

The FutureWork Playbook Podcast Season 6, Episode 3: Fast Co. “Most Innovative Companies” Slang.ai: A Non-Traditional Route to Becoming a Technical Founder

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The FutureWork Playbook podcast season 6, episode 3, “Fast Co. ‘Most Innovative Companies’ Slang.ai: A Non-Traditional Route to Becoming a Technical Founder” hosted by partner and chair of employment & labor practice Natalie Pierce, releases today.

Natalie Pierce invites Gabe Duncan, CTO and co-founder of Slang.ai, for a discussion on his non-traditional past and his innovative future – and how AI fits into it. That future includes Slang.ai’s exciting partnership with OpenTable, the global leader in restaurant tech.

Slang.ai was recognized on the [2024 Fast Company Most Innovative list](#).

Episode highlights include:

- Slang.ai’s mission is to create a great conversation between restaurant customers and staff that isn’t stilted and is intelligent enough to save time on both ends.
- Gabe’s early repetitive stress injury from playing guitar eventually led him to work on Spotify’s hands-free voice assistant. Today, Slang.ai has several voice capabilities.

- “Inclusive” is the keyword at Slang.ai, where technology is democratized so users aren’t trapped by a big corporate voice assistant.
- Gabe suggests that entrepreneurs should think like sailors, not race car drivers. “If you start with an idea of where you’re going, and you have to keep directing yourself back, it’s more like sailing a ship than it is driving a car. You just have to keep going back, tacking through the wind to find your course.”

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