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⚡ Premium Action Guide

Start a Low-Startup AI Receptionist Business

Launch and sell a simple, outcome-focused AI receptionist/voice agent service on a shoestring. Validate fast, close retainers, and scale with automation and smart outreach.

📌 **Updated for 2026** 🧾 **$5,000 MRR** example with ~10 clients in 60–90 days (source-reported)

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What you'll build

A low-startup, high-ROI service business that installs and manages AI receptionist/voice agents for local and B2B companies. You'll validate demand, sell paid audits, deploy a working voice/chat agent, and convert clients to monthly retainers.

You'll use one of several primary build platforms, connect phones/calendars/CRMs, and run a lean outbound + inbound engine to land clients without paid ads.

1. A validated niche offer with clear ROI and guarantee
2. A production voice AI receptionist that books appointments
3. A repeatable sales process: audit → demo → retainer
4. Outbound cold email + local events that generate meetings
5. A lightweight ops stack to deliver, report, and scale

▸ MODULE 02

Platforms & tools

Lead & Outreach

3 free · 4 paid

Cal.com · Instantly · Apollo · Upwork · Fiverr · Loom · LinkedIn

Website Builders

0 free · 5 paid

GoHighLevel · Hostinger · Lovable · Webflow · Framer

AI Models

1 free · 2 paid

ChatGPT · Claude · Gemini

Dev & Hosting

1 free · 1 paid

GitHub · VS Code

Automation

1 free · 3 paid

Make.com · n8n · Zapier · Apify

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Step 1 — 🎯 Pick a niche and define outcomes

Choose one industry where missed calls and repetitive intake cost money (e.g., HVAC, dental, auto services, med spas, home services). Talk to 5–10 businesses and map their week to learn where time and revenue leak.

Aim for high-volume, lower-ticket services where AI can answer quickly without risking large deal value. Define outcomes in revenue, cost reduction, and time leverage before naming any tool.

> **Tip**
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> Hyper-niche beats broad automation. An “AI receptionist” is easier to sell and defend than generic AI services. Audit your messaging—reduce mentions of “AI” and lead with business results.

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Step 2 — 🧱 Ship a one-page offer and pre-sell

Publish a simple site that states the problem, promise, timeline, price range, and a straightforward guarantee. Pre-sell by describing the service as if it exists and capture interest or payment for an early-adopter program.

Front-load any relevant wins or prototypes. Keep copy plain and structured; show deliverables and turnaround, not tech.

> **Tip**
> Show a finished demo with their brand colors instead of pitching architecture. It shifts the conversation from hesitation to next steps.

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Step 3 — 🤝 Activate warm network and local presence

Text your contacts: ask who needs an AI-powered chief of staff/receptionist that gives back 10–15 hours a week. Offer free office hours at coworking or realtor offices to diagnose quick wins. Run a local meetup and invite owners.

Partner with people already serving your niche and set referral incentives. Use community posts to book discovery calls.

RUN LOCAL EVENTS

Meetup	Post your AI office hours or local business clinic	↗
Luma	Lightweight landing and RSVPs for workshops	↗

Tip

Use a foot-in-the-door ask (e.g., “book a 15-minute assessment”) to reduce friction. Unsexy methods like local events often outperform cold calls.

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Step 4 — 🖨️ Build a targeted list and personalize at scale

Find businesses likely missing calls (Google Maps, industry searches). Filter by decision-maker titles. Scrape or enrich with a data tool, then use AI to mine websites/reviews for personalized angles.

Queue outreach with a cold email sender and set reply notifications. Batch tasks: compile lists, then personalize, then send.

QUICK PROSPECTING

Google Maps — Search local plumbers, dentists, roofers, etc. ↗

Tip

Personalize every message. Market saturation happens when the same campaign hits the same list. Use AI to automate research, not to spam.

▸ MODULE 07

Step 5 — 🧭 Run discovery like a pro (70/20/10 + LRP)

Spend 70% understanding goals, constraints, and workflows; 20% presenting outcomes; 10% on objections/next steps. Use LRP: Listen, Repeat, then Poke with quantifying questions.

