

Daechan Kim

Multidisciplinary product designer grounded in how people perceive and behave. Builds human-centered work from early research to shipped product, blending AI-augmented design workflows, design systems, and hands-on frontend development.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Design Intern | Other Tomorrows

Boston, MA · February 2026 – Present

- Built an AI-powered research analysis pipeline with Claude Code and MCPs that reduced research synthesis time for a global food service client's employee training program; developed 5 interactive React learning tools for employee soft-skills training contents that grew out of high-fidelity user-testing stimuli.
- Shipped responsive React websites, taking high-fidelity Figma designs into production through Framer, custom development, and CMS architecture; built custom interactive features shaped around visitor behavior to improve engagement.
- Designed interactive workshop materials for a global academic design conference, using storytelling and real-time engagement to spark participant-led conversations.

Founding Product Lead | Oria

Washington, D.C. · August 2024 – January 2026

- Designed a voice-first conversational AI that reframed storytelling from a recording task into a natural conversation, integrating Claude with speech-to-text and text-to-speech to keep the experience teller-first and accessible for elderly users.
- Led end-to-end design and development of a B2B web platform for international institutions, moving from product roadmap to an MVP shipped in two weeks across 8 partner organizations.
- Built and shipped Oria's design system in Figma, defining components, visual hierarchy, and interaction patterns around how senior users navigate an interface, with full developer-handoff documentation; drove a 500% increase in user adoption.
- Translated continuous user research into iterative releases, working closely with a data architect, backend engineers, and product stakeholders to keep product direction aligned with evolving user needs.

Design Intern | Josh Owen LLC

Pittsford, NY · May – August 2024

- Designed furniture and drinkware for global brands Lazzoni and Heller, using physical form and human-factors thinking to reshape the small, ingrained habits people bring to everyday objects; turned concepts into prototypes with Vizcom, Fusion 360, and KeyShot, building a shared design language with client teams to align on vision and intent.

Research Assistant | Invest in Open Infrastructure (IOI)

Remote · May – August 2023

- Conducted comparative qualitative research across 37 cloud computing and open-source infrastructure organizations, and co-authored a publication informing policy strategies in developing regions.

UI/UX Designer | Open@RIT

Rochester, NY · August – December 2022

- Led an end-to-end redesign of Mystic, a platform supporting a nationwide research project across multiple university teams. Ran stakeholder interviews to refine personas and shape an information architecture that widened participation among researchers, faculty, and student contributors.

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EDUCATION

Northeastern University

M.S. Experience Design (HCI)
Boston, MA | 2024 – 2025

Rochester Institute of Technology

B.F.A. Industrial Design
Minor Mobile Design and Development
Rochester, NY | 2016 – 2024

CERTIFICATION

Google UX Design Professional Certificate

Google Career Certificates (2024)

AWARDS

Core77 Design Awards 2026

Core77 | 31Stool (2026)

SIT Furniture Design Student Winner

SIT Furniture Design Award | 31Stool (2026)

A'Design Award Bronze

A'Design Award | 31Stool (2026)

Good Design Award

Chicago Athenaeum | 3PC Chair (2026)

RECOGNITION

ICFF WANTED Launch Pad 2026

ICFF | 31Stool (2026)

RIT's Distinctive Collections

RIT Archive Collection | Metaproject14 (2024)

Dean's List

College of Art and Design (2017 – 2024)

SKILLS & PROFICIENCIES

Design Practice: Human-Centered Design, Interaction Design, Prototyping, Design Systems, Information Architecture, Accessibility (WCAG), User Research & Usability Testing

Tools: Figma, Framer, Claude Code, Lovable, Adobe Creative Suite, Fusion 360, KeyShot

Development: React, TypeScript, HTML, CSS

PUBLICATION

Kim, Daechan, & Hernandez Ortiz, Tania L. (2023). Exploratory Research on Governance and Sustainability Practices of Cloud Computing and Open-Source Computational Services (Version 1). Zenodo. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.8292270>