René A. Morales

I'm a product designer and engineer with a decade of experience crafting interfaces with care and precision. Based in Santiago, Chile.



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EXPERIENCE

Fintual (YC S18) Software Engineer

Built the mobile frontend and interactions for Omnichat, Fintual's in-app chat for AI assistance and customer support. Its internal API lets product teams control how it appears and what context support agents receive.

2024–2026

Sotos Head of Product

Led product management, design, and development of a second-hand clothing marketplace, with a focus on ease of use. It drew **tens of thousands of signups** within weeks of its September 2024 launch.

2023–2024

Cornershop by Uber Product Designer

Designed multi-checkout for Cornershop's customer app, letting customers check out one store cart at a time. Also worked on order customization, Uber account linking, and Uber One integration.

2021–2023

Platanus Software Engineer

Worked on dozens of client products, including early versions of the web and mobile apps for Buda.com and Fintual.

2014–2015 · 2017–2021

ComparaOnline Front-end Developer

Developed interfaces with JavaScript and Rails and standardized the structure and naming of project assets.

2014

SELECTED PROJECTS

Párrafos 2026–Present

Designed, built, and launched a news app as a solo project, combining concise AI summaries with easy access to original sources to help readers stay informed without clickbait.

Constitución Fácil 2022

Built a free, open-source app to explore Chile's proposed 2022 constitution. It reached **80,000 installs** in one month and earned ratings of 4.9 on Google Play and 5.0 on the App Store.

Doblepunto 2016–2018

Co-founded a tech news outlet, built its website and publishing tools, produced videos, wrote articles, and edited work by our freelance team.

EARLY WORK

Started building websites professionally at age 15. At 18, founded Reactor, a startup that personalized article recommendations within news sites and received government funding.

SKILLS & STACK

Product design · Design-to-code · Gesture-driven UI · Figma · TypeScript · React Native · Reanimated · Next.js · Node.js · Bun · Rails · GraphQL · PostgreSQL · Kysely · OpenAPI · WordPress · n8n · PostHog · Amplitude · LangChain · Jev · RAG · MCP · Embeddings · Clustering