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## **Product Designer & Strategist**

A results oriented product designer with experience in strategy and leaderships roles. I am an interdisciplinary designer with a passion for ideation and prototyping. I thrive on exploring new possibilities, bringing ideas to life, and building innovative solutions at the intersection of human need, business, and technology.

## **Tools & Skills**

Sketch up Solidworks Agile Unity **UX Research** Cinema 4D Rhino Jira Java Three.js Figma Octane Rapid Prototyping Excel TouchDesigner Adobe Suite React

## **Experience**

Avatour May 2021 - Present

Head of Design & Product

- · Led redesign and implementation of a new user interface across all touch points of a 360° videoconferencing SaaS platform.
- Developed company branding for use across the organization.
- · Conceptualized a now-patented feature for effective and efficient communication between virtual and physical worlds.
- · Oversees the end-to-end customer experience and product roadmap.
- · Communicates across the organization and with customer using high-fidelity mockups and interactive prototypes.
- Leads an agile team of designers through 2-week Scrum cycles, working closely with the development team.
- · Creates, maintains, and utilizes design systems that promote formation of user habits and provide consistent flows throughout the product.
- Ensures successful design implementation by fostering collaboration and communication between the development team and the marketing, sales, and customer success teams.
- · Directs projects by collaborating with and managing contracted designers and production teams.

Wood & Welds Feb 2020 - Present

Founder

- Designed and programmed a user-friendly web application that enables users to customize their furniture before purchasing and view design changes in real time via programmatically-generated 3D models and schematics.
- · Designed and fabricated prototypes for a new line of furniture products designed for the remote workforce.
- Established a supply and manufacturing chain for order fulfillment.

Rêve Consulting Feb 2017 - Sep 2020

Sr. Service and XR Designer

- · Performed qualitative research with end users in the healthcare, financial services, and retail industries.
- Designed human-centered digital transformation solutions for several Fortune 500 companies.
- Designed and built Virtual Reality retail experiences and developed testing protocols for conducting UX research in VR.

Uni-Systems Jul 2008 - Aug 2013

Visualizaton Artist

- Developed custom scripts for programmatic 3D modeling of mechanical products, reducing concept-to-rendering time by 30%.
- · Introduced the organization to rapid 3D modeling software through demonstration and workshops for faster generation of concept renderings.

## **Education**

Peter F. Drucker School of Management

Master of Business Administration

Clairmont, CA 2015

**Art Center College of Design** 

Master of Science in Industrial Design

Minneapolis, MN 2009

Pasedena, CA 2015

University of Minnesota

Bachelor of Art in Experimental Art

AgilityIRL Minneapolis, MN 2019

Certified Scrum Product Owner