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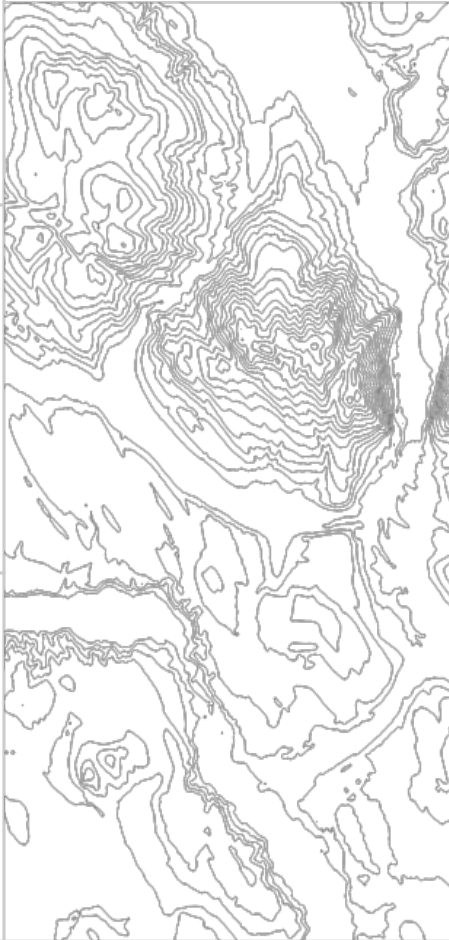
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## Senior Design Technologist
**SHOPIFY, 2022 - 2023**

At Shopify, I helped improve the app development experience for developers and merchants. Through strategic planning and execution, I led developer research studies. Leveraging my expertise in design and development with NextJS and Remix (ReactJS), I created robust design tools and prototypes. I also made significant contributions to the delivery of impactful UX features and enhancements for the app development platform.

## UX Engineer 2
**OFFICE/OUTLOOK/TEAMS, MICROSOFT, 2020 - 2022**

On the MetaOS horizontal design team, we led the initiative to unify cross-product experiences. One of my significant contributions was the development and management of a dynamic prototype that served as a design sandbox and a guiding "North Star" for Windows, Office, and Teams.

## Creative Technologist
**CORTANA, MICROSOFT, 2017-2020**

As a standout member of the Cortana Design team, I built advanced tools, websites, and A.I. prototypes. Recognized as a top performer, I swiftly advanced within six months. Notably, I shipped multiple assistive voice experiences for Outlook and Teams mobile apps. I also explored various iterations of Cortana, including language learning models, 3D modeling and printing of portable hardware, and A.I. and computer vision prototyping.

## UX Engineer
**OFFICE 365, MICROSOFT, 2015-2017**

I led the transition of Outlook Web App to modern web frameworks. I developed internal design tools to redefine the management of design assets within Office. Additionally, I created complex communication prototypes in React and iOS (Swift) for envisioning, research, and product reviews. These achievements, coupled with exceptional mentorship, led to my promotion and title change.

## Product Designer
**OFFICE 365, MICROSOFT, 2009-2015**

I joined the team as a visual designer on a contract basis, and my exceptional work led to a full-time position. My role evolved, and I embraced a hybrid visual/UX approach, designing and shipping a diverse range of features, including the notification system, settings, and themes. Eventually, I moved to a product designer role, researching communication trends to develop innovative in-house apps.

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### SCHOOL

**SEATTLE CENTRAL COLLEGE
2003 - 2006**

Received an A.A. in Graphic Design & Illustration

### PROFICIENCIES

**PRETTY GOOD WITH**

JavaScript, HTML/CSS, React, Figma, Illustrator, Fusion 360, 3D Printing, Muay Thai

**GETTING BETTER AT**

Python, Blender, Adobe Premiere, electronics, PCB design, guitar