



CONTACT

Barcelona, Spain
Remote / Hybrid
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WORK ELIGIBILITY

UK & EU (full right to work)

AVAILABILITY

Open to new roles
Remote or hybrid
Barcelona-based

CORE SKILLS

- Product / UX Design
- Design Systems
- User Flows & IA
- Prototyping & Wireframing
- Figma

TECHNICAL

Git, React, Docker
Agile, AI / Agents

LEADERSHIP

- Team building & hiring
- Mentoring & coaching
- Design strategy
- Design sprints
- Stakeholder management

LANGUAGES

English — fluent
Italian — fluent
Spanish — fluent

LINKS

[Portfolio — monospace.studio](#)
[LinkedIn — /derrybirkett](#)
[GitHub — /derrybirkett](#)
[YouTube — @Monospace.Studio](#)

Derry Birkett

Hands-on Design Leader · Product Design & Design Systems

PROFILE

Player-coach design leader with 20+ years across product UX, design systems and AI-driven interfaces. I set design direction and grow teams — scaling CloudBees design from 3 to 9 — while staying hands-on in Figma and shipping the hard work myself. Based in Barcelona; open to remote or hybrid Design Lead, Principal Designer or Head of Design roles.

EXPERIENCE

Independent Design Consultant — Design Leadership & Product Systems — Monospace.Studio 05/2026 – Present
Europe

Independent product design and design-systems practice; contracting and product design labs.

Head of Design — CloudBees 02/2020 – 04/2026 · 6 yrs

- Expanded the design team from 3 to 9, overseeing specialists across research, product UX, design systems and AI/agents.
- Spearheaded a core-product redesign that customers described as a 'quantum leap' in user experience.
- Initiated and built the company's first AI chatbot dashboard (Beebot) at a hackathon, prototyping agentic onboarding features.

Lead, Design Systems — Oracle 11/2016 – 02/2020 · 3 yrs

- Led a team of 4 (2 UX designers, 1 visual designer, 1 content strategist).
- Ran a design sprint to define the product-refresh strategy, then delivered a comprehensive UI catalog and component library.
- Authored documentation that became the cross-organisational standard for 300+ engineers.

Freelance UX Designer — D2T Studio 03/2012 – 09/2016 · 4 yrs
Barcelona, Spain

- Telanto: delivered a design system, brand refresh and full marketing website as part of a two-person team.
- Exabyte/Mat3ra: sole designer repositioning the product from a tool to a platform-centric onboarding experience.
- IESE: persona review, story-mapping, information architecture, wireframing and working prototypes.
- Life Agency Bologna: art direction and visual design across diverse projects.

Founder — ShortStayApartments.com 09/2007 – 03/2011 · 3 yrs
Barcelona, Spain

- Bootstrapped a SaaS rental platform, growing it to 500+ property listings.
- Achieved a successful acquisition exit in 2011.

Senior Designer — Machinas 07/2005 – 09/2006
Barcelona, Spain

- E-commerce visual and UI design for the Esprit global store.

EDUCATION

BA, Computer Systems Analysis 1995 – 1999
University of the West of England, Bristol