

# 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 a 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 its 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

2015 - 2017

Seattle, United States

### University of New South Wales

Master of Digital Media (3D Animation)

2009 - 2010

Sydney, Australia

### Loyola College

B.S. Computer Science

2006 - 2009

Chennai, India

## 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