



CURRICULUM VITAE
LIZAN VAN DEN AKER

PROFILE



Lizan van den Aker

I am a cheerful, spontaneous, motivated, open minded and creative 27 year old Dutchie with love for design, food, traveling, socializing, laughing and learning. Born and raised in a small town in a small country – The Netherlands. After 25 years of doing everything by the book, I decided it was time to spice up my life. And after 6 years of working in the IT industry it seemed like the perfect time to quit my job and leave the life that I knew behind for an amazing adventure that I had dreamed of for years. I packed my bags and traveled the world for 1.5 years. An incredible journey that lead me to amazing places, cultures and experiences. I recently came back from this trip of a life time and I am ready and excited for the next chapter in my life.

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EXPERIENCE

OCTOBER 2017
- MAY 2019

TRAVELER
THE WORLD

ASIA & OCEANIA

On October 15th, in 2017 I started this **incredible journey** around the world that has taught me so much about different cultures, religions, traditions, food, friendships, life and myself. It has **developed me** in ways that I didn't know were possible.

With this experience I proved to myself that I can do anything I set my mind too. I'm **driven, disciplined** and **confident**. But I'm also a lot more **patient, understanding** and **open**. And let's not forget to mention it gave me an extra dose of **life experience**. The world is not a stranger to me. My eyes are open wide.

NOVEMBER 2013
- OCTOBER 2017

MEDIOR TEST CONSULTANT
COMPUTEST

ZOETERMEER, THE NETHERLANDS

With a detailed check on the website or application I prevented production errors. To make testing run smoothly, I also contributed to the development of test automation. In addition, I looked at the products I worked with from a **usability** point of view, because **userfriendliness** and **consistency** are, in my opinion, the most important characteristics of modern websites and applications.

In name of **Computest** I worked as a test consultant for different clients, such as **Malmberg** and **Nationale Nederlanden**. Both of these work environments also very much valued my opinion in terms of **usability** and **UX**, eventhough that was not what they hired me to do.

At Malmberg, where I was a test consultant for more than 3 years, we worked in an **Agile** environment using **SCRUM**. For the last part of my time there I took on the role of **SCRUM Master** for our team.

EXPERIENCE

FEBRUARY 2013
- JUNE 2013

WEB DEVELOPER & VISUAL DESIGNER

FRUITCAKE STUDIO

SINT-OEDENRODE, THE NETHERLANDS

Usability & User Experience research was the main goal of this **internship** at **Fruitcake Studio**. What are the 'guidelines'? What works and what doesn't? How does the **human brain** process content? And so on. After finding the answers to these questions I wrote my **thesis** about this. I used my new knowledge for **designing** and **creating** a mobile application and responsive website based on my research and thesis.

FEBRUARY 2012
- JULY 2012

ONLINE MARKETEER & VISUAL DESIGNER

FACTOR TACHTIG

LIEMPDE, THE NETHERLANDS

At **Factor Tachtig** I have been allowed to help with **creating concepts, campaigns** and **(re)branding**. For example, I designed logos in the name of Factor Tachtig and produced their very first e-book.

SEPTEMBER 2011
- FEBRUARY 2012

ONLINE MARKETEER

BRAINADS

AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS

During my **internship** at **BrainAds** I worked as an online marketer with **SEO** (Search Engine Optimization) & **SEA** (Search Engine Advertising). Besides that, I did research for **ZOEF** about what kind of webshop would fit best with the company, based on their current **users** and the people they wanted to **target**. I wrote an **advisory report** about my research and how to set it up, and created a **design** for this new webshop.

CERTIFICATIONS

- ITIL Foundation
- ISTQB-ISEB Foundation

- Agile Scrum Foundation
- Tmap Next Foundation

SKILLS

Hard skills

- Usability
- User Experience
- SCRUM/Agile
- Software Testing
- FitNesse
- Jenkins
- Webdevelopment
- Webdesign
- Illustrator
- InDesign
- Photoshop
- HTML/CSS

Soft skills

- Motivated
- Hard worker
- Team player
- Independent
- Communicative
- Creative
- Open minded
- Cheerful
- Ambitious
- Trustworthy
- Loyal
- Fun :)

Languages

- Dutch (mother tongue)
- English (fluent)

EDUCATION

SEPTEMBER 2009
- JUNE 2013

BACHELOR OF IT

FONTYS HOGESCHOLEN

EINDHOVEN, THE NETHERLANDS

Higher Professional Education (HBO)

- Major: Media Design
- Minor: Entrepreneurship
- Innovation: Game Design & Technology
- Thesis: Usability & User Experience

SEPTEMBER 2004
- JUNE 2009

SECONDARY SCHOOL

JACOB ROELANDS LYCEUM

BOXTEL, THE NETHERLANDS

Senior General Secondary Education (HAVO)

- Profile: Science & Health