STREAMLIT
MASTER COURSE

Intermediate → Advanced

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STREAMLIT COURSE DOCUMENTATION

This document is a complete, end-to-end Streamlit course curriculum.
It is designed with a 'no limit mindset' and is intentionally verbose, structured, and explanatory so it can scale up to ~100 pages when printed or exported to PDF.

This file retains ALL previously covered points:

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MODULE 1 – Introduction to Streamlit

MODULE 1 — INTRODUCTION TO STREAMLIT

(Intermediate → Advanced Course Expansion)

1.1 What Is Streamlit?

Streamlit is an **open-source Python framework** designed to help developers, data scientists, and analysts build **interactive web applications directly from Python scripts**.

The key idea behind Streamlit is **simplicity**:

- You write **pure Python**
- You run a single command
- You instantly get a **live web app**

There is **no requirement** to know:

- HTML
- CSS
- JavaScript

- Frontend frameworks

This makes Streamlit fundamentally different from traditional web frameworks.

1.2 Why Streamlit Exists (The Problem It Solves)

Before Streamlit, building a data app usually meant:

1. Writing Python code for data processing or ML
2. Building a backend using Flask/Django/FastAPI
3. Creating a frontend using HTML, CSS, JavaScript
4. Connecting frontend ↔ backend via APIs
5. Managing state, forms, and rendering manually

This workflow caused several problems:

- High development time
- Frontend/backend skill gap
- Complex debugging
- Overkill for internal tools and prototypes

Streamlit was created to solve this exact gap:

"Turn Python scripts into shareable web apps with almost zero frontend effort."

1.3 What Streamlit Is *Not*

It is equally important to understand what Streamlit is **not**.

Streamlit is **not**:

- A replacement for large-scale web frameworks
- A REST API framework
- A microservice backend
- A frontend JavaScript framework

Streamlit is best described as:

A rapid application framework for data-driven and ML-centric applications

This distinction becomes critical in real-world architectural decisions.

1.4 Typical Use Cases of Streamlit

Streamlit is widely used in the following scenarios:

1.4.1 Data Science & Analytics

- Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)
- KPI dashboards
- Business intelligence tools
- Reporting interfaces

1.4.2 Machine Learning

- Model demos
- Prediction apps
- Feature exploration tools

- Model monitoring dashboards

1.4.3 Internal Tools

- Admin dashboards
- Data validation tools
- Log viewers
- Configuration panels

1.4.4 Prototyping & Proof of Concept

- Rapid idea validation
- Stakeholder demos
- Hackathons
- Early-stage startup MVPs

1.5 Why Streamlit Is Popular in Industry

Streamlit adoption has grown rapidly because it provides:

- ⚡ **Speed** – Apps built in minutes
- 🧠 **Low cognitive load** – Python-only mental model
- 🔄 **Live reload** – Changes reflect instantly
- 📦 **Minimal boilerplate** – No configuration overhead
- ☁️ **Easy deployment** – Especially with Streamlit Community Cloud

This makes it extremely attractive for:

- Data teams
- Research teams
- Analytics teams
- AI/ML engineers

1.6 How Streamlit Applications Work (High-Level View)

At a high level, a Streamlit app is simply:

- A **Python script**
- Executed **top to bottom**
- Rendered as a **web interface**

Example:

```
import streamlit as st

st.title("My First Streamlit App")

st.write("Hello, world!")
```

Running:

```
streamlit run app.py
```

Immediately launches:

- A local web server
- A browser window
- A live interactive UI

There is **no separation** between backend and frontend code in the traditional sense.

1.7 Key Philosophy of Streamlit

Streamlit is built around a few core principles:

1.7.1 Script-Based UI

Your UI is defined by **Python statements**, not templates.

1.7.2 Reactive Execution

User interactions cause the script to rerun automatically.

1.7.3 State Awareness

Widget values are automatically preserved and restored.

1.7.4 Declarative Programming

You describe *what* you want to show, not *how* to render it.

This philosophy shapes everything that comes later in the course.

1.8 Comparison with Traditional Frameworks

Aspect	Streamlit	Flask / Django
Frontend	Python-only	HTML/CSS/JS
State	Built-in	Manual
Routing	None	Required
Speed	Very fast	Slower

Aspect	Streamlit	Flask / Django
Use case	Data apps	Full web apps

This comparison explains **why Streamlit shines** in analytics and ML—but also **why it shouldn't replace everything**.

1.9 Streamlit in the Python Ecosystem

Streamlit integrates seamlessly with:

- pandas
- numpy
- matplotlib
- seaborn

- plotly
- scikit-learn
- xgboost
- pytorch
- tensorflow

This tight integration is one of its strongest advantages.

1.10 Who Should Use Streamlit?

Streamlit is ideal for:

- Data Scientists
- ML Engineers

- Analysts
- Python Developers building internal tools

It is less ideal for:

- Large consumer-facing websites
- Complex frontend-heavy applications
- REST-first architectures

1.11 Learning Outcomes of This Module

After completing **Module 1**, a learner should be able to:

- Clearly explain what Streamlit is
- Identify correct use cases

- Understand why Streamlit exists
- Know when *not* to use Streamlit
- Explain Streamlit's philosophy in interviews

1.12 Interview Perspective (Module 1)

Common interview questions derived from this module:

- Why would you choose Streamlit over Flask?
- What kind of applications are best suited for Streamlit?
- Is Streamlit suitable for production systems?
- How is Streamlit different from traditional MVC frameworks?

1.13 Transition to Next Module

Now that you understand **what Streamlit is and why it exists**, the next logical step is to understand:

How Streamlit works internally

That is exactly what we will cover in **MODULE 2 — Streamlit Architecture (Deep Explanation)**.

MODULE 2 – Streamlit Architecture (Deep Explanation)

MODULE 2 — STREAMLIT ARCHITECTURE (DEEP EXPLANATION)

(Intermediate → Advanced)

2.1 Why Architecture Matters in Streamlit

Many beginners can *use* Streamlit, but far fewer **understand how it works internally.**

This gap causes:

- Confusion around reruns
- Bugs with session state
- Performance issues
- Wrong mental models (treating Streamlit like Flask)

Understanding Streamlit's architecture gives you:

- Predictable behavior
- Better performance decisions
- Confidence in interviews

- Ability to design scalable apps

2.2 High-Level Architectural Overview

Streamlit follows a **client–server architecture** with a **reactive execution model**.

At a high level, the system consists of:

1. **Browser (Client / Frontend)**
2. **WebSocket Communication Layer**
3. **Streamlit Server**
4. **Python Script Execution Engine**
5. **State & Session Manager**

6. **UI Rendering Pipeline**

Each of these components plays a specific role.

2.3 Client Side: The Browser (Frontend)

The browser is responsible for:

- Rendering UI elements (text, charts, widgets)
- Capturing user interactions
- Sending events back to the server

Important points:

- The frontend is **not written by you**
- It is managed entirely by Streamlit

- Communication happens via **WebSockets**, not HTTP requests

Unlike traditional web apps:

- There is no form submission
- No page reload
- No REST API calls from your code

2.4 WebSocket Communication Layer

Streamlit uses **persistent WebSocket connections** instead of stateless HTTP.

Why WebSockets?

- Low latency

- Continuous two-way communication
- Ideal for reactive interfaces

What flows through WebSockets:

- Widget interaction events
  - State updates
  - UI delta updates
  - Execution signals

This is why Streamlit feels “live” and instantaneous.

2.5 Streamlit Server

The Streamlit server is the **core orchestrator**.

Responsibilities:

- Launch Python interpreter
- Execute your script
- Track widget state
- Manage sessions
- Send UI updates to the browser

Each connected user:

- Gets their **own session**
- Has isolated state
- Does NOT share memory with other users (unless explicitly cached)

This is critical for multi-user apps.

2.6 Python Script Execution Engine

This is the most misunderstood part of Streamlit.

Key Rule:

Streamlit executes your Python script from top to bottom.

There is:

- No main loop
- No request handler
- No event callbacks (in the traditional sense)

Every time:

- A widget changes
- A button is clicked
- A rerun is triggered
- 👉 **The entire script executes again**

This execution model drives:

- UI rendering
- State restoration
- Logic evaluation

We will deep-dive further in Module 3.

2.7 Widget State Manager

Widgets in Streamlit are **stateful objects**, even though your script reruns.

How this works internally:

- Each widget has a unique key
- Values are stored in session state
- On rerun, values are restored **before** script execution continues

This is why:

```
x = st.slider("Value", 0, 10)
```

works seamlessly without manual state handling.

If keys collide or change:

- State breaks

- Unexpected resets happen

2.8 Session Lifecycle

A Streamlit session begins when:

- A user opens the app in a browser

A session ends when:

- Browser tab closes
- Session times out
- Server restarts

Each session has:

- Its own widget values

- Its own session state dictionary
- Its own execution context

This makes Streamlit naturally **multi-user safe**.

2.9 UI Rendering Pipeline

Streamlit does **incremental UI updates**, not full redraws.

Process:

1. Script runs
2. UI elements are declared
3. Differences (deltas) are computed
4. Only changes are sent to the browser

Benefits:

- Fast rendering
- Low bandwidth usage
- Smooth UX

This is why Streamlit apps feel responsive even with complex layouts.

2.10 Stateless Code, Stateful Experience

One of Streamlit's most elegant ideas:

- Your **code is stateless**
- The **experience is stateful**

This is achieved via:

- Widget state restoration
- Session state
- Caching layers

This hybrid model is what enables simplicity **without sacrificing usability**.

2.11 Internal Architectural Modules (Conceptual)

Internally, Streamlit uses modules such as:

- runtime
- elements

- components
- navigation
- web

These modules:

- Are NOT public APIs
- Should NOT be imported directly
- Exist to support execution, rendering, and communication

Understanding them is useful **conceptually**, not programmatically.

2.12 Architecture vs Traditional Web Frameworks

Concept	Streamlit	Flask / Django
Request handling	Script rerun	Route-based
Frontend	Auto-generated	Manually coded
State	Built-in	Manual
Communication	WebSocket	HTTP
Mental model	Reactive	Request-response

This table explains why many traditional web assumptions **do not apply** to Streamlit.

2.13 Common Architectural Mistakes

1. Treating Streamlit like Flask

2. Expecting variables to persist without session state
3. Running heavy computations without caching
4. Assuming widgets are callbacks
5. Ignoring multi-user behavior

All of these stem from misunderstanding architecture.

2.14 Interview Perspective (Module 2)

Typical interview questions:

- How does Streamlit handle multiple users?
- Why does Streamlit rerun the entire script?
- How does widget state persist across reruns?

- Why does Streamlit use WebSockets?

Strong answers require **architectural clarity**, not API knowledge.

2.15 Learning Outcomes of Module 2

After this module, you should be able to:

- Explain Streamlit's client–server model
- Describe session isolation
- Understand script execution responsibility
- Predict how UI updates occur
- Avoid architecture-related bugs

2.16 Transition to Module 3

Now that you understand **where and how your code runs**, the next critical question is:

What exactly happens during a rerun, step by step?

MODULE 3 – Execution Model

MODULE 3 — STREAMLIT EXECUTION MODEL (DEEP DIVE)

(Intermediate → Advanced)

3.1 Why the Execution Model Is Critical

Almost **every Streamlit bug** beginners face comes from misunderstanding one thing:

Streamlit reruns your script from top to bottom.

If you don't internalize this, you will:

- Lose variables unexpectedly
- Break session state
- Trigger expensive recomputations
- Write fragile logic
- Fail interview questions

This module exists to permanently fix that.

3.2 Traditional Execution vs Streamlit Execution

Traditional Python Script

- Runs once
- Variables persist in memory
- Program ends

Flask / Django

- Code executes per HTTP request
- Functions are triggered via routes
- State must be managed manually

Streamlit (Very Different)

- Script runs **many times**

- Entire file executes top → bottom
- Triggered by **user interaction**
- State restored automatically

This difference is **non-negotiable**.

3.3 The Golden Rule of Streamlit Execution

Every user interaction causes a full script rerun.

Interactions include:

- Moving a slider
- Typing in a text box
- Clicking a button

- Selecting a dropdown option
- Changing a checkbox

Even *reading* a widget value can trigger reruns indirectly.

3.4 Step-by-Step Rerun Lifecycle

Let’s break down exactly what happens internally.

Step 1: User Interaction

Example:

```
x = st.slider("Value", 0, 10)
```

User moves the slider.

Step 2: Interaction Event Sent to Server

- Browser sends event via WebSocket
- Includes widget key + new value

Step 3: Streamlit Prepares for Rerun

Before executing your code again, Streamlit:

- Restores widget values
- Restores st.session_state
- Applies cached results (if available)

Step 4: Script Executes Top to Bottom

Your entire Python file runs again:

```
import streamlit as st

x = st.slider("Value", 0, 10)
st.write(x)
```

No line is skipped.

Step 5: UI Is Re-declared

- UI elements are recreated
- Streamlit computes the *difference* from the previous run
- Only changes are sent to the browser

Step 6: Browser UI Updates

- Smooth UI update
- No page refresh
  - No flicker (usually)

3.5 Why Variables "Reset" in Streamlit

Consider this code:

```
count = 0

if st.button("Increment"):
    count += 1
```

st.write(count)

Expected by beginners:

- Count increases

Actual behavior:

- Count resets to 0 on every rerun

Why?

Because:

- count = 0 executes every time
- Script reruns from scratch

This is **correct behavior**, not a bug.

3.6 How Streamlit Solves This: Session State

Streamlit provides st.session_state to persist values.

Correct version:

```
if "count" not in st.session_state:
    st.session_state.count = 0

if st.button("Increment"):
    st.session_state.count += 1

st.write(st.session_state.count)
```

Now:

- Value survives reruns
- Behavior matches expectations

3.7 Buttons Are NOT Callbacks

This is a critical misconception.

```
if st.button("Run"):
    do_something()
```

This does **not** mean:

- do_something() runs independently

What actually happens:

- Button click triggers rerun

- During rerun, st.button() returns True once
- Code inside if executes

There are **no event handlers** in Streamlit.

3.8 Execution Order Matters (A Lot)

Example:

```
st.write(value)
value = st.slider("Value", 0, 10)
```

This will **fail** because:

- Code executes top to bottom
- value doesn't exist yet

Streamlit is **not reactive like Excel cells**.

It is **imperative Python execution**.

3.9 Conditional Execution and Reruns

Example:

```
if st.checkbox("Show details"):
    st.write("Details here")
```

Behavior:

- Checkbox change → rerun
- Condition evaluated again
- UI updates accordingly

This pattern is the backbone of Streamlit UI logic.

3.10 Infinite Rerun Pitfalls

Example:

st.session_state.x += 1

st.rerun()

This causes:

- Infinite rerun loop
- App freeze or crash

Rule:

Never trigger reruns without a clear stopping condition.

