## **Alexandre MAZEL**

# **Chief Creative Officer**



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#### **Skills**

Innovation, research and field experimentation - human-robot interaction - multi-platform development AI: computer vision, sound processing, learning, classification, face recognition, chatbot...

Energy - mutual respect and idea exchange - curiosity, brainstorming and problem solving - commitment and self motivated - empathy, patience and diplomacy - calm under stress - happy and optimist - humility generosity and pleasure to communicate, share and teach.

## **Experiences**

#### 2008-2022



## Aldebaran Robotics / SoftBank Robotics Europe

2015-2022(sept): Innovation director

2008-2014: Engineer-Researcher R&D and Al

## Lead the software innovation department

- Define the strategic roadmap with VPs
- Manage the software innovation team made of:
  - Protolab: Explore new markets and uses
     (1 manager, 1 researchers, 4 devs, 1 PhDs and interns),
  - Al Lab: Research on Developmental Robotics (1 managers, 3 researchers, 7 PhDs and interns),
- Promote innovation internally and externally presentation to the whole company, international conferences, investors...

## Research & Development

- Research on Long Term HRI, grasping, navigation...
- 21 scientific publications (583 citations) and 3 patents
- Participation to 15+ collaborative french and european research projects.
  - Feelix Growing (FP6) 3.3M€
    - Designing robots that can detect and respond to human emotional cues
  - ROMEO (ANR) 37M€
  - Creation of a human sized humanoid robot
  - O ROMEO2 (FPSC) 10+M€
  - Define and implements scenario for Romeo usage
  - o RASPO 600k€
  - Serious game to teach mathematics to children 5-7
  - EARS (FP7) 1.9M€
  - Enhancing audio capability of NAO
  - DREAM (FP7) 8.7M€
    - Robot-Enhanced therapy for children with Autism spectrum disorders
  - MUMMER (H2020) 5.3M€
    - Pepper interacts with customers in big mall
  - L2TOR (H2020) 3M€
    - Second Language Tutoring using Social Robots

#### Communication

- Strategic demonstrations with NAO, Romeo and Pepper
- Trainings, conferences, events
- Videos production & buzz (22M+ views)

#### Development

- Development of the NAO SDK: NAOqi
   an optimised stable modular multiplatform tools used by 40k+ robots.
- Dedicated development: computer vision, sound analysis, learning, hri.
- Prototypes production and demonstration (robots and accessories)





# **Experiences** (continuation)



## **Visiware**

#### 2004-2008 Producer

- Product and launch two new interactive channels
  - MiniKidsTV: itv channel for kids available in 12 countries
    - SensualTV: itv channel dedicated to adults available in 17 countries
- Manage and/or develop 20+ casual multi-platform games on mobile, web and interactive TV (tri-play)

planning, results monitoring, development & contents production



## 1999-2004 Project Manager

- Conflict Zone Real Time Strategy game edited by UbiSoft
  - Al development
  - Leader of the console port (DC & PS2) sold to 100000+ copy in US adaptation to console, new dedicated IHM, graphic, sound and IA optimisation, specific console assembling, stripping, gfx compression..., debugging, guidelines checking...
- Direct IA
  - Development of new features
  - Demonstration on the Sony PlayStation 2 prototype (greenbox).
     Grant DirectlA to become an official PS2 middleware.



## Other Experiences 2021-now

## **OBO's World**

Founder of a startup dedicated to recruitment using virtual agent

- Ideas and specification
- Al Development and tuning
   Web scraping, data mining, dialog generation, ocr, 3D, animation...
- Web architecture

#### 2021-now

#### **Engrenage Innovation**

Founder and CEO of a SAS dedicated to

Consulting, development and experimentation in Innovation and Research in

the field of embedded systems.

2020-now Associate researcher, Respiration & Social Sciences Dpt, UMRS 1158

Pitié-Salpêtrière Hospital & Sorbonne University, Paris

2020-now "IA and Society" teaching at Louise-de-Marillac High School

(private high school in Paris 5ème)

## Langues

French: native

English: proficient: B2/C1

# **Education**

1998-1999: DEA "IA et Reconnais. des Formes et Applications" - Paris VI ~post-graduate diploma in AI and applications

1996-1998: MST "Experts en système informatiques - Paris VI ~Master Degree in Computer Systems Expert

1994-1996: DUT Analyste Programmeur - Paris V ~1.5 degree in Computer Science

#### **Interests**

Bike & Run - Numeric production (music,photo,video) - Programming - DIY with wood, mechatronics or loudspeaker.

