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Product Designer with 10+ years of experience. My passion is to elevate and strengthen the relationship between design and frontend teams to improve the user experience of digital products with a business-oriented mindset.

EDUCATION / CERTIFICATIONS

2020 | General Assembly Frontend Development

2015 | Mt. San Jacinto JC

AA in Communications

EXPERIENCE

Adaptify Design | CEO & Designer

Jan 2023 - Present

By combining innovative design and marketing principles, my mission is to elevate businesses and guide them toward sustainable growth and success. It's all about harmoniously blending strategic marketing expertise with eye-catching design sensibilities to ensure our client's brands shine brightly in today's competitive landscape.

Rehab Media Network | Sr. UX/UI/CRO Designer

Feb 2022 - Nov 2022

As lead designer for the addictions.com flagship site, my focus was on optimizing call conversions and improving the user experience in searching for alcohol/drug rehab centers in the U.S. Through meticulous multi-variation testing using VWO and advanced analytics tools like Google Analytics, Hotjar, and Heap, I aimed to identify areas for improvement. By formulating data-driven strategies, we intended to enhance user engagement metrics like time on page, user flows, and call-to-action effectiveness. Collaborating closely with front-end developers, I implemented mobile scaling parameters following SCSS Standards for better device legibility. Additionally, I established logical color and typography systems to ensure consistency across current and future web properties.

Internet Brands | Sr. UI Design Engineer

Nov 2018 - Feb 2022

In collaboration with cross-functional teams, including Product, Frontend, Backend, and Project Managers, I played a key role in overhauling our Web Builder. To ensure a dynamic and efficient design system, I crafted development-focused specifications, encompassing variables, flex properties, margins, and paddings. Serving as the lead designer, I provided expert guidance to design teams, facilitating well-structured wireframes for modules with multi-layout options, component spatial awareness, hierarchies, and seamless integration with frontend technologies. I developed comprehensive instructions for module settings, layout options, and component scalability, enabling flexible configurations and streamlined user experiences. Clear wireframes, development specs, and design standards elevated our platform's performance and usability.

American Addiction Centers | Content Production Manager to CRO Designer Feb 2017 - Nov 2018

CRO Designer - I led multi-variation tests to optimize web ads and navigational components using Optimizely. My aim was to boost call conversions, click-through rates, form submissions, and overall traffic performance. Understanding user behaviors, addiction, and its impact on individuals and families, I conducted thorough UX audits, focusing on information architecture, traffic patterns, content value, navigational efficiency, and user flows. Armed with these insights, I crafted UX avenues to drive conversions and presented low/high fidelity concepts to achieve departmental goals. These tests achieved impressive results, with lifts ranging from 5% to 25% in call generation involving thousands of calls per month, potentially amounting to significant annual earnings. Continuous optimization aimed to positively impact recovery support seekers.

See next page for continued work history at American Addictions Centers...

TOOLS

Figma Sketch Adobe CC Google Analytics Optimizely / VWO Asana / Jira Confluence Heap

SKILLS

CRO Design Information Architect Journey Mapping Prototyping Wireframing A/B Testing Brand Identity Agile / Lean UX Video Production

DEV / TECH

ChatGPT HTML / SCSS / CSS JavaScript Github / NPM / Bash

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

2023 | TEDX MJSC

Exploring the origins and evolution of design, as it shapes the future of our behaviors and expectations

2018 | San Diego JS

San Diego's JavaScript Meetup (100+ developers) at Zeeto. Demonstrating the process of designing handoffs with dev specific requirements with InVision.

Content Page Production Manager - I managed a team of production artists and ensured that their tasks were properly allocated and completed each week in order to meet monthly quotas. I composed technical documentation with guidelines and procedures for multiple web properties to ensure that articles and blog posts properly rendered images, short-codes, code snippets, and responsive styles. I was also responsible for managing assets such as branding components, stock photos, and their licensing/restrictions.

DecisionLogic | UX/UI Designer | 2 Month Contract

Jul 2018 - Aug 2018

I designed a responsive web widget that allows users to search and connect with a bank of their choice on behalf of a lender in order to determine eligibility for a mortgage or loan. I defined user flows and created a friendly language along with key visuals to support a comprehensive Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) process. This project included the design of low/high fidelity prototypes specifically with development specifications and guidelines. I also design a variety of MFA screens such as SMS, secret answer verification and error messages to support a wide range of possible outcomes.

Northeastern Anesthesia PhysiciansNortheastern | UX/UI Designer | 2 Month Contract

Nov 2017 - Dec 2017

I designed a fully responsive website / payment process by using google's material design as the primary design system. I established a grid layout and frontend parameters by working closely with the lead developer. I created low/high fidelity prototypes to support development specifications for validation and error messaging

Evaero Digital Marketing | Multimedia Designer & Jr Frontend Developer

Apr 2014 - Feb 2016

I designed staff pages, responsive galleries, and impactful landing pages dedicated to mental health and addiction treatment. Additionally, I made significant enhancements by fine-tuning contact forms, sliders, and galleries. My expertise extended to crafting branded emails through platforms like MailChimp and Constant Contact. In a leadership role, I conducted design briefings, effectively guiding the team, and collaborated closely with senior developers by providing detailed specifications and wireframes. My hands-on involvement extended to supporting senior developers in crafting HTML/SASS pages, as well as applying unique styles to WordPress blogs and press releases across our web properties.

Christrio | Multimedia Specialist

Aug 2013 - Apr 2014

I redesigned the company's branding, website, and online catalog to fit industry expectations. I designed weekly ads for NailPro magazine and Scratch magazine from United Kingdom. Created ads to emphasize a product's features or uniqueness by formulating concepts that conveyed simplicity, modernism, and luxury.

Trinnovations | Web Designer / QA Web Tester

Feb 2010 - Jan 2013

I partnered closely with web developers to shape the functionality and visual aesthetics of our websites, while also taking charge of designing intuitive UIs for CMS functionality. A key highlight was my role in crafting comprehensive technical documentation for regression testing. This meticulous process involved thorough examinations to uncover any glitches in functionality, UX, security, browser compatibility, and user authentication.

Intouch Sales | Sales to GUI Designer

May 2008 - Feb 2010

By analyzing call times and dialer delays, I identified opportunities to optimize the dialer software, leading to potential revenue growth. I improved the dialer interface to enhance user experience and operational efficiency, resulting in improved lead recovery and a notable rise in daily calls per representative. Consistently surpassing quotas, I achieved success through well-timed and assertive phone conversations on multiple occasions.