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Melissa Vaezi

SUMMARY

Graduate UX/UI designer with a passion for intuitive, people-centred digital products. I was interested to pursue this career as it combines creativity with logic, involves problem solving, research and technical skills, all of which I enjoy. I am also passionate about human rights and see UX/UI as a way to make technology work for people, not the other way around. I bring to UX/UI roles the rigor of academic study from my University qualifications in History, French, Maths and Education. I am curious by nature and always keen to research new topics to better understand the world. I also bring strong abilities in leadership, teamwork and human relations that I've gained through community volunteer work in several countries. And, finally, the maturity and emotional self-awareness that comes with parenthood.

Trained through a UX/UI bootcamp with the University of Adelaide that provided theoretical knowledge and practical experience in the entire UX/UI process from user research to ideation, definition, information architecture, prototyping and testing, producing assets such as user personas, user journey maps, storyboards, user flows, wireframes and high-fidelity prototypes. Thorough experience with tools such as Adobe XD and Figma and competency with front-end development languages and tools, used to code our portfolio websites.

SKILLS

Adobe XD, Figma, Invision, Miro for online workshops and card sorting, Google Suite, Microsoft Office Suite, HTML, CSS (flexbox, CSS Grids), JS, jQuery, Bootstrap.

EDUCATION

The University of Adelaide, Australia — *Digital Design Bootcamp*

OCT 2020 - MAR 2021, Adelaide

A practical and interactive on-line (via Zoom) course covering user-centric design research, design thinking, visual prototyping and wireframing, interface design, storyboarding, visual design theory, web prototyping with HTML5 and CSS, interaction design with JavaScript and jQuery.

Completed the following projects:

- Designing a travel app (solo project)
- Designing an app for electricians (group project)

- [Redesigning the website for the Australian Space Agency (solo project)](#)
- [Redesigning the website for a Not-for-Profit organization, Trees for Life (group project)](#)

The University of Western Australia, Australia — *Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Education combined degree*

JAN 2005 - DEC 2009, Perth

Arts degree majored in French, but also included Maths, History and Psychology. Education degree specialized in High School Education in Maths and English as an Additional Language. GPA 6.577

Institut d'études politiques de Paris (Sciences-Po), France — *Semester Abroad*

JAN 2005 - DEC 2009, Paris

Completed units on the political life of the European Union, UN Peacekeeping, Deciphering the Media and French language. Also completed 7 months as an English language assistant teacher while I was in France.

EXPERIENCE

Parent and Homemaker

APR 2013 - Present

Junior Youth Empowerment Programme, Bosnia and Herzegovina — *Volunteer*

JAN 2012 - OCT 2014

- Recruiting youth volunteers in the community
- Conducting junior youth groups and associated service projects
- Working as a team with other volunteers

Baha'i World Centre, Israel — *Mail Analysis Team Leader*

JAN 2010 - DEC 2011

- Running team reflection and planning meetings
- Training new staff
- Controlling quality of the work
- Liaising with IT department regarding digitization of work processes

AWARDS

2006   Lisette Nigot Prize in French

2006   Zoe Boyer Memorial Prize in French

2005   Bertha Elvina Shillington Prize in History

2005   Christine Morrow Memorial Prize in Cultural Studies