



Nikhil Venkatesh

"I'm a UX designer and animator with a passion for coding. I am passionate about telling stories visually and 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

Freelance Designer + Front-End Developer

Feb 2015 - Sept 2015

Character Animator

May 2011 - Aug 2015

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.

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.

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/Character Designer
Prototyper

- » SIM is a robot prototype capable of exhibiting emotional responses to social situations - built as a part of 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

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

KEY SKILLS

- ★ - Ninja
- ★ - Trainee
- ☆ - Explorer

UX Process

- ★ Wireframing
- ★ Prototyping
- ★ Animation & Motion Design
- ★ Interaction Design
- ★ User Research

Development

- ★ HTML
- ★ CSS/SASS
- ★ Bootstrap
- ★ Javascript/Coffeescript
- ☆ Python

Tools

- ★ Sketch
- ★ Adobe Photoshop
- ★ Adobe Illustrator
- ★ 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'

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