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## Elements in a typical UX design resume

You've already learned the steps to creating a polished resume that features the essentials: your contact information, your educational background, and your job history. But, you're a UX designer, so don't be afraid of making your resume look special! You should be approaching your resume's layout with the same user-focused attention as you would with anything else you'd design. That means thinking about many of the design principles and elements you've learned about in this program (hierarchy, grid, color, and negative space) and applying them to your resume, to draw the viewer's attention and make yourself stand out. This is also the perfect opportunity to showcase your personal brand! You can do that by including an original logo, a few distinct colors, or an interesting typeface.



Though it's perfectly fine to create your resume in a word processing program like Google Docs or Microsoft Word, you might want to take it up another notch by editing your resume in a design tool like Adobe InDesign or Illustrator, Figma, or another program. Many UX designers create a basic outline of their resume in a document to ensure that the essential content is there and properly formatted, then refine it using a design tool. Think of this process in the same way you create wireframes before moving to mockups. Here are some common design choices UX designers make when building their resumes:

**Two-column format.** Instead of using the standard one-column format typical of basic resumes, many UX designers use a two-column format. This structure allows them to create a grid, ensuring they can line up elements on a line, which makes scanning a resume significantly easier. Check out the alignment on [Googler and entry-level UX designer Yang's resume](#). It has two clear columns as well as a distinct row across the top of the page.

**Color.** Although black-and-white resumes are just fine, many designers choose to strategically use a pop of color in their resumes to highlight a major element and tie back in their personal brand. For example, they might choose an accent color for their name, job title, and section headings, like Googler [Shabi features in her resume](#). Whichever color you choose, make sure it's readable and it isn't random. Buttery yellow might be your favorite color, but it's probably too hard to see on a resume's white background. Remember: usability is key. Plus, the color selected should exist in your personal branding, meaning it might appear in your logo or on your portfolio site, too.

**Logos.** You're not required to create your own logo for your resume, but it sure is a fun bit of personal branding! Many UX designers create a logo that represents their name or initials and feature it in a corner of their resume. For an example, check out [Wenni's resume on bestfolios](#). Wenni created a logo that creatively makes the letter "W." If you create something like Wenni's logo, lean into it! Feature it on your portfolio website and business cards, too.

**Bullet points.** Another way to make your resume more readable is with bullet points. They break up the text and make it easier to skim. Bullets are also a fantastic way to bring in hints of your personal brand without overdoing it. The bullet can use a pop of color from your personal logo, for example. Emily's resume leans into hints of light green.

To see Emily's resume, click the link below and select "Use Template."

Link to resume: [Emily Williams Resume](#)

OR

If you don't have a Google account, you can download the exemplar directly from the attachment below.

 **Google UX Design Certificate - Emily Williams Resume [Example]**  
DOCX File

**Type style.** Be creative, yet intentional, with the typographical choices you make. You want to express your personal brand and stand out, but you don't want to distract from the content on the page. You might choose one font for your name and another for the rest of your resume. Or maybe certain words, like former employers, will be bold, while less important details, like dates of employment, are in a lighter color or weighted font. Check out how [Sanat uses typography strategically on their resume](#) to establish visual hierarchy, which makes it easy for a recruiter to scan. You might also use type to emphasize your personal brand. [UX designer Emanuel](#) uses two different typefaces in their resume. Emanuel's name and section heading are in a creative serif typeface, while the rest of the resume is in a standard, sans serif typeface.

Whatever tool you use to create your resume, make sure the final file format matches the one requested in the job description, if there is one. For example, some recruiters prefer PDFs, while others want Docx (MS Word). Prove that you're paying attention; save your resume in that preferred file type before you submit your application.

And finally, it doesn't matter what your resume looks like if it's confusing or there are spelling or grammatical errors. Ask a friend or family member to review your resume any time you make significant changes. Or visit your high school career counselor or a workforce development office to get a professional opinion. A fresh perspective is essential during this process. Good luck!

### Additional resources

One of the best ways to learn how to create an effective resume for a UX designer is by looking at examples of others' resumes. There are plenty of places you can get inspiration. Here are a few:

- [10 Amazing Designer Resumes that Passed Google's Bar](#). This collection of Googler resumes on Bestfolios will inspire you as you design your own resume.
- [Create Your Resume for Google: Tips & Advice](#). In this video, Google's Career team gives advice about preparing a resume to apply to Google — or any company.
- [Create a professional resume in Adobe InDesign](#). This in-depth article provides a tutorial for creating your resume in Adobe InDesign, a tool that will help you polish your design.
- [The 100 InDesign resume templates you need](#). Interested in creating a resume from a template? This article, from Redokun, provides 100 Adobe InDesign templates to choose from!
- [Design Exercise: Design Your CV — Learn with Figma](#). If you'd like to create your resume in Figma, check out this design exercise.

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