

Hello, I'm Benjamin Grandy. I'm a User Experience Designer with a background in Visual Design.



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RECENT PROJECTS

LilyPad 2018 - current

UX/UI, Visual, Web & Mobile Design: Designing & building a website from scratch– producing several videos, infographics, copy, icons, visual design, and incorporating a VR walkthrough.

AWA Fit 2017

UI & Mobile Design Prototype: Zink is an established outdoor fitness event company in Latin America. They're looking to expand their business so I built them a mobile app mock-up prototype.

Safe Harbor 2016

UX/UI, Visual, Web & Mobile Design: Won a hackathon at Global Entrepreneurship Summit to create an app that connects victims of domestic abuse to people willing to provide shelter.

Shyft Event Planning

2016

UX/UI, User Research, IxD, & Visual Design: Worked with a client to redesign their website to connect brand ambassadors to ad agencies looking to hire.

EXPERIENCE

Freelance Designer

2016 - current

UX, Web, & Visual Designer: I'm here to tell your story. I'm here to work out usability bugs. I'm here to put a fresh look on your brand. I'm here to find all the ways that your product can be better, improve the lives of your customers, and ultimately drive more business.

Cost Plus World Market

2017

Web Developer: Worked with design team to built out pages for new store openings, special content pages, promotions, and one-off designs. Used HTML5, CSS3, & Javascript

City CarShare (non-profit)

2014 - 15

Designer & E.V. Tech.: I oversaw and maintained a fleet of 50 PHEVs, debugged our in-car technology, improved the mobile app UI, contributed on Frontend Web Design, produced promotional videos & photography, and other marketing & design material.

Onward Electric Cycles L.L.C.

2012 - 13

Founder; transferrable skills: Entrepreneur Mindset, Design Thinking, Debugging, Autodesk Software, Industrial Design, Product Development, Iteration/Ideation, Fabrication

SKILLS

Web & Mobile UX/UI Design, Visual Design, User Research, Interaction Design, UX Artifacts, Rapid Prototyping, Usability Testing, Copy Writing, Photography & Video production, Sketching, Human-Centered Design, Design Thinking, Responsive Frontend Web Design & Dev. (HTML5, CSS3, Javascript)

TOOLS

Pen & Paper, Whiteboards, Sticky Notes, Illustrator, Photoshop, Sketch, InVision, Google Docs, Keynote, Sublime Text, GitHub, Omnigraffle, Research Methodologies, Lateral Thinking, Agile & Lean UX

EDUCATION

General Assembly 2015 - 16

UX Design Immersive

Coursera & Code School 2014

Programming Fundamentals

Thinkful & Codecademy 2014

Front-end Web Development

TechShop 2013

3D Software (CADD/CAM)

- 3D 301tWare (CADD/ CAIVI)
- CNC Milling, Lasercutting
- Wood & Metal Fabrication

UC Davis 2007-10

- Landscape Architecture
- Electrical Engineering



Shamrina Oshana, Brand Manager at Slingshot Foods (Freelance client)



"Ben is a creative and imaginative designer. He lights up when presented with problems, talking through goals, and finding solutions. He is a visual story teller and produces wonderful work."

Caitlin Thompson, Founder & CEO at EntheoZen (Freelance client)



"Ben does very good work creating clean-looking and aesthetic webpage design." He has an artistic eye, but also a talent for building sites that are meant to create sales and conversions. He also was very helpful at providing directions and guidance on specific tasks via printscreen images which helped tremendously. I would highly recommend Ben for your webpage projects!"

Thom Matli, Data Analyst at City CarShare



"Ben is an incredibly creative guy, often coming up with solutions to problems we didn't even think of while the program developed...some of his best work that I saw came from his collaborations with our Marketing team. His eye for photography, design, and user experience were of great help to us as we developed our mobile app. His presence in the office was generally accompanied by an aura of enthusiasm, boisterous laughter, and a can-do attitude. Not to mention I have complete hair envy.

Working with Ben was a pleasure and any company looking for a creative thinker, problem solver, and cheerleader for finding newer and better ways to administer a product should be happy to have Ben on its team."

Marcus Hays, CEO of PiMobility



"Ben is a standout talent who expertly filled a multiplicity of roles that in the context of our start up, or any start up for that matter, made him absolutely indispensable.

Among key responsibilities, Ben designed, wrote copy, and provided photography for the company's web site. I wish Ben would let me hire him again!"