

MICHAEL TERPEZA

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UI Designer | Accessibility-Focused | AWS Certified

UI Designer with 8 years of experience making software feel like it was designed for the people using it. My work spans healthcare, enterprise software, and consumer products — modernizing interfaces, designing accessible user flows, and creating experiences that reduce friction for real users in real situations.

My background in visual art and print production gave me a foundation in precision and craft that shapes every design decision I make. I've worked across teams of all sizes — large cross-functional groups, two-person setups with just me and a developer, and everything in between. Always remote. Always dependable.

What I bring:

- UI design with accessibility at the core — WCAG 2.1 experience across healthcare, enterprise, and consumer products
- Strong visual instincts backed by a fine art and print production foundation
- Enough technical fluency to collaborate with developers without slowing things down
- AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner

Open to full-time roles, contract work, and freelance engagements.

Professional Experience

UI Designer/Digital Product & E-Commerce | Personal Project | Remote 2025 - Present

- Designed and shipped a full e-commerce portfolio site, making deliberate UX decisions for information architecture, gallery organization, product browsing, and checkout flow
- Designed interaction patterns including an interactive sticker feature to drive community engagement
- Ensured WCAG 2.1 accessibility compliance and responsive design across desktop, tablet, and mobile
- Sole designer and developer — responsible for every decision from concept through visual execution and deployment.

Frontend Developer/UI Designer (Contract) | Alphabroder | Remote 2024 - 2025

- Maintained visual consistency and UX quality across a high-traffic e-commerce platform serving thousands of daily users
- Collaborated with marketing and design teams to improve homepage elements, landing pages, and seasonal campaign pages
- Identified and resolved front-end issues affecting user experience across desktop and mobile
- Worked within Agile SCRUM and Kanban workflows alongside development and marketing teams

Lead Frontend/UI Designer (Contract) | GCF Business Valuation | Remote 2021 - 2023

- Redesigned and modernized the UI of a legacy enterprise business valuation application, improving visual consistency and usability across the product
- Implemented responsive design updates and cross-browser fixes using Bootstrap, ensuring a consistent experience across all devices and browsers
- Collaborated with the development team during an ASP.NET Core migration, maintaining UI integrity throughout the transition
- Managed Git version control workflows using Azure Repos

Software Developer/UI Designer & Accessibility | Neurotech | Waukesha, WI 2019 – 2020

- Designed accessible UI for software serving epileptic patients receiving in-home care services, applying WCAG 2.1 standards where usability directly impacted patient outcomes
- Audited existing applications for accessibility violations and implemented targeted fixes to meet compliance standards
- Supported WordPress company website and maintained Moodle LMS, ensuring PHI compliance and database integrity

Application Developer/UI Design Intern | Generac Power Systems | Waukesha, WI 2016 – 2018

- Led responsive UI modernization of ActivateGen, a product activation tool used by customers and field technicians nationwide
- Converted non-responsive web layouts to mobile-friendly designs using Bootstrap, resolving cross-browser compatibility issues
- Identified and resolved UI/UX issues based on stakeholder feedback, improving overall user experience

Education & Certification

AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner 2025 (Renewal: 2028)

Waukesha County Technical College | Pewaukee, WI 2015 – 2018
Associates in Applied Science, Web and Software Development, (3.5 GPA)

Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design | Milwaukee, WI 1999 – 2001
Completed coursework toward BFA in Illustration

Technical Skills

Design: UI Design · User-Centered Design · WCAG 2.1 Accessibility · Responsive Web Design · Information Architecture · Visual Design · Typography · Figma

Technical: HTML5 · CSS3 · Bootstrap · JavaScript (reading/debugging) · Cross-browser Compatibility · Git

Cloud: AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner · Elastic Beanstalk · EC2 · S3 · IAM · CloudWatch

Workflow: SCRUM · Kanban · WordPress · SQL