

NAHIYAN KHAN

Am an engineer. Am a designer. Am both? Am neither? Definitions are arbitrary. Existential crisis is real. But 9 to 5, I lead design system strategy and build design infrastructures.

/EXPERIENCE

Engineering Lead, Design System

Cash App | April 2022 - Current

Leading architecture of cross-platform design system function.

- Built momentum for design system migration, and secured implementation resources by fostering relationships with design and engineering stakeholders, and engaging with the engineering community.
- Built and launched infrastructure to sync design and code, with CI/CD pipelines that test, generate, and publish asset and token packages. Powers 40+ components in light and dark mode for iOS (UIKit and SwiftUI), Android (Compose), Web (React), and Figma.
- Assembled and led working group of platform leads to establish contribution guidelines, component testing processes, and build out demo apps to showcase the system.
- Facilitating migration of 145 flows which account for 85% of app traffic by creating comprehensive adoption plans, and coordinating kickoffs in partnership with design and engineering leads.

Lead UX Engineer, Design System

ADP | March 2018 - April 2022

Overhauled design system foundations and infrastructure.

- Built and launched design-tokens based themeable infrastructure to 260+ features across 47 clients with zero defects reported.
- Built and launched a custom responsive design system documentation site with fuzzy search, demos, and content graphs. Site was used by 2000+ users in 9 countries with combined 85,000 page views.

Senior UX Engineer, Design System

ADP | March 2018 - March 2020

Built interactive prototypes and supported implementation.

Product Designer

Pearson | May 2013 - March 2018

Authored front-of-the-front-end of design system components.

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/EDUCATION

Masters in Computer Science

Johns Hopkins University | 2019 - 2022

Software Engineering and Enterprise Web Dev

Bachelor of Arts

Macalester College | 2009 - 2013

Math Major, Computer Science and Art Minors

/COMMUNITY

Remote Design Week | 2021

Presented “Visualizing Design Tokens at Scale”

ADPList Mentoring | 2021 - Current

/SPECIALTY

- Holistic design system strategy
- Setting up design infrastructures
- Leading cross-domain initiatives
- Fostering cross-discipline relationships
- Mentoring designers and engineers
- Prototyping

/MANTRAS

Work

- Work in the open
- Document it all
- Trust by default

Personal

- Sucking at something is the first step to being sorta good at something
- Don’t let your dreams be dreams (to justify my 3am purchases)
- Today I am a [insert fad here] kinda guy