

NO-CODE AI PROJECT STARTER

A Practical Checklist for Turning an Idea Into Something You Can Actually Build

Use this after reading the guide to choose a tool, build a first version, test it, and decide when no-code is enough.

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DEFINE THE PROBLEM

- ☐ What exactly am I trying to build?
- ☐ Is this an app, chatbot, automation, AI agent, data workflow, or ML experiment?
- ☐ Who will actually use it?
- ☐ What should the finished result do?
- ☐ Can I describe the result in one sentence?

MY PROJECT

THE RESULT I WANT

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MATCH THE PROBLEM TO THE TOOL TYPE

IF YOU WANT TO...	START WITH...
Learn how ML works	Teachable Machine
Build an AI chatbot	Jotform AI Agents / Botpress
Build an AI agent	Relevance AI / MindStudio
Automate repetitive work	Gumloop
Automate browser tasks	Bardeen
Extract website data	Browse AI
Process documents	Nanonets
Build a web app	Softr

IF YOU WANT TO...

START WITH...

Turn a spreadsheet into an app

Glide

Design conversation flows

Voiceflow

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BEFORE YOU BUILD: THE REALITY CHECK

TIME

☐ Can I get a first result within a few hours?

COST

☐ Does the free tier actually cover my experiment?

☐ Will usage credits run out quickly?

DIFFICULTY

☐ Do I understand the basic workflow?

OUTPUT

☐ Is the result actually useful, not just impressive in a demo?

LIMITS

☐ What happens when I need more users, integrations, logic, or control?

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BUILD YOUR FIRST VERSION

- ☐ Create the simplest working version.
- ☐ Use real sample data.
- ☐ Test one workflow from beginning to end.
- ☐ Check every AI-generated output.
- ☐ Fix the weakest step before adding new features.
- ☐ Write down what worked.
- ☐ Write down what failed.

MY FIRST VERSION: INPUT

PROCESS

OUTPUT

WHAT I NEED TO IMPROVE

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TEST BEFORE YOU TRUST IT (HUMAN CHECK)

- ☐ Did the AI produce the correct result?
- ☐ Did it misunderstand any input?
- ☐ Does the workflow fail when the input changes?
- ☐ Are permissions configured correctly?
- ☐ Am I sending sensitive information somewhere I shouldn't?
- ☐ Have I tested an unusual/edge-case example?
- ☐ Would I trust this without checking it?

Rule of Thumb

If the answer to the last question is "No," keep a human review step in your workflow.

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HAVE YOU HIT THE CEILING?

- ☐ I need custom backend logic.
- ☐ The integration I need doesn't exist.
- ☐ Performance doesn't scale.
- ☐ I need deeper infrastructure control.
- ☐ Authentication/permissions are becoming too complex.
- ☐ Usage costs are becoming unreasonable.
- ☐ The platform itself is now slowing me down.

DECISION POINT

☐ **Keep Using No-Code**

The current tool solves the problem efficiently.

☐ **Try Low-Code**

I need more flexibility but still want visual building capabilities.

☐ **Learn / Hire for Full-Code**

The project has officially outgrown the platform.

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YOUR 30-MINUTE ACTION PLAN

Don't just bookmark the article. Build something.

0–5 min	Define one problem.
5–10 min	Choose the tool category.
10–20 min	Build the smallest working version.
20–25 min	Test it with real input.
25–30 min	Decide: Keep → Improve → Switch → Learn Code

MY NEXT ACTION

TOOL I'M STARTING WITH

WHAT I EXPECT TO HAVE WORKING TODAY
