

Reflection on Using AI to Build My App

For this project, I started by using Base44.app

(<https://app--aura-weather-8ccd6568.base44.app>)

to turn my design into code. Honestly, it did a pretty solid job. It gave me a nice layout and seemed to understand my prompts well. If you already have a good understanding of how the code works, it's a really helpful tool to kick things off.

But since I wasn't fully comfortable with some of the code it gave me, I copied everything over to ChatGPT so I could better understand what each part was doing. That helped a lot, but it also made me realize I had to go through the code carefully and make a lot of changes myself.

I'd say I ended up manually editing or rewriting around 80% of the code—fixing layout issues, making it responsive, adding the weather API, setting up navigation, and cleaning up the design. The AI gave me a strong base, but it definitely wasn't plug-and-play.

In the end, I do think using AI was worth it. It saved me time getting started and gave me a clearer picture of how everything could be structured. But to get it working the way I wanted, I still had to do a lot of hands-on coding and problem-solving.