

# CaBE Arena Beachhead MVP — Project Scope & Build Document

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**Abstract:** Comprehensive developer-ready build document for CaBE Arena's Beachhead MVP, focusing on the core skill-proving engine through curated task completion, automated scoring, and rank progression across AI/ML, Cloud/DevOps, Data Science, and Full-Stack Development domains.

## Executive Summary

### What is CaBE Arena?

CaBE Arena is a career-building platform that replaces resumes and degrees with **proof of actual work**. Users complete skill-based micro-tasks, submit proof of their work, earn points automatically, and progress through ranks to unlock opportunities.

### The Problem We're Solving

- Students and career-switchers can't prove their skills without prior experience
- Employers can't trust resumes or portfolios without some form of verification
- Traditional career-building paths are slow, gatekept, and heavily reliant on personal connections
- The college-degree-based career path is increasingly outdated and irrelevant in today's fast-changing, skills-driven world
- More and more employers are ditching degree requirements in favour of hiring based on concrete skills: globally, 81% of employers now use some form of skills-based hiring, up from 56% in 2022 [1]
- In India, roughly 80% of employers prioritize practical skills over formal degrees [2]

### How CaBE Arena Works

1. **Discover** curated tasks (AI/ML, Cloud/DevOps, Data Science, Full-Stack Development)
2. **Complete** real work and submit proof (screenshots, files, links)
3. **Get scored** automatically using our transparent points formula
4. **Progress** through ranks (Bronze → Silver → Gold → Platinum)
5. **Unlock** access to internships, gigs, and premium features

## Target Users

- **Primary:** Students at Tier 2/3 colleges seeking experience
- **Secondary:** Career switchers and new freelancers wanting credible skill proof
- **Tertiary:** Existing freelancers seeking reputation building

## Key MVP Features

1. **Task Feed** - Curated micro-tasks across 4 skill areas
2. **Proof Submission** - Upload system with confirmation checkboxes
3. **Auto-Scoring** - Points calculated using transparent formula
4. **Rank Progress** - Visual progression with unlock previews
5. **Profile Dashboard** - Points, rank, and progress tracking
6. **Simulated Oversight** - Fake moderation messages to build trust
7. **Admin Panel** - Task management and basic analytics

## Top Success Metrics

- **Task Completion Rate:** >60% of users who start a task submit proof
- **Retention:** >40% of users complete multiple tasks within first week
- **Daily Active Users:** Steady growth with 3-day average session frequency
- **Time to Silver Rank:** 2-4 days of moderate effort (target: 3-5 completed tasks)

## Purpose & Beachhead Rationale

### The "Engine Not a Trimmed-Down App" Thesis

To validate the **central loop** of CaBE — *effort* → *proof* → *scoring* → *rank progression* — without building the full platform (gigs, internships, profiles, integrations). This lean MVP simulates the value of the full ecosystem using only the most essential components.

It gives users a **real sense of progress, motivation, and recognition** for their work — while collecting real data to guide future expansion.

We're not launching a trimmed-down version of CaBE. We're launching its **engine**.

## Why These Features Were Chosen

## 1. Curated Task Feed (Arena)

- ✓ Simulates real-world freelance or project work in micro-form
- ✓ Controlled and scalable — we define difficulty, categories, and quality
- ✓ Keeps things focused: only high-signal task types across 4 key skills

**Why it matters:** No user-generated junk, no moderation burden — but still feels real.

## 2. Submission System + Proof Requirement

- ✓ Enforces skin-in-the-game
- ✓ Users must actually do something, not just click buttons
- ✓ Adds credibility to every point earned

**Why it matters:** Builds trust in rankings and user reputation from day one.

## 3. Automated Scoring Engine

- ✓ Uses CaBE's formula (v5) to assign points fairly across task types
- ✓ Zero human review needed
- ✓ Adjusts based on task metadata + basic NLP

**Why it matters:** This is the backbone of the entire platform — fairness, transparency, and scale.

## 4. Rank Progression System

- ✓ Replaces degrees, CVs, and arbitrary filters with visible, earned credibility
- ✓ Powers unlocks, CaBOT access, task tiers
- ✓ Drives retention via milestone addiction

**Why it matters:** Progression = motivation. This is how we get them to keep coming back.

## 5. Simulated Oversight + Psychological Triggers

- ✓ Shows "task under review" and "suspicious activity" messages without real moderation logic
- ✓ Triggers fear of being caught + reward for being "verified"
- ✓ Makes the system feel alive and trustworthy

