STEPHEN CURRIE UX / UI DESIGNER

Throughout my 10+ years of commercial experience I have developed a strong passion for user centered design and continually wish to expand my user experience knowledge. In 2016 I completed a 6 month self financed UX course with Career Foundry Berlin to solidify this desire. Additionally in 2019 I obtained UX Certification in Facilitating UX Workshops with the Nielsen Norman Group.
I believe effective research is fundamental to fully understand business goals and user needs. This exposes issues and help us hypothesize ways in which we can improve the overall user experience for real people, with real problems.

EXPERIENCE

User Experience Design Lead

i3 Digital Ltd (Belfast)   Nov 2016 - Present

- Lead UX Designer on multiple large scale Kentico web projects covering SMEs and global corporations.
- Work as part of a three person design team, where I take ownership of all UX responsibilities in a fast paced environment.
- Introduced and established the first UX Design process within the company.
- Facilitated on-site UX Discovery / Design workshops in Washington DC, London, Dublin. Conduct remote workshops and interviews as required.
- Sketching and wireframing using XD to create low-fi prototypes in Invision within an iterative workflow.
- Create high-fidelity concepts and UI style guides. Generation of production ready hand-offs for development in XD .
- Involved in front end builds of projects (HTML 5 / Css / Sass / Jquery) and tasked with collaborating with developers using Teamservices.
- Liaise with stakeholders / PMs / developers alike during meetings & stand ups for key communication and collaboration.
- Deliver on-site tender presentations and pitches alongside business development team and MD.
- Collaborate with marketing team on blog / video / webinars and email marketing collateral.

Digital Designer

Golf Holdings Limited / Wine Inns Ltd (Belfast)   Nov 2012 - Nov 2016

- Web Designer and developer of multiple responsive Wordpress websites across various industries; from bars, clubs and restaurants to off-sales and convenience stores.
- Monitor the SEO for each establishment and administrate the Google Search Console / Analytics for all the business accounts.
- Create visual media for social platforms and manage social media advertising campaigns.

Web Designer

Leslie Stannage design Ltd. (Belfast)   Aug 2007 - Nov 2012

- Designer / developer of all websites, online content including rich media, and email marketing campaigns for SMEs.

Freelance Designer

Mind Blank Design (Belfast)   Jun 2007 - Present

- Alongside my full time employment I have worked on projects for SMEs and professionals for a number of years. Designing and building static and Wordpress responsive sites.
- I have worked on brand development from concept to final design of media for screen and print material.   .
- Working on freelance projects has helped me to explore my UX skills and allowed me to learn and practice new technologies over the years.

EDUCATION

Bsc Hons. Interactive Multimedia Design (2:1)   Sept 2003 - June 2007

With a Diploma in Industrial Studies at University of Ulster, Jordanstown

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DESIGN SKILLS

UX DESIGN
UI DESIGN
WORKSHOP FACILITATION
RESPONSIVE WEB DESIGN
DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY
WIREFRAMING
PROTOTYPING
BRANDING
RESEARCH
USER PERSONAS
JOURNEY MAPPING
USER & TASK FLOWS
INFORMATION ARCHITECTURE
CONTENT STRATEGY
EMAIL MARKETING

TOOLS I USE

ABOBE XD
SKETCH
INVISION
ILLUSTRATOR
PHOTOSHOP
INDESIGN
VISUAL STUDIO CODE
MS VS TEAM SERVICES
WORDPRESS
MAILCHIMP
AFTER EFFECTS

PROFICIENT IN

HTML5
CSS3
SASS
JQUERY
GULP
TWIG
PHP
MySQL

MISC

References available on request.
Often found doing the recycling.
Obsessed with retro gaming.
'80s nostalgia is my vice.
I once ran my own record label.
Collector of vintage comic books.
Proud parent of two black fur balls.