

UX DESIGNER

VS

GRAPHIC DESIGNER

Below, you'll find some of the key attributes shared by graphic designers and UX designers as well as some significant differences in their thought processes, workflows and deliverables. Take a look and see if you think a move toward UX design is the exciting pivot your career needs.



UX DESIGNER

Prototypes demonstrate functionality (wireframes)

User-focused design

Iterative problem solver

Creates interactive elements

Begins with product research and user testing

Work continues after product releases

Perfectionism is counterproductive

BOTH

Champions good design conventions

Emotional design

Attention to detail

Collaborative mindset

Creative thinker

Aesthetic sensibility

Adaptable to new tools



GRAPHIC DESIGNER

Prototypes demonstrate visual beauty

Aesthetic-focused design

Linear problem solver

Creates static elements

Begins with creative ideas

Work ends when the product releases

Goal of "pixel perfection"