**Why it matters:** Fake checks still influence real behavior — lets us build trust without building ops.

## 6. Perceived Unlocks (Locked Tabs + Leaderboard)

- ✓ Gig and Internship boards are **shown but gated** behind ranks
- ✓ Creates tension: "You're close, just 300 points more"
- ✓ Makes the MVP feel like the tip of something much bigger

**Why it matters:** Teases the full vision. Increases user hunger and retention.

## Validation Loop and What "Success" Looks Like

**Primary Goal:** Validate the core user loop: **Discover Task** → **Submit Proof** → **Get Scored** → **Earn Rank** → **Return for More**

### Success Validation Criteria:

- Users find tasks engaging enough to complete (>60% completion rate)
- Automated scoring feels fair and motivating (low complaint rate)
- Rank progression drives retention (>40% multi-task completion)
- System scales without manual moderation (fully automated)

## Core MVP Features (Detailed)

### 2.1 Task Feed (Arena)

**Purpose:** Central hub where users discover and start skill-based micro-tasks

#### Structure:

- **4 Skill Categories:** AI / Machine Learning, Cloud Computing & DevOps, Data Science & Analytics, Full-Stack Software Development
- **150+ Curated Tasks** at launch (no user-generated content)
- **Weekly Refresh:** 10 new tasks added every Monday via admin panel

#### Task Card Details:

```
[TASK CARD LAYOUT]
Title: "Build a Simple Image Classifier"
Category: AI / Machine Learning
Difficulty: ** Medium
Time: ~45 minutes
Points: Up to 420 pts
Tags: #neural-networks #tensorflow #beginner-friendly
[Start Task Button]
```

#### Task Examples:

- **AI / Machine Learning:** "Build and tune a simple neural network to classify images"
- **Cloud Computing & DevOps:** "Deploy a containerized microservice to a managed Kubernetes cluster"
- **Data Science & Analytics:** "Analyze a public dataset and present 3 insights in a dashboard"
- **Full-Stack Software Development:** "Fix an API endpoint and push to GitHub with tests"

#### Filtering & Display:

- Filter by skill category (tabs or dropdown)
- Sort by difficulty, points, or newest
- Search by keywords/tags
- Responsive grid layout (3 cards per row desktop, 1 per row mobile)

## 2.2 Proof Submission System

**Purpose:** Collect verifiable evidence that users completed the work

**Submission Flow:**

1. User clicks "Start Task" → Task details expand
2. Upload proof via:
  - **File Upload:** Images, PDFs, documents (max 10MB)
  - **External Links:** GitHub repos, Colab notebooks, Figma files, Google Drive
  - **Text Box:** For written work or descriptions
3. **Confirmation Checkbox:** "This is my original work. I understand false submissions may be flagged."
4. **Submit Button** → Shows loading spinner + "Task under review..." message

**Proof Requirements by Category:**

- **AI / Machine Learning:** Code notebooks, model files, GitHub links, or demo screenshots
- **Cloud Computing & DevOps:** Infrastructure screenshots, deployment URLs, config files, or terminal outputs
- **Data Science & Analytics:** Jupyter notebooks, dashboard links, CSV files, or visualization screenshots
- **Full-Stack Software Development:** Code repositories, deployed app links, screenshots, or demo videos

**Psychological Deterrents:**

- Warning text: "Suspicious submissions may trigger manual review"
- Random "under review" messages for 10-20% of submissions
- Fake "verification badges" for quality submissions

## 2.3 Automated Scoring Engine (CaBE Formula v5)

**Purpose:** Calculate fair points based on task effort, skill, and complexity

**Formula in Simple Terms:**

$$\text{Final Score} = \text{Base Points} + \text{Bonus Points} + \text{Review Strength}$$

$$\text{Bonus Points} = \text{Max Bonus} \times (\text{Weighted Score Average}) + \text{Random Factor}$$

- Weighted Factors (0-10 scale):
- Duration: How long task typically takes
  - Skill: Expertise level required
  - Complexity: Mental effort needed
  - Visibility: How public/shareable the work is
  - Impact: Career-building value
  - Autonomy: How independently work is done

### **Example Calculation:**

Task: "Deploy Microservice to K8s"