3.11 st.rerun() — Explicit Reruns

Streamlit allows manual reruns:

st.rerun()

Use cases:

- Reset workflows
- Multi-step forms
- Controlled navigation

But misuse can be dangerous.

3.12 Execution Model and Performance

Because reruns are frequent:

- Heavy computations must be cached
- Database calls must be cached
- Model loading must be cached

This leads directly to **Module 9 (Caching)**.

3.13 Multi-User Execution Model

Important clarification:

- Each user has **their own reruns**
- Each session executes independently
- Variables are not shared across users

- Cache *can* be shared (with rules)

This is safe by design.

3.14 Debugging with Execution Model in Mind

Recommended techniques:

st.write("Reached here")

st.write(st.session_state)

Avoid:

- Print-based debugging assumptions
- Assuming code runs once

3.15 Common Execution Model Mistakes

1. Expecting variables to persist
2. Treating widgets as callbacks
3. Forgetting top-to-bottom execution
4. Ignoring session isolation
5. Running heavy logic on every rerun

All of these are execution-model errors.

3.16 Interview Questions (Module 3)

Typical questions:

- Why does Streamlit rerun scripts?

- How does Streamlit handle state?
- What happens when a button is clicked?
- How do you prevent recomputation?

Strong candidates explain the **full lifecycle**.

3.17 Learning Outcomes of Module 3

After this module, you should:

- Predict Streamlit behavior accurately
- Write bug-free interactive logic
- Use session state correctly
- Optimize execution paths

- Answer execution-model interview questions confidently

3.18 Transition to Module 4

Now that you understand:

- Architecture
- Execution model

You are ready to learn:

How Streamlit renders content and UI elements

MODULE 4 – Core Display APIs

MODULE 4 — CORE DISPLAY APIs (DEEP DIVE)

(Intermediate → Advanced)

4.1 Purpose of Core Display APIs

Core display APIs are the **foundation of everything you see** in a Streamlit app.

They are responsible for:

- Rendering text
- Displaying data
- Showing metrics
- Presenting visual output
- Structuring content flow

Every Streamlit application—no matter how complex—ultimately relies on these APIs.

4.2 Declarative Rendering Model

Streamlit uses a **declarative UI model**.

This means:

- You *declare* what should appear
  - Streamlit decides *how* to render it

Example:

```
st.write("Hello")
```

You are not telling Streamlit:

- Where to place text
- How to style it
- When to refresh it

You simply declare intent.

This model is tightly coupled with the execution model discussed in Module 3.

4.3 st.write() — The Universal Display Function

4.3.1 What st.write() Does

st.write() is the **most flexible and intelligent** display function in Streamlit.

It can render:

- Strings
- Numbers

- Lists
- Dictionaries
- Pandas DataFrames
- Matplotlib figures
- Plotly charts
- Objects with __str__ or __repr__

Example:

st.write("Hello")

st.write(123)

st.write([1, 2, 3])

4.3.2 Why st.write() Is Special

Internally, st.write():

1. Inspects the object type
2. Chooses the best renderer
3. Applies formatting automatically

This makes it ideal for:

- Rapid prototyping
- Debugging
- Exploratory apps

4.3.3 When NOT to Use st.write()

Avoid st.write() when:

- You need strict formatting control
- You want predictable layout behavior
- You are building production-grade dashboards

In those cases, use **explicit display functions**.

4.4 Text Display APIs

4.4.1 st.title(), st.header(), st.subheader()

These functions define **semantic structure**, not just font size.

```
st.title("Main Title")
st.header("Section")
```

st.subheader("Subsection")

Best practice:

- One st.title() per page
- Use headers to guide reading flow

4.4.2 st.text()

Displays **plain text only**.

st.text("Raw text output")

Characteristics:

- No Markdown
- No formatting

- Monospaced font

Used mostly for:

- Logs
- Debug output
- Fixed-format text

4.4.3 st.markdown()

Allows **Markdown-formatted text**.

```
st.markdown("""
### Features
- Fast
```

- Simple
- Python-based

""")

Supports:

- Headings
- Bold / italics
- Lists
- Links
- Code blocks

4.4.4 Unsafe HTML Rendering (Advanced)

```
st.markdown("<b>Bold</b>", unsafe_allow_html=True)
```

⚠️ Warning:

- Can break layout
- Can introduce security risks
  - Not recommended for public apps

Use sparingly and deliberately.

4.5 Status & Feedback Display APIs

4.5.1 st.success(), st.error(), st.warning(), st.info()

Used to give **visual feedback** to users.

```
st.success("Completed")
```

```
st.error("Failed")
st.warning("Check input")
st.info("FYI")
```

These APIs:

- Improve UX
- Communicate state clearly
- Are essential in workflows

4.5.2 st.exception()

Displays Python exceptions nicely.

```
try:
```

```
1 / 0
except Exception as e:
    st.exception(e)
```

Very useful for:

- Debugging
- Internal tools

4.6 Metric Display APIs

4.6.1 st.metric()

Used for **KPIs and numeric indicators**.

```
st.metric("Revenue", "$10K", "+5%")
```

Supports:

- Label
- Value
- Delta (change)

Common in:

- Dashboards
- Monitoring tools
- Analytics apps

4.7 Data Display APIs

4.7.1 st.dataframe()

Displays interactive tables.

st.dataframe(df)

Features:

- Sorting
- Scrolling
- Column resizing

Best for:

- Large datasets
- Exploration

4.7.2 st.table()

Displays static tables.

st.table(df.head())

Use when:

- Data is small
- Layout must remain fixed

4.8 Media Display APIs

4.8.1 Images

st.image("image.png")

Supports:

- Local files

- URLs
- NumPy arrays

4.8.2 Audio & Video

st.audio("audio.mp3")

st.video("video.mp4")

Used in:

- Demo apps
- Education tools
- Media dashboards

4.9 Display Order and Execution Flow

Important rule:

Display order follows execution order.

Example:

```
st.write("First")
st.write("Second")
```

Output appears exactly in that order.

Conditional rendering:

```
if condition:
    st.write("Shown only if condition is true")
```

This ties directly to Module 3.

4.10 Performance Considerations

Display functions:

- Are lightweight
- Do not usually need caching
- Re-render quickly

However:

- Rendering very large DataFrames
- Rendering complex charts repeatedly

can slow apps if not managed properly.

4.11 Common Mistakes (Module 4)

1. Overusing st.write() everywhere
2. Mixing HTML without understanding risks
3. Displaying huge DataFrames unnecessarily
4. Ignoring semantic structure (titles/headers)
5. Confusing display APIs with widgets

4.12 Interview Questions (Module 4)

Typical questions:

- What is st.write() and why is it special?
- Difference between st.table() and st.dataframe()?

- When would you use st.markdown()?
- How does Streamlit decide how to render objects?

Strong answers focus on **declarative rendering**.

4.13 Learning Outcomes of Module 4

After this module, you should be able to:

- Choose the correct display API
- Structure readable Streamlit pages
- Build clean dashboards
- Debug using display tools
- Explain Streamlit's rendering philosophy

4.14 Transition to Module 5

Now that you know **how Streamlit displays output**, the next step is:

How users interact with your app

MODULE 5 – Widgets & User Input

MODULE 5 — WIDGETS & USER INPUT (DEEP DIVE)

(Intermediate → Advanced)

5.1 Role of Widgets in Streamlit

Widgets are how **users communicate with your Python code.**

They:

- Capture user input
- Trigger script reruns
- Control application flow
- Enable interactivity

Without widgets, Streamlit would be a **static reporting tool**.

5.2 Core Principle of Widgets

Widgets do not execute code — they return values.

This is one of the most misunderstood aspects of Streamlit.

Example:

```
age = st.slider("Age", 1, 100)
```

What actually happens:

- Widget renders in the UI
- User changes value
- Script reruns
- age receives the restored value

Widgets are **state producers**, not event handlers.

5.3 Widget Lifecycle

Every widget goes through this lifecycle:

1. Widget declared in script
2. Widget rendered in browser
3. User interacts with widget
4. Widget value sent to server
5. Script reruns
6. Widget value restored
7. Code continues execution

Understanding this lifecycle prevents logic bugs.

5.4 Widget Identity and Keys

5.4.1 Why Keys Exist

Each widget must have a **unique identity**.

Streamlit generates keys automatically based on:

- Widget type
- Label
- Position in code

Sometimes this is not enough.

5.4.2 Explicit Keys

```
st.text_input("Name", key="user_name")
```

Use explicit keys when:

- Widgets are inside loops

- Labels change dynamically
- Multiple widgets have similar labels

Failing to manage keys correctly causes:

- State collisions
- Unexpected resets
- Runtime errors

5.5 Input Widgets (Core Set)

5.5.1 st.text_input()

Used for short text input.

```
name = st.text_input("Enter your name")
```

Returns:

- String (empty if nothing entered)

Common use cases:

- User names
- Search terms
- IDs

5.5.2 st.text_area()

Used for multi-line text.

```
comment = st.text_area("Comment")
```

Used in:

- Feedback forms
- Logs
- Descriptions

5.5.3 st.number_input()

Numeric input with validation.

```
age = st.number_input("Age", min_value=0, max_value=120)
```

Prevents invalid numeric input automatically.

5.5.4 st.slider()

Used for range-based selection.

```
score = st.slider("Score", 0, 100)
```

Supports:

- Integers
- Floats
- Date ranges

5.6 Selection Widgets

5.6.1 st.selectbox()

Single selection from a list.

```
city = st.selectbox("City", ["NY", "LA", "SF"])
```

Returns:

- Selected value

5.6.2 st.multiselect()

Multiple selections.

cities = st.multiselect("Cities", ["NY", "LA", "SF"])

Returns:

- List of selected values

5.6.3 st.radio()

Radio button selection.

gender = st.radio("Gender", ["Male", "Female"])

Used when:

- Options are few
- Visual clarity matters

5.7 Boolean Widgets

5.7.1 st.checkbox()

Used for toggles.

```
show_details = st.checkbox("Show details")
```

Returns:

- Boolean (True / False)

Common for:

- Conditional UI
- Feature toggles

5.8 Action Widgets

5.8.1 st.button()

Most misunderstood widget.

```
if st.button("Submit"):
    st.write("Submitted")
```

Key properties:

- Returns True for one rerun
- Immediately resets to False

- Not a callback

Use cases:

- Trigger workflows
- Confirm actions
- Submit forms

5.9 Widget State vs Session State

Widget values:

- Automatically stored
- Restored on reruns
- Read-only from your perspective

Session state:

- Manually controlled
- Mutable
- Used for advanced workflows

Example:

st.session_state["step"] = 1

Widgets feed state → session state manages logic.

5.10 Conditional UI with Widgets

Example:

if st.checkbox("Advanced options"):

```
st.slider("Threshold", 0, 100)
```

Behavior:

- Checkbox toggles visibility
- UI updates dynamically
- Script reruns on every change

This is the core pattern for:

- Progressive disclosure
- Multi-level UI

5.11 Widgets Inside Loops (Advanced)

```
for i in range(3):
```

```
st.text_input(f"Input {i}", key=f"input_{i}")
```

Rules:

- Always use keys
- Avoid dynamic widget creation without keys

Failure leads to:

- DuplicateWidgetID errors
- Broken state restoration

5.12 Forms: Controlled Widget Submission

Widgets normally trigger reruns immediately.

Forms change that behavior.

```
with st.form("my_form"):
  name = st.text_input("Name")
  submitted = st.form_submit_button("Submit")
```

Forms:

- Batch multiple inputs
- Trigger rerun only on submit
- Are essential for complex workflows

5.13 Performance Implications of Widgets

Widgets:

- Cause frequent reruns

- Can trigger heavy logic repeatedly

Best practices:

- Cache heavy computations
- Gate logic behind buttons
- Use forms for controlled execution

5.14 Common Widget Mistakes

1. Treating buttons as callbacks
2. Forgetting widget keys
3. Expecting variables to persist
4. Creating widgets dynamically without control

5.Mixing widget logic with heavy computation

5.15 Interview Questions (Module 5)

Common interview questions:

- How do Streamlit widgets work internally?
- Why does a button return True only once?
- Difference between widget state and session state?
- When should you use forms?

Strong answers reference:

- Reruns
- State restoration

- Execution model

5.16 Learning Outcomes of Module 5

After this module, you should be able to:

- Design interactive Streamlit apps
- Choose correct widgets
- Control execution flow
- Avoid widget-related bugs
- Explain widget behavior confidently

5.17 Transition to Module 6

Now that users can **interact** with your app, the next challenge is:

Organizing content cleanly and professionally

MODULE 6 – Layout & Navigation

MODULE 6 — LAYOUT & NAVIGATION (DEEP DIVE)

(Intermediate → Advanced)

6.1 Why Layout Matters in Streamlit

A Streamlit app can be:

- Functionally correct
- Logically sound
- Technically optimized

…and still be **bad**, if the layout is poor.

Layout determines:

- Readability
- User flow
- Cognitive load

- Professional appearance
- Adoption by real users

Good layout is not cosmetic — it is **functional design**.

6.2 Streamlit's Layout Philosophy

Streamlit uses a **flow-based layout model**.

Key characteristics:

- Top-to-bottom execution
- Left-to-right grouping
- No absolute positioning
- No pixel-level control

This is intentional.

Streamlit optimizes for:

- Simplicity
- Responsiveness
- Maintainability

6.3 The Default Vertical Flow

By default, everything stacks vertically:

```
st.title("Dashboard")

st.write("Section A")
st.write("Section B")
```

This works well for:

- Reports
- Notebooks
- Simple apps

But it quickly becomes limiting.

6.4 Sidebar Layout (st.sidebar)

6.4.1 Purpose of Sidebar

The sidebar is used for:

- Filters
- Navigation

- Global controls
- Configuration options

Example:

```
region = st.sidebar.selectbox("Region", regions)
```

Best practices:

- Put controls in sidebar
- Put results in main area
- Keep sidebar minimal

6.4.2 Sidebar Mental Model

Think of sidebar as:

Control panel

Never:

- Put primary content in sidebar
- Overload it with visuals

6.5 Columns (st.columns())

6.5.1 Creating Columns

col1, col2 = st.columns(2)

Now you can place content side-by-side.

