

The Senior UX Case Study Audit Checklist

Subtitle: Stop getting rejected. Start getting hired. A 10-minute reality check for your portfolio.





The Reality Check

Recruiters
spend about
6 to 30
seconds on
your
portfolio.

If they don't see value immediately, they click "Next."

This checklist isn't about making your portfolio "pretty"—it's about making it **hireable**.

Open your best case study. Go through these 4 sections honestly. If you can't check the box, that is your gap.

Phase 1: The "6-Second Scan" (First Impressions)

Can I understand the value without reading a single paragraph?

The "Outcome" Headline:

Does your title describe the *result*, not just the app name?

- *Bad*: "Food Delivery App Case Study"
- *Good*: "Reducing Order Cancellations by 12% for a Local Delivery App"

The Hero Image:

Does the first image show the final solution on a real device? (Avoid generic collages or messy wireframes at the top).

The Summary:

Do you have a summary block at the start?

- *Role*: (e.g., Lead UX)
- *Timeline*: (e.g., 4 Weeks)
- *Outcome*: (e.g., Launched MVP, User Satisfaction +20%)

The "Why":

Do you clearly state the *business goal* in the first 100 words? (e.g., "The client was losing revenue because...")

Phase 2: The "Business Logic" Check (The Money Maker)

Do you understand how design impacts business? This is what Senior Managers look for.

Metrics Over Feelings:

Did you define success metrics *before* you started designing? (e.g., "We aimed to decrease support tickets by 15%.")

The "Pivot" Moment:

Did you show a moment where you were *wrong*? Did user research force you to change your initial idea? (Perfection looks suspicious).

Real Constraints:

Did you mention technical or budget constraints?

Pro Tip: Mention a feature you cut because it was "too expensive" or "too complex" for the developers. This proves you are industry-ready.

Phase 3: Process vs. Fluff (The Efficiency Test)

Are you showing a real process, or just copying a bootcamp template?

No Generic Diagrams:

Did you remove the generic "Double Diamond" stock image? (Show *your* messy process, not a textbook diagram).

Actionable Research:

Instead of just pasting 3 personas, did you quote a specific user insight that directly changed a design feature?

AI Integration (2026 Bonus):

Did you mention using AI tools? (e.g., "Used ChatGPT for rapid user persona generation" or "Midjourney for mood boarding" to save time).

Phase 4: Visuals & Outcomes (The Closing Argument)

Does the final result justify the effort?



Before & After:

Do you have a side-by-side comparison of the "Old Version" vs. "Your Redesign"? (This is the most powerful visual proof you can offer).



Annotated Screens:

Do you use arrows/text to point out exactly *why* a design decision was made? (e.g., "Moved button here for thumb reachability").



The Retrospective:

Do you end with "What I would do differently next time"? (e.g., "I would have tested the checkout flow earlier...").



Score Your Portfolio

1

0-5 Checks: Junior / Student Level

Your case study is likely too generic. It needs a major rewrite to focus less on "process" and more on "problems and results."

2

6-10 Checks: Mid-Level Potential

You have the pieces, but the storytelling is weak. Focus heavily on the "Business Logic" section to stand out.

3

11+ Checks: Senior Mindset

You are ready for high-level interviews. You speak the language of ROI, outcomes, and business impact.



Want to Move from "Junior" to "Senior" Faster?

If you realized you are missing the **Business Strategy** and **AI Efficiency** parts of your portfolio, that is exactly what we fix in the **AI-Driven UX Mastery** program at UXGen Academy.

I don't just teach tools. I teach you how to think like a Lead Designer who gets paid for outcomes, not just pixels.

[Link to AI-Driven UX Mastery Course](#)



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We're Here to Support You

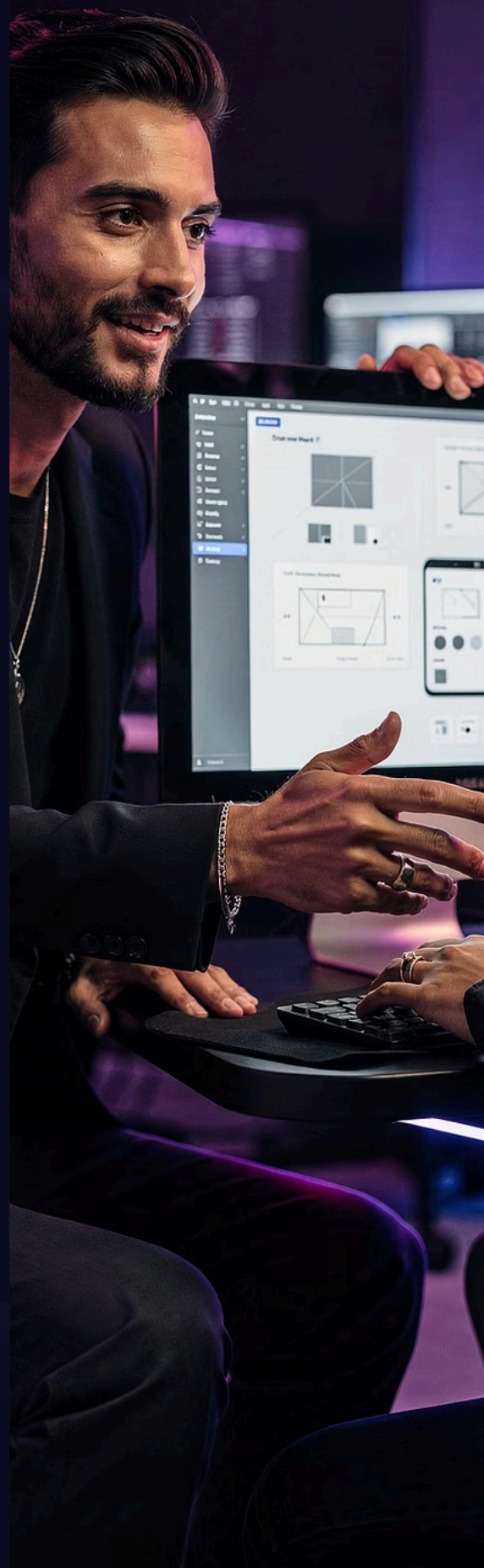
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At UXGen Academy, we don't teach UX like a checklist of tools. We teach UX like a business skill.

Our curriculum is built around:

- job-ready outputs
- outcome-first case studies
- real-world constraints and stakeholder thinking
- measurement mindset (even when data access is limited)
- interview communication that sounds senior, not rehearsed

If you're tired of feeling stuck in the ux job market, start by fixing the only thing hiring teams trust: proof.



How UXGen Partners With You.

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- Understanding Churn and retention from a UX lens

UX Audit to Action

- Prioritised UX actions
- Roadmaps aligned to product goals
- Design system & UI improvements

Implementation Support. From Classroom to Real Projects

- Guided UX design and prototyping
- Collaborate like a pro with product & engineering teams
- Ongoing measurement & optimisation mindset

Why UXGen Academy?

At UXGen Academy, we don't just teach UX theory — we prepare you to think and act like a real UX professional. You'll learn how to solve product problems with **clarity, data, and human insight** so you transition from student → confident practitioner.

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Business-aligned UX Thinking



Actionable priorities that move KPIs



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Hands-on collaboration with product teams

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