PERSONAL DETAILS

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CAPABILITIES

User-Centric & Cross-Platform Digital Product Design

- Modernising, researching and designing future product generations as a seasoned user experience (UX) designer, user interface (UI)
 designer, interaction designer and product designer with over two decades of dedicated visual design experience.
- Collaborating with product owners (POs), business analysts (BAs) and cross-functional development teams to shape customer needs through design excellence to influence stakeholders with data informed UX design.
- Creating clear, elegant, data-driven and user-centric experiences for customer delight, including interactive prototypes to test and validate design concepts before implementation.
- Contributing to product and content design strategy with UX/UI design expertise for new or existing design systems, component libraries and style guides.
- Fully engaged with Agile development environments including writing meaningful user stories that resonate with users' needs.
- Conducting extensive user research and presenting new findings to influence design decisions.

Visual Communication & UX Principles

- Crafting exceptional user experiences through intuitive, customer-facing user interfaces with pixel-perfect attention to detail.
- Demonstrating full-stack, cross-platform and native apps design experience encompassing discovery, design, building and delivering exceptional products that adhere to modern accessibility standards.
- Translating organisational objectives and understanding user needs into sophisticated digital experiences and interactions.
- Applying hands-on experience with various UX methods such as empathy mapping, user flows and customer journey mapping.
- Employing design expertise using Figma, Sketch, Adobe Creative Suite and other industry-standard software to create storyboards, mockups, wireframes, prototypes and high-fidelity designs.

Facilitation, Research & Usability Testing

- Leading broad UX design initiatives internally across the organisation with excellent analytical skills.
- Conducting user research, moderating usability testing and conducting interviews to optimise testing protocols and feedback.
- Utilises collaboration skills with cross-functional teams to support continuous integration/continuous deployment.
- Performing usability testing to iterate designs and produce qualitative research data to inform data-driven designs.
- Collaborating with external agencies for branding and UI enhancements.

Presentation, Communication & Leadership

- Demonstrates strong project leadership skills and team management with the ability to offer mentorship to more junior team members.
- Conducting in-depth analysis of user feedback and analytical data.
- Able to articulate UX/UI design decisions and UX strategy to team members and stakeholders with excellent presentation skills.
- Leveraging insights to validate and substantiate the translation of design concepts into responsive web layouts.
- Gathering and interpreting project requirements, aligning designs with business objectives and user demands.
- Maintaining a commitment to stay abreast of design trends, WCAG 2.1 accessibility standards, technologies and SEO requirements to deliver superior user experiences.

Personal

- Able to work independently and as part of a multi-disciplinary team with an organised, meticulous and disciplined mind.
- Understanding and sharing user feelings to create designs that resonate with their needs and preferences.
- Remaining flexible and adaptable to change while incorporating new information and insights into the design process.
- Approaching design challenges as opportunities to find innovative and creative solutions through strong problem-solving and critical thinking.

KEY DESIGN TOOLS & DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORKS KNOWLEDGE

- Design: Adobe Creative Suite, Figma/FigJam, Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, Sketch, Zeplin, Design Systems
- Prototyping: Figma, InVision, Adobe XD, Axure RP, Balsamiq, Marvel, ProtoPie
- Front End Development Knowledge: Adobe AEM, CSS, Git, HTML, JavaScript, jQuery, Material Design (MUI), NPM, React, Swift
- Other: HotJar, Atlassian Jira/Confluence, Lucid Chart, DoveTail, Microsoft Office including PowerPoint (Keynote for Mac), SharePoint, Slack, Teams, Zoom, Miro, MacOS, iOS, Android

DESIGN CAREER HISTORY

08/2023 - Present Sequoia Studios Ltd, Freelance Designer and Photographer, Various Clients and Projects Working with various local and international clients including IHG Group, Next, Adaptsys and PhotoWeb USA on a variety of design and photography projects.

10/2022 - 08/2023

Lead UX Consultant, Sidero Ltd (Various Projects), Athlone, Ireland

Sidero is home to Ireland's premier team of software experts. Reporting to Chief Operations Officer, responsibilities included producing foundations of a scalable design system using the atomic design methodology for Peptalk for their staff wellbeing app.

Major Achievements:

- Enabled the client to design mobile-responsive pages at pace and accelerated content delivery to users by producing robust, customisable and scalable Figma components and building the foundations of a collaborative design system based on atomic design methodology.
- Improved app load times, increased user adoption, increased user engagement by 35% and offered better application accessibility for a wider audience by migrating from native iOS/Android apps to a responsive browserbased solution.
- Demonstrated quantitative usability improvements in the absence of access to real users with whom to conduct usability testing by applying extensive experience with web analytics to monitor user behaviour.
- Designed a more streamlined and usable interface for over 250.000 civil servants in Ireland by creating the initial mid-fidelity wireframes for a web-based public sector Pensions Calculator app following UK Government Design System (GDS) patterns.
- Empowered management to address skill gaps and facilitate staff up-skilling per customer needs by introducing a training matrix named Five Levels of Competency Mastery, from novice to expert, providing a structured path for skill enhancement in various software development areas.

09/2021 - 10/2022 User Experience Lead (UX/UI), Health Data Research UK, London, United Kingdom

Health Data Research UK (HDR UK) are the UK's national institute for health data science. Reporting to the Chief Technical Officer, responsibilities included executing a comprehensive and highly intricate Health Data Gateway platform migration from Sketch/Invision/Zeplin to Figma.