When asked about tech, give a brief simple answer and pivot back to outcomes. Shift from “tell me what to build” to “I’ll diagnose and design what moves the needle.”

PROMPT — DISCOVERY CALL OPENER

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Subject: [Personalized hook for [Name]]

Hi there, I'm [YOUR NAME] from [FIRM]. Quick chat to learn your day-to-day so I
can spot where AI gives you time back and captures missed revenue. Sound good?

• What does a typical week look like?
• Where do interruptions or repeat questions pile up?
• What happens when a call is missed?
• What metrics matter most this quarter?
```

PROMPT — LRP PROBING QUESTIONS

```
Listen, Repeat, Poke:
• Whose hours are those, and at what hourly value?
• How often does this process cause rework/refunds/churn?
• What interrupts you most between 9 and noon?
• If I remove one weekly fire, which one changes your week?
• Where are people copying/pasting or chasing info?
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> **Tip**
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> Create cognitive dissonance: “We can route you warm leads from day one—do you want them, or should we build the system first?” It uncovers real priorities.

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Step 6 — 🧪 Sell a paid audit and deliver a concise report

Offer a short, paid assessment using the SCAN framework: Study, Calculate, Architect, Narrate. Record or transcribe calls, then use an AI analyst to find off-the-shelf tools that hit the pain points. Send a crisp report within 48 hours and book a 30-minute review to upsell implementation.

Include a scope: objectives, inclusions/exclusions, timeline, client responsibilities, and payment terms.

PROMPT — OFF-THE-SHELF TOOL FINDER (CLAUDE)

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I've attached a transcript of my conversation with a [INDUSTRY] business owner.
Identify their top pain points. Then list off-the-shelf AI or software tools
that can address each pain with minimal custom build. For each recommendation:
why it fits, expected ROI, risks, and next-step implementation outline.
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> **Tip**
> Replace Loom homework with a quick voice agent intake or recorded Zoom—less friction, more adoption. Custom projects early are “training wheels” to gain proof fast.

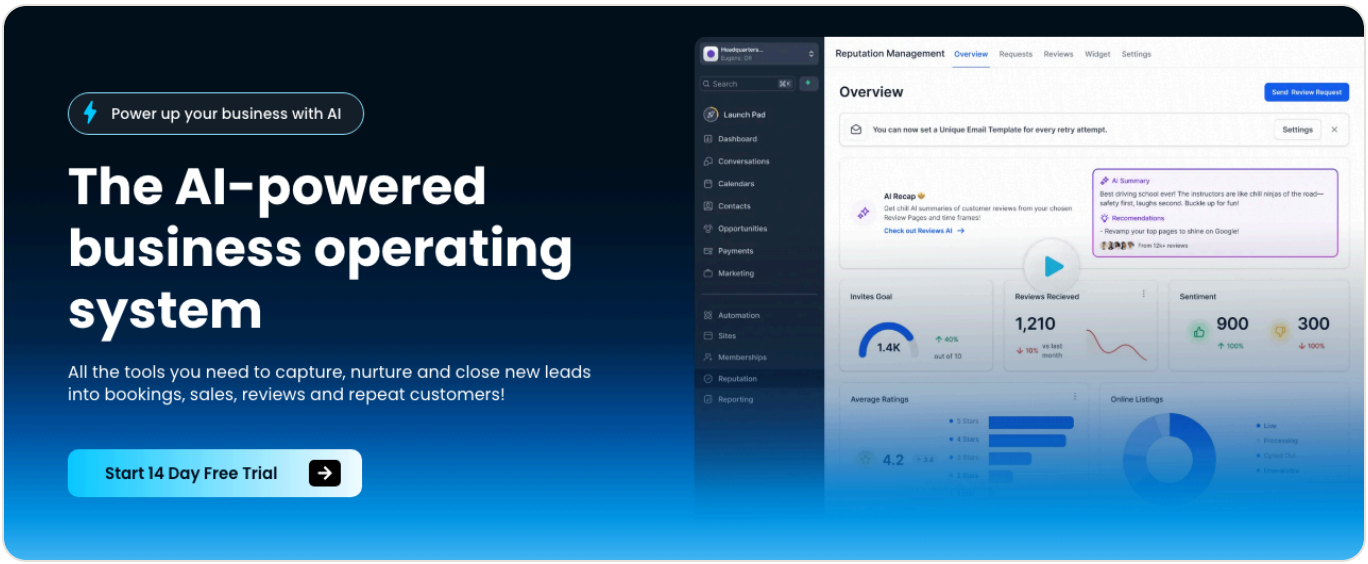
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Step 7 — 🧩 Plan your MVP and commit to one platform

