

Grant Florence

Product designer focused on creating intuitive, AI-enabled experiences

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Experience

Microsoft

August 2023 – Present

Product Designer (Azure + Copilot)

- Led designs of Azure Copilot into AKS Run Command, in turn, supporting strong adoption among cloud developers
- Completed heuristic analysis of 20+ interface features of the open-source, Kubernetes software, Headlamp
- Collaborate closely with cross-functional product teams of engineers, product managers, & researchers to elevate product quality across Azure & Copilot experiences

Product Design Internship (June – August 2022)

- Designed prototype for Microsoft Azure Quick Start Center, an educational resource used by thousands of Azure users to increase the speed of deploying cloud computing solutions
- Conducted 6 user interviews & integrated feedback into prototypes

Motorola Solutions Incorporated

August 2021 –

May 2022

Product Design Intern

- Conducted in-depth secondary research to unify three outdated programs into a single comprehensive, usable interface
- Created user flows, research presentations, & prototyped elements (utilizing design libraries in Figma) for a cross-org team of 28

Cargill Innovation Lab

May 2021 –

August 2021

Product Design Intern

- Worked with design & marketing teams for 11 weeks to design a prototype using Material Design libraries that 5 clients utilized

Projects

Microsoft 2024 Global Hackathon

- Contributed to rapid prototyping for our company-wide, global hackathon, placing the project 1st among around 500 projects in the “everyday AI” executive challenge, culminating in a group presentation to Microsoft Research President, Peter Lee

Peak Progress (iOS Application)

- Designed & developed a journaling app in Swift with Cursor, Claude Sonnet 3.5, NoSQL cloud database, user authentication, & other 3rd party SDKs

Education

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2019–2023)

Bachelor of Science in Information Sciences (Human-Computer Interaction focus)

Honors: James Scholar Honors Program & Stanley C. Golder Finance Academy

Core Skillsets

- **Figma** – component libraries, advanced design systems, & rapid prototyping of enterprise products for user testing
- **AI-Native Development** – Github Copilot, Cursor, Swift, XCode, & 3rd party SDKs allowing effective communication with engineering teams
- **User Testing** – conducted multiple sessions with advanced, enterprise cloud engineers