Major Achievements:

- Elevated the firm's Innovation Gateway design and component library to contemporary design standards, provided a scalable and precise design system centralised in Figma including user micro-interactions, and established an ultimate single source of truth by transitioning to the Figma platform.
- Addressed differences in component structure between Sketch and Figma by painstakingly re-engineering each item to lock the correct styles, fonts and colours correctly in Figma.
- Improved dataset accessibility and discoverability for target audiences by working closely with the cross-functional team to uncover potential pain points in their health technology stack.
- Discovered data flow improvement areas between database and user interface, presented and tested solutions in Figma prototypes which revamped search functionality within the Gateway.
- Identified numerous UI improvements including micro-interactions to considerably improve the user experience following an in-depth user interface (UI) and usability audit. A re-design followed with a detailed Figma prototype and a subsequent ratification via guerrilla user testing sessions.
- Improved internal team usability testing skills and enabled continuous service improvements by producing full usability testing strategy to be integrated into Agile sprints.
- Trained and enabled several staff members to conduct, analyse and implement UX/UI improvements from testing sessions within Agile sprint cycles without the assistance of a UX expert.
- Played an integral role in sprint activities by actively supporting scrum teams to reach sprint objectives.
- Presented sprint demos for UX/UI design and led daily scrum stand-ups, sprint demos and retrospectives when necessary.

05/2021 - 09/2021

Senior Experience Designer (UX/UI), Shell, London, United Kingdom

Shell International are a group of energy and petrochemical companies with 90,000+ employees globally. Reporting to Head of UX, collaborated with dedicated cross-functional team of developers, business & data analysts and traders to design a Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Data Insights Platform.

- Major Achievements:
- As Senior Experience Designer, met the demands of end users after interrogating research data into worldwide import/export supply and demand for LNG contributing to an internal platform which calculated and mapped the complex flow of for LNG globally.
- Ensured the platform's complex data sources produced the required complex charts, graphs and tabular data in an extremely accurate user interface.

- Developed a complex atomic design system in Figma and delivered improvements to tight and business critical deadlines while ensuring a quality product across multiple platforms.
- Completed a successful integration with the core system and maintained in-place design integrity while working with a design library that had been developed in isolation from the core Shell Design System.
- Adhered to a consistent version control system while documenting design decisions by ensuring all Figma library
 elements and components were fully annotated and updated.
- Participated in all sprint activities and assisted scrum teams in achieving sprint goals.

09/2020 - 05/2021	Global Lead UX, ViiV Healthcare (GlaxoSmithKline), Brentford, United Kingdom
03/2020 - 05/2020	Senior Product Designer (UX/UI), Marine Stewardship Council (MSC), London, United Kingdom
09/2017 - 02/2020	Lead Product Designer (UX/UI), Ericsson Telecoms (Digital Services Portal), Athlone, Ireland
04/2017 - 08/2017	Senior UI/UX Designer, British Car Auctions (Various Projects), Farnham, Surrey, UK
03/2017 - 04/2017	UX Consultant, Vodafone (Project Delivery Framework), Newbury, UK
02/2017 - 03/2017	UI Designer, Oracle (Dynamic Acceleration Adoption Platform), Reading, UK
10/2016 - 01/2017	Interaction Designer, Swinton Insurance (Tradesman Quote and Buy), Manchester, UK
08/2016 - 10/2016	UX Designer, Boots (Online Appointment Booking System), Nottingham, UK
01/2008 - 07/2016	Senior Designer, Allianz Intranet, Guildford, UK (over 8.5 years insurance industry experience)

Major achievements with Allianz and Allianz Corporate Partners

11/2015 – 07/2016 10/2015 – 02/2016	Lead Product Designer, Petplan Equine (Allianz Brand), Guildford, UK Senior UX/UI Designer, BMW (Allianz Corporate Partner), Guildford, UK
05/2015 – 11/2015	Lead UX/UI Designer, Premierline (Allianz Brand), Guildford, UK
05/2014 – 05/2015	Senior UX/UI Designer, Allianz eBroker, Guildford, UK
05/2012 – 04/2014	Lead Designer, Allianz Insurance, Guildford, UK
09/2011 – 05/2012	Senior Designer, Ford Insure (Allianz Corporate Partner), Guildford, UK

EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

Member, British Computer Society (BSC)

Member, User Experience Professionals Network, Figma Product Community, User Experience Design (UX) Group, Graphic Designer Lounge, UX Strategy: Smarter Product Design, Design Thinking Group, Agile UX Group, Interaction Design Association (IxDA) Group

Participant, Government Design System (GDS) User Research Panel

07/2001 – 06/2004 BA, Website Design, Production and Management, TAFE NSW, Sydney, Australia

Other courses attended include:

- Interaction Design Foundation: Accessibility: Designing for All, Design Thinking: The Ultimate Guide, Journey Mapping & Human Computer Interaction (HCI)
- LinkedIn Learning: Advanced Skills in AI and Machine Learning (ongoing), Generative AI (ongoing), Web3 Design and Security Essentials, Integrating Generative AI into the Creative Process
- Certifications: Scaled Agile Framework (SAFe) Practitioner, Business Coaching and Mentoring (ILM), Foundations in Project Management
- Other: Diploma in Corporate Photography