Christopher Hewison CV

UX/UI Designer & Front End Dev www.chewitdesign.co.uk





Specialties

- Creative Web Design
- * UX & UI Design
- ★ iOS & Android Design
- ★ Graphic Design
- CSS & SASS
- * Email Marketing
- ★ Illustration

- * Responsive Web Design
- * User Centered Design
- * HTML
- * Branding
- ★ Logo Design
- * Keynote Presentations
- * CMS Experience with: Sitecore, Umbraco & Wordpress

Profile

I am a confident, enthusiastic, and dedicated individual with a desire to learn new skills in an innovative & creative environment. Through my experience I have developed excellent people skills, and flexibility with people and projects alike. I have first hand experience of working within strict and demanding deadlines. I am a proud and highly motivated designer with a thirst for knowledge and a passion for web design.

I maintain an honest, reliable, and hardworking attitude when applying myself to any job. I thrive on challenges, especially creative. The experience gained from earning a Graphic Design degree equipped me with a fresh and creative mind, helping me to inject my designs with original and imaginative flair. I would like to further develop my creative skills in a new, more challenging aspect of the web design market. I am looking forward to taking my next step into the working world and further establishing myself as a designer.

Education



Coventry University

September 2002 - to July 2005

BA Graphic Design:

Upper Second Class (with HONS)

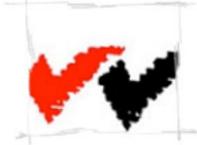


Sunderland University

September 2001 - July 2002

Art & Design:

BTEC Foundation Course - PASS



Whickham Comprehensive School september 1994 - July 2001 3 A' LEVELS C-D 10 GCSE B-D

Experience



ICAEW

UX Architect & Design Contractor September 2013 - October 2015

I was brought into ICAEW to lead their .COM upgrade project, tasked with building from the ground up a brand new ICAEW website that was not only new in look and feel but also have a unique user experience. It was also to be a fully responsive website, thus allowing their many loyal members full access to all content no matter what the device.

Using Axure to create the wireframes and working prototypes, I progressed the ideas into Photoshop mock ups creating a presentation to sell my ideas to the major stakeholders of the business, I soon helped ICAEW find their new online identity.

With the website now in development I am heavily involved in the build of the front end to make sure the high standards of design and usability are adhere to from start to finish.



JCB

UX/UI Digital Design Contractor February 2012 - September 2013

After coming on board with JCB I quickly made my mark within the business and became involved with every aspect of their new digital strategy. Projects have included: the new JCB.CO.UK site, all International sites, their customer facing Machine Ordering System called "myJCB" and their new iPad sales apps called "SalesMaster" & "The HUB", the latter winning an internal JCB award for "Innovation".

I have really enjoyed the challenge JCB has provided me and have developed many new skills. The contract has required me to co-ordinate projects across a number of departments within the business which has demanded strong communication and planning skills to create a streamlined work flow.

Helping JCB to integrate new technologies and to develop a unique online brand experience has been a challenging, exciting and refreshing opportunity. I'll continue to enhance the JCB brand until the next project the design worlds brings my way.



Creative and Brand

Senior Creative UX & UI Designer July 2010 - February 2012

CaB offered me my first chance to become a Senior Designer and I grasped it with both hands. I quickly stamped my style within the company and introduced many new design concepts. I became involved in every aspect of the website design process, overseeing everything from brief, to wireframes and design, right through to website deployment.

Working on a range of briefs from recruitment & estate agents to e-commerce web sites, helped me to continually evolve my design skills and required a strong focus on User Experience and User Interface Design.

I love the challenge of solving some of the design problems my job can present, by introducing new technologies and pushing myself creatively.



Next PLC

UX/UI Web Designer February 2008 - July 2010

After joining Next I quickly become a core member of the design team, being at the heart of all the major design projects being developed throughout the company. I started off designing the homepages of the site along with weekly editorials, TV advert spreads and many other landing pages advertising companies ranging from Elle, Vogue, Adidas and Nike.

I was soon asked to take a step up and become one of two main UX designers within the project based team. This opportunity gave me the chance to project manage tasks ranging from designing Customer Reviews to Online Statements for the website. I added in a new dimension in my knowledge base by learning more about Information Architecture and User Experience Design.



Propeller Communications

Web Designer

March 2006 - February 2008

As part of the Web Design team at Propeller we generated designs and builds of websites to very strict deadlines on a daily basis, ranging from the simple to the extravagant. I was one of two premier designers working on all of the designs brought into the company.



Full Fat Creations

Graphic Design (Freelance) September 2005 - March 2006

Fresh from university, myself and two colleges set out to make our mark on the design industry. We thought it best to go out there and get first hand experience in the real world.

IT Skills

Photoshop



Illustrator

Dreamweaver



Flash



Axure





WACOM Tablet



All Microsoft packages

All Apple Packages



Balsamiq

Hobbies

I love to keep my finger on my pulse when it comes to the design world, listening to podcasts, reading blogs and being an avid tweeter to name but a few.

I also try and attend appropriate conferences and design meet ups that are relevant to the Web industry, which allows me to socialize with & learn from other designers which plays a massive part in developing my skill set.

I'm also a massive sport lover, I could spend my life on the golf course or football pitch, but I can also kick back with a good read to help me relax.

References

Available on request.

Personal Info

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