

Sayali Mandhalkar

Senior Product Designer

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Senior Product Designer with over 7+ years in the design industry and 4+ years owning end-to-end design for AI-powered, B2B SaaS, and consumer-facing products across fintech, healthcare, and enterprise. Certified AI Product Designer who uses Claude Code, Cursor, Figma Make, and N8N as real daily tools, from ideation and prototyping through automated handoff. Strong foundation in interaction design, information architecture, user research, and design systems. Equally comfortable with systems thinking and high visual craft, and known for shipping high-quality work at high velocity in cross-functional agile teams.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UI/UX Designer, Photon - New York City, NY 05/2025 - Present

- Led end-to-end product design for Fortune 500 clients (JP Morgan Chase, Fiserv) across fintech, enterprise SaaS, and AI-powered products, translating complex workflows into clear, accessible experiences across web and mobile for thousands of internal and external users.
- Designed Tenetic: an AI-native enterprise platform with a conversational AI interface, multi-step Storybuilder flows, transparency patterns (loading states, progressive disclosure, outline review), and a scalable design system - maintained sprint-by-sprint with developers.
- Used AI tools across the design workflow: Claude Code and Cursor for functional prototyping, Figma Make for rapid UI exploration, and N8N and Claude MCP for automation pipelines - achieving ~30% design efficiency gains while maintaining high craft standards.

UX Product Lead, Techfleet - Philadelphia, PA 10/2024 - 04/2025

- Led end-to-end design for a consumer-facing community platform across a 20-member cross-functional agile team, owning discovery, research, user flows, wireframes, prototypes, and final delivery across mobile and desktop for 5,000+ users.
- Operated with full design leadership: mentored designers, facilitated design critiques, communicated design rationale clearly to senior stakeholders, drove alignment through storytelling and data, improving sprint efficiency by 30%, and delivering 95% of Phase 4 goals on time.
- Applied a data-driven, research-informed approach: used dot-voting, usability tests, and iterative feedback cycles to validate design decisions and maintain a high UX quality bar across all surfaces.

UX Researcher, Thomas Jefferson University - Philadelphia, PA 01/2024 - 05/2024

- Conducted 12 in-depth user research interviews and usability tests in a healthcare context, studying how users interact with AI-powered tools. Core finding: users distrust AI that feels authoritative without transparency, which directly informs AI UX pattern decisions.
- Synthesized qualitative and quantitative findings into journey maps, personas, and actionable design recommendations. Delivered 3 recommendations projected to improve user performance by 15%, presented clearly to cross-functional partners, including product, engineering, and leadership.

Founder & UI/UX Designer, Anavrin Designs - Mumbai, MH 09/2022 - 12/2023

- Founding designer with full solo ownership across consumer-facing and B2B products for 7,000+ users: built design systems from scratch, shipped production-ready work end-to-end across web and mobile, and drove measurable business impact, boosting engagement by 45% and client profitability by 40%.

Design Intern, Adsys Architects - Nagpur, MH 01/2021 - 06/2021

- Supported senior designers for 10+ clients, building visual design, systems thinking, and user-centered design foundations.

EDUCATION

THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY - Philadelphia, PA | Summa Cum Laude

Master of User Experience Design and Interaction Design

MUMBAI UNIVERSITY - Mumbai, MH

Bachelor of Architecture

SKILLS

End-to-End Product Design | AI-Native Product Design | Conversational & Agentic UI | Interaction Design & Information Architecture | Visual Design & High Craft | Design Systems & Component Libraries | User Research & Usability Testing | Journey Maps, Personas & User Flows | Wireframing & Interactive Prototyping | Figma (Expert) & Figma Make | Claude Code & Cursor | Claude MCP & N8N Automation | HTML/CSS Prototyping | Data-Driven Design & A/B Testing | Accessibility & Inclusive Design | Agile/Scrum | Cross-Functional Collaboration | Stakeholder Communication | Design Critiques & Leadership | Adobe Suite | Miro

AWARDS & CERTIFICATIONS

Certified AI Product Designer - IxDF | Get Ahead in Product Design with AI | Annual NASA Design Competition 2019-2020 | Innovation through Design - Think, Make, Break, Repeat - University of Sydney | Get Your Product Used - Adoption and Appropriation