1.1: Getting Started with Your Frontend Course

1. <u>About me</u>

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2. <u>Projects</u>

VoCa
VoCa is designed to support people, eager to learn new vocabulary while they are on the go, making the most of their time spent commuting to school, university or work. The newly learned vocabulary will support their private and professional goals, by giving them the confidence to articulate and write in the best way possible.

CampAide
With CampAide, users will be able to rent their camper via a safe and trustful platform which will offer support for complete newbies to find their favorite camper but also give power search features for advanced users.

3. <u>About me – long</u>

I first got aware that something like UX Design exists by the end of 2018. What followed was a lot of recherche work and a membership at the Interaction Design Foundation. There I got my feet wet with the first glimpses into the field by doing courses with sonorous titles like: Become a UX Designer from Scratch, User Experience: The Beginner's Guide or Information Visualization. While doing some of the semi guided course exercises and more research, I quickly realized that I will need a guiding thread in order not to get overwhelmed by the sheer amount of subject-specific information available online. This was the time I found Careerfoundry's offer, which convinced me to change career with their certified, guided immersion course into UX Design.

What inspires me about UX Design?
At first it is the huge bandwidth of possible development opportunities. I realized that this field of employment will hardly ever get boring. Although I liked all the steps involved of the design process, I found my personal qualities to be used the best in the phases of research, ideation and prototyping. Mostly I enjoy the possibility to generate fresh ideas tackling real human problems bearing in mind a user-centered design approach. Besides that, I love the fact that I get the feeling that I can contribute to making life easier to others by thinking into the many tiny details that make a great experience.

What makes a good UX Designer?

Besides of having a swiss army knife of knowledge, in up to date tools like Adobe XD & CC, Sketch and Figma, a good UX Designer always has to keep in mind that besides these, it is primarily personal skills that represent a good UX Designer. In my opinion, both, the toolsets and the personal skills require the commitment for lifelong learning. Although the personal skills, like being capable of analyzing, systemic thinking, persistence, endurance, showing a lot of empathy and the ability to almost embrace constructive criticism, somewhat represent timeless principles and frameworks which, though have to be developed neatly to make the job. I welcome the offer, UX Design has to give because it ensures that one thing will not happen to me: I WILL NOT GET BORED OF IT ☺

What I wish to come true for my future as a professional UX Designer?

When thinking of my future as a UX Designer I wish it to be a place which offers a welcoming space for the input of new and creative approaches, having a positive impact on the people I'm working with and for. I will have found the right place for me, if the people I'm working with, share the mindset of quality and to put the user in the center of development.

4. Tools

The tools I use the most are Balsamiq and XD. In order to get my jobs done I'm also using Photoshop and InDesign. For project elaboration and partly for documenting I use Miro. For planning, tracking and team collaboration I utilize Jira.