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ABOUT

Howdy! I'm a Google certified designer and engineer with over five years of experience designing and building web applications that focus on accessibility and ease of maintenance. I am interested in using my design and engineering knowledge in tandem to produce creative, equity-focused work. I'm also an illustrator, an avid language learner, and a virgo.

EXPERIENCE

UX Engineer @ Automic Gold

07/21 - Present

Collaborates with art director to design and build updates to ecommerce experience, audits site performance and ADA compliance, performs bug fixes, currently designing and building a 3D custom jewelry preview tool with three.js.

Designer-Developer @ Santoro Design

10/20 - Present, Contract

Conducts user research, works on and critiques project wireframing and prototyping, builds finalized prototypes into web applications.

Freelance Designer-Developer

011/15 - Present

Designs web applications, graphical assets, print materials, and more. Builds custom web applications.

Senior Designer-Developer @ known.creative

01/16 - 06/21

Created and critiqued wireframes and prototypes, introduced agency accessibility standards, developed a Wordpress boilerplate which reduced build time by 20%, engineered web applications.

DESIGN

Adobe Suite
Figma
Procreate
Sketch
Spline

CODE

Javascript
React.js
HTML/CSS
SASS
PHP/Wordpress
Liquid/Shopify
HubL/Hubspot
WebGL/three.js
GSAP
Git
Gulp/Webpack
Frontity/Gatsby.js

EDUCATION

Google

UX Design Certification
2021
Focus: Accessibility, wireframing, prototyping, UI design, design thinking, equitable design

Smith College

B.A. (Government)
2009-2013, 3.85/4.0
Honors: First Group Scholar, Ettie Chin Hong Prize, Dean's List