

# The AI Solopreneur

How to Bootstrap a Startup  
Using Generative AI

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# About Me



**Software Engineer** (The Builder)



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# Setting Expectations

- ✗ My goal **isn't** to convince you to work alone
- ✓ It's to share a **workflow** that unlocked speed
- ✓ It's about **leverage**, not hustle

*"Take what's useful. Adapt the rest."*

# The Word **Solopreneur**

**so•lo•pre•neur** *noun*

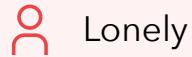
"A person who sets up and runs a business on their own."



**"What comes to mind when you hear this word?"**

# The Reality Check

When we hear "Solopreneur", we usually fear this:



Lonely



Hustle Culture



Burnout



Toy Apps

# A Better Definition

A Solopreneur is someone who:

-  Owns the **Vision**
-  Makes the **Decisions**
-  Delegates to **Systems**

**Architect > Bricklayer**

# The Old World

 Find a co-founder

 Assemble a full stack

 Months before launch

 **High Friction**

# The New World

 Start alone

 Cognitive Offloading

 Days to launch

 **High Leverage**

# Monday. Tuesday. Wednesday. Friday. Repeat.

This list of groups wasn't my social life.  
It was my **Manual Database**.



## The Problem:

I was manually routing data  
between multiple groups.

**I wasn't an Architect.**  
**I was a tired admin.**

The screenshot shows a mobile application interface for a community named "Smashers community". At the top, there's a profile picture of a person playing badminton and the text "Smashers community" followed by "Community". Below this, there's a section titled "Announcements" with a green megaphone icon. A recent announcement from "08/10/2025" says: "Hello everyone, here is the safeguarding policy for Smashers...". Under "Groups you're in", there's a list of six groups, each with a small profile picture and a timestamp. The groups are: "Smashers Badminton Club" (15/12/2025), "Smashers Rugby League" (Friday), "Smashers Visitors" (Friday), "Smashers Captains" (Thursday), "Committee Smashers" (16/12/2025), and "Smashers 2" (15/12/2025). Each group entry has a greyed-out message bubble next to it.

Group	Last Message
Smashers Badminton Club	15/12/2025
Smashers Rugby League	Friday
Smashers Visitors	Friday
Smashers Captains	Thursday
Committee Smashers	16/12/2025
Smashers 2	15/12/2025

# The Question I Had

Could I build something:

 Just for **this** problem

 Without a **team**

 Without **months** of work?

**The answer wasn't "Better Prompts".  
It was a Workflow.**

# The AI Solopreneur Workflow

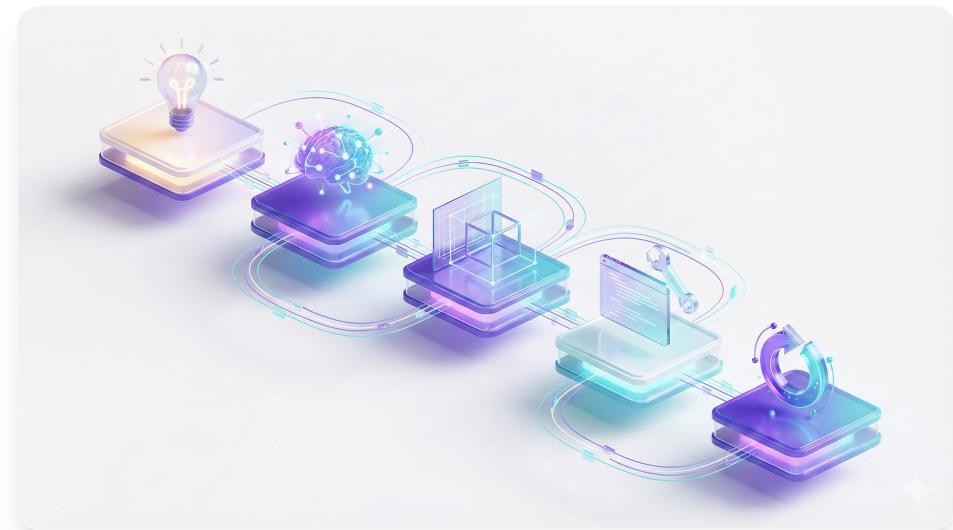
- 1  Capture **Intent**

- 2  Externalize **Thinking**

- 3  Define **Structure**

- 4  Delegate **Execution**

- 5  Tight **Loops**



# Step 1 & 2: Clarity (Intent & Thinking)

 AI Role: Product Manager

## Intent

Start with the pain.

