

Part A — Reflections

1. Nine Pillars Understanding

(a) Using AI Development Agents

When I allow AI agents to handle routine setup tasks like folders, configs, and boilerplates, I free myself to focus on system architecture, data flow, and structural decisions. AI handles busywork, helping me grow as a true system architect.

(b) Nine Pillars & M-Shaped Developer

Consistent use of the Nine Pillars develops strong skills across multiple areas, creating a versatile M-Shaped Developer with depth in several connected fields.

2. Vibe Coding vs Spec-Driven Development

(a) Vibe Coding Issues

Exciting at first, Vibe Coding soon causes confusion: lack of notes, unclear logic, and unstable architecture make both human and AI collaboration hard.

(b) Spec-Driven Development Solution

By defining purpose and logic first, SDD ensures clear direction, cleaner code, maintainability, and predictable outcomes.

3. Architecture Thinking

(a) Role Shift

Architecture-first thinking transforms developers into system thinkers. Responsibilities shift from coding lines to guiding modules and AI agents.

(b) Layered Thinking

Modern software is layered. Thinking in layers organizes responsibilities, scales applications, and improves AI collaboration.

Part B — Image / Diagram

The screenshot shows a Windows PowerShell window titled "Windows PowerShell". The command entered is:

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> Generate a 1-paragraph specification for an email validation function with these requirements: Must contain @ symbol, Must contain a valid domain extension like .com or .org, Should return clear error messages for invalid inputs
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The output is a detailed AI-generated specification for a validateEmail function:

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failure, such as 'Error: Missing @ symbol' or 'Error: Invalid domain extension'.
> Generate a 1-paragraph specification for an email validation function with these requirements: Must contain @ symbol, Must contain a valid domain extension like .com or .org, Should return clear error messages for invalid inputs
+ I've already provided a 1-paragraph specification for an email validation function with those exact requirements. I will provide it again.

The validateEmail function will analyze a given email string to ensure it is correctly formatted. It will verify that the string contains exactly one '@' symbol and that the domain includes a valid top-level domain extension (e.g., '.com', '.org', '.net') from a predefined list. If the email is valid, the function will return true. If it fails validation, the function will return a specific, easy-to-understand error message detailing the exact reason for failure, such as 'Error: Missing @ symbol' or 'Error: Invalid domain extension'.
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A message box in the window says:

You are running Gemini CLI in your home directory. It is recommended to run in a project-specific directory.

The bottom status bar shows:

no sandbox (see /docs) Activate Windows Go to Settings to activate Windows.

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Part C — Multiple Choice Questions

1. What is the main purpose of Spec-Driven Development?

B. Clear requirements before coding begins

2. Biggest mindset shift in AI-Driven Development?

B. Thinking in systems and clear instructions

3. Biggest failure of Vibe Coding?

B. Architecture becomes hard to extend

4. Main advantage of using AI CLI agents (like Gemini CLI)?

B. Handle repetitive tasks so dev focuses on design & problem-solving

5. What defines an M-Shaped Developer?

C. Deep skills in multiple related domains