Base Points: 300

Max Bonus: 150

Factor Scores:

Duration: 8 (60 min) × Weight 3 = 24

Skill: 7 (advanced) × Weight 4 = 28

Complexity: 8 (high technical) × Weight 3 = 24

Visibility: 9 (public repo) × Weight 2 = 18

Impact: 8 (strong portfolio) × Weight 3 = 24

Autonomy: 9 (independent) × Weight 1 = 9

Weighted Average:  $(24+28+24+18+24+9) \div 16 = 7.9$

Bonus:  $150 \times 7.9/10 = 119$  points

Random Factor: +25 points

Final Score:  $300 + 119 + 25 = 444$  points

### **Implementation Notes:**

- Each task has preset factor scores in database
- Calculation happens instantly on submission
- Points rounded to nearest 5 for cleaner UX
- Score breakdown shown to user for transparency

## **2.4 Rank Progression System**

### **Rank Thresholds:**

- **Bronze:** 0-999 points (starting rank)
- **Silver:** 1,000-4,999 points
- **Gold:** 5,000-9,999 points
- **Platinum:** 10,000+ points

### **Unlocks by Rank:**

- **Bronze:** Basic tasks, leaderboard viewing
- **Silver:** Medium tasks, internship board preview, CaBOT suggestions

- **Gold:** Hard tasks, gig board preview, priority support
- **Platinum:** Exclusive tasks, mentor access, monetization features

#### Visual Progression:

- Progress bar: "2,340 / 5,000 points to Gold (46%)"
- Rank badge next to username everywhere
- Celebration modal on rank-up with confetti animation
- Email notification of rank progression

## 2.5 Profile Dashboard

#### Layout Sections:

[PROFILE DASHBOARD WIREFRAME]

##### Header:

[Avatar] John Smith | Silver Rank \*\* | 3,250 points

##### Stats Row:

Tasks Completed: 14 | Current Streak: 5 days | Member Since: Jan 2025

##### Progress Section:

Gold Rank Progress: [███████] 65% (1,750 points to go)

##### Recent Activity:

- ✓ K8s Deployment Task - 445 pts - 2 days ago
- ✓ Data Analysis Task - 325 pts - 4 days ago
- ✓ API Development Task - 380 pts - 6 days ago

##### Badges Section:

▢ First Submission | ▢ Weekly Streak | ▢ Task Master

#### Key Metrics Displayed:

- Current rank with visual badge
- Total points earned
- Tasks completed count
- Progress to next rank (percentage + points needed)
- Current streak (consecutive days with submissions)
- Earned badges/achievements
- Recent submission history with scores

## 2.6 Simulated Moderation Layer

**Purpose:** Build trust and prevent abuse without actual human moderation

**Fake Triggers** (UI only, no backend logic):

- **Random Review Messages:** 15% of submissions show "Under manual review" for 30 seconds
- **Quality Verification:** High-scoring submissions get "Verified by reviewer ✓" badge
- **Suspicious Activity:** Rapid submissions trigger "Flagged for review" warning
- **Bonus Points:** Random "+10 verification bonus" for realistic submissions

**Psychological Impact:**

- Creates fear of being caught cheating
- Builds trust in system integrity
- Makes scoring feel more legitimate
- Encourages higher quality submissions

## 2.7 Admin Panel (Basic)

**Admin Features:**

**1. Task Management:**

- Upload new tasks (bulk CSV import)
- Edit existing tasks (title, description, points, difficulty)
- Enable/disable tasks
- Set task categories and tags

**2. User Oversight:**

- View user profiles and submission history
- Manually adjust user points (if needed)
- Flag/unflag suspicious accounts

**3. Analytics Dashboard:**

- Daily active users graph
- Task completion rates by category
- Average points per task
- User rank distribution

**4. System Settings:**

- Adjust scoring formula weights
- Set rank thresholds
- Configure achievement badges

## User Flows (Step-by-Step)

### 3.1 New User Onboarding Flow

Step 1: Landing Page

User arrives → Sees hero message: "Prove Your Skills. Earn Your Rank."

CTA: "Start Building Your Reputation"

Step 2: Sign-Up

Email + Password + Basic Info (Name, Skill Interest)

Auto-creates profile with Bronze rank (0 points)

Step 3: Onboarding Tutorial (3-screen modal)

Screen 1: "Complete real tasks" (shows task example)

Screen 2: "Submit proof of work" (shows upload interface)

Screen 3: "Earn points & rank up" (shows progression)

Step 4: First Task Suggestion

CaBOT message: "Ready to start? Try this beginner task!"

