

Dan Linsky

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SUMMARY

I'm a strategic design leader with 30+ years building and mentoring product-design teams for complex, global platforms. I turn ambiguity into clarity through storytelling, data-informed strategy, and hands-on craft, staying close to the work while I coach designers across every level. I've led modernization at scale for billions of users across trust & safety, identity, and platform surfaces. I'm looking to lead a team with a high bar for craft and a low tolerance for the status quo.

EXPERIENCE

Senior Design Manager, Discord

2026 – Present · San Francisco, CA

- Growth design leader delivering on DAU & MAU goals
- Trust & Safety Design DRI, reducing harm on the platform and ensuring regulatory compliance
- Leading a team of 4 designers from P2 to Staff through critique, coaching, and clear feedback

Senior Design Manager, Adobe

2017 – 2026 · San Francisco, CA

- Strategic UX vision for Adobe's Identity platform, enhancing security, authentication, and administration
- Managed a design team of 4, aligning cross-functional partners around a shared roadmap

Lead Designer, HMI & UX — Lucid Motors

2015 – 2017 · Menlo Park, CA

- Directed UX/UI design of in-vehicle interfaces
- Elevated brand, marketing, and recruiting strategies through design

UX Design Director, AKQA

2009 – 2015 · San Francisco, CA

- Led a cross-functional team to deliver solutions for clients including Apple, Google, NVIDIA, Audi, and Nike
- Championed a user-centered design approach, resulting in award-winning campaigns and products

Co-Founder & Design Lead, The Hunt

2010 – 2012 · San Francisco, CA

- Co-founded a social discovery platform, leading design and UX from inception to acquisition by Pinterest
- Built and mentored a cross-functional team, fostering a tight-knit culture of innovation and rapid iteration

Additional Experience

1997 – 2009 · Dallas, TX & Washington, DC

- Senior design and leadership roles at Odopod, Slingshot, Breakaway Solutions, KeyBridge.net, and Fast Cuts

SKILLS

Experience Design Leadership · User-Centric Product Strategy · Experience Vision · Cross-Functional Team Management · Design Systems & Operational Excellence · Agile & Lean Methodologies · Strategic Storytelling & Communication · Stakeholder Engagement & Alignment · Experience Design & Information Architecture

EDUCATION

University of Texas, Austin — MA, Advertising (Texas Creative), 2004

American University, Washington DC — BA, Visual Media / Computer Information Systems, 1997

TEACHING

Corcoran College of Art & Design, Washington DC — Adjunct Professor, 1999

Georgetown University, Washington DC — Adjunct Professor, 1999–2000

American University, Washington DC — Lecturer, 1997–1999