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WORK EXPERIENCE

Product Designer

May 2022 - Present

Ourate Retail Group (OVC & HSN)

West Chester, Pennsylvania, USA (Remote)

- Directed the research efforts for a Conversion Rate Optimization (CRO) initiative, identifying platform issues through comprehensive audits and usability studies; resulting in an increase in mobile and web conversions by 1.7% and surpassing the revenue target by 14%.
- Leveraged quantitative data from web analytics tools, customer insights, and heuristic audits to uncover website improvement opportunities and recommend product strategies that optimize the customer journeys.
- Led the redesign of HSN's Android and iOS native mobile application, including the development and implementation of a design system to ensure brand consistency and ADA/WCAG accessibility compliance.
- **Developed a robust research toolbox** that streamlined research documentation and communication of findings with internal teams by 30%, enabling more informed decision-making across departments.
- Facilitated UX best practices workshops for internal teams, fostering improved cross-departmental collaboration and a user-centered approach, resulting in a 50% increase in teams utilizing user research in their projects.

UX Designer

Jan 2021 – Jul 2021

- Koru UX Pune. India
- Led design strategy and execution for 20+ major updates, with outputs including sketches, wireframes and prototypes. Communicated design recommendations technically to seamlessly work with clients' in-house/outsourced product teams.
- Partnered with engineers and product teams to evaluate business requirements while advocating for the design team, ensuring that the product roadmap prioritized solutions that met both user needs and business goals.
- Maintained and updated design systems for new and legacy enterprise products in US Healthcare & Pharma industry.

UI Designer

Jan 2019 – Jan 2021

Webonise Lab

Pune. India

- Led design initiatives in an agile environment, iteratively presenting and refining designs with clients and stakeholders.
- Shipped 100+ screens for diverse B2C projects by working closely with front-end developers (React, React Native, Magento) to produce technically feasible designs.
- Increased the conversion rate of an e-commerce website by 4.8% by conducting heuristic evaluation, competitive analysis, and redesigning user flows. Created wireframes & interactive UI mockups for web and mobile platforms throughout the product lifecycle.
- Collaborated with UX researchers and product managers to design a new user onboarding experience for a SaaS platform targeting healthcare professionals.

SKILLS

UX Specialities: Qualitative Research, Quantitative Research, Mixed Method Research, Inclusive Research, Moderated & Unmoderated Usability Testing, Stakeholder Interviews, Market Research, Secondary Research, Heuristic Evaluation, Product Strategy, Information Architecture, Concept Testing, Wireframing, Prototyping, Visual Design

Research, Design and Collaboration Tools: UserTesting, UserZoom, Qualtrics, Google Analytics, ContentSquare, Sketch, Figma, Invision, Zeplin, Adobe Suite, Basecamp, Jira, Confluence, Miro, Trello

Domains Explored: E-commerce (live selling, marketplaces), Media & Streaming, Healthcare, Pharmaceuticals

EDUCATION

Master of Science in User Experience and Interaction Design

Aug 2021 – Dec 2022

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA

Thomas Jefferson University

Aug 2013 – Nov 2016

Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering Sinhgad College of Engineering, Pune University

Pune, India