

20 days rough plan

DAY 1 — System Planning & Architecture (NO HARDWARE)

Tasks:

- Finalize full system architecture (advanced + basic):
 - ESP32 block
 - Pressure sensors
 - EEV + stepper driver
 - Inverter compressor control
 - Condenser fan control
 - Cloud + AI backend
 - ESP32-CAM inventory system
- Create:
 - **Block diagram**
 - **Data flow diagram**
 - **Functional flowchart**
- Finalize all features of your project
- Prepare a clean architecture page for your report

Deliverables:

- Final architecture diagram (I can draw this for you if you want)
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DAY 2 — Cloud, Dashboard & Backend Setup (NO HARDWARE)

Tasks:

- Create Firebase/Firestore/Realtime DB project
- Create database collections:
 - /temperature
 - /humidity
 - /door
 - /vibration
 - /power

- /high_side_pressure
- /low_side_pressure
- /camera_inventory
- Set up MQTT broker (choose: AWS IoT Core or Mosquitto Cloud)
- Create initial Grafana/Node-RED dashboard
- Prepare API endpoints for:
 - Data upload
 - Alerts
 - Inventory image upload

Deliverables:

- Live dashboard (empty now, values will come from Day 8+)

DAY 3 — Firmware Skeleton + Simulation (NO HARDWARE)

Tasks:

- Write **ESP32 firmware skeleton** (no sensors yet):
 - Wi-Fi connection
 - MQTT/HTTPS client setup
 - Cloud connection test
 - Empty functions for:
 - readTemperature()
 - readHumidity()
 - readPressure()
 - readCurrent()
 - readVibration()
 - eev_control()
 - compressor_pwm_control()
 - fan_pwm_control()
- Simulate sensor data (fake values)
- Push fake data to Firebase/MQTT to test dashboard
- Build the entire code structure ready for hardware

Deliverables:

- Running firmware that sends fake readings to cloud
- Dashboard showing dummy data (temp, humidity, pressure, etc.)

DAY 4 — RECEIVE HARDWARE + Basic Setup Starts

Start as soon as components arrive.

Tasks:

- Unbox & inspect all hardware
- Test ESP32 connection to laptop
- Install all required Arduino/PlatformIO libraries
- Check power supplies, wires, enclosure, etc.
- Prepare your working area for real hardware integration

DAY 5 — Temperature & Humidity Sensors

Tasks:

- Connect DS18B20 & DHT22
- Test temperature & humidity readings
- Replace fake cloud data with **real sensor data**
- Integrate averaging filters
- Graph temp/humidity live in dashboard

DAY 6 — Door, Vibration & Current Sensors

Tasks:

- Connect magnetic reed switch
- Connect SW-420 vibration sensor
- Connect INA219 current/power sensor
- Integrate into firmware
- Update dashboard with real vibration + current data

DAY 7 — Pressure Sensors Integration (Advanced)

Tasks:

- Connect high-side pressure transducer (0–500 psi)
- Connect low-side pressure transducer (0–150 psi)

- Calibrate ADC values → PSI conversion
- Push pressure data to cloud
- Add pressure-based alerts (overpressure, leakage patterns)

DAY 8 — ESP32-CAM Setup

Tasks:

- Set up ESP32-CAM
- Add lighting (LED strip)
- Test image capture
- Upload images to cloud storage
- Link image URLs to database

DAY 9 — EEV + Stepper Driver Wiring

Tasks:

- Connect DRV8825/A4988
- Wire 4-stepper coils to EEV
- Test:
 - OPEN valve
 - CLOSE valve
 - Step counting
- Add EEV calibration routine

DAY 10 — EEV Control Algorithm

Tasks:

- Write superheat-based EEV control
- Implement:
 - Fast-opening logic (load spike)
 - Fine-tuning logic
 - Minimum superheat protection
- Test with simulated pressure/temp values first

DAY 11 — Compressor Control (Inverter/PWM)

Tasks:

- Connect inverter module control input to ESP32
- Generate PWM signals
- Map cooling load → compressor RPM
- Add safety cutoffs:
 - Overcurrent
 - High discharge temp
 - High pressure

DAY 12 — Condenser Fan PWM Control

Tasks:

- Connect fan driver
- Map condensing pressure → fan RPM
- Update firmware to sync fan with compressor load

DAY 13 — Full Refrigeration Loop Optimization

Tasks:

- Combine:
 - Pressure
 - Temperature
 - Superheat
 - Subcooling
 - Load-based RPM
 - EEV modulation
- Build complete cooling optimization loop
- Test responses under different simulated load conditions

DAY 14 — Cloud Alerts + SMS/Email

Tasks:

- Add triggers:
 - Overpressure
 - Excess current
 - High temp
 - Frequent door opening
- Implement email/SMS alert system
- Test alerting with simulated issues

DAY 15 — ESP32-CAM Inventory AI (Basic)

Tasks:

- Implement basic image upload
- Set up backend directory for AI models
- Label 10–20 sample freezer items
- Prepare dataset for training (YOLO/TF)

DAY 16 — ML/AI Setup

Tasks:

- Train a basic item-detection model (YOLOv8/YOLOv9)
- Integrate backend API
- Connect AI output to inventory database

DAY 17 — Full System Integration

Combine everything:

- Sensors
- EEV
- Compressor
- Fan
- Cloud
- Dashboard

- ESP32-CAM
- AI results

Run full automated cycle with real data.

DAY 18 — Stress Testing

Tasks:

- Test 24-hour continuous operation
- Try:
 - Opening door
 - Creating warm load
 - Fan speed changes
 - EEV adjustments
 - Compressor RPM changes
- Track cloud logs and ensure no disconnects

DAY 19 — Optimization + Bug Fixing

Tasks:

- Adjust PID values
- Smooth sensor noise
- Tune EEV steps per degree of superheat
- Fix dashboard elements
- Improve code stability

DAY 20 — Final Documentation & Report

Tasks:

- Write final report
- Add diagrams, graphs, cloud screenshots
- Add AI inventory results

Essential Hardware (Core System)

Microcontroller & Power

- ESP32 Development Board (ESP32-WROOM) – Wi-Fi/BLE, 5V USB input, 3.3V logic
- DC-DC Buck Converter (12/24V → 5V) – Output: 5V/2A
- SMPS Power Adapter – 12V or 5V, 2A–3A

Environmental & Operational Sensors

- DS18B20 Waterproof Temperature Sensor – Digital 1-Wire, -55°C to $+125^{\circ}\text{C}$, $\pm 0.5^{\circ}\text{C}$
- DHT22 Humidity & Temperature Sensor – Digital, 0–100% RH, -40°C to $+80^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Magnetic Reed Switch (Door Sensor) – NO/NC, magnetic contact
- SW-420 Vibration Sensor Module – Analog/Digital output
- INA219 Current/Power Sensor – I^2C , 26V max bus voltage, $\pm 3.2\text{A}$ current

Basic Control & Actuation

- 5V Relay Module (Optocoupler isolated) – 10A rating
- Solid State Relay SSR 25A/40A (optional) – Input: 3–32V DC, Output: AC load

Safety & Power Protection

- Fuse Holder + Fuses – 1A/2A
- MOV / TVS Diode – Surge protection
- Screw Terminal Blocks – 2-pin/3-pin

Enclosure, Wiring & Mounting

- ABS/Plastic Enclosure – $\sim 15 \times 12 \times 7$ cm
- Cable Glands PG7/PG9 – Waterproof
- Heat Shrink Tubing Pack
- AC Wires & Connectors
- M3 Screws, Nuts & Nylon Spacers
- Waterproof Sensor Cable Extensions

Prototyping Components

- Breadboard
- Perfboard / Custom PCB
- Jumper Wire Set

Advanced/Optional Hardware (Full System)

- Refrigeration Optimization
- High-Side Pressure Transducer – 0–500 psi, 0.5–4.5V output
- Low-Side Pressure Transducer – 0–150 psi, 0.5–4.5V output
- NTC/PT100/DS18B20 Line Temp Sensors – For suction/discharge lines
- Expansion Valve & Speed Control
- Electronic Expansion Valve (EEV) – Stepper-based
- A4988/DRV8825 Stepper Motor Driver – 8–35V input
- Variable Speed Compressor Interface Module – PWM/Analog control
- PWM Condenser Fan Controller / DC Fan Driver – PWM input

Inventory & Vision

- ESP32-CAM / OV2640 Camera Module
- QR Code Scanner Module (USB/Serial)
- LED Light Strip (Freezer Interior)
- Camera Waterproof Housing
- Additional Add-Ons
- OLED Display 0.96" (I²C)
- DS3231 RTC Module
- 5V Buzzer Module
- External Wi-Fi Antenna for ESP32
- IP65 Waterproof Sensor Housing