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#### EDUCATION

**Simon Fraser University** BSc in Interactive Arts and Technology

2021–2026 (Expected) Concentrating in Designing Interactions

#### SKILLS

Adobe Suite Photoshop After Effects Premiere Pro Illustrator InDesign

Creative Apps Figma Clip Studio Paint Krita GIMP

**Design Skills** Art Direction Development User Research High-Fidelity Prototyping Usability Testing

**Programming** Python Java HTML/CSS

### UX/UI DESIGN

AUGUST - DECEMBER 2024

#### **UI/UX Designer** — Wealthsimple for Learning Investors

- Enhanced Wealthsimple's onboarding experience through intuitive UI flows and new educational features to reduce the learning curve for novice investors.
- Improved user concept retention for investment literacy through interface changes backed by HCl research.
- Streamlined live data presentation through effective placement of data visualization to simplify complex market information, showcased as Figma mockups.

JULY - AUGUST 2024

## **UI/UX Designer** — Goodly Website Design Evaluation

- Reimagined Goodly's company website to better promote their company values through improved navigation and content management.
- Communicated usability challenges to the Goodly team by formulating a usability improvement proposal document, which was backed by usability studies with participants.
- Created high-fidelity website prototypes in Figma to compliment the proposal, resulting in positive feedback and approval from the Goodly team.

MAY - AUGUST 2024

## **UX/UI Designer** — Whiskr : Cat Care Assistant

- Designed a cat care app for novice owners supported with in-depth research on potential users and present cat owners, facilitating early stages of cat caretaking.
- Developed prototypes in Figma with features for good habit forming and building local community support.
- Directed the development of team presentation material with personas, user journeys, research insights, and solution progress development.

#### AI DESIGN PROJECTS

MARCH - APRIL 2025

### Al Software Developer — MoodForager: Empowering Moodboards for Visual Creatives

- Built a CLIP-based app that transforms text/image prompts to curated moodboards in 3-5 minutes (vs. 30+ mins manually), accelerating ideation for designers/artists.
- Designed a streamlined UI using PyQT5 with peer critique from designers and developers, integrating search expanding features, drag-and-drop, and ease of export.
- Showcased as an invited presenter at Vancouver Al Meetup April 2025, with enthusiastic reception from creative and tech communities for its innovative approach to ethical Al-assisted design.

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2024

#### Al Software Developer — Hand Gesture Vending Machine

- Designed and implemented a hand gesture-based control system within a virtual vending machine using Python as proof of concept for real-world implementation.
- Fine-tuned a YOLOv8 computer vision model on a custom hand gestures dataset, achieving 85% accuracy in recognizing user inputs.
- Collaborated with a partner to create suitable visual assets required for the prototype, resulting in an
  engaging and realistic demonstration.

#### GRAPHIC DESIGN

MAY - AUGUST 2024

## **Graphic Designer** — Pajo's Fish & Chips 40th Anniversary

- Developed a comprehensive visual design proposal for Pajo's restaurant locations addressing placement strategies and form factors (displays, flags, signage, decor).
- Translated thematic designs into visual mockups and hand-drawn sketches, showcasing various form factors for physical touchpoints.

MARCH - DECEMBER 2023

# **Art Director** — Klanggg Festival

- Led a team to develop thematic art direction for opera event Klanggg Festival implemented as an interactive microsite prototype and various design assets using Figma and Photoshop.
- Created microsite interaction video demonstration using Figma and After Effects.
- Established a cohesive visual identity across various campaign assets (posters, billboards, tickets) to engage with local audiences in Fribourg.
- Managed collaborative workflow and project timelines, assigning personal goals to ensure timely progress of deliverables during the 5-week production cycle.