



# Sai Surya Karthik Pithani

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

UI/UX Developer with 3+ years of experience building intuitive, user-focused Web and mobile applications. Expert in crafting inclusive experiences for EdTech, AI, and streaming platforms, increasing usability and engagement by 30%. Skilled in using data insights to deliver impactful, stakeholder-ready design solutions.

## EDUCATION

### California State University, San Bernardino

May 2025

Master of Science in Computer Science

GPA: 3.8/4.0

Relevant Coursework: AI, ML, Software Engineering, Algorithms, Operating Systems, Data Structures

### Google UX Design Certificate (Professional)

April 2025

### Sathyabama Institute of Science & Technology

May 2020

Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Science and Engineering

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

**Languages & Web:** Python, C, HTML, CSS, Tailwind CSS, JavaScript, React, Vite

**Frameworks & Tools:** Redux Toolkit, Firebase, VS Code, Git, GitHub, Unity

**Data & Cloud:** SQL, MongoDB, SQLite, AWS (EC2, S3, IAM, ECS, Lambda)

**UX Design:** Figma, Adobe Firefly, Miro, Pacdora, Storyboarding, Wireframing, Visual Design

**UX Research:** Usability Testing, Affinity Mapping, User Interviews, Personas, Journey Mapping

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Game UI/UX Designer | California State University, San Bernardino

Jan 2024 – May 2024

- Designed and prototyped an educational Android math game using user-centered design principles
- Usability testing was conducted with student groups to refine accessibility and participation
- Created custom UI assets and characters using Adobe Firefly and Sketchbook
- Integrated gamified reward systems and parental controls to improve learning outcomes

### PL/SQL Developer | Tech Mahindra, India

May 2021 – July 2023

- Developed efficient PL/SQL procedures and triggers, improving database performance by 40%
- Conducted data migrations and ensured accuracy during conversions between systems
- Achieved a 95% defect resolution rate by fixing performance issues and improving reliability
- Collaborated with developers, DBAs, and project stakeholders for seamless database operations

## PROJECTS

### SmartFlix: AI-Powered Movie Recommender with Netflix-Inspired User Interface

GitHub

- Built a React + Redux app that offers personalized movie recommendations using OpenAI's GPT API
- Integrated Firebase Authentication and TMDB API for secure user login and dynamic content delivery
- Built responsive layouts with modular components to ensure scalability and ease of future feature integration

### Oishii Mobile App | UX Research & Design for Restaurant Reservations

- Completed end-to-end UX process: interviews, journey maps, wireframes, and hi-fi prototypes
- Designed accessible booking flow, visual menus, and intuitive navigation to aid user decision-making
- Conducted usability testing and design iterations that improved task completion time

### ZunoTube | YouTube-Style Video Streaming App

GitHub

- Developed a responsive UI with sidebar navigation, route transitions, and YouTube-style layout
- Fetches trending videos and search results dynamically using the YouTube Data API
- Implemented interactive watch page with recommended content and adaptive layout for all devices

## AWS Cloud Computing Projects

- Set up ELB and EC2 Auto Scaling for scalable app hosting.
- Deployed Dockerized ML API on AWS EKS with Kubernetes orchestration.