

Mind Mate — Project Starter Specification for GitHub Copilot

This document is designed so you can paste it into VS Code and let **GitHub Copilot** generate the full project for you. It includes: - Full project definition - Functional requirements - Non-functional requirements - File/folder structure - Backend (Node.js) expectations - Frontend (React) expectations - Component descriptions - API specifications - Styling theme - Sample prompts for Copilot to expand - Additional tasks Copilot should complete

Paste this entire document into your VS Code workspace as `PROJECT_STARTER.md` or similar. Copilot will understand the architecture and begin scaffolding files as you start creating them.

1. PROJECT OVERVIEW

Mind Mate is an AI-powered wellness companion for workplace mood tracking, stress detection, wellness nudges, and empathetic conversational support.

This project consists of: - A **Node.js (Express)** backend - A **React frontend** - A minimal LLM integration (OpenAI) - A simple JSON-file data store (for hackathon simplicity)

The end goal is to have a working prototype where: - Users submit mood logs - They chat with an empathetic AI - Stress patterns are detected - Mood trends are visualized - Wellness summaries are generated - A breathing animation is accessible

2. HIGH-LEVEL REQUIREMENTS

Functional Requirements

1. Mood Logging

2. User selects an emoji (😊 😐 😞 😡 😢) and a stress level (0-5).
3. Data is stored in `backend/src/data/data.json`.
4. Backend returns last 10 entries.

5. Empathetic Chat

6. User sends a message.
7. Backend calls LLM wrapper → responds with <70 word supportive response.

8. Stress Detection

9. If 2 of last 3 stress entries $\geq 4 \rightarrow$ trigger.

10. If mood drops ≥ 2 points across last 4 entries \rightarrow trigger.

11. Wellness Summary

12. User requests summary.

13. Backend compiles last 12 entries.

14. LLM produces 4-part summary.

15. Mood Trend Chart

16. Use Chart.js in React.

17. Display last 10 entries.

18. Breathing Animation

19. A page/component contains the animated breathing exercise.

3. NON-FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Keep code simple and readable.
- No database required — JSON file storage only.
- UI must be calming and minimalistic.
- Empathy-focused tone.
- No medical or diagnostic language.
- Responses deterministic for demo.

4. RECOMMENDED FOLDER STRUCTURE

```
mind-mate/  
├─ PROJECT_STARTER.md  
├─ backend/  
│   ├─ package.json  
│   ├─ .env  
│   └─ src/  
│       ├─ server.js  
│       └─ routes/
```

```

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|   |   |   |   |
|   |   |   |   |--- mood.js
|   |   |   |   |--- chat.js
|   |   |   |   |--- summary.js
|   |   |   |--- services/
|   |   |   |   |--- llm.js
|   |   |   |   |--- stressDetector.js
|   |   |   |--- data/
|   |   |   |   |--- data.json
|   |   |   |--- utils/
|--- frontend/
|   |--- package.json
|   |--- src/
|   |   |--- App.jsx
|   |   |--- index.jsx
|   |   |--- components/
|   |   |   |--- ChatPanel.jsx
|   |   |   |--- MoodInput.jsx
|   |   |   |--- TrendChart.jsx
|   |   |   |--- SummaryPanel.jsx
|   |   |   |--- Avatar.jsx
|   |   |   |--- BreathingExercise.jsx
|   |   |--- styles/main.css
|--- demo-assets/
|   |--- breathing-animation.html

```

5. BACKEND SPECIFICATION (Node.js + Express)

Copilot should generate the following files using these definitions.

server.js

- Initialize Express
- CORS enabled
- Load routes: `/mood`, `/chat`, `/summary`
- JSON parser
- Port 4000

Routes

POST /mood

- Input: `{ mood: number, stress: number }`
- Append entry to JSON file

- Run stress detection
- Return detection + last 10 entries

POST /chat

- Input: `{ message: string }`
- Uses OpenAI wrapper to generate empathetic response

GET /summary

- Compiles last 12 entries
- Passes into summary LLM prompt

Services

stressDetector.js

Rules: - If 2 of last 3 entries have stress ≥ 4 → trigger - If mood drops ≥ 2 over last 4 entries → trigger

llm.js

Methods: - `generateChatReply(message)` → empathetic <70 words -
`generateSummary(trendValues)` → 4-part summary

6. FRONTEND SPECIFICATION (React)

Copilot should scaffold the components using these instructions.

App.jsx behavior

- Layout: Left column (mood input + activity), center (chat), right (trend chart)
- State hooks for chat history, mood entries, summary data

Components

ChatPanel.jsx

- Chat history list
- Input box
- Sends POST `/chat`
- Shows response bubbles

MoodInput.jsx

- Emoji selection

- Stress slider
- POST `/mood`

TrendChart.jsx

- Line graph using Chart.js
- X-axis: timestamps
- Y-axis: mood scores

SummaryPanel.jsx

- Shows summary text when user requests it

BreathingExercise.jsx

- Uses the CSS animation from demo-assets

Avatar.jsx

- Displays small friendly face icon

7. STYLING GUIDELINES

Colors

- Primary Blue: `#6FA8F1`
- Teal: `#4FD1C5`
- Lavender: `#C6B9FF`
- Background Beige: `#FBFBF9`
- Gray Text: `#586069`

Fonts

- Inter (body)
- Poppins (headers)

CSS Notes

- Soft shadows: `0 4px 12px rgba(0,0,0,0.08)`
- Rounded corners: `border-radius: 12px`
- Use light gradients for cards

8. BREATHING ANIMATION (HTML/CSS)

Copilot should generate a React version of this.

```
<div class="circle">Breathe</div>
```

CSS:

```
.circle {
  animation: breathe 6s ease-in-out infinite;
  width: 120px;
  height: 120px;
  border-radius: 50%;
  background: #6FA8F1;
}

@keyframes breathe {
  0% { transform: scale(0.85); opacity: .8 }
  50% { transform: scale(1.15); opacity: 1 }
  100% { transform: scale(0.85); opacity: .8 }
}
```

9. COPILOT GENERATION PROMPTS

Paste these into VS Code alongside components to prompt Copilot effectively.

Prompt: Generate Backend Route

```
// Copilot: create an Express route for POST /mood that:
// - Reads data.json
// - Appends new mood entry
// - Runs detectStress()
// - Returns entries and detection
```

Prompt: Generate Empathetic Chat Handler

```
// Copilot: create a function generateChatReply(message) using OpenAI.
// Tone: gentle, empathetic, non-medical. Under 70 words.
```

Prompt: Generate React Chat Component

```
// Copilot: build ChatPanel.jsx with:  
// - chat bubbles  
// - text input  
// - POST /chat on send  
// - auto-scroll to bottom
```

Prompt: Generate Trend Chart

```
// Copilot: create TrendChart.jsx using Chart.js  
// Input: mood entries array  
// Output: line graph: timestamp vs mood
```

10. NEXT STEPS FOR COPILOT

- Generate React pages based on wireframes
- Generate CSS modules from style guide
- Scaffold backend files from folder structure
- Add placeholder responses if OpenAI key missing
- Add mock data to improve demo stability

11. FINAL NOTES FOR COPILOT

- Keep everything minimal and hackathon-ready
- Quick iteration > perfection
- Prioritize working demo path
- UI clarity and emotional tone are more important than features

This is the complete Job Spec for **Copilot**. Begin creating files according to the folder structure and follow behavior described above.

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