



FREE GUIDE

# The **AI stack** I'd learn if I were starting today

Skip the noise. These are the tools that actually matter right now if you want to get good enough to offer this as a service.

There are hundreds of AI tools and new ones every week. Most people trying to learn AI to make money get stuck comparing tools instead of getting good at a few that actually matter. Here's the stack I'd focus on if I were starting from zero today.

## THE STACK



### THINKING & WRITING

#### Claude (Anthropic)

For real work: strategy, writing, research, planning, actually getting something done instead of going back and forth for an hour.

*My honest take: I stopped using ChatGPT for real work a while ago. Claude handles longer, more complex tasks with a lot less hand holding.*



### IMAGES

#### Nano Banana (Google Gemini)

Google's image model, most people just call it by its nickname. Good for product mockups, social graphics, and editing existing photos. One of the few models that actually renders text correctly inside an image.



### VIDEO

#### Higgsfield

Gives you access to several leading video models in one place, with real camera control. Good for turning a single image or idea into a finished, cinematic-feeling video without touching editing software.



### AUTOMATION

#### n8n

Connects everything above so it runs on its own instead of you doing each step by hand every time. This is what actually turns a set of tools into a system you can sell.



### VOICE

#### Vapi or Retell

For building AI voice agents that can answer calls, qualify leads, or handle basic customer questions. Voice AI is one of the fastest growing categories in this space right now.

This space moves fast. What's true in mid 2026 may shift within months. Before you commit real time or money to any tool, check that it's still the best option. Things change quickly here.

**Want to actually learn how to use these for real client work?**

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