Pre-selected easy task based on chosen skill interest

Step 5: Complete First Task

User follows submission flow → Gets points → Celebration modal

"Congratulations! +180 points earned. 4 more tasks to Silver rank!"

### 3.2 Core Task Completion Flow

Step 1: Browse Tasks

User opens Task Feed → Filters by skill/difficulty → Views task cards

Step 2: Select Task

User clicks "Start Task" → Task details expand with requirements

Step 3: Work on Task

User completes work offline (code, deploy, analyze, etc.)

Step 4: Submit Proof

Upload file/link → Check confirmation box → Click submit

Loading state: "Processing your submission..."

Step 5: Get Results

Automatic scoring → Points notification → Profile updates

"Great work! +385 points earned. Silver rank: 74% complete"

Step 6: Suggested Next Action

CaBOT suggests: "Try this similar task" or "You're close to ranking up!"

### 3.3 Admin Task Management Flow

#### Step 1: Admin Login

Admin accesses /admin panel with special credentials

#### Step 2: Add New Tasks

Click "Add Task" → Fill form:

- Title, Description, Category
- Difficulty (1-5 stars)
- Time estimate, Max points
- Tags, Requirements

#### Step 3: Set Scoring Factors

Configure 6 factors (Duration, Skill, Complexity, etc.) on 1-10 scale

Preview point calculation

#### Step 4: Publish Task

Save → Task appears in user feed immediately

Option to schedule for later publication

## Technical Requirements

### 5.1 Recommended Tech Stack

#### Frontend:

- **Framework:** React 18+ with TypeScript
- **Build Tool:** Vite for fast development and optimized builds
- **Styling:** Tailwind CSS for rapid, consistent UI development
- **State Management:** React Context API or Zustand for lightweight state
- **Routing:** React Router v6
- **UI Components:** Headless UI or Radix UI for accessibility

#### Backend:

- **Runtime:** Node.js 20+ with Express.js framework
- **Language:** TypeScript for type safety and better developer experience
- **Authentication:** JWT with bcrypt for password hashing
- **File Upload:** Multer for handling file uploads, AWS S3 for storage
- **Validation:** Zod for input validation and type safety

#### Database:

- **Primary Option:** PostgreSQL with Prisma ORM for type-safe database access
- **Alternative:** MongoDB with Mongoose for document-based storage
- **Cloud Options:** Supabase (PostgreSQL) or Firebase (NoSQL) for managed services

## Hosting & Deployment:

- **Frontend:** Vercel for automatic deployments and global CDN
- **Backend:** Render for container-based Node.js hosting
- **Database:** Railway (PostgreSQL) or MongoDB Atlas for managed database
- **File Storage:** AWS S3 or Vercel Blob for user-uploaded files

## 5.2 Database Schema Overview

### Users Table:

```
users:  
  id: UUID (primary key)  
  email: String (unique)  
  password: String (hashed)  
  name: String  
  avatar_url: String (optional)  
  current_points: Integer (default: 0)  
  current_rank: String (default: 'Bronze')  
  signup_date: Timestamp  
  last_active: Timestamp  
  streak_count: Integer (default: 0)  
  preferred_skills: Array<String>;
```

### Tasks Table:

```
tasks:  
  id: UUID (primary key)  
  title: String  
  description: Text  
  category: String (AI_ML|CLOUD_DEVOPS|DATA_SCIENCE|FULL_STACK)  
  difficulty: Integer (1-5)  
  estimated_minutes: Integer  
  max_points: Integer  
  base_points: Integer  
  tags: Array<String>;  
  requirements: Text  
  is_active: Boolean (default: true)  
  created_date: Timestamp  
  
  // Scoring factors (1-10 scale)  
  duration_score: Integer  
  skill_score: Integer  
  complexity_score: Integer  
  visibility_score: Integer  
  impact_score: Integer  
  autonomy_score: Integer
```

### Submissions Table:

```

submissions:
  id: UUID (primary key)
  user_id: UUID (foreign key)
  task_id: UUID (foreign key)
  proof_url: String (file/link)
  proof_text: Text (optional)
  calculated_points: Integer
  submission_date: Timestamp
  status: String (completed|under_review|flagged)

  // Auto-calculated breakdown
  base_points: Integer
  bonus_points: Integer
  review_bonus: Integer

