

Nikhil Patil

Product-minded engineer who runs cafés and builds the systems that run them.

Based in Bengaluru, India

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SUMMARY

Product-minded engineer in Bengaluru with about ten years of frontend and full-stack work, most recently at Publicis Sapient on insurance and payments front ends for a UK client. Outside work I run a chai café chain and a corporate café business, and I build the software they run on. Since late 2025 most of my own work has been AI products and autonomous systems that touch real money, so the engineering is about guardrails as much as models. I work with Claude Code as my primary development environment and write everything down: CLAUDE.md, status files, decision records.

EXPERIENCE

Publicis Sapient

Bengaluru

Senior Experience Engineer

2023 Sep to present

- Senior Angular developer on the team for The AA, a UK motoring and insurance company.
- Maintain the front ends for the home, car and breakdown insurance products.
- Helped launch a spread-payment platform under a tight deadline: email templates, CMS changes and component styling.

Angular · TypeScript · SCSS

Senior Associate Technology L1

2021 Sep to 2023 Aug

- Moved from startups to a large consultancy. Client: IBM, on the Sterling Order Management call centre product.

Angular · Java

Openapp

Bengaluru

Product Manager

2020 Oct to 2021 Aug

- Ran Tusk Smart with a team of four engineers, a smart home app on Android and iOS that onboards devices from several brands.
- Ran the Tusk micro-franchise programme with development, sales, operations and marketing, growing a network of franchise owners across India within six months.

Angular · SCSS · Tailwind · Notion · Miro

Senior Frontend Developer

2019 Sep to 2020 Oct

- Rebuilt the company website in Angular 9 and built the Tusk subscription site in Angular 8.
- Built the operations console for payment reminders, invoices and installation scheduling.

Angular · Bootstrap 4 · SCSS · Node · Web Bluetooth

Engagedly

Bengaluru

Senior Software Engineer, Frontend

2018 Nov to 2019 Sep

- Built framework-independent web components with Stencil, including an in-house charting library on D3.
- Introduced BEM across the codebase and wrote the style guide so the UI stayed consistent.

JavaScript · CoffeeScript · Backbone.js · Stencil · D3.js · HAML · SCSS

Earlier

2014 to 2018

Project engineer at Persistent Systems, Goa (2016 to 2018); software developer at WorkIndia, Mumbai (2015); co-founder at Advanced Byte Technologies, Belagavi (2014 to 2015); intern at Shreshta IT Technologies, Belagavi (2014). Details in the full CV.

VENTURES

The Jaggery Point 2023 to present

Founder and operator. A chai café chain with four outlets across Bengaluru and Belgaum, built around jaggery chai. Every sip and bite made with the goodness of jaggery. thejaggerypoint.com

Appetite Avenue 2023 to present

Founder. Corporate café partnerships. The café your workplace runs on. appetiteavenue.com

SELECTED PROJECTS

IgniteAI 2025 to present
One product photo in, one finished UGC video ad out. igniteai.in
Alphie 2026 to present
An AI-traded sleeve inside deterministic rails, on NSE stocks. trades.nikhilpatil.in

DhanChakra 2026 to present
An affiliate income loop that scouts, creates, publishes, measures and heals itself. shop.nikhilpatil.in
Baristalk 2026
Scan a table QR, speak your order in any language, it lands on the counter priced and paid. baristalk.com

More, with stack and status, at nikhilpatil.in/work.

HACKATHONS

DhanChakra, Build with Gemini XPRIZE (2026 Aug); PanelPrep, NamasteDev hackathon (2026 Jul); IgniteAds, Google Cloud Rapid Agent Hackathon (2026 Jun); IgniteAI, Gemini 3 Hackathon, AI For Good (2026 Feb); OverSight, a hackathon on fast-fashion decisions (2026); GenAI Avatar Interviewer, Speed hackathon (2024 May).

SKILLS

AI systems: Claude Code, Gemini Live, vision and Veo, MCP servers, LangGraph and LangChain, Agent guardrails in deterministic code
Frontend: Angular (zoneless, signals), TypeScript, RxJS, PWA and service workers, SCSS and BEM, Web Components (Stencil), Ember.js, D3.js
Backend: FastAPI, NestJS, Node and Express, Java, Ruby on Rails, Django, Prisma and PostgreSQL
Cloud: Google Cloud Run, Tasks, Scheduler, Secret Manager, Firebase and Firestore, Netlify, Vercel, Docker
Mobile: Kotlin and Jetpack Compose, Flutter, Offline-first sync
Testing: Playwright, Vitest, pytest, Cucumber (BDD)
Product: Roadmaps and trade-offs, Running two food businesses, Franchise and operations tooling, Razorpay and UPI payments, Meta and Instagram APIs

EDUCATION

B.E., Information Science and Engineering
KLS Gogte Institute of Technology, Belgaum, 2011 to 2015
Master's Program in Artificial Intelligence
Simplilearn, 2019 to 2021

ALSO

7 articles on Medium since 2017. Beatboxing, Chai and espresso, Photography, Short verses on YourQuote since 2017. Languages: English, Hindi, Kannada, Telugu, Marathi.