

BARBARA DENNEY

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STAFF UX DESIGNER | DESIGN SYSTEMS SPECIALIST | ACCESSIBILITY ADVOCATE

Design Systems specialist with 5+ years of experience 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, and governance processes that enable teams to ship consistent user experiences.

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 the Medicare Design System to the unified CMS Design System
- Developed themeable architecture supporting multiple brand identities

UX Designer – Medicare.gov | *Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Remote* | 2018 – 2021

- Promoted adoption and governance processes for the Medicare Design System from inception
- Conducted comprehensive component audits and founded a cross-functional tiger team
- Created design system components, organized design system sprints, and created guidelines to promote adoption

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 apps to cloud-based apps, focusing on user-centered designs
- Graphic Designer/Web Developer – M5 Systems: Created mobile app games for Fortune 500 companies
- SharePoint Administrator – ITT Systems: Managed multiple SharePoint sites for a large facility with a 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 phone and internet support to soldiers deployed to remote locations in Iraq and Afghanistan
- Promoted 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