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Episode-00 | Introduction to Project

After diving deep into Node.js internals in Season 1, we've finally arrived at Season 2.

In this season, we'll be writing a lot of code and building a full-stack project.

But what project are we building?

In this season, I'll follow the exact strategies and methods that are used in the industry showing you how project lifecycles actually work.
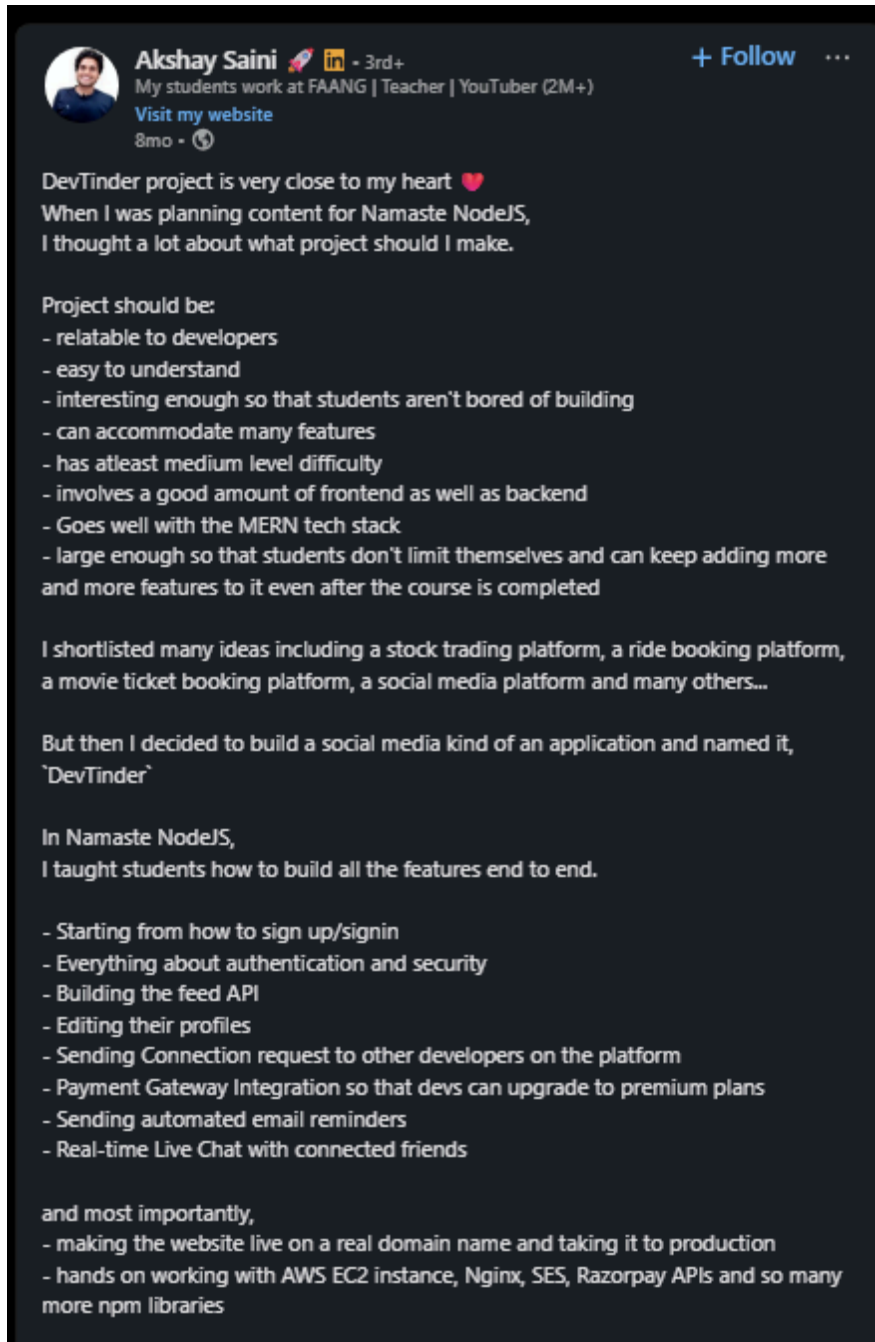
Now, let me introduce you to the project we'll be building:

DevTinder

You've probably already heard of **Tinder**, a dating application where people connect with each other.

But **DevTinder** is focused entirely on developers → a place where developers can connect, hang out, and build strong professional networks.

It's a fun application!

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DevTinder project is very close to my heart ❤️
When I was planning content for Namaste NodeJS,
I thought a lot about what project should I make.

Project should be:
- relatable to developers
- easy to understand
- interesting enough so that students aren't bored of building
- can accommodate many features
- has atleast medium level difficulty
- involves a good amount of frontend as well as backend
- Goes well with the MERN tech stack
- large enough so that students don't limit themselves and can keep adding more
and more features to it even after the course is completed

I shortlisted many ideas including a stock trading platform, a ride booking platform,
a movie ticket booking platform, a social media platform and many others...

But then I decided to build a social media kind of an application and named it,
`DevTinder`

In Namaste NodeJS,
I taught students how to build all the features end to end.

- Starting from how to sign up/signin
- Everything about authentication and security
- Building the feed API
- Editing their profiles
- Sending Connection request to other developers on the platform
- Payment Gateway Integration so that devs can upgrade to premium plans
- Sending automated email reminders
- Real-time Live Chat with connected friends

and most importantly,
- making the website live on a real domain name and taking it to production
- hands on working with AWS EC2 instance, Nginx, SES, Razorpay APIs and so many
more npm libraries

Why did I choose this project?

- It includes interesting features that are applicable to many other applications.

- It also involves major concepts like chatting features, authentication, etc.

- This project has a lot of future scope **{ you can add many more features later }**

- It's fun to build something based on making connections.
- The goal is to focus deeply on one large project rather than building many small ones.

How can you make the best out of Season 2?

1. **Code along with me.**

   Don't just copy-paste the code I write. I'll take pauses during lectures and ask you to write code along with me.

2. **Maintain a Git repository.**

   Keep your project version-controlled from the beginning.

3. **Practice regularly.**

   For example, if you watch a 2-hour lecture, spend at least 8 hours practicing the code.

   Go slow and steady **{ don't binge-watch the series }**

We'll be building the frontend of this project using React.

It's a **MERN full-stack application**, but in this series, I won't be diving deep into React.

If you want to master React in depth, watch **Namaste React**.