



Ana Lúcia Coimbra

UX/CX Researcher & Strategy
Healthcare & Tech Specialist

UX/CX Researcher specialising in healthcare and health tech domains, with a proven ability to uncover meaningful user insights through diverse research methodologies. Combines hands-on UX research experience with unique health tech consulting and clinical background to deliver comprehensive insights that bridge user needs with business objectives. Demonstrated success in conducting end-to-end research projects and translating complex findings into actionable recommendations for stakeholders.

EDUCATION

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Bachelor's Degree

Polytechnic of Leiria/School of Health Sciences

2009 - 2013

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WORK EXPERIENCE

UX Researcher

2024 - 2025

Freelancer | Lisbon Metropolitan Area (remote).

- **Planned and conducted end-to-end UX research** for an early-stage startup developing a shopping preparation and price comparison platform to understand user needs, behaviours, and motivations that **informed product strategy and roadmap prioritisation**:
 - **Executed comprehensive generative research using mixed methods** (user interviews, observational studies, task analysis, surveys, competitive analysis), identifying patterns and unmet needs in shopping preparation workflows;
 - Developed detailed user knowledge profiles/behavioural typologies based on 26 in-depth interviews, with **comprehensive task analysis variations** for each typology and task optimisation recommendations targeting critical task dimensions where technology could reduce manual effort, cognitive load, and error risk;
 - **Delivered actionable insights** through a 56-slide strategic report and interactive Miro board containing all research deliverables (profiles, task analysis/optimisation, competitive benchmarking, prioritisation matrix, research insights and recommendations), enabling **data-driven product decisions**.

Functional Consultant

2019 - 2022

Maxdata Software SA | Lisbon Metropolitan Area (hybrid).

Maxdata is a Portuguese healthcare software company with around 50 employees, specialising in clinical and anatomical pathology labs and blood bank solutions, with additional support for epidemiology and related fields.

- Selected for healthcare industry knowledge to join the assistance and support team, specialising in functional analysis, customer support, and QA analysis in a B2B agile environment:
 - **Implemented laboratory software solutions for 800+ healthcare professionals across 5+ organisations**, collaborating with physicians, nurses, and lab technicians to understand clinical workflows and translate needs into effective system configurations;
 - **Bridged user needs with technical capabilities** by gathering stakeholder requirements and creating comprehensive documentation, while working with development teams to design solutions that matched real-world healthcare workflows;
 - **Identified and resolved critical user pain points** through systematic support ticket analysis, mapping recurring issues to specific workflow mismatches between user expectations and system design, with **impact validated through monthly usage metrics and stakeholder feedback**.

Business Owner

2017 - 2018

Inspiring Care | Porto Metropolitan Area (hybrid).

Inspiring Care was a healthtech business project that leveraged technology to support therapists in optimising their daily practices for better patient outcomes. I founded it while participating in the "Empreende Já" entrepreneurship programme and the EMER-N business mentorship project.

- **Conducted generative research** to understand user needs, behaviours and motivations through user interviews, focus groups and competitive analysis, synthesising findings into actionable insights for product and business decisions
- Presented detailed business plan and research findings to programme jury and StartUp Portugal assessors, achieving a **4.35/5 final score** that validated project viability
- Delivered research insights and business strategy to business angels through compelling presentations with data visualisations that demonstrated **product-market fit**

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Authored a systematic review thesis called "The Efficacy Of The Constraint-Induced Movement Therapy In Individuals With Post-Stroke Hemipalsy: A Systematic Review";
- Collaborated on 3+ systematic reviews (rigorous academic research syntheses) post-graduation.

LANGUAGES

- Native Portuguese
- Full Professional English (C1)
- Professional Working Spanish (B2)
- Limited Working French (A2)

CERTIFICATIONS

- Certified as an instructor (with a Portuguese certificate of pedagogical competence, issued by the IEFP)
- Several other certifications, including "Programming Foundations with JavaScript, HTML and CSS", "Fundamentals of Business Analysis", "Fundamentals of Project Management", "Strategizing Products and Customer Experiences (SPACE)" and "Improve Your Presentation Writing - Public Speaking - Work Presentations"

SKILLS

RESEARCH METHODS & ANALYSIS

- Experienced in qualitative and quantitative research methodologies including user interviews, contextual inquiry, observation, surveys, task analysis, user knowledge profiles (personas), thematic analysis, competitive analysis, focus groups, task flows, task optimisation, among others;
- Knowledge of A/B testing, usability testing, customer journey mapping and similar methodologies;
- Excellent analytical skills with behavioural analysis expertise.

DOMAIN EXPERTISE

- Healthcare systems and clinical workflows (5+ organisations, 800+ users);
- Accessibility standards and assistive technology, including extensive knowledge of disabilities, neurodiverse conditions, neurological and musculoskeletal pathologies;
- Experience with complex, regulated systems;
- Cross-functional collaboration across technical, clinical and business teams.

TECHNICAL SKILLS & TOOLS

- **Research tools:** Miro, Dovetail, Figma;
- **General tools:** Google Workspace, Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint), Adobe Photoshop;
- QA testing experience with SQL (with Oracle and Postgres databases);
- Strong organisational skills with an evidence-based approach.

COMMUNICATION

- Excellent interpersonal communication and active listening;
- Strong writing skills (English and Portuguese);
- Problem-solving mindset with critical thinking;
- Collaboration, teamwork, and strong work ethics.