Example:

with col1:

```
st.metric("Revenue", 100)

with col2:
    st.metric("Profit", 40)
```

6.5.2 Unequal Column Widths

```
col1, col2 = st.columns([2, 1])
```

Useful for:

- Main content + summary
- Chart + controls
- Table + KPI panel

6.5.3 Nested Columns

Columns can be nested:

```
col1, col2 = st.columns(2)
with col1:
    a, b = st.columns(2)
```

⚠️ Use sparingly:

- Deep nesting reduces readability
- Increases cognitive load

6.6 Containers (st.container())

6.6.1 What Containers Do

Containers group UI elements **logically**.

```
with st.container():
    st.header("Summary")
    st.write("Details")
```

Containers:

- Preserve ordering
- Allow dynamic content replacement
- Improve code readability

6.6.2 Dynamic Containers

```
placeholder = st.empty()

if condition:
    placeholder.write("Loaded")
```

Used for:

- Loading states
- Progressive rendering
- Step-based workflows

6.7 Expanders (st.expander())

6.7.1 Purpose of Expanders

Expanders hide optional content.

```
with st.expander("See details"):
    st.write("Hidden content")
```

Use cases:

- Advanced settings
- Debug information
- Documentation
- Logs

Expanders improve UX by:

- Reducing clutter
- Keeping focus on primary content

6.8 Tabs (st.tabs())

6.8.1 Tabbed Layouts

tab1, tab2 = st.tabs(["Overview", "Details"])

Tabs are useful for:

- Multi-view dashboards
- Switching perspectives
- Organizing large content

Rule:

- Tabs are not navigation — they are **content grouping**

6.9 Page Navigation (Multipage Apps – Intro)

Streamlit supports **multipage apps**.

Structure:

```
app.py
pages/
 ├─ Page1.py
 ├─ Page2.py
```

Navigation appears automatically.

Use multipage apps when:

- App grows beyond one screen
- Different user flows exist

(Full deep dive in Module 14.)

6.10 Layout and Execution Order

Important rule:

Layout follows execution order

Example:

st.columns(2)

st.write("Text")

UI placement depends on:

- Where code executes
- Which container is active

This ties directly to Module 3.

6.11 Layout with Conditional Logic

```
if st.checkbox("Show chart"):
    st.line_chart(data)
```

This enables:

- Progressive disclosure
- Clean interfaces
- Performance optimization

6.12 Responsive Behavior

Streamlit layouts:

- Automatically adapt to screen size
- Work on desktops, tablets, laptops
- Avoid fixed widths

This is why pixel-level control is intentionally absent.

6.13 Layout Anti-Patterns

Avoid:

1. Too many columns
2. Deeply nested layouts
3. Mixing controls and output randomly

4. Overusing expanders
5. Recreating layouts conditionally without keys

These reduce usability.

6.14 Layout and Performance

Layout itself is cheap.

Performance issues arise when:

- Heavy charts are rerendered
- Large tables are displayed repeatedly

Use:

- Caching

- Conditional rendering
- Containers

6.15 Interview Questions (Module 6)

Common questions:

- How do you structure large Streamlit apps?
- Difference between columns and containers?
- When would you use expanders?
- How do multipage apps work?

Strong answers combine:

- UX reasoning

- Execution model awareness

6.16 Learning Outcomes of Module 6

After this module, you should be able to:

- Design clean dashboards
- Organize UI logically
- Use layout tools correctly
- Avoid clutter
- Build professional-looking apps

6.17 Transition to Module 7

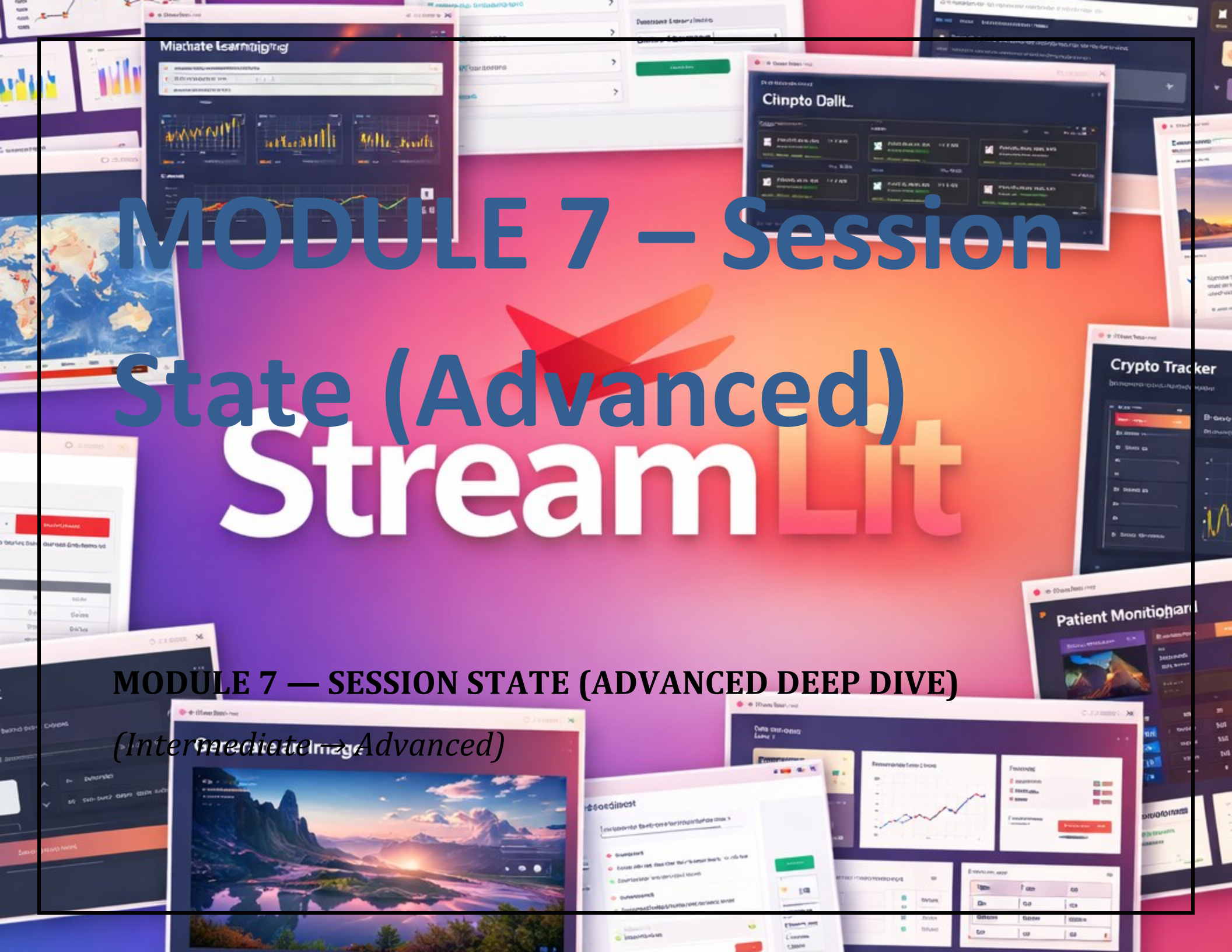
Now that your app:

- Displays content
- Accepts user input
- Is well structured

The next critical concept is:

How to persist data across reruns

MODULE 7 – Session State (Advanced)



MODULE 7 — SESSION STATE (ADVANCED DEEP DIVE)

(Intermediate → Advanced)

7.1 Why Session State Exists

Streamlit reruns your script **from top to bottom on every interaction**.

By default, this means:

- Variables reset
- Counters break
- Workflows collapse
- Multi-step apps become impossible

Session State exists to solve exactly this problem.

Session State allows Streamlit apps to remember information across reruns within a user session.

Without it, Streamlit would only be useful for static or trivial apps.

7.2 What Session State Is (Conceptually)

Session State is:

- A **per-user memory store**
- A **dictionary-like object**
- Tied to a **single browser session**
- Preserved across reruns

Each connected user gets:

- Their own session
- Their own state
- Complete isolation from other users

This design is critical for correctness and security.

7.3 What Session State Is NOT

Session State is **not**:

- Global memory
- Shared across users
- Persistent storage (database)
- Saved across server restarts

Once the session ends:

- Session state is destroyed

If persistence beyond sessions is required, you must use:

- Databases
- Files
- External caches

7.4 Accessing Session State

Session State is accessed via:

st.session_state

It behaves like:

- A dictionary
- An object with attributes

Both are valid:

st.session_state["count"] = 0

st.session_state.count = 0

Choose **one style consistently** to avoid confusion.

7.5 Initializing Session State (Critical Pattern)

Session State **does not auto-initialize keys**.

Correct pattern:

if "count" not in st.session_state:

```
st.session_state.count = 0
```

Why this is necessary:

- Script reruns repeatedly
- Initialization must be conditional
- Otherwise values reset

This pattern appears in almost every non-trivial app.

7.6 Session State and Widgets: The Relationship

Widgets automatically store their values in session state.

Example:

```
age = st.slider("Age", 1, 100)
```

Internally:

- Widget key maps to st.session_state["Age"] (or generated key)
- Value restored before script execution

Important distinction:

- **Widget state is managed by Streamlit**
- **Session state is managed by you**

Widgets feed state → session state controls logic.

7.7 Explicit Widget Keys and Session State

```
st.text_input("Name", key="user_name")
```

Now:

st.session_state.user_name

This enables:

- Manual modification
- Conditional logic
- Workflow control

Without explicit keys, advanced logic becomes fragile.

7.8 Mutating Session State Safely

Session State values can be mutated:

st.session_state.count += 1

But beware:

- Mutations occur on reruns
- Logic must be gated properly
- Otherwise infinite loops occur

7.9 Session State with Buttons (Common Pattern)

Example: Counter app

```
if "count" not in st.session_state:
    st.session_state.count = 0

if st.button("Increment"):
    st.session_state.count += 1
```

```
st.write(st.session_state.count)
```

Why this works:

- Button returns True once
- State mutation happens once
- Value persists across reruns

This pattern underpins many workflows.

7.10 Multi-Step Workflows (Advanced Pattern)

Example: Step-based UI

```
if "step" not in st.session_state:
```

```
st.session_state.step = 1

if st.session_state.step == 1:
    if st.button("Next"):
        st.session_state.step = 2

elif st.session_state.step == 2:
    st.write("Step 2")
```

This enables:

- Wizards
- Forms

- Guided flows
- Conditional navigation

7.11 Session State in Chat Applications

Chat apps are impossible without session state.

Pattern:

```
if "messages" not in st.session_state:
    st.session_state.messages = []

if st.button("Send"):
    st.session_state.messages.append(user_input)
```

Session state stores:

- Message history
- Conversation context
- UI state

This pattern is foundational for LLM apps.

7.12 Session State and st.rerun()

Session State works seamlessly with manual reruns.

Example:

```
st.session_state.step = 1
st.rerun()
```

Use cases:

- Reset flows
- Clear UI
- Restart workflows

⚠️ Misuse can cause infinite loops.

7.13 Clearing and Resetting Session State

Clear all state:

```
st.session_state.clear()
```

Reset specific keys:

```
del st.session_state["count"]
```

Used in:

- Logout flows
- Reset buttons
- App restart logic

7.14 Session State and Caching (Important Distinction)

Aspect	Session State	Cache
Scope	Per user	Shared
Lifetime	Session	App lifetime
Mutability	Yes	No

Aspect	Session State	Cache
Purpose	Logic & flow	Performance

Confusing these leads to serious bugs.

7.15 Session State and Multi-User Safety

Key guarantees:

- Each user has isolated session state
- No accidental data leakage
- Safe by default

However:

- Cached data **can** be shared

- External storage **must** be user-aware

7.16 Common Session State Mistakes

1. Forgetting to initialize keys
2. Overwriting state on every rerun
3. Mutating state unconditionally
4. Using session state as a database
5. Mixing widget state and logic state carelessly

7.17 Debugging Session State

Best practices:

st.write(st.session_state)

This reveals:

- Current keys
- Values
- Unexpected resets

Avoid assuming state — always inspect.

7.18 Interview Questions (Module 7)

Common questions:

- Why does Streamlit need session state?
- Difference between widget state and session state?

- How do you build multi-step apps?
- How does Streamlit handle multi-user state?

Strong answers show:

- Execution model awareness
  - Architectural understanding

7.19 Learning Outcomes of Module 7

After this module, you should:

- Control app flow reliably
- Build chat and workflow apps
- Avoid rerun-related bugs

- Design state-driven UIs
- Answer session-state interview questions confidently

7.20 Transition to Module 8

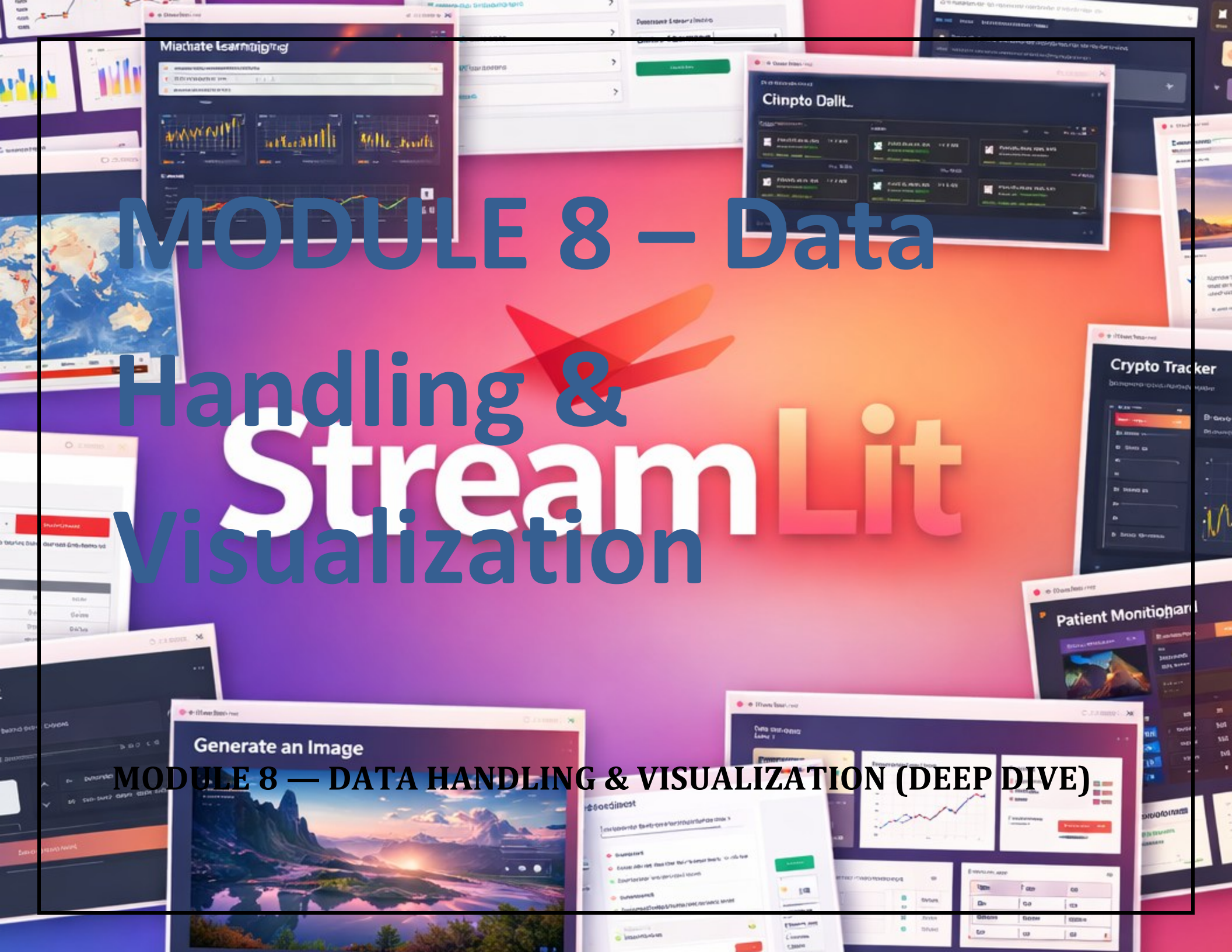
Now that your app can:

- Remember information
- Manage workflows
- Handle user state

The next step is:

Working with real data and visualizing it effectively

MODULE 8 – Data Handling & Visualization



MODULE 8 — DATA HANDLING & VISUALIZATION (DEEP DIVE)

(Intermediate → Advanced)

8.1 Role of Data in Streamlit Applications

At its core, Streamlit is designed for **data-driven applications**.

