



A Community Archiving Platform

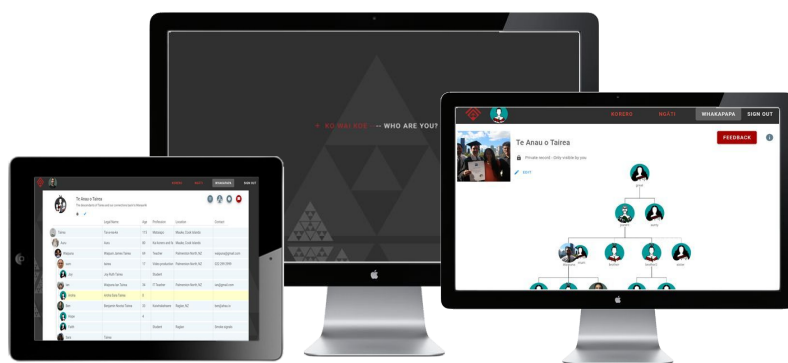
Preserving your stories
Protecting your data

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PRESERVING YOUR STORIES

Āhau is a community archiving platform that helps whānau-based communities capture, preserve, and share important information and histories into community managed databases and servers.

Communities can use Āhau to keep track of whakapapa information and connections, to store and share historical records and narratives and build a stronger sense of community and identity.



This application was designed and co-created in partnership with whānau, hapū, Iwi to create and establish their own archiving system so they can manage the safekeeping of their knowledge for present and future generations.



WHAKAPAPA RECORDS

Maintain whānau and whenua connections through our collaborative whakapapa record management tool



TRIBAL REGISTRIES

Record and maintain up to date whanau information with whakapapa linked tribal registries



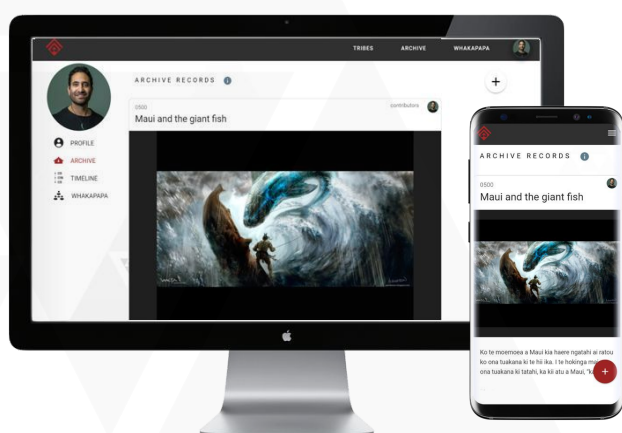
CULTURAL ARCHIVING

Capture, preserve and share cultural heritage, histories and narratives all stored in whānau owned and managed archives



DATA SOVEREIGNTY

Create your own Pātaka and connect it to the internet to safely store and securely share records, and archives with your whānau



Whether you want to store interviews of your tribal elders, or you want to record stories about your ancestors to share with their descendants. Āhau is free for you and your community to use.

AVAILABLE ON WINDOWS, MAC, LINUX AND ANDROID
COMING SOON TO IPHONE

To learn more about Āhau, data-sovereignty, whānau archiving or to get access to the beta version of the application please contact us at kaitono@ahau.io

Image: Āhau cultural archiving of taonga and cultural artefacts

CULTURALLY ALIGNED TECH

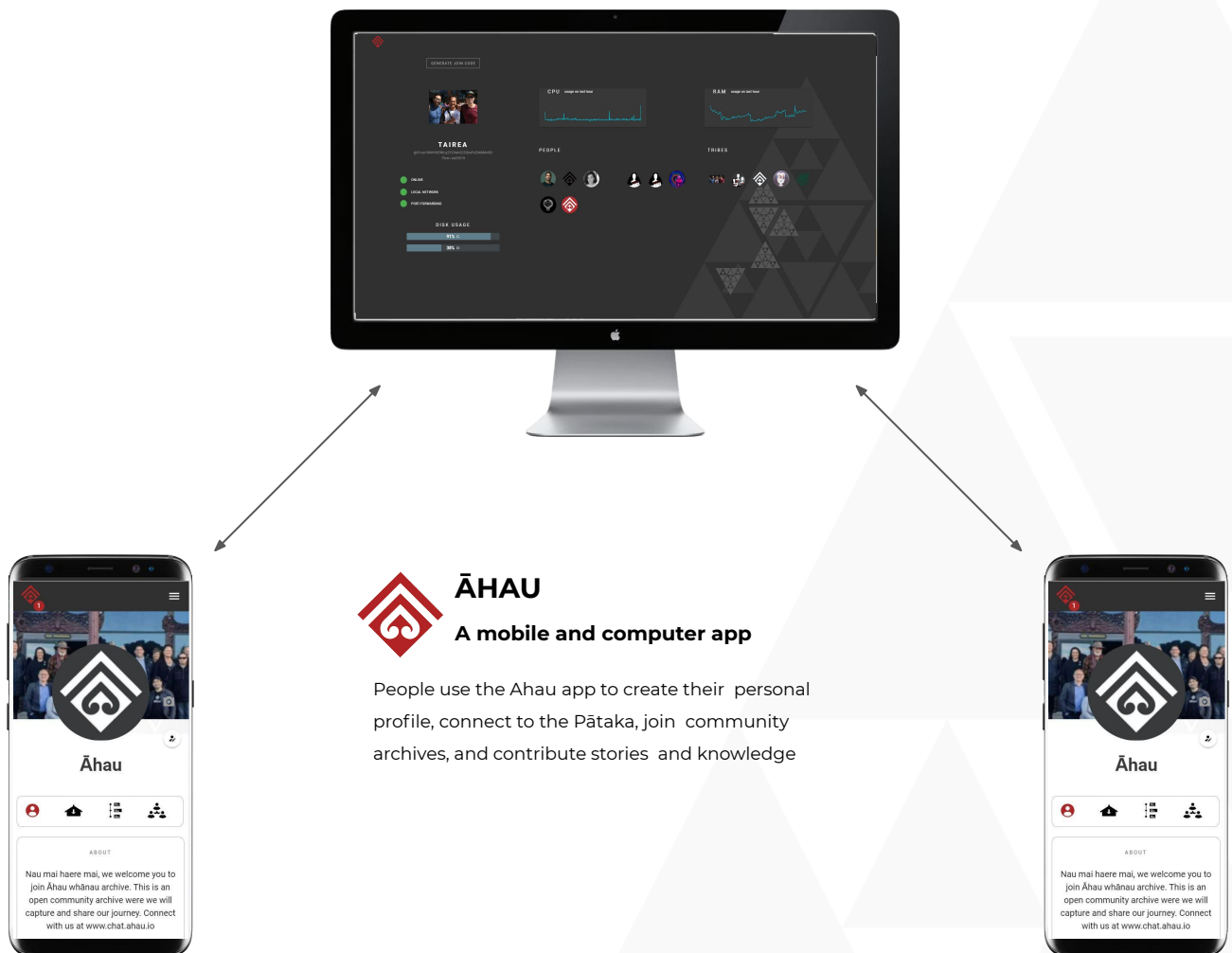
We believe communities should remain the holders of their data

