

Chikaima Uwakwe

Frontend Developer & Designer

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Summary

Frontend Developer with hands-on experience engineering scalable, high-performance web applications using **Next.js**, **React**, **TypeScript**, and **Tailwind CSS**. Adept at translating UI/UX wireframes into responsive, pixel-perfect interfaces with seamless animations using **Framer Motion**. Skilled in integrating client-side applications with modern backend-as-a-service platforms such as **Supabase** and **Firebase**, implementing secure **user authentication**, **database schema management**, and **RESTful APIs**. Combines a strong foundation in visual design and branding with a focus on **Core Web Vitals**, cross-browser compatibility, and state management to deliver intuitive, conversion-focused user experiences.

Skills

Frontend Engineering

JavaScript (ES6+), TypeScript, React, Next.js (App Router), HTML5, CSS3/Sass

Styling and Animation

Tailwind CSS, Framer Motion, Radix UI Primitives, shadcn/ui, Responsive Design

State & API Integration

RESTful APIs, Asynchronous JavaScript, Client-Side State Management, Client-Side Routing, TanStack Query / TanStack Start

Backend and Databases

Supabase, Firebase, Database Schema Design, Relational Databases (PostgreSQL), User Authentication

UI & Product Design

Figma, UI/UX Design, Wireframing, Prototyping, Component Libraries, Design Systems, Branding

Developer Tools & Workflow

Git, GitHub, Web Performance Optimization (Core Web Vitals), Vercel, npm/pnpm

Projects

Cre8r | Creator Platform & Digital Showcase

- **Architected and launched Cre8r**, a full-stack web application enabling creative artisans to build digital portfolios, showcase multimedia work, and grow their audiences.
- **Engineered high-performance, responsive profile interfaces** using Next.js App Router and Tailwind CSS, featuring dynamic client-side routing and optimized asset delivery pipelines.
- **Implemented secure user authentication and persistent database infrastructure** using Supabase to handle user profiles, content uploads, and real-time interaction metrics.
- **Gathered early user feedback through iterative releases and analytics**, continuously refining UI components, navigational flows, and onboarding experiences.

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EazyKash | Cross-Border Payment Platform

- **Architected intuitive user flows for a zero-fee cross-border remittance platform**, enabling seamless money transfers from the UK to recipient accounts across Africa.
- **Engineered secure transaction flows and multi-currency UI components** with real-time form validation, currency conversion calculators, and transaction status tracking.
- **Integrated payment gateways and RESTful APIs**, managing complex client-side state across multi-step identity verification (KYC) and payment confirmation pipelines.
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Designed accessible, high-trust UI components to streamline user onboarding, balance management, and transaction history visualizations, minimizing user friction during transfers.

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FLYTE Airways | Flight Tracking & Booking Application

- Architected a modern flight tracking and booking application using Next.js, TypeScript, and Tailwind CSS, delivering fast client rendering and dynamic routing.
- Engineered an accessible UI component library leveraging Radix UI primitives to build modular, reusable components for complex booking flows (Explore, Trips, and Profile management).
- Optimized application performance and SEO metadata, achieving high Core Web Vitals scores, fast initial page loads, and strong search engine discoverability.
- Designed responsive, mobile-first interfaces integrated with Framer Motion for glassmorphism UI effects, fluid state transitions, and interactive visual feedback.

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Experience

Irressentials January - April 2024

Frontend Developer and UI/UX Designer

- Engineered a full-featured e-commerce platform for multi-category retail (footwear, luxury goods, and beverages) using React and Tailwind CSS, delivering a fully responsive, mobile-first shopping experience.
- Optimized web performance and Core Web Vitals through efficient asset loading and component modularity, significantly improving page load times and user retention.
- Implemented dynamic product cataloging and interactive UI components to streamline product discovery and enhance cart navigation.

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Coffeely May - August 2024

Frontend Developer and UI/UX Designer

- Architected and developed a responsive e-commerce and blog platform using React, Tailwind CSS, and Framer Motion, featuring fluid page transitions and custom interactive UI elements.
- Built a secure, authentication-based shopping cart system, managing persistent user state across sessions and streamlining the checkout flow.
- Integrated a dynamic content section for coffee trends, utilizing client-side routing and component reusability to boost session duration and engagement.

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African AI Network November 2024 - June 2025

Graphic/UI/UX Designer

- Designed intuitive, user-centered web and mobile interfaces for complex AI workflows, translating raw data into human-friendly dashboards that drove user engagement and retention.
- Built a scalable UI component library and design system in Figma, establishing visual consistency across platforms and accelerating frontend developer handoffs.
- Partnered cross-functionally with engineers and data scientists to rapidly prototype interface solutions and refine user flows based on feedback.
- Produced multi-channel brand assets and marketing graphics, maintaining strict brand alignment across web, mobile, and promotional collateral.

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Northlight Creative Studios

August 2025 - Present

Founder & Lead Frontend Developer

- **Founded and operated a digital creative studio**, managing end-to-end client discovery, web development, and visual identity projects for small businesses and brands.
- **Developed client applications and agency assets** using **Next.js**, **Tailwind CSS**, and **shadcn/ui**, ensuring modular component architecture and rapid UI assembly.
- **Designed custom brand identities and design systems** (logos, typography, color palettes) in **Figma**, translating visual guidelines into code-ready production interfaces.
- **Led cross-discipline workflows** combining UX storytelling, technical implementation, and client collateral creation (marketing banners, launch assets) to ensure consistent multi-platform execution.

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Rise of the Rejects | Interactive Narrative Platform

October 2025

Frontend Developer & Graphic Designer

- **Engineered an interactive, immersive web application** using **TypeScript** and **Next.js**, structuring complex data models for dynamic character, faction, and lore showcase pages.
- **Crafted complex, cinematic UI animations** with **Framer Motion**, enhancing user retention through scroll-triggered interactions and rich visual storytelling.
- **Optimized web assets, image pipelines, and layout rendering**, minimizing network payload sizes to guarantee fast load times on mobile and low-bandwidth connections.
- **Structured programmatic routing and metadata management** to streamline content expansion and optimize search engine visibility.

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Cre8r | Creator Platform & Digital Showcase

April 2026

Fullstack Developer

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- **Implemented secure user authentication and data persistence** using **Supabase**, structuring relational database schemas to handle user profiles, content uploads, and interactions.
- **Gathered early user feedback through iterative surveys and analytics**, continuously refining UI components, navigational flow, and onboarding experiences based on live user data.

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Eazykash | Cross-border payment corridor

April 2026

Frontend Developer

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Certifications

Legacy Responsive Web Design V8

January 15th, 2023

FreeCodeCamp

Key Focus: Modern HTML5, CSS3, Flexbox, CSS Grid, Media Queries, Accessibility (a11y), and Mobile-First Layouts.

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