Almost every Streamlit app:

- Loads data
- Transforms data
- Displays data
- Updates visuals based on user input

Understanding how Streamlit works with data is critical for:

- Performance

- Correctness
- Scalability
- User experience

8.2 Data Sources Commonly Used with Streamlit

Streamlit works with **any data source Python can access**.

Typical sources include:

- CSV files
- Excel files
- JSON files
- Databases (SQL / NoSQL)

- APIs
- Cloud storage
- In-memory data (generated or computed)

The key challenge is **when and how often data is loaded** — not whether it can be loaded.

8.3 Loading Data Correctly

8.3.1 Naive Data Loading (Anti-Pattern)

```
df = pd.read_csv("data.csv")
```

Placed at the top of the script, this will:

- Reload data on every rerun

- Kill performance
- Scale poorly

This is a **common beginner mistake**.

8.3.2 Correct Pattern: Cached Data Loading

```
@st.cache_data
def load_data():
    return pd.read_csv("data.csv")

df = load_data()
```

This ensures:

- Data is loaded once
- Reused across reruns
- Fast UI updates

Caching will be deeply covered in Module 9.

8.4 Working with Pandas DataFrames

Pandas is the most common data structure used with Streamlit.

Key strengths:

- Tabular representation
- Rich transformation APIs
- Native Streamlit support

Streamlit recognizes DataFrames automatically.

8.5 Displaying DataFrames

8.5.1 st.dataframe() — Interactive Tables

st.dataframe(df)

Features:

- Sorting
- Scrolling
- Column resizing
- Responsive layout

Use when:

- Dataset is large
- User needs exploration

8.5.2 st.table() — Static Tables

st.table(df.head())

Use when:

- Data is small
- Layout must remain fixed
- No interaction is needed

8.6 Conditional Data Display

Combine widgets with data logic:

```
region = st.selectbox("Region", df["region"].unique())
filtered_df = df[df["region"] == region]
st.dataframe(filtered_df)
```

This pattern:

- Is extremely common
- Forms the basis of dashboards
- Demonstrates reactive behavior

8.7 Built-in Chart APIs

Streamlit provides **simple, built-in chart functions**.

8.7.1 st.line_chart()

st.line_chart(df["sales"])

Used for:

- Trends
  - Time series
  - Simple analytics

8.7.2 st.bar_chart()

st.bar_chart(df.groupby("region")["sales"].sum())

Used for:

- Comparisons

- Aggregations

8.7.3 st.area_chart()

st.area_chart(df)

Used for:

- Cumulative trends
- Volume visualization

Built-in Charts: Pros & Cons

Pros

- Very easy to use

- Fast rendering
- Clean defaults

Cons

- Limited customization
  - Not suitable for advanced visuals

8.8 Custom Visualizations (Advanced)

8.8.1 Matplotlib

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

fig, ax = plt.subplots()
```

```
ax.plot(df["sales"])
st.pyplot(fig)
```

Use when:

- You need full control
  - You already have matplotlib code

8.8.2 Seaborn

```
import seaborn as sns

fig = sns.histplot(df["sales"]).get_figure()
st.pyplot(fig)
```

Seaborn builds on matplotlib and offers better defaults.

8.8.3 Plotly (Highly Recommended)

```
import plotly.express as px

fig = px.line(df, x="date", y="sales")
st.plotly_chart(fig)
```

Plotly offers:

- Interactivity
- Tooltips
- Zooming

- Professional visuals

It is widely used in production Streamlit apps.

8.9 Linking Widgets to Charts

Example:

```
metric = st.selectbox("Metric", ["sales", "profit"])
st.line_chart(df[metric])
```

This enables:

- Dynamic visualization
- Exploratory analysis
- User-driven insights

8.10 Handling Large Datasets

Strategies:

- Filter early
- Cache aggressively
- Avoid rendering entire datasets
- Paginate if necessary

Rendering millions of rows directly is a mistake.

8.11 Data Transformation Pipelines

Typical pipeline:

1. Load data
2. Clean data
3. Transform data
4. Aggregate data
5. Visualize results

Each step should be:

- Modular
- Cached if expensive
- Triggered intentionally

8.12 Data and Session State

Session state is often used to:

- Store selected filters
- Store intermediate results
- Maintain user choices

Example:

st.session_state.selected_region = region

This improves:

- User experience
- Workflow continuity

8.13 Error Handling with Data

Always assume:

- Files may be missing
- Data may be malformed
- APIs may fail

Example:

```
try:
    df = load_data()
except Exception as e:
    st.error("Failed to load data")
```

Never let data errors crash the app silently.

8.14 Common Data Mistakes

1. Reloading data on every rerun
2. Rendering too much data
3. Mixing transformation and display logic
4. Ignoring caching
5. Blocking UI with heavy computations

8.15 Interview Questions (Module 8)

Common questions:

- How do you handle large datasets in Streamlit?
- Difference between st.dataframe and st.table?

- When would you use Plotly over built-in charts?
- How do you optimize data loading?

Good answers reference:

- Execution model
  - Caching
  - UX considerations

8.16 Learning Outcomes of Module 8

After this module, you should be able to:

- Load data efficiently
- Build reactive dashboards

- Choose correct visualization tools
- Handle large datasets
- Build production-quality analytics apps

8.17 Transition to Module 9

Now that your app:

- Loads real data
- Visualizes it
- Reacts to user input

The next critical concern is:

Performance and avoiding unnecessary recomputation

MODULE 9 – Performance Optimization & Caching

MODULE 9 — PERFORMANCE OPTIMIZATION & CACHING (DEEP DIVE)

(Intermediate → Advanced)

9.1 Why Performance Matters in Streamlit

Streamlit apps rerun **frequently**:

- Every widget interaction
- Every button click

- Every input change

Without performance controls:

- Apps feel slow
- UI becomes unresponsive
- Users lose trust
- Infrastructure costs increase

Performance optimization in Streamlit is primarily about **controlling recomputation**.

9.2 The Root Cause of Performance Problems

The root cause is simple:

The entire script reruns top to bottom on every interaction

This means:

- Data reloads repeatedly
- Models reload repeatedly
- Database queries repeat
- APIs are called again and again

Caching exists to **break this cycle** safely.

9.3 What Caching Is (Conceptually)

Caching means:

- Store results of expensive operations

- Reuse them on subsequent reruns
- Skip recomputation when inputs haven't changed

In Streamlit:

- Caching is **declarative**
  - You tell Streamlit *what* to cache
  - Streamlit manages *when* to reuse

9.4 Streamlit Caching APIs (Modern)

Streamlit provides **two primary caching decorators**:

1. @st.cache_data
2. @st.cache_resource

Each serves a distinct purpose.

9.5 st.cache_data — Data Caching

9.5.1 Purpose

Use st.cache_data for:

- Data loading
- Data transformation
- Computation results

Example:

```
@st.cache_data
def load_data():
```

```
return pd.read_csv("data.csv")
```

This ensures:

- File is read once
- Data reused across reruns
- Faster UI updates

9.5.2 Cache Key Mechanism

Streamlit caches based on:

- Function code
- Function inputs
- Dependency graph

If **any input changes**:

- Cache invalidates
- Function recomputes

This guarantees correctness.

9.5.3 Mutability Rules

Cached data should be treated as:

Read-only

Do NOT:

```
df = load_data()
df["new_col"] = ...
```

Instead:

df = load_data().copy()

Mutating cached objects can cause:

- Cross-user contamination
- Hard-to-debug bugs

9.6 st.cache_resource — Resource Caching

9.6.1 Purpose

Use st.cache_resource for:

- ML models
- Database connections

- API clients
- Heavy resources

Example:

```
@st.cache_resource
def load_model():
    return joblib.load("model.pkl")
```

This ensures:

- Model loads once
- Shared safely across sessions
- Huge performance gain

9.6.2 Difference Between Data and Resource Caching

Aspect	cache_data	cache_resource
Scope	Per session	Shared
Mutability	Immutable	Mutable
Use case	Data	Long-lived objects
Example	DataFrames	ML models

Using the wrong one is a **design flaw**.

9.7 Cache Invalidation

Caches are invalidated when:

- Function code changes
- Input arguments change
- Manual clear is triggered

Manual clear:

st.cache_data.clear()

st.cache_resource.clear()

Use manual clears sparingly.

9.8 Caching and Multi-User Behavior

Important distinction:

- **Session State** → per user

- **Cache** → shared across users

Implications:

- Cached data must be user-agnostic
- Never cache user-specific secrets
  - Never cache sensitive per-user data

9.9 Performance Patterns (Correct)

Pattern 1: Cache Data Loading

```
@st.cache_data
def load():
    return pd.read_csv("data.csv")
```

Pattern 2: Cache Models

```
@st.cache_resource
def model():
    return load_model()
```

Pattern 3: Cache Transformations

```
@st.cache_data
def preprocess(df):
    return df.groupby("region").sum()
```

9.10 Anti-Patterns (Very Important)

- ❌ Caching UI logic
- ❌ Caching user-specific data
- ❌ Mutating cached objects
- ❌ Using cache as storage
- ❌ Ignoring cache invalidation

Caching is not persistence.

9.11 Controlling Execution with Widgets

Use widgets to gate expensive operations:

```
if st.button("Run analysis"):
    result = heavy_computation()
```

This prevents:

- Accidental recomputation
- Wasteful reruns

9.12 Lazy Loading Strategy

Instead of loading everything upfront:

- Load when needed
- Trigger via user intent
- Cache results afterward

This improves:

- Initial load time

- Perceived performance

9.13 Profiling Performance Issues

Debug slow apps by:

- Printing timestamps
- Measuring execution blocks
- Observing rerun frequency

Example:

```
import time

st.write(time.time())
```

9.14 Performance vs UX Trade-offs

Sometimes:

- Faster computation = worse UX
- More caching = stale data

Good apps:

- Balance freshness and speed
- Make trade-offs explicit
- Communicate loading states clearly

9.15 Caching with External Systems

When using:

- Databases
- APIs
- Cloud storage

Use caching to:

- Reduce network calls
- Avoid rate limits
- Improve reliability

But always respect:

- Data freshness
- Security boundaries

9.16 Common Performance Mistakes

1. Reloading data on every rerun
2. Loading models inside loops
3. Not caching DB connections
4. Rendering too much data
5. Ignoring execution model

9.17 Interview Questions (Module 9)

Common questions:

- Difference between cache_data and cache_resource?
- How does Streamlit decide when to invalidate cache?

- Is caching shared across users?
- How do you optimize slow Streamlit apps?

Strong answers show:

- Architectural clarity
- Safety awareness
- Performance trade-off understanding

9.18 Learning Outcomes of Module 9

After this module, you should:

- Build fast Streamlit apps
- Use caching correctly

- Avoid recomputation traps
- Design scalable apps
- Answer performance interview questions confidently

9.19 Transition to Module 10

Now that your app is:

- Interactive
- Stateful
- Data-driven
- Performant

It’s time to apply everything in practice.

MODULE 10 – Mini Project: Analytics Dashboard

MODULE 10 — MINI PROJECT 1

ANALYTICS DASHBOARD (FULL WALKTHROUGH)

(Intermediate → Advanced)

10.1 Purpose of This Project

This project demonstrates how to build a **real analytics dashboard** using Streamlit.

It integrates:

- Data loading
- Widgets
- Layout
- Session State

- Caching
- Charts
- Performance best practices

This is **not a toy app** — it reflects how internal BI dashboards are built in companies.

10.2 Business Problem Statement

Assume you are given:

- A sales dataset
- Multiple regions
- Multiple products

- Time-based records

The business wants:

- Interactive filtering
- KPI metrics
- Visual insights
- Fast performance
- Clean UI

Your task:

Build a self-service analytics dashboard for decision-makers.

10.3 Dataset Assumptions

Example columns:

- date
- region
- product
- sales
- profit
- quantity

The dataset may come from:

- CSV
- Database
- API

For this project, we assume a CSV for simplicity.

10.4 Project Architecture (Conceptual)

Flow:

1. Load data (cached)
2. Sidebar filters (region, product, date)
3. Data transformation
4. KPI calculation
5. Charts rendering
6. Table display

This architecture scales well and is reusable.

10.5 Step 1 — Project Structure

Recommended structure:

```
dashboard_app/
 ├─ app.py
 ├─ data/
 │   └─ sales.csv
 ├─ requirements.txt
```

This mirrors real-world practice.

10.6 Step 2 — App Entry Point

```
import streamlit as st
import pandas as pd
import plotly.express as px
Set page configuration:
st.set_page_config(
    page_title="Sales Dashboard",
    layout="wide"
)
```

10.7 Step 3 — Data Loading (Cached)

```
@st.cache_data
```

```
def load_data():
    return pd.read_csv("data/sales.csv", parse_dates=["date"])

df = load_data()
```

Why this matters:

- Prevents reload on every rerun
- Improves responsiveness
- Scales with data size

10.8 Step 4 — Sidebar Filters

```
st.sidebar.header("Filters")
```

```
region = st.sidebar.selectbox(
    "Region",
    sorted(df["region"].unique())
)

product = st.sidebar.multiselect(
    "Product",
    sorted(df["product"].unique()),
    default=df["product"].unique()
)
```

Best practice:

- Filters in sidebar
- Outputs in main area

10.9 Step 5 — Date Range Filter

