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Product-minded frontend engineer with **11+ years** of React and TypeScript, from a consumer marketplace (Cars24) to an AI company (Cognizer). Since 2026 I've shipped whole products end to end: a bilingual meal-planning app, an AI video pipeline, an AI phone receptionist, a headless storefront and **Podsque**, a hardware product I founded. I own scope, estimate, build and release, and use AI to move faster without lowering the bar.

01 EXPERIENCE

Product Engineer & Founder, Podsque · Independent
Mar 2026 – Present

- **Aaj Ki Rasoi**: a React Native (Expo) + Firebase meal planner for Indian homes: 21 meals a week with a no-repeat guarantee, household sync, an 877-string Hindi/English UI, an MCP server and a planner engine covered by 184 unit tests.
- **Creator Pipeline**: a Next.js + Supabase studio that turns a niche into a captioned, published short video: Claude and GPT script it, Kling makes the clips, Whisper times the voice-over, ffmpeg renders, and it publishes to YouTube, Instagram and Facebook.
- **SalonDesk**: a multi-tenant AI receptionist (Express, Prisma, Postgres, Next.js). It answers calls through Twilio, books with OpenAI function calling, blocks double-booking in the database, sends SMS reminders and bills with Stripe.
- **Podsque**: founded a modular coffee-pod organiser with a smart e-ink label; built its storefront, a Next.js admin for 300+ coffees and an e-ink and battery simulator.
- **Client work**: Everbloom (a Next.js 16 storefront that sells with or without Shopify), Sisly.ai and the Vintaverse site; scoped, proposed and delivered for international clients.

Senior UI Developer · Cognizer Inc., Gurgaon
Mar 2020 – Feb 2026

- Led front-end delivery of the **Genius Chrome Extension** and **Genius Dashboard** (React, TypeScript, Material UI) from requirements to release, including content and background scripts integrated with REST APIs.
- Set reusable component patterns and quality standards; ran code reviews and mentored junior developers.
- Agreed API contracts and sprint estimates with product, design, QA and backend; improved performance and cross-browser reliability.

UI Developer · Cars24, Gurgaon
Feb 2019 – Mar 2020

- Shipped React UI features for a consumer-scale used-car marketplace, contributed to its shared component library, and worked with QA and backend on releases and production issues.

UI Developer · ABCplusD
Feb 2016 – Feb 2019

- Assigned work for a small front-end team and mentored juniors; delivered concurrent client projects, including the MuscleMatics admin platform (AngularJS) and WordPress sites.

Earlier: UI Developer, Inventum Technologies (Jun 2015 – Feb 2016) · Web Developer, Focus Itech (May 2014 – Jan 2015) · Web Developer, Osre Solutions (Jun 2013 – Apr 2014)

02 HOW I WORK

Clear scope. Written "done" and an honest estimate before I start.

Weekly demos. Working software every week, not status updates.

AI where it helps. Faster delivery, with tests and a human check.

Clean handover. Typed, tested where it matters, documented.

IN NUMBERS

11+ yrs shipping UI

5 products shipped in 2026

48 TestFlight builds

184 unit tests on one engine

03 SKILLS

Frontend
React · Next.js · TypeScript · JavaScript · HTML/CSS/SCSS · Tailwind · Material UI · Design systems · Accessibility

Mobile
React Native · Expo · EAS · App Store · Play Console · i18n

Backend & data
Node / Express · Firebase · Supabase · Postgres · Prisma · REST · Stripe · Twilio

AI
Claude · OpenAI · MCP · Function calling · Whisper · Kling

Tools
Git · Bitbucket · JIRA · Vercel · Chrome Extension APIs · ffmpeg

04 EDUCATION

B.E., Computer Science & Engineering
Himachal Pradesh University · 2013

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References on request