

JESSE by ENDevo

Digital Readiness Assessment — MVP Hackathon

Technical Handoff Document

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Field	Detail
Product	Jesse — Digital Readiness Assessment
Version	MVP v1.0 — Hackathon Build
Demo Date	March 8, 2026
Team	Karna (Frontend) Aryan (Backend) Nermeen (Architect)
Stack	React + Node.js Express + Claude/OpenAI API + Resend Email
Storage	NONE — session memory only, zero persistence
Primary Output	Branded PDF emailed to user — 7-Day Action Plan

This document is the single source of truth for building Jesse. No database. No auth. No user accounts. The entire product is a stateless flow from landing page to email delivery. Build exactly what is here — nothing more.

Complete User Journey (14 Steps)

The entire experience is linear and stateless. The user moves forward only. No logins, no saved state, no back-end database writes.

1**Landing Screen**

User arrives at endevo.life/jesse — sees Jesse branding and single CTA button

2**Question 1 of 10**

ABCD multiple choice — auto-advances on selection. Progress bar visible.

3**Questions 2–9**

Same pattern — one question per screen, slide-in animation, auto-advance

4**Question 10 of 10**

Final question — after selection, transitions to name/email capture

5**Name + Email Capture**

Two fields only: First Name + Email. CTA: 'Send My 7-Day Plan'

6**POST /api/assess triggered**

Frontend sends: { name, email, answers[] } to backend API

7**Loading Screen**

Jesse avatar animating. Rotating copy lines. 5–15 second wait.

8**Backend: Score Calculation**

Custom algorithm: A=10, B=6, C=3, D=0. Domain weights applied. Tier assigned.

9**Backend: AI Prompt Built**

Structured JSON payload assembled from scores + signals

10**Backend: Claude/OpenAI Call**

7-day action plan generated from prompt template. Fallback to static plan if API fails.

11**Backend: PDF Generated**

Branded PDF: score, donut chart, tier, 7-day plan. Generated in <3 seconds.

12**Backend: Email Sent**

PDF attached to branded email via Resend API. Subject: Your 7-Day Plan from Jesse

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API Returns 200

Frontend receives success response. Transitions to confirmation screen.

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Confirmation Screen

Checkmark + message: 'Your plan is on its way!' Optional: share link.

SECTION 2 — SCREEN-BY-SCREEN DESIGN

Screen Specifications

Every screen the user sees. Owner column shows who builds it. All screens are mobile-first, Tailwind CSS.

Screen 1: Landing / Hero [Frontend — Karna]	
Jesse Logo	ENDevo logo top-left, Jesse character illustration center
Headline	"Find out if your digital life is ready — in 90 seconds."
Subheadline	"Jesse will ask you 10 questions and build your personal 7-day readiness plan."
Disclaimer	Small text at bottom: "Not legal or financial advice. Free educational program. We do not store your data."
CTA Button	"Start My Assessment →" — large, branded button, center of screen
Background	Dark navy (#1B2A4A) gradient or brand color. Calm, not clinical.
UX Notes	<i>Single click to start. No form fields. No scroll required on mobile. Jesse character should feel warm and approachable.</i>

Screen 2: Quiz — Questions 1 through 10 (one screen each) [Frontend — Karna]	
Progress Bar	"Q3 of 10" — fills smoothly with each advance. Top of screen.
Domain Tag	Small subtle label: e.g. 'Access & Ownership Risk' — below progress bar
Question Text	Large, readable. Min 24px. Pull from questions array in config.
4 Answer Buttons	A, B, C, D — full-width stacked buttons. Each shows the answer text.
Selection State	On click: selected button highlights in brand orange. 0.5s delay then auto-advance.
Slide Animation	New question slides in from right. Previous slides out to left. Smooth, fast.
Back Arrow	Subtle back arrow bottom-left. Allows user to change previous answer. Does NOT reset all answers.
No Score Display	User NEVER sees their score during the quiz. Forward momentum only.
UX Notes	<i>Gamified like Duolingo / Typeform. The auto-advance after selection is critical — it creates momentum. Minimum 44px tap targets for mobile. Each question stored in local React state array.</i>

