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-UI/UX Designer

- -Game Designer
- -Product Designer

Multidisciplinary designer with 5+ years of experience in UI/UX, game design and product design. Skilled in crafting intuitive mobile interfaces, optimizing user journeys, and boosting user growth through A/B testing. Passionate about building playful B2C products that inspire and connect people.

Education

Sep 2018-Sep 2020

Keio University

Master's degree of Media Design

Sep 2014-Sep 2018

The University of Nottingham Ningbo China

Bachelor's degree of Engineering, Product Design and Manufacturing

Skills

UI/UX Design
Product Design
Game Design
Motion Graphic
Graphic Design
Growth Hacking
Art Direction
Game Production

Experience

Feb 2023-Present

Senior UI/UX Designer, Product Designer SpeakBUDDY Ltd., Tokyo, Japan

- -Led UI/UX design for a B2C mobile language-learning app that combines education with game elements, improving user engagement and satisfaction through intuitive interaction patterns and playful design.
- -Designed and launched two major core features from concept to release, integrating game mechanics into the learning experience to drive deeper motivation and long-term retention.
- -Conducted end-to-end UX processes including user flow mapping, wireframing, prototyping (Figma), motion design, and design QA with engineers, ensuring polished and consistent UX across iOS and Android platforms.
- -In the Growth Division, designed and executed data-driven UX experiments and A/B tests to optimize LTV, conversion, and retention. Iterated rapidly on onboarding flows, pricing screens, and feature prompts to support growth goals.
- -Played a key role in the company's 150% YoY LTV growth, outperforming third-party design consultants and contributing to the strategic shift to an in-house design model for growth.

Software & Tools

Adobe Photoshop Adobe Illustrator Adobe Premiere Adobe After Effect

Figma Unity

Unreal Engine 5

Blender

PTC Creo

Keyshot

Languages

Chinese

Native

English

Full professional proficiency

Japanese

JLPT N1

Sep 2020-Dec 2022

Co-founder, Game Director Kinix Inc, Tokyo, Japan

- -As the game director, designed, produced, and shipped 2 games with groundbreaking concepts, gaining 1500+ online players globally.
- -Designed UI/UX from wireframe to art direction and assets generation, following up on the implementation process with UI programmers to ensure a consistent presentation in the final product.
- -As the lead game designer, created game design documents, including system, gameplay, and levels design. Hands-on experience in finetuning gameplay, modifying grey box levels and adjusting 3Cs in Unity.
- -As the creative lead, supervised graphic design, UI and art production by establishing design standards and art direction to ensure consistency and quality.
- -As the project manager, work closely with developers, artists, and designers by setting up detailed production schedules and securing each milestone.
- -As a co-founder, helped create business strategy, financial model, and pitch deck, helping our company raised 250,000 USD in the first round of investment at an evaluation of 1.6 million USD.

Sep 2018-June 2021

Game Design Researcher (Contract) Keio University, Tokyo, Japan

-Research topics: Innovative Gaming Interaction, Utilization of Bio-Feedback in Gameplay, Future Active Game Design, e-sports.

Oct 2017-Jan 2019

Designer Freelance, Remote

-Delivered design services including UI design, logo design, visual identity, 3D rendering and advertisement design for clients from China, Japan, and Colombia.