Nikhil Venkatesh

"I'm a UX Designer with an incredible passion for animation. I love exploring meaningful and delightful ways to take users through their journey."

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WORK EXPERIENCE

User Experience Designer
Sept 2016 - Present

| **User Experience Intern**
July 2016 - Sept 2016

Xactly Corporation
» *Lead designer* on the platform's android application. I was responsible for designing an android specific style guide, creating user flows, mockups, UI transitions, design and 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
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 developed the front-end for the web products and integrated them with CMS systems.

Character Animator
May 2011 - Aug 2015

Technicolor India Pvt. Ltd., Sanraa Media Pvt. Ltd.
» *Character Animator* on award-winning TV shows - Dragons: Riders of Berk, Nickelodeon's TMNT, Netflix's The Adventures of Puss in Boots. I animated several primary characters in acting and action sequences.
» 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.

UI / Graphic Design Intern
Dec 2009 - Feb 2010

iNexGen Games
» Branding, logo design and UI design for web games.

EDUCATION

University of Washington
2015 - *2017*

M.S. Human Centered Design and Engineering
Seattle, United States

University of New South Wales
2009 - 2010

Master of Digital Media (3D Animation)
Sydney, Australia

Loyola College
2006 - 2009

B.S. Computer Science
Chennai, India

PROJECTS

WolfBeacon
UX Designer - Mobile

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

KEY SKILLS

★ - Ninja
☆ - Trainee
☆ - Explorer

UX Process
★ Wireframing
★ Prototyping
★ Interaction Design
★ Animation & Motion Design
☆ User Research

Development
★ HTML
★ CSS / SASS
☆ Javascript
☆ Python

Tools
★ Sketch
★ Adobe Photoshop
★ Autodesk Maya
☆ Adobe After Effects
☆ Framer Studio

AWARDS

Performer of the Quarter, Q1 2015
for Character Animation on DreamWorks TV's 'The Adventures of Puss in Boots'
Technicolor India Pvt. Ltd.