

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, Dragon Innovation, 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 strongly believe in the value of designers writing frontend code alongside developers. While I have experience with a variety of roles, I especially enjoy the energy and unique challenges of startups and small companies.

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

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

Methods

Styled Components, BEM, ITCSS, 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