

Ruslan Komjakov

Available immediately for contract/freelance work.

A digital creative, design / web technology blade runner with over 14 years of experience in producing Tol. Passionate about thoughtfully designed digital products and projects that popularize science.

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Skills

Product Design • Creative Direction • Visual Design • UI Design • UX Design • Interaction Design • Front-end Development • HTML • CSS • JavaScript • PHP • Git • Gulp • npm

Experience

Product Designer – Wings & Roots [02/2015–08/2016]

- Redesigned, developed, and deployed educational website [Reimagine Belonging](#)
- Redesigned UI/UX, refined Information Architecture
- Led the development of front and back ends (AngularJS, REST API, WordPress)
- Designed visual identity and public installations
- Implemented and maintained project repositories and documentation
- Improved team workflow by implementing Kanban method and introducing tools like Git, Trello, and Slack
- Co-presented the project at GoogleTalks, YouTube, Humanity In Action, and DOK Leipzig Film Festival

Freelance UI/UX Designer, Front-end Developer – Fine Digital [02/2013–11/2014]

- Designed, developed and deployed WordPress-based websites for various clients
- Designed microsite for UPC (Switzerland's largest cable company) customer satisfaction campaign
- Designed, prototyped, and developed LDC Hotels Group [global website](#)
- Implemented modern WordPress development stack (Git, Bower, Composer, Gulp, Capistrano)

Contract Digital Art Director – Future Industries [05/2012–03/2013]

- Developed visual identity for *Flykk*—a location-based gaming app
- Designed UI for MVP
- Designed promotional website for the app
- Designed visual assets for in-app games (icons, banners, etc)
- Presented the project at Collision tech conference in Las Vegas in 2015

Contract Lead Visual Designer – Versio2 [01/2011–11/2011]

- Designed and art directed websites and landing pages for clients
- Worked closely with UX Designer to develop digital concepts and prototypes
- Worked closely with front-end engineers to ensure quality of end products
- Directed and mentored junior designers

Creative Director, Co-Founder – MediaWorks [05/2006–01/2010]

- Delivered—from concept to production—interactive microsites, business and e-commerce websites
- Designed and directed advertising and digital marketing campaigns
- Designed corporate identities and print materials
- Directed freelance designers, illustrators, and copywriters
- Managed project accounts
- Co-developed concept and co-produced a social platform *Vaatamind*

Head of Product – Skyplex Int. [10/2007–05/2009]

- Co-developed concept of a collaborative blogging platform *Alufug*
- Developed product vision and strategy
- Led cross-functional team of developers and content producers
- Conducted market research

Graphic and Web Designer – Custom Media Agency [03/2005–05/2006]

- Designed websites and web application for Estonia's largest digital agency
- Worked closely with back-end engineers designing UI for Content Management Systems and intranets
- Designed corporate identities, advertising campaigns, and print materials
- Produced interactive Flash animations (ActionScript 2.0)
- Designed the Estonian Academy Of Arts website

Projects

Reimagine Belonging

Product Designer, Full-stack Developer

A non-profit educational project and a web-based tool for discussion about the history of human migration, citizenship & identity, Reimagine Belonging successfully combines great artistic vision, rich media content, modern technology, and a social initiative. The website contains over 400 videos and hundreds of historical events. The project was presented at Google and YouTube Headquarters and featured in exhibitions at Parsons School of Design and DOK Leipzig Film Festival.

[Website](#) | [View project](#) | [GitHub](#)

Discovering Pluto

Project Lead, Creative Director

A tribute to the historical NASA's New Horizons mission, Discovering Pluto is an open source interactive timeline, that tells a story of the discovery of Pluto—a dwarf planet on the edge of the Solar System. The goal of the project is to popularize scientific knowledge and to inspire further space exploration.

[View project](#) | [GitHub](#)

LDC Hotels Group website

UI/UX Designer, Front-end Developer

The LDC Hotels Group website provides information and booking options for company's eight luxury hotels, located in Italy and Thailand. The goal of the project was to design unifying user experience and interface by incorporating information from individual hotels' websites under one roof. The website is distinguished by high-quality images, nice typography, and flexible layouts, that support different languages (i.e. Chinese and Russian).

[Website](#)

Big Universe (Большая Вселенная)

Co-founder, Creative Lead

An online astronomy news site, Big Universe is one of the largest Russian language online resource about astronomy. The website's content was praised by many students and teachers, it was thanked by NASA's astronaut Ron Garan in his [twitter](#), and cited by Wikipedia. The website continues to publish astronomy related articles regularly.

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Keywords

Adobe Illustrator, Adobe InDesign, Adobe Photoshop, AngularJS, Art Direction, Atomic, BEM, Bootstrap, Bower, Capistrano, Composer, Concept Design, Continual Improvement, Corporate Identity, Creative Direction, Critical-thinking, Cross-functional Leadership, CSS, Distributed Teams, Front-end Development, Git, GSAP, Gulp, HTML, Information Architecture, Interaction Design, JavaScript, Less, npm, PHP, Print Design, Problem-solving, Product Design, Prototype/Prototyping, Public Speaking, Pug (Jade), Sass, Sketch, Stylus, User Experience Design, User Interface Design, UXPin, Visual Design, Webpack, Wireframes, WordPress