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ux and product designer

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Education

University of Toronto

Toronto, ON | Apr. 2023 Master of Information, Concentrations: User Experience Design; Information Systems Design

University of Michigan

Ann Arbor, MI | May 2020 Bachelor of Arts (Distinction), Double Major: Communication & Media; Music

Skills

Wireframing
Prototyping
Information architecture
Affinity diagramming
Usability testing
User interviews
Responsive web design
Project management
Copywriting
Music production

Tools

Figma, XD
HTML/CSS, Bootstrap
JavaScript
Photoshop
Illustrator
InDesign
Mailchimp
Salesforce
Microsoft Excel
Ableton Live, Logic Pro

Experience

Innovation Hub, University of Toronto | Toronto, ON Digital Communications Team Lead | Sep. 2021-Present

- Managed team of 4 graphic designers and coordinated with design research leads, ensuring efficient project delivery
- Redesigned 3 websites using design thinking principles, auditing and revamping information architecture
- Reviewed 5 project reports, improving content, layout, and accessibility; provided feedback to researchers and designers

Voice-controlled Car Dashboard | IIT Bombay Product Designer and Project Manager | Summer 2021

- Designed voice-controlled car dashboard for Indian market, leveraging human-computer interaction (HCI) methodologies
- Spearheaded team of 7, ensuring product, UX, and business goals were met, and presented findings to HCI professor

Shure Incorporated | Chicago, IL and Mumbai, India Marketing Contractor | Summer 2019 and Jan. 2021–Aug. 2021

- Executed product translation project, using XTM Cloud, internal content management system (CMS), and digital asset library
- Crafted 4 statements of work (SOWs) to detail translation experts' project plans, facilitating smooth onboarding processes and timely submission of essential marketing deliverables

Pratham Education Foundation | Remote Digital Design Intern (EdTech) | Sept. 2020-Nov. 2020

- Designed, created content, and launched e-newsletter for open learning platform using Mailchimp, HTML and CSS, acquiring 700 new subscribers in first month
- Collaborated with web developers to create and perform usability test on filter function with 12 languages and 4 age categories for massive open online course (MOOC) platform

Other

Google UX Design Certificate | Remote, July 2021

HCI Certificate | IIT Bombay, June 2021

Bros United (Autism Speaks) Mentor | Ann Arbor, MI, 2019-20