

Ryan James

Interface designer, front-end engineer, graphic designer, and brand strategist in Seattle.

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Objectives / Curriculum Vitae

Whether designing intuitive user experiences, building comprehensive design systems, diving deep into the code, defining the archetypes of a brand, or bringing other artists' visions to life, Ryan James brings a thoughtful, joyful, adaptable approach to every project.

Known for his versatility and curiosity, he has worked with small agile teams and large structured organizations, seamlessly adapting to different challenges. With experience in leadership roles, Ryan combines strategic thinking with hands-on execution, ensuring that the projects he's involved with are both innovative and effective.

Professional Experience

Betteromics, Inc., San Francisco, CA

November 2021–December 2024

Product Designer and Developer

At my job with Betteromics, I built a design system for highly complex, information-dense UIs in the data science space. A crucial part of my work was to gain enough domain expertise to translate the needs of scientists and lab technicians into applications that significantly improve their workflows. In 2024 much of the company's focus turned towards AI/ML, and I spent much of that year designing and developing web tools that leveraged these new technologies.

Independent Contractor

February 2015–Current

Designer and Developer

I love to work on projects that allow me to think through design and engineering from a strategic and holistic perspective. Partial client list: Microsoft, Disney, Johnson & Johnson, MOZ, Imperial College London, Telus Corporation, Target, Bombardier, FontAwesome, Maverick Records, Sufjan Stevens/Asthmatic Kitty, Prota Studios, Bumbershoot Arts and Music Festival, Betteromics, GRAIL, Amazon, Sanctus Audio, Figma.io, Motherly

Domain7, Seattle, WA

November 2010–February 2015

Design Team Lead

Primary responsibilities at this growing web agency included interface design, graphic design, front-end development, and technical oversight for a small team handling complex, large scale projects, as well as working with and leading other designers in Domain7's Vancouver, Abbotsford and Seattle offices.

Independent Contractor

August 2006–November 2010

Web Designer and Developer

Worked in various areas of design and development. Clientele was extremely varied, from doing design concepts for Five Guys Burgers and Fries to design and development for churches and non-profit organizations to doing CMS implementation and development for CareFirst.

RELEVANT Magazine

January 2005–April 2006

Senior Web Designer

I was in charge of redesigning relevantmagazine.com and provided all of the front-end development for this year-long redesign project.

Strengths

Web development
Interface design
Graphic design
Information architecture

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