# Build Your Own AI Space

This document offers an overview of how to create your own personalized AI space using open-source tools and values-led design. This approach reflects the mission of **Invest In Access**: to advance disability justice through services that foster equitable access to language, and support positive mental health in both digital and in-person settings.

## Why We Built Ours

We wanted to demonstrate that artificial intelligence doesn't have to mean overload, manipulation, or surveillance. Instead, AI can be purposeful, supportive, useful— aligned with your personal or professional goals. Our project, The Digital Shift, was created as an invitation to learn and create. It is not dependent on a traditional platform, but instead uses a combination of local experience (via this website) and a protocol-based presence (via nostr).

## What We Used

This project was built using a combination of:

- A custom webpage hosted on Netlify
- Public interaction mirrored through the nostr protocol
- Feed embedding via nostr.band
- HTML, JavaScript, and open-source tools - no platform dependencies

We support the use of open-source models like **Mistral** and **Whisper**, which are publicly available and not controlled by centralized platforms. These models can be customized, hosted locally or remotely, and integrated into ethically-aligned tools.

## Our AI Philosophy Prompt

The AI assistant is designed to reflect how presence, not performance, can guide AI design. Our AI assistant responds to prompts that invite sorting, filtering, and curating public content through values-based aligned criteria.

Such as:

- Listen to notes from people we follow on nostr
- Filter grounding content that includes quotes or reflections from Thich Nhah Hanh, Desmond Tutu, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., or Joseph Campbell
- Never: opens or sends direct messages, engages with other accounts, sends replies, uses all caps when writing