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I'm a versatile UX designer with a passion for **interaction design** and **animation**. With experience in the creative arts and coding, I aspire to bring my technical and artistic side together to design delightful, usable and inspiring experiences.

I'M GREAT AT

- User Experience Design
- Interaction Design
- Wireframes + User Flows
- Prototyping
- Visual Design
- Animation & Motion Design
- User Research
- Usability Testing
- Responsive Web + Mobile Design
- Ideation + Concept Testing
- Design Strategy

I LOVE USING

- Sketch
- Invision
- Framer Studio
- HTML + CSS + JS
- Adobe Illustrator
- Adobe AfterEffects
- Adobe Photoshop
- Autodesk Maya

EXPERIENCE

FULL STACK DESIGNER

Feb 2015 - Present

FREELANCE

Web design & development, graphic design, branding, animation, research, and cross-platform product design for small businesses and early-stage startups.

▪ **Toolkit:** Market analysis, user research, user flows, experience maps, wireframes, interaction maps, visual design, code-based prototypes, front-end development with HTML/CSS/JS.

▪ **Clients:** FourKites Inc., PollltUp, HealthCareLink

UX STRATEGY CONSULTANT

Jun 2017 - Dec 2017

ASJ ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS

Collaborated with the engineers at ASJ to improve internal workflows, streamlining the communication process within and outside the organization.

USER EXPERIENCE DESIGNER

Jun 2016 - Mar 2017

XACTLY CORPORATION

Led the design efforts on web and mobile projects.

Founding member of the Xactly Design team. I worked with the product team to introduce and implement new design processes, leading to faster design adoption within the organization.

▪ **Toolkit:** Interaction design, prototyping, visual design, user flows, data visualization, motion design & design systems.

INTERACTION DESIGNER

Sep 2016 - Mar 2017

SIM: THE SOCIAL ROBOT - CAPSTONE @ UW

SIM is an award-winning robot prototype capable of exhibiting emotional responses to social situations.

I designed SIM's overall look, personality, emotional responses & movements, prototyped virtual & physical versions for rapid testing, and conducted lab usability studies.

ANIMATOR

May 2011 - Aug 2015

TECHNICOLOR SA +1 MORE

Animated characters on 3 award-winning TV shows. My responsibilities included observation-driven character acting, camera setup, and shot visualization.

▪ **Personal Project:** I worked with technical directors to design tools that improved animation workflow efficiency. Tasks included - contextual inquiry, wireframing, MEL scripting & usability testing.

EDUCATION

MS, HUMAN CENTERED DESIGN & ENGINEERING

University of Washington, Seattle | 2017

MASTERS, DIGITAL MEDIA (ANIMATION)

University of New South Wales, Sydney | 2010

BS, COMPUTER SCIENCE

Loyola College, Chennai | 2009

AWARDS

HCDE GRADUATE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN INNOVATION

Dept. of Human Centered Design & Engineering @ UW, for 'SIM: The Social Robot' | June 2017

TOP PERFORMER OF THE QUARTER

Technicolor India, for 'The Adventures of Puss in Boots' | Q1 2015