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## **EDUCATION**

Master of Science in Human-Computer Interaction - DePaul University, GPA 3.6/4.00

June 2025 | Chicago, IL

- Coursework: Design Fundamentals, Prototyping, Social Interaction Design, Usability Testing, UX Research Methods

Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Science – VESIT, GPA 3.63/4.00

May 2022 | Mumbai, India

- Coursework: Human Machine Interaction, Object Oriented Programming, Web Design & Development

# **SKILLS**

- Languages: CSS3, HTML5, JavaScript, Python, Next.js, React, Tailwind CSS, TypeScript
- Tools: Copilot, Figma, GitHub, Jira, Lighthouse, Miro, NVDA, Qualtrics, R Studio, Visual Studio Code, Voice-over, v0
- Hard Skills: API Integration, Agile UX, Design Systems, Front-end Development, Information Architecture, Mobile Design, Responsive Design, Rapid Prototyping, Storytelling, Typography, UI Implementation, UX Design, Wireframing, Web Development
- Soft Skills: Adaptability, Communication Skills, Decision Making, Problem-Solving, Teamwork and Collaboration

### WORK EXPERIENCE

Cognijin Co. – Design Engineering Intern

Sep 2025 – Present | Remote

- Built reusable **React** + **TypeScript** components with design tokens and responsive patterns, focusing on accessibility (semantic HTML, ARIA roles, keyboard focus states) and polished micro-interactions.
- Operationalized design-to-code by collaborating in Figma and v0, exporting tokens and specs, and creating scripts to sync icons, spacing, typography, and color primitives to the codebase.
- Authored component documentation and contribution guidelines to standardize props, variants, and usage patterns; participated in code reviews and enforced linting/formatting for consistent quality.
- Owned redesign, development and hosting for 2 client websites in Next.js + React + Tailwind with an admin dashboard to review form submissions, AI chatbot transcripts, and auto-generated summaries; doubled lead capture rate and drove 50%+ increase in monthly **revenue**, with **analytics**-ready event tracking for future AI insights.
- Collaborated with designers, researchers, and AI engineers to scope, estimate, and deliver UI work in sprints; triaged accessibility and usability issues discovered in testing and production.

#### **Infinichains (Credibl) Inc.** – Software Design Intern

June 2022 – Aug 2023 | Remote

- Architected ESG dashboard UI with React components and Chart.js visualizations; optimized API payloads and state flows for real-time metric updates and accurate data representation across enterprise clients.
- Built 20 + component design system with patterns and guidelines that reduced handoff friction; documented variants, usage, and constraints to maintain consistency across implementations.
- Led mixed-methods research (stakeholder interviews, usability tests, surveys) to identify navigation bottlenecks and visualization issues; validated a 25% task completion improvement via streamlined IA.
- Drove design system governance with usage guidance and pattern libraries, enabling scalable dashboard delivery and consistent UX across client deployments.

#### **PROJECTS**

# Pepper - AI Job Search Assistant

Jun 2025

Agentic AI, Design System, Google AI Studio, Next.js, Python, React, Tailwind CSS, TypeScript, User Interviews, Usability Testing

- Developed interface for AI-driven job search tool in TypeScript, Next. is & React, and design system with 10 + components.
- Created real-time request dashboard component with request tracking and expandable 5 AI agent process pipeline visualization.
- Built the Next.js frontend and integrated REST endpoints using Python FAST API to a 5-agent pipeline for resume curation.

#### ANA – AI News Aggregator

May 2025

Figma, Literature Review, Mobile Design, Prototyping, Qualtrics, R Studio, Surveys, User Interviews, Usability Testing, Wireframing

- Designed novel bias slider component in Figma validated by literature review and user needs from user research insights
- Executed RITE methodology for 2 usability tests, achieving 82% user credibility rating via iterative UI design improvements
- Consolidated research insights (card sorting, surveys, interviews, competitive and literature reviews) into a bias scoring model