



AKASH NIKAM - UI/UX Designer & Consultant

UI/UX Designer & Consultant with 6 years of experience designing intuitive digital experiences across multiple industries, specializing in user research, design systems, and high-fidelity interfaces.

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Academic Qualifications

- B.E. Computer Engineering/Pune
Score (76.93%) 2018
- HSC / Maharashtra Board
Score (60.92%) 2014

Software/Tools/Development

- Figma and FigJam
- Miro
- Adobe XD
- Adobe Photoshop
- Canva
- Jira and Basecamp
- Claude AI and Cursor AI
- Adobe Creative Suite
- HTML/CSS, Bootstrap

Design and Research

- User Experience Design
- User Centered Design
- Wireframing and Prototyping
- Agile Thinking
- User Personas and Surveys
- Card Sorting and Storyboarding
- Information Architecture (IA)
- Color Theory and Typography
- Design System and Style Guides
- Affinity Diagrams
- Empathy Maps
- Interaction Design
- Usability Research

Personal Skills

- Creative thinker
- Critical Thinking
- Self-motivated
- Deadline lead
- Problem solving
- Communication Skills
- Leadership & Mentoring

Certifications

- Google UX Design Professional
- Atlassian Agile Project Management

Honors & Awards

- Best Employee of the Designer / VARStreet
- Academic Ranker / Second Year and Third Year (2nd)
- Eureka Hackathon / Grand Finale Rank
- Wheebox Employment / India wide 73rd Rank

Professional Experience

- UI/UX Designer & Consultant**
Contractual | Pune Dec 2025 - Present
 - Designed and delivered **responsive web and dashboard interfaces** for client projects, aligning user needs, business objectives, and modern UX practices.
 - Applied **AI-assisted design workflows** for ideation, content structuring, rapid exploration, design iteration, and improving overall design efficiency.
 - Integrated **AI-assisted workflows with Figma-based design processes** to speed up concept development, prototyping, and design iteration.
 - Used AI for **UX analysis, content organization, ideation, design critique, and iterative improvements**, while validating outputs against usability and accessibility standards.
- Senior UI/UX Designer**
Nova Techset Software / Pune May 2022 - Nov 2025
 - Led end-to-end UI/UX design, wireframing, and interactive prototyping for responsive web applications, improving user experience and supporting business goals.
 - Mentored and trained junior designers** on UX/UI best practices, led a small design team, and collaborated directly with clients to deliver user-centered design solutions.
 - Redesigned dashboards** with improved information architecture and data visualization, enabling users to access and interpret key insights more efficiently.
 - Spearheaded the integration of accessibility features into all projects, ensuring compliance with **ADA standards** and expanding market reach.
 - Facilitated design workshops** with clients and stakeholders to gather feedback and align on UX goals, holding decision-making authority over design direction within the team.
 - Collaborated closely with product managers, developers, and stakeholders to deliver intuitive, accessible, and scalable digital experiences that **improved user engagement**.
- UI/UX Designer**
Redbytes Software / Pune May 2021 - Mar 2022
 - Conducted user research**, created wireframes and interactive prototypes, and designed intuitive web and mobile interfaces that aligned user needs with business objectives.
 - Developed user personas and scenarios to guide design decisions, improving the user interface for better navigation.
 - Translated client requirements and business objectives into **user flows, interface designs, dashboards, and responsive digital experiences** through iterative design processes.
 - Crafted user experience strategies** focusing on user empathy, Information Architecture & user testing plan for healthcare website.
- Graphic & UI Designer**
VARStreet Inc / Pune Feb 2019 - SEP 2020
 - Created user-centered E-commerce website designs on the proprietary VARStreet CMS platform, **transforming business requirements into intuitive interfaces** with seamless navigation, consistent branding, and enhanced user experiences.
 - Worked on graphics including brochures, storyboards, marketing landing pages, social media posts, ebook covers, and internal company product design.
 - Coordinated with cross-functional teams throughout the design lifecycle to deliver **high-quality user experiences** while maintaining project schedules and balancing priorities.
 - Participated in design reviews and incorporated client feedback to continuously refine interfaces and improve overall product quality.

Project Experience

- Appointo - Healthcare Appointment**
 - Coordinated with doctors to gather requirements through interviews and built a structured design system in Figma.
 - Designed responsive interfaces for appointment scheduling, patient management, and healthcare dashboards to ensure a seamless user experience across devices.
- ExpertsHub.ai - AI-Powered Talent Marketplace**
 - Designed the website and dashboards for an AI-powered talent marketplace, focusing on intuitive workflows for businesses, professionals, and talent management.
 - Defined dashboard layouts, data presentation, navigation, and interaction patterns to simplify hiring and talent-management workflows.
 - Collaborated with clients and development teams throughout the design lifecycle, refining designs based on feedback and implementation requirements.