

# 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**

**IBM** | San Francisco, CA

UX Researcher @ Data & AI

- Large-scale ticket Analysis implementing hybrid research methodologies of NLP clustering and affinity diagramming. Visualized and leveraged findings to help all levels of stakeholders inform data-driven design decisions.

NAPSTER | Ann Arbor, MI & Seattle, WA

**UX Researcher** 

- Evaluated the Napster mobile experience, investigated usability issues and identified design opportunities.

FEB 2018

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN | Ann Arbor, MI

Design Research Manager Assistant @ Office of Academic Innovation

- Performed Heuristics evaluation and remote interviews to evaluate 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
- Designed a user donation journey experimental model, developed the online experiment accordingly. Verified the model by launching the experiment through Facebook, wbur.org, and Alexa.
- Gave 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 tests, 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%

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
- Incorporated feedback iteratively from users by rapid prototyping and testing.

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

### **SKILLS**

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