Prototype one solution that removes a quantified bottleneck. Timebox 15 min plan → 60 min build → 15 min screen-record demo. Start from the end (booking created, CRM updated) and work backward. Add one module at a time and test before adding the next.

Master one platform for at least 90 days (e.g., GoHighLevel or Make/n8n/Zapier). Core skills: prompting, webhooks, APIs, and pragmatic testing.

> **Tip**
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> In 3–4 weeks of consistent learning you can reach solid delivery capability. Avoid multi-agent overengineering—simple, reliable beats complex and fragile.



HighLevel — where you'll do this



N8N — where you'll do this

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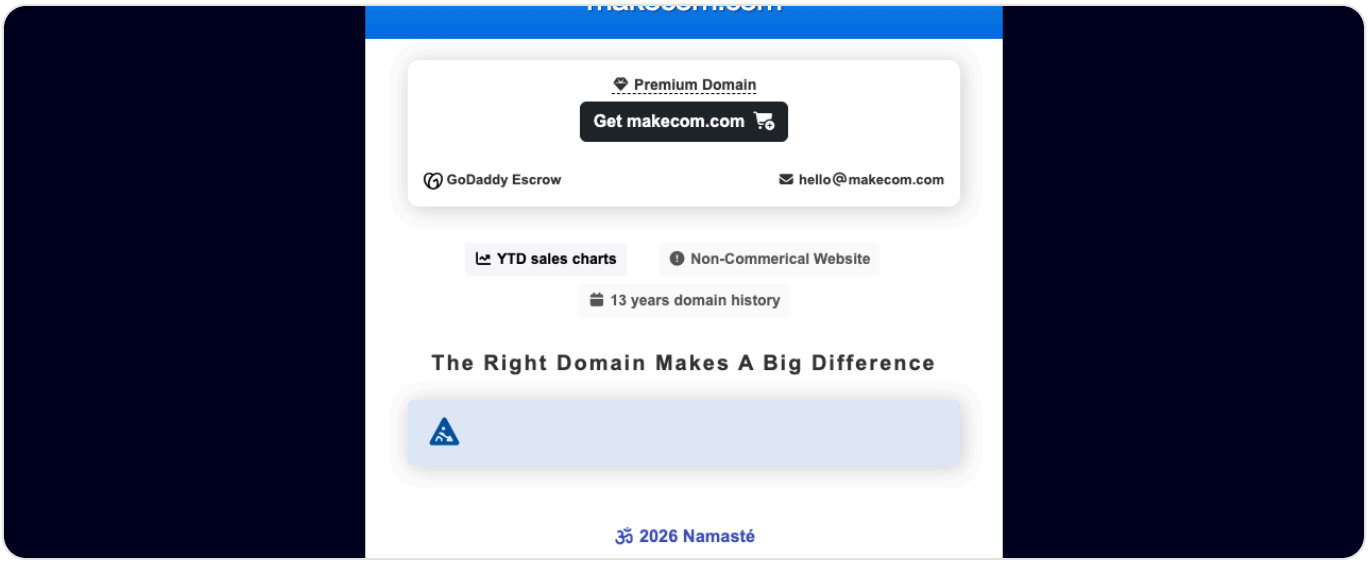
Step 8 — 📞 Build the first voice agent

Create a voice agent that greets callers, qualifies, captures contact info, and books. Name it after the client business for trust. Keep the first version simple and outcome-driven.

