Passionate customer experience centric design leader

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Life is fleeting, and what we leave behind matters. For me, it's the experiences I've contributed to, experiences that bring positive change to others.

Hello, and thank you for your time. In short, you're looking at the career summary of a seasoned product design leader.

I am inherently a builder. There's nothing more fulfilling than witnessing shipped products that genuinely impact people's lives. In our exponentially evolving world, good design is the decisive factor in determining the success or failure of a product. In this context, I consider myself a design thinking advocate. While I may not excel in drawing, coding, or traditional 'design,' I firmly believe that good design is a collaborative effort involving not only designers but also engineers, product managers, researchers, and more. Design thinking is a discipline, a process applicable to various roles beyond just designers.

If you're intrigued, I'm eager to discuss how I can contribute.



Personal Highlights:

Lead Design & Product management at multiple successful startups:

Element Biosciences, Senior Staff Designer

- Led the design team in establishing a design review and release process.
- Promoted design thinking and methodologies across the company.
- Embraced Material UI as the foundation for our design system and crafted a customized
 AVITI design library.

Vibe Inc (Seed - Series A, 2.5 Yrs), Head of Design & Product:

- Led Design and Product Management Teams for the Saas division.
- Played a pivotal role in securing \$10M in Series A funding.
- Defined and led the team to build the initial version of SAAS, successfully launching with pilot customers, including universities, pro sports teams, and tech companies in the US.
- Led the product team in designing and building Vibe's first Enterprise offering.
- During my tenure at Vibe, hardware sales increased tenfold, introducing two new lines of business in software services. Vibe earned recognition as the category leader in customer satisfaction.

Personal Highlights:

Extensive experience in remote or hybrid workplaces:

- Methodical design leadership through: design thinking, promoting design systems,
 agile methodologies and user centric approach
- Have successfully lead internationally distributed teams while in fully remote roles
- Primary expertise in design with secondary competency in web development and product management allow me to be a stronger collaborative design leader in any startup environment
- My design career extends beyond startups. I held design lead roles in established public companies (Facebook, Guidewire etc). With these experiences, I am better equipped to help companies navigating through the usual startup pains - establishing systems early in place with future scalability in mind.











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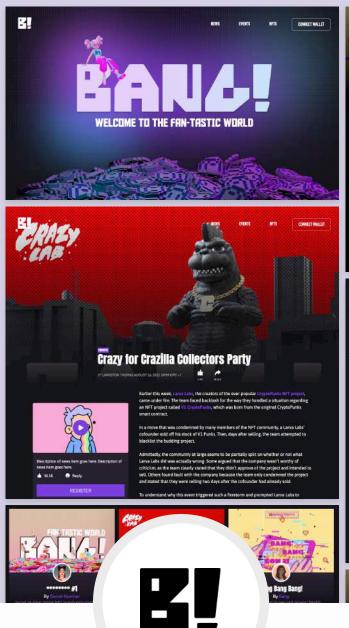
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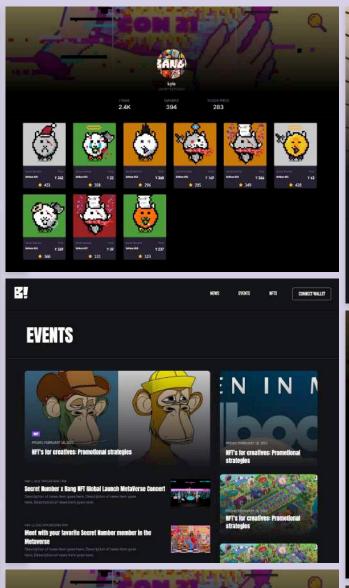
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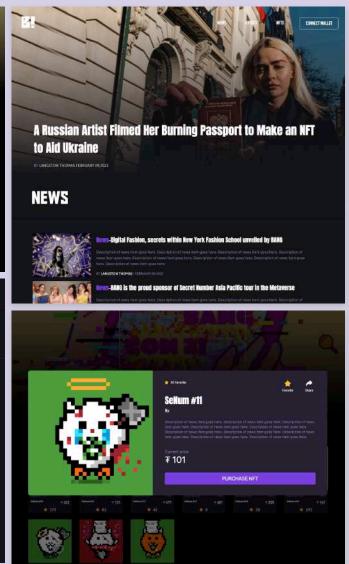
Senior Staff Designer

