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SOFTWARE
ENGINEER

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WORK HISTORY

Software Consultant

VividWorks, Oulu, Finland, 2020 to Present

- Full stack engineer developing online 3D design-to-purchase SaaS platform solutions.
- Customer consultation, guidance, and training.

Research and Teaching Assistant

University of Oulu, Center for Ubiquitous Computing, Oulu, Finland, 2017 to 2019

- Research and development in ubiquitous computing and perception engineering. Part of the unit supervised by Prof. Steven LaValle, co-founder of Oculus VR.
- Developed web and virtual reality applications covering topics such as WebVR, user involvement, 3D user interfaces, 3D game engines, smart city.
- Assisted Dr. Anna LaValle, Oculus research scientist, in teaching a course titled VR Systems and Humans that covered VR systems, human physiology, human perception and neuroscience, perceptual training, comfort and VR sickness.
- Worked with researchers from different backgrounds including engineers, designers, and user experience experts.

Software Developer

Playsign Ltd, Oulu, Finland, 2015 to 2017

- Designed and developed interactive urban planning tools, VR apps, and 2D mobile games.
- Developed Co-design by Playing, a co-design, communication and game-like 3D-environments tool, and MindMyths, an immersive mindful meditation VR app.

Programmer

Happy Hobgoblin Ltd, Oulu, Finland, 2014 to 2015

- Developed a multiplatform digital board game, later published on Steam, Google Play, and App Store.

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Master of Science in Technology in Computer Science and Engineering

University of Oulu, Oulu, Finland, 2018 to 2019

Thesis: Virtual reality interface for the PATIO user involvement tool

Bachelor's in Computer and Software Engineering
Politehnica University of Timișoara, Timișoara, Romania, 2012 to 2016

Thesis: Co-design by playing

ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Workshop: From Reality to Virtuality: The Science and Art of Creating VR Experiences
University of Oulu, Oulu, Finland, 2019

Studied software and VR frameworks, 3D user interfaces, and multimodal immersive user experiences.

Workshop: Virtual City Models
University of Oulu, Oulu, Finland, 2017

Studied a virtual 3D city pipeline and techniques to acquire, process and visualize urban data.

Oulu Game Lab
Oulu University of Applied Sciences, Oulu, Finland, 2014 to 2015

Training and development program focusing on the gaming industry.

Certificate in Advanced Topics in 3D Computer Graphics
Saguaro Technology Inc., Timișoara, Romania, 2014

Studied 3D computer graphics: the world we see vs. the world we render, patterns used in game engines, optimizing the level of detail, graphic engines, animations and collisions.

PUBLICATIONS

Florea et al. (2019). **Extending a User Involvement Tool with Virtual and Augmented Reality**. In IEEE VR 2019.

Alatalo et al. (2017, June). **Two real-world case studies on 3D web applications for participatory urban planning**. In Proceedings of the 22nd International Conference on 3D Web Technology (p. 11). ACM.

ADDITIONAL PROJECTS

Virtual Library: Helped implement a VR application developed together with the Oulu City Library. Users can explore the Virtual Library through a VR headset.

User Involvement Tool PATIO: Created a VR client for user feedback collection, and a web tool that works as a moderator creation editor. These tools offer an approach to collecting feedback about activities taking place in VR 3D spaces.

GoNature Augmented: Integrated a plant identification machine learning solution into an online gamified mobile app that collects and identifies plant types using image recognition.

CommentHunter: An Android app for storing messages in a specific location.

LimpingApp: An Android app for measuring gait movement by leveraging a smartphone's accelerometer sensor.

HateSpeechApp: A program for recognizing and categorizing hate speech from reddit comments using natural language processing techniques.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

C#	Web Development	VR & WebVR, AR, MR	Unity Platform
Git	Game Development	Cloud Computing, Microsoft Azure	REST API
Research & Teaching	3D Visualization, Graphics, UI & UX	Photogrammetry	

LANGUAGE SKILLS

English	Romanian	Finnish (beginner)
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RECOMMENDATIONS

On request.