BARBARA DENNEY

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STAFF UX DESIGNER | DESIGN SYSTEMS SPECIALIST | ACCESSIBILITY ADVOCATE

Design Systems Specialist with 5+ years building enterprise-scale component libraries and driving system adoption across government agencies. Supported multiple design system migrations (Sketch to Figma, React to Web Components, 3 Design Systems to 1) and established design systems from inception at Medicare. Expert in creating scalable, accessible components, documentation standards, and governance processes that enable teams to ship consistent user experiences at scale.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Staff UX Designer – VA Design Systems | *Department of Veteran Affairs, Remote* | 2022 – Present
• Supported design team migration from Sketch to Figma and React to Web Components migration
• Built and maintained VADS Figma component library with accessibility compliance
• Authored documentation and component guidance for enterprise-scale design system

Senior Designer – CMS Design System | *Centers for Medicare & Medicaid, Remote* | 2021 – 2022
• Facilitated migration from Medicare Design System to unified CMS Design System
• Developed themeable architecture supporting multiple brand identities

UX Designer – Medicare.gov | *Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Remote* | 2018 – 2021
• Helped established Medicare Design System from inception
• Conducted comprehensive component audits and founded cross-functional tiger team
• Implemented design system components that accelerated development timelines

Freelance UX Designer | *Self-Employed, Remote* | 2016 – 2018
• Designed wireframes, high-fidelity mockups, icons, illustrations, and specifications for complex applications
• Crafted rapid prototypes that created a bridge between design and development resulting in quicker development times

Previous Roles | 2005 – 2016
• Web Designer – CDC: Designed and developed data centric dashboards that focused on usability and accessibility
• UX Designer – Innoppl & BetterCloud: Created enterprise SAS applications and a variety of apps and websites for companies
• UX Analyst – Booz Allen Hamilton: Migrated desktop applications to cloud based website and performed usability testing
• Graphic Designer/Web Developer - M5 Systems: Created mobile apps for games and Fortune 500 companies
• SharePoint Administrator - ITT Systems: Managed multiple sharepoint sites for large facility with transient customer base
• Multimedia Designer - Global Services: Created Computer Based Training (CBT) for military equipment

Military Veteran - Network Administrator | U.S. Army | 2001 - 2005
• Provided phones and internet to soldiers deployed to remote locations in Iraq and Afghanistan
• Rose through the ranks quickly to Sergeant in 3 years

EDUCATION, CERTIFICATIONS, SKILLS

Bachelor of Science – Computer Software Engineering | *Western Governors University* | 2019 – 2021
Associate of Science – Web Design & Digital Media | *Baker College* | 2003 – 2006

Certifications
• Advanced UX & Interaction Design Certification – Nielsen Norman Group
• Project+ – CompTIA
• Certified Internet Webmaster (CIW) Web Developer – Certification Partners
• ITIL Foundation – AXELOS Global Best Practice

Design Systems: Scalable Component Libraries, Design Tokens, Figma, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Git
UX/Accessibility: WCAG 2.1, Section 508, Usability Testing, Documentation, Guidance
Agile/Leadership: Agile, Stakeholder Management, Design Ops, Workshop Facilitation