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Design Leadership, Design Systems Creation, OS Redesign, Accessbility and Protoypes







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Founding Member
Advisor

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Product Strategy, Design Direction,
Source MVP Team, Fund Raising







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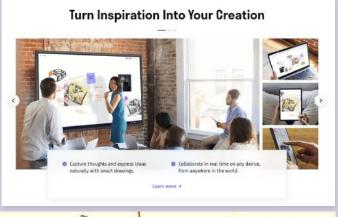
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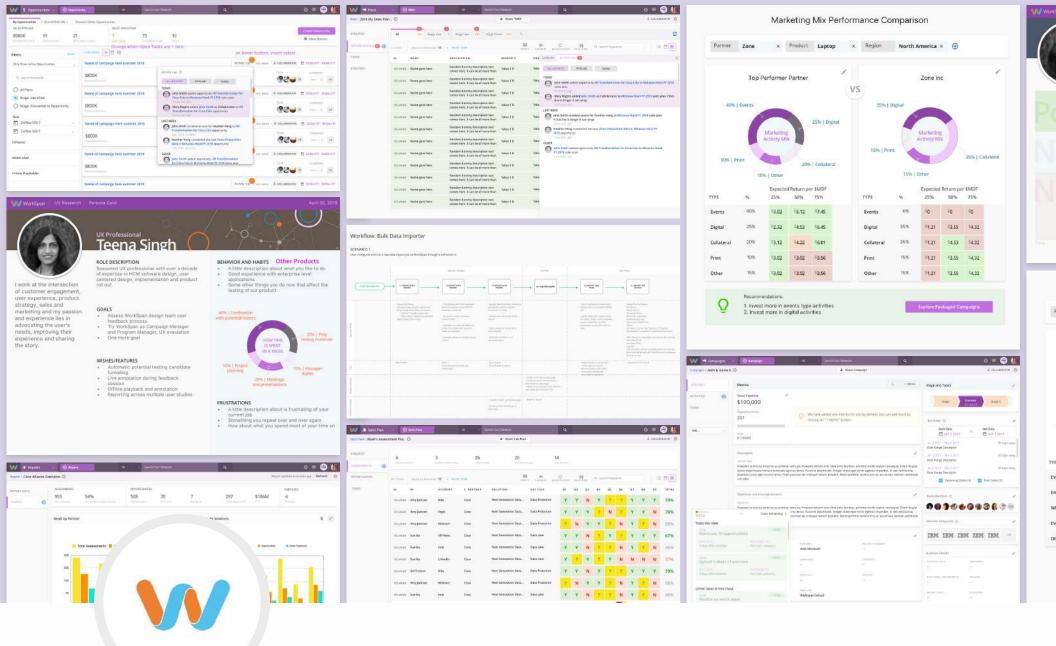
my role

Head of SaaS

Product & Design

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Lead SAAS Product & Design Team, Enterprise & Education Product Stategy, Participated in Series A Funding

