# Carrie Jackson-Ardila

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## **About**

Human-focused designer with a strong development background, committed to designing meaningful and inclusive experiences that have the power to improve people's lives.

# Skills

UX/UI: Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG), screen reader testing, heuristic evaluation, customer journey mapping, wireframing, prototyping, user testing, Figma, Adobe XD, Sketch/InVision, DesignOps, Azure DevOps, Jira

Web development: HTML, CSS/LESS/SASS, Javascript, Jquery, Magento, Wordpress, PHP, MySQL, Apache, Ubuntu, Photoshop, Illustrator, After Effects, Premiere, SEO, Google Analytics, Webmaster Tools

# Experience

### Senior User Experience (UX) Designer

#### Merkle, a dentsu company

Sept 2021 - Sept 2023

- Led an accessibility review and created custom reports for a pharmaceutical company's 14 websites.
   Provided remediation recommendations in the form of an actionable playbook.
- Co-led the dentsu A11y Initiative, an international colleague-led group focused on standardizing digital accessibility across the organization. Received an Honorable Mention (4<sup>th</sup> place out of 600 entries) in the Transforming dentsu category, Northstar Awards.
- Founding member of the Merkle Design Committee, a group focused on providing internal design resources and education through monthly design talks to a team of 100+ designers.
- Performed mobile screen reader testing on an existing website to determine digital accessibility opportunities, as part of a heuristic evaluation and redesign for an international car rental company.
- Designed multi-breakpoint screens in Figma for a best-in-class ecommerce experience for a global health foods company. Iterated and collaborated within a Scrum team. Documented accessibility and localization processes.

### AVP, UX/Digital Designer

#### **Associated Bank**

Jan 2017 - Sept 2021

- Spearheaded redesign of homepages and website sections from concept to launch. Researched enhancement opportunities, designed XD screens, presented proposal to achieve stakeholder buy-in, executed code development. Redesign resulted in an increase of the bank's NPS score for Q3 2021.
- Led open card sorts to inform information architecture modifications and increase content findability.

- Built clickable prototypes in XD and facilitated user testing for branch/ATM locator redesign.
- Identified personas and facilitated a journey mapping workshop to uncover unique user needs for the Bank at Work program. Crafted XD wireframes based on the findings.
- Produced digital marketing materials, such as digital banners, offer landing pages, and branch animations, for brand and multiple dual-branded partnership campaigns.
- Worked closely with outside developers to implement bank's branding in third party apps and portals.
- Volunteered design services for Feeding America.

#### Front End Developer

#### IceFrog Technologies

Dec 2015 - Aug 2016

- Designed and developed 123Commerce website and templated Magento 1 ecommerce websites for clients using PHP/HTML/CSS/Javascript.
- Collaborated closely with sales department to pioneer a client onboarding program.

#### **Ecommerce Developer**

**Equipment Garage** 

Feb 2014 - Oct 2015

- Designed and developed seven Magento 1 ecommerce sites with large, complex catalogs using PHP/HTML/CSS/Javascript and Excel.
- Spearheaded brand content strategy, executed digital and print marketing projects with Photoshop,
   After Effects, and Premiere.
- Improved site usability and search engine optimization with Google Analytics and Webmaster Tools.

# Certifications and Memberships

#### **Professional Member**

International Association of Accessibility Professionals (IAAP)

Sept 2023

Certified Professional in Accessibility Core Competencies (CPACC) certification pending

#### **UX Certificate, Interaction Design**

Nielsen Norman Group

May 2018

Credential ID 1023861

# Education

Associate in Applied Science (AAS), Visual Communications/Computer Graphics

Milwaukee Area Technical College

Sept 2009 – May 2011

Graduated with honors

Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA), Double-major in Painting and Art History

Kansas City Art Institute

Sept 2003 – Dec 2007

Merit scholarship, Dean's List