Hardik Kumar

Product Designer

EXPERIENCE

Art of Problem Solving, Product Designer II

San Diego, California, June 2024 - Present

- Leading 0-to-1 R&D initiative for a new online classroom that increases teacher control and drives student engagement
- Running a paid pilot for a browser-based Java IDE to test the company's first Computer Science curriculum (AY 2024)

Intone Networks, Interaction Designer

Iselin, New Jersey, May 2023 - December 2023

- Collaborated cross-functionally with product, engineering, and research to test high-quality design prototypes for enterprise services
- Led user research initiatives to explore new processes and refine design workflows focusing on QA and developer handoff

Propelland, Interaction Designer II

San Francisco, California, June 2021 - March 2023

- Led a SaaS admin console redesign, improving usability by auditing 200+ cloud service use cases and crafting the top 4 complex task workflows
- Prototyped and tested mobile interactions for a B2C hearing aid app, contributing to a Red Dot Product Design Award (2022) and over 1000+ app downloads in the first-month post-launch

Ford Motor Company, Freelance Interaction Designer

Palo Alto, California, March 2021 - June 2021

- Designed a service triaging system that reduced commercial vehicle downtime by 12%, optimizing service repair workflows
- Led UX research with 10 fleet owners, identifying key pain points and iterating on 3 major user flows

CCA Center for Art and Public Life, *UX Designer*

Bay Area, California, September 2019 - October 2020

- Storycenter.org increased website engagement by prototyping a web-based podcast experience, that captures the lives of 20+ immigrants and refugees
- SOAlliance.org increased their MAUs through iteratively prototyping an online resource toolkit, tested by 6 ocean leaders across 4 countries

Samsung Research, Software Engineer

New Delhi, India, June 2017 - August 2018

- Executed over 250 camera app updates, including UI bug fixes, regional language support, new features, and significant Android OS changes
- Reduced the team's tech debt by mentoring 6 junior engineers on staging and deployment best practices using Git

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SKILLS

Design: Cross-functional
Collaboration, Systems
Thinking, Information
Architecture, UX Flows, Visual
Design, Illustration, Motion
Prototyping, Design Systems,
Component Libraries, Visual
Storytelling, Product
Roadmapping

Research: UX Research, Qualitative Research Methods, Competitive Analysis, Usability Testing

Tools: Figma, FigJam, Framer, Adobe XD, G Suite, Microsoft Suite, Illustrator, Asana, Miro, Mural, Pixi.js, Python, Git, React, Arduino, OBS

EDUCATION

California College of the Arts, M.Des -Interaction Design

San Francisco, California, August 2019 - December 2020

Indian Institute of Technology (BHU),

B.Tech - Computer Science & Engineering

Varanasi, India, August 2013 -May 2017