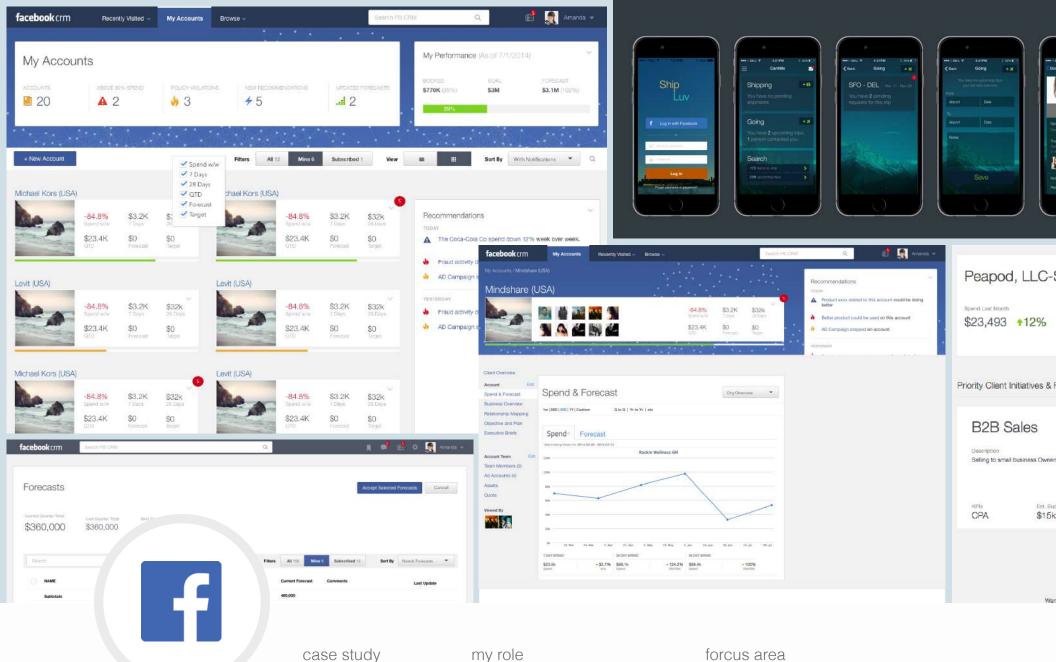


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Head of Design

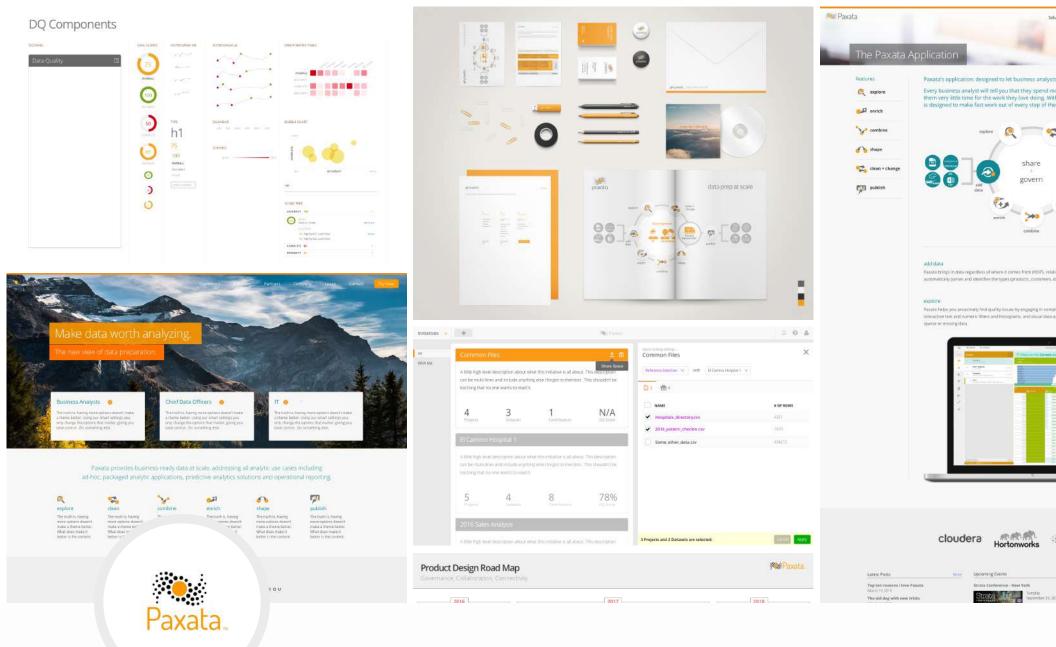
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Strategy, Process, Hiring, Mentorship, Design Contributions



