

Paul Nissen

(rhymes with listen)

Skills

Design

Typography • Grid systems
Color theory • Layout
Usability • Branding

Technical

HTML5 • CSS3
SASS • LESS • Wordpress
Bootstrap • Git (command line)

Process

Mobile First approach • Concepting
Layout • Branding • Asset management

Software

Photoshop • Illustrator • InDesign
AfterEffects • Coda • Sublime Text
OSX • Windows

Education

Seattle Central Community College

Seattle, 2011

Associate of Applied Sciences,
Graphic Design

Brooks Institute

Santa Barbara, 2008

Bachelor of Arts,
Professional Photography,
Commercial Concentration

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Experience

Avalara, Inc. | Bainbridge Island, Seattle
UX/Visual Designer | Nov 2012 — Present

- Stakeholder interview and business requirement gathering
- Front end web development
- Rapid prototyping
- Wireframing and interaction mapping
- Managed and developed web style guide
- Cross browser* and cross device testing (*modern and IE8+)
- Internal web needs (CMS styling and responsive HTML emails)
- Web UI design adhering to brand guidelines
- Project management
- Collaborated with developers, content strategists, SEO specialists, and product managers
- Collaborated on visual unification of brand, web marketing, and product UI
- Content strategy

Microsoft, Central Media | Redmond
UI/UX Designer | Oct 2011 — Oct 2012, Contract - Aquent

- Designed the UI for *Galactic Reign* for both phone and tablet
- Designed core features inline with the tenants of Windows 8
- Experienced dual-platform design and development process
- Typeface selection for macro and micro typography on mobile devices
- Asset production and implementation
- Worked with the Agile (Scrum) software development process

Seattle Central Creative Academy | Seattle
Tutor, Mentor, TA | Sep 2011 — Present

Assist in curriculum development for UX, web development, and visual design courses. Connect current students with graduates and professionals in the industry and facilitate Q&A sessions and workshops. Tutoring on a per-request basis as needed by the students done in group sessions as to improve collaborative problem-solving. Mentor students on a variety of topics, from design & development, to job industry placement and career advancement.

Fadimantium | Seattle
Intern | Jul 2011 — Sep 2011

Design and layout for Seattle Bank advertising materials including bus ads, print ads, and web banner ads. Desktop and mobile web design, web development and CMS management for various clients including United Way of Greensboro and Poppermost Communications.

Michael Rosenberg Photography | Seattle
Studio Manager | Aug 2009 — Oct 2011

Duties include office management, designing print/web marketing, tethered shooting support, location assistance, retouching, scheduling, digital asset management, client assistance, and studio upkeep. Lit President Barack Obama.

Iridio Studio | Seattle
Intern | Oct 2008 — Dec 2008

Assisted on commercial photo shoots, set up equipment, tethered shooting support, production management, studio management, client assistance