

Prompt Engineering Reflection

The prompts I used to optimize my resume were “Adjust this resume to target it towards a line cook job position at an Italian restaurant” and “Adjust this resume to cater to a position in finance”. I also used “format this to a professional pdf” for both resume outputs. A major and obvious change between the original and the AI-generated versions was the vocabulary used to describe general skills. The restaurant version listed what I originally organized under “professional/volunteer experience” as “Culinary experience”, while the finance-based version kept the “professional experience” tag and highlighted skills like following procedures, cash operations, and organization over things like food prep, high-volume order handling, and sanitation that the other food based resume included. My resume already caters largely to food service job opportunities but the AI included more detailed key skills and a simple but colorful objective statement that takes my original resume from general to more culinary specific.

From this I learned that small changes make a huge difference in the impression I’m giving off to employers when I describe my work experience. This has been enlightening as I wasn’t aware of how muddy and insipid my current resume is. It is now clear to me that taking the five minutes to engineer an optimized career-specific presentation of my past work endeavors is very worth it and super easy.