Dominic Vikram Babu

As a product designer, I work on problem definition, interface design, usability testing and project management. I implement design systems, help teams establish design operations and de-risk projects with product discovery. My approach is systematic, empirical and iterative.

WORK

Gigster, San Francisco — Senior Product Designer JUNE 2017 - AUGUST 2018 (DOWNSIZING)

Led design of product and marketing component libraries as well as component kits for gig workers. Researched, designed and tested internal tools. Architected and launched foundational marketing site.

- Reduced response time on prototypes from weeks to 48 hours
- Saved \$5k+ monthly on costly payout errors with UI improvements
- Improved contact flows resulting in a 200% increase in sales leads
- Cut UI implementation times from a peak of 8 months to 1-2 months

Persista, San Francisco — Product Designer JULY 2016 - DECEMBER 2016 (CLOSURE)

Designed features for an enterprise cloud search webapp and conducted quality assurance on staging builds to bring features to launch without bugs. Researched personas to extend roadmap.

- Led efforts on researching and designing new product features.
- Recruited a Customer Panel to rapidly provide product insights.

Verdigris, Mountain View — Product Designer JULY 2014 - JUNE 2015 (RELOCATION)

Established ethnographic research on commercial facility management with an outside agency to inform the engineering and the product roadmap. Produced flows, architecture and wireframes for email, web and mobile.

- Introduced prototyping into product development pipeline.
- Led rebranding and instituted a new design language.

Altius Education, San Francisco — Drupal Web Designer SEPTEMBER 2012 - NOVEMBER 2013 (COMPANY CLOSURE)

Supported marketing in design and production of landing pages for enrollment.

 Improved efficiency and reduced time to deployment of marketing sites by using clickable prototypes and style guides.

Pryor Design, Ann Arbor — Drupal Web Designer APRIL 2011 - SEPTEMBER 2012 (RELOCATION)

Interfaced with clients to develop concepts and specifications for corporate sites optimizing for accessibility and information architecture.

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SKILLS

UX/UI & Visual Design

Figma, Sketch, InVision, Flinto & Adobe CS

CSS/HTML/JS

EDUCATION

Whitespace, San Francisco Product Design Fellow MARCH 2016 - JUNE 2016

Gray Area Arts, San Francisco Summer of Creative Code SUMMER 2014

McGill University Human Genetics & Social Studies JANUARY 2001 - DECEMBER 2003

University of Toronto Engineering Science SEPTEMBER 1999 - JUNE 2000

EXTRAS

Code instructor with under-resourced high schools in East Oakland through ScriptEd

Hired as a technology and culture writer by Medium Corporation for the publication, Message

Launched the publication Endless which grew to 30K readers, 250k monthly views and a diverse set of writers.