Facebook CRM Design Lead

Stategy, Process, Design, Prototype, Research, Mentorship



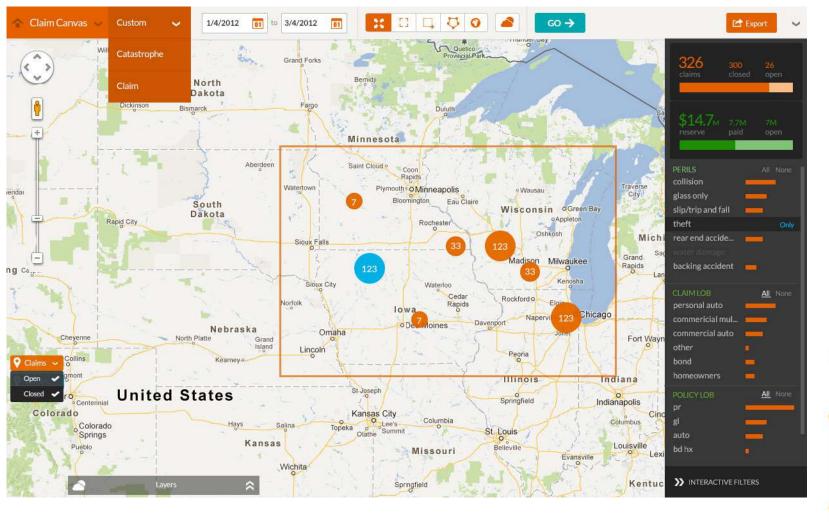
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Paxata

my role

Design Lead

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Stategy, Process, Design, Prototype, Research, Mentorship



Much more available upon request...



I am truly passionate about what I do. I enjoy knowing that I am helping others solve problems through Design. Here are a few blurbs written by others who know me well.

Palmer's contributions are not limited to excellent design work. At WorkSpan, he re-designed the application from scratch from selecting the color scheme to defining the most complex interactions. His design aesthetic, the speed he works at and ability to hone in what really matters set him apart as an exceptional designer.

What made him even more impactful though was his ability to communicate design tradeoffs in a manner that could be easily understood by non-designers and get buy-in for his design decisions. This resulted in much faster delivery of product to the end-users. Palmer is also a fun person to work with. He can single handedly lift up the team with his ability to connect with others and simply make work fun. As any team leader knows, this contribution is invaluable and makes Palmer an asset to any team lucky enough to have him.



Pramod SrivatsaFounder at Pursute

Pramod managed me directly as VP of Products at WorkSpan

Palmer has a gift for coalescing feedback from disparate parties to derive a solution to complex workflow and visualization problems. He's the antithesis of the stereotypical designer in his ability to work well with everyone from marketing to engineering and externally with all levels of customers.

His work goes beyond the look and feel to understand the underlying goals for the user and the result is a novel experience that exceeds the requirements, stated or implied, without feeling like simply a compromise between opinions.



Whitman Kwok
Founder & CEO at ZAM

Whitman managed me directly as VP of Products at Paxata



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17+ Years of Experiences

Senior Staff Designer



Element Biosciences

Aug 2022 - Aug 2023

Head of Design



Vibe

Aug 2019 - Jun 2022

Head of Design

WorkSpan Feb 2017 - Jun 2019

Paxata.

Design Lead

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Jun 2016 - Jan 2017

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Design Lead Facebook Jun 2014 - Jun 2016

+ 6 more years of product design experience at various companies: AOL, Fastcase, Jackrabbit Design and Palomar Medical

Leadership

- Experience Driven WorkShop
- Design System & Governance
- Team Building & Mentorship
- Roadmap Planning & Product
- Cross-functional Collaboration

Design Doing

- Formative & Qualative Research
- Design Briefs
- Workflows & WIreframes
- Visual Mockups (Sketch)
- Prototyping
- Data Analytics

Education

Bachelor's Degree in Graphic Design Boston University

Personal

- Proud father of two boys
- Enjoys cooking, snowboarding & sailing
- Speaks fluent English & Chinese