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A former Creative Director noted; “Michael brings an intensity and sense of urgency to his tasks. He is warm, communicative with a wonderful sense of humor. He is known for creativity, flexibility and timeliness.”

Professional Experience

Principal User Experience Architect @ Diamond UX Consulting

Aug 2014 - Present

Working closely with stakeholders I help shape fresh ideas into actual testable products. The goal is to capture an idea, tease out details, and build something fast. This may be represented as a sketch, wireframe, or interactive prototype. The point is to get that output in front of an audience and run a battery of investigations, iterate, and refine. The result is a well-thought out concept with the teeth of user validation and the iterative design process to defend its existence.

Director of User Experience @ MD Insider

May 2015 - June 2016

MD Insider is a world class team of data scientists, software engineers, and healthcare experts creating a platform providing objective doctor performance using next-generation interface technologies. My responsibilities included directing the efforts of user research, interaction, visual and prototyping teams of our organization - which make up UXD at MD Insider. The team is currently firing on all cylinders to disrupt the healthcare industry.

Senior User Experience Designer @ BlackLine Systems

Oct 2012 - Aug 2014

BlackLine provides accounting and finance teams with better visibility and control over their entire financial close with the BlackLine Financial Close Suite. My responsibility was directing the creative process for that application. A few of my tasks include defining product features, creating and maintaining specifications, and overseeing successful implementation of the design. This is communicated through presentations, research summaries, user journeys, user flows, wireframes, visual designs, and interactive prototypes. In June 2014 our team released the latest version of the BlackLine Financial Close Suite.

User Experience Designer @ TeleNav

Nov 2009 - Oct 2012

Telenav is a SaaS provider of mobile enterprise solutions that include asset tracking, workflow management, and logistic controls. My primary responsibility was overseeing the direction of the user experience for their flagship product TeleNav Asset Tracker on multiple platforms (Web & Mobile). Other responsibilities included working with the consumer side of the business to release their new mobile applications, Telenav Scout and Telenav Navigator. Both successfully released in 2012.

User Experience Designer @ Google

Aug 2007 - Oct 2009

Google; you know it for search. I lived it from the inside of the halls of the internal corporate engineering team at the Mountain View Campus. Our team oversaw the design and the implementation of many core Google internal facing applications. Including, compensation, bonus planning, the hiring process, performance management, career management, Googler search, profile creation and editing, enterprise social apps, and human resource tools such as headcount allocation. As a user experience designer my responsibilities included direct interaction with product owners, developers and QA Engineers to ensure adherence to project requirements and successful implementation of the design. Our team released Google Who and received a Google Technical Achievement Award for it.

Professional Recommendation

Jeff Lendahl, Technical Writer @ Intel Corporation

“I worked with Michael (Mike) for over two years at Telenav and I highly recommend him to all prospective employers in his field. He has a positive attitude, always seeks feedback, and he does deliver the ULTIMATE user experience. His designs are immaculate. Mike works well independently and was a great teammate in our cross-functional organization. As a technical writer in the team, he delivered to me clear designs where I could start the user documentation well before implementation. Mike is a valuable contributor and an asset to any organization that hires him.”

Education

The School of the Art Institute of Chicago - Chicago, Illinois

Bachelors of Fine Arts Program (Art & Technology) 1995 - 2000

California Polytechnic State University - San Luis Obispo

Summer Architecture Program 1991

Select Awards & Honors

Google - Technical Achievement Award for Google Who 2009

NAPP GO Platinum Context - Best Design 2004

I.D. Magazine - Best of Category, 2000

The School of the Art Institute of Chicago - Merit Scholarship 1995-2000

Toolkit

Adobe Creative Cloud, Photoshop, Dreamweaver, InVision, Flinto, UXPin, Evernote, Whiteboards, JIRA, Confluence, Hipchat, Platform Agnostic (Windows, Mac OS X & Unix, iOS, Android, Blackberry), FTP, IRC, Secure CRT.