

Getting started *coding* with AI.

How a founder ships software in 2026 – without writing most of the code.

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P.S.

Built with Claude Design, and friends.

FIG. A



STUDIO GHIBLI-STYLED · AI-GENERATED

WHO IS THIS

Hi, I'm *Daliso*.

Software engineer turned founder. I started African Technopreneurs in 2017 — an XR and immersive-tech business serving the African market. My background is in software engineering. I still ship code today.

The difference is: I don't write most of it anymore.



African Technopreneurs (Pty) Ltd

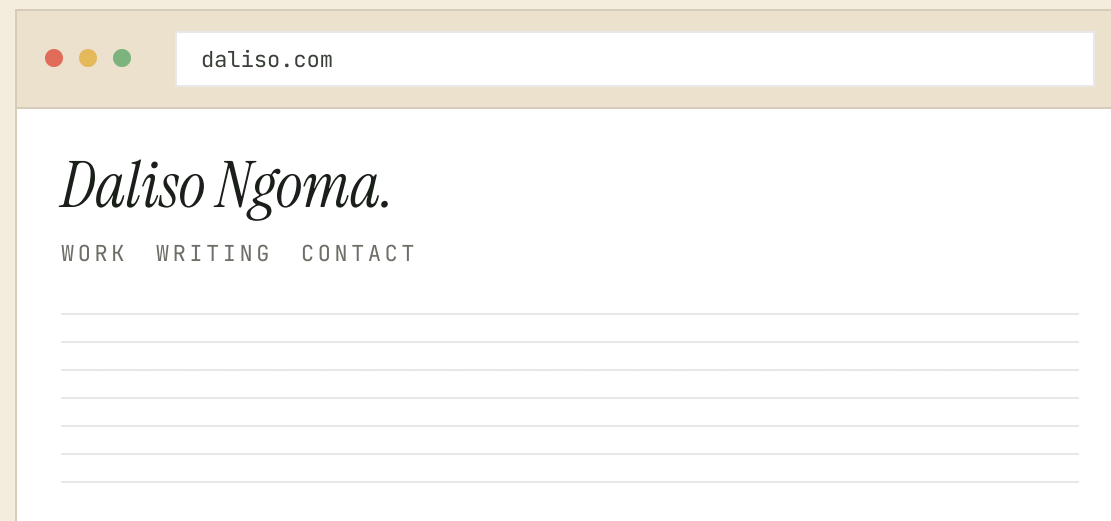
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Three things you've already seen. *None made the traditional way.*

01 / THE SITE

VANILLA HTML/CSS/JS

Scaffolded by ChatGPT.



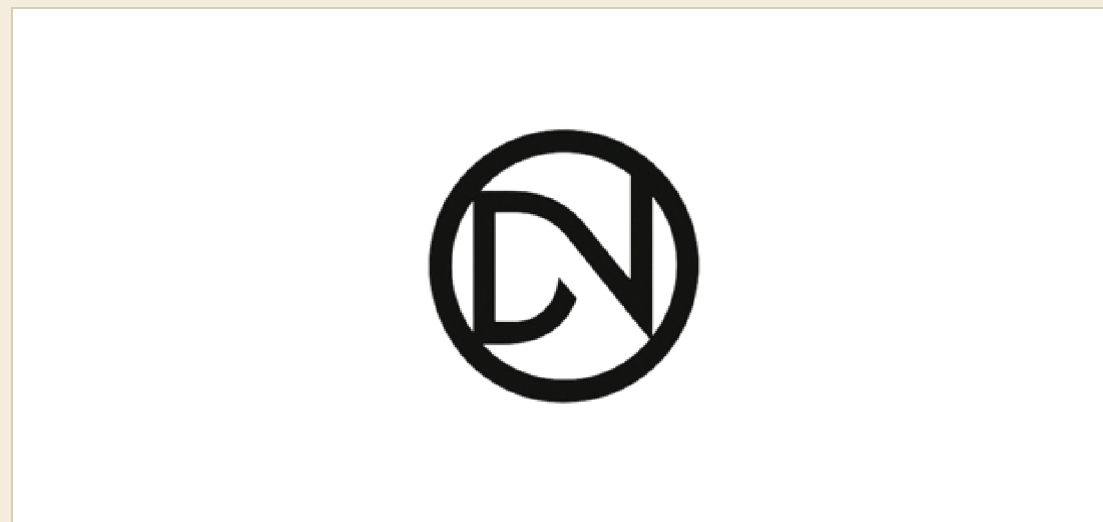
Scaffolded in conversations with ChatGPT. Source code is public on GitHub.

github.com/DJNgoma/daliso-website

02 / THE LOGO

MADE BY CHATGPT

Iterated in an afternoon.



