

Kit Brown-Watts
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Skills

Languages: HTML5, CSS3 (SASS), JavaScript (Polymer, jQuery, AngularJS), Web Components

Software: Adobe Creative Suite, Omnigraffle, Sketch, Keynote, Marvel, Github, Google Analytics

Other skills: Solid foundation in UX & IxD methodologies; Mobile-first, offline-first, responsive web design; Designing beautiful, effective interfaces; Prototyping new features and refining existing pieces of a product; Working knowledge of WCAG 2.0 AA usability specs; Working directly with the development team to see features through from sketches to functioning software; Interviewing clients and gathering qualitative feedback to drive product decisions; Communicating across teams to discover and understand clients' needs

Interests: bicycling, educational technology, electric vehicles, evolutionary psychology, green technology, healthy foods, piano, nature, Nintendo, sci-fi

Education

Master of Interaction Design Brisbane, Australia
University of Queensland Jul 2012 - Nov 2013

Bachelor of Computer Science Vancouver, BC
University of British Columbia Sep 2010 - May 2012

Bachelor of Science, Psychology Victoria, BC
University of Victoria Sep 2005 - May 2009

Work Experience & Publications

Senior User Experience Developer Brisbane, Australia
University of Queensland Library Sep 2013 - Present

- Lead the design and development team, worked with management and development leaders on envisioning and planning new features and design improvements in core Library product offerings used by over 50,000 users every year
- Prepared and delivered data-based presentations to stakeholders to lead decision-making
- Observed usability tests to qualify and quantify the success of implemented solutions
- Worked with other team members to specify, update, and prioritize software system requirements according to business objectives
- Developed UX IA designs including concept sketches, user flows, wireframes, and prototypes for user-facing Library services as well as client-facing back-end admin tools
- Upgraded the overall design standards for increased integrity and consistency
- Planned and conducted user research including persona development and usability studies
- Promoted strong standards for usability and user-centered design organizational practice
- Planned and crafted complex interfaces, mobile applications and websites
- Managed, coached, motivated, and educated other team members about UX best practices
- Used quantitative UX and data informed design to drive decision-making

Usability Researcher University of Queensland	Brisbane, Australia Mar 2013 - Sep 2013
UX Developer/Designer Interactive Interiors	Brisbane, Australia Nov 2012 - Mar 2013
Team Leader RSPCA QLD	Brisbane, Australia Jul 2012 - Sep 2013
Male Ambassador Girl Geek Coffees	Canada/Australia Nov 2011 - Mar 2013
Private Tutor Self-employed	Canada/Australia May 2003 - Sep 2013
Young ICT Explorers Judge SAP	Brisbane, Australia Jul 2012, 2013, 2014
Research Assistant Media and Graphics Interdisciplinary Centre	UBC, Canada Aug 2011 - May 2012
Vice President UBC Life Extension Society	UBC, Canada Aug 2010 - May 2012
Research Assistant Media and Graphics Interdisciplinary Centre	UBC, Canada Aug 2011 - May 2012
Facilitator, Mentor, Web Designer Restorative Justice Victoria	Victoria, Canada Oct 2008 - May 2012
International Student Income Tax Program Volunteer Revenue Canada	UVic, Canada Apr 2009
Outdoor Leadership Volunteer St Michael's University School	Victoria, Canada Sep 2004 - May 2005

Awards & Publications

Knight, D., Brown-Watts, K., & Emerson, M. (in press). Not One in the Crowd: A study of personalizing feedback in the classroom. *Advances in Engineering & Education*, 19(4).

Digital Analytics Fundamentals Certificate	Google Analytics Academy 2013
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WCAG 2.0 AA Training	Vision Australia 2014
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References

References available upon request.