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I have been designing digital products for the past 10 years. My skill set is a blend of hands-on craftsmanship and building highly functional teams. Together, we create delightful products and drive business growth.

2022-NOW
Product Design Lead
Tax Management NZ

Building FlexiTax - NZ's first Tax Pooling product. Helping businesses pay their provisional tax on time and in accordance with IRD legislation.

Built TMNZ's Tara-iti Design System from the founding blocks to full templates and layout. Implemented a design process and best practices to improve the design delivery pipeline.

Helped TMNZ as a company to reimagine the business and diversify the portfolio of products from being just a pure tax-pooling platform. Build products like RDTI IYP for MBIE.

2017-2022
Head of Design (AVP)
BookMyShow

Led a 25 member team of multi-disciplinary designers that built a robust design system. Implemented best practices to improve design team's productivity by 400%.

On supply side of things, built "List your show" (DIY tool) for event organisers which made listing of events possible under 60 minutes from earlier 4 days.

Re-designed one of the most complex booking steps for live entertainment and increased conversion funnel by 38%.

Helped leadership re-envision BookMyShow from being a pure ticketing platform to content, engagement and revenue generation platform. Built innovative products like Buzz, Watch List, Ad-tech platform and more...

2015-2017
Design Lead
Cleartrip Travel Services

Redesigned core booking experience for flights, hotels and trains across desktop and app which lead to a 25% increase in conversion.

Introduced Cleartrip local which was an independent business across India and middle east.

Led and managed 6 member agile team that was also responsible for building several features like, expressway, Pay@Hotel, Weekend Getaways, Collections and more...

2014-2015
Design Specialist
Lopez Design

As a highly motivated designer, I juggled between multiple roles. From understanding business requirements, crystallising them into well-defined problem statements to delivering pixel-perfect interfaces.

Honed my skills with e mailers, banners, brand campaigns, micro-sites; graduating to design experiences for medium-sized websites like Titan Watches, Flykingfisher Airlines, NCPA theatre website, and many more.

2013-2014
UI Designer
Gleecus Technology Solutions

Part of the team responsible for user research, liaising with the client and shipping UI for the app along with crafting great user experiences. Assisted in the redesign of the core experience across the app, mobile website, and desktop. Delivering the complete UX and UI for the app.

Part of the team which envisioned and built the world's first mobile app-driven image and video annotation system for renyoo (1.5M Valuation).

Blogging about design nuances and how we built things at Gleecus, immensely helped in acquiring good design talent and building strong communities that appreciate good design.

2012-2013
Designer
The Minimalist

Main focus was to follow a design process and arrive at an effective solution. Producing illustrations and coming up with concepts were the main tasks.

A Design Leader

Leading, hiring and mentoring teams, identifying growth opportunities, re-imagining products and evangelising design.

A Collaborator

I engage in strategic planning with stake holders. Facilitate design critique, workshops and talks to share importance of good design. Champion disruptive ideas to fuel growth and design thinking.

An Individual Contributor

As a designer, I believe in being a hands-on practitioner – From user research to architecting flows, from wireframe to shipping pixel perfect delightful interfaces is all Product design. This keeps me on the edge to use latest tools and technologies like Figma, HTML/CSS, Google analytics, Adobe Creative Suite and more...

Education

Master of Visual & Science Communication
2019-20 - University of Otago

Master of Design
2017-19 - National Institute of Design

Bachelor of Design
2013-17 - FDDI University