

# Daniel Orban

## Computer Scientist

Highly motivated technical professional with over **19 years** of **professional**, **research**, and **teaching** experience. I have a **diverse background** that has fostered strong verbal, listening, and writing skills. My research interests include **scientific visualization** and **high-dimensional analysis**. I am able to negotiate and problem solve quickly, accurately, and efficiently. I am also a quick learner with a strong desire to teach others.

## Personal Info

### Email

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## Skills

Software Engineering

High-Dimensional  
Visualization

Scientific Visualization

Computer Graphics / Virtual  
Reality

High-Performance  
Computing

Teaching Mathematics and  
Computer Science

## Technical Skills

### Languages:

C/C++, Python, C#, Java, JSP,  
Ruby on Rails, ML., PHP

### Technologies:

Vulkan, OpenGL, MinVR,  
GLFW, VRPN, NetCDF, XML,  
UML, SQL, TCP/IP, UDP, FAST  
Data Search, Entity Framework

### Web:

Javascript, HTML, CSS,  
WebGL, D3, JQuery, VTK-js,  
Spring MVC, JSF, ASP.NET,  
WPF, GWT, Ruby on Rails,  
WebSockets, REST, SOAP

### Cloud:

Amazon Web Services, EC2,  
S3, Appistry, Hadoop, VMware

### Source Control / Build:

GIT, SVN, TFS, CMake, GTest

### Databases:

MySQL, PostgreSQL, SQL

## Education

**2015-01 -  
Present**

### PhD. Candidate, Computer Science

*University of Minnesota, MN*

- Member of the