michelle Claire currier

Education

BA in Digital Media, University of Central Florida, US, 2006

Languages

English - Fluent

Spanish - Basic

Portuguese - Basic

Memberships

iX Studio Craft Committee Baton Rouge, 1 of 3 chairs that run iX Design Studio activations and engagements.

Profile

Since before I had my first office job, I was building sites on the web. I like to tell non-tech folks, "I make the internet look pretty." I taught myself how to build websites while working in restaurants after moving to post-Katrina New Orleans.

After a few years, I landed a job at Webapps working on redesigning the SaaS HitPath. There I white labeled over 100 affiliate reporting portals, designed creative graphics, press packs, promotional materials for conferences, and honed my CSS skills. My biggest project was redesigning the entire software and implementing a sprite that improved upload time by 60%. I built many renditions of the front facing advertising site from scratch using the cutting-edge parallax, creating icons, and custom js features.

In the midst of this, I was moonlighting as DJ Nice Rack and making the flyers for the parties I played. Over the past few years, I worked at Radolo, a small app development shop. I learned .net and Kendo UI. I really enjoyed working on multiple projects at a time and completing them. For a small shop we had an outstanding work ethic and used the Agile production system. There, I refactored some apps from CSS to less, redesigned with Sketch, built apps from scratch, and used InVision for prototyping.

I strive to be an influencer of top design and interface creation on applications and software. Continue learning in the web design arena by staying in the know about industry updates, standards, and best practices.

Key skills

Adobe Suite, Sketch, Figma, Invision
HTML, PHP, Jquery
CSS ~ (LESS, SASS, SCSS, transitions, animations)
Frameworks ~ (Carbon, Material Design Components, Kendo UI, Skeleton, Bootstrap, Foundation)
CMS ~ (Wordpress, Squarespace, Joomla)
Responsive things ~ (icon fonts, sprites, images)
Accessibility Standards
Frontend ~ Web components, Vue, Angular, React, NPM, NextJS
Version Control ~ Github, Subversion
Terminal
Cloud (Cirrus, Cloundant), AWS, Gulp, Docker, Cpanel
Agile, Azure, Jira, Align, Monday, Trello
Audio dj and editing software ~ (Serato, Tracktor, Ableton, Audition)
Video editing ~ After Effects, Premiere

Key courses and training

Carbon React and VueJS Tutorials
Training on Angular JS
Education Insights & Solutions (Bronze) - Badge
IBM Design Thinking Co-Creator - Badge
Become a Garage Method for Cloud advocate - Badge
FEDucation: Intro to Carbon devtools web extension
Watson Assistant, WatsonX, OpenAI, Watsonx+Generative AI:
watsonx.governance - Tools Deep Dive
Full Stack: React and Java Spring Boot - The Developer Guide

Work experience

Senior UX/UI Designer and Frontend Developer
IBM, United States | Sept 2020 - Oct 2023

Learning & Knowledge Consulting Academy:

Isometric Headers: Revitalized headers to align seamlessly with IBM's branding standards, employing the isometric styling system established by iX.
UX/UI Input/Feedback: Contributed valuable feedback to refine and condense content for enhanced usability, positively impacting the user experience and interface design. 9/2020

Diversity Images: Developed a range of diverse and inclusive images, maintaining a cohesive and unified style for consulting academy modules. 10/2020

Kate Chatbot: Enhanced the Kate Chatbot by implementing CSS to incorporate hover text, providing clear explanations of the chatbot's functionalities for improved usability. Additionally, established a GitHub repository to facilitate seamless implementation by others. 11/2020
https://github.ibm.com/michelle-currier-L-K/chat-bot

IBM Way Game: Led the Dockerfile creation and facilitated the cloud deployment of the IBM Way game, taking ownership of GitHub repositories for both the front and backends. Skillfully crafted the Dockerfile to initiate the frontend of the application and successfully executed deployment on the Cirrus Cloud. Collaborated closely with the Cirrus support team, acquiring valuable insights into the intricacies of cloud deployment for a node app. 11/2020
https://github.ibm.com/Michelle-Currier/ibm-way-game
https://github.ibm.com/Michelle-Currier/waygameend

Consulting Academy ReThink: I played a pivotal role in establishing a comprehensive code base and developing a user-friendly how-to guide for seamless adoption by team members. My responsibilities included proficient development utilizing lk-components, JavaScript libraries, a lightweight responsive framework, Sass, and integration with LVP Tool connections. 1/2021

Consulting Academy Games: I spearheaded initiatives to enhance engagement by leveraging the power of gaming within our learning modules. Informed by extensive research and data analysis, I strategically integrated gaming

elements to elevate the overall learning experience, ensuring a more impactful and immersive educational journey.

