

# coursepilot

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# description

- coursepilot is a web app that leverages AI to help accelerate, not replace, the learning process
- help students take notes faster, with note autocomplete
- generate flashcards and quizzes based on notes/document uploads



# our goals

- bring value to students
- provide study tools and help students fully understand their course material
- enhance learning, not avoid it



# justification

- provide a tool that makes learning easier
- combining expertise working with Next.js in frontend, and Python in backend
- taking advantage of latest techniques (RAG) and vector embeddings



# scenarios

a student is attending a fast-paced lecture,  
struggling to keep up with detailed notes...

coursepilot's autocomplete helps by suggesting  
relevant terms and phrases as the student types,  
enabling them to stay on track without missing  
key details while generating flashcards to assist  
with studying



# tech stack

## frontend



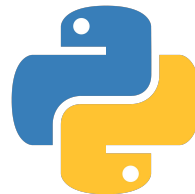
- routing/API
- middleware
- interacting w/db



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## backend



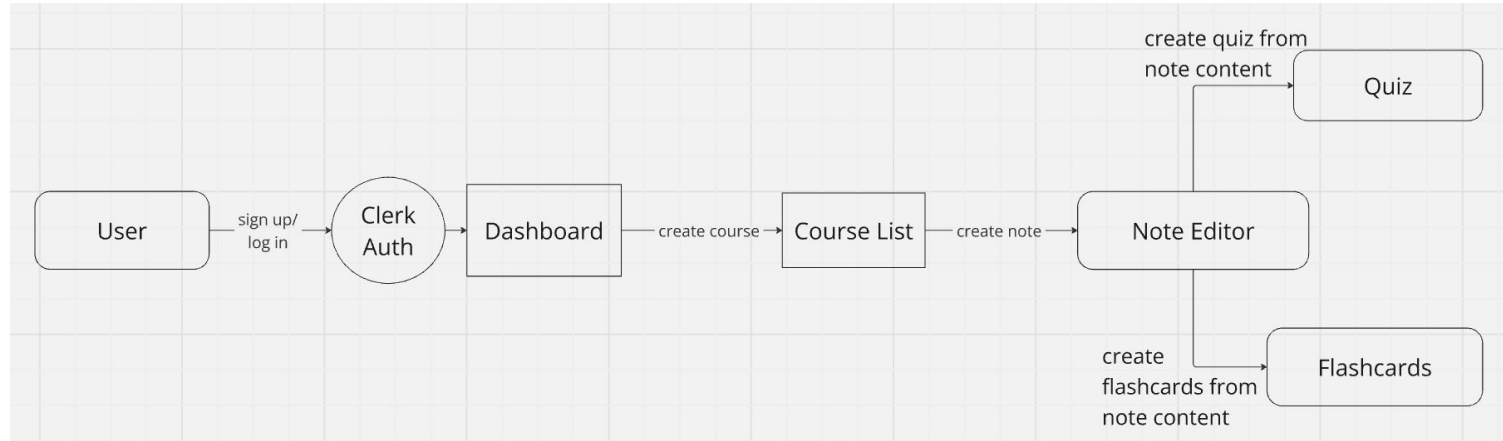
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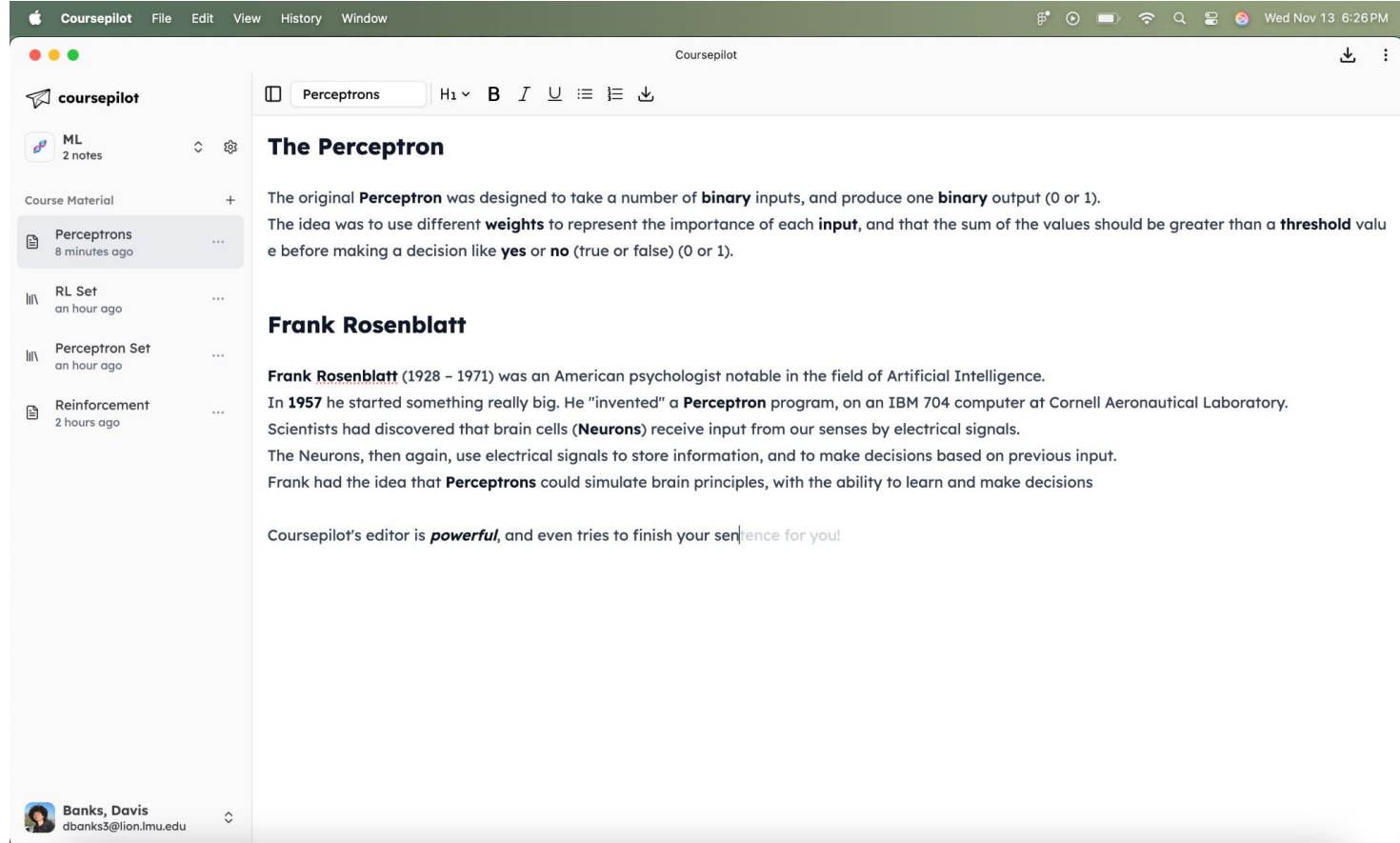
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Gemini

