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Education:

Cornell University, College of Engineering, Ithaca, NY
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, December 2019
Master of Engineering in Computer Science, May 2020

Experience:

Meta Reality Labs, Redmond, WA

Software Engineer (Aug 2020 – Present)

Joined the Surreal research team on their AR device – Project Aria – for contextualized AI • Designed and developed several key features such as telemetry, provisioning, audio, app-device communication, device streaming over Wi-Fi, and multi-sensor time-domain synchronization • Created a framework for testing the accuracy of the device’s sensors • Maintained a custom AOSP codebase and worked on native C++ and Java services

Cornell Graphics and Vision Group, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

Master of Engineering Student Researcher (Oct 2019 – June 2020)

I worked with Professor Steve Marschner and Professor Bruce Walter on “*Exploring photo-realistic material rendering in VR*” as my Masters of Engineering final project • Used Unity and GLSL to implement the ellipsoid shading model, a more realistic model than the standard shading models present in graphics applications, particularly with anisotropic surfaces • Tested this shading model in a real-time interactive VR environment and compared the look of various materials to real-life

Facebook, Seattle, WA

Software Developer Internship (May 2019 – August 2019)

Joined the livestreaming team and implemented MPEG-DASH ingested live video feed for livestreaming using a combination of C++, Java, and Python to improve reliability for live streaming in 3rd-world/developing countries • Created an end-to-end working prototype that allows the user to go live from the FBLite app

LiveLike, New York City, NY

Software Developer Internship (June 2018 – August 2018)

Worked with Unity and ARKit/ARCore to create augmented reality sports viewing experiences for mobile devices • Devised ways to show live data and statistics in augmented reality • Designed and implemented a gamification social platform with friends, chat rooms, and mini games

Robotics Personal Assistants Lab, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

Software Team (April 2017 – January 2018)

Working with Professor Ross A. Knepper’s research group on creating a Solar-Powered Autonomous Blimp capable of independent flight for extended periods of time • Developed higher-level planning algorithms, UI design, and designed communication nodes using ROS

CurioPets, Palo Alto, CA

Augmented Reality Developer (August 2017 – October 2017)

Participated in a VR Summer Bootcamp hosted by DIVR Edu, a startup that creates educational content to teach students in schools • Designed VR/AR projects and developed CurioPets, a multiplayer simulation AR iOS game using ARKit

Skills:

Programming experience: C++ • Java • Python • C# • Visual Basic • R • OCaml

Relevant skills: Microsoft Office Suite • Photoshop and 3D design with 3ds Max • Linux • Arduino

Microprocessor/Raspberry Pi • Unity (Game Design, AR/VR Development) • ROS Programming •

TensorFlow/SciKit • NLP Libraries (NLTK, spaCy, FastText, *2vec) • Graphics (GLSL, Rendering, VR) • AOSP

Awards:

- *Botswana Top Achievers*: I was selected as a top achiever from the Botswana Government because of my IGCSE and A-Level results. I am fully sponsored for any tertiary education program around the world.

- *Best Game Programmer in Africa 2013 & 2014*: I participated in a programming competition for all high-school students in Africa. I won twice in a row and got the chance to work on Minecraft Source Code and meet Game Developers.

- *IT Innovation Award in the Botho College ICT Linkz Challenge*: I made a robotic hand using Arduino Microprocessor that can be used to help miners in dangerous situations. (*Demonstration*: <http://bit.ly/2wq5nQC>)

- *Most Innovative Game at GDIAC 2018 for OutOfSync*: I took Game Design in 2018 Spring semester and won the overall most innovative game award at the Cornell Game Design Showcase. (Download the game:

<https://bit.ly/2GAKGTN>)

- *Cornell Computer Science Student Recognition Award*: I received an award from the Cornell CS Department for my work at the Association of Computer Science Undergraduates as the Corporate Chair.