Bob Wilson

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After a long career as an Animator working at some of the world's top studios in Feature Animation, Visual Effects, and Video Games, I'm changing careers by studying Computer Science to become a Software Engineer

Education

Michigan State University

May 2024 – current

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Math Cognate. (Expected graduation Dec 2026)

East Lansing, MI

Washtenaw Community College

Jan 2024 - Apr 2024

Computer Science Classes, 4.0 GPA, Dean's List - High Honors

Ann Arbor, MI

Macomb Community College

Warren, MI

Associate of General Studies, 4.0 GPA, summa cum laude, Dean's List Studied Media & Communication Arts, Digital Art & Animation Specialty

Experience

Robotics Software Engineering Intern

Feb 2024 - Apr 2024

Skydio (via Open Avenues Foundation)

San Francisco, CA (remote)

- Developed a working dynamics simulation and feedback controller of a Skydio quadrotor drone
- Wrote quality Python code in a team environment using VS Code and packages NumPy, SciPy, and SymForce
- Delivered a GitHub repository with Jupyter notebooks that include implementations and derivations

Animator Jan 2023 – Dec 2023

DreamWorks Animation

Glendale, CA (remote)

- Filed dozens of detailed Jira tickets (bug reports) to improve animation software Premo and the 3d character rigs
- Collaborated with Technical Directors and Software Engineers to troubleshoot issues and test bug fixes
- Worked on on films Trolls Band Together and Kung Fu Panda 4

Animator Dec 2021 – Dec 2022

Pixar Animation Studios

Emeryville, CA (remote)

- Filed over 100 bug reports and feature requests regarding Pixar's proprietary animation software Presto
- Collaborated with Animation Tools department and Software Engineers to troubleshoot issues and test bug fixes
- Contributed feedback on early version of layered animation tool, suggested features to improve user experience
- Worked on the Disney+ series Cars On The Road, the film Elio, and the Oscar-Nominated film Elemental

More info on my previous career as an Animator, including full resume and awards list: www.bobwilsonanimation.com

Projects

Prime And Composite Numbers Generator

Apr 2024

- Won 1st place in the Project Codeway competition in Washtenaw Community College's Intro to CS class
- Wrote 100% of the Python code for team project that generates prime and composite numbers, and factorizes composites
- Voted Team MVP, Project Lead, came up with most of the ideas, and demonstrated the app to the class

Data Science Visualization - Crime Statistics Analysis

Apr 2024

- Analyzed FBI crime data using Python in WCC Intro to Python class, utilized JSON and Pandas modules for data processing
- Generated bar charts and tables for regional crime statistics relative to the national average

Technical Skills

Languages: Python, C++, HTML, SQL

Developer Tools: VS Code, Jupyter Notebook, Git, GitHub, Perforce, Mac, Windows, Linux, Jira

Libraries: Pandas, NumPy, SciPy, SymForce, Matplotlib, JSON, REST API

Certifications: PCEP Certified Entry-Level Python Programmer (Python Institute PCEP-30-02)