*"Managing sessions across different groups is chaotic."*

*"Tracking visitors slots availability and payments is a nightmare."*

## Thinking

Use AI to interrogate you.

- "What happens if a visitor cancels?"
- "Do members get priority?"
- "How do you handle refunds?"

# Step 3: The Architecture



AI Role: Lead Architect

We mapped the reality:

-  **Entities** (Players)
-  **Flows** (Schedule)
-  **Boundaries**



# Deep Dive: The Captain's Nightmare

## The Pain

- 💬 Captains manage teams on WhatsApp.
- ❓ "Who is available?"
- ❗ "Did I pick 4 or 5 players?"

## The Goal

# Squad Selection Matrix

# Step 3.1: The Flow (Logic)

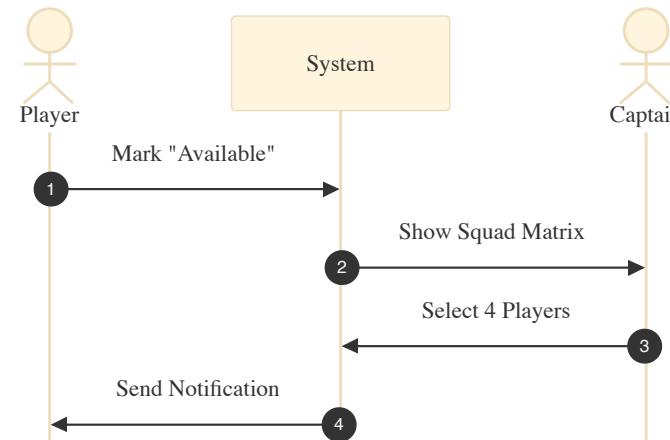
AI Role: Business Analyst

## THE PROMPT OUTPUT

```
sequenceDiagram
    autonumber

    actor Player
    participant System
    actor Captain

    Player->>System: Mark "Available"
    System->>Captain: Show Squad Matrix
    Captain->>System: Select 4 Players
    System->>Player: Send Notification
```



## Step 3.2: The Blueprint (UX)

AI Role: UX Designer

The Prompt:

**"Generate an ASCII wireframe for squad selection by a captain."**

```
+-----+  
| CAPTAIN'S SELECTION          (4 SELECTED) |  
+-----+  
| v AVAILABLE (4)  
| [x] Mike Ross  
| [x] Harvey Specter           (C)  
| [x] Louis Litt  
| [x] Jessica Pearson  
| [ ] Rachel Zane  
|  
| x UNAVAILABLE (1)  
| Donna Paulsen  
+-----+  
| [ Save Draft ]   [ ANNOUNCE TEAM > ] |  
+-----+
```

# Step 3.3: The Design System

AI Role: UI Specialist

I didn't open Figma. I wrote a **Design Spec** in `AGENTS.md`.

```
# AGENTS.md > FRONTEND GUIDELINES

1. Technical Implementation (Shadcn/UI & Tailwind):
   - Fonts: `Oswald` (Headers) + `Inter` (Body).
   - Theme Configuration (globals.css):
     - --primary: Volt Green (#39FF14). ← "The Brand"
     - --background: Dark Navy (#0F1115).
     - --radius: 0.5rem.

2. Visual Rules (STRICT):
   - Texture: Radial Gradient Background (32px grid).
   - Dark Mode: Volt Green Text on Dark Navy Cards.

3. Status Colors:
   - Destructive: #FF3333 (Red).
   - Chart: HSL(220 70% 50%) (Blue).
```

# Step 3.4: The Data Contract

AI Role: Backend Architect

## The Database (Drizzle)

```
// db/schema/fixture.ts
export const fixtureAttendance =
  sqliteTable('fixture_attendance', {
    fixtureId: text('fixture_id'),
    userId: text('user_id'),

    // ✅ The Captain's Selection
    isSelected: boolean('is_selected_by_captain')
 });
```

## The Interface (tRPC)

```
// api/routers/availability.ts
export const selectTeam = protectedProcedure
  .input(z.object({
    // Which game?
    fixtureId: z.string(),

    // Who is playing? (Just an array of IDs)
    playerIds: z.array(z.string())
  }))
```

