

**Course 02830 scope:**

The course 02830 is a project-based course in digital media engineering. The key requirement is that the project must involve **technical design and prototyping**, leveraging the students' engineering skills while also expanding their technical competencies.

**Requirements:**

- A prototype
- Iterative testing
- Project planning
- A report (graded by course officials)

**Project idea:**

We aim to create an AI agent that combines the functionality of a daily journal and a writing-idea generator. It should suggest creative writing prompts or themes based on journal history.

**Project plan:****Overview:**

MVP -> data layer -> memory -> token optimization -> RAG -> UX -> report writing

Week	Aim	Tools	Details
1-2	Minimum Viable Product (MVP)	FastAPI, Pydantic, OpenAI API	Build a simple web app where a user submits a journal entry, and it returns a theme summary/creative writing suggestions using LLM.  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Create a FastAPI for the journal</li><li>2. Define a JournalEntry using Pydantic</li><li>3. When a user submits an entry, call OpenAI's chat/completions endpoint to summarize it.</li><li>4. Return summary to the user.(JSON with summary, suggestion)</li></ol>
3-4	Data layer	Suggestions from supervisor, preferably free trial/student services	Move data (journal entries) from local to cloud storage. <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Set up cloud DB</li></ol>

			2. Create a workflow that saves new journal entries to storage
5-6	Embeddings and basic memory	OpenAI embeddings	<p>Give the app a simple memory system so it can recall past journal entries and suggest ideas based on them.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. User writes entry -&gt; convert entry to embedding</li> <li>2. Save entry + embedding (date, text, embedding)</li> <li>3. Group similar entries</li> <li>4. When sending to LLM for summary/writing suggestions, send instead today's entry + top 2-3 similar past entries + main themes</li> </ol>
7-8	Token optimization		<p>Goal: Optimize input size so that long entries are saved efficiently, and input to openAI is efficient (not waste tokens on irrelevant history) as LLMs have a limit on how much text we can send.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Decide which entries to send to the AI vs. which are stored for retrieval only, and summarize longer entries to reduce token use. Or save only today + last few entries. The rest are embeddings only(?)</li> <li>2. Use Pydantic to structure input and output</li> </ol>
9-10	Improve basic memory (RAG		

	memory?)		1. User writes entry -> automatically retrieve relevant past entries using embeddings (top-N matches)
11	UX Design		Spend some time making the front-end/the prototype a bit nicer.
12 - 13	Report writing		We expect to write the report during the other weeks as well. However, we also expect the project plan not to hold up perfectly; thus, we plan for a buffer period as well.