

Workshopr before the consolidated app: Library, Planner, Facilitator

Scenario: a facilitator signs up on the main site, discovers content in the standalone Library, builds an agenda in the standalone Planner, runs it in the standalone Facilitator, and comes back to MyWorkshopr to reflect. Three apps, three shells, one person crossing them. No Strategize, no Synthesize: the Reflect phase is MyWorkshopr plus a Coach that redirects to a coming-soon page. Mapped from library/, planner/, facilitator/, myworkshopr/, coach/, and the pre-consolidation header in git history.

☐ Facilitator lanes ☒ Backstage ☐ Failure points and gaps

Lane

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	Sign up on the main site	Land on MyWorkshopr	Browse the Library	Favorite, note, Use This Workshop	Build the agenda in Planner	Save, share, export the deck	Pick the plan in Facilitator	Run the session	End the session	Reflect: MyWorkshopr and Coach
Physical evidence	• Main site homepage CTAs • Sign-in and register modal (includes/footer/auth.php) • Welcome email	• MyWorkshopr hub: seven panels (overview, agendas, favorites, notes, comments, submissions, published) • Getting Started checklist and quick-action tiles • Header app switcher grouped by phase	• Listing pages for exercises, icebreakers, workshops, collections, goals • Popular pages, filters, search • A detail page per item	• Favorite heart, note field, comment thread • "Use This Workshop" button on a workshop detail • Sign-in prompt (401) when signed out	• planner-home choice screen: Generate or Build manually • Drag-and-drop builder (planner.php) • Template gallery, Launchpad, Prep	• Saved plans list (saved.php) • Share link with share_code, public briefing view (?code=) • .pptx deck and run-of-show download • Analytics dashboard	• facilitator-home picker listing saved plans • The /pro/ upsell page if not entitled	• Run console (facilitator/app.php): timer, script, intervention cards, AI suggestions • Participant page by share code: polls, reactions, help • Voice notes	• Session ends and the console clears • Feedback results	• MyWorkshopr panels, refreshed • Coach: a coming-soon page with an email-notify form • No session summary and no impact report
Facilitator actions	• Opens workshopr.io • Clicks a CTA and registers in the modal • Confirms the email	• Lands on /myworkshopr/ • Reads the checklist: build an agenda, save it, take the DNA quiz, favorite something • Picks an app from the switcher or a tile	• Browses exercises, icebreakers, and workshop templates • Filters by category, duration, goal • Opens a detail page	• Favorites an item • Adds a note or a comment • Clicks Use This Workshop	• Chooses Generate or Build manually • Drags items onto the canvas, sets durations • Optionally runs Prep and Launchpad	• Signs in if not already • Saves the plan • Shares the link, exports the deck, checks analytics	• Opens /facilitator/ • Picks the saved plan from the list, or arrives with ?plan=ID	• Starts the session and shares the code • Advances items, logs interventions, adds notes and voice notes • Creates polls, watches reactions and help	• Ends the session • Rates it • Closes feedback	• Returns to MyWorkshopr to see agendas, favorites, notes • Tries Coach and lands on coming soon
Participant actions	Not in this step	Not in this step	Not in this step	Not in this step	Not in this step	Not in this step	Not in this step	• Opens facilitator/participant.php?code=SHARE_CODE • No account, no login • Votes, reacts, raises a hand	• Submits feedback • Page goes quiet	Not in this step
LINE OF INTERACTION										
Frontstage	• Modal opens with tueOpenSignin('register') • On success, redirect to returnUrl if set, else to /myworkshopr/	• Hub panels lazy-load via ?partial=1&panel=X • MyWorkshopr is reachable only from the avatar menu; it is excluded from the switcher on purpose	• Server-rendered listings and detail pages • Popular pages ranked from usage	• Favorite toggles; a 401 shows the sign-in prompt • Signed-out favorites fall back to localStorage workshopr_local_favorites • Use This Workshop navigates to /planner/planner.php?template=ID	• planner.php reads ?template=, seeds the settings cookie and the session agenda • No settings cookie: a 500 ms timer bounces to planner-home • Anonymous users can build fully; a quiet "Not saved" affordance shows	• Save requires login; the Pro gate on the builder redirects to /pro/?from=planner • Share sets visibility to unlisted and mints share_code • Deck export returns 403 for non-Pro	• Picker fetches /api/plans.php?action=list • app.php is Pro-gated at load • ?plan=ID preloads a plan into the session	• Console persists to localStorage workshopr_facilitator_state (4 hour TTL) • Participant page polls facilitator-live.php • AI suggestions and transitions on request	• end_live returns • Feedback results readable, redactable, closable	• MyWorkshopr re-renders its panels from the DB • coach/index.php requires coming-soon.php on any non-localhost host and exits
LINE OF VISIBILITY										
Backstage	• api/auth.php handleRegister inserts users, auth_tokens, email_preferences • sendWelcomeEmail() and the onboarding sequence • Token stored as a cookie and as localStorage workshopr_auth_token	• myworkshopr/index.php panel partials • Reads plans, favorites, notes, comments, user_exercises, and the DNA result (mw_dna_result)	• includes/data.php: getExerciseCategoriesFromDatabase(), getExercisesByCategoryFromDatabase(), getIcebreakersFromDatabase() • Tables exercises, categories, icebreakers, i_categories, workshops, collections, goals	• api/user-favorites.php writes favorites (login-gated, not Pro-gated) • includes/comments.php, api/notes.php, api/user-comments.php • api/user-exercises.php for submissions, from myworkshopr/add-exercise.php	• planner/api/templates.php, prep.php, prep-analytics.php • planner/js/planner-v2.js holds the agenda in sessionStorage workshopr_agenda_session and the cookie workshopr_workshop_settings • Nothing touches the DB until save	• api/plans.php inserts plans, generateShareCode(), visibility private, unlisted, or public • api/plan-items.php writes plan_items • planner/api/briefings.php: briefings by share_code • planner/api/deck-export.php via includes/deck/pptx-builder.php • planner/api/analytics.php	• facilitator/facilitator-home.php lists the user's plans • facilitator/app.php checks isProUser(), then reads ?plan=	• api/coach.php create_session, start_live, add_note, log_event, log_intervention: coaching_sessions, coaching_session_notes, session_events, intervention_logs • api/facilitator-live.php push, create_poll, close_poll, get_reactions: live_sessions, live_polls • api/participant-live.php react, help: live_reactions, live_help_requests • api/facilitator-ai.php suggestions, transition • api/coach_interventions.php list • api/upload-voice-note.php: voice_notes	• api/coach.php end_live, rate_session • api/workshop-feedback.php results, close, redact	• MyWorkshopr reads the same tables again • coach/coming-soon.php stores the notify email • No table receives a post-session artifact
LINE OF INTERNAL INTERACTION										
Support processes	• MySQL users, auth_tokens, email_preferences • Email provider (welcome, verification, reset), best-effort • Root index.php and includes/footer/auth.php shared site-wide	• Its own lazy-partial panel system, separate from the Planner and Facilitator patterns • Header section key myworkshopr, excluded from the switcher	• includes/cache.php (file and APCu backends) • MySQL content tables • Material Symbols and the shared header	• isAuthenticated() only; canUseFeature() lists favorites and notes as Pro, but the Library endpoints never check it • localStorage for the anonymous fallback	• Cookie (30 days), sessionStorage (tab), localStorage workshopr_planner_intro_seen • Sortable.js • Its own CSS bundle css/planner/planner-new.css and header planner/includes/header.php • Cache-bust ?v=time() on every load, so nothing caches	• isProUser() and canUseFeature(planner_builder, export) • Stripe tier state • MySQL plans, plan_items, briefings	• isProUser() for live_mode and facilitator • MySQL plans • Its own JS bundle with hand-maintained ?v= integers per module	• localStorage workshopr_facilitator_state, plus a legacy sessionStorage copy • AI provider for facilitator-ai • Rate limiter on the share lookup • MySQL live and session tables; file storage for voice notes	• MySQL • Feedback keyed by share code	• The /pro/ upsell page • An email list for Coach notify • Nothing else: the Reflect phase has no support system behind it
Failure points and gaps	• Registration lands on the MyWorkshopr hub, not in a phase app; the first real task is another click away	• The hub is invisible from the app switcher and reachable only through the avatar menu • The checklist links out to four apps with four separate shells	• Popularity and filters are per-section; there is no cross-library search that lands in the planner	• Signed-out favorites live in localStorage and never sync to the account • Pro rules on paper (favorites, notes) are not enforced in code: a silent policy gap	• The handoff from the Library is a bare ?template= param; if the cookie is not seeded within 500 ms the builder bounces to planner-home • Tab-scoped sessionStorage: a second tab or a closed tab loses the agenda	• An unsaved anonymous agenda is invisible to every other app • Save is login-gated and the builder is Pro-gated, so one plan can hit two different walls	• Planner and Facilitator share no client state; a plan must round-trip through the DB • Hand-maintained ?v= integers: an edited module ships stale to returning users	• Facilitator has no intro-seen key, so onboarding never transfers from the Planner • Session notes and interventions live in prod-only tables (coaching_session_notes, intervention_logs)	• Rating and feedback are captured, then nothing reads them back into a workflow	• Coach is a hard redirect to coming soon: the Reflect phase dead-ends • No session summary, no impact report, no synthesis; the workshop record stops at end_live
Reading the blueprint	1 The product was three shells, not one Library, Planner, and Facilitator each owned a header, a CSS bundle, a JS module set, an intro-seen flag, and a cache-bust scheme. A user crossing the spine crossed three interfaces. The physical evidence lane changes texture at every app boundary.	2 State lived in the wrong place for the handoff Library to Planner was a bare URL param. Planner held the agenda in a 30-day cookie and tab-scoped sessionStorage. Facilitator saw only plans that had round-tripped through the DB. Anonymous work died at the app boundary every time.	3 Two walls on one path, in the wrong order Saving was login-gated, the builder and deck export were Pro-gated, and the Library's Pro rules for favorites and notes were never enforced. Users met gates in an order the design did not intend, and the policy in canUseFeature() and the code disagreed.	4 Reflect was a dead end Coach hard-redirected to a coming-soon page. MyWorkshopr re-listed the inputs. Rating and feedback were captured and never read again. Three working phases and one sign that said soon: the backstage lane is empty for the last column.	5 The hub nobody could find MyWorkshopr held the checklist and every artifact, and it was excluded from the app switcher on purpose. The only route in was the avatar dropdown. Registration landed there, then asked for one more click to reach any real work.					