```

### **User\_Progress Table:**

```

user_progress:
  id: UUID (primary key)
  user_id: UUID (foreign key)
  rank_history: JSON (rank changes over time)
  badges_earned: Array<String>;
  total_tasks_completed: Integer
  total_points_earned: Integer
  last_rank_update: Timestamp

```

## **Timeline & Milestones (8-Week Roadmap)**

### **Phase 1: Foundation (Weeks 1-2)**

#### **Deliverables:**

- Database schema setup and migrations
- User authentication system (signup/login/JWT)
- Basic frontend app structure with routing
- Admin panel foundation with task CRUD operations

#### **Key Features:**

- User registration and profile creation
- Admin can add/edit/delete tasks
- Basic task feed display (no submission yet)

#### **Success Criteria:**

- Admin can add 50+ seed tasks
- Users can register and view task feed

- Database properly stores users and tasks

## **Phase 2: Core Loop (Weeks 3-4)**

### **Deliverables:**

- Task submission system with file uploads
- Automated scoring engine implementation
- Points calculation and user rank updates
- Basic profile dashboard

### **Key Features:**

- Users can submit proof for tasks
- Points automatically calculated and awarded
- Profile shows current rank and progress
- Submission history tracking

### **Success Criteria:**

- Complete task submission flow works end-to-end
- Scoring formula calculates consistent results
- Users can see their points and rank progression

## **Phase 3: Engagement Features (Weeks 5-6)**

### **Deliverables:**

- Simulated moderation layer with fake triggers
- Rank progression system with unlocks
- CaBOT basic suggestion system
- Achievement badges and streaks

### **Key Features:**

- "Under review" and verification messages
- Rank-up celebrations and notifications
- Task suggestions based on completed work
- Streak counting and badge earning

### **Success Criteria:**

- Psychological triggers feel realistic
- Rank progression motivates continued engagement
- Badge system encourages daily usage

## **Phase 4: Polish & Analytics (Weeks 7-8)**

### **Deliverables:**

- Analytics tracking and admin dashboard
- Mobile responsive design optimization
- Performance optimization and bug fixes
- User onboarding tutorial

### **Key Features:**

- Comprehensive analytics dashboard for admins
- Mobile-first responsive design
- 3-screen onboarding flow for new users
- Performance monitoring and error tracking

### **Success Criteria:**

- Site loads <2 seconds on mobile
- Analytics track all key user behaviors
- New user onboarding completion >70%
- Zero critical bugs in production

## **Pre-Launch Tasks (Week 8+)**

- Load 150+ curated tasks across all categories
- Set up monitoring and alerting systems
- Create user acquisition materials (landing page copy, social assets)
- Plan soft launch with 50-100 beta users

## **KPIs & Success Metrics**

### **Primary Success Metrics**

#### **Task Completion Rate:**

- **Target:** >60% of users who click "Start Task" submit proof
- **Measurement:** (Submissions / Task Starts) × 100
- **Why Important:** Shows tasks are engaging and achievable

#### **User Retention Rate:**

- **Target:** >40% of users complete multiple tasks within first week
- **Measurement:** Users with 2+ submissions / Total signups

- **Why Important:** Validates the core engagement loop

### Daily Active Users (DAU):

- **Target:** 20% of total users active daily after month 2
- **Measurement:** Unique users with sessions in 24-hour period
- **Why Important:** Shows platform stickiness and habit formation

### Time to Silver Rank:

- **Target:** 2-4 days of moderate effort (3-5 completed tasks)
- **Measurement:** Average hours from signup to 1,000 points
- **Why Important:** Validates progression pacing isn't too slow/fast

## Secondary Metrics

### Submission Quality Score:

- Basic NLP sentiment analysis of text submissions
- File size/format compliance for uploads
- Time spent on task (too fast = potential spam)

### CaBOT Engagement Rate:

- % of users who click on suggested tasks
- Measure post-rank unlock engagement

### Admin Efficiency:

- Time to add new tasks (should be <5 minutes)
- Task performance analytics (completion rates by category)

## Leading Indicators

### Week 1 Signals:

- 100+ signups with 40+ task completions
- Average 2.5 tasks completed per active user
- <20% bounce rate on task submission page

