

# CHRISTOPHER ALAN

// designer by day, vigilante by night!

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#### **PROFILE**

Experienced art director, interactive designer and problem solver with a passion for creativity, simplicity and semantics.

#### **SKILLS**

Art Direction	User Interface Design	Concept Development
Sketching, Drawing	Photography	Adobe Creative Suite
Graphic Design	Problem Solving	Bohemian Sketch App

#### **EXPERIENCE**

### **Art Director at Kohl's** — *August 2015 - Present*

Create processes and efficiencies by introducing new tools and techniques like Sketch, Zeplin, Slack and building design toolkits to name a few. Raising the bar for quality of work from all designers with an inspiring (and friendly) show don't tell attitude. Manage a small near-shore team of designers to help tackle the day to day creative work.

### **Art Director at RadioShack** — July 2013 – May 2015

Drove awareness to the newly re-branded RadioShack with a simple and bold evolution of the RadioShack brand. Bright, rich colors, big bold typography, refreshed photography, and intuitive web design applications created a brand identity for the next generation of technology shoppers.

### Front-End Developer at Fred Meyer — July 2013 - Dec. 2013

Developed a responsive HTML/CSS email framework designers could use and understand while reducing last-minute changes and bugs for developers which resulted in faster turnaround times for everyone.

### Interactive Designer at JCPenney — Plano, TX June 2011 – June 2013

Created eye-catching designs for online advertising to increase brand engagement thus increasing click-through rates on average 200%. Collaborated with motion designers to deliver outdoor advertising for the Texas Rangers Baseball Stadium.

### Web Designer at Tekcenture — July 2009 - Sep. 2010

Re-designed the rogers.com (Canadian telecommunication company) website with a minimalist approach and a focus on mobile first. Designed micro-sites and emails to announce new mobile devices as they were introduced into the market.

#### **EXPERIENCE CONTINUED...**

#### Junior Creative at Ariamedia — April 2008 - Sep. 2008

Collaborated with the lead designer to turn the City of Allen's website into a successful online tool that was easy to understand for citizens and staff.

Crafted and coded the State Tax Group website using valid HTML/CSS with a focus on getting the user's attention while maintaining readability.

## **Graphic Designer at Craftmade** — March 2007 – April 2008

Designed an easy to use 400+ page product catalog that helped increase sales using inDesign. Created the packaging for a new brand of outdoor lighting products called Tree Frog Lighting. Designed the cover art for the yearly ceiling fan DVD which gets distributed at the showrooms.

### **Genius Admin at Apple Inc.** — *March 2006 – June 2007*

Process received depot repairs including verifying successful repair and contacting customers. Manage customer pick up process for all completed repairs. Assist customers at the iPod/Genius bars who were having difficulty with their Apple products.

### **EDUCATION**

### Applied Graphic Design Associates Degree at Collin College; Plano, Texas -2007

#### **FUN FACTS**

I was an amateur boxer for a short while, even have a KO under my belt. I was backpacking through Japan when the tsunami hit in March 2011.