# Step 4: Execution (The Build)

AI Role: Full Stack Dev

I didn't copy-paste context. I just said: "**Implement Task 4.**"

**AntiGravity Agent** read the **Spec**, **Schema**, and **Wireframe** directly from the repo.

```
// router.selectTeam
export const selectTeam = protectedProcedure
  .input(z.object({ fixtureId: z.string(), playerIds: z.array(z.string()) }))
  .mutation(async ({ ctx, input }) => {

    // Atomic Transaction: Reset → Select → Notify
    await ctx.db.batch([
      // 1. Reset current selection
      db.update(attendance).set({ selected: false }).where(eq(fixtureId, input.fixtureId)),

      // 2. Set new selection
      db.update(attendance).set({ selected: true }).where(inArray(userId, input.playerIds)),

      // 3. Trigger Webhooks
      notifyTeam(input.playerIds, "You have been selected for the match!")
    ]);
});
```

23:33



Safari



Smashers

# Step 5: Tight Loops

## ⌚ The DevOps Loop

💬 User Feedback



⌚ Auto-Issue Created



🤖 AI Triage & Fix

👤 DevOps Engineer

## 📣 The Marketing Loop

🚀 Feature Shipped



📄 AI Drafts Blog



🎥 AI Video Script

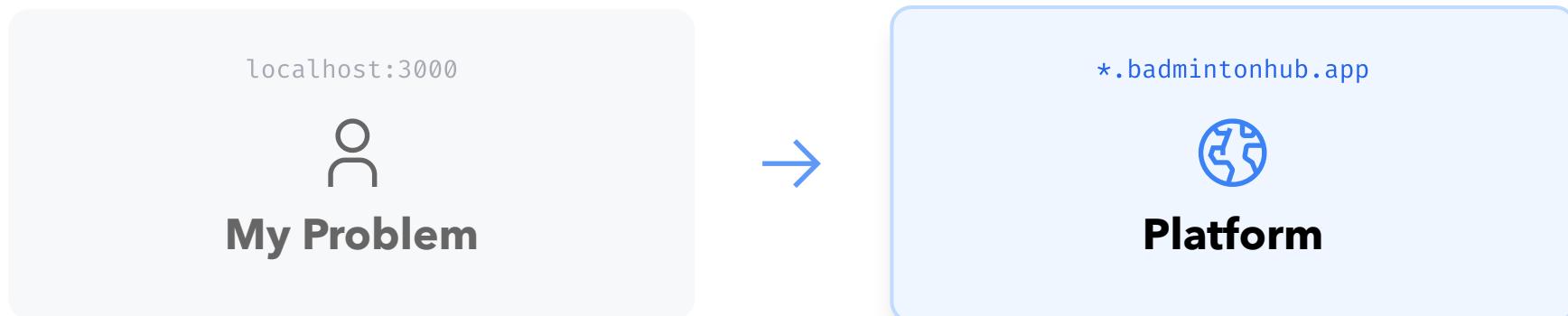
👤 Product Marketer

# The Pivot: Accidental SaaS



AI Role: Platform Lead

- ② **The Request:** "Can we use your app for our club?"
- ❗ **The Fear:** "I can't maintain two codebases."
- </> **The Solution:** "Don't copy the app. Multi-tenant the db."





# BADMINTONHUB

## DESIGN YOUR CLUB

Customize the look and feel of your workspace.

Club Name  
**Notts**

Your URL: [notts.badmintonhub.app](https://notts.badmintonhub.app)

Available! Lets build it.

Where are you located?  
**Nottingham**

Choose a Theme

Selected: **Neon Night**

**CLAIM THIS CLUB**

LIVE PREVIEW

9:41

NOTTS  
Nottingham

NEXT SESSION **CONFIRMED**

**SOCIAL SESSION**  
TOMORROW • 2 HOURS

STARTING IN  
**23 Hours**

Wednesday, 7:00 PM  
Sports Hall A

**JOIN NOW**

# The Investment

AI Role: CFO

## THE SETUP COST



TIME INVESTED

# 4 Weeks

Part-time (Nights & Weekends)