Iterated from rough idea to a final mark in an afternoon. No designer involved.

Cost: a few prompts.

03 / THE PORTRAIT

STUDIO GHIBLI-STYLED

From a single reference photo.



Generated from a reference photo. Fed back to AI as the basis for the brand.

A few minutes. Done.

EXHIBIT A

A native iOS app. *thedeivsaidictionary.com*

Available on the App Store since 1 April 2026 — appropriately,
on April Fools' Day.

10+

IOS APPS PUBLISHED WITH AI
ASSISTANCE

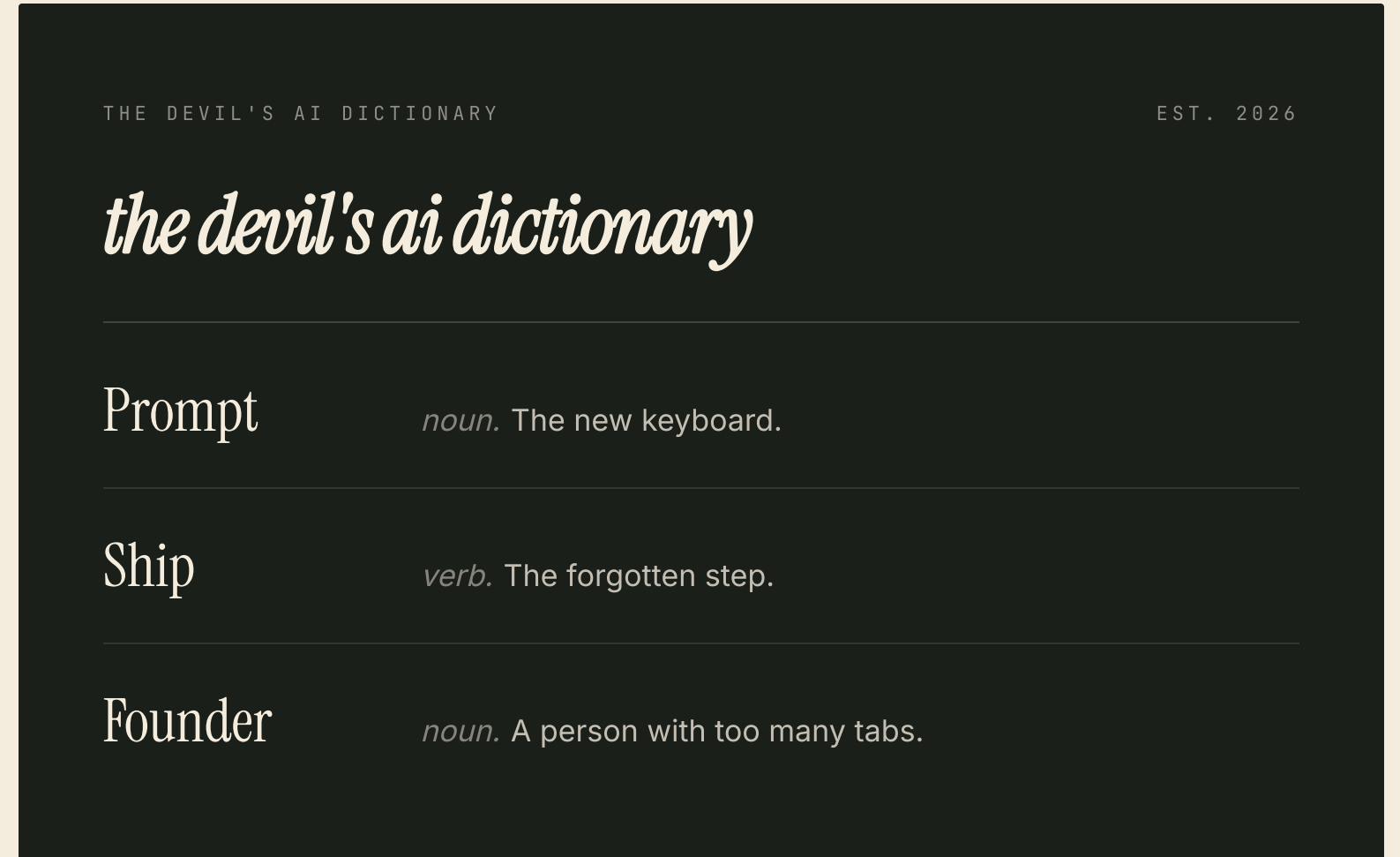
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DOWNLOADS THIS MONTH ALONE —
MODEST, BUT REAL

1 Apr

RELEASE DATE — YES,
DELIBERATELY

*Distribution beats demos. Ship something real — even if only a
hundred people see it.*



SCAN

thedeivsaidictionary.com

Three things changed in the last *eighteen months*.

