

NIKOLAY CHIGIREV

Senior UI/UX Design Lead

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

- Senior UI/UX Design Lead with 19+ years of enterprise product design experience across Versonix Corporation and CALYX Software.
- Specialized in designing highly complex enterprise B2B and B2C platforms for the global travel and leisure industry — including major cruise lines, ferry operators, hotels & resorts, and tour companies.
- Design team lead with hands-on collaboration with frontend engineering teams from concept through delivery.
- Fine arts and architecture graduate with a formal foundation in visual composition, proportion, and design theory — applied directly to every product I design.
- **AI Tools & Technology:** Actively integrates and continuously learns emerging AI tools to accelerate design ideation, exploration, and UI generation.

SKILLS & TOOLS

AI-Assisted Design: ChatGPT + Codex, Claude, Stitch, MidJourney, AI in VS Code — applied across ideation, UI generation, and design workflow

Design & UX: UI/UX Design, Interaction Design, Information Architecture, Wireframing, Prototyping, Design Systems, Brand Identity, Visual Design, UI Animation & Micro-interactions

Design Tools: Figma, Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, Premiere, After Effects

UI Frameworks & Design Technologies: Flutter, Bootstrap, jQuery Mobile, HTML/CSS, Material Design 3

Leadership: Design team management & mentorship, cross-functional collaboration with engineering, creative direction, design process development

EXPERIENCE

Versonix Corporation | *UI/UX Design Lead*

April 2009 – April 2026

Versonix develops Seaware — a fully integrated travel reservation and business intelligence platform serving cruise lines, ferry operators, hotels & resorts, and tour & expedition companies worldwide. Clients include Disney Cruise Line, Norwegian Cruise Line, AmaWaterways, Virgin Voyages, and many others. Serving as senior design lead for 17 years, owning the complete user experience across all product lines — from interaction logic and user flows to visual design and final aesthetics.

- Delivered UI/UX for a highly complex enterprise reservation platform — encompassing multi-step booking flows, air packages, excursions, dining, onboard activities, cancellations, and group management across cruise, ferry, hotel, and expedition verticals.
- Delivered UI/UX for the B2B agent platform — including operator dashboards, agent profiles, and advanced reservation management tools serving travel industry professionals worldwide.
- Designed B2C web application using Flutter and Material Design 3 — including color systems, component libraries, and Material Design guidelines — delivering a polished cross-platform booking experience for passengers worldwide.
- Developed brand identity, design systems, and UI component libraries in Figma, used consistently across all Versonix product lines.
- Led the design team, establishing workflows and design standards in close collaboration with frontend engineering.

- UI/UX Designer at CALYX Software — one of the leading mortgage loan origination platforms in the US.
- Designed UI/UX for the desktop application using Microsoft WPF/XAML and Expression Blend, creating custom component styles, animations, and interaction patterns in close collaboration with frontend engineering.

EARLY CAREER

Built a deep foundation in traditional and digital arts across a diverse range of industries. Worked as a Web Designer at Yahoo! Inc. designing HTML/CSS templates for Yahoo! Merchant Solution. Served as an independent design contractor for clients including Norwegian Cruise Line, Nikon USA, Siemens, and Electronic Arts — delivering brand identity, interactive multimedia, and UI design. Earlier roles included Creative Director at Atinera LLC, Lead Artist at 3DO Company (PlayStation titles including Might & Magic), and Lead Artist at CoolHand Interactive (Star Wars: Rebellion for LucasArts).

EDUCATION

Master of Arts and Architecture

Moscow State Academy of Arts and Architecture (MARHI), Moscow, Russia — Internationally recognized institution, accredited by the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA). Six-year rigorous program in architecture, fine arts, visual composition, and design theory.

Associate Degree in Visual Arts

Moscow High School of Visual Arts (School No. 50), Moscow, Russia — Selective specialized school for gifted students, with curriculum in drawing, painting, sculpture, and art history. Preparatory program for entrance to architecture and fine arts academies.