

YULIA YUKHTENKO

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UX/UI DESIGNER | PRODUCT DESIGNER

Experienced professional with over 8 years of combined experience in engineering and project management, now transitioning into UX/UI and Product Design. Skilled in problem-solving, user research, and creating intuitive designs backed by strong analytical thinking and attention to detail. Completed two UX/UI design certifications and built a portfolio demonstrating expertise in wire-framing, prototyping, and user-centered design.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATION

- Master of Science in Industrial Engineering, Far Eastern Federal University, Vladivostok, Russia
- Agile Essentials Certification
- Google UX Design Certificate
- UI/UX Design Specialization, California Institute of the Arts

SKILLS

- **TOOLS:** Figma, FigJam, Miro, Illustrator, Photoshop, Lightroom
- **UX & PRODUCT DESIGN SKILLS:** User Research, Journey Mapping, Feedback Synthesis, Usability Testing, Data-Driven Design Decisions, Competitor Analysis, A/B Testing, Wireframing, Prototyping, UI Design, Design Systems, Visual Hierarchy, Iconography
- **SOFT SKILLS:** Empathy, Cross-Team Collaboration, Attention to Details, Teamwork, Agile Workflow, Critical and Analytical Thinking, Problem Solving, Time management, Organizational Skills, Storytelling
- **LANGUAGES:** English (fluent), Russian (native), Polish (conversational)

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

UI DESIGNER / PRODUCT DESIGNER, BubbleUp

CalArts UI/UX Design Specialization | Raleigh, NC | 07/2024 – 09/2024

- Designed and maintained a cohesive visual system for a mobile-first customizable boba tea app.
- Created detailed user flows, high-fidelity prototypes, and illustrations/icons aligned with brand identity.
- Conducted usability testing, gathered feedback, and iterated based on user and stakeholder input.
- Balanced business goals with user needs through user interviews and product insights.

UX/UI DESIGNER, The Oaks Gallery

Google's UX Design Specialization | Raleigh, NC | 07/2023 – 12/2023

- Designed an intuitive auction app for art buyers, applying user-centered research and wireframing.
- Conducted usability tests and interviews to inform design iterations.
- Developed prototypes and refined visual hierarchy and interactions for improved discoverability.

UI/UX DESIGNER, Ferret, LedScreen, CatAngels

Raleigh, NC | 12/2022 – 06/2023

- Redesigned websites for startups and nonprofits, improving usability and aesthetic consistency.
- Developed high-quality UI assets for website interfaces using Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, and Figma.
- Created wireframes, prototypes, and high-fidelity mockups aligned with user-centered design principles.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

PHOTOGRAPHER, HiddenFox Photo, www.hiddenfoxphoto.com

Raleigh, NC | 02/2016 – 12/2023

- Built and managed a client-oriented photography business, handling all communications, logistics, and post-production.
- Conducted in-depth client consultations to understand emotional and aesthetic goals.
- Created intuitive, guided photo sessions to ensure client comfort and confidence.
- Adapted lighting setups and shooting strategies to unpredictable environments.
- Developed a strong sensitivity to human emotion and storytelling.

PROJECT MANAGER, Engineering Networks, JSC

Remote, Raleigh, NC | 01/2018 – 05/2022

- Led project planning and scheduling for water/wastewater construction projects using Smartsheet templates, including Gantt charts, WBS structures, and milestone tracking to ensure timely delivery.
- Oversaw technical design reviews and provided expert guidance to engineering teams, ensuring compliance with municipal and environmental standards.
- Maintained comprehensive regulatory documentation, including permits, safety protocols, and building code compliance for underground and above-ground systems.
- Managed labor, subcontractor, and equipment schedules while optimizing material deliveries and inventory tracking for large-scale pipeline and treatment facility work.

LEAD ENGINEER, State Government Office, Tariff Agency

Vladivostok, Russia | 05/2013 – 08/2014

- Led techno-economic analysis of heat production and transmission.
- Conducted performance evaluations and developed user-focused engineering documentation.
- Managed compliance filings and reporting for state requirements.

CIVIL ENGINEER / PROJECT MANAGER, Engineering Networks, JSC

Vladivostok, Russia | 09/2011 – 03/2013

- Managed end-to-end construction projects, overseeing contractors and team members.
- Identified and resolved construction challenges through strategic problem-solving.
- Developed and maintained comprehensive project documentation.
- Conducted inspections of concealed structures to ensure compliance with regulations.