MONEY INVESTED

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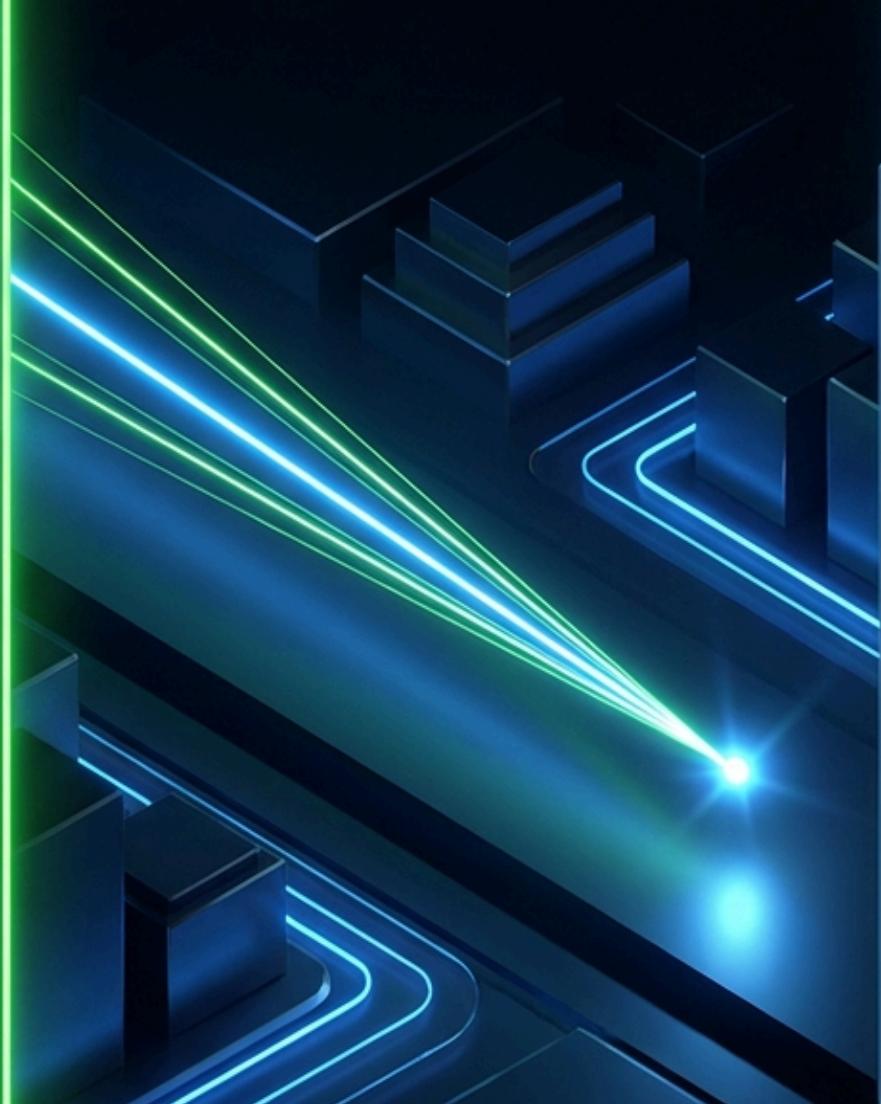
Running on Free Tiers, so far

"I built a production SaaS for the cost of a domain name."

# The Key Insight

AI didn't just write the code.

**It unlocked Founder Mode.**



# The Skill Shift

↓ Value Dropping

Syntax, Boilerplate, Memory

↑ Value Rising

Taste, Judgment, Empathy



# Guardrails

- 🛡️ **Trust, but Verify** (AI writes, You review)
- ⟳ **Iterate, don't Hallucinate** (Small scopes prevent errors)
- 🚀 **Ship to Learn** (Real usage > Perfect code)

## A Reality Check

Might not be a unicorn.

Might not retire you.

**It solves \*your\* problem.**

HAVING IDEAS BUT GETTING STUCK



SHIPPING THE PRODUCT



## Final Thought

~~“The One-Person Billion Dollar Company”~~

**One Person. Unlimited Vision.**

The limit is no longer your hands.  
It is your imagination.



AI Role: Ghostwriter

## (Resources)



### Get the Resource Kit

Slides & Prompts



**The Slides** (ai-solopreneur.pages.dev)



**The Prompts**



**BadmintonHub.app**

### The Stack

Antigravity

Gemini CLI

Gemini 3 Pro

Repomix

Claude Code

Better T Stack

CloudFlare

Github

Resend

Slidev

# Thank You!