# Kida B. Tarkanmäki

**UX & UI DESIGNER** 

## **ABOUT ME**

A creative designer with ~4 years of experience and a love for clean interfaces. Recognized for consistently enhancing user satisfaction through thoughtful design solutions and streamlining design processes.

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

### **UI Designer / PawBorough**

4/2024 to PRESENT, remote

PawBorough is an upcoming RPG with 1000+ backers on Kickstarter!

- Designing **intuitive UI** for **20+ game features**, including farming, cooking, and quests, which enhances player accessibility and immersion.
- Developed our Design System with 120+ components and Typography Guide used by 10+ game developers, ensuring consistent cross-platform design.
- Producing **UI art** assets across **630+ screens**, maintaining a cohesive style

## **UI Designer / BrainZell**

7/2023 to 10/2023. remote

A biotech startup that grows human mini brains for research and medicine discovery!

- Designed a 5-page B2B website for investors, building awareness and inspiring trust with clear, intuitive design.
- Highlighted company milestones & offerings, and team expertise to establish credibility and encourage contact inquiries through call-to-actions.
- Aligned the style of pitch decks to fit with the website's branding, enhancing communication for 5+ investor meetings.
- Facilitated workshops to figure out the startup's needs & wants to achieve our set goals

### UI/Web Designer / Remode

3/2023 to 7/2023, remote

I reworked Remode's branding and website used by 500+ monthly visitors.

- Developed 4 responsive pages optimized for 3 device types, ensuring compatibility across platforms.
- Conducted research and competitive analysis on 8 competitors, ensuring a user-centric design approach by incorporating best practices.
- Improved UX copy across 4 pages to better communicate Remode's value proposition and enhance user understanding.



## CONTACT

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#### **AWARDS**

Cambridge Advanced English / Diploma 7/2018

Best IT-Student / School Award 8/2017

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## UX & UI Designer / Bantaba

9/2021 to 8/2022, hybrid in Stockholm

**Africa's largest** startup-diaspora community! As the **sole designer** for Bantaba, I played a crucial role in the overall design process.

- Designed a landing page from scratch that supported platform growth by
  ~30% more users
- Developed a brand style guide applied to 7+ projects (e.g., landing page, platform, emails, events) to ensure consistent branding.
- Conducted thorough user research, identifying key pain points and opportunities for improvement of the platform.
- Crafted 30+ social media graphics that boosted user engagement and visibility

## **HOBBY PROJECTS**

#### **UI Designer / 3 Game Jams**

2023 & 2024, remote

I participated in collaborative game jams (hackathons) with developers and artists!

 Designed and implemented UI for 3 games, including intro screens, menus, and in-game HUDs, within 3-day deadlines.

## **EDUCATION**

## Front-end & Accessibility / Brobygrafiska

11/2023 to 4/2024

Solidified my HTML, CSS, JavaScript & React knowledge.

## **UX design and Requirements analytics / Chas Academy**

9/2020 to 6/2022, STOCKHOLM

Chas Academy is a higher vocational university.

- Mastered design processes, interview techniques, and agile methods.
- Trained in facilitating effective communication and user insights.

## **KEY SKILLS**

#### **Design Tools:**

Figma, Photoshop, Adobe XD, Illustrator, Miro, Notion

## **Development Knowledge:**

HTML, CSS, JavaScript, React

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