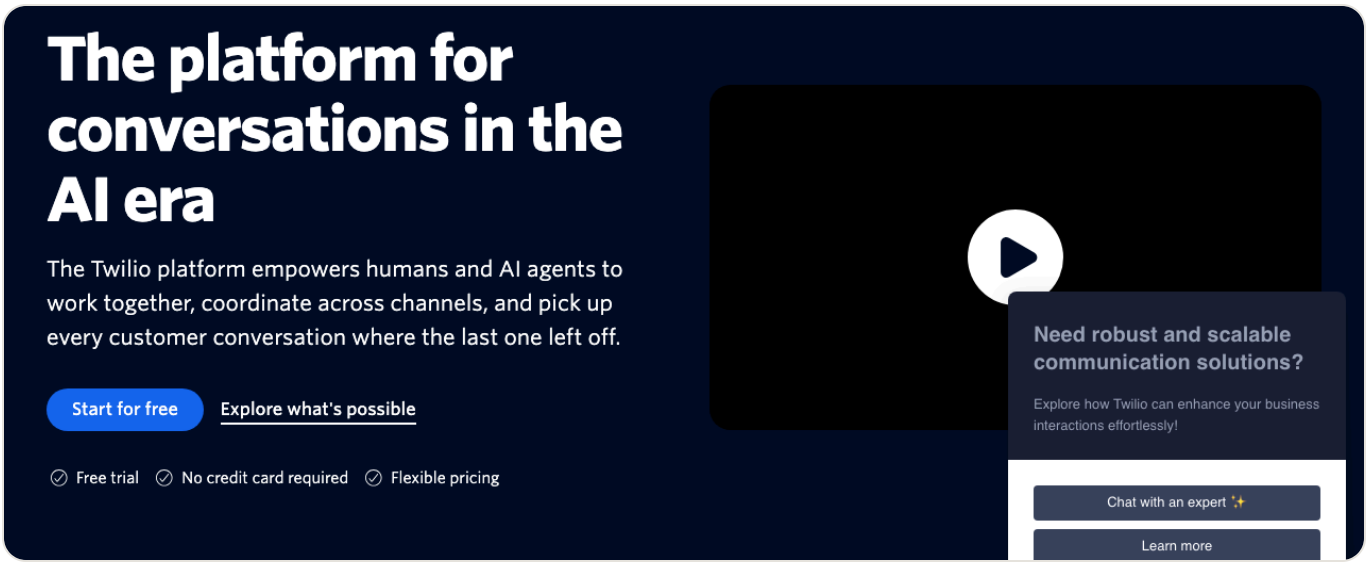
Platform	What to do in this step
GoHighLevel	Create AI Agent → Voice. Name it [BUSINESS] Receptionist. Set initial greeting with [BUSINESS NAME]. Define booking intent and fields to capture.
Google AI Studio	Create a Voice Agent. Set system instructions (lead capture + booking). Enable function calling to submit leads/appointments via your endpoint.
ChatGPT	Create an Assistant (or custom GPT) with instructions for intake/qualification. Plan Twilio voice handoff in a later step; focus on dialog and fields.
Make.com	Create a scenario skeleton to receive Twilio webhook events. Add modules for NLU/prompting and calendar/CRM updates. Keep minimum viable logic.
n8n	Create a workflow with a Webhook trigger for call events. Add LLM and calendar/CRM nodes. Prepare a function to generate responses to callers.
Zapier	Create a Zap triggered by Twilio (call/SMS). Add a Formatter or AI action for responses and calendar booking. Prepare for two-way call handling.

Tip

Most owners haven’t seen a good voice AI yet—there’s a window. Be transparent it’s AI and deliver a better experience than traditional phone trees.



Make.com — where you'll do this



Twilio — where you'll do this

▸ MODULE 11

Step 9 — 📚 Add knowledge and tone

Load business facts so the agent answers accurately (about, services, service areas, reviews, FAQs, pricing ranges). Tune tone and escalation rules.

