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Recent Experience

Product Design Consultant
Current
Oct 2018
Thoughtbot
Led customer engagements from initial concept to full implementation of web and mobile applications. Facilitated design sprints with clients. Counseled customers on process improvement techniques centered around lightweight, Agile methodologies. Mentored designers within thoughtbot and on client teams. Collaborated with customers such as GE, Alyce, CypherBio, ViralGains, and SplitFit.

UX Lead
Oct 2018
Feb 2017
Mobile Heartbeat
Responsible for driving & evangelizing all design efforts for a clinical communication company present in over 92 hospitals with over 79,000 active users. Regularly shadowed clinicians, ran focus groups, user testing sessions, & design symposiums with users. Established a design culture & managed a team of two designers.

Senior Design Consultant
Feb 2017
Sep 2016
Pegasystems
Led the UI design & development of product implementations with client teams. Included an initiative at DLL Group, a 5,500 member global vendor finance company, to develop a design system across the company.

UX Designer
Sep 2016
Jul 2013
HMH Labs
Original member of Schoolchapters, an e-portfolio startup, until successful acquisition by HMH in 2014. Responsible for UX design and front-end development of the HMH Marketplace, an online marketplace for educators. Users included Google, Microsoft, and Highlights Magazine.

Freelance Web Designer
Feb 2017
Nov 2011
Jeff Stolz Design
Designed mobile and web applications for clients including People's Medical, CONNSACS, SilverBull, Boston Beer Works, The Melting Pot, and Southport Brewing Company.

Summary

I thrive in small, collaborative, multi-disciplinary teams that foster transparency and continuous improvement. I value strong opinions, loosely held. I believe in the value of designers writing frontend code alongside developers. While I have experience with a variety of roles, I especially enjoy the unique challenges of product design.

Design

Preferred Tools
Figma, Sketch, Zeplin, InVision, Usertesting.com.

Methods
Jobs-To-Be-Done, Atomic Design Systems, GV Design Sprints, Lean UX Canvas, HEART, Card Sorting, frequent / informal user testing.

Development

Preferred Tools
Ruby on Rails, React, React Native, Elm, Visual Studio Code, Github.

Methods
BEM, ITCSS, Styled Components, A11Y Project, pair programming, shipping fast / shipping often.

Product

Preferred Tools
Slack, Trello, Google Docs, 15Five, JIRA, Confluence.

Methods
Continuous improvement, Scrum, MVPs, design /dev integrated sprints, no story pointing.

Education

Virginia Tech - Bachelor of Architecture - 2010
Firehose Coding Bootcamp - 2015