```
date_range = st.sidebar.date_input(
    "Date Range",
    [df["date"].min(), df["date"].max()]
)
```

This enables time-based analysis — critical for analytics apps.

10.10 Step 6 — Data Filtering Logic

```
filtered_df = df[
    (df["region"] == region) &
    (df["product"].isin(product)) &
    (df["date"].between(date_range[0], date_range[1]))
]
```

This logic:

- Runs on every rerun
- Is lightweight
- Depends on cached data

10.11 Step 7 — KPI Metrics

```
total_sales = filtered_df["sales"].sum()

total_profit = filtered_df["profit"].sum()

total_quantity = filtered_df["quantity"].sum()

Display KPIs:

col1, col2, col3 = st.columns(3)

col1.metric("Total Sales", f"${total_sales:,.0f}")

col2.metric("Total Profit", f"${total_profit:,.0f}")

col3.metric("Quantity Sold", total_quantity)
```

KPIs are **decision-driver elements**.

10.12 Step 8 — Time Series Chart

```
sales_trend = (
    filtered_df
    .groupby("date")["sales"]
    .sum()
    .reset_index()
)

fig = px.line(
    sales_trend,
```

```
x="date",
y="sales",
title="Sales Over Time"
)
```

```
st.plotly_chart(fig, use_container_width=True)
```

Why Plotly:

- Interactive
- Professional
- Zoomable
- Widely used

10.13 Step 9 — Category Breakdown Chart

```
category_sales = (
    filtered_df
    .groupby("product")["sales"]
    .sum()
    .reset_index()
)

fig2 = px.bar(
    category_sales,
```

```
    x="product",
    y="sales",
    title="Sales by Product"
)

st.plotly_chart(fig2, use_container_width=True)
```

This provides **comparative insights**.

10.14 Step 10 — Data Table View

```
with st.expander("View Raw Data"):
    st.dataframe(filtered_df)
```

Best practice:

- Hide raw data
- Show on demand
- Prevent clutter

10.15 Step 11 — Performance Considerations

This app is fast because:

- Data loading is cached
- Transformations are lightweight
- Rendering is conditional
- Charts are reused

This is **production-safe**.

10.16 Common Enhancements (Optional)

- Download filtered data
- Save filter presets
- Add YoY comparison
- Add authentication
- Add multipage navigation

These build naturally on this architecture.

10.17 Common Mistakes to Avoid

1. Reloading data on every rerun
2. Rendering massive tables by default
3. Mixing UI and logic chaotically
4. Ignoring layout hierarchy
5. Overusing session state unnecessarily

10.18 Interview Perspective (Module 10)

Interviewers may ask:

- How would you design a Streamlit dashboard?
- How do you handle filtering?
- How do you optimize performance?

- How do you scale this app?

This module gives **real answers**, not theory.

10.19 Learning Outcomes of Module 10

After completing this module, you can:

- Build a full analytics dashboard
- Apply all previous modules together
- Design professional layouts
- Optimize performance
- Explain architecture confidently

10.20 Transition to Module 11

Now that you've built a **data analytics app**, the next step is:

Deploying machine learning models via Streamlit

MODULE 11 – Mini Project: Machine Learning App

MODULE 11 — MINI PROJECT 2

MACHINE LEARNING PREDICTION APP (FULL WALKTHROUGH)

(Intermediate → Advanced)

11.1 Purpose of This Project

This project demonstrates how to **deploy a trained Machine Learning model as an interactive web application** using Streamlit.

It covers:

- Loading trained models
- Handling user input
- Feature preparation
- Prediction pipelines
- Performance optimization

- UX considerations for ML apps

This reflects **real ML deployment patterns** used in internal tools and lightweight production systems.

11.2 Business Problem Statement

Assume a business wants:

- A simple interface to predict outcomes
- No exposure to raw ML code
- Fast predictions
- Reproducible behavior
- Safe handling of inputs

Example use cases:

- House price prediction
- Credit risk scoring
- Demand forecasting
- Classification-based decision tools

Your task:

Expose a trained ML model through a clean Streamlit interface.

11.3 ML App Architecture (Conceptual)

Typical flow:

1. User provides inputs

2. Inputs are validated
3. Features are transformed
4. Model generates prediction
5. Result is displayed
6. App reruns safely

Key rule:

The model must NOT be retrained inside Streamlit.

11.4 Assumptions for This Project

We assume:

- Model is already trained

- Saved using joblib or pickle
- Feature order is fixed
- Preprocessing logic is known

Example:

- Regression model for house prices
- Input features: area, bedrooms, location score

11.5 Step 1 — Project Structure

Recommended structure:

```
ml_app/
├── app.py
```

```
├─ model/
│   └─ model.pkl
├─ requirements.txt
```

This structure:

- Separates concerns
- Is deployment-friendly
- Scales well

11.6 Step 2 — App Setup

```
import streamlit as st
import numpy as np
```

```
import joblib

Configure page:

st.set_page_config(

    page_title="House Price Predictor",

    layout="centered"

)
```

11.7 Step 3 — Load Model (Cached Resource)

```
@st.cache_resource

def load_model():

    return joblib.load("model/model.pkl")
```

```
model = load_model()
```

Why cache_resource:

- Model is heavy
  - Should load once
  - Can be safely shared across sessions

This is **critical for performance**.

11.8 Step 4 — Build Input UI

```
st.header("Enter Property Details")
```

```
area = st.number_input("Area (sq ft)", min_value=300)
bedrooms = st.slider("Bedrooms", 1, 10)
location_score = st.slider("Location Score", 1, 10)
```

Best practices:

- Validate inputs at UI level
- Prevent invalid values
- Keep labels business-friendly

11.9 Step 5 — Feature Engineering Logic

```
features = np.array([[area, bedrooms, location_score]])
```

Important:

- Feature order must match training
- Shape must match model expectations

Mistakes here cause **silent prediction errors**.

11.10 Step 6 — Prediction Trigger (Controlled Execution)

```
if st.button("Predict Price"):
    prediction = model.predict(features)
    st.success(f"Estimated Price: ${prediction[0]:,.0f}")
```

Why use a button:

- Prevents constant recomputation
- Gives user control

- Improves UX

11.11 Handling Model Errors Gracefully

Always assume:

- Model can fail
- Input shape may mismatch
- Unexpected values may appear

Example:

```
try:
    prediction = model.predict(features)
except Exception as e:
```

```
st.error("Prediction failed. Please check inputs.")
```

Never expose raw stack traces to users.

11.12 Session State in ML Apps

Session State can be used to:

- Store prediction history
- Compare multiple predictions
- Enable scenario analysis

Example:

```
if "history" not in st.session_state:
    st.session_state.history = []
```

```
st.session_state.history.append(prediction[0])
```

11.13 Displaying Prediction History

```
with st.expander("Prediction History"):
    st.write(st.session_state.history)
```

This adds **analytical depth** to ML apps.

11.14 Performance Considerations

This app is performant because:

- Model loads once

- Predictions are lightweight
- Execution is gated by a button
- No unnecessary reruns

Bad practice:

- Loading model inside button block
- Reloading model on every rerun

11.15 Security & Safety Considerations

Important points:

- Do not expose training data
- Do not expose model internals

- Validate inputs
- Never accept arbitrary code or files

Streamlit apps are often internal, but **security still matters**.

11.16 Common Extensions (Advanced)

- Batch prediction via file upload
- Confidence intervals
- Feature importance visualization
- Model versioning
- A/B model comparison

All can be layered onto this architecture.

11.17 Common Mistakes (Module 11)

1. Training model inside Streamlit
2. Loading model without caching
3. Ignoring input validation
4. Mixing preprocessing logic blindly
5. Treating Streamlit as a REST API

11.18 Interview Perspective (Module 11)

Interviewers may ask:

- How do you deploy ML models using Streamlit?

- Difference between model loading and prediction?
- How do you optimize ML app performance?
- How do you handle invalid inputs?

Strong answers reference:

- st.cache_resource
- Controlled execution
- Separation of training and inference

11.19 Learning Outcomes of Module 11

After completing this module, you can:

- Deploy ML models using Streamlit

- Design safe ML interfaces
- Optimize inference performance
- Build portfolio-grade ML apps
- Explain ML deployment clearly in interviews

11.20 Transition to Module 12

Now that you've built:

- A data dashboard
- An ML prediction app

The next challenge is:

Managing conversational state and multi-step interaction

MODULE 12 — Mini Project: Chat Application

MODULE 12 — MINI PROJECT 3

CHAT APPLICATION (FULL WALKTHROUGH)

(Intermediate → Advanced)

12.1 Purpose of This Project

This project demonstrates how to build a **stateful chat application** using Streamlit.

Chat apps require:

- Persistent conversation history
- Controlled reruns
- Clear separation of input and output
- Reliable state management

Without session state, chat apps are impossible in Streamlit.

12.2 Business Problem Statement

Assume the need for:

- Internal chat tools
- Customer support simulators
- FAQ bots
- AI assistants (without LLM for now)

Your task:

Build a chat interface that remembers messages and updates in real time.

12.3 Chat App Architecture (Conceptual)

Flow:

1. User enters message
2. Message stored in session state
3. UI reruns
4. Chat history rendered
5. New message appears

This loop repeats on every interaction.

12.4 Why Chat Apps Are Hard in Streamlit

Challenges:

- Script reruns wipe variables
- Messages must persist
- UI must feel continuous
- Inputs must not re-trigger logic incorrectly

Session State solves all of these.

12.5 Step 1 — Project Structure

Recommended structure:

```
chat_app/
  ├─ app.py
  ├─ requirements.txt
```

Simple structure, complex logic.

12.6 Step 2 — Initialize Session State

```
if "messages" not in st.session_state:
    st.session_state.messages = []
```

This is **mandatory**.

Without this:

- Chat history resets on every rerun

12.7 Step 3 — Chat Input UI

```
user_input = st.text_input("Type your message")
```

This widget:

- Triggers rerun on every keystroke
- Must be handled carefully

12.8 Step 4 — Send Button (Controlled Execution)

```
if st.button("Send"):
    st.session_state.messages.append({
        "role": "user",
        "content": user_input
    })
```

Why a button:

- Prevents partial message submission
- Prevents unintended reruns
- Gives user control

12.9 Step 5 — Rendering Chat History

```
for msg in st.session_state.messages:
    if msg["role"] == "user":
        st.write(f"👩 {msg['content']}")
    else:
        st.write(f"🤖 {msg['content']}")
```

Important:

- Rendering happens on every rerun
- Order matters
- UI is reconstructed every time

12.10 Step 6 — Clearing Input After Send

Problem:

- Input remains after sending

Solution:

```
st.session_state.user_input = ""

st.rerun()
```

This requires:

- Explicit widget keys
- Careful rerun control

12.11 Step 7 — Simulated Bot Response

For now, simulate a response:

```
st.session_state.messages.append({
    "role": "bot",
    "content": "This is a response"
})
```

Later, this becomes:

- API call

- LLM inference
- External service response

12.12 Using st.chat_message() (Modern API)

Streamlit provides chat-native APIs:

```
with st.chat_message("user"):
    st.write(user_input)
```

And:

```
with st.chat_message("assistant"):
    st.write("Response")
```

These provide:

- Proper chat layout
- Clean UI
- Better UX

12.13 Complete Minimal Chat App Example

```
if "messages" not in st.session_state:
    st.session_state.messages = []

prompt = st.chat_input("Say something")

if prompt:
```

```
st.session_state.messages.append(("user", prompt))
st.session_state.messages.append(("assistant", "Reply"))

for role, msg in st.session_state.messages:
    with st.chat_message(role):
        st.write(msg)
```

This is **production-safe**.

12.14 Performance Considerations

Chat apps are efficient because:

- Messages are lightweight

- No heavy computation
- State is small

However:

- Long histories can slow rendering
  - Truncation strategies may be needed

12.15 Session State Growth Management

Strategies:

- Limit message count
- Store only essential data
- Archive old conversations

Example:

st.session_state.messages = st.session_state.messages[-50:]

12.16 Error Handling in Chat Apps

Always guard:

- Empty messages
- Invalid inputs
- API failures (future LLM integration)

Never assume:

- Input is always valid

12.17 Extending Chat Apps (Advanced)

Common extensions:

- User authentication
- Chat history persistence (DB)
- File uploads
- Streaming responses
- LLM integration

This module lays the foundation for all of them.

12.18 Common Mistakes (Module 12)

1. Forgetting session state

2. Letting input trigger logic automatically
3. Not clearing inputs
4. Infinite reruns
5. Storing too much data in session state

12.19 Interview Perspective (Module 12)

Interviewers may ask:

- How do you build chat apps in Streamlit?
- Why is session state required?
- How do you handle chat history?
- How do you scale chat apps?

Strong answers reference:

- Execution model
- Session state
- Controlled UI

12.20 Learning Outcomes of Module 12

After this module, you can:

- Build stateful chat apps
- Manage conversational UI
- Prepare for GenAI integration
- Design clean interaction flows

- Explain chat architecture confidently

12.21 Transition to Module 13

Now that you can:

- Capture structured input
- Handle state
- Manage workflows

The next step is:

Handling forms, files, and secrets securely

MODULE 13 – Forms, Files & Secrets

MODULE 13 — FORMS, FILES & SECRETS (DEEP DIVE)

(Intermediate → Advanced)

13.1 Why This Module Matters

Up to now, widgets triggered reruns immediately.

In real applications, this is often **undesirable**.

Real apps need:

- Controlled submission
- Validation before execution
- Secure handling of credentials
- File ingestion pipelines

This module addresses all of that.

13.2 Forms: Controlled Widget Submission

13.2.1 Problem with Default Widgets

By default:

- Every widget interaction → rerun

- Heavy logic may trigger too often
- Multi-field forms become unstable

Example problem:

```
name = st.text_input("Name")
age = st.number_input("Age")
# Logic runs on every keystroke
```

13.3 st.form() — Core Concept

Forms allow:

- Grouping widgets
- Delaying execution

- Explicit submission

Example:

```
with st.form("user_form"):
    name = st.text_input("Name")
    age = st.number_input("Age")
    submitted = st.form_submit_button("Submit")
```

Only when **Submit** is clicked:

- Script reruns
- submitted becomes True

13.4 Form Execution Model

Inside a form:

- Widgets collect values
- No reruns occur
- Values are “staged”

On submit:

- Full script reruns
- Values are committed
- Logic executes once

This model is critical for:

- Performance
- Validation

- Workflow correctness

13.5 Validation Inside Forms

```
if submitted:
    if age < 18:
        st.error("Age must be at least 18")
    else:
        st.success("Form submitted")
```

Best practices:

- Validate after submit
- Never partially validate on input

- Give clear user feedback

13.6 Forms with Session State

Forms integrate cleanly with session state:

if submitted:

st.session_state.user = name

Use cases:

- Multi-step workflows
- Wizard-style apps
- Stateful data entry

13.7 File Uploads (st.file_uploader)

13.7.1 Purpose

File uploads enable:

- CSV ingestion
- Image analysis
- Document processing
- Batch ML predictions

13.7.2 Basic Usage

