

KUZIN

Michael Kuzin

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OBJECTIVE

I am a seasoned product designer with a focus on crafting quality user experiences by combining both of my skill sets - creative and technical. I thrive on the challenge of dealing with problems that occur when people use technology. My goal is to improve online experiences for all people regardless of age, skill level or disability. I am a lifelong learner and leader by example and I am devoted to the quality of my craft.

CAREER

Joyful Reading Co

Principal Designer

Pittsburgh, PA

July 2018 - Present

Fi360

Design Lead

Pittsburgh, PA

January 2016 - July 2018

JazzHR

Senior UI Designer

Pittsburgh, PA

March 2014 - December 2015

ShowClix

Senior Product Designer

October 2010 - March 2014

EDUCATION

Art Institute of Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh, PA

Bachelor of Science with Honors, 3.7

Graphic Design

2008

INVENTORY

- Experience creating, managing and maintaining large design systems.
- Sharp, Pixel-perfect visual interface design skills.
- Expert in Adobe, Sketch, InVision and similar prototyping tools.
- Proficient in front-end prototyping technologies (HTML, CSS, SASS, LESS, Angular and JS)
- Comfortable working in a fast-paced agile development and design processes.
- Decisive, action-oriented, scrappy and resourceful.
- Up-to-date on current UX/UI design trends and developments.
- Experienced creating 'big data' visualizations and complex reports.
- Experienced testing and running user research studies to uncover usability issues.

RECOMMENDATIONS

'Precise' is the word that comes to mind when I think of Mike. I had the pleasure of working with him at Fi360, collaborating on a major release of their flagship product. I am particularly impressed by Mike's ability to handle even the toughest ux –and effortlessly. Admirably, he maintains his commitment to his family while juggling a demanding career. Mike would be an asset to any team.

“ **Ashley Mulligan**, Lead UI/UX Engineer at Fi360, Inc.

Mike Kuzin is a one-man product machine. I recruited him at Jazz because he's a UI/UX Designer who thinks like a product manager. His work was essential in helping Resumator transition to Jazz while fundamentally transforming our core user experience. Mike deserves much of the credit for Jazz's position as a leading recruiting solution. He gets my highest recommendation!

“ **Don Charlton**, Founder of The Resumator & JazzHR

Mike is a very talented designer and artist... by far one of the best that I've ever had the pleasure of working with and managing. He is never short on creative ideas or the latest trends and technologies. Mike's rare ability to pay attention to detail and usability while creating simple, yet compelling end-results makes him truly one of a kind in his field.

“ **Joshua Dziabiak**, COO at theZebra.com, Founder of ShowClix, Inc.

I don't exaggerate when I say that Michael is the most prolific (and perfectionist) designer I've encountered as a teacher of art and design. When a project would seem to be at its best and no one had anything else to add, Michael would somehow discover a way to improve it. Not only did he consistently push the limits of his own art, but inspired others to do the same. It didn't surprise me at all when he won Best of Show at Portfolio Review. He shared information liberally with his peers and instructors and worked incredibly hard. If I were hiring a designer, I'd hire him in a heartbeat.

“ **Terese Jungle**, Professor of Graphic Design at The Art Institute of Pittsburgh

Mike is an extremely talented and versatile designer with an impressive bank of knowledge that covers everything from conceptual theory to scalable web development. Whether he's sketching out a workflow, assembling an interface or constructing an eye-popping, attention-grabbing landing page, Mike keeps the focus on the users while consistently executing projects in an elite and timely fashion. With his passion for solving complex interaction problems, coupled with a fun-loving, resilient attitude, Mike is an ideal candidate for a fast-paced dev environment. He is one of the most sophisticated, innovative and productive designers I've ever met, and working with him was an absolute pleasure.

“ **Jonathan Bieda**, Former Creative Director at ShowClix Inc.