John Skidgel

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Experience

2021-present Ubyon, Inc., Cupertino, CA

Head of Design

Led product and brand design for a cloud networking startup.

2020 Digit, Inc., San Francisco, CA

Head of Design

Led product and brand design for a fin-tech startup.

2018-2020 Stockwell AI, Inc., Oakland, CA

Head of Design, Vice President of Product and Brand Design Led design for a machine learning and retail startup.

2007-2018 Google, Inc., Mountain View, CA

Staff UX Designer and Manager

Designed and managed UX in Search, Cloud, YouTube and Ads.

2006-2007 Radar Networks, San Francisco, CA

Senior User Interface Designer

Designed interaction and visuals for a semantic web startup.

2001-2006 Adobe Systems Inc, San Jose, CA

Senior User Interface Designer

Product design for Encore DVD and Dreamweaver.

2000-2001 Shutterfly, Redwood City, CA

User Interface Design Lead

Designed user experience for a consumer photography site.

1997-2000 Netscape, Mountain View, CA (acquired by America Online)

Senior User Interface Designer

Designed growth, search and directory properties.

1996 TSDesign, Boston, MA (acquired by Razorfish)

Senior Interaction Designer

Design, strategy and user research for web applications.

1994-1995 Dynamic Diagrams, Inc., Providence, RI

Information Designer

UX design for museum kiosks, CD-ROMs, and websites.

1993 The Font Bureau, Inc., Boston, MA

College Intern

Assisted in hinting Skia, a TrueType font for Apple.

1992 Eastman Kodak Center for Creative Imaging, Camden, ME

College Intern / Summer Teaching Assistant

Taught digital imaging, video, multimedia, and animation.

Education

1994 Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI

Studied typography, lettering, letterpress, film, and design history.

1990–1993 Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME

Graduated with honors

B.A. in Studio Art and Art History. Minor in English.

Skills

Design/UX

Paper prototyping Visual design User research

Design sprint master

Technical

HTML/CSS/JavaScript Python (intermediate)

SQL (beginner)

Wood and metal fabrication

3D printing CAD/CAM/CNC

Design Leadership

Presales and proposals Managing teams and agencies

Mentoring and training

Video/Film

Production & prop design

Storyboarding

Motion graphics & compositing

Papers and Books

Producing 24p Video

Book on video and film production with 24p video formats. CMP Media, November 2005.

Designing with XML

Article on designing with XML/ XSLT for Macromedia's Dev Center, September 2005.

Designing DVD Menus

Book on DVD user interface design. CMP Media, April 2004.

Why it Worked

AIGA/CHI2002 case study with

Jared Braiterman.

Information Architects.

Design work published in
Richard Saul Wurman's book.

Patents

US 7890881 US 9128917 US 7190370 US 7890881 US 9535667 US D703224 US 9135371 US D703683

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