

David Little

User interface designer

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PROFILE

A creative, multi-skilled user interface (UI) designer with over ten years' experience. I work across the disciplines of interaction/user experience (UX) design, visual design and interface building with web standards. I have particular experience in the cultural heritage and educational sectors.

KEY SKILLS

- User observation and usability testing using tools such as Silverback; site audits; creation of site specifications. Familiarity with techniques such as persona creation and card sorting.
- Creation of design documentation, including wireframes, storyboards and design mock-ups.
- Visual Web / graphic design using Photoshop, Illustrator and Fireworks, including responsive design for mobile and tablet devices
- Excellent understanding of Web typography issues.
- Excellent understanding of current Web usability and accessibility issues.
- First-class spoken and written communication skills.
- Prototyping and design implementation using web standards, including HTML5, CSS3 and jQuery.
- Integration of site designs with content management systems (CMS), including Django, Wordpress and Plone.

RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Elected member of the Museums Computer Group, a body for the discussion of current digital issues within the cultural heritage sector.
- Being awarded a distinction for a postgraduate-level course in User Interface Design and Evaluation (Open University), covering practical Human Computer Interaction (HCI) techniques.
- Creating a simple, modular HTML5-based front-end "style guide" aimed at designers for rapid prototyping and creating websites, soon to be released under an open source licence.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Department of Digital Humanities, King's College, London 05/2011 -
Senior User Interface Designer

- Working as lead interface designer, formalising the department's approach to user experience design on digital humanities/cultural heritage projects.
- Creation of design documentation and deliverables, including storyboards, wireframes, moodboards and design mock-ups.

- Visual design using Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator and Fireworks.
- Creation of frameworks to simplify UI design and development.
- Ensuring best practices for UI design across the department.
- Prototyping and design implementation using XHTML/HTML5, CSS/CSS3 and jQuery.

Birkbeck, University of London

08/2004-05/2011

Web Developer (UI specialism)

- User interface and interaction design, including wireframing and rapid prototyping with web technologies, Balsamiq Mockups and Photoshop.
- User experience design, including user observation and testing.
- Creation of easy-to-use CMS-based websites with the Plone CMS.
- Web design and development with Photoshop, XHTML, CSS and Javascript (including frameworks such as jQuery)
- Documentation and production of training materials for website editors and developers.

Wellcome Trust, London NW1

11/2001-08/2004

Web Projects Officer

- Project management of a Wellcome Library website and creation of content.
- Web design using web standards.

BBC Factual and Learning, London W12

05/2001-11/2001

Front-end coder

- Website design and development using HTML and CSS.

London Library, London SW12

11/1999-05/2001

Systems Assistant

- Redesign of Library website and intranet.

Non-web/ui design posts held up to 1999

- Assistant Librarian, London Business School, 1997-1999.
- Graduate Library Trainee, Institute of Historical Research, 1996-1997.
- Senior Office Clerk, House of Commons, 1994-1995.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

- User Interface Design and Evaluation, Open University (postgraduate-level course).
- MA Library and Information Studies, University College London, 1998-99.
- MA Modern History (by research and thesis), University of Kent, 1995-96.
- BA(Hons) History, Politics and Government, University of Kent, 1990-93. Level: 2.1.

OTHER INFORMATION

- I am a committee member of the Museums Computer Group.
- In addition to my full-time employment I have also done freelance web design work for private clients. Full online portfolio at www.littled.net/portfolio.
- Languages: German (CEFR level B2:2), French (to "A"-Level), Spanish and Portuguese (reading knowledge).