

R E F I N E D E S I G N

# ALLY FOURIE

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#### DIGITAL SKILLS

[INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO]

USER EXPERIENCE RESEARCH

STATIC VISUAL DESIGN

INFORMATION ARCHITECTURE

MARKETING [MICRO] COPYWRITING

WIREFRAMING

INTERACTIVE PROTOTYPING

USER ANALYSIS & TESTING

DATA ANALYTICS & VISUALISATION

BRAND & COMPETITIVE AUDITS

### ABOUT

In a nutshell: I'm a freelancer, a **UI/UX design specialist**. Originally from Cape Town South Africa, yet find myself currently living [and thriving] in the United Kingdom. Emanating from a diverse background of over nine years in corporate marketing for premium brands like Jaguar, Land Rover and Apple, I pride myself on having learnt an invaluable way of thinking which I now use as a tool to incorporate into ventures and collobarations.

Furthermore, earning an **award** in the digital space, a **post-grad degree** and most recently **averaging 90%** in an online University [UX] User Design Experience course, led me to discover my expertise and the area of digital design I now focus on. The concept of **refined, interface design**.

Highlighting a distinct passion of mine, but more notably where to focus and deliver my efforts and the specific level of quality, of those efforts given my pro-active mindset and problem-solving ability. Please check out my website for more information and few pieces of what I've created in the past.

# EXPERIENCE [SELF | FREELANCER]

UI/UX Design Freelancer Specialist Nov 2020 - current

Iconic Collective

[June 2022 - ongoing]

Consistent work flow via three South African Creative Agencies (two operate on a global scale) where I've formed & maintained close relationships to-date:

Work within brand & corporate CI guidelines to reinforce a brand's voice through visual touchpoints | Develop effective & refined imagery, font, layout concepts based on requirements | Present UI/UX designs & sell my solutions to various stakeholders | Designing new, improved desktop & mobile interfaces and/or interface elements | Conducting market and/or competitor research & analysing design trends | Pitch work: conducting brand audits & presenting user experience recommendations directly to client | Hands-on, liasing with & managing various roles/relationships [as well as conflicting issues] within the agency/team | **Focused on the Makro brand** [Big SA Department Retailer] but continue to work on a **variety** of others too

VMLY&R [Oct 2021 - ongoing]

**Mzero** [May 2021 - July 2022]

Adhoc Projects [June 2021 - ongoing] Work within brand & corporate CI guidelines to reinforce a brand's voice through visual touchpoints | Develop effective & refined imagery, font, layout concepts based on requirements | Present UI/UX designs & sell my solutions to various stakeholders | Designing new, improved desktop & mobile interfaces and/or interface elements | Conducting market and/or competitor research & analysing design trends | Brands I've worked on: Liberty (financial & health), Vodacom, Momentum (financial & health), British American Tobacco & their group of brands incl. Vuse, Velo, Glo

Work within brand & corporate CI guidelines to reinforce a brand's voice through visual touchpoints | UI/ UX website analysis & recommendations | Designing new & improved desktop/mobi websites with a focus on e-commerce stores | Conducting market and/or competitor research & analysing design trends | Brands I've worked on: Cara Saven Wallpaper Design, Jameson, Cape Wine Company, Mills Boat Academy, Cannafrica

UI/UX strategy focused: conducting industry specific & user-based research to provide insights into a brand's current digital marketing activity | Following with strategic recommendations & overall direction based on where it could/should be | Creating wireframes, prototypes, storyboards, user flows | Designing & building small business websites (WIX) | Variety of big & small clients/brands/agencies: Jaguar SA Retailer, Land Rover SA Retailer, Belles & Bouquets, The Motivational Lab, The RSVE



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#### **DIGITAL EXPERTISE**

ADOBE XD

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ADOBE PHOTOSHOP

ADOBE ILLUSTRATOR

ADOBE INDESIGN

MICROSOFT TOOLS SUITE

APPLE TOOLS SUITE

GOOGLE TOOLS SUITE

SKETCH | INVISION

ASANA | SLACK | TRELLO

### **EXPERIENCE** [EMPLOYED | CORPORATE]

**Global Marketing** 

Manager Because Creative Experiences Agency, Cape Town 2019 - 2020

Internal B2B marketing strategy & budget: Formed a real understanding of agency's consumers, business, products and challenges, to articulate, position and implement data driven strategic and optimisation plans for their client and measure brand recognition and campaign success | UX Website development & CRM management via Hubspot | Lead-gen strategy & responsible for implementation | Digital customer journey touchpoints | Marketing research & insights, analytics & reporting | Paid digital advertising & social media campaigns | Oversee content programme & strategies | Adhoc marketing copywriting | Digital graphic design

Marketing Manager Jaguar Land Rover, Pretoria & Cape Town Retailer 2016 - 2019

AWARD ACHIEVED Land Rover South Africa Digital Award

Brand development & growth within the retail environment | Formulation of marketing structures and foundational processes | Quarterly marketing strategies & budgets | New vehicle and product launches | Digital content strategy | Able to solve a multitude of problems by leveraging deep knowledge and experience in data, media, and web analytics | High degree of proficiency in presentation creation | Ensuring data led thinking is consistently used throughout the team | Strong presentation skills | Social media strategy including influencer relationships | PR and media | Managed complex internal & external relationships

Marketing & Events Co-ordinator Apple Electronics, [Core Group] Johannesburg 2013 - 2016

Event, campaign and project co-ordination -Across group of companies: iStore, iStore B2B, Think Ahead, Accessories (eg. Fitbit) | New product and store launch marketing | Budgeting & reporting | Social media content | Marketing research & competitor analysis

### FORMAL EDUCATION



SCHOOL EDUCATION

User Experience Design Online Course

**University of Cape Town** Sept 2020 - Dec 2020 Averaged 90% and discovered my forte.



BCom Honours Business Management

**University of Pretoria** Jan 2007 - Apr 2011 Once I'd completed my undergrad BCom, I was elected & chosen as part of a group of 25 students [out of over 200 intial entrants] to pursue my post-grad [Honours] degree. Majored in Marketing too.

Cornwall Hill College, Pretoria Matric IEB High School Certificate with Exemption

Jan 2002 - Dec 2006