

Hello YNAB,

I am Arun Jacob, UX/Product Designer, from India. I saw the job description and it seems I can be the Humbly Confident UI/UX Designer you are looking for. At present, I am working as Experience Designer at Adobe.

I went through the requirements – I have the experience you are looking for (around 8 years) in product design, I have worked closely with the product teams at software companies like Microsoft, Adobe etc and also been a part of designing complex and data-rich applications, like real-time drilling data management apps for Petrolink, cockpit manual and management for Boeing, Rebalancing application for Redblack etc.

I was looking to join a remote team, with cool people and culture and I felt YNAB to be like that from your ‘about page’. Previously I was working with Petrolink, at EST timezone (mostly around 9 am – 4 pm est ) with my colleagues in Houston, and find it to be more productive and I can indulge in a more social and active life in the daytime here. I love painting and have high hopes for me becoming a renowned artist when I grow old :) (see my artworks – <http://arunstudio.com/art>) and also practices music and plays basketball every day. I like your ‘cultural manifesto’ – seems like I can be part of a great team with YNAB.

I had the opportunity to work on various platforms – the web, mobile, desktop, Xbox etc and diverse domains. Throughout my career, I have learned a lot and I am not afraid to fail, but to fail fast and learn from the failures. I have experience working with lean and agile methodologies (yes, waterfalls are for rivers) and adapt well in diverse circumstances.

From all my experience, working for different people and different companies around the world, I also learned and have the same perspective when it comes to Product design – **approach design as holistic problem solving for both user and business goals.**

I did a talk on 'Design for the users', in-house here in Adobe, and the end note of the presentation was – 'Design with the users in your mind and not the Head of the Design'. Everybody will have their own perspective or reviews when you show a UI design to them, but the actual review that matters is the one who uses it.

As a designer, I never let my ego take design decisions. Always keeps away the ego when I design and present the design to anyone. I believe that ‘good designs and solutions’ become ‘great designs and solutions’ with collaboration and teamwork. I am a sportsman and always understand the importance of teamwork and application of individual skills towards achieving the goals.

You can know more about my works and my approach at <http://arunstudio.com>

Regards to all there at YNAB. Please say 'Hi' to Todd, Alan, Dylan and Lauren, hope everything goes well and to work together as a team.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Thanks and Regards

Arun Jacob