

# WENDI DING

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## WHAT I AM BEST AT

### I LEARN FAST

I can quickly learn how to develop findings from the data and most importantly, how to derive insights that drive the business and lead to actionable design recommendations.

### I PLAY VIOLIN

I have played the violin for over 15 years, certified as A1 level by National arts organization. I play quartets, solo in concerts, music is part of myself.

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

NAPSTER | Ann Arbor, MI & Seattle, WA

**UX** Researcher

- Evaluating the Napster mobile app experience, refining usability, and identifying product opportunities

# FEB 2018

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN | Ann Arbor, MI

Design Research Manager Assistant @ Office of Academic Innovation

- Performed Heuristics evaluation and remote interviews to evaluated learners' experiences of the Edx *Umich Micro Master Program: User Experience (UX) Research and Design*
- Redesigned the peer review mechanism for Edx learners, resulting in a 27% increase on learners' completion rate, 31% increase on learners' active degree

WBUR, Boston's NPR News Station | Boston, MA

UX Research Intern @ Bizlab

- Synthesized data from 3,000+ surveys, 6-month wbur.org's web traffic, and a focus group, delivered the WBUR audience profile
- Operated a live A/B test of the pitch for donations
- Produced user donation journey and designed an experimental model, developed the online experiment accordingly, verified the model by launching the experiment as ads on Facebook, wbur.org, and Alexa, resulted in a 9% increase in donations
- Gave a 45-minute speech to all stakeholders and the whole news station on the topic What do we know from the persona experiment?
- Published a series of blogs expressing the importance of user profiles and practical suggestions on the fund-raising strategy to national public radio stations

### MAR. 2017 NOV. 2016

MICROSOFT RESEARCH ASIA | Beijing, CHINA

Assistant Program Manager

- Facilitated the decision of building a new online system to be made through usability test, on-site interviews with different stakeholders and comparative analysis
- Presented research findings and persuaded the stakeholders and product development team to accept, resulted in a new online intern recruiting system which accelerates the whole hiring process 92.4%

### DEC. 2018 JAN. 2018

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN | Ann Arbor, MI

UX Research Lead @ Maestro - Multidisciplinary Design Program

- Spearheaded and mentored user research to inform the redesign of Maestro
- Facilitated on-site interviews and usability tests to uncover insights that centered our designs on the students' needs and goals
- Incorporated feedback from users by rapidly redesigning and retesting features that performed poorly during usability testing
- Redesigned Maestro in the Apple ecosystem, which resulted in a 11% increase on the task completion rate of usability test

### **ACADEMIC RESEARCH**

	PRESENT SEP. 2018	Uncertainty Information Visualization   Ann Arbor, MI
		HDI Lab @ University of Michigan
	DEC. 2018 SEP. 2018	Enhance architecture design learning with AR   Ann Arbor, MI
		Mastery Project @ University of Michigan
	JUL. 2017 AUG. 2016	GFBio NLP-Ontology Matching Visualization   Berlin, GERMANY
		HCC Lab @ Free University Berlin 2017 Outstanding undergraduate thesis award University Alliance for Sustainability scholarship
	JUN. 2016 SEP. 2015	Emoji usage of worldwide smart-phone users   Beijing, CHINA
		HCI Lab @ Peking University

### **EDUCATION**

APR. 2019	UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN   Ann Arbor, MI		
SEPT. 2017	M.S., Human Computer Interaction		
2nd place			
JUNE 2017	PEKING UNIVERSITY   Beijing, CHINA		
SEPT. 2013	B.S., Computer Science		
3rd place	2016 Express to Silicon Valley Innovation Entrepreneurship competition		
1st place	2014 Universities students Art Show as Peking University Orchestra violinist		

## **SKILLS**

RESEARCH	DESIGN	TOOLS
Usability Study (Lab-based &Remote) Contextual Inquiry Heuristic Evaluation	User-Centered Design Participatory Design Personas & Scenarios Journey Map	MS PowerPoint MS Excel UserTesting.com WebEx
User Interview User Jounrey Diary Study Experimental Design Survey	Wireframing Rapid Prototyping Data Visualization Accessibility	Qualtrics SurveyMonkey Google Analytics Optimize Tableau
Focus Group Competitive Analysis Card Sorting Statistical Analysis	Programming  JavaScript (D3)  HTML, CSS  Python, R  C++  Java  Swift	RStudio Sketch InVision Adobe Illustrator Adobe Photoshop Framer Prezi