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Abstract

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Nukeboard.co is an internet recruitement based solution which enables recruiters to easily post jobs, share job offers on social media, track and manage applications(job applications) across multiple devices while maintaining and growing a CV bank. Developing modules to this software was one of the key feature to the success of this application since it brought about ease in the manageability of activities to the end users. Various modules developed are; Employer Module, Job Seeker Module, Training Module, Sponsored Jobs Module and Blog module making a total of 5 modules. This brought about a great enhancement/improvement to the software making it easy for users to use this modules/features by just activating with the click of a button in one hand and in the other hand, if the user doesn't want to use a particular feature because of one reason or the other, he/she will just deactivate the module/feature with just a click and this feature will be invisible to the entire software.

Furthermore, these modules where developed in a very modular approach in such a way that if one doesn't need a particular module which has to be removed entirely from the whole software, it will be a very easy process and this won't break other existing modules already available in the application. So this means it will be like singly removing a module and not touching the exising modules, making it easy for integration of other modules in future and making development to the software easy to understand. The above mentioned modules will be explained in detail in the body of this report...

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List of Abbreviations

CSS Cascading Style Sheet
DNS Domain Name System
FTP File Transfer Protocol

HTML Hyper Text Markup LanguageHTTP Hyper Text Transfer Protocol

JS JavaScript

JSON JavaScript Object Notation

LaTeX Lamport TeX

MVC Model View ControllerORM Object Relational Model

OS Operating System
PHP Hypertext Preprocessor
QA Quality Assurance
SaaS Software as a Service

SQL Structured Qquery LanguageSMTP Simple Mail Transfer Protocol

Dedicated to my mum, Mrs. Alangi Anastasia Wi and my brothers and also to the Nkem Ngu's Family....

Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 What is Njorku?

Njorku is a technology based platform for career and recruitment services in Africa. It has product called Njorku which is an emerging job search engine for Africa, with thousands of unique visitors per month and growing steadily month-on-month. Njorku is localized in 9 African countries and counting.



FIGURE 1.1: The company's logo

1.2 History of Njorku

Njorku was launched in March, 2011 and has given job seekers free and unlimited access to hundreds of thousands of jobs from company websites and job boards across Africa. Njorku was founded by Mambe Churchill Nanje and has a very strong team of professionals around the world and has raised seed funding from a Canada-based technology company and a business angel in France. Njorku has offices in Buea, SWR Cameroon.

1.2.1 Njorku Ltd products

Njorku Ltd has 2 main products in the market running live and helping the community in various ways, the products are listed below as follows; Njorku Search Engine and Nukeboard.co

1.2.2 Njorku Search Engine(njorku.com)

Njorku is a job search engine where you can find thousands of jobs from all over Africa.

1.2.3 Nukeboard(nukeboard.co)

Nukeboard.co is an internet recruitement based solution which enables recruiters to easily post jobs, share job offers on social media, track and manage applications(job applications) across multiple devices while maintaining and growing a CV bank

1.3 What I did during the Internship period

1.3.1 Studied the Software's (nukeboard.co) codebase

Before coding on the software, I had to learn the coding style of the application, understand the work flow of the software in order to know what nukeboard.co actually does. This took me 2 days since the software was not very complex and I had all the skills necessary to start working on the platform. After these 2 days of extreme study, I immediately started writing codes for the software.

1.3.2 Work I did on Nukeboard during internship

During a period of 5 months internship at Njorku Ltd Buea, I was assigned the following task to work on which i did successfully and was evaluated on. The tasks are listed as follows:

- Developed Features (Modules) on Nukeboard.
- Did Quality Assurance(QA) on the software.

1.4 Why did I do the following task mentioned above?

1.4.1 Why Feature Development?

I developed modules for nukeboard because the software was targetting users who are not very experienced with Computing and we had to build modules for the software to make the work or tasks very easy for the users to accomplish and also to make usability of the software easy to the end users. Modules were also build to make sure that more features where added to the software based on the users demands from the market.

1.4.2 Why Quality Assurance(QA)?

Quality Assurance was done to ensure that the software is properly build and we meet the purpose of the software. I carried out the task so that the team of programmers working on the software can know which part of the software needs improvement and changes. After this task was complete, I had done 53 test cases and details about this will be available below.

As mentioned above, I shall explain in detail all what I carried during my intership period and research done, other activities out of internship site and other projects done which where in one way or the other related to the internship. All these shall be explain in the body of this internship report.

Chapter 2

Literature Review

2.1 Concepts and Technologies used by Nukeboard

Nukeboard.co is a software that was build with a combination of many different technologies, these technologies span across web technologies, database programming and administration, server configuration and linux administration, MVC programming paradigm and Object oriented programming. I had the some skills already before working on the project and needed to do some background research on technologies I new nothing about before fully contributing to the project and doing my own internship task. The project was build using Object oriented PHP and MVC programming paradigm. Nukeboard run on the Laravel 4.2 framework which is a PHP web framework written on other framework.

Its a highly documented framework and its documentation can be found here: https://laravel.com/docs/4.2, the latest version of Laravel is 5.2. I needed to learn from the documentation anything i don't know how to use concerning the framework, in order to accomplish my intership project. In addition, I also did a background research on other technologies used in the project and I found out that Apache Tika which is an application used for Parsing PDF documents to extract the text from the PDF file and it uses Java to do its processing and the documentation can be found here: https://tika.apache.org/0.5/documentation.html, these parsing was done so that we can have a dump CV text so we can search for keywords concerning applicants for jobs in any job on nukeboard.co.

Sub-domains where highly used in nukeboard.co and it was a concept I did not really learn in school so had to do some research to understand how its implemented on servers using virtual machines and Laravel. Documenations I used to read about sub-domains can be found [x] and [x] and all these links and references will also be added to in the Reference section of these report.

A list of techonologies and tools used to accomplish the whole project are; PHP, HTML, CSS, CDN, Apache Tika, Laravel 4.2, MVC, jQuery, JavaScript, MySQL, phpMyAdmin, DNS Masq, SQL, Git and Github. All these technologies was used for the success of these product and to be able to work on the project, I had to learn all these various technologies in order to stand a chance.

2.2 Similarities with other system that exist

There exist other systems that perform a similar goal like nukeboard.co like; https://www.jobboard.io which was built mostly to suite the needs of US and other non-African countries. The merit of http://www.nukeboard.co is mostly suiting the needs of the African citizens and is built to solve the local problems of job offers in our country, this is a big difference with this sytem and other system which exist performing the same goal.

Another advantage that nukeboard.co has is that if there is a problem, there is a possibility to even meet in person with the nukeboard or an assistant if your problem can't be solved remotely but for other system that exists, it will be costly travelling out of the country if need be. In addition to the above mentioned, the services of nukeboard.co is cheaper than that of other system that exist like https://www.jobboard.io. In terms of pricing, Basic plan for Job Board software is: 149 dollars / month while for Nukeboard, a basic plan is free.

Furthermore, there is also a disadvantage about nukeboard, its build using PHP which is a technology that does not support multi threading which mean if there is more than 1 million users on the site performing operations at the same time, the through put of the application will be very high making response time to be very high to and inconviniencing the users. But Job Board was built with Multithreaded technologies that will improve on throughput and response time making the site faster to user and operations quicker.

Appendix A

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