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UX DESIGNER WITH A PASSION FOR RESEARCH





Working with my team on the Amazon Explorer project. Indiana University - Bloomington. Fall 2012. Photo: Yizhou Pan.

About me

My journey into design began during my junior year of college. I was in my statistics class, when I had an epiphany, realizing the path I was heading down was not for me. I had yet to explore what I was truly passionate about. After some soul searching, I realized two things: I enjoyed solving problems, and I loved creating things. I then started searching for a career that would challenge me while allowing me to express myself creativity; this led me to the world of HCI.

As a designer, your basic practices do not change, however, it's the thrill of exploring a problemspace that allows growth...and this is what attracts me to HCI. Overall, I am passionate about design and research and I want to use my creativity to collaboratively develop solutions that will impact a wide range of people.

I am currently based in the **Charlotte Metro** area, working for **Salesforce's Customer Success Group team**. I utilize my talents as a senior designer to enhance the mobile and desktop experiences for our provider B2B customers, with an emphasis placed on the healthcare and home improvement customers.





Through my career, I have found that design does not follow a linear process, rather the needs of our customers shape how we land upon a design solution. Below you will find some of my favorite tools to utilize when exploring a problemspace.

PROBLEM FRAMING THRU EXPLORATION

Affinity Diagramming Card Sorting Contextual Inquiry Ethnography Interviews Persona & Scenario Development Sketching

CONCEPTION AND PROTOTYPING

Arduino (Uno/LilyPad) Elito Method Paper Circuits Paper Prototypes Storyboarding Wireframes

EVALUATION AND LAUNCH

Design Critiques Focus Groups Usability Testing User Acceptance Testing Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.

Albert Einstein





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ALLY LENDING KNOWLEDGE HUB

Lead Designer • Content Author

The Ally Lending Knowledge Hub is a project I am currently working on. Our team is working to redesign the treatment of the provider prospect B2B articles on Ally's storefront, with an emphasis being placed on Home Improvement and Healthcare.

For this project, I serve as both the design lead and content author. My key responsibilities included partnering with the content strategy team to design the new experience, building the design using Adobe Experience Manager, working with the Creative Services team to create new icons and hero images, and publishing the page when its time to go live. I am also responsible for driving our design meetings and engaging with stakeholders.



THE SCOPE.

The Ally Lending Marketing Team needs a single destination to house B2B articles. The team wants to provide Healthcare (HC) and Home Improvement (HI) provider prospects with a centralized area to explore leading insights and trends.

TARGET AUDIENCE.

Provider prospects in the HC and HI industries who are considering working with Ally Lending

Provider prospects who are looking to understand trends within the HC and HI industries

Provider prospects who may or may not be ready to start a lead form

"Buyers actively seek out brands where trust and helpfulness have been established and are more likely to purchase from brands whose content they're engaged with."

"Content is KING! It plays a significant role in the B2B buyer's journey."

"The average customer engages with 3-5 pieces of content before talking to a sales rep."





Until Q1 2022, trending HC and HI insights are housed on Ally's Media and Recognition page. Between the two verticals, there are 25 articles with plans for the Marketing team to add 6 new artifacts each month throughout 2022.

DESIGN CONSTRAINTS.

- Design system: limited to components available in Adobe Experience Manager
- Design needs to accommodate quick updates as new content is released
- Easy for prospects to browse between articles
- Designing for the known-unknown
- Updates are being made to both the styling guide and Community Hub

DESIGN PROCESS.

PROBLEM FRAMING

Stakeholder Interviews, Content Evaluation, and Design Critiques

CONCEPTION AND PROTOTYPING

Sketching, Wireframes, Design Critique, Iterations

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Page layout breakdown



Sketches from white boarding session with Reboot Squad (Product Owner, Content Strategy, Information Architect, and UX Design).



The team explored two concepts: a one-page experience that would featured all of the available content on one page, with a filter to narrow in a specific industry (inlet); and a multi-page experience that would have a landing page to tease content and pages for each industry that would house all of th e content for that topic.







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(Left - right) Proposed Design for the Ally Lending Knowledge Hub landing page; Featured content, highlighting four pieces of content; Vertical sections for each industry.









(Left - right) Proposed Design for the vertical pages in the Ally Lending Knowledge Hub; Articles are featured in cards and will use iconography, labels, and color to reinforce the medium customers are engaging with. insights, and innovation. Series of the track is a characteristic series of mild pade a tensing constitution of complex



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Home Improvement





As varius content is added, color will be used to help distinguish the type of artifact users are engaging with.

LAUNCH AND EVALUATION.

The Ally Lending Resources center went live March 2022

Page sessions

We are taking a look at the average number of pages a person views during their interaction with the knowledge hub

Clicks on articles + Lead form starts

What content are visitors engaging with? What's trending and what is being seen as valuable knowledge?

Ease of navigation

Are providers able to easily find the Article Hub? Are they able to engage with content?



NEXT STEPS.

Additional Verticals

There are plans to release content for Auto, Retail Services, and to pull Cosmetics up from Healthcare and into its own vertical.

Component enhancements for storefront

As more content is added to the hub, pagination and filtering will become important. Currently there are 25 articles across the two verticals; marketing has plans to release 3 new articles for each vertical each month in 2022, along with infographics, case studies, white papers / industry reports, and eBooks by the end of Q4.

Styling updates

Ally's storefront is currently being updated with new style treatment guidelines (iconography, photography, illustration styles, etc.) and Ally's blog, Community Hub, is going through a design overall. The Knowledge Hub will need to be updated to feature the new recommendations.







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Portfolio Sample A previe highligh

Case Studies

A preview of projects I've worked on, highlighting my role, approach, and key outcomes in a concise format.

An in-depth look at select projects, detailing challenges, strategies, and results for a deeper understanding of my work.

