

Joshua Tanner

Interpreter & Technical Translator

Experience

Sakura-Con 2024

2024/3

Accompanied band SPYAIR, interpreting conversations with event staff

Consecutive Interpretation

Mantra Inc.

2021 - Current

As a software engineer at a Japanese startup working on automatic Manga translation, draft technical documentation in Japanese and English, translate business communications and interpret for other staff

Interpretation & Translation

Crunchyroll Expo 2022

2022/9

Accompanied band ATARASHII GAKKO!, interpreting press interviews and conversations with event staff

Consecutive Interpretation

Crunchyroll Expo 2019

2019/9

Accompanied composer Yasuharu Takanashi, interpreting panel presentations, press interviews, and conversations with event staff

Consecutive Interpretation

Jonathan Ng Japan Tour

2019/8

Accompanied jazz musician Jonathan Ng for the duration of his Japan tour, interpreting conversations between him and Japanese musicians and translating email correspondances

Interpretation & Translation

Sakura-Con 2019

2019/4

Accompanied fashion designer, interpreting conversations with event staff and models

Consecutive Interpretation

28th Annual Grassroots Summit

2018/9

Interpreted explanations of historic Seattle buildings into Japanese and interpreted for the tourist activities of visiting students and faculty

Consecutive Interpretation

Maxel App Localization

2016/7

Worked with the developer to translate the Maxel download accelerator app into Japanese

Translation

About Me

I am a software engineer specializing in language-related artificial intelligence, but I enjoy translating as an opportunity to work with natural language directly. I believe these two lines of work compliment each other: my engineering background makes me uniquely qualified for technical translation, and translating helps me think more deeply about language and meaning. My Japanese comes from several years I spent studying and working in Japan, and from self-study.

Languages

English Native
Japanese Fluent (JLPT N1)

Education

M.S. Comp. Linguistics

University of Washington / 2021

Coursework in machine learning, natural language processing and linguistics

Research Internship

University of Tokyo / 2021

One year of natural language processing research at the Institute of Industrial Science

B.S. Computer Science

The Evergreen State College / 2015

Graduated early with a major in computer science and a minor in Japanese

Exchange Program

University of Hyogo / 2015

Studied Japanese language in a year-long exchange program