

DUMB SHIT I GOTTA DO TODAY

Project Brief

Name

Dumb Shit I Gotta Do Today

Problem

Most to-do apps fail when tasks feel vague, overwhelming, or disconnected from immediate feedback. This project is a daily dashboard designed to turn “ugh” tasks into small, winnable steps, support focus with a simple timer, and make progress visible in a way that feels encouraging instead of punishing.

Audience

This app is designed for people who get overwhelmed by large task lists, especially ADHD and autistic users, as well as anyone who wants a simple “do this today” and “don’t forget” dashboard without feature bloat.

MVP Summary

Dumb Shit I Gotta Do Today is a responsive task and focus-timer web app built around four categorized task lists:

Due Today / As Soon As I Can / Soon / Reminders

Users can add tasks and optional subtasks, mark items complete, and have all data persist in localStorage so progress is not lost on refresh. The app includes a “Focus On” timer workflow and a reward modal that triggers when

a task list is fully completed. A second page displays completion statistics using Chart.js, and a daily quote is pulled from a non-weather API to add light motivation.

Why It's Useful

The app reduces overwhelm by breaking work into manageable steps, encourages follow-through through small wins, preserves progress across sessions, and provides a clear feedback loop through visual progress and statistics.

Requirements Overview

API Integration

The app uses a quotes API via fetch to display a daily quote on the dashboard. If the API fails, fallback text is shown so the interface remains stable. The selected API is Type.fit Quotes, which does not require an API key.

Responsive Design

The layout adapts between mobile and desktop using at least one media query. On smaller screens, content stacks vertically. On larger screens, the dashboard uses a two-column layout built with Flexbox and Grid.

Multiple Pages

The project includes two pages: index.html for the main dashboard and stats.html for data visualization and completion statistics, with navigation between them.

Core Features

Tasks and subtasks persist in localStorage so users can refresh or leave and return without losing progress. User input is validated to prevent empty or whitespace-only tasks from being saved. Tasks and subtasks are stored in arrays and objects, which are then analyzed to compute totals and statistics that are displayed on the stats page. Completion data is visualized using Chart.js as an additional feature.

Commit Strategy

Development is tracked through more than ten meaningful terminal commits, each representing a clear step in the build process such as initial scaffolding, UI structure, task flow, localStorage integration, validation, API integration, stats page setup, responsive styling, and final cleanup.

README Documentation

The README includes a project overview, feature list, setup and run instructions, API usage details, and documentation of AI assistance used during development.

MVP Scope vs Later Expansion

MVP Scope

The launch version includes:
a dashboard with four category tabs where only one tab is active at a time,
task and optional subtask creation,

task and subtask completion,
input validation,
localStorage save and load,
a simple focus timer,
a daily quote from a non-weather API with fallback
handling,
a stats page that reads saved data and displays at least
one Chart.js visualization,
responsive layout using media queries,
and basic navigation between the dashboard and stats
pages.

Later Enhancements

Future improvements may include:
a PG versus swear toggle for different presentation
contexts,
expanded timer modes such as Pomodoro and total time
tracking,
enhanced rewards like badges or streaks,
search and filtering tools,
drag-and-drop reordering,
task export and import via JSON,
and an “all tasks” total time tracker.

Wireframes and Mockups

Dashboard

Homepage mockup dated 1.26 and index.html skeleton
dated 1.27 are attached.

Stats Page

Stats layout mockup is attached.

HOMEPAGE MOCKUP 1.26



REWARD MOCKUP 1.26



INDEX.HTML 1.27

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[DUE TODAY](#) [SOON](#) [AS SOON AS I CAN](#) [DON'T FORGET](#)

DUE TODAY:

- Example task (placeholder)

Add a task [+ ADD MORE SHIT](#) [ADD](#)

FOCUS TIMER

FOCUS ON: [\(Pick a task\) ▾](#)

DURATION: [15 min ▾](#)

[+ SET A CUSTOM TIMER](#)

15:00

[START](#) [PAUSE](#) [STOP](#)

Pick a task → set a timer → check it off → get a prize.

PROGRESS

0 / 0 TASKS DONE

SHIT I DID

DUE TODAY

NOW PLAYING:

GRUNGY TUNES



GOOD JOB.

YOU GET A PRIZE.

- GO FOR A WALK.
- TAKE A QUICK NAP.
- GO GET YOUR PRODUCTIVE ASS SOME SKITTLES.

[HELL YAH!](#)