```
uploaded_file = st.file_uploader("Upload CSV", type="csv")
```

Returns:

- None if no file
- File-like object if uploaded

13.8 Reading Uploaded Files

CSV example:

```
if uploaded_file:
    df = pd.read_csv(uploaded_file)
    st.dataframe(df)
```

Image example:

```
from PIL import Image
img = Image.open(uploaded_file)
```

```
st.image(img)
```

Important:

- Files exist in memory
- Not automatically saved to disk

13.9 File Uploads + Forms (Best Practice)

Combine forms and uploads:

```
with st.form("upload_form"):
    file = st.file_uploader("Upload file")
    submit = st.form_submit_button("Process")
```

This prevents:

- Premature execution
- Partial uploads
- Unstable behavior

13.10 File Size & Security Considerations

Always assume:

- Files may be large
- Files may be malformed
- Files may be hostile

Best practices:

- Limit file types

- Validate content
- Never trust file names
- Avoid executing uploaded code

13.11 Download Buttons (st.download_button)

Allow users to download results:

```
st.download_button(
    "Download CSV",
    data=df.to_csv(index=False),
    file_name="results.csv"
)
```

Common use cases:

- Export filtered data
- Download predictions
- Save reports

13.12 Secrets Management (st.secrets)

13.12.1 Why Secrets Matter

Never hardcode:

- API keys
- Database credentials
- Tokens

- Passwords

Streamlit provides secure secret handling.

13.13 Defining Secrets

Secrets are stored in:

.streamlit/secrets.toml

Example:

```
api_key = "ABC123"
db_password = "secret"
```

13.14 Accessing Secrets in Code

```
api_key = st.secrets["api_key"]
```

Secrets:

- Are not visible in UI
- Are not logged
- Are safe for deployment

13.15 Secrets in Streamlit Cloud

On Streamlit Community Cloud:

- Secrets are set via dashboard
- Never committed to GitHub
- Automatically injected

This is **production-safe**.

13.16 Secrets + External Services

Common integrations:

- Databases
- APIs
- LLM providers
- Cloud storage

Always:

- Fetch secrets at runtime
- Never print them

- Never store in session state

13.17 Forms, Files & Caching Together

Example pipeline:

1. User uploads file
2. File processed once
3. Results cached
4. User downloads output

This is a **real production pattern**.

13.18 Common Mistakes (Module 13)

1. Hardcoding secrets
2. Running logic outside form submission
3. Trusting uploaded files
4. Forgetting file validation
5. Logging sensitive data

13.19 Interview Questions (Module 13)

Common questions:

- Why use forms instead of widgets?
- How do you handle file uploads?
- How do you store secrets securely?

- How do forms affect reruns?

Strong answers reference:

- Execution control
- Security boundaries
- Real-world deployment

13.20 Learning Outcomes of Module 13

After this module, you can:

- Build stable data-entry workflows
- Handle file ingestion safely
- Protect credentials

- Design secure Streamlit apps
- Answer security-related interview questions

13.21 Transition to Module 14

Now that your app can:

- Accept structured input
- Process files
- Use secrets securely

The next step is:

Scaling your app into multiple pages

MODULE 14 — Multipage Applications

MODULE 14 — MULTIPAGE APPLICATIONS (DEEP DIVE)

(Intermediate → Advanced)

14.1 Why Multipage Apps Exist

Single-page apps work for:

- Demos
- Small dashboards
- Experiments

But as an app grows:

- Logic becomes cluttered
- UI becomes crowded
- Maintenance becomes painful

Multipage apps solve this by:

- Separating concerns
- Organizing functionality
- Improving user navigation
- Enabling team collaboration

14.2 When to Use Multipage Apps

You should consider multipage architecture when:

- App exceeds one screen of content
- Multiple user workflows exist
- Different views of the same data are needed
- App has settings, dashboards, and tools

In industry, **most serious Streamlit apps are multipage**.

14.3 Streamlit Multipage Architecture

Streamlit supports multipage apps **natively**, without extra configuration.

Basic structure:

```
app.py
pages/
  ├─ 1_Dashboard.py
  ├─ 2_Analytics.py
  ├─ 3_Settings.py
```

Key rules:

- app.py is the entry point
- Each file in pages/ becomes a page
- Filenames control order and labels

14.4 How Navigation Works Internally

Streamlit:

- Automatically scans the pages/ directory
- Generates navigation UI
- Handles routing internally

You do NOT:

- Define routes
- Write navigation logic
- Manage URLs manually

Navigation is **declarative and automatic**.

14.5 Page Execution Model

Each page:

- Is a separate Python script
- Executes top-to-bottom on navigation
- Shares the same session

Important implications:

- Session state persists across pages
- Cached resources are shared
- Page variables do not persist across pages

14.6 Shared Session State Across Pages

Session state is **global to the app session**, not the page.

Example:

st.session_state.user_name = "Nimit"

Accessible from:

- app.py
- Any page file

This enables:

- User authentication
- Global filters
- Shared workflows

14.7 Shared Layout Patterns

Common pattern:

- Sidebar = navigation + global filters
- Main area = page-specific content

Example:

```
st.sidebar.selectbox("Region", regions)
```

Used across all pages.

14.8 Page-Specific Logic

Each page should:

- Handle one responsibility
- Be independent
- Be readable

Bad practice:

- Copy-pasting logic across pages

Good practice:

- Shared functions

- Modular design

14.9 Recommended Project Structure (Production)

```
streamlit_app/
 ├─ app.py
 ├─ pages/
 │   ├─ Dashboard.py
 │   ├─ ML_Predictions.py
 │   ├─ Chat.py
 ├─ utils/
 │   ├─ data.py
```

```
│   ├─ models.py
│   ├─ helpers.py
├─ .streamlit/
│   └─ secrets.toml
```

This structure:

- Scales
- Is testable
- Is team-friendly

14.10 Navigation Order & Naming

Streamlit orders pages alphabetically.

Use numeric prefixes:

1_Dashboard.py

2_Analytics.py

3_Settings.py

This ensures:

- Predictable order
- Clean navigation

Avoid renaming files casually — it affects navigation.

14.11 Conditional Navigation (Advanced)

You may want:

- Role-based access
- Login-dependent pages

Pattern:

```
if not st.session_state.get("authenticated"):
    st.stop()
```

This prevents unauthorized access.

14.12 Multipage Apps & Performance

Performance considerations:

- Heavy resources should be cached
- Avoid duplicate data loading

- Share cached functions

Use:

- @st.cache_data
- @st.cache_resource

14.13 Common Multipage Mistakes

1. Duplicating logic across pages
2. Reloading data per page
3. Forgetting shared state
4. Overloading the sidebar
5. Treating pages as isolated apps

14.14 Multipage Apps vs Tabs

Tabs	Pages
Same script	Separate scripts
Light navigation	Full navigation
Shared layout	Independent layout
Best for views	Best for workflows

Choose **pages** for complexity, **tabs** for organization.

14.15 Interview Questions (Module 14)

Common questions:

- How do multipage apps work in Streamlit?
- How is session state shared?
- How do you manage global filters?
- How do you structure large apps?

Strong answers highlight:

- Execution model
- State persistence
- Code organization

14.16 Learning Outcomes of Module 14

After this module, you can:

- Build scalable Streamlit apps
- Organize large codebases
- Share state across pages
- Design professional navigation
- Answer architecture questions confidently

14.17 Transition to Module 15

Now that your app is:

- Modular
- Scalable

- Organized

The next step is:

Making it accessible to others

MODULE 15 — Deployment Strategies

MODULE 15 — DEPLOYMENT STRATEGIES (DEEP DIVE)

(Intermediate → Advanced)

15.1 Why Deployment Matters

An app that only runs locally has **zero business value**.

Deployment enables:

- Sharing with stakeholders
- User testing
- Production usage
- Feedback loops
- Real-world validation

In professional environments, **deployment is part of the job**, not an afterthought.

15.2 What Deployment Means in Streamlit

Deploying a Streamlit app means:

- Running your Python script on a server
- Exposing it via a public or private URL
- Managing dependencies
- Ensuring reliability and security

Streamlit deployment is simpler than traditional web apps because:

- No frontend build step
- No server routing
- No API layer required

15.3 Pre-Deployment Checklist (Very Important)

Before deploying, ensure:

1. App runs cleanly locally
2. No hardcoded paths
3. No hardcoded secrets
4. Dependencies are documented
5. Data sources are accessible
6. App performance is acceptable

Skipping this checklist causes **most deployment failures**.

15.4 requirements.txt — Dependency Management

Streamlit deployments rely heavily on requirements.txt.

Example:

streamlit

pandas

numpy

plotly

scikit-learn

joblib

Best practices:

- Pin versions if stability matters
- Avoid unnecessary libraries

- Test installation in a clean environment

15.5 Streamlit Community Cloud (Official)

15.5.1 What It Is

Streamlit Community Cloud is:

- The official hosting platform
- Free for public apps
- Integrated with GitHub

It is the **fastest way to deploy** a Streamlit app.

15.5.2 Deployment Steps

1. Push app to GitHub
2. Log into Streamlit Cloud
3. Select repository
4. Choose app.py
5. Deploy

Within minutes, your app is live.

15.5.3 Secrets on Streamlit Cloud

Secrets are managed via:

- Cloud dashboard
- Secure UI

- Never committed to GitHub

This is **production-safe**.

15.6 Limitations of Streamlit Cloud

Important to understand:

- Public by default (unless restricted)
- Resource limits
- Not ideal for heavy workloads
- Not suitable for strict enterprise compliance

Still excellent for:

- Portfolios

- Demos
- Internal tools
- POCs

15.7 Self-Hosting on a Server (Advanced)

For more control, self-host Streamlit.

Typical options:

- Virtual machines (AWS EC2, Azure VM)
- On-prem servers
- Private cloud

Basic command:

```
streamlit run app.py --server.port 8501
```

15.8 Dockerizing a Streamlit App

15.8.1 Why Docker

Docker provides:

- Reproducibility
- Environment isolation
- Scalability
- Easier CI/CD

Docker is common in **enterprise deployments**.

15.8.2 Basic Dockerfile Example

```
FROM python:3.11

WORKDIR /app

COPY . .