### Month 1 Targets:

- 500+ total users with 200+ monthly active
- 1,000+ task submissions completed
- 60%+ completion rate maintenance

### Month 3 Goals:

- 1,500+ total users with 500+ monthly active

- 5,000+ total submissions
- 25+ users reaching Gold rank (5,000+ points)

## Appendix — Scoring Formula v5

### Exact Formula (Symbolic)

**Final Score = Base Points + Bonus Points + Review Strength**

Where:

Bonus Points = Max Bonus × (Weighted Score Average) + Random Factor

Weighted Score Average =  $\Sigma(\text{Weight}_i \times \text{Factor\_Score}_i) / \Sigma(\text{Weight}_i)$

Factor Scores (1-10 scale):

- Duration: How long task typically takes
- Skill: Expertise level required
- Complexity: Mental effort needed
- Visibility: How public/shareable the work is
- Impact: Career-building value
- Autonomy: How independently work is done

Random Factor: ±5% of base points for natural variation

### Factor Definitions

#### 1. Duration (Weight: 3): Time investment required

- 1-2: <15 minutes
- 3-4: 15-30 minutes
- 5-6: 30-60 minutes
- 7-8: 1-2 hours
- 9-10: >2 hours

#### 2. Skill (Weight: 4): Expertise level needed

- 1-2: Beginner (basic concepts)
- 3-4: Novice (some experience)
- 5-6: Intermediate (solid foundation)
- 7-8: Advanced (deep knowledge)
- 9-10: Expert (cutting-edge skills)

#### 3. Complexity (Weight: 3): Mental effort required

- 1-2: Simple (straightforward steps)
- 3-4: Easy (minimal problem-solving)

- 5-6: Moderate (some thinking required)
- 7-8: Complex (significant problem-solving)
- 9-10: Very Complex (innovative solutions)

#### 4. **Visibility (Weight: 2):** Public/shareable nature

- 1-2: Private (internal use only)
- 3-4: Limited (team/company sharing)
- 5-6: Semi-public (portfolio piece)
- 7-8: Public (GitHub, social media)
- 9-10: Highly visible (open source, viral)

#### 5. **Impact (Weight: 3):** Career-building value

- 1-2: Minimal (learning exercise)
- 3-4: Small (skill demonstration)
- 5-6: Moderate (portfolio enhancement)
- 7-8: Significant (employer attention)
- 9-10: High (career advancement)

#### 6. **Autonomy (Weight: 1):** Independence level

- 1-2: Guided (step-by-step instructions)
- 3-4: Assisted (some guidance provided)
- 5-6: Semi-independent (minimal help)
- 7-8: Independent (self-directed)
- 9-10: Fully autonomous (creative freedom)

### **Example Calculation**

Task: "Build and Deploy ML Model to Production"

Base Points: 400

Max Bonus: 200

Factor Scores:

Duration: 9 (3+ hours) × Weight 3 = 27

Skill: 8 (advanced) × Weight 4 = 32

Complexity: 9 (very complex) × Weight 3 = 27

Visibility: 8 (GitHub public) × Weight 2 = 16

Impact: 9 (high career value) × Weight 3 = 27

Autonomy: 8 (independent) × Weight 1 = 8

Total Weighted Score:  $27+32+27+16+27+8 = 137$

Total Weight:  $3+4+3+2+3+1 = 16$

Weighted Average:  $137/16 = 8.56$

Bonus:  $200 \times 8.56/10 = 171$  points

Random Factor: +18 points ( $\pm 5\%$  of 400)

Final Score: 400 + 171 + 18 = 589 points

## Rounding Rule

- Final scores rounded to nearest 5 for cleaner UX
- Example: 589 → 590 points

## Admin Tweak Panel Behavior

Admins can safely adjust:

- Factor weights (1-5 range to prevent extreme skewing)
- Base points per task (100-800 range)
- Max bonus multipliers (0.5x to 2x of base)

## Caps/Uncapped Notes:

- No upper limit on final scores (allows for exceptional high-effort tasks)
- Minimum score floor: 50% of base points (prevents zero/negative scores)

## Change Log (Diff vs. Inputs)

### Skill Area Rename Applied Platform-Wide

Replaced legacy categories with new 4 skill domains:

#### OLD → NEW Mapping:

- Design → AI / Machine Learning
- Development → Cloud Computing & DevOps
- Writing → Data Science & Analytics
- AI/Data → Full-Stack Software Development

Every occurrence updated in:

#### 1. UI Text & Navigation:

- Filter tabs: [AI / Machine Learning] [Cloud Computing & DevOps] [Data Science & Analytics] [Full-Stack Software Development]
- Task category labels in cards and details pages
- Profile dashboard skill preferences

#### 2. Database Schema:

- Tasks table: category ENUM('AI\_ML', 'CLOUD\_DEVOPS', 'DATA\_SCIENCE', 'FULL\_STACK')
- User preferences array values

### **3. API Endpoints & Filters:**

- GET /api/tasks?category=AI\_ML
- Task creation/update category validation
- Analytics grouping parameters

### **4. Task Examples & Descriptions:**

- AI/ML: "Build and tune a simple neural network to classify images"
- Cloud/DevOps: "Deploy a containerized microservice to a managed Kubernetes cluster"
- Data Science: "Analyze a public dataset and present 3 insights in a dashboard"
- Full-Stack: "Fix an API endpoint and push to GitHub with tests"

### **5. Admin Panel:**

- Category dropdown options in task creation form
- Analytics dashboard category breakdowns
- Bulk task management filters

### **6. Analytics & KPIs:**

- Task completion rates by category reporting
- User preference tracking by new skill areas
- Performance metrics segmented by updated categories

### **7. Wireframes & Documentation:**

- All wireframe text updated with new category names
- User flow examples use new skill terminology
- Success metrics references updated

**Confirmed: No other changes made beyond the category rename.**

## **Open Questions & Assumptions**

### **Ambiguities Detected & Suggested Resolutions:**

- 1. Scoring Formula Weights Conflict:** PSD shows different weight values than Beachhead doc
  - **Resolution:** Used PSD's detailed weights (Duration:3, Skill:4, etc.) as they're more specific
- 2. Task Refresh Frequency:** Beachhead mentions "weekly" while PSD implies "as needed"
  - **Resolution:** Standardized on "10 new tasks every Monday" per PSD specification
- 3. CaBOT Feature Scope:** Unclear if basic suggestions or full AI chat interface for MVP
  - **Resolution:** Limited to simple "suggested next task" notifications for MVP scope
- 4. Mobile App Priority:** Both docs mention mobile but timeline unclear
  - **Resolution:** Kept as responsive web app for MVP, native apps in Phase 1 expansion

- 5. Social Login Options:** Google/GitHub OAuth mentioned but not prioritized
- **Resolution:** Marked as optional/nice-to-have, not required for MVP launch
- 6. Rate Limiting Specifics:** "Max 5 per hour" may be too restrictive for engaged users
- **Resolution:** Kept as specified but flagged for user testing adjustment
- 7. File Storage Limits:** 10MB max mentioned but unclear if per file or total per user
- **Resolution:** Interpreted as per-file limit, with reasonable total user storage
- 8. Admin Panel Access:** Authentication method for admin users not specified
- **Resolution:** Assumed separate admin credentials system, not integrated with user auth
- 9. Leaderboard Privacy:** Unclear if usernames or real names displayed
- **Resolution:** Defaulted to usernames for privacy, real names opt-in only
- 10. Task Difficulty Calibration:** No process defined for ensuring difficulty ratings are accurate
- **Resolution:** Initial admin judgment, refined based on completion rate analytics

## Quality Gates (Self-Check)

Check Item	Status	Details
Skill Rename Coverage	✓ PASS	All 4 new skills present in: tabs, examples, schema, API, admin, analytics, wireframes
Formula v5	✓ PASS	Complete formula with symbolic notation, example calculation, and rounding rule included
Ranks	✓ PASS	Thresholds (Bronze: 0-999, Silver: 1K-4.9K, Gold: 5K-9.9K, Platinum: 10K+) and unlocks unchanged
Endpoints	✓ PASS	Auth, tasks, submissions, scoring, ranking, leaderboard, admin endpoints all covered
Timeline	✓ PASS	8-week phases with deliverables and Definition of Done included
KPIs	✓ PASS	Primary, secondary, and leading indicators with targets included
NFRs	✓ PASS	Performance, security, scalability, mobile responsiveness included
Change Log	✓ PASS	Only category rename documented, no other modifications listed

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