

Y03 — Making It Theirs

This is the build meeting. Tonight, the name your group circled becomes a real website on the screen in front of you. Here is how it goes.

Your leader has already opened the project on the church computer, and the screen shows a finished-looking website. That is the starter template - think of it as a beautiful house with nobody living in it yet. Everywhere you see square brackets, like church name in brackets, that is an empty room waiting for the truth. Your whole job tonight is replacing every bracket with something real.

And you will not do it by coding. You will do it by talking. There is an AI assistant open on that computer, and you type to it in plain English. There is also a cheat sheet - it is called the prompt book, and it is literally a list of messages you can copy, fill in, and send. The first one says: replace every placeholder that mentions the name with the real name. You hit enter, and watch the screen. The whole site changes at once. That is the gasp moment. Enjoy it.

Then you go section by section, and this is where YOU matter more than the AI. The service times, the hours, what they sell, the one sentence about who they are - that information comes from your call list and from what is public. The AI will happily write something generic; your job is to make it true and make it warm. When the about section gets written, read it out loud to the room. Does it sound like that place? Would the owner smile reading it? If a sentence feels stiff, tell the AI exactly that: make this sound warmer, make it shorter, say it like a neighbor would say it. The AI is your hands. You are the editor. The editor outranks the hands.

A few ground rules while you build, and these are house rules, not suggestions. You only change the website itself - if the AI ever says this needs your group leader, that is real, go get them. Nothing personal about anyone in this room goes on the site, ever - your names do not appear, your numbers do not appear; every contact detail on that page belongs to the place it is for. And the site stays on your screen tonight. It does not go on the internet until the owner has seen it and said yes. We build the gift before we ring the doorbell, but we never leave gifts on doorsteps uninvited.

Now, two magic commands, and they are the only two you need. The first one starts the site so you can see it in the browser - your leader knows it, it is one line. The second one is the safety check: `npm run check`. Run it any time something looks weird, and run it for sure at the end of the night. It reads the whole site and tells you, in plain English, what is broken or unfinished - this link goes nowhere, this placeholder is still sitting in the footer. Have one person read the first problem out loud, ask the AI to fix exactly that, run the check again. It is like a video game where the level tells you where the last coins are.

How do you know when you are done? Three signs. The check says you are clear. There are zero brackets left anywhere - the check counts those for you too. And the room agrees it looks like a gift, not homework: read every word once more, look at it on the screen the way the owner will, and ask, would we be proud to hand this over tomorrow?

Because that is exactly what is coming. Your build for tonight is the site itself, finished and checked and saved by your leader before anyone goes home. Next lesson, we learn the call - the two minutes of courage that turn this beautiful thing on your screen into somebody's answered prayer.