Ben Jones Product Design Leader

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Busuu

Lead Product Designer Jul 2021 - Present

- Manage and build an international Product Design team, designing for a global market across B2C & B2B.
- Developing the long-term product strategy alongside C-Suite, whilst proving a creative vision to give direction.
- Led qualitative research, building processes and a central repository for easy access insights to better inform the business.
- Led on building and maintaining a Design System for increased consistency and efficiency across Busuu brands, teams and platforms.
- Led accessibility across the Busuu products and ensured a 90% AA rating, with a roadmap planned for achieving full AA accessibility.
- Established product processes that have become high-performing whilst considerate of those working within it to ensure proper support.

Papier Lead Product Designer

Jan 2021 - May 2021

- Managed a Product Design team within a growth phase business.
- Led the Product Design direction to support future product releases.
- Established best-practice processes for design and research.
- Developed a product strategy alongside the CPO.
- Hands-on feature development across the retail purchase journey.
- Ran several research studies to enhance customer knowledge and increase product feature confidence.



Lead Product Designer

Oct 2017 - Dec 2020

- Led Product Design within the retail purchase journey as well as product creation.
- Managed a small team and provided mentoring and coaching to those and others in the Product Design team.
- Led the creation and maintenance of the Design System, scaling for use by engineering and marketing.
- Successfully designed and released several high-performing tactics across the experience.



Senior UI Designer Feb 2016 - Oct 2017

- Led on creating a complete redesign of the Zoopla experience across all platforms.
- Created a scalable Design System for use across Product and Marketing.
- Developed the brand alongside the marketing team to improve overall experience.
- Ran many research studies to build a full-scale understanding of the various customer archetypes established.

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Senior Visual Designer

Nov 2013 - Feb 2016

- Led design across several high-profile clients including Santander, Whitbread and Fifa, producing several released as part of the full product cycle.
- Led design for several successful pitches resulting in a high-performing Design consultancy.
- Invited to work with Apple on developing the initial launch of Apple Watch apps with my work on Premier Inn Hub Hotel's smart room controls.

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