CODY YACHASZ

UX Design Manager

INFO

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SKILLS & TOOLS

- AGILE
- LEADERSHIP
- ADOBE SUITE
- PROJECT MANAGEMENT
- JIRA
- UX/UI
- PROTOTYPING
- FIGMA
- DESIGN THINKING

CERTIFICATIONS

2025-2026
CERTIFIED SAFe AGILIST
SAFe By Scaled Agile, Inc

2023-2025
SCRUM MASTER CERTIFIED
SCRUM Alliance

PROFILE

UX Leader & Strategist specialized in leading high-performing teams and implementing scalable design systems across complex project portfolios. Proven ability to collaborate with cross-functional partners to synthesize user research and business intelligence into cohesive design strategies that drive product innovation and operational efficiency.

EXPERIENCE

2023 - Current
Collins Aerospace - Manager, User Experience & Design

Leading a distributed team of 9 designers across the US and India to deliver advanced aerospace technology solutions. Proven expertise in translating complex technical requirements into high-fidelity, safety-critical interfaces. Recently spearheaded a comprehensive enterprise design system overhaul, leveraging advanced Figma features to optimize developer handoff, eliminate technical debt, and significantly reduce design-to-production errors. Drove cross-functional alignment across product and business stakeholders to build mission-critical aerospace solutions, focusing on streamlining development workflows and ensuring uncompromising design quality.

2017 - 2023
FCA/Stellantis - UX Design Manager

Global UX Lead for Stellantis' next generation infotainment system, Uconnect 5, as well as SRT and vehicle specific programs for all Stellantis brands. Managing all current production requests, future features and continuous improvements for the Uconnect 5 system in our complete line of vehicles including Jeep, RAM, Dodge, Chrysler, Maserati, Alfa Romeo and Fiat. Collaborating cross-functionally with external departments including HMI, engineering and android development teams to build one of the leading infotainment systems among OEMs. Focusing on reusable components to create a consistent, easy to use system. I have been the lead designer for Jeep Off-road and SRT features that make our brands stand out from the rest, along with mentoring fellow designers in new age design techniques and introducing new work-flow methodologies.

2014 - 2017
The JRT Agency - UX Design Manager

- Manages UX/Web team tasks. Mentors junior level designers.
- Evaluated employee performance on per project basis and coached and trained 5 team members, increasing quality of work and employee motivation.
- Acted as a liaison between technology team, customers and account team to establish requirements and determine user needs.
- Defined navigation, user flows and layouts focusing on usability.
- Developed wireframes, interface mockups and page prototypes.
- Produced graphic user interfaces with a mobile first strategy for desktop browsers, tablet and mobile devices.
- Developed email code guide for quick build out of future emails.
- Coded the front-end of websites and applications using HTML5 & CSS3

2011 - 2014

JCM Media Group - Creative Director

- Oversight of all creative components of client and internal production work. Management of development teams to ensure digital production met UX and design specifications. Interfacing with senior project management, senior accounts staff, and clients to communicate design objectives, challenges, and opportunities.
  - Created creative briefs and timeline to manage creative process from concept to completion.
  - Negotiated contracts with vendors and suppliers to establish timely delivery of materials and achieve mutually beneficial agreements.
  - Monitored industry trends to keep creative materials fresh and engaging.

2010 - 2011

Sendwell, Inc - Front-End Designer

- Delivered end-to-end web and mobile design solutions for a diverse client portfolio, ensuring alignment with brand objectives and user needs.
- Architected high-fidelity prototypes optimized for mobile environments, focusing on intuitive information architecture within constrained screen layouts.
- Conceptualized and executed visual identities, including logos, marketing collateral, and high-engagement email marketing campaigns.
- Collaborated with Content Leadership to orchestrate seamless site updates and platform expansions, ensuring brand and message consistency.
- Optimized interface layouts to enhance usability and performance, utilizing user-centered design principles to improve overall site health.
- Developed front-end features using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript, ensuring cross-platform functionality and high-fidelity implementation of designs.

EDUCATION

2004 - 2009

Graphic/Web Design - Bachelors of Fine Arts

Central Michigan University