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Head of Design, Digital Waters

03/2025 - present

Digital Waters provides technology to **communities to protect local waterways** with **real-time** monitoring & **social interconnection**. My role is to **lead the design practice** to make our **WaterTech** intuitive & impactful for all users.

- I use AI Assisted Design tools to streamline, enhance, & collaborate on design work. I use Figma's AI & others.
- Lead design to ensure seamless experiences across our hardware, software, and data for actionable insights.
- Create clear, compelling UI and data visuals and storytelling to reveal patterns and inspire action.
- Collaborate with the founder on design and DesignTech towards growth and refinement of the organization.

Principal UX UI Product Designer, Usability Now Inc.

06/2024 - present

On contract when not working full-time. I keep up to date with current Design Tech & learning new capabilities. I provide design leadership, strategy and tactical delivery for clients on a project basis. More details on page 2.

Lead Product Designer, formsflow.ai (AOT Inc.)

11/2023 - 05/2024

Formsflow is a **B2B Enterprise SaaS** form data and workflow management platform. I delivered a **cohesive**, accessible **product experience** that elevated brand alignment, **optimized** user **workflows**, & **accelerated** go-to-market **success**. With **Design Practice leadership** I drove **usability**, **efficiency**, and **market readiness**. Remote: Toronto, BC, India.

- Responsible for concepts, UX Design, wireframes, UI Design, mockups, prototypes & all other design work.
- Productized interface and user journeys with task analysis, UX optimization & innovative brand integration.
- Facilitated design feedback session collaborations, aligning teams and achieving design consensus.
- Delivered on time 100+ high-fidelity mockups & 4 large prototypes utilizing cross-functional collaboration.
- Integrated competitive AI solutions with a user-centred chatbot experience to automate user workflow.
- Created a design roadmap & strategy by gaining user and market insights with generative & explorative UXR.
- Used quantitative & qualitative usability testing to validate design hypotheses with customers and proxies.
- Designed user optimized product walkthroughs creating a pleasing customer onboarding experience.
- Built a scalable Design System integrated with Engineering that enhanced workflow efficiency & consistency.
- Increased accessibility compliance through leading effort to source and integrate automated A11y services.
- Tools: OpenAI, Hotjar, Clarity, Product Fruits, Storylane, Workato, Camunda, form.io, React, BPMN, ZenDesk

Principal UX UI Product Designer, Usability Now Inc.

05/2022 - 10/2023

I provide Design and UXR expertise to business clients, on contract when not working full-time. Details: page 2.

Product Design Manager, Thomson Reuters Inc.

08/2021 - 05/2022

I led design for a SaaS ecommerce platform supporting 10+ products as Principal Designer contributing concept models, wireframes, low to high fidelity mockups, final UI assets and prototyping in Figma, I also drove strategy, vision, planning and approach in collaboration with engineering. Managed team workflow over four design workstreams with 8 designer direct reports. Provided Agile estimation, discovery & project oversight. Contributed to KPI & OKRs & strategy, team reporting, design system, and DesignOps process. Remote: NA PST, CST & EST

- Managed team and design, including pricing, product selection, trial, renewal, subscription, and checkout.
- Project stream Design Lead for chatbot, motion design, mobile, team metrics, user research & accessibility.
- Responsible for work quality, ensured consistency and collaboration across team members and stakeholders.
- Contributed to UX/UI success with planning, strategy, tactical delivery, prototyping, and concept models.
- Collaborated cross-functionally with stakeholders to align design effort with customer & business success.
- Tools & technology: Chatbot kore.ai, model training, Jira, Confluence, Figma, Sketch, Abstract, Axure, Lottie, UserZoom, Lucidchart, Miro, Workday, MyTime, Adobe Creative Suite, AEM, Bootstrap, Pendo, SaaS, SEO, Agile.

Leadership Contributions

- Strategically expanded the team from 3 to 8 designers for immediate and future needs with HR support.
- Managed organization transition from Sketch to Figma, unified design systems, & enhanced team efficiency.
- Mentored designers, fostering professional growth & accountability by building trust & accountability.
- Provided proactive, actionable feedback in design reviews for consistent quality, knowledge and innovation.
- Aligned design strategy with customer & partner insights gathered from cross-functional partners.
- **Used Guiding principles to ensure team health**: stewardship, trust, integrity, humility, efficiency, transparency, responsibility, passion, strategy, mitigation, consistency, improvement, joy. Fostered positive collaboration with stakeholders, contributing to product vision and consensus-driven delivery.

Product Design Manager, Canopy Growth Inc.

02/2020 - 02/2021

I managed a team of two designers across 8+ brands. I ensured best-in-class UX/UI across Canopy's digital properties, including an ecommerce platform for Martha Stewart. I defined the design team's processes and provided product strategy and design tactics supporting with design work: UX wireframes, UI mockups and prototypes. I worked closely with Analytics to integrate relevant metrics. I also led user research, strategy and planning, oversight. Remote: Toronto.

- Supported design team with UX/UI, prototyping, and cross-functional process strategy.
- Streamlined workflow between design and engineering through direct engagement with our partners.
- Led UX/UI design for digital properties such as Shop Canopy, Spectrum Therapeutics, and others.
- Collaborated with brand managers, analytics & engineering on brand guidelines, SEO, and requirements.
- Advocate for customer user experience aligned to achieving business success.

Principal UX UI Product Designer, Usability Now Inc.

01/2009 - 12/2019

I successfully operated as an independent UX UI Designer & consultant for 11 years straight. I providing excellence in design for 30+ companies from start-ups to banks. Work includes: UX design, information & content architecture, UI design, strategy, planning and operations. As a design strategist, I have demonstrated a remarkable ability to identify critical paths, assess risks, and develop effective mitigation. My strategic mindset has been pivotal in achieving successful outcomes.

- Created cross-platform design deliverables: diagrams, user flows, wireframes, prototyping, mockups.
- Integrate accessibility, SEO, and analytics into design with team collaboration.
- Engagements include 20 SaaS, 18 content portals, 3 native apps, 25 Research studies, & 3 Marketing sites.
- Use tools like Figma, Axure, Sketch, InDesign, HTML/CSS, Photoshop, and more for design.
- Employ data-driven methodologies including qualitative & quantitative analytic studies.
- Lead design strategy with personas, task analysis, and concept modelling for strategic direction.
- Streamlined user testing from prototype to analysis, ensuring efficiency and effectiveness.

Senior UX Designer, Sapient Canada Inc.

07/2006 - 12/2008

Senior UX designer, responsible for user research, design & building client relationships. Moderated business analysis and requirements gathering sessions. Clients: RBC, RIM, TD, Scotiabank, BMO, Wal-Mart, Rogers, Intuit.

Education

University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, Enrolled: Independent Studies Program Awarded Independent Studies Scholarship for two terms, 5 years of study, Field: Theoretical Physics. Notre Dame College School, Welland, Ontario, awarded Secondary School Honours Graduation Diploma.

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