DENNIS BEST

UI DESIGNER /
SENIOR FRONTEND DEVELOPER

ABOUT

I live in San Francisco where I design and code for fun and profit. On weekends, you'll find me beachcombing with my family, watching a classic film, reading philosophy and humor, or on a motorcycle/camping adventure.

EXPERTISE

- Design Systems
- Responsive UI
- CSS Grid and Flexbox
- Sass, Less, Tailwind, BEM
- Ruby on Rails, RSpec, Cucumber
- React, ES6, Styled Components, Storybook, Jest
- Adobe Suite, Figma, Sketch, Keynote
- Git, Heroku, Jira, CircleCI, PagerDuty, Localization
- Certified Scrum Master

EDUCATION

Missouri State University, Philosophy

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WORK EXPERIENCE

SENIOR UI DEVELOPER / DESIGNER

AMI, DEC 2017 - PRESENT

- Implemented and maintained a Design System
- Designed public-facing dashboard and storefront
- Designed, built and documented responsive JS/CSS components for use on web and mobile apps
- Collaborated with product management, design, and other engineers to release end-to-end features starting with Figma prototypes
- Conducted visual regression tests with BackstopJS and BrowserStack
- Wrote accessible, WCAG-compliant markup
- Handled regular on-call rotation

SENIOR SOFTWARE DEVELOPER

RADIUS INTELLIGENCE, MAY 2017 - DEC 2017

- Built components using Angular, CSS, and Javascript
- Developed new features from wireframes and InVision mocks
- Maintained frontend architecture with npm, Gulp, Webpack, Autoprefixer, PostCSS, and other libraries

SOFTWARE DEVELOPER

WORKDAY, FEB 2014 - MAY 2017

- Created custom JS/CSS components for the Data Science team
- Built data visualizations using D3.js and Chart.js
- Constructed developer tools and prototypes

FULL-STACK ENGINEER / DESIGNER

IDENTIFIED, FEB 2012 - MAY 2014

- Redesigned responsive web app
- Crafted bulletproof SendGrid and Mailchimp templates
- Iterated on Ruby on Rails and JS features in a test-driven, pair-programming culture

DESIGNER

CONTRACT, FEB 2008 - FEB 2012

- Created print layouts, animations, album covers, and websites for ad agencies, record labels, and other clients
- Built websites and CMSs (Drupal, WordPress, custom)

ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

THE PROGRESSIVE MAGAZINE, FEB 2004 - MAY 2008

- Converted a large static website to a feature-rich CMS
- Assisted with the editorial, business, and fundraising operations of a national magazine

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6,300+
GITHUB COMMITS SINCE 2018

3,500+
STACKOVERFLOW REPUTATION (TOP 21%)

12
YEARS OF CODING EXPERIENCE

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REFERENCES

AMAL AZIZ CEO AND FOUNDER, AMI

I've had the pleasure of working with Dennis for more than a decade now, and I can say that hands down he is the most talented front-end developer & architect I've ever had the pleasure working with.

When my cofounder Phil and I started AMI, I knew that one day I would ask Dennis to join. He is one of those engineers who you can share an idea, a few bullet points, or a simple wireframe and he will simply run with it and make the feature even better than spec'd thanks to Dennis' incredible UX/UI expertise. He is always on top of the latest trends with front-end technologies and design systems and is pushing the envelope of how our product team adopts new patterns.

PHIL MONROE CTO, AMI

Dennis is the kind of person that can truly make a design or an idea come alive. We hired Dennis to help us grow AMI based on our experience working with him at a previous startup, Identified. As a continual learner of UX and design system patterns, he goes above and beyond to make a product's design consistent, usable (for developers and end-users), accessible, and beautiful. I've loved collaborating over the years due to his kindness, humor, and willingness to help with anything. Dennis is easily the kind of person you want on your team if you want your app to stand out.

PRISCILLA LEUNG HEAD OF DESIGN & CREATIVE, AMI

Dennis is the only person in my 10+ years as a designer whom I've fully trusted to implement my designs. Instead of a mere baton pass from design to engineering, he makes this process collaborative, dynamic, and educational for everyone involved. His previous experiences in graphic design, print, and writing make him so much more than a software developer; he's right in the trenches with me, coming up with creative solutions, as we tackle visual design, frontend, and UX challenges. If there's something he doesn't know, he uses it as a chance to learn something new and read up on a topic until he finds the best solution. I'd work with Dennis again in any capacity in a heartbeat.

ADEYEMI AJAO MANAGING PARTNER, BASE10 PARTNERS

Dennis is a great designer, engineer and team member. Creative, hard-working and always willing to go the extra mile. Any team is lucky to have him. (He is also incredibly funny.)