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Alice Nazarian

UX Leader / Design thinker / Designer / UX evangelist Seasoned UX professional with a background in Social Psychology, driving user-centred design and business alignment through strategic leadership. I optimise product experiences, build high-performing UX teams, and foster innovation through Design Thinking and scalable solutions.

TripArc

UX Director and Design strategist

May 2021 - October 2024

- Established the UX function as the company's first UX leader, growing a
 multidisciplinary team with researchers, content designers, and visual
 designers.
- Championed UX as a business-critical function, collaborating with executive and cross-functional teams to align user-centred design with business objectives.
- Led the redesign of the Kensington Tour's Client Portal, conducting discovery research and developing the full UX strategy. Early portions introduced user accounts and streamlined itinerary management.
- Shaped the UX strategy for the new generation of ADX, TripArc's b2b platform, aligning product vision with business objectives, ensuring user-centred design informed product roadmaps and development processes.
- Created and implemented Nexus, TripArc's design system, streamlining
 collaboration between designers and developers and ensuring scalability
 across products, which shortened hand-off process and simplified solution
 design and implementation.
- **Developed a UX handbook** documenting processes and standards, ensuring alignment and consistency within the growing UX team.
- Fostered a collaborative and outcome-oriented culture, earning a near-perfect manager score in the employee engagement report and receiving a value award for leadership.
- Mentored team members through goal-focused performance reviews, helping develop talent and ensuring continuous professional growth within the team.

Ouestrade

UX Manager and Strategist

November 2008 - May 2021

- Led the redesign of the online account application, increasing the conversion rate by 38% through extensive discovery research, usability testing, and iterative improvements.
- Developed the initial strategy and concept for native Questrade's mobile app, later refined and launched, incorporating many of the original design and user flow concepts.
- Built and scaled the All-spark Design System, collaborating with development teams to ensure consistency and scalability across products, establishing it as a core company asset.
- Led the UX strategy for the unified trading platform, collaborating with development architects to design a cohesive user experience across mobile and web, reducing complexity for users and improving consistency while optimising support and maintenance costs.
- Drove Design Thinking adoption across product teams, shifting focus from feature requests to problem-solving, accelerating product development cycles and increasing stakeholder engagement.

Skills

Research:

Comparative analysis, Diary studies, Contextual inquiry, Interviews, Journey mapping, Task and workflow analysis, Usability testing, Cognitive walkthrough.

Design:

Strategy, Information architecture, Sketching, Wireframing, Prototyping, Micro-interactions, Accessibility.

Creativity:

Design thinking, Problem solving, Visual design, Typography.

Leadership:

Team building, Prioritization, Communication, Creative direction, Mentorship.

Education

Master's in Social Psychology

Institute of Modern knowledge (Instytut Suèasnyh Vedau)

2001 - 2006 / Minsk, Belarus



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- Established robust feedback and research systems, integrating user feedback loops, proxy-user panels, and usability testing to continuously refine the user experience.
- Managed two UXD teams, UX writers, researchers and technical writers, with up to 20 head count in total, fostering a collaborative problem-solving culture and mentoring several team members who advanced to managerial roles.
- Led the redesign of client portals improving brand perception, content discoverability, and user experience across web and mobile.
- Collaborated on design and launched key platforms (IQ Edge, Investment Portfolio Builder, Web Trading Platform, and Mobile App), replacing the previous white-labelled solution and contributing to improved user engagement and supporting business growth.

Pure Med Spa, head-office

UX & Graphic Designer

November 2006 - November 2008

- Designed and developed a custom website from scratch, ensuring a cohesive digital presence and supporting all marketing efforts for both online and offline channels
- Created an innovative gift certificate tracking system used across multiple
 franchise locations in the USA and Canada, solving a critical issue with gift
 certificate redemption between locations and streamlining operations with an
 online portal that enabled validation and issuance of certificates.
- Increased website visibility to a top 4 ranking through strategic design, content
 optimization, and cross-platform collaboration, significantly boosting the
 company's online presence with no external marketing spend.
- Created marketing collateral such as packaging and posters.

XPGraph (Belarus)

Senior Digital Designer

October 2003 - January 2006

- Led end-to-end design of online products across diverse industries, delivering solutions that improved customer engagement and streamlined internal processes
- Led branding projects including identity and brand standards documentation.

Delovaya Iniciativa (Belarus)

Web & Graphic Designer

June 2002 - October 2003

- Developed brand guidelines and created diverse design elements for multiple clients.
- Supported website updates.

Intis (Belarus)

Web & Graphic Designer

July 2000 - October 2002

• Worked on varied projects including VoIP web apps and hardware interfaces.

Freelancer (Belarus and Canada)

2002 - 2008

 Worked on cross-media projects involving branding, UI design, and front-end development.