# **AKEEM NICHOLAS**

Software Engineer

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### **SKILLS**

<u>Technical:</u> React, Redux, JavaScript, Python, HTML, CSS, Ruby, Rails, Express.js, Node.js, MongoDB,

SQL, Mongoose, R Studio, PostgreSQL, jQuery, Git, Visual Basic for Applications (VBA)

<u>Languages:</u> Conversational Japanese, Elementary Cantonese

#### **PROJECTS**

## **A** [**Smezon** (PostgreSQL, Ruby on Rails, React, Redux)

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A/ $\square$ mezon is an online marketplace inspired by Amazon.com and my love of Japanese anime.

- Devised a search algorithm that allows users to filter search results by different product categories while mitigating N+1 queries and improving runtime
- Handled data validations on the frontend using the React component state to ensure the database only received viable information, safeguarding against unnecessary asynchronous calls that would slow down the user experience
- Curated profile pages with the help of Ruby on Rails and database associations, allowing users to edit their account/login information, view all of their authored reviews, and change language settings

### **dinder** (MongoDB, Express.js, React, Node.js)

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dinder is a restaurant matchmaking site that marks the end of group decision paralysis.

- Applied transformations, absolute positioning, and other CSS techniques to create cards that have a swipe away animation when a choice is made
- Integrated the Yelp API to dynamically produce restaurant options based on user input

# **Daoko Live!!** (Javascript, Canvas, Web Audio API)

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Daoko Live!! is a rhythm game created with vanilla JavaScript and HTML5 canvas.

- Automated the beat mapping process based on audio frequency data so songs can generate their own unique patterns
- Implemented responsive Canvas elements that can register and react to hit and missed beats

# **EXPERIENCE**

# Gelfand, Rennert, & Feldman, LLC

June 2018 - Nov 2019

# **Royalty Analyst**

- Developed VBA Macros in Excel to automate standard procedures, quadrupling daily output and increasing productivity for the entire team
- Analyzed royalty statement data to verify contract compliance for music and merchandising agreements

#### **NBCUniversal**

Sept 2017 - May 2018

## Tax Accounting Intern

- Identified and explained variances between Budgets and Actuals as it relates to quarter closing and year-end financial statements
- Utilized Command Prompt to organize 1000+ tax documents to improve digital storage

#### **EDUCATION**

### **App Academy** (New York, NY)

Nov 2019 - Mar 2020

Intensive, 16-week Software Engineering Bootcamp with a focus on Web Development

### **New York University** (New York, NY)

Sept 2014 - May 2018

BA in Economic Theory (Minor in Business Studies) - GPA 3.68