DAVE DEAN

SENIOR UX DESIGNER

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SUMMARY

20+ years working as a UX practitioner. Initially as a UX-focused front-end design specialist, then as a UX Designer. In addition to my technical background, I also bring deep knowledge of UX Design principles, a thorough understanding of design-thinking psychology, as well as UI development best practices and industry standards. My guidance has consistently produced best-in-class user experiences for numerous product teams. Most importantly, I bring the ability to truly empathize with the user.

EXPERIENCE

Senior UX Designer - Krasan Consulting Services, Chicago, IL (Remote)

Nov 2024 – Present

 Brought on to help establish a UX Design Team and support development of a comprehensive, next-generation application to improve processes for child welfare staff serving the State of Illinois' Department of Child and Family Services.

Senior UI/UX Engineer - eClinical Solutions, Mansfield, MA (Remote)

Feb 2023 – Apr 2024

- In support of their flag-ship clinical trial data management application Elluminate®, served on the Front-End Development team in a newly created role and championed UX design principles by establishing UI component styling and layout standards, implementing them globally in SCSS/HTML with enhanced responsive behavior and WCAG compliance, resulting in improved visual consistency and a more intuitive user experience app-wide.
- Overhauled legacy CSS code, identified and removed redundant rule sets, re-wrote older code to leverage SASS capabilities, consolidated and reorganized file structures to enable single source styling governance, reducing technical debt and streamlining CSS inheritance, styling maintenance, and performance.
- In close partnership with the founding UX Designer, provided creative and engineering guidance as well as technical documentation during development of a proprietary design system and custom-themed UI toolkit, aiding in its mission to increase developer efficiency, minimize design requirement ambiguities, and facilitate a more cohesive company-branded experience throughout the Elluminate® platform.

Senior User Interaction Designer – Clarivate*, Philadelphia, PA (Remote)

Oct 2016 - Sep 2022

 Led a team of Developers tasked with altering legacy areas of Derwent Innovation, a patent research application, to be visually consistent with newly developed features. By creating and distributing design guidelines, conducting one-on-one Developer work reviews, sharing project progress metrics with leadership, and hands-on coding, I managed the successful re-styling of 160+ screens by the deadline, providing a seamless user experience throughout the product.

Tapped to join a select group of Front-End Engineers appointed to deliver a proprietary design system. Provided creative input, technical documentation, and custom-themed Angular components to help deliver a comprehensive design system application and UI toolkit built using React/SCSS/Markdown, and live component demos via Storybook, enabling internal development teams to more efficiently meet branding requirements, facilitating a more globally cohesive product suite.

User Interaction Designer - Thomson Reuters, Bingham Farms, MI

Feb 2012 - Oct 2016

- As the first in the role, gained a reputation as the "go-to" team member for achieving pixel-perfect user interfaces by reliably tackling the tedious work of implementing global UI styling standards across multiple products built on a varying tech stacks, reducing UI bugs reported and consistently facilitating delivery of superior user experiences.
- Championed UI/UX standards and best-practices to colleagues in other roles and was trusted to make sound UX judgment calls where design ambiguities existed, became a valuable knowledge resource and drove user-centric design thinking across multiple product teams.
- Mentored new team members during and after onboarding, improving team velocity and maintaining quality team output.

EDUCATION

High School Diploma

Eisenhower High School, Washington, MI

COMPETENCIES

UX Design, Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG), UI Design, Responsive Layout, Front-End Development, Cross-Browser Compatibility, Excellent Written and Interpersonal Communication, Detail Oriented, Empathetic, Humble Team Leadership

SKILLS

Figma, Adobe Photoshop, CSS3, SASS, LESS, CSS Flexbox, BEM Methodology, HTML5, Bootstrap, VS Code, Visual Studio, WebStorm, Eclipse, SourceTree, Storybook, GitHub, Jira, working knowledge of JavaScript, TypeScript, Angular, React

^{*} Formed in October 2016, Clarivate was formerly the Intellectual Property and Science division of Thomson Reuters.