Timothy Rackham

Digital designs and accessibility specialist

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Experience

Digital Design and Accessibility Lead (April 2024 to Present)

- UX Architecture & Design Systems: Led the creation and implementation of a scalable UX design system, ensuring consistent and accessible user experiences across multiple platforms.
- Technology & Development Processes: Established robust accessibility testing pipelines integrating automated and manual testing to maintain compliance.
- Agile & Cross-Functional Leadership: Unified multidisciplinary teams of designers, researchers, developers, and analysts under a single UX mission.
- Scalability & Performance: Introduced new agile methodologies to execute the RSPCA rebrand across all digital products, increasing digital output by 32%.
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Maintained alignment with senior leaders and IT teams, ensuring UX strategy met business and technology objectives.
- Enterprise-Level Digital Transformation: Spearheaded the RSPCA's largest digital rebrand, integrating design systems and accessibility best practices to enhance user engagement.

Senior UX Designer at the RSPCA (Jan 2022 to Jan 2024)

- UX Platform Strategy & Team Leadership: Founded and scaled the RSPCA's first UX team, growing it to four designers and two front-end developers.
- Scalable Design System Implementation: Developed and launched a comprehensive, component-based design system, increasing design team efficiency by 83%.
- Enterprise UX & Digital Accessibility: Led digital accessibility strategy, ensuring the rebrand was inclusive and aligned with WCAG standards.
- Cross-Platform UX Implementation: Directed the design and development of eight platforms, ensuring consistency, scalability, and performance across the RSPCA's digital ecosystem.
- Strategic Planning & Execution: Collaborated with senior leadership to create a roadmap for digital transformation, ensuring enterprise-wide adoption.
- Customer-Facing UX Innovation: Designed a triage tool for call deflection, achieving a 98% success rate in directing users to the correct information.

Digital Designer at RocketMill (2019 to 2021)

- Design System Frameworks & Scalability: Developed scalable design system frameworks for BuyaCar and First Central, ensuring consistent UX architecture.
- Multidisciplinary Collaboration: Partnered with developers, data analysts, and content teams to deliver customer-centric digital experiences.
- Enterprise UX & Global Coordination: Managed UX development for Huggies, working with offshore developers to ensure a high-quality global rollout.

Designer and Developer at Xpress Group (2018 to 2019)

Established a successful digital presence, winning bids for major clients like Maldon Salt. Responsible for project costing, planning, and execution, introducing new workflows, and modernising design processes for large clients.

Junior Designer & Developer at Calico (2015 to 2018)

Worked directly with customers, taking briefs and providing creative solutions for a variety of clients. Supported the senior developer in managing user experiences, establishing best practices, and creating beautifully branded products for diverse businesses.

Contract Developer at Connex (3-month contract)

Part of a small developer team, focusing on PHP backend and HTML/CSS front-end support. Successfully established an MVP, securing further investment for the business and demonstrating the viability of the product concept.

Apprentice / Mac Operator / Project Manager at AJS Labels (2013 to 2015)

Completed an apprenticeship in print management and progressed to a Mac operator role, leading to co-managing the production of Dulux's rebrand. Key accomplishments include supporting the introduction of a new MIS system and successfully delivering the Dulux project, resulting in significant company growth and establishing a second plant.

Qualifications

Graphic communications, First BA(Hons) - Brighton University Product Psychology Masterclass - Growth Design Accessible design - A11y Collective Web accessibility - A11y Collective Print administration, NVQ - BPIF

Skills

WCAG, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, PHP, Figma, Google Analytics, Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, After Effects

Publications and events

What the RSPCA rebrand means for our digital accessibility

Designing for good: Integrating UX and accessibility in charity