ Docker sandbox

✗ Live WebRTC

✗ Mobile app

- ✗ Social features
  - ✗ Notifications
  - ✗ Overengineering infra
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## 6 WHY THIS PROJECT IS STRONG (FINAL VERDICT)

This project:

- Teaches **how to think**, not what to memorize
  - Simulates **real interviews & teams**
  - Is agentic (decision + memory + adaptation)
  - Is unique in the market
  - Is defendable for a **12-credit final year project**
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## 7 FINAL ONE-PARAGRAPH DESCRIPTION (USE THIS)

StudyMate is an agentic career preparation platform that simulates real-world engineering thinking by questioning users, challenging assumptions, and adapting learning paths based on their decisions. Unlike traditional platforms that focus on static content or mock interviews, StudyMate emphasizes production-grade reasoning through interactive courses, multi-agent project design simulations, production-style interview scenarios, and algorithm visualizations. The system continuously evaluates user thinking patterns and guides them toward industry-ready decision-making skills.

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