Platform	What to do in this step
GoHighLevel	Create Knowledge Base → Web crawler. Add site URL(s). Include About/Services/Reviews/Service Areas pages. Adjust Advanced Prompt for brand tone.
Google AI Studio	Attach reference docs or site content. Add system instructions to cite facts and escalate when unsure. Set parameters for concise business answers.
ChatGPT	Upload PDFs/URLs to the Assistant's vector store or build a custom GPT with knowledge files. Instruct when to say "I'll confirm and text you."
Make.com	Use HTTP modules to fetch key pages. Store snippets in Data Stores. Pass relevant context into LLM prompts per caller intent.
n8n	Fetch site content (HTTP Request) → save to a data node. Use it as context in LLM nodes. Add confidence thresholds before final answers.
Zapier	Use Webhooks/Storage to cache FAQs/services. Feed top facts into AI actions. If low confidence, route to SMS/textback or staff.

Tip

Use a website crawler where available. It's the fastest way to ground the agent in real, specific business details.

▸ MODULE 12

Step 10 — ✍️ Write airtight prompts and question banks

Use a three-part prompting approach: System (identity/guardrails), User (caller input), Assistant (style/format). Add industry-specific question banks and required fields (name, email, phone, address, insurance if relevant).

PROMPT — LEAD CAPTURE VOICE AGENT

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You are a helpful, friendly, and personal AI agent for [BUSINESS NAME]. Your primary goal is to collect the caller's full name, email, and phone number, then book an appointment on [CALENDAR SYSTEM]. Be conversational and transparent that you're an AI receptionist. Ask any industry-specific qualifiers: [QUALIFYING QUESTIONS]. If the caller requests a quote, collect [REQUIRED FIELDS]. When you have all fields, call the function submit_lead_and_book(). If unsure, politely escalate to [ESCALATION CHANNEL].
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> **Tip**
>
> Clients buy outcomes, not architecture. Keep prompts focused on business goals (bookings, accurate answers, handoffs), not model theory.

▸ MODULE 13

Step 11 — 🔗 Connect phone, chat, and calendars

Wire up inbound calls, website chat, SMS, and social DMs. Ring the client or front desk first; if no pickup, the AI answers and books. Connect Google Calendar/Cal.com/Jane via native integrations or webhooks. Enable owner notifications on every booked appointment.

Platform	What to do in this step
GoHighLevel	Buy a local/toll-free number. Set ring-first to staff, then AI auto-answer. Install website chat. Link SMS + Facebook + (WhatsApp if outside US). Connect Google Calendar. Set notifications to owner on booking.
Google AI Studio	Publish the voice agent via Twilio. Use Live API for website chat widget. Connect booking via Cal.com function. Configure SMS follow-ups.

Platform	What to do in this step
ChatGPT	Use Twilio Programmable Voice (TwiML) to route calls to your Assistant via webhook. Add a Cal.com or Google Calendar step. SMS fallback for missed info.
Make.com	Add Twilio incoming call/webhook modules. Route to LLM and calendar modules. Send SMS confirmations. Log to CRM. Notify owner via SMS/Slack.
n8n	Create a Webhook endpoint for Twilio calls. Update calendars/CRM, then send confirmation messages. Add owner alerts and transcripts.
Zapier	Trigger on Twilio call/SMS → AI step → Calendar → SMS/email confirmation. Optional: Facebook Lead Ads → AI qualification → booking.

BUSINESS PROFILES

Google Business Profile — Connect for messaging/calls and updates ↗

Tip

Enable speed-to-lead: instant replies from web chat/ads typically lift conversions by ~10–20% (source-reported).

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Step 12 — Wire APIs and webhooks the right way

Treat APIs as URLs you send requests to and get data back. Start with authentication, copy a working example, then ship a minimum viable call. Create webhook endpoints to receive data and trigger flows; test from a browser or a simple form app before complex logic.

