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LINGUISTIC ADVANTAGE IN DESIGN

Introduction. English has become an indispensable tool in the modern professional world, particularly for designers. With globalization and technological advancements, knowing English opens up numerous opportunities in various fields. This is especially true for industries such as interface design, web design, graphic design, and other areas within the IT sector.

The work aims to analyze the critical role of English proficiency in the design profession, exploring its impact on career opportunities, client acquisition, professional development, and income potential in a globalized market.

Today, English is the primary language in the IT industry, and design is no exception. A designer who speaks English has a significant advantage in the service market [3]. Client search is no longer limited to local clients, which allows for a broader audience and access to international freelance platforms and marketplaces to find potential clients. Also, effective communication is key when it comes to design, whether it is graphic design, interior design, product design, or any other specialization. Design projects often involve teamwork, requiring designers to collaborate with colleagues, clients, and stakeholders with different linguistic backgrounds. In most cases, English serves as the standard language for these interactions [1].

Equally important is the role of English in the professional development of designers. Most specialized courses, online resources, video tutorials, and webinars are in English. It creates additional opportunities for skill improvement and learning, which may not be available to those who do not speak the language [4]. Understanding and using English helps designers remain competitive in the global market by providing constant access to new trends and technologies.

For graphic designers, a sufficient level of English is a key aspect of professional success. A basic level, such as A2 or B1, may be enough to handle basic tasks like communicating with clients or understanding instructions for design tools. However, to work effectively in an international environment or on large-scale projects, it is essential to have at least a B2 level or higher. It allows designers to participate in professional meetings and understand complex technical details and specifications. A higher level of English, such as C1 or C2, is ideal for designers working in international companies or managing global projects. Knowledge of this language opens up new opportunities and ensures effective communication in any professional context [2].

Conclusion. English proficiency is an important component of professional development and an essential tool for achieving success in the design industry. Does this affect a designer's income? Undoubtedly. However, as in any other field, it is not enough to know the language; one must also be able to use it effectively. English allows one to expand horizons, find new avenues for growth, and earn a decent wage for work. Therefore, the higher the level of English proficiency, the greater the chances of success and steady career development as a designer.

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