

NATÁLIA CRISTINA KURQUIEVICZ ALCANTARA

UI/UX Designer & Accessibility Specialist

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26 years in design | 14 as a dedicated UX/UI specialist | Accessibility expert (WCAG 2.2 AA, EN 301 549) | Developer of an AI-assisted accessibility tool | EU institutional UX experience

PROFILE

UI/UX Designer and Accessibility Specialist with 26 years of design experience overall, 18 spent building for the web, and 14 focused entirely on UX/UI: research, wireframing, prototyping and accessibility for EU institutions, financial services, SaaS and e-commerce clients. Deep expertise in WCAG 2.2 AA and EN 301 549 compliance, backed by hands-on front-end skills (HTML/CSS/JavaScript) that make her equally fluent with designers and developers. Currently expanding into AI-assisted design workflows, having developed an accessibility tool, Access Lens, with Claude AI as a development assistant.

EXPERIENCE

UI/UX Designer

European Committee of the Regions & European Economic and Social Committee (via Thaleria) | 10/2020 - 05/2026

UX lead for accessibility and information architecture across EU institutional platforms.

Designed and audited five core institutional systems, including the EU-wide Design System, eSign, Adonis, Official HR eForms and SAM.

Directed WCAG 2.2 AA / EN 301 549 accessibility conformance work across every platform in scope.

Ran usability testing and heuristic evaluations that directly shaped shipped design improvements.

Senior UX Researcher & Designer

CaixaBank / IKEA Portugal (VIA GammaUX) | 08/2019 - 2020

UX research for a bank payment app enabling instalment payments on IKEA Portugal purchases.

Directed Kano-model analysis and heuristic evaluations that shaped the Portuguese market rollout of an existing Spanish app.

Senior Digital Marketing Lead - UI/UX Designer

Airplane Solutions | 11/2019 - 04/2020

UX design for a SaaS operations dashboard, partnering directly with Product and Backend teams.

Applied Lean Design methodology and heuristic analysis to design the dashboard's core flows and wireframes.

Creative Team Lead - UI/UX Designer

Michael Page | 11/2015 - 07/2019

Led a 3-person creative team spanning UK and rest-of-world markets.

Designed and shipped the Page Outsourcing brand-reveal website and led its retargeting campaigns.

Drove a 55% increase in jumpsuit-customisation engagement on the redesigned Page Outsourcing site.

Produced interactive eBooks, infographics and animated social banners for the wider group.

Creative Designer

Gesdocument - with freelance work for Peralada Group and IQS Barcelona | 11/2012 - 2015

Owned design end-to-end for the company's first e-commerce platform and a hybrid payroll-control app.

Built the e-commerce template on Prestashop and co-developed a hybrid payroll app used company-wide.

Co-founder / Digital Designer

Tapperweb SPC - with Educatur, Palau Moxó, Dprivado-Loquierooo | 2008 - 2012

Co-founded a food-delivery start-up, owning its website, brand and customer database from day one.

Marked the start of a digital-design career - first hands-on HTML/CSS and website-building work.

Graphic Designer

Gráfica Cia do Cartão · Conceito A Agency · Publisitem - Brazil | 03/2000 - 2008

Where it started: print production, final art and colour-accurate press runs for advertising agencies and print shops.

SKILLS

Design & Prototyping: Figma, Sketch, Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, After Effects, MockFlow, Zeplin

Front-end & Data: HTML5/CSS3, JavaScript, MySQL, Prestashop, WordPress, CorelDraw

Accessibility: WCAG 2.2 AA, EN 301 549, screen-reader testing, accessibility audits

AI-assisted design: Figma AI; Access Lens - accessibility tool developed with Claude AI (access-lens.com)

EDUCATION

Ensino Médio (Secondary Education) - Colégio Positivo, Curitiba, Brazil (1998)

Social Communication - Advertising - Universidade Positivo, Curitiba

Web Master training - ESPAI, Barcelona

CERTIFICATIONS & TRAINING

IAAP CPACC (Certified Professional in Accessibility Core Competencies) - in training, expected 09/2026

Conducting Usability Testing - Interaction Design Foundation

Journey Mapping - Interaction Design Foundation

LANGUAGES

Portuguese (mother tongue) | Spanish (bilingual, C2) | English (C1) | Catalan (C1)