Star Wars branching game:
https://w3.ibm.com/services/gbslearn/content/course/ca_branching_scene/test/
https://github.ibm.com/Michelle-Currier/branching_scenario_demo

Fish game:
https://w3.ibm.com/services/gbslearn/content/course/fish_game/test/
https://github.ibm.com/LK-EdDev/ca_fish_game.git

Card game demo:
https://w3.ibm.com/services/gbslearn/content/course/7_keys_game/test/

Resilience in Action game:
https://w3.ibm.com/services/gbslearn/content/course/ca_board_game/prod/
https://github.ibm.com/Michelle-Currier/ca_board_game

During my three-year tenure with the Consulting Academy, I played a pivotal role in various aspects, including:
- Spearheading the establishment of file structure standardization and advocating for the utilization of dev/ directories for streamlined testing processes.
- Innovatively designing numerous templates to expedite the creation of learning modules, ensuring efficiency and agility in our development workflow.
- Successfully championing the adoption of Github across the team, fostering collaboration and unity by having everyone work from a shared code base.
- Initiating Quality Assurance (QA) and accessibility compliance measures to elevate the overall quality and inclusivity of our learning solutions.
- Offering constructive feedback to the deployment manager team, contributing to the enhancement of systems for more efficient Learning and Knowledge (L&K) deployment.
- Enhancing engagement by infusing gaming elements into our learning modules.
All in all, I revolutionize our development workflow: From overwriting woes to seamless GitHub powered solutions and the use of best practices.

Anthem Help Desk Associate
Anthem, United States | Jul 2020 - Aug 2020

Help desk: Acquired proficiency in troubleshooting techniques and deductive reasoning, employing empathetic listening skills to effectively resolve Anthem service and technical support issues. 7/2020

Frontend Developer
IBM, United States | Mar 2020 - Jun 2020

Smartbasket: Contributed to the Smartbasket Angular migration from PrimeNG to Bootstrap, acquiring foundational knowledge in running an Angular app and converting it to Bootstrap while adhering to UPS CSS standards. 3/2020

UX/UI Designer

Radolo, United States | Aug 2017 - Dec 2018

Building large and small scale apps for mobile and desktop use. Frontend design for the app layouts and frameworks. Update, Refactoring and redesigning older apps.

UI Designer

WebApps LLC, United States | Mar 2012 - Jan 2017

Layout software interfaces for Hitpath and other apps. White label affiliate reporting interfaces for hundreds of clients. Create and maintain websites for our brands. Graphics for marketing and promotional needs ~ printed stickers, mugs, conference displays, event banners, and social media imagery.

Assignment history

Frontend Developer

Learning & Knowledge (Internal IBM), United States | Sept 2020 - Oct 2023

Project name: PDE Consulting Academy

Visual design work:

I revitalized headers to align seamlessly with IBM's branding using the isometric styling system by iX. I also crafted diverse and inclusive images, ensuring a cohesive and unified style across consulting academy modules. This highlights my design expertise and commitment to visually compelling and inclusive user experiences.

Development work:

Upgrading Kate Chabot by adding CSS, integrating with Watson Assistant, and providing data reports of usage from Watson Assistant's Tools. This project showcases my commitment to user-friendly design and collaborative development practices.

I led the end-to-end deployment of the IBM Way game, from creating Dockerfiles to orchestrating cloud deployment. Managing GitHub repositories for both front and backends, I meticulously crafted Dockerfiles and set up pipelines for automated deployment upon GitHub pushes. Successful execution on the Cirrus Cloud highlighted my proficiency in DevOps. Collaborating closely with the Cirrus support team not only ensured a smooth process but also provided valuable insights into the complexities of cloud deployment for a node app. This project showcases my expertise in driving efficient and collaborative application deployment strategies.

I played a key role in building a robust code base for Consulting Academy's ReThink and creating a user-friendly guide for effortless adoption within the team. My responsibilities encompassed skillful development using lk-components, JavaScript libraries, a lightweight responsive framework, Sass, Gulp, Github, and seamless integration with LVP Tool connections. This project underscores my commitment to fostering efficient development practices and knowledge sharing within the team.

Games work:

I took the lead in enhancing engagement by infusing gaming elements into our learning modules. Grounded in thorough research and proof of concepts, I integrated these features to elevate the overall learning experience, ensuring a more impactful and immersive educational journey.

Contribution: Oversaw and maintained styles for hundreds of modules, implementing new interactions and pipelines with a strong emphasis on accessibility and inclusive standards. Developed comprehensive how-tos and processes to standardize workflows within the portfolio. Pioneered the establishment of local working methods for modules, introducing innovative patterns where none existed before my involvement. I revolutionize our development workflow: From overwriting woes to seamless GitHub powered solutions and the use of best practices.
Made many other contributions in the visual design and development aspects like elevating the overall learning experience, ensuring a more inclusive, impactful, and immersive educational experience.

Frontend Developer

UPS, United States | Mar 2020 - May 2020

Project name: Consumer Hub

Jumped on to the Smartbasket Angular migration from PrimeNG to Bootstrap. Learned the basics of running an angular app and converting to bootstrap and UPS css standards.