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BEHANCE

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AT A GLANCE

10+

YEARS EXP.

30+

PROJECTS

5+

DISCIPLINES

2

CERTIFICATIONS

CORE SKILLS

DESIGN

UI/UX Design

Figma

Design Systems

Brand Identity

Typography

Art Direction

DEVELOPMENT

Next.js

React

TypeScript

HTML/CSS

Framer Motion

AI & TOOLS

Claude AI

Figma AI

Vibe Coding

Cursor

Vercel

VISUAL PRODUCTION

Photoshop

Illustrator

After Effects

3D Modelling

LANGUAGES

Afrikaans

English

AVAILABILITY

Open to remote, hybrid, and on-site engagements worldwide.

Available immediately.

JUANRÉ. RETIEF

CREATIVE TECHNOLOGIST · AI-DRIVEN DESIGN LEAD

Designing smarter with AI — 10+ years across brand identity, UI/UX, web development, illustration, and interactive content. Open to new opportunities.

EXPERIENCE

Freelancer

2026 — Present

CREATIVE TECHNOLOGIST & AI-DRIVEN DESIGN LEAD

- Taking on selected design projects across brand identity, UI/UX, and web development.
- Building AI-assisted design workflows using Claude, Figma AI, and vibe-coded prototypes.
- Working directly with startups and growing businesses to elevate their digital presence.

MathU Teaching Emporium

Jan 2023 — 2026

LEAD DESIGNER

- Led UI/UX and visual design across all digital platforms and marketing assets.
- Owned and maintained the full design system — components, tokens, and templates.
- Collaborated directly with product, marketing, and management stakeholders.

MathU Teaching Emporium

Jan 2020 — Jan 2023

UI DESIGNER & WEB DEVELOPER

- Delivered end-to-end UI design and web solutions for customer-facing platforms.
- Supported rapid project delivery across design and front-end development.
- Built working knowledge of HTML, CSS, and production web workflows.

Blue Pixel Studio

Jun 2017 — Jan 2019

GRAPHIC DESIGNER & ILLUSTRATOR

- Designed digital, print, and social media assets for a diverse agency client base.
- Supported branding and campaign development from concept through delivery.
- Sharpened visual craft across illustration, typography, and brand identity.

Two Tone Global

Jan 2017

UX/UI DESIGNER

- Kicked off a design career building UI layouts, wireframes, and digital assets.
- Developed a foundation in user-centred design thinking and interaction principles.

EDUCATION

Digital Design & Multimedia

College of Cape Town
2016

CERTIFICATIONS

Google UX Design

Google / Coursera
Certified

UI/UX Design Specialisation

California Institute of the Arts
Certified

DISCIPLINES

UI & UX Design

Brand Identity

Web Development

Digital Illustration

3D Rendering

Photo Compositing

Print & OOH Design

AI-Assisted Design

Motion & Animation

PLATFORMS & LINKS

BEHANCE

[behance.net/MrGiant](https://www.behance.net/MrGiant)

DISPLATE

displate.com/artist/mrgaint

REDBUBBLE

[redbubble.com/people/Creatiefs](https://www.redbubble.com/people/Creatiefs)

SELECTED PROJECTS

Holo Card Builder

Real-time holographic trading card platform — 9 holo styles, 19 rarity presets, 100+ parameters. Vanilla JS, no frameworks.

Vanilla JS · CSS3 · Supabase · Railway

Cosmic Core

Interactive 3D particle sphere visualising 16,000 student records in real-time. Custom Canvas renderer — no WebGL, no Three.js.

React · Canvas 2D · TypeScript

Spectrum App

Cross-platform design collaboration tool for distributed teams. Native performance, real-time sync, 40+ teams onboarded.

React Native · Supabase · Figma API

Orbit AI

AI-powered project scoping tool — turns a rough brief into structured scope, timeline, and risk matrix in under 60 seconds.

Claude API · Next.js · Vercel AI SDK

Signal Identity

Full visual identity for a developer-tool SaaS — logo system, colour system, typography, motion, and 40-page brand guidelines in 3 weeks.

Figma · Illustrator · After Effects

ADCO Billboards

Series of large-format OOH advertising campaigns — environmental, lifestyle, social awareness, and travel themes. 48×14ft format.

Photoshop · Art Direction · OOH

WHAT I BRING

Design + Code

I bridge the gap between high-fidelity design and production-ready front-end — reducing handoff friction and shipping faster.

Multi-Discipline Range

Brand to UI, print to interactive, illustration to 3D — 10+ years across a breadth that makes me useful from day one.

AI-Native Workflow

I design and build with Claude, Figma AI, and vibe-coding techniques — compressing weeks of work into days without losing craft.

Full Project Ownership

From discovery and wireframes to design systems and final delivery — I've owned the whole loop across products, brands, and campaigns.

OPEN TO OPPORTUNITIES

Available for full-time, contract, and freelance engagements — remote-first, open to hybrid or on-site in Pretoria. Reach me at juanreretief@gmail.com or visit juanre.design