# Anirudh Nagraj

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User experience professional with 4 years of experience both in corporate and industry sponsored research.

# PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**USER RESEARCHER** | Shared Services Center SEPTEMBER 2020 - PRESENT

- Lead mixed methods research initiatives on qualitative and quantitative data.
- Performed heuristic evaluations on the Shared Services Center website to uncover usability problems related to content placement and navigation.
- Improved search relevance and content discovery through the insights gained from usability testing.
- Improved NPS from 30 to 50 by implementing contextual inquiry driven recommendations.

**RESEARCH ASSISTANT** | (Toyota Funded Research on Mobility) September 2019 – Present | University of Maryland, Baltimore County

- Research Assistant in a Toyota funded project to prototype a belt that aids legally blind runners.
- Analyzed competitors, simulated scenarios, and created affinity maps to inform prototype design.
- Evaluated prototype feasibility with the help of a field experiment in an obstacle course followed by user interviews.

**RESEARCH ASSISTANT** | University of Maryland, Baltimore County Dec 2019 - Dec 2020

- Investigated real world navigational habits of legally blind individuals in low- and medium-income countries.
- Developed guidelines for future assistive technologies in the navigational space from context interviews and qualitative coding.

### **SOFTWARE ENGINEER (UI/UX)** | L & T Infotech

Aug 2017 – Jun 2019 | Bangalore, India

- Conducted generative research on customer insurance portals to determine product roadmap.
- Managed websites by integrating front end web technologies using Adobe Experience Manager.
- Developed a web portal for an insurance client of L & T Infotech (HSB) to process quotations for customers across the globe.

# **ACADEMIC PROJECTS**

USER RESEARCH AND DESIGN | B-AID

May 2020 - Dec 2020

- Created Storyboards and user personas for an audio navigation mobile application.
- Ran card sorting to draw patterns, group data, and help create the information architecture for the application.

# **EDUCATION**

## UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTI-MORE COUNTY

Master of Science in Human-Centered Computing Expected - August 2021

GPA: 3.925 / 4.0

## R V COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Bachelor of Science in Information Science

2013 - 2017 GPA: 7.91/10

# **PUBLICATIONS**

- Anirudh Nagraj, Ravi Kuber, Foad Hamidi, Raghavendra Prasad "Investigating the navigational Habits of the blind in India"
  - Under Review
- Sidas A Saulynas, Mei-Lian Vader, Apoorva Shashidhar Bendigeri, Tristan King, Anirudh Nagraj, Ravi Kuber "How and Why We Run: Investigating the Experiences of Blind Runners"
  Under Review

# **CERTIFICATIONS**

Social/Behavioral Research - CITI Issued: Dec 2019, Expires: Dec 2024

## **SKILLS**

## **METHODOLOGIES**

Contextual Inquiry, User Interviews, Qualitative Coding, Usability Testing, Heuristic Evaluation, Affinity Mapping, Participatory Design, A/B Testing, User Journeys, Dairy Studies, Card Sorting, Storyboards, Surveys, User Personas

## **UX DESIGN**

Wireframing, Brainstorming, Prototyping, Whiteboarding, Interaction Design, Accessibility, User Centered Design

#### **TOOLS**

Adobe XD, Figma, InVision, Sketch, Balsamiq Mockups, Adobe Illustrator, JIRA, AirTable, Survey Monkey, Miro

#### **PROGRAMMING**

HTML, CSS, JavaScript, SQL, R