SmartStudy: An AI-Powered Personalized Study Habit Recommender



Department of Computer Science and Engineering California State University, Fullerton

Professor: Dr. Anand Panangadan

Submitted By: Ansh Tomar

Course: CPSC 481

Spring 2025

Table of Contents

Abstract	3
1.0 Introduction	4
1.1 Background	4
1.2 Motivation	4
1.3 Related Work	4
2.0 Problem Statement	5
3.0 Proposed Project & Significance	5
4.0 Objectives	5
4.1 UX Design and Functions	6
5.0 Activities	6
6.0 Development Environment	7
7.0 Reports and Products	7
8.0 Schedule	7

Abstract

In a world where productivity tools are abundant but rarely personalized, SmartStudy aims to bridge that gap. This AI-powered study habit recommender helps users design personalized study routines based on inputs such as learning preferences, focus levels, and schedules. Through a short survey, SmartStudy recommends optimal study session lengths, break intervals, study techniques, and motivational strategies tailored to each individual. Its goal is to improve academic performance and wellness by promoting healthier, more efficient study habits.

1.0 Introduction

Many students struggle with establishing study routines that work for them. Generic advice doesn't account for individual learning styles or time constraints. SmartStudy is an AI-based web application that addresses this problem by offering personalized, data-driven study strategies. By analyzing basic user input, it generates smart recommendations to boost efficiency and motivation in academic work.

1.1 Background

Study optimization has been a topic of interest in educational psychology for decades.

Traditional methods such as flashcards, repetition, and timed sessions (e.g., Pomodoro) have proven effective but aren't universally ideal. The emergence of machine learning and rule-based AI systems provides an opportunity to personalize these methods at scale.

1.2 Motivation

Students often waste time experimenting with study techniques that don't suit them. A simple, accessible AI tool that adapts to individual needs can significantly improve learning outcomes and reduce frustration.

1.3 Related Work

While apps like Forest, Quizlet, and Notion aid in productivity, they do not provide personalized study advice. SmartStudy differentiates itself by focusing entirely on individual learning patterns and recommending routines accordingly.

2.0 Problem Statement

There is no widely available AI-driven solution that recommends personalized study routines based on users' behavior and preferences. Students need assistance not just in organizing study material but also in planning how and when to study.

3.0 Proposed Project & Significance

SmartStudy will provide tailored study strategies via a simple web interface. Users complete a brief form, and based on their answers, the system outputs a structured study plan. The solution is significant in its low barrier to entry, ease of use, and potential to improve academic performance by encouraging healthier, customized habits.

4.0 Objectives

The objective is to build a working prototype that:

- Collects basic user data via form inputs
- Applies rule-based logic to generate personalized recommendations
- Presents results in a clear, user-friendly interface

4.1 UX Design and Functions

4.1.1 Getting Started

Users launch the web app and are greeted with a form that asks about their preferred study time, attention span, and learning style.

4.1.2 Study Recommendations

The app returns a suggested schedule, study session duration, and technique based on input.

4.1.3 Optional Features

GPT integration to generate dynamic motivational quotes or refine suggestions.

5.0 Activities

5.1 Functionality

Functional prototype with rule-based recommendation engine and optional OpenAI integration.

5.2 User-friendly

Minimalist design prioritizing clarity and accessibility.

No personal data is stored or transmitted beyond the session.

6.0 Development Environment

6.0.1 Software Requirements

- React.js for front end
- Node.js and Express for backend

Standard laptop or desktop computer; no special hardware required.

7.0 Reports and Products

Deliverables include a final report, working web prototype, and presentation slide deck.

8.0 Schedule

- Week 1: Set up front-end and back-end skeleton
- Week 2: Implement recommendation logic
- Week 3: UI polish and testing
- Week 4: Optional GPT integration and prep
- Final Week: Presentation and final submission