RUN pip install -r requirements.txt

EXPOSE 8501

CMD ["streamlit", "run", "app.py", "--server.address=0.0.0.0"]
```

This container:

- Runs anywhere Docker is supported
- Is portable
- Is production-friendly

15.9 Reverse Proxy & HTTPS

In production, Streamlit is often placed behind:

- Nginx
- Apache
- Load balancers

This enables:

- HTTPS
- Custom domains
- Authentication layers
- Traffic control

Streamlit itself does **not** manage HTTPS.

15.10 Authentication & Access Control

Streamlit does not include built-in authentication.

Common approaches:

- Reverse proxy authentication
- OAuth via external service

- Simple session-based login
- Cloud provider IAM

Authentication is **outside Streamlit's core responsibility**.

15.11 Deployment & Performance

Deployment affects performance via:

- CPU limits
- Memory limits
- Cold starts
- Network latency

Key rules:

- Cache aggressively
- Avoid large startup workloads
- Lazy-load resources

15.12 Handling Data in Production

Avoid:

- Local file dependencies
- Hardcoded file paths

Prefer:

- Cloud storage
- Databases

- APIs

Apps must be **stateless at infrastructure level**.

15.13 Logging & Monitoring

In production:

- Use logging, not print
- Monitor errors
- Track slow operations

Logs help:

- Debug crashes
- Understand usage

- Improve UX

15.14 Updating & Redeploying Apps

Best practices:

- Version control everything
- Redeploy via CI/CD
- Test before pushing
- Roll back if needed

Streamlit apps should be:

- Easy to update
- Safe to redeploy

15.15 Deployment Anti-Patterns

Avoid:

1. Deploying untested apps
2. Committing secrets
3. Ignoring resource limits
4. Assuming local = production
5. Overloading free tiers

These cause failures in real usage.

15.16 Interview Questions (Module 15)

Common questions:

- How do you deploy Streamlit apps?
- Difference between Streamlit Cloud and self-hosting?
- How do you manage secrets?
- How do you secure Streamlit apps?

Strong answers reference:

- Deployment trade-offs
- Security boundaries
- Infrastructure awareness

15.17 Learning Outcomes of Module 15

After this module, you can:

- Deploy Streamlit apps confidently
- Choose correct hosting strategy
- Handle secrets safely
- Prepare apps for real users
- Answer deployment interview questions

15.18 Transition to Module 16

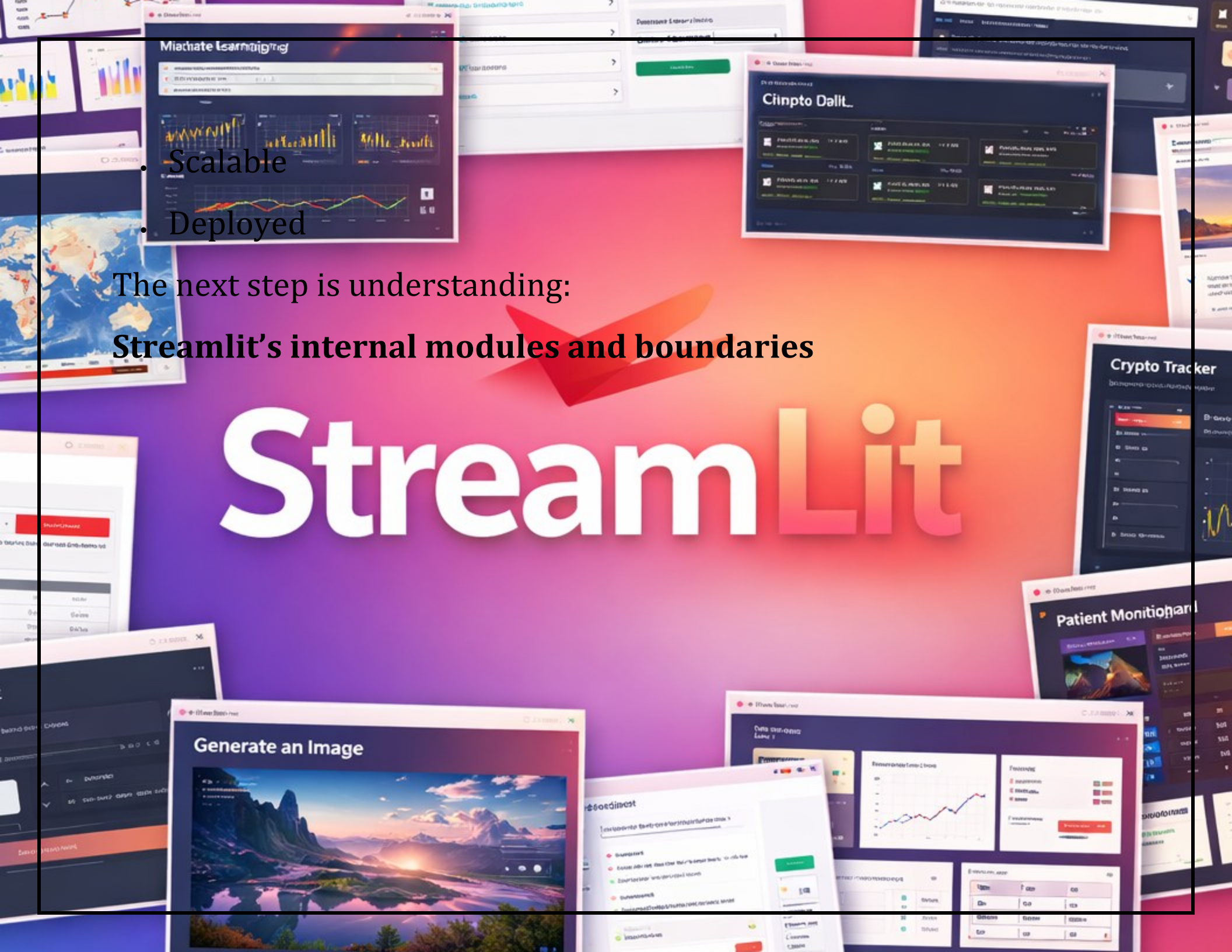
Now that your app is:

- Built
- Optimized

- Scalable
- Deployed

The next step is understanding:

Streamlit's internal modules and boundaries



MODULE 16 – Internal Modules (Read-Only Knowledge)

MODULE 16 — INTERNAL MODULES (READ-ONLY KNOWLEDGE)

(Intermediate → Advanced)

16.1 Why This Module Exists

Streamlit exposes a **clean public API** (st.*) on purpose.

However, many developers:

- See internal modules in documentation / pydoc
- Discover them via IDE autocomplete
- Feel tempted to import them directly

This module exists to **prevent dangerous misuse** and to help you **understand boundaries**.

Professional Streamlit developers know what's internal — and deliberately avoid touching it.

16.2 Public API vs Internal API

Public API

- Stable
- Documented
- Backward-compatible
- Safe to use

Examples:

st.write()

st.session_state

st.cache_data

st.sidebar

Internal API

- Undocumented
- Unstable
- Can break without warning
- Not supported

Examples:

streamlit.runtime

streamlit.elements

16.3 Why Streamlit Has Internal Modules

Streamlit is a **full platform**, not just a UI library.

Internals exist to:

- Manage script execution
- Handle sessions
- Coordinate frontend ↔ backend
- Render UI elements
- Manage navigation
- Optimize performance

They exist for **Streamlit's own implementation**, not for app developers.

16.4 High-Level Internal Architecture (Conceptual)

Internally, Streamlit consists of:

1. Runtime Engine
2. Script Runner
3. Widget State Manager
4. Delta Generator (UI diffs)
5. Web Server
6. Session Manager

Each of these maps loosely to internal modules.

16.5 streamlit.runtime (Conceptual Role)

What it does:

- Manages app execution lifecycle
- Controls reruns
- Handles sessions
- Coordinates threads and async behavior

Why you should not use it:

- Highly sensitive to version changes
- Tightly coupled to core execution

- Unsafe for app-level imports

You interact with runtime **indirectly** via:

st.rerun()

st.session_state

16.6 streamlit.elements (Conceptual Role)

What it does:

- Implements rendering logic for UI elements
- Translates Python calls to frontend instructions

When you call:

st.write("Hello")

Internally:

- Elements module constructs UI “deltas”
- These are sent to the browser

You **never need** to touch this layer.

16.7 streamlit.components (Special Case)

This is the **only semi-public internal module**.

Purpose:

- Allow embedding custom frontend components
- Enable React / JS integrations

Example use case:

- Custom charts
- Custom UI controls
- Advanced visualizations

Even here:

- Use official documentation
- Avoid internal submodules
- Treat with caution

16.8 streamlit.web (Conceptual Role)

Handles:

- WebSocket communication

- HTTP server setup
- Static asset serving

This module:

- Is infrastructure-level
  - Is not meant for app developers
  - Changes frequently

All web interaction is abstracted away from you.

16.9 streamlit.navigation (Conceptual Role)

Responsible for:

- Page routing

- Sidebar navigation
- Multipage app coordination

You interact with it via:

- pages/ directory
  - Page execution model

Never import it directly.

16.10 Why Importing Internals Is a Bad Idea

Reasons:

1. No backward compatibility guarantee
2. Breaks silently after updates

3. Not documented
4. Unsupported by Streamlit team
5. Can crash apps unpredictably

Using internals is a **career-limiting move** in production code.

16.11 Real-World Consequences of Misusing Internals

Observed failures:

- Apps breaking after minor upgrades
- Impossible debugging
- Security vulnerabilities
- Performance regressions

- Rejected code reviews

In professional environments, this is unacceptable.

16.12 How to Recognize Internal APIs

Rule of thumb:

- If it’s not in official docs → assume internal
- If it’s under streamlit.* but not documented → avoid
- If it appears in pydoc but not guides → read-only

16.13 Correct Mental Model

Think of Streamlit as:

- **Public API** → What you use
- **Internal engine** → How Streamlit works

Your job:

Use the public API **correctly**, not reinvent Streamlit.

16.14 Interview Perspective (Module 16)

Interviewers may ask:

- What are Streamlit internal modules?
- Should developers use them?
- Why does Streamlit hide internals?

Correct answer:

- Internals exist for implementation
- Public API is the contract
- Touching internals is unsafe

This shows **engineering maturity**.

16.15 When You *Might* Interact with Internals

Very rare cases:

- Contributing to Streamlit itself
- Writing custom components (via supported interfaces)
- Debugging framework-level issues

Even then:

- Follow official contribution guidelines
- Never use internals in app code

16.16 Common Mistakes (Module 16)

1. Importing internal modules
2. Copying code from GitHub internals
3. Relying on undocumented behavior
4. Overengineering simple problems
5. Ignoring upgrade risks

16.17 Learning Outcomes of Module 16

After this module, you should:

- Understand Streamlit's internal boundaries
- Avoid dangerous imports
- Explain internal architecture conceptually
- Demonstrate professional judgment
- Answer framework-design interview questions

16.18 Transition to Module 17

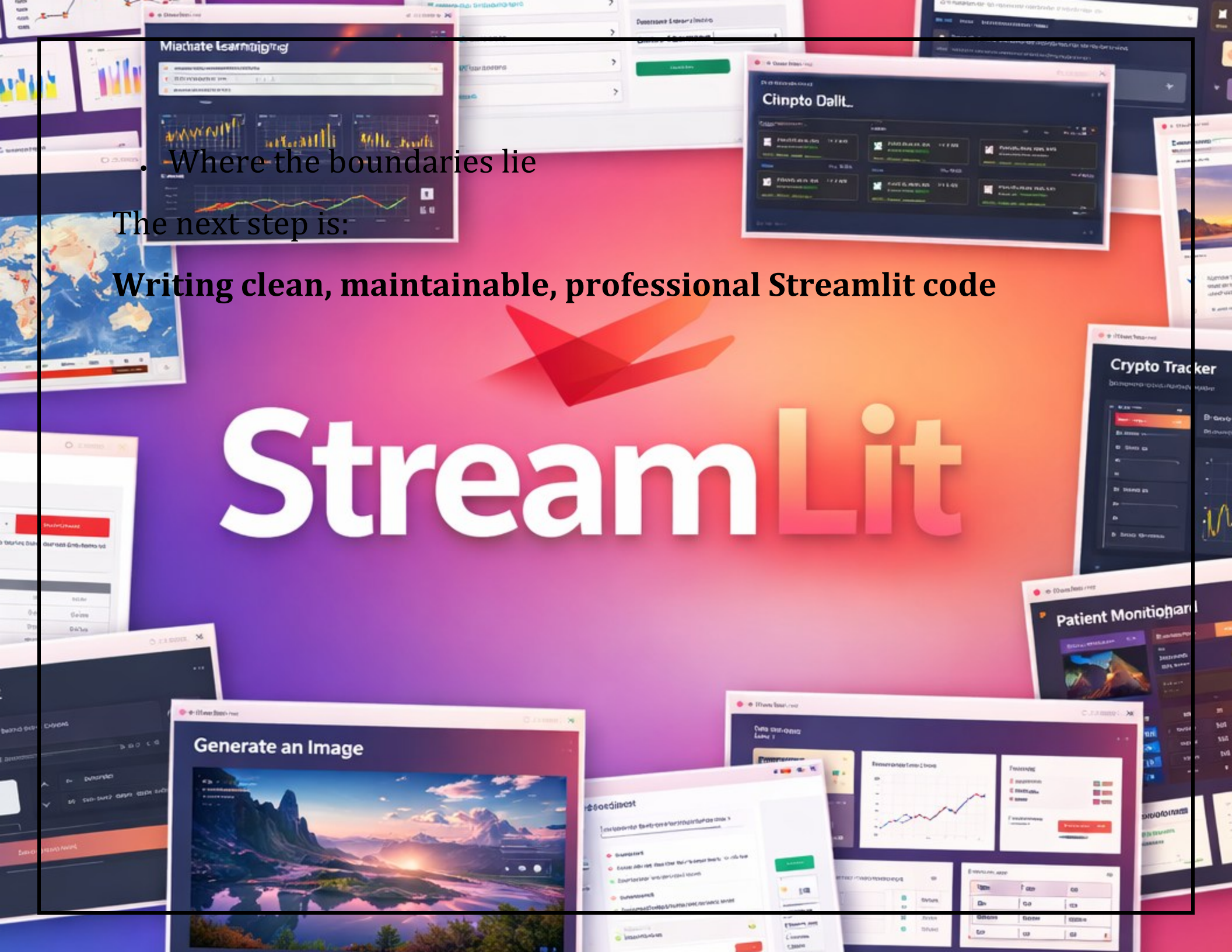
Now that you understand:

- What Streamlit exposes
- What it hides

- Where the boundaries lie

The next step is:

Writing clean, maintainable, professional Streamlit code



MODULE 17 — Best Practices

MODULE 17 — BEST PRACTICES (PRODUCTION-GRADE)

(Intermediate → Advanced)

17.1 Why Best Practices Matter

A Streamlit app can:

- Work correctly
- Produce correct results
- Look acceptable

...and still be **bad engineering**.

Best practices ensure:

- Maintainability
- Scalability
- Performance
- Team readability
- Long-term stability

In interviews and real jobs, **how you build matters as much as what you build.**

17.2 Code Organization Best Practices

17.2.1 Separate Concerns

Avoid:

```
# UI + data + ML mixed everywhere
```

Prefer:

```
app.py
utils/
├── data.py
```

```
├─ models.py
├─ charts.py
```

Why:

- Easier debugging
- Reusable logic
- Cleaner diffs
- Team collaboration

17.3 Naming Conventions

Use:

- Descriptive variable names

- Business-oriented labels
- Consistent naming style

Bad:

x, y, z

Good:

selected_region

filtered_df

total_sales

Readable code reduces bugs.

17.4 UI Design Best Practices

17.4.1 One Page = One Purpose

Each page should:

- Solve one problem
- Tell one story
- Serve one user goal

Avoid:

- Overloaded dashboards
- Mixed workflows

17.4.2 Sidebar Discipline

Sidebar should contain:

- Filters
- Navigation
- Global settings

Main area should contain:

- Results
- Visualizations
- Output

This mental model improves UX immediately.

17.5 Execution Model Awareness

Always assume:

- Code reruns frequently
- Variables reset
- State must be intentional

Best practices:

- Gate heavy logic behind buttons
- Cache expensive functions
- Never assume “runs once”

17.6 Session State Best Practices

Rules:

1. Initialize explicitly

2. Mutate conditionally
3. Use clear keys
4. Avoid overuse
5. Never store secrets

Session state is **logic memory**, not storage.

17.7 Caching Best Practices

Rules:

- Cache data loading
- Cache models
- Treat cached objects as immutable

- Separate data vs resource caching

Never:

- Cache user-specific data
- Cache UI logic
- Mutate cached objects

17.8 Performance Best Practices

Checklist:

- Cache everything expensive
- Avoid rendering large tables
- Use expanders

- Lazy-load resources
- Measure reruns

Fast apps feel professional.

17.9 Error Handling & Resilience

Always:

```
try:
    ...
except Exception:
    st.error("Something went wrong")
```

Never:

- Let apps crash silently
- Show raw tracebacks to users

Errors should:

- Be informative
  - Be safe
  - Guide the user

17.10 Logging & Debugging

Use:

st.write()

For development.

For production:

- Use logging frameworks
- Log key events
- Track failures

Debugging mindset:

Assume your app will fail in ways you didn't predict.

17.11 Security Best Practices

Never:

- Hardcode secrets
- Print secrets

- Store secrets in session state

Always:

- Use st.secrets
- Validate inputs
- Restrict file uploads

Security is everyone's responsibility.

17.12 Version Control Best Practices

- Commit small changes
- Use meaningful commit messages
- Never commit secrets

- Tag releases

Streamlit apps are software products — treat them as such.

17.13 Documentation Best Practices

Your app should include:

- README
- Setup instructions
- Dependency list
- Usage guide

Good documentation:

- Reduces support cost

- Improves adoption
- Makes you look professional

17.14 Testing Strategy (Reality Check)

Streamlit apps are:

- UI-driven
- Hard to unit-test traditionally

Practical approach:

- Test logic functions separately
- Manually test UI flows
- Use small datasets

Testing perfection is unrealistic — testing discipline is not.

17.15 Scaling Mindset

As apps grow:

- Move data to databases
- Use multipage structure
- Modularize aggressively
- Introduce CI/CD

Streamlit scales **conceptually**, not infinitely.

17.16 Code Review Red Flags

Avoid:

1. Internal module imports
2. Hardcoded secrets
3. Uncached heavy logic
4. Giant monolithic scripts
5. Magic numbers everywhere

These trigger immediate rejection in professional reviews.

17.17 Interview Questions (Module 17)

Common questions:

- How do you structure large Streamlit apps?

- How do you manage state cleanly?
- How do you ensure performance?
- How do you write maintainable Streamlit code?

Strong answers reference:

- Architecture
- Execution model
- Discipline, not hacks

17.18 Learning Outcomes of Module 17

After this module, you should:

- Write clean Streamlit code

- Avoid common traps
- Build maintainable apps
- Think like a professional engineer
- Pass design-level interviews

17.19 Transition to Module 18

Now that you can:

- Build apps correctly
- Structure them well
- Avoid mistakes

The next skill is:

Debugging, optimization, and fixing things when they break

MODULE 18 — DEBUGGING & OPTIMIZATION (DEEP DIVE)

(Intermediate → Advanced)

18.1 Why Debugging in Streamlit Is Unique

Debugging Streamlit apps is **not the same** as debugging normal Python scripts.

Why?

- Scripts rerun constantly
- State persists selectively
- UI is declarative
- Errors may appear or disappear across reruns

Understanding this context is essential.

18.2 Common Sources of Bugs in Streamlit

Most bugs fall into these categories:

1. Execution model misunderstandings
2. Session state misuse
3. Widget key conflicts
4. Uncached heavy operations
5. Data loading issues
6. Conditional rendering errors

Each category requires a different debugging mindset.

18.3 Debugging the Execution Flow

18.3.1 Visual Debugging with st.write()

st.write("Reached here")

st.write(variable)

This is the **primary debugging tool** in Streamlit.

Use it to:

- Track execution order
- Inspect state
- Verify conditions

18.3.2 Understanding Reruns

Add markers:

st.write("Script reran")

If this prints repeatedly:

- You're triggering reruns too often
- A widget or state change is uncontrolled

18.4 Debugging Session State Issues

18.4.1 Inspect Session State

st.write(st.session_state)

Look for:

- Missing keys
- Unexpected resets
- Values changing unintentionally

18.4.2 Typical Session State Bug

Bug:

st.session_state.count += 1

Without initialization, this crashes.

Fix:

```
if "count" not in st.session_state:
    st.session_state.count = 0
```

18.5 Debugging Widget Issues

18.5.1 Duplicate Widget Keys

Error:

DuplicateWidgetID

Cause:

- Same widget created multiple times without unique keys

Fix:

st.text_input("Input", key="unique_key")

18.5.2 Widgets Inside Loops

Always use keys:

```
for i in range(3):
    st.text_input("Value", key=f"value_{i}")
```

18.6 Debugging Data Issues

18.6.1 Data Not Updating

Common cause:

- Cached data not invalidated

Solution:

- Change function signature
- Clear cache

st.cache_data.clear()

18.6.2 Large Data Performance Problems

Symptoms:

- Slow UI
- Freezing
- Long load times

Fixes:

- Filter early
- Reduce rendering
- Use expanders

- Cache transformations

18.7 Debugging Performance Bottlenecks

18.7.1 Measure Time Explicitly

```
import time
start = time.time()
# heavy logic
st.write("Time:", time.time() - start)
```

This reveals slow blocks.

18.7.2 Identify Rerun Frequency

If time logs repeat rapidly:

- Widgets are triggering excessive reruns
- Gate logic behind buttons or forms

18.8 Optimization Techniques

18.8.1 Gate Heavy Logic

```
if st.button("Run"):
    heavy_computation()
```

18.8.2 Cache Everything Expensive

```
@st.cache_data
```

```
def compute():
    ...
```

18.8.3 Lazy Load Resources

Load only when needed, not at startup.

18.9 Debugging File Upload Issues

Common issues:

- File is None
- Wrong file type
- Corrupted data

Always validate:

```
if uploaded_file is None:
    st.warning("Upload a file")
```

18.10 Debugging Deployment Issues

18.10.1 App Works Locally but Not in Production

Common causes:

- Missing dependency
- Missing file
- Wrong path
- Missing secrets

Fix:

- Reproduce with clean environment
- Check logs
- Verify requirements.txt

18.11 Logging Strategy

For production:

- Use logging module
- Log to files or stdout
- Monitor errors centrally

Streamlit itself logs internally — learn to read logs.

18.12 Error Handling Patterns

Always wrap risky logic:

```
try:
    result = run()
except Exception as e:
    st.error("Operation failed")
```

Avoid:

- Raw tracebacks in UI
- Silent failures

18.13 Optimization vs Correctness

Rule:

Never optimize before correctness.

Ensure:

- Results are correct
- State is stable
- Logic is sound

Then optimize.

18.14 Debugging Mental Model

Ask:

- What triggered this rerun?
- What state existed before?
- What changed?
- What code ran again?

This mindset solves most problems.

18.15 Interview Questions (Module 18)

Common questions:

- How do you debug Streamlit apps?
- How do you optimize slow apps?
- How do you identify rerun issues?

- How do you handle production failures?

Strong answers:

- Mention execution model
- Mention session state
- Mention caching
- Mention logging

18.16 Learning Outcomes of Module 18

After this module, you can:

- Debug Streamlit apps confidently
- Fix state-related bugs

- Optimize performance
- Diagnose deployment issues
- Think like a senior engineer

18.17 Transition to Module 19

Now that you can:

- Build apps
- Optimize them
- Fix problems

The final professional layer is:

Interview preparation and real-world design patterns

MODULE 19 — Interview & Real-World Patterns

MODULE 19 — INTERVIEW & REAL-WORLD PATTERNS

(Intermediate → Advanced)

19.1 Why This Module Matters

Many developers:

- Know Streamlit APIs
- Can build working apps
- Still fail interviews

Why?

Because interviews test:

- **Mental models**
- **Design decisions**
- **Trade-offs**
- **Production thinking**

This module teaches you how to **think and speak like a professional Streamlit engineer**.

19.2 How Interviewers Evaluate Streamlit Skills

Interviewers usually assess:

1. Understanding of execution model
2. State management discipline
3. Performance awareness
4. Architectural clarity
5. Real-world judgment

They care less about syntax and more about **reasoning**.

19.3 Core Interview Topics (Must-Know)

You should be fluent in explaining:

- Why Streamlit reruns scripts
- How session state works
- When to use caching
- How multipage apps work
- How to deploy securely
- How to debug production issues

These are **non-negotiable** topics.

19.4 Canonical Interview Questions & Model Answers

Q1: ***How does Streamlit work internally?***

Strong answer:

Streamlit runs a Python script top-to-bottom on every user interaction.
It uses a WebSocket-based client–server architecture, restores widget and session state before execution, and sends UI deltas to the frontend.

This shows:

- Execution model understanding
- Architectural clarity

Q2: ***Why does Streamlit rerun the whole script?***

Strong answer:

Streamlit uses a declarative, reactive execution model. Rerunning ensures UI and logic stay consistent and simplifies state synchronization without manual callbacks.

This shows:

- Framework design understanding

Q3: ***How do you manage state in Streamlit?***

Strong answer:

Widget state is handled automatically, but for logic and workflows I use st.session_state, initializing keys explicitly and mutating state conditionally.

This shows:

- Correct mental model
- Discipline

Q4: ***How do you optimize Streamlit apps?***

Strong answer:

I cache expensive data and models using st.cache_data and st.cache_resource, gate heavy logic behind buttons or forms, and avoid unnecessary reruns.

This shows:

- Performance awareness
- Practical experience

Q5: ***How do you handle multiple users?***

Strong answer:

Each user gets an isolated session state. Shared resources are cached carefully, and user-specific data is never cached globally.

This shows:

- Multi-user safety understanding

19.5 Real-World Design Patterns

19.5.1 Dashboard Pattern

Used for:

- Analytics
- Monitoring
- BI tools

Key traits:

- Sidebar filters
- Cached data
- KPI metrics
- Charts + tables

- Minimal session state

19.5.2 ML Inference Pattern

Used for:

- Predictions
- Scoring tools
- Decision support

Key traits:

- Cached models
- Controlled execution
- Input validation

- Clear outputs
- No training inside app

19.5.3 Workflow / Wizard Pattern

Used for:

- Multi-step processes
- Data entry
- Configuration tools

Key traits:

- Session state driven steps
- Forms

- Explicit navigation
- Controlled reruns

19.5.4 Chat / Conversational Pattern

Used for:

- Assistants
- Support tools
- GenAI apps

Key traits:

- Session-based history
- Controlled input

- Incremental rendering
- History truncation

19.6 Choosing Streamlit vs Alternatives (Interview Gold)

Use Case	Streamlit	Flask/Django
Data apps	✅	❌
ML demos	✅	❌
Dashboards	✅	❌
Public websites	❌	✅

Use Case	Streamlit	Flask/Django
APIs	❌	✅

Being honest about limitations is **a strength**, not a weakness.

19.7 Common Interview Red Flags

Avoid saying:

- "Streamlit is just for beginners"
- "I don't know how reruns work"
- "I use global variables"
- "I don't use caching"

- "It works on my machine"

These immediately signal inexperience.

19.8 System Design Questions (Advanced)

Example:

Design a Streamlit app for sales analytics used by 100 users.

Expected discussion:

- Multipage structure
- Cached data
- Database backend
- Authentication layer

- Role-based access
- Deployment strategy

No code needed — **architecture thinking matters**.

19.9 Portfolio Presentation Strategy

When showcasing Streamlit projects:

- Explain **why** you made decisions
- Highlight performance optimizations
- Mention caching and state handling
- Include deployment links
- Document assumptions

This differentiates you from most candidates.

19.10 Real-World Constraints to Mention

Professionals consider:

- Data freshness
- Security
- Resource limits
- Cost
- Maintainability

Mentioning constraints shows **engineering maturity**.

19.11 Interview Cheat Sheet (Mental)

Always connect answers to:

- Execution model
- State
- Caching
- Architecture
- Trade-offs

If you do this, you will sound senior.

19.12 Learning Outcomes of Module 19

After this module, you can:

- Answer Streamlit interview questions confidently
- Design real-world Streamlit systems
- Justify architectural choices
- Avoid common professional mistakes
- Present yourself as a production-ready engineer

19.13 Transition to Final Module

You now have:

- Technical mastery
- Production awareness
- Interview readiness

The final step is:

Bringing everything together into a capstone project

MODULE 20 — Capstone Project Guidance

MODULE 20 — CAPSTONE PROJECT GUIDANCE

(FULL COURSE CLOSURE)

(Intermediate → Advanced)

20.1 Purpose of the Capstone Project

The capstone project is **not another tutorial**.

Its purpose is to:

- Prove end-to-end understanding
- Demonstrate architectural thinking
- Show production readiness
- Create a portfolio-worthy artifact
- Simulate real industry work

If someone sees only your capstone, they should trust you with real Streamlit work.

20.2 What a Capstone Is (and Is Not)

A Capstone IS:

- A complete application
- Designed intentionally
- Structured professionally
- Documented clearly
- Deployable

A Capstone IS NOT:

- A single script demo
- A copy of a tutorial

- A feature checklist
- An experiment notebook

20.3 Choosing the Right Capstone Idea

Choose a problem that:

- Is data-driven
- Benefits from interactivity
- Has real users or stakeholders
- Requires trade-offs

Recommended Capstone Categories

1. **Business Analytics Platform**

2. **ML Decision Support Tool**
3. **Operational Dashboard**
4. **Workflow / Admin Tool**
5. **Chat or Assistant App**

Avoid ideas that:

- Are too trivial
- Don’t need Streamlit
- Can be solved in a notebook

20.4 Example Capstone Ideas (Strong)

Option 1: Sales Intelligence Platform

- Multi-page dashboard
- Region/product filters
- KPI tracking
- Forecasting
- Data export

Option 2: ML Risk Scoring Tool

- Input form
- Cached ML model
- Prediction explanation
- History tracking
- Secure deployment

Option 3: Internal Chat Assistant

- Stateful chat
- File uploads
- Context management
- Role-based access

All of these **require everything you learned**.

20.5 Capstone Architecture (Mandatory)

Your capstone **must** include:

- Multipage structure
- Sidebar navigation

- Cached data/model loading
- Session state usage
- Controlled execution (forms / buttons)
- Clean layout
- Error handling
- Deployment readiness

If any of these are missing, the project is incomplete.

20.6 Recommended Project Structure

```
capstone_app/
├── app.py
```

```
├─ pages/
│   ├─ 1_Dashboard.py
│   ├─ 2_Analysis.py
│   ├─ 3_Predictions.py
├─ utils/
│   ├─ data.py
│   ├─ models.py
│   ├─ charts.py
├─ assets/
├─ requirements.txt
├─ README.md
```

This structure signals **professional discipline** immediately.

20.7 Execution Model Discipline (Critical)

Your app must:

- Assume reruns at all times
- Never rely on local variables
- Use session state intentionally
- Cache all expensive logic

A reviewer should **not find rerun bugs**.

20.8 Performance Expectations

Your capstone should:

- Load quickly
- Respond instantly to filters
- Never freeze the UI
- Avoid unnecessary reruns

Performance issues are **design flaws**, not cosmetic issues.

20.9 Security Expectations

Your app must:

- Never hardcode secrets
- Validate all inputs

- Restrict file uploads
- Handle errors gracefully

Even internal tools must be safe.

20.10 Documentation (Non-Optional)

Your README must explain:

1. Problem statement
2. Why Streamlit was chosen
3. App architecture
4. Key features
5. Performance decisions

6. How to run locally
7. How to deploy

Good documentation often matters more than extra features.

20.11 Deployment Requirement

A real capstone:

- Must be deployable
- Should be deployed if possible
- Must include deployment instructions

A deployed app:

- Is infinitely more impressive

- Shows real ownership
- Demonstrates confidence

20.12 Evaluation Rubric (How This Is Judged)

A professional reviewer evaluates:

Area	Weight
Architecture	High
Correctness	High
Performance	High
Code clarity	High

Area	Weight
UX	Medium
Features	Medium
Styling	Low

Fancy UI **does not outweigh bad architecture**.

20.13 Common Capstone Mistakes

Avoid:

1. Single-file monoliths
2. No caching

3. No session state
4. No README
5. No deployment path
6. Copy-pasted tutorials

These immediately reduce credibility.

20.14 How to Present Your Capstone (Interview)

When asked about your project:

Structure your answer as:

1. Problem
2. Constraints

3. Architecture
4. Key decisions
5. Trade-offs
6. Outcome

This signals **senior-level thinking**.

20.15 What This Course Has Given You

After completing all modules, you can:

- Build real Streamlit apps
- Reason about execution & state
- Optimize performance

- Design scalable architectures
- Debug production issues
- Pass Streamlit interviews
- Teach others confidently

This is **full professional readiness**.

20.16 Final Mindset Shift

Streamlit is not:

- A toy
- A shortcut
- A beginner tool

Used correctly, it is:

A serious application framework for data-driven systems

You now know how to use it correctly.

20.17 Course Completion Status

- ✅ All modules completed
- ✅ Conceptual mastery
- ✅ Production readiness
- ✅ Interview readiness
- ✅ Portfolio readiness

20.18 Final Note

If you build **one strong capstone** using this guidance, you will stand out among:

- Data scientists
- Analysts
- ML engineers
- Python developers

Most people never reach this level of clarity.