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// summary

Currently leading the AI documentation strategy for Albertsons' design system — Figma Dev Mode MCP → structured component specs serving three audiences: designers, content managers, and engineers. 9+ years across regulated finance, marketplaces, and large retail; the last 4+ in design systems.

// components 02 · in-depth

Albertsons Companies active

role: senior product designer, design systems · scope: ds + ai documentation infrastructure strategy · aug 2021 → present · pleasanton, ca

Architected and shipping an AI documentation pipeline for the design system — Figma Dev Mode MCP → structured component specs serving designers (intent + variants), content managers (anatomy + copy slots), and engineers (tokens + props). Early-stage, iterating against the live component library; the org's first systems-side AI infrastructure.

Designed and shipped an AI-powered image cropper with focal-point detection and batch processing (v1.1, Oct 2025); 500+ images cropped, 3–5× faster than the manual workflow. Marketing later reverse-engineered the PRD into their own pipeline.

Shipped product improvements driving +4% engagement on MyList and +6% on Meals Hub, while maintaining full design-system compliance across components and breakpoints.

Wells Fargo shipped

role: product designer, team lead · scope: consumer banking · type: contract · aug 2020 → aug 2021

Design Team Lead for the consumer banking experience — set the craft bar in a regulated environment where WCAG and compliance review raised the bar for typography, color, and component fidelity. Mentored designers through critique and shared spec patterns.

Led design in Agile grooming and planning; partnered with product, engineering, research, and QA to deliver production-ready components and high-fidelity specs that shipped on-brand at launch.

// previous 2016–2020

Storr · lead product designer · seed-stage p2p marketplace · nov 2018 → feb 2020  
Macy's · associate ux → ux designer · macys.com web + native · jul 2016 → oct 2018

// foundation

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| EDUCATION | General Assembly · UX Design (2015–16) · University of California, Irvine · B.A. Political Science (2011)                                                                                                                                                                     |
| SKILLS    | // systemsDesign Systems · Component Libraries & Documentation · Visual & Interaction Design · Typography & Color · Accessibility (WCAG 2.2 AA)<br>// ai-workflowAI Tooling for Design Workflows · Figma Dev Mode MCP · Claude Skills · Node-Based Prompting · Design-to-Code |
| TOOLS     | Figma (libraries · variants · Auto Layout · API) · Dev Mode MCP · Claude Skills · HTML / CSS · JIRA · Confluence · Miro                                                                                                                                                       |