

Nilkanth Patel

Design & Frontend Engineering

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Skills

A designer turned developer with a passion for design systems and building beautiful, blazingly fast frontends. 5 years of experience building complex web applications with Typescript and advanced CSS. Also proficient in Figma.

Experience

Herald / Co-Founder

October 2018 - December 2020

As co-founder, I was responsible for all of the design and frontend engineering at Herald. I built our production app using React (via CRA) and our marketing site with (React and NextJS) using a hybrid static/SSR deployment on Vercel. Herald was part of YCombinator's W2019 batch.

Quantcast / Manager, Frontend Platform Engineering

June 2015 - September 2018, San Francisco

I managed the team responsible for developing and maintaining our design system's React framework (used by all the product engineering teams) and standardizing best practices for frontend DevOps throughout the company.

The New York Times / Graphics Editor

June 2014 - January 2015, New York City

Worked on [data visualizations and interactive features](#) for the web site, primarily with Javascript (D3.js) and CSS.

Education

Columbia University / M.S. Computer Science

September 2013 - June 2015, New York City

Columbia University / M.S. Journalism

September 2013 - June 2015, New York City

Completed a 2-year dual M.S. degree in Journalism and Computer Science, focusing on data analysis and visualization.

Columbia University / B.S. Biomedical Engineering

September 2008 - May 2011, New York City