Platform	What to do in this step
Make.com	HTTP module → set URL, method, headers (Authorization: Bearer [TOKEN]), Content-Type: application/json, and JSON body. Add Webhooks → Custom webhook to receive events.
n8n	HTTP Request node with auth. Import a cURL snippet to auto-fill fields. Add Webhook node as trigger. Chain calendar/CRM nodes.
Zapier	Webhooks by Zapier (Catch Hook) as trigger. Use Webhooks (POST/GET) for outbound calls. Store keys in Zapier Secrets/Env fields.

Add API keys for Anthropic/Perplexity/Key.ai/Gmail where needed. Push working flows to GitHub and schedule with trigger.dev or Modal when recurring.

> **Tip**
> Start from the end state (appointment on calendar), then wire backward. Test webhooks with a simple GET/POST first to avoid dead-end builds.

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Step 13 — 🧪 Test, troubleshoot, and live demo

Call the number and role-play multiple scenarios. Verify voice quality, factual answers, required fields, and booking creation. Record a 60-second demo and show it live on sales calls by dialing the agent in real time.

For debugging, instruct Claude's Cloud Code in plain English to diagnose errors (e.g., wrong endpoints, encoding), and let it propose/fix patches. Use /context and /compact to manage token usage, and run Cloud Code via your preferred interface (terminal, IDE extension, web, or VPS). Choose model size (Haiku/Sonnet/Opus) to match task complexity.

> **Tip**
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> Be explicit: allow code edits or bypass prompts when you intend automated fixes. Keep logs; small mis-configs cause most failures.

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Step 14 — 🚀 Launch a pilot and notify owners fast

Assign a dedicated phone number and go live. Turn on auto-answer if staff miss the first ring. Integrate calendars/CRM, and set owner notifications for every appointment or conversation. Send a same-day summary with calls handled, bookings, and any escalations.

> **Tip**
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> Position the agent as augmenting, not replacing receptionists. Owners value coverage (lunches, after-hours) and fewer missed calls.

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Step 15 — 💼 Price, propose, and close with confidence

Frame price via ROI and risk reduction. Offer a clear monthly for the receptionist and optional premium packages. Use a simple scope and assumptive close, then send the proposal immediately.

Steer toward retainers or advisory vs. one-offs. Explain simply how it works and tie every detail back to outcomes.

TEMPLATE — GUARANTEE CLAUSE

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If you're not happy with the result when I deliver it, or it doesn't deliver
the value we discussed, you'll get all your money back.
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TEMPLATE — ASSUMPTIVE CLOSE

```
Alright, [NAME], I’ll send over the proposal with the details we discussed.
Sound good?
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> **Tip**
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> Compare with the cost of missed calls (e.g., HVAC $1,000/job at 25% close → a missed call risks ~$250). Guarantees reduce friction.

▸ **MODULE 18**

Step 16 — 📩 Scale outbound with smart cold email

Run cold email to decision-makers with personalized insights and a short demo link. Use AI to mine specifics (hours wasted, errors, response delays) and quantify value in dollars/time. Track replies in one inbox and respond instantly.

COLD EMAIL — 60-SECOND DEMO

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Subject: 60s demo fixing [X]

Hey [NAME], I built a workflow that solves [X PAIN POINT]. I’ve got a 60-second
demo showing how it works. Want me to set it up for you?
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COLD EMAIL — TIME VALUE MATH

```
Subject: Save [HOURS]/mo on [PROCESS]

You're doing [PROCESS] manually ~[HOURS]/week. If your time is $[RATE]/hr,
that's $[WEEKLY VALUE]/week → $[MONTHLY VALUE]/mo → $[YEARLY VALUE]/yr.
If I build a system that eliminates it, you get back [HOURS*4] hours/mo and
$[MONTHLY VALUE] in value. Paying me $[PRICE] is a no-brainer.
```

COLD EMAIL — MAPPING DRAINS

```
Subject: Top drains in [NICHE]