01

Capability.

LLMs got good enough to write production code, not just snippets.

02

Tooling.

Cursor, Claude Code, Codex, v0, Lovable.
The IDE-grade tools matured.

03

Cost.

A weekend project that would have cost R50,000 in agency fees is now ~R200 in API spend.

The gap between "I have an idea" and "it's live" has collapsed.

From writing code to *describing intent*.

THE OLD WAY

Code-first.

- Learn syntax.
- Read docs.
- Type every line yourself.
- Get stuck. Search Stack Overflow.

THE NEW WAY

Intent-first.

- Describe what you want.
- Review what comes back.
- Direct the next iteration.
- Ship. Get stuck less often.

*You're not coding. You're directing.
The cursor is your *second brain*.*

Four categories.

Pick one from each.

CATEGORY	TOOLS	WHAT IT DOES
Chat partner	ChatGPT, Claude	Plan, debug, learn. Where most people start.
Code editor	Cursor, Windsurf, VS Code + Copilot	AI inside your editor. Edits files in place.
Agent	Claude Code, Codex CLI	Delegates whole tasks. Reads, writes, runs commands.
App builder	Lovable, v0, Bolt	App from a prompt. Lowest barrier to ship.

Don't try them all in week one. Pick a chat partner, then add a builder.

Four steps. *Loop the middle two.*

01

Describe.

Plain English. Add an example you like.

02

→ Generate.

Let AI draft. First try is rarely the last.

03

→ Iterate.

Review. Ask follow-ups. Refine.

04

↻ *Ship.*

Deploy to a real URL. Tell someone.

LOOP 02 ↔ 03

Until it's right. Then ship.

Five things that *change everything*.

1

Be specific.

```
"Make a personal site" → "single-page site, hero, three featured items,  
dark-mode toggle, mobile-first."
```

2

Show examples.

Paste a site you like. Ask AI to inspect the pattern, then adapt it.

3

Ask the AI to ask *you* questions first.

Most ambiguity surfaces in those questions — before any code is written.

4

Share errors verbatim.

Don't paraphrase failures. Paste the exact stack trace or error message.

5

Make it tell you what it's about to do.

Catch wrong assumptions before they hit your code.

START THIS WEEKEND

Build a personal site. *Live by tomorrow night.*

Pick

WHAT TO FEATURE

Three things, one CTA.

- A name.
- Three things you've done.
- One call to action.

Build

PICK A STACK

Beginners/Coders.

- **Lovable** — no code.
- **Codex + Claude Code** — agents.
- GitHub + Cloudflare Pages.

Ship

BY SUNDAY NIGHT

One link, sent.

- A live URL.
- Sent to one friend.
- First post in your blog.

Don't pick something complicated. Pick something you'll actually finish.

Five ways this *goes wrong*.

01 / Confidence

Synthetic confidence.

AI is wrong, confidently. Read what it gives you before you trust it.

03 / Hallucination

Invented libraries.

AI sometimes fabricates packages that don't exist. Verify before you install.

05 / Scope

Feature drift.

AI loves adding things. Hold the line on scope. Ship the small version first — every time.

02 / Versioning

No version control.

Use git, even on solo projects. AI breaks things — you'll want the undo.

04 / Testing

No local testing.

"Looks right" isn't shipped. Run it. Click every link. Open it on your phone.

Make your site *agent-readable.*

Agents now browse the web on behalf of users. Five small files turn your domain into something a model can actually understand. One commit, ship it once.

/llms.txt

```
# Daliso Ngoma
> Founder, African Technopreneurs.

## Pages
- [About](/about): bio
- [Writing](/writing): essays
- [Work](/work): shipped projects
```

A plain-text site map. The format LLMs already prefer.

robots.txt

```
User-agent: GPTBot
Allow: /
User-agent: ClaudeBot
Allow: /
User-agent: PerplexityBot
Allow: /
Sitemap: /sitemap.xml
```

Opt in by name. Default-deny crawlers you don't want.

<head> · JSON-LD

```
<script type="application/ld+json">
{
  "@context": "schema.org",
  "@type": "Person",
  "name": "Daliso Ngoma",
  "url": "https://daliso.com"
}
</script>
```

Structured data. Tell agents what the page *is*, not what it looks like.

92/100 AGENT-READINESS SCORE
daliso.com

CHECK YOURS

isitagentready.com

Also worth shipping: /feed.json · /sitemap.xml · OpenGraph + Twitter cards.

Pick one weekend.
Pick one project.
Just prompt.



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Thanks for listening. Now go ship.