# use case diagram



# design



The screenshot displays the Coursepilot application interface. The top bar includes the Coursepilot logo and menu items: File, Edit, View, History, and Window. On the right side of the top bar, there are system icons for network, battery, and search, along with the date and time: Wed Nov 13 6:26 PM.

The main interface is divided into three sections:

- Left Sidebar:** Contains the Coursepilot logo, a section for 'ML' with 2 notes, and a 'Course Material' section. The 'Course Material' section lists several documents: 'Perceptrons' (8 minutes ago), 'RL Set' (an hour ago), 'Perceptron Set' (an hour ago), and 'Reinforcement' (2 hours ago).
- Top Editor Bar:** Shows the document title 'Perceptrons' and a set of rich text formatting tools including bold (B), italic (I), underline (U), bulleted list, numbered list, and link.
- Main Content Area:**
  - Title:** 'The Perceptron'
  - Text:**

The original **Perceptron** was designed to take a number of **binary** inputs, and produce one **binary** output (0 or 1).

The idea was to use different **weights** to represent the importance of each **input**, and that the sum of the values should be greater than a **threshold** value before making a decision like **yes** or **no** (true or false) (0 or 1).
  - Section Header:** 'Frank Rosenblatt'
  - Text:**

**Frank Rosenblatt** (1928 – 1971) was an American psychologist notable in the field of Artificial Intelligence.

In **1957** he started something really big. He "invented" a **Perceptron** program, on an IBM 704 computer at Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory.

Scientists had discovered that brain cells (**Neurons**) receive input from our senses by electrical signals.

The Neurons, then again, use electrical signals to store information, and to make decisions based on previous input.

