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MIRANDA BUECHLER UX/UI Design and Visual Design

A UX designer with a passion for user-informed goals, eager to leverage my broad design skills and solutiondriven experience to define, communicate, and implement meaningful interactions that shape strong products. Let's make a difference together.

Key Achievements

Recognized by renowned UX industry leader, Ivy Sang, for excelling in advanced interface component design, shaping user experiences and user engagement, and overcoming feasibility challenges.

Mapping user experience goals, strategic direction and KPIs

Iconography, typography, color theory, information hierarchy

• User flows, cross-functional wireframes, mockups, communication

• Facilitating user testing to gain qualitative and quantitative insights

Visual languages of design; cognitive science of design

• Human-centered design; technical and systems design

architecture, interactive prototypes

Hard Skills

Tools

- Figma, FigJam
- Adobe Creative Suite (Ai, Ps, Id)
- Google Suite
- Microsoft Office Suite
- JIRA and Trello
- Unity Engine
- Visual Studios: C#

Projects and Experience

Freelance Visual and Interaction Designer

Apr 2016 - Present | Miranda Buechler Design

<u>User Experience</u> – Drives interaction strategy with feature flow charts, prototypes and feature achievement maps; actively participates in collaboration with cross-functional teams to reach a common goal by sharp deadlines; key contributor in multiple roles when team size is small; remain organized among shifting priorities by utilizing task management tools and clear communication to successfully meet deadlines

<u>Marketing Graphic Design</u> – Competitive analyses to assess current and potential industry competitive landscape; client briefings; clearly communicate guidance, processes, solutions; present design solutions to clientele; design for print, web and socials; work within budget requirements

<u>Brand Identity</u> – Brand style guide; brand systems; brand strategy to bridge the gap between a brand's goal and their target audience; elevate brand presence; maintain organized library of design assets and templates

Rainbow Seeker: Race Against Time - Experience Designer and Developer

Nov 2024 | Miranda Buechler Design

<u>Interaction Design and UX/UI Lead</u> – Responsible for setting metrics and design direction of level design and player interaction; led iterative design and technical-oriented playthroughs I later used to make user-informed design decisions under tight deadline; spearheaded the design and implementation of title menu interaction

<u>Creative Director</u> – Established the art style based on exploring new ideas and trends; responsible for illustrating all sprites and 2D assets; led the implementation of sprite sheets, prefabs and backgrounds in engine

<u>Producer</u> – Defined the goal and scope of the gaming experience; led product strategy; set and followed KPIs to meet production timeline, goals and tight deadline

Developer and Engineer – Responsible for creating and scripting game system in C#; implemented music

Diablo Immortal UX/UI Study - New Feature and Player Retention for Mobile and PC

Mar 2024 - Apr 2024 | Miranda Buechler Design (through ELVTR)

<u>User Market Research</u> – Identified target audience and what they want; research for desirability, usability, feasibility, scalability, areas to improve user engagement and quality of life

<u>UX Design</u> – Defined the goal and scope of new features and user engagement improvements aimed to increase early retention; flow charts to map custom character expansion and user-learning improvement; strategized for risk management, business goals and Day-1 retention; slide decks for stakeholder buy-ins

<u>UI Design</u> – Built three-staged interactive cross-functional prototype to demonstrate gameplay flow improvement with clearer habit-reward notifications; identified three key solutions to solidify intrinsic and extrinsic motivation to bring users back and solidify user habits (KPI); prepared cross-functional wireframes to show stakeholders

Animal Crossing New Horizons UX/UI Study - Player Engagement

Aug 2023 - Sep 2023 | Miranda Buechler Design (through ELVTR)

<u>Concept/Ideation and Demographic</u> – Target audience research; research for desirability and what motivates them to play (user profile); competitor research; strategized for execution of deliverables based on results

<u>Design/Development (Pre-production)</u> – Flow charts and progressive stages of information architecture; iterative stages of wireframes to establish flow; static screen prototypes; UX heuristics

<u>User Interface Testing and Refining</u> – Tested for accessibility (Color Vision Deficiency) on map screen; identified miscommunications; led testing for learnability, desirability of onboarding screens and map; tested for errors and adjusted accordingly to propose improved player experience, engagement and accessible user interface

<u>UI Design</u> – Illustrated 2D art assets in Animal Crossing style; built style guide to ensure continuity; iterated improvements on three common screens with adjusted HUD elements

Commercial Print and Design Manager, Graphic Design

May 2019 - May 2023 | Perfect Press Printing

<u>Graphic Design</u> – Client consultations; translated client visions into effective design solutions; achieved ~70% conversion rate of consultation-to-client; strategized cohesive campaigns, digital assets, packaging and printed marketing that increased brand recognition; presented design solutions to clientele

<u>Branding</u> – Created, maintained and expanded brand libraries with 80+ clients to project their companies' values, aesthetic and message across multiple mediums; brand strategy; maintained organized library of design assets and templates

<u>Commercial Manager</u> – Project and team management; team collaboration; pipeline management; oversaw and participated in multiple projects at a time from concept to launch; contributed to company growth strategy; grew and retained customer base by 20%; assisted directors with internal creative developments

Education

- Advanced UX/UI For Gaming with Ivy Sang (through ELVTR) Certified, May 2024
 ** Received endorsement from UX Leader, Ivy Sang
- Introductory Game Development, The Indie Game Academy Certified November 2024
- AA in Graphic Design, North Idaho College

Soft Skills

- Ability to communicate with multiple stakeholders on design pitches and project updates
- Cross-functional collaboration; team-building
- Ability to adapt to shifting priorities while maintaining a high level of integrity and quality
- Motivated and detail oriented with strong communication skills
- Eagerness to adapt to company customary practices; receptive and versatile
- Passionate about community, inclusivity and accessibility

Other Interests

- Playing piano and writing sheet music
- Illustration and creative writing

References available upon request.

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