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## # **Project: AI-Powered Cold Outreach Assistant**

### ### **Overview**

This project aims to build an AI-powered tool to help students and job seekers write personalized, non-generic cold emails to alumni, recruiters, and professionals. The tool will guide users to input structured information (background, recipient, goals, tone), use prompt engineering to generate authentic messages, and provide a clean, deployable interface using Streamlit.

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### ## **1. Problem Statement**

Cold outreach is an essential but painful part of networking. Students are told to "network" or "ask for referrals," but:

- They don't know what to say
- GPT-style tools generate generic and robotic responses
- Good cold emails require personalization, structure, and subtlety

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### ## **2. Solution**

**An AI Outreach Assistant that:**

- Accepts structured input (user bio, recipient, goal, tone)
- Generates a polished, human-sounding cold message via OpenAI's GPT
- Highlights areas to improve (optionally)
- Can be copied, edited, or regenerated easily

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### ## **3. Target Users**

- College students (especially juniors/seniors)
- Job seekers and career switchers
- Those looking to network, request referrals, or ask for coffee chats

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### ## **4. Key Features (MVP)**

- **Input Fields:**

- User background/resume (text area)
  - Target recipient (name, job title, optional LinkedIn/interest)
  - Outreach goal (referral, career chat, resume feedback, etc.)
  - Tone (dropdown: Friendly, Curious, Professional)
- **Output:**
    - Cold email text in ~100–150 words
    - Editable result box
    - Regenerate option
    - Copy to clipboard

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## ## \*\*5. Tech Stack\*\*

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| Layer | Tool |
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| UI + Backend | Streamlit (Python) |
| AI Engine | OpenAI GPT-3.5 / GPT-4 API |
| Hosting | Streamlit Cloud |
| Secrets | `.env` via `python-dotenv` |
| Optional | GitHub, Google Analytics |

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## ## \*\*6. Project Files & Structure\*\*

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cold-email-assistant/
├── app.py           # Main Streamlit app
├── requirements.txt # Dependencies
├── .env.example     # Sample env variables (e.g. API key)
├── .gitignore       # Ignore .env, pycache, etc.
└── README.md        # Project setup and purpose

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## ## \*\*7. Cost\*\*

- GPT-3.5: ~\$0.001 per generation (1,000 emails for ~\$1)
- GPT-4: Optional upgrade for higher quality
- Streamlit Cloud: Free tier available
- OpenAI gives ~\$5 free credits at sign-up

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## ## \*\*8. Deployment Plan\*\*

- Push repo to GitHub
- Connect to [Streamlit Cloud](https://streamlit.io/cloud)
- Set environment variable `OPENAI\_API\_KEY`
- Test, refine, and iterate

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## ## \*\*9. Unique Value Proposition\*\*

Unlike generic AI writing tools:

- Tailored for outreach + networking
- Structured inputs = better prompts = better output
- Focused on authenticity and tone, not fluff
- Educational layer can be added later (feedback, scores, insights)

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## ## \*\*10. Future Ideas\*\*

- Smart suggestions: “Add mutual interest” / “Mention recent post”
- Resume/LinkedIn parser (auto-fill background)
- Tracking replies (tagging sent messages)
- Chrome extension to trigger generation on LinkedIn profiles
- Templates for different scenarios (first-time contact, follow-up, thank-you)

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## ## \*\*11. Timeline (3-Week Plan)\*\*

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I Week 1 I Setup repo, build basic Streamlit app, connect GPT API I

I Week 2 I Finalize input structure, refine prompt, generate clean outputs I

I Week 3 I Add tone options, test with peers, deploy, polish UI I

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Let me know when your new GPT project is ready — I can help scaffold the initial files, build the prompt logic, or assist with deploying your first working version. You're on an exciting path. Let's build this.