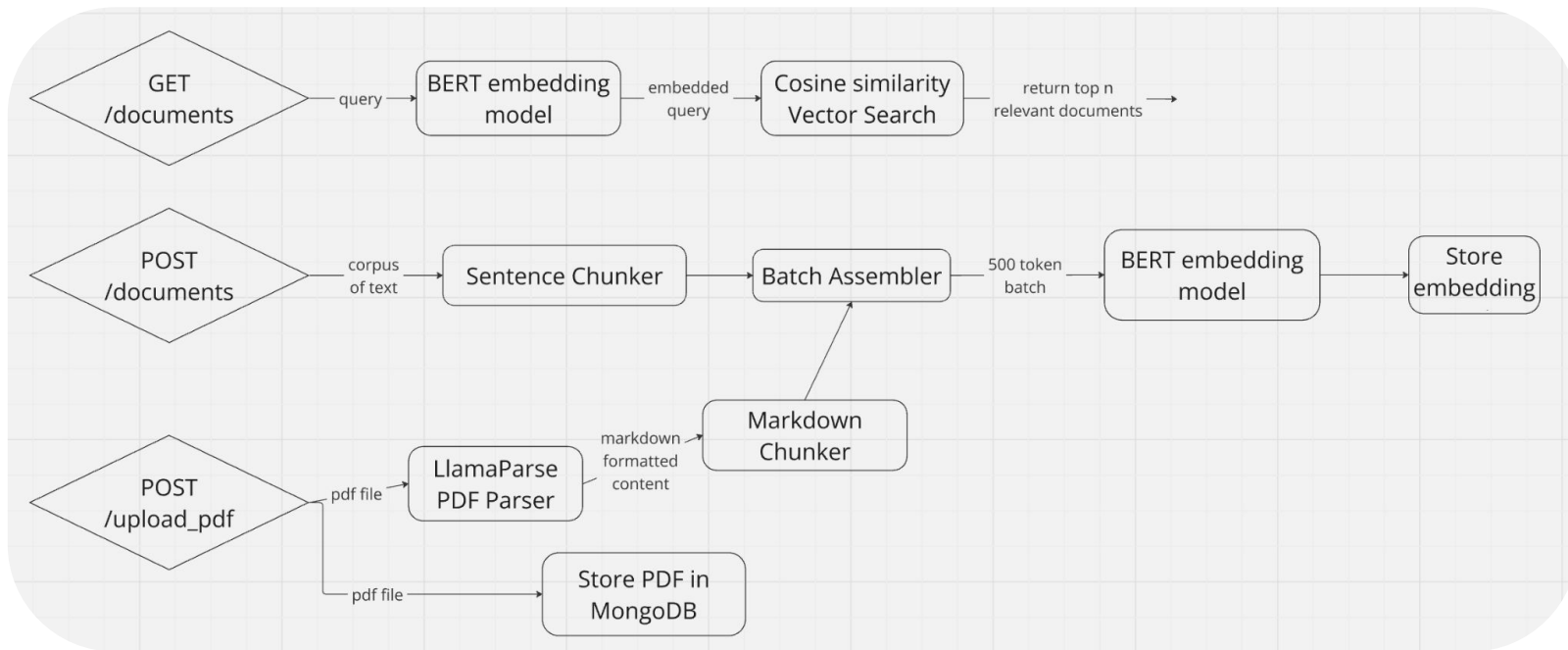
Frank had the idea that **Perceptrons** could simulate brain principles, with the ability to learn and make decisions
  - Footer:** A note stating 'Coursepilot's editor is *powerful*, and even tries to finish your sentence for you!'

The bottom left corner of the interface shows a user profile for 'Banks, Davis' with the email 'dbanks3@lion.lmu.edu'.





# backend diagram



**demonstration**



# challenges

- configuring server using nginx and gunicorn
  - tweaking LLM prompts for accuracy
- developing autocomplete that supports and previews our text formatting



# status update

## features currently implemented:

### autocomplete in notes

- generates intuitive autocomplete for notes

### quiz generation

- generates quiz questions of different formats based on the context from notes

### flashcard generation

- generates shuffleable flashcards from note content

### pdf upload

- user can upload supplemental materials from class that get parsed and embedded and stored into the database



# status update

## features to add:

### chat with notes/pdf

- ask questions about PDF (“what are the main topics from the first chapter?”)

### other file sources/formats

- mp3 upload with ability to voice record lectures, import youtube videos
- import news or blog articles by URL

### context awareness

- further integrate context from user documents with gemini to improve responses



**thank you! :)**