Screen 3: Name + Email Capture [Frontend — Karna]	
Jesse Copy	"Great — your plan is almost ready. Where should Jesse send it?"
First Name Field	Required. Placeholder: 'Your first name'
Email Field	Required. Email validation before allowing submit. Placeholder: 'your@email.com'
CTA Button	"Send My 7-Day Plan →" — triggers POST to /api/assess
Microcopy	"We'll send your personalized PDF to this email. No spam, ever."
Disable on Submit	Button disables immediately on click to prevent double-submission
UX Notes	<i>This screen appears immediately after Q10 is answered. Only 2 fields — name and email. Nothing else. This is the lead capture moment. Keep it clean and trustworthy.</i>

Screen 4: Loading — Jesse is Building Your Plan [Frontend — Karna]	
Jesse Animation	Jesse avatar animating — thinking/writing pose. CSS animation or Lottie file.
Rotating Copy	Lines cycle every 2.5 seconds: (1) Jesse is reviewing your answers... (2) Calculating your Readiness Score... (3) Building your personalized 7-day plan... (4) Almost ready — this is going to be good.
Progress Pulse	Pulsing bar or dots below Jesse. NOT a spinner. Calm, confident energy.
No Score Display	Do NOT show any score or tier on this screen.
Timeout Handling	If API takes >15 seconds, show: 'Still working on your plan... almost there.' Do not redirect.
UX Notes	<i>This screen holds while backend scores + calls AI + generates PDF + sends email. Target 5–10 seconds. If it takes 15 that's okay — the animation keeps the user engaged. The wait creates anticipation for the email payoff.</i>

Screen 5: Confirmation [Frontend — Karna]	
Checkmark	Animated checkmark. Green. Satisfying completion animation.
Headline	"Your plan is on its way, [First Name]!" — use name from form
Body Copy	"Check your inbox — Jesse has built your personalized 7-day Digital Readiness Plan. Check your spam folder if you don't see it within 2 minutes."
Share Button	Optional: 'Share this with someone you love' — copy link or WhatsApp share
Secondary CTA	"Learn more about ENDevo →" — links to endevo.life
UX Notes	<i>Clean finish. No score shown here either — the score lives in the PDF. The email is the wow moment. This screen just confirms it's coming.</i>

API: POST /api/assess

This is the only API endpoint in the entire product. Frontend calls it once. Backend does everything from that single call.

3.1 — Request Payload (Frontend → Backend)

Karna sends this JSON body when user submits name + email after completing all 10 questions.

```
POST /api/assess
Content-Type: application/json
```

```
{
  "name": "Sarah",
  "email": "sarah@example.com",
  "answers": [
    { "q": 1, "answer": "D" },
    { "q": 2, "answer": "B" },
    { "q": 3, "answer": "D" },
    { "q": 4, "answer": "C" },
    { "q": 5, "answer": "D" },
    { "q": 6, "answer": "D" },
    { "q": 7, "answer": "B" },
    { "q": 8, "answer": "C" },
    { "q": 9, "answer": "C" },
    { "q": 10, "answer": "A" }
  ]
}
```

3.2 — Scoring Engine (Backend — Aryan)

Custom algorithm. No AI involved in scoring. This runs before the AI call.

Answer	Points
A — Fully Prepared	10 points
B — Partially Prepared	6 points
C — Aware but not acted	3 points
D — Unaware / unprepared	0 points

Domain Weights applied to weighted score:

Domain	Weight Questions
Access & Ownership Risk	30% Q1, Q2, Q6

Data Loss Risk	20% Q3, Q8
Platform Limitation Risk	15% Q4, Q9
Stewardship Risk	15% Q5, Q7
Financial Exposure	20% Deferred to Phase 2 — distribute across others in MVP

Tier mapping from total Readiness Score (0–100):

Score Range	Tier Label
85 – 100	Peace Champion
60 – 84	On Your Way
35 – 59	Getting Clarity
0 – 34	Starting Fresh

3.3 — Calculated Payload (Internal — Aryan builds this)