Āhau's application infrastructure is very different to other common applications. The Āhau app doesn't send users data to a company database for collection, storage and (mis)use. Instead our users can choose to use the app offline (so all data is stored locally on their device) or they create their own cloud database, called a Pātaka that they can share with their community members to create their own community network. Using this digital infrastructure communities can create and share whakapapa records, profiles, archives and stories all within their own network.



PĀTAKA
Computer program

A personal or community run database and server which Āhau users can be invited to connect to, to store data and share information. The Pātaka acts a private community cloud backing up new information everytime a member connects to the internet. The Pātaka will run on a common personal computer and requires a static IP address and port-forwarding to be setup to work online..



PROTECTING YOUR DATA

We are committed to developing digital tools to keep your data safe.

DATA SOVEREIGNTY

You have full ownership over your data.



Āhau (the company) does not have access and therefore cannot collect or store any data or information that you put into the application.



Data is stored on your device and backed up to other devices in your network giving you total ownership and control over your information.



You decide who can access your information and how it is used.

DATA PRESERVATION

Your information is preserved for future generations.



Āhau is a distributed database meaning your data is automatically backed up to connected devices in your network.



When your whānau connect to the network they will also carry a copy of your information to be preserved in case of loss or damage of your device.



The more people and Pātaka's connected to your network the greater the resilience, storage, and availability of information.

DATA SECURITY

Your information is safe from unauthorised access



All private information entered into Āhau is safely encrypted with 256 bit encryption.



Every individual and each community has their own encryption key.



The information and access is managed by your community kaitiaki

DATA PRIVACY

Your personal information is protected



Your information is only accessible by people who are apart of your tribe or community.



Only you and your community kaitiaki can view your personal information, including your date of birth, phone, email and address



Update your profile information to control what data is shared with your community

GETTING STARTED

We are committed to support you on your community archiving journey

For every community the goals, process, and resources will be different, and the digital recording of whakapapa and stories is only one part of your practise. However there are some steps that we recommend to communities who are looking to get started down this journey with Āhau.

Community Data Strategy

1. Plan

While you can't plan for everything and you will likely not get things perfect on the first go, the more planning you do now the easier things will be when it comes to managing your community information.

It is our recommendation that at a minimum you have defined

- **Purpose:** Set out it is you want to achieve and why that's important.
- **Scope:** Define what information you will record in your archive, who will have access, and different data point for each member, ancestor, and story.
- **Method:** Define how you go about the management, collection, uploading, and manual handling of your information and who will be needed
- **Resourcing:** Decide how you will resource the execution of the plan

We have developed the a [Community Setup Guide](#) to support your planning for community archive and archiving practise.

2. Prepare

Once you have completed your planning and identified your community archiving requirements, it's time to best prepare your team for the mahi ahead.

- **Coordination:** Identify the people who have the skills and passion to support the kaupapa
- **Setup:** Setup you Pātaka and Community Profile
- **Training:** Learn about Cultural archiving, oral history interviews, and the Ahau application features
- **Design:** Develop the necessary policies and procedures to help guide your practise

3. Practice

Once you have things in place we recommend you start to practise your community onboarding, whakapapa management and archive collection with a small group of community archive collaborators and contributors

- **Test:** Test your procedures and continue to develop them
- **Learn:** Learn how to manage your archive correctly in a controlled environment
- **Collect:** Start to gather and record information so you can demonstrate and experience how these tools work

4. Promote

When you are ready start to invite community members to download Ahau and connect with your Pātaka and join your community archiving practise

- **Share:** Provide opportunities for communities to visit the digital archive and records
- **Wananga:** Provide some training for how people can learn, interact, and contribute to the archive
- **Support:** Other related communities to develop their own archives and practise



Ngā mihi | Thank You

Thanks for your interest in Āhau, for more information on our journey as a company, helpful resources, and more information on how the technology under the hood of the app works please visit ahau.io.

To request a demo of the app, or if you have any questions relating to how we can support your community with digital whakapapa archiving, tribal registries and more, please contact info@ahau.io or drop us a line at chat.ahau.io.

We'd love to hear from you.

Ngā mihi nui,
The Āhau Team

