BILLIE GRAY

I'm a creative digital product designer and researcher with over a decade of experience across various design and business roles both onsite and remote. I am deeply curious and empathetic by nature and enjoy discovering opportunities for improvement and innovation through user research and data insights — and crafting beautiful, intuative, human-centered design experiences that balance user needs and business objectives.

SR PRODUCT DESIGNER

& RESEARCHER

RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Lead product designer - Core experience

During my time at Inner Circle, I've progressed from a Brand/UX Designer role to Lead Product Designer and Researcher.

Key Achievements:

- Established and maintained company-wide Design System
- Successfully led two major global in-app redesigns (2020 and 2023)
- Facilitated cross-functional Design Sprints to align teams and validate ideas
- Championed user research initiatives across the organization
- · Optimized registration flow to focus on quality NAM acquisition
- · Designed features focused on retention and daily engagement metrics
- · Designed solutions for global audiences, considering localizations and cultural nuances
- Mentored junior UX researchers

EXPERIENCE

Inner Circle

Lead product designer

Jan 2022 - Present

UX/UI Designer

Sep 2019 - Dec 2021

Design and leadership:

- · Applied design thinking methodology across all product initiatives
- Implemented iOS & Android design best practices
- Used data insights to inform product decisions
- · Utilized product management skills for product discovery and prioritization
- Improved existing UX & UI to align with industry standards
- Advocated for enhanced DE&I features within the application
- Created comprehensive user journeys and prototypes
- Validated ideas through qualitative and quantitative methods
- · Communicated design decisions to key stakeholders

Research

- Guided teams in defining research objectives & creating research plans
- Synthesized research findings to drive shared empathy & understanding

Other

- Designed a quarterly company newsletter to strengthen company culture
- Developed company marketing landing pages & websites using Squarespace and custom HTML/CSS

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PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Chatlio

Technical support & Product designer

Nov 2018 - Oct 2019

- · Provided remote technical support for web chat application platform
- Assisted customers with integration challenges and technical troubleshooting
- · Collaborated with engineering team on UI feature development
- · Contributed to product testing and feature validation
- · Worked cross-functionally with product managers on new feature design
- Gained experience in remote work environment and virtual collaboration

Marketplacer

UX / UI Product designer

Mar 2016 - Sep 2018

- Worked on Australia's leading marketplace e-commerce SaaS platform
- Crafted experiences for both B2B and B2C clients
- Designed solutions for traditional e-commerce businesses to create successful Marketplace presences
- · Navigated the nuances and challenges of designing for a legacy codebase
- Contributed to the company-wide Design System
- · Operated as core member of a cross-functional product engineering squad
- · Participated in regular design critique sessions to enhance output quality
- · Contributed to feature testing and validation processes
- Effectively communicated design decisions to stakeholders, clients, product managers and engineers

Freelance

Multidisciplinary designer

May 2015 - Present

- Web Design with focus on responsive design principles and layouts
- Product UX and UI design for digital platforms and applications
- · Information architecture and user flow development
- Print and digital layout design
- Brand identity development and implementation
- · Digital and freehand illustration
- Static website development
- Experience with CMS platforms (Squarespace and Shopify)

PROFESSIONAL TOOLKIT

Research, Data & Product management

- Usability testing
- Surveys
- · User interviews
- AB testing
- Data analytics (Amplitude)
- Project management (Click up, Notion, Trello)
- Team collaboration (Miro, Figjam)
- Google suite (Slides, docs)
- Next Gen (Chat GPT)

Design & Development

- Design, prototyping & component libraries (Primary - Figma, sketch)
- Adobe Creative Suite (Ps, Ai, Id)
- CMS (Squarespace, Shopify)
- Version control (Github)
- HTML, CSS, Basic JS

Creative thinking & soft skills

- Stakeholder Management
- Cross-functional collaboration
- · Workshop facilitation
- Mentorship
- Continuous discovery Process (Theresa Torres)
- Design thinking Process (double diamond)

^{*}Earlier career spans fashion, brand design and account management roles, with a strong foundation in graphic design and adminstration.

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EDUCATION

AJ & Smart - 2022

· Design sprint masterclass

Interaction design foundation - 2021

• User research methods

SuperHi - 2018/2019

- Front-End Development
- · Creative & Advanced JavaScript
- · Shopify theme development

Product institute - 2017

· Product management foundations

General Assembly Melbourne - 2015

- · Lean UX design fundamentals
- Front-End Web Development course

Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) 2009/2012

• Bachelor of Design (Media & Comm)

PORTFOLIO

Snapshot of recent case studies (2019-2024)

Notion

Full portfolio 2018 (Update in progress)

• www.Billiegray.com

REFERENCES

References available on request