Hey [NAME], I'm mapping the top time/money drains in [NICHE]. In 15 minutes
I'll quantify your biggest bottleneck and show where AI actually helps (and
where it doesn't). No pitch unless you ask—I'm learning how to provide real
value.
```

COLD EMAIL — REDESIGNED SITE

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Subject: Quick redesign

Hey, I redesigned your website using AI. Here it is: [LINK]. If this seems
interesting, let me know. If not, your marginal cost was basically nothing.
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> **Tip**
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> Set instant reply notifications. Delayed responses tank conversion. Never mass-blast the same copy to the same audience repeatedly.

▸ **MODULE 19**

Step 17 — 📣 Build inbound and a distribution moat

Post concise case studies with numbers first, tech last. Repurpose long videos into shorts and carousels. Demo the agent publicly and narrate the business impact. A single high-reach post can rival paid ads in value.

Host periodic workshops. Collect DMs and emails, then follow up with a speed-to-lead agent on your own site.

> **Tip**
> Lead with specific metrics (e.g., “pre-qual + instant reply lifted bookings by 18%”), then give the how. Results beat tool lists.

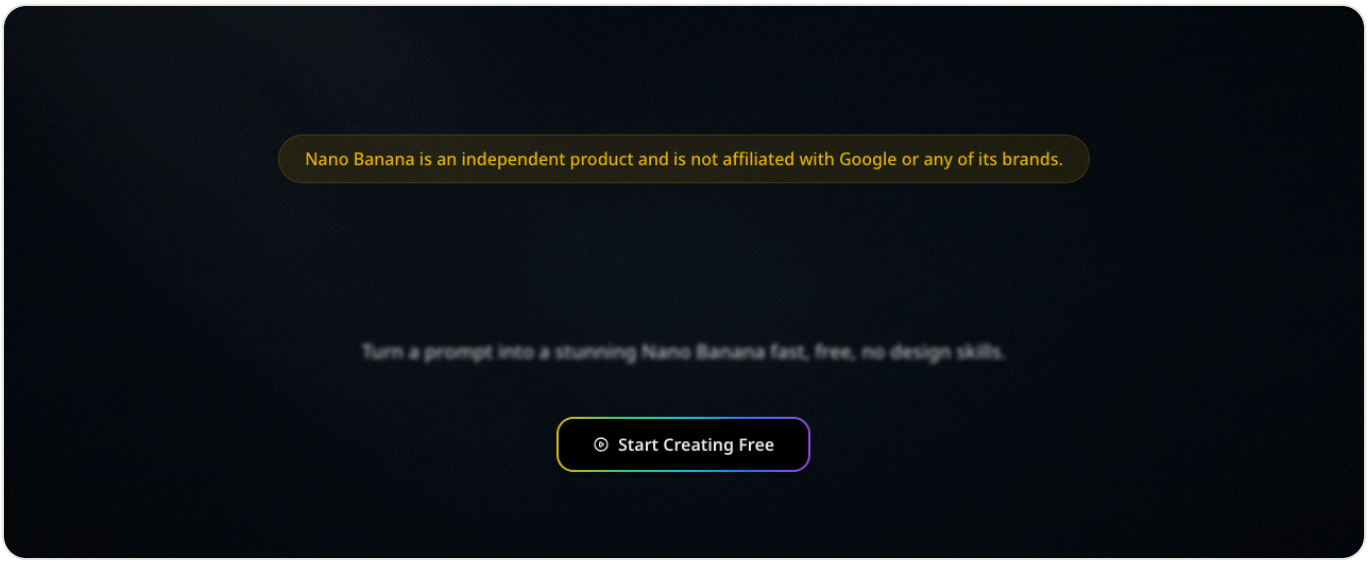
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Step 18 — 🧰 Add-ons and product expansion (optional)

Upsell proven add-ons: website chat agents, custom GPTs trained on client FAQs, sales follow-up bots, document processors, and ops automations. Use Ask AI to generate 30-day content calendars and posts; create branded lead magnets in AI Studio. Build comment→DM workflows with Workflow AI.

Experiment with focused niche apps (e.g., AI travel companion, placement/visualization tools). Use Gemini’s video/audio understanding plus generative video tools (VO3) or infographics (nano banana) where relevant.

> **Tip**
> Avoid crowded, low-longevity plays (generic chatbots, logo generators). Package multiple tools for a persona and sell the outcome.



nano banana — where you'll do this

▸ MODULE 21

Step 19 — 🛠️ Operate lean and scale with minimal headcount

Batch similar tasks (prospecting, sending, proposals) and focus daily on revenue activities. Do the human parts only you can do (discovery, negotiation, nuance). Outsource calling or ops as needed; consider white-labeling HighLevel for recurring revenue once delivery is consistent.

Launch manually before automating every edge case. Move from freelancer → consultant → selective agency once you have repeatable wins. Productize only after consistent transactions and partner-driven promotion.

> **Tip**
> Push stable workflows to GitHub and schedule with trigger.dev or Modal. Scale agents first; hire later for only high-leverage gaps.

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Step 20 — 📊 Retain clients with metrics and risk checks

Track speed-to-lead, answered vs. missed calls, bookings, no-shows, and revenue attributed. Proactively send monthly dashboards and short loom-free summaries. Ask for testimonials and referrals after quick wins.

In high-ticket contexts, weigh small conversion drops against cost savings before automating sales calls. Position voice AI where it augments, not replaces, critical closers.

> **Tip**
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> Set recurring check-ins. Not following up after delivery loses upsells and referrals. Owners want consistent ROI, not experiments.

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Mistakes to avoid

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SELLING AI, NOT OUTCOMES

Talking about models and tools instead of revenue, savings, and time leverage.

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GOING BROAD

Competing with big automation agencies by offering everything to everyone.

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OVERENGINEERING

Multi-agent architectures and vendor sprawl that reduce reliability and speed.

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BUSYWORK OVER SALES

Perfecting sites/cards instead of prospecting, demos, and proposals.

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LOW-VOLUME, HIGH-TICKET AUTOMATION

Tiny conversion drops can cause large revenue loss; avoid unless proven.

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TEMPLATE BLASTING

Copy-pasting cold emails without personalization or belief kills replies.

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NO FOLLOW-UPS

Skipping post-delivery check-ins loses testimonials, upsells, and referrals.

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PREMATURE PRODUCTIZATION

Trying to sell templates before building proof via custom wins.

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HAND-OFF WITHOUT SCOPE

Letting others deliver without tight scoping ruins margins and timelines.

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TOOL BLOAT

Clients already have too many tools; own outcomes, not app count.

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IGNORING API BASICS

Auth mistakes, wrong endpoints, and untested webhooks stall delivery.

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WRONG CLIENTS

Risk-averse or failing businesses expect miracles and become painful.

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Income Forecast

$300–$500/mo per client

AI receptionist retainer (source-reported)

$6,200 / 3 months

Premium package example (source-reported)

$1,500–$10,000

Typical automation project range (source-reported)

$4,000 • $6,000 • $12,000

Common build sizes early on (source-reported)

$5,000 MRR

Closing ~1/wk by end of August (source-reported)

Low four figures/mo

Reported from AI receptionist sales (source-reported)

$83,000 MRR

Lean AI venture example with 2 part-time contractors (source-reported)

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Resources

RESOURCES

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Luma	Event pages and RSVPs for workshops ↗
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Google Business Profile	Manage business profiles, calls, and messaging ↗

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What All-Access members get

All 7 JobHacki tools on one membership.

Hack your career.

AI Auto Apply

Swipe real jobs. We get each application ready; you check it and press submit.

Job Directory

Live jobs pulled straight from company hiring systems.

Resume Builder

A role-ready resume in minutes.

Resume Match

A 0-100 match score against live roles.

Interview Role Play

Free practice tests with an account; voice mock interview after the trial.

Playbook Directory

Step-by-step income and job playbooks.

Tool Directory

Tools, prompts, GitHub repos and GPTs, by category.

Create your free account

Get All-Access — see price and terms

See the community & what's inside

A free account opens the job hubs, playbook library, Tool Directory and Interview Role Play's practice tests.

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