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Seeking **UX, Animation, VFX, Motion,** and/or **Graphic Designer** position at a dynamic company or business in need of an **awesome Designer or Animator.**

SUMMARY:

Dynamic Designer with experience in UX design and web development, **3 years of hands-on experience** in creating user-centered designs through qualitative research and A/B testing. Eager to contribute **innovative design** approaches to meet project demands and elevate user experiences in future challenges. **Over 15 years** in **Visual Effects Industry** as a **production supervisor, animator, compositor, generalist,** and on occasion developed visual effects or animation tools and created automation in software utilizing embedded Python programming language. **All work presented on demo reels was created by me** or at times with one other artist. Please visit **demo reels portfolio** at **vimeo.com/chrismanabe**.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

MARCH 2025
to
APRIL 2025

- ***Sunray-Builders LLC.*** *(UX Designer, Web Developer)*
  chrismanabe.com/sunray
  Los Angeles, CA
  Research: Executed secondary research, leveraging online tools and AI technologies to gather insights.
  Engineered and maintained a comprehensive website from scratch, incorporating both front-end and back-end development.
  Developed an administrative dashboard, enhancing administrator experience with front-end editing capabilities.
  Figma · Wireframes · Lo-Fi Prototype · PHP · HTML · MySQL · CSS · JavaScript

FEB. 2025
to
MARCH 2025

- ***Feel The Bern SFV: Social Justice Club*** *(UX Designer, Web Developer)*
  chrismanabe.com/ftbsfv
  Los Angeles, CA
  Research: Conducted thorough secondary research using online resources and AI tools for data analysis.
  Devised and constructed a robust website from the ground up, offering front-end and back-end development with ongoing maintenance.
  Instituted an administrative dashboard with capabilities for front-end edits, streamlining administrator management.
  Figma · Wireframes · Lo-Fi Prototype · PHP · PHPMailer · HTML · MySQL · CSS JavaScript · PayPal Linked System · Jira · Agile

JAN. 2022
to
JULY 2024

- ***Picture It In Lights LLC.*** *(Co-Owner, UX Designer, Web Developer)*
  chrismanabe.com/pi2lpage
  Los Angeles, CA
  Research: Facilitated comprehensive user research including interviews, surveys, competitive audits, qualitative studies, A/B testing, usability evaluations, and utilizing online tools and AI technologies to gather insights.
  Conceptualized and launched an E-Commerce store along with a **SaaS system** that featured membership registration and administrative approval mechanisms.
  Instituted an administrative dashboard, enhancing administrator experience with front-end editing capabilities.
  Designed all light signs, in-house designed inventory.
  Figma · SaaS · Wireframes · Lo-Fi Prototype · PHP · PHPMailer · HTML · Jira Agile · MySQL · CSS · JavaScript · E-Commerce · PayPal SDK Integration

APRIL 2020
to
DEC. 2021

- ***Unemployed***
  Due to COVID-19 related reasons.

JAN. 2019 to **MARCH 2020**

- ***Proof Inc.*** *(Post Vis Artist/Senior Compositor)*
  proof-inc.com
  Los Angeles, CA
  Worked on SPE - **Men In Black: International**, Paramount - **Top Gun: Maverick**, Netflix - **Extraction**, Columbia Pictures/Marvel - **Morbius**, DC/Warner Bros. - **The Suicide Squad**, Lionsgate - **Chaos Walking**, Warner Bros. - **The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It**, 20th Century Studios - **The Call of the Wild**
  Maya, Nuke, SynthEyes

NOV. 2018 to **DEC. 2018**

- ***The Third Floor, Inc.*** *(Previs, Post Vis Artist/CG Generalist)*
  thethirdfloorinc.com
  Los Angeles, CA
  Worked on SPE/Marvel - **Spider-Man: Far From Home**, Disney - **Jungle Cruise**
  Maya, AE, PFTrack, Mocha Pro

OCT. 2018 to **NOV. 2018**

- ***Proof Inc.*** *(Post Vis Artist/Senior Compositor)*
  proof-inc.com
  Los Angeles, CA
  Worked on MGM's **Creed 2**
  Maya, Nuke, SynthEyes

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- ***Visit portfolio website for full resume – chrismanabe.com/resume***

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  vimeo.com/chrismanabe - imdb.com/name/nm0541236

EDUCATION:

Coursera

Nov 2024 - Nov 2024
Certificate - Google AI Essentials
Los Angeles, CA

Aug 2024 - Nov 2024
Professional Certificate - Google AI Essentials
Los Angeles, CA
Slide Deck: bit.ly/403WsBG

Udemy

Feb 2022 - Mar 2022
Certificate, Create an eCommerce Website
Los Angeles, CA

Aug 2019 - Sep 2019
Certificate, Build Complete 2019 CMS Blog
Los Angeles, CA

SKILLS:

Jira, Agile, Figma, Wireframes, Mock-ups, Prototypes, PHP, HTML, CSS, SaaS, JavaScript, Python, MySQL, Adobe XD , Illustrator, Photoshop, After Effects, Nuke, Premiere, Maya, 3D Max, C4D, Modeling, Shader Design, UV-Texture Paint, Rigging, Character/Vehicle Animation, Rigid Body/Cloth/Fluid Dynamics, Rendering, SynthEyes, PFTrack, Mocha Pro, Camera Tracking, Laravel, Visual Studio CoPilot - ChatGPT, Claude Sonnet, Gemini, Glow Forge, Google Slides, Google Analytics, Microsoft Office Suite - Outlook, Word, Exel, Power Point

CODING EXPERTISE:

Advanced Beginner:
Laravel: PHP Framework

Competent:
JavaScript, Python, SaaS, MySQL, Visual Studio CoPilot (ChatGPT, Claude Sonnet, Gemini) Agile

Proficient:
PHP, HTML, CSS

SOFTWARE EXPERTISE:

Competent:
Windows, Linux, Jira, XAMPP, Adobe-XD, 3D Max, C4D, Google Analytics

Proficient:
Figma, Firefly, ChatGPT, Claude Sonnet, Gemini

Expert:
Adobe CC - Illustrator, Photoshop, After Effects, Premiere, Maya, Nuke, SynthEyes, PFTrack, Mocha Pro, Glow Forge - Laser

REFERENCES:

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