Nikhil Venkatesh

I'm a designer, animator and visual storyteller. I believe that a little bit of delight in design goes a long way!

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WORK EXPERIENCE

User Experience Designer
Sept 2016 - March 2017

User Experience Intern
June 2016 - Sept 2016

Xactly Corporation
» *Lead designer* for Xactly's android application. I designed an android specific style guide, created user flows, mockups, UI transitions and design & motion specs.
» As the first UX designer at Xactly, I introduced and implemented the design process from ideation and concept testing, wireframing to prototyping for new products. This led to greater design process adoption in product and engineering teams.

Freelance Designer + Front-End Developer
Feb 2015 - Sept 2015

Clients: Fourkites Inc., Webinative Technologies
» Worked with clients to create product specs and requirement docs.
» Designed wireframes and mockups for websites, web apps, and mobile apps. I also coded the front-end for web products and integrated them with their content management systems.

Character Animator
May 2011 - Aug 2015

Technicolor SA, Sanraa Media
» *Character Animator* on the award-winning TV shows - Dragons: Riders of Berk, Nickelodeon's Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and Netflix's The Adventures of Puss in Boots.
» Side Project: I wrote scripts and tools within Autodesk Maya to optimize my team's workflow, improving the team's performance and consistency of output.

PROJECTS

SIM - The Social Robot
Motion, Visual, Interaction, Character Design, Prototyping

» SIM is an award-winnning robot prototype capable of exhibiting emotional responses to social situations - built as a research project to learn if social intelligence in robots makes interacting with them more natural.
» I designed SIM's face and prototyped its facial animation and body movements for it's emotional states and responses.

WolfBeacon
UX Designer - Mobile

» Contributed to an open-source, cross-platform initiative to connect hackers and hackathon organizers from around the world.
» I created user flows and mockups for the android app.

EDUCATION

University of Washington	M.S. Human Centered Design and Engineering *Seattle, United States*	2015 - 2017
University of New South Wales	Master of Digital Media (3D Animation) *Sydney, Australia*	2009 - 2010
Loyola College	B.S. Computer Science *Chennai, India*	2006 - 2009

AWARDS

Performer of the Quarter
Q1 2015

for Character Animation on DreamWorks TV's 'The Adventures of Puss in Boots'
Technicolor India Pvt. Ltd.

KEY SKILLS

Expertise
★ - Ninja
☆ - Trainee
☆ - Explorer

Process
★ Wireframing
★ User Flows
★ Interaction Design
★ Animation & Motion Design
☆ User Research

Design
★ Sketch
★ Adobe Photoshop
★ Adobe Illustrator
★ Invision
☆ Adobe After Effects

Prototype & Code
★ HTML/CSS
☆ Javascript/jQuery
☆ Framer Studio
☆ Python