# THOM SHEVA

#### **Head of User Experience**

# Summary

UX professional with **15 years of experience** designing user-centric products across **web**, **mobile**, and **desktop**. Proven track record of driving **user engagement** and **business growth**. Skilled in leading teams and utilizing **agile/lean** methodologies. Adept at leveraging **user research** and **analytics** to inform design strategy and improve **customer satisfaction**.

# Experience

#### Head of UX @ Wizeclub Education

2021 - Present / Canada, Remote

- Redesigned the online education platform, resulting in a 75% increase in user engagement and a 40% boost in course completion rates.
- Streamlined onboarding, cutting average time by 60%.
- Directed a cross-functional team of 7, improving collaboration and project delivery speed by 50%.
- Established user feedback loops and integrated analytics, driving a 70% increase in feature adoption rates.

### Head of Design @ Cómon Agency

2019 - 2021 / London, United Kingdom

- Optimized media funnels for clients' Kickstarter campaigns, achieving 200%-450% of funding goals.
- Supervised a cross-functional team of 5, improving delivery speed by 50%.
- Developed creative direction for client projects, increasing engagement metrics by 25%.
- Implemented a design review process that reduced revision cycles by 50%

#### Head of Product Design @ Kortext

2018 - 2019 / London, United Kingdom

- Delivered a product roadmap for web and mobile, achieving 156% YoY growth in B2C eCommerce.
- Initiated the shift from waterfall to agile product delivery, improving efficiency by 50%.
- Managed a Research & Design team of 5-8, reducing revision times by 50%.
- Redesigned the online store, leading to a 3x increase in user satisfaction.

#### User Experience Design Lead @ KPMG

2017 - 2018 / London, United Kingdom

- Delivered multi-million dollar consulting projects for banking and oil 8 gas sectors, resulting in a 40%-60% improvement in user task efficiency.
- Guided teams through research, design, and development cycles, enhancing delivery speed by 30%.
- Conducted competitive analysis and usability evaluation for an internal portal, leading to a 50% increase in user retention.

# User Experience Lead RefME (acquired by Chegg, Inc.)

2015 - 2017 / London, United Kingdom

- Led a cross-functional team to launch a product that became #1 worldwide, resulting in a 200% increase in user base.
- Contributed to rapid growth, reaching over 1.5 million users globally in under two years.
- Developed cross-platform designs, improving user satisfaction scores by 50%.
- Facilitated brainstorming sessions that generated over 30 new feature ideas.

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# Skills

#### Research

User interviews,
Usability testings,
Contextual inquiry,
Competitor analysis,
Surveys & questionnaires,
Heuristic evaluation,
User journey maps,
User scenarios,
Card sorting,
A/B testing
Data analysis

#### Design

Information architecture,
User flows,
Wireframing,
Prototyping,
Content strategy,
Interaction design,
Cross-platform UI design,
Typography,
Design systems,
Style guides,
Accessibility standards,
Visual design principles,
HTML /CSS

#### Leadership & Strategy

Cross-functional collaboration, strategic vision, stakeholder management, team leadership, mentoring junior designers, user-centered design, project management, effective communication, adaptability

#### Tools

Figma, Sketch, Miro, Axure, InVision, Marvel, Balsamiq, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe InDesign, UserTesting.com, Hotjar, Sublime Text, Brackets, Google Analytics, Jira, Trello, Slack, whiteboard, pen & paper

## UX Designer @ Lifecake (acquired by Canon Inc.)

2012 - 2015 / London, United Kingdom

- Contributed to growth from 0 to 350,000 registered users.
- Optimized onboarding, doubling retention rates and increasing conversions by 70%.
- Responsible for product design across all platforms (Web, iPhone, Android, Windows, and Mac), resulting in a 30% increase in user satisfaction scores.
- Conducted user testing sessions that provided actionable insights, leading to a 90% reduction in user error rates.

# Education

Graphic Design, BA Hons @ Kingston University

2012 / London, United Kingdom

# Passions

Typography, photography, video production, music (both listening and creating), reading, cycling to work and across continents, running, skiing, windsurfing, wakeboarding, UX design trends, and technology exploration