After scoring, Aryan builds this object. This feeds the AI prompt AND the PDF generator.

```
{
  "name": "Sarah",
  "email": "sarah@example.com",
  "readiness_score": 42,
  "tier": "Getting Clarity",
  "domain_scores": {
    "access_ownership": 18,
    "data_loss": 8,
    "platform_limitation": 7,
    "stewardship": 9
  },
  "critical_gaps": ["Q1-D", "Q4-D", "Q9-C"],
  "jesse_signals": [
    "No legacy contact set up",
    "No digital legacy manager designated",
    "2FA partially configured"
  ]
}
```

3.4 — AI Prompt Template (Backend — Aryan)

Prompt is stored server-side. Never exposed to frontend. This template is injected with the calculated payload values.

```
SYSTEM PROMPT:
You are Jesse, ENDevo's warm and trusted digital readiness guide.
You help people feel prepared and clear – not scared or overwhelmed.
Your tone is: warm, direct, practical, encouraging. Never legal or clinical.
No estate planning language. No medical or financial advice. Educational only.

USER PROMPT:
```

```
Generate a 7-day action plan for [name].
Their Readiness Score is [score]/100. Their tier is: [tier].
Their critical gaps are: [jesse_signals].
Their weakest domain is: [lowest_domain].

Format the output as:
Day 1: [Short Title]
[2 sentence warm, actionable description]
... repeat for Day 2 through Day 7

Each action must be specific, achievable in under 30 minutes.
Match the urgency level to their tier.
Do not mention legal documents, attorneys, or financial advisors.
```

3.5 — Fallback Plan (Aryan — CRITICAL for Demo Safety)

If the AI API call fails or times out (>10 seconds), use a pre-written static 7-day plan for that tier. User never knows. Demo never breaks.

Build 4 static plans — one per tier. Store them as constants in the backend. If AI throws any error: catch it, log it, use static fallback, continue PDF generation. DO NOT let the user see an error.

```
const FALLBACK_PLANS = {
  "Peace Champion": staticPlan_tier1,
  "On Your Way": staticPlan_tier2,
  "Getting Clarity": staticPlan_tier3,
  "Starting Fresh": staticPlan_tier4
};

try {
  plan = await callClaudeAPI(payload);
} catch (err) {
  plan = FALLBACK_PLANS[tier]; // silent fallback
}
```

3.6 — PDF Structure (Aryan generates, Karna does not touch)

PDF is generated server-side using pdf-lib or Puppeteer. Two pages.

Page	Content
Page 1 — Score Profile	ENDevo logo + Jesse character top. User name + date. Large readiness score number. Tier badge with Jesse's opening line for that tier. Donut/ring chart: 4 domain scores (color coded). Disclaimer footer.
Page 2 — 7-Day Plan	Bold header: 'Your 7-Day Digital Readiness Plan'. Day 1 through Day 7 each with title + 2-sentence description. ENDevo branding footer. 'Want to go deeper? Visit endevo.life'

PDF must generate in under 3 seconds. Target file size under 500KB. Use ENDevo brand colors: Navy #1B2A4A, Orange #E8651A. Donut chart: Access=blue, DataLoss=teal, Platform=orange, Stewardship=green.

3.7 — Email (Aryan — via Resend.com)

Field	Value
Provider	Resend.com — free tier, simple API, reliable delivery
From	jesse@endevo.life (configure in Resend dashboard)
Subject	Your 7-Day Digital Readiness Plan from Jesse
Body	Simple branded HTML email. Warm Jesse tone. 'Your plan is attached' + preview of tier label.
Attachment	The generated PDF file
Reply-To	hello@endevo.life

3.8 — API Response (Backend → Frontend)

After email is sent successfully, return this to Karna's frontend:

```
HTTP 200 OK
{
  "success": true,
  "message": "Plan sent successfully"
}

// On any error:
HTTP 500
{
  "success": false,
  "message": "Something went wrong. Please try again."
}
```

Frontend shows confirmation screen on 200. On 500, show a friendly error message and let the user try submitting again. Do NOT show technical error details to the user.

SECTION 4 — TECH STACK & RESPONSIBILITIES

Tech Stack Decisions

Layer	Choice
Frontend Framework	React + Vite (preferred) or Create React App
Styling	Tailwind CSS — mobile-first, utility classes
Frontend State	React useState / useReducer — NO external state library needed
Backend Framework	Node.js + Express — lightweight, simple
AI Provider	Anthropic Claude API (claude-sonnet-4-6) — or OpenAI GPT-4o
PDF Generation	pdf-lib (lighter) or Puppeteer (more flexible for charts)
Email Delivery	Resend.com — free tier sufficient for MVP
Frontend Hosting	Vercel — free, instant deploy from GitHub
Backend Hosting	Railway or Render — free tier, deploys Node.js easily
Database	NONE — zero persistence, zero storage in MVP
Authentication	NONE — no user accounts required

Developer Responsibilities

Karna — Frontend (React)

- Build all 5 screen states as React components
- Store all 10 answers in React state array as user progresses
- Implement slide-in animation between questions (CSS transition or Framer Motion)
- Auto-advance logic: on answer select, 0.5s delay, then move to next question
- Email validation on capture form before allowing submit
- POST to /api/assess with { name, email, answers[] } on form submit
- Show loading screen while awaiting API response
- On 200: show confirmation screen. On 500: show retry message.
- Questions array stored in a config file (questions.js) — not hardcoded in components
- Mobile responsive — test on 375px width minimum

Aryan — Backend (Node.js)

- Single Express route: POST /api/assess
- Input validation: check name, email, and answers array (must have 10 items)
- Scoring engine: loop answers, apply point values, apply domain weights, calculate total
- Tier assignment based on score ranges
- Build calculated payload object (Section 3.3)

- Inject payload into AI prompt template, call Claude or OpenAI API
- Catch AI errors — use fallback static plans (one per tier)
- Generate PDF (pdf-lib or Puppeteer) — 2 pages per spec in Section 3.6
- Send email via Resend with PDF attached
- Return 200 on success, 500 on failure
- CORS configured to allow requests from Vercel frontend URL
- API key management: use .env file — NEVER commit keys to GitHub

Nermeen — Architecture & Integration

- AI prompt tuning and testing across all 4 tiers
- PDF visual design template and brand review
- Integration testing: full end-to-end flow from landing to email receipt
- Environment variable setup and deployment configuration
- Fallback plan copy writing (4 static tier plans)
- UAT coordination with Niki's testers before March 8
- GitHub repo setup on March 5th (hackathon repo — fresh commit)



SECTION 5 — BUILD TIMELINE & DEMO PLAN

3-Week Sprint to March 8

Week / Date	Deliverable
Week 1 — Now to Feb 22	Karna: All screen components built (static, no API). Aryan: Scoring engine complete + tested with sample inputs. Nermeen: Questions config file finalized, AI prompt drafted.
Week 2 — Feb 22 to Mar 1	Karna: API integration connected, loading/confirmation screens working. Aryan: PDF generation working, email sending working. Full end-to-end tested by team.
Week 3 — Mar 1 to Mar 7	UAT with Jim, Anna, Niki's security contacts. Bug fixes. AI prompt refinement. PDF polish. Fallback plans written. Demo rehearsal.
March 5 — Hackathon Opens	Create fresh GitHub repo. Single 'initial commit' with working code. Hackathon submission registered.
March 7 — Day Before Demo	Final bug fixes. Deploy to production URLs. Full demo run-through as a team.
March 8 — Demo Day	Demo flow: Jesse intro (10 sec) → Answer 3-4 questions live → Jump to pre-filled dataset → Show loading → Show PDF received in inbox → Walk through 7-day plan. Total: 90 seconds.



SECTION 6 — OUT OF SCOPE (DO NOT BUILD)

What We Are NOT Building in MVP

If any of these come up during development, say no and flag it. Scope creep will break the March 8 deadline.

- User accounts or authentication of any kind
- Database or persistent storage of any user data
- Score or results dashboard on-screen (results live in PDF only)
- OAuth or account scanning integrations
- Payments or subscription flow
- Multi-user or admin portal
- HR dashboard or employer-facing features
- Document uploads or vaults
- Social sharing of score or badge
- Chat with Jesse in real-time
- More than 10 questions
- More than one endpoint

Questions? Ping Nermeen on Slack before building anything that isn't in this doc.

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