Vibe Coding Playground

The gap between "I have an idea for a website or an app!" and "holy moly it now exists" used to be a computer science degree. Now you need only the audacity to ask. This page is the fun part! Playful builds and fun life hacks that are useful today. In my humble opinion, this is the best way to learn AI, by building things you actually use for productivity or entertainment. And it is all free.

THREE THINGS YOU MIGHT RECOGNIZE

The amazing idea you back-burnered. We all have them. Some tracker, calculator, or family thing you have wanted and been thinking about for years, filed under "one day, when I have time to learn how to code." That barrier to entry no longer exists.

The dashboard. One morning screen with the day's and week's must-dos. Also free.

The forgotten money. States are holding unclaimed property from old deposits, refunds, and final paychecks. One in seven people have some, per the state treasurers' own association, and physicians move states more often than most.

> The first version can be ugly, and iteration is absolutely normal and expected.

HOW TO TALK TO A BUILD

You do not learn coding or syntax. You just find out that you only need to describe in plain English what you want and then keep telling the AI model how to improve on its output. Describe the thing you want in three sentences and ask for a single HTML file. Double-click it directly from the chatbox and the website appears magically in your browser. Give feedback to the AI chatbot. That loop, run about five times, gets you 80 percent or more of the way to perfect.

SAY THIS TO THE MACHINE

TO START A BUILD

"Build me a complete [website, game, or tool] in a single HTML file. [Three sentences about what it does.] Make it work on a phone. Make it not be terrible."

TO FIX WHAT ANNOYS YOU

"The controls feel slow. Make the car faster and the text bigger."

WHEN IT BREAKS

"It shows a blank screen. Here is the error from the console. Fix it."

FIVE THINGS TO DO TODAY

1. **Build your own one-page website.**
   A birthday page, a family recipe page, a countdown to a trip. No idea yet? Use the ready-made one on the workshop page. To put it online: in Claude, click Publish (or Share, then Anyone with the link). No button? Type “Show this as an artifact so I can publish it.” In ChatGPT, ask for an index.html file, drag it onto app.netlify.com/drop on a laptop, and sign up free within an hour.
   20 minutes

2. **Run the unclaimed money sweep.**
   Official state sites plus MissingMoney.com for every state you have lived in. Search yourself, prior names, and your parents, siblings, and friends. Ensure that your AI model visits only reputable sites. This needs a browsing agent (paid Claude or ChatGPT plans). On a free plan, ask AI for each state's official site, then search them yourself.
   15 minutes

3. **Try the promo code hunt.**
   During your next online purchase, let an AI browser agent (paid plans) hunt and test codes at checkout. Honest odds: probably won't work, but it works often enough to make it worth your time.
   60 seconds at checkout

4. **Ask it to create something silly.**
   A tiny game or toy from a single prompt. Open the file, play it, show your kids. Have your kids make something stupid too. The point is feeling the loop once and recognizing how unbelievably easy AND simple this all is.
   10 minutes

5. **Run the meal planner.**
   Tell it how many people you feed, the cuisines you like, and any limits, like budget or allergies. It gives you a week of dinners and one grocery list. Or list the crap in your fridge and ask for recipes.
   5 minutes

This handout is general information, not legal or financial advice. Free searches only. Claims are filed by you, directly with the state.

DEEPER DIVE

Why each one works, plus the house rules

Know why the sweep is safe and the promo hunt is hit-or-miss, and you will keep the fun from turning expensive.

1. Your own website STATIC AND FREE

A one-page site with no login and no database is just a file, and files are free to host and nearly impossible to break. That is why toys should start static. Nothing to hack, nothing to maintain, nothing to pay for. It is also the highest-emotion build per minute invested. A page for one specific person, with their name on it, beats any store-bought card ever printed.

2. The sweep THE STATE'S LOST AND FOUND

When a company owes you money and cannot find you, the money does not vanish. State law forces it to the state treasurer, who holds it until you claim it. Every move between states is a chance for a deposit, refund, or last paycheck to get orphaned, and medical training is a machine for moving people between states. The search is free on official sites and on MissingMoney.com, the national database the treasurers themselves endorse. Anyone charging a percentage to "find" your money is charging for a free search.

3. The promo hunt HONEST ODDS

Most public promo codes are expired, single-use, or targeted at someone who is not you, which is why the hunt whiffs often. The reason it is still worth doing is because an agent tests codes in seconds, so a low hit rate times near-zero cost still pays. This is the general shape of a good AI errand. Cheap attempts at things that occasionally pay off. The credit card number always stays in your hands.

4. The silly build THE LOOP

Describe, run, react. The skill being trained is not programming, but specification and feedback, which happen to be the same skills that make you good at delegating anything to AI. A game is the perfect trainer because the feedback is instant and the stakes are zero. Ten minutes of "make the car faster" teaches more about working with these tools than an hour of reading about them.

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5. The meal planner CONSTRAINT SOLVING

Dinner is not hard because cooking is hard, it is hard because deciding every day is hard. You set the rules, it makes the decisions. That is what these models do best, and the grocery list is the part that makes it stick. Rerun it weekly with one change ("we are sick of chicken") and it stays fresh. Decision fatigue is real. Outsource the decisions that do not deserve you. Start with this prompt and edit the output.

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I have lived in [STATE, STATE, STATE]. Go to
each state's official unclaimed property
website and MissingMoney.com and search for
[MY NAME AND PRIOR NAMES]. List every hit with
the state, reported holder, and claim link. Do
not submit any claims.
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Also on the horizon

Shopping agents are coming to every checkout, and the habits you build now, agent hunts while the human holds the card, are the safe defaults for that world. Custom bedtime story pages, travel itineraries that fit your actual family, and a comparison shopper for any big purchase are all the same one-prompt pattern. And your kids can do this too, which is either wonderful or a reason to set ground rules today.

The house rules

The claim is filed by a human. Unclaimed property claims need your SSN and ID documents. Do that directly on the state's site, never through the AI. **Never pay a percentage finder service** for a claim you can file yourself in minutes. **Card numbers do not flow through the toy.** The agent hunts codes. You pay. **Toys stay toys.** Nothing built from this page touches patient data, and anything that grows real users graduates to a real security conversation first.

Sources worth your time

MissingMoney.com, the free national database endorsed by NAUPA, the state treasurers' association (unclaimed.org) · Your state's official unclaimed property site, usually under the treasurer or controller · Free static hosting: Netlify or Vercel free tiers · The Self-Defense handout from this workshop before giving any agent broader reach.