

Makanaka Chikava

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Skills

JavaScript | Python | Typescript | React | Vue.js | HTML5 | CSS | MongoDB | PostgreSQL | Node.js | Django

Projects

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 to take on the persona of 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.

GitHub: github.com/MakaChikava/musicAI_assistant

MovieScope

React.js / Node.js / PostgreSQL / TailwindCSS

Explore movies and TV shows, create personalized watchlists, and keep track of everything you want to watch.

- Created a RESTful API using express.js to manage the movie resource.
- PostgreSQL database to manage and store user movie lists.
- Implemented features for users to search movies using a public movie API.
- Utilized axios to make API calls to fetch movie data from public movie API, based on user's input.

GitHub: github.com/MakaChikava/MovieScope_frontend

Climate Change

React.js / Node.js / MongoDB / TailwindCSS

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.

GitHub: github.com/MakaChikava/travel_frontend

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.

GitHub: github.com/MakaChikava/portfolio

Experience

Evergreen Refreshments

May 2022 – August 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

August 2020 – December 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,

January 2023 – April 2023

Northern Vermont University

B.A. Health & Sports Psychology,

August 2020 – December 2022