Samuel Larsen-Disney

Front-end Developer & UX Designer

I hope to significantly contribute to the fields of UX design and Web development while giving myself an opportunity to put my problem-solving abilities to the test, on a regular basis, as I enjoy a constant challenge in my work.

EXPERIENCE

UX Engineer

American Express, London | Sep 2019 - Present

In my current role, I work both as a UX designer and Front-end developer in equal measure. I design and build the future of the 'Refer a Friend' scheme in a research and development team. We are constantly ideating using tools such as the design sprint process and lightening decision jams, both of which I have facilitated as well as participated in. The projects I have worked on have been incredibly varied. I have built web-ready animations, onboarding experiences, faster sites in newer frameworks, chat bots and so much more.

User Experience, Rapid Prototyping, JS, ReactJS, Redux, GatsbyJS, GraphQL, Adobe Suite, Sketch

Graduate UX Designer

American Express, Burgess Hill | Feb 2019 - Sep 2019

Completed research into how we could improve elements of the referral hub. This included competitor analysis, analysis of existing site, creation of personas, wireframes and mockups. I also worked on a proof of concept for a research archive that intelligently links and prioritises research for better design decisions.

User Experience, Customer Research, User Testing, JS, ReactJS, GatsbyJS, Sketch

Graduate Front-End Engineer

American Express, Burgess Hill | Sep 2018 - Feb 2019

I designed, implemented and deployed the first version of the Loyalty Servicing Platform with the help of my team. This tool, was built to replace Oracle Forms which was running out of extended support as it was reaching end of life. The tool was built using the new design language system and a modular structure that allowed us to better integrate the tool with other parts of the company.

Internal Tooling, Analytics, JS, ReactJS, Redux

Technical Director & Co-Founder

AMNiiS, Remote | Sep 2017 - Feb 2019

During my time at AMNiiS I built the TrailBee application, a dedicated transport administration tool. The application consisted of a parent app and an admin user interface for schools. Due to the small size of the team, I was a 'jack of all trades'. I created the design language system for the application - this was my first taste of UX design.

React, React Native, JS, SocketIO, Node, MongoDB

Summer Intern

American Express, Burgess Hill | Jun 2017 - August 2017

In my 10 weeks as a Software Engineer at American Express I worked within an agile team delivering an internal data visualisation tool. In doing so, I have strengthened my competence of the Elastic Stack and Java.

Data Visualisations, Analytics, Logging, ELK stack, Java, Splunk

EDUCATION

Computer Science with Artificial Intelligence BSc

King's College London University | Sep 2015 - Aug 2018

In my dissertation I created a visual search engine that allowed the user to see results centered around the sentiment of the returned sources. This provided the user with an easy way to identify the general opinion surrounding a topic whilst also providing them with a way to identify articles or social media posts that differ from the general opinion.

OUTSIDE WORK

Examples of personal projects that I have worked on can be found at sld.codes/projects. You can read about them at sld.codes/articles.

When I'm not in the office I like to attend hackathons. At these events I enjoy teaching the next generation to code and have a bit of a reputation for staying up all night.

I've always enjoyed photography, I have worked on everything from wildlife to wedding photography. One of my photos "The Brighton Fox" was featured in Brighton & Hove's Annual Calendar in 2018. One of my dreams is to have my hobby featured in the Wildlife Photographer of the Year Exhibition at the Natural History Museum in London.

CORE SKILLS

JavaScriptNodeReactJSReduxReact NativeGatsbyJSGraphQLSketchInvision

Rapid Prototyping

Adobe Suite

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This CV was coded in ReactJS!

