Makanaka Chikava

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Technical Skills

Frontend: JavaScript, Typescript, React, Redux, Vue.js, Bootstrap, HTML5, CSS, TailwindCSS
Backend: Python, Node.js, Express, REST, Django, MongoDB, PostgreSQL
Development: Git, GitHub, Jira, Figma, Visual Studio Code, PyCharm, Postman, Heroku

Projects

Kicksential — *React | Redux | Django | PostgreSQL*
E-commerce web application for discovering and purchasing the latest trending shoes.
- Developed responsive and interactive frontend design using **React** and **TailwindCSS**.
- Utilized **Redux** to handle cart and user **state management.**
- Created robust backend **API** functionalities using **Django Rest Framework**.
- Implemented user authentication using **Djoser** and **JWT authentication** for secure user accounts.
- Leveraged **PostgreSQL** for efficient **data storage** and retrieval.

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Music AI Assistant — *Next.js | Typescript | TailwindCSS*
Your personal music discovery companion utilizing OpenAI to help find music that perfectly matches your preferences.
- Implemented **real-time streaming conversations** between users and the chatbot through **Vercel AI SDK library**.
- Trained **OpenAI chatbot** as a music librarian assistant, by specifying this role in the get response from the API endpoint.
- Designed the message box interface, emulating a familiar look of iPhone's iMessage using **TailwindCSS**.

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Climate Change — *React.js | Node.js | MongoDB*
Travel companion for exploring the weather in different cities to help you create sensible packing lists for your trips.
- Designed and implemented a **RESTful API** around the clothing resource.
- **MongoDB** database to manage and store user clothing lists.
- Implemented features for users to search for the weather in different cities using a public **weather API**.
- Utilized **axios** to make **API calls** to fetch weather data from API, based on user's selected city.

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Portfolio — *JavaScript | HTML | CSS*
Designed and developed a personal portfolio website. Utilized **JavaScript libraries** to incorporate dynamic **animations**. The portfolio features sections for my biography, project showcases, key skills, and contact information.
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Experience

Evergreen Refreshments — *May 2022 – Aug 2022*
Talent Acquisition Intern
- Collaborated the talent acquisition team in sourcing, screening, and interviewing candidates.
- Conducted research on hiring trends and best practices.
- Applied attention to detail in creating and updating job postings ensuring clear and accurate communication.
- Enhanced job postings, resulting in a 20% increase in traffic and higher application rates.
- Coordinated interviews and maintained candidate and job data in the Applicant Tracking System (ATS).

Northern Vermont University — *Aug 2020 – Dec 2022*
Soccer Team Captain
Led the NVU Badgers soccer team as the elected Team Captain
- Coordinated and led team through rigorous training, fostering unity and motivation among players.
- Collaborated closely with coaches and teammates to strategize and execute game plans effectively.
- Committed 40 hours per week to training, meetings, film study, travel, and competitions while maintaining full course load.
- Developed skills in teamwork, communication, and adaptability.

Education

General Assembly Bootcamp
Certificate – Full-Stack Software Development,   **Jan 2023 – Apr 2023**

Northern Vermont University
B.A. Health & Sports Psychology,   **Aug 2020 – Dec 2022**