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| |  | | --- | | Nikhil Venkatesh |     I’m a creative storyteller and UX designer with a passion for *interaction design*, *experience design* and *animation*. Let’s build awesome products together!  *[nikhilv.com](http://nikhilv.com/)*  *1.206.739.4980*  [*nikhilv.13@gmail.com*](mailto:nikhilv.13@gmail.com)  *[nvenk](https://www.linkedin.com/in/nvenk)* |  | Interdisciplinary designer, creative coder, exploratory creative and lifelong learner. These terms are the most accurate way I could describe who I am. Over the last 8 years, I’ve animated characters on multiple award-winning TV shows for DreamWorks TV and Nickelodeon, helped set up the design culture and processes as part of the founding design team at a mid-sized company, designed and launched websites and apps, dabbled in graphic design, branding and photography, and built an award-winning social robot.  I transitioned to UX design about 3 years back to answer the inevitable question: “Who am I designing for?” while working on a UI design project. That question opened up the world of experience design to me. I learned about the importance of research and knowing your user, the power of prototyping and the amazing things that a human-centered mindset can do for collaboration. I’m a lifelong learner - I believe that having an open mind and being able to learn from others, even in your own domain of expertise, is key to being a great designer. I try to do my part, teaching people about the power of design thinking, prototyping, and a human-centered mindset, and learning from anyone who’s willing to teach me.  My experience in animation and background in coding puts me in a unique position - with a trained eye for behavioral patterns and an even more focused eye for creating fluid interaction paradigms that I can collaborate and communicate effectively with developers.  In my next role, I hope to be able to be able to use my skills and experience to solve problems that make a difference and matter to people. I hope to bring my creative and technical expertise to the team at IU to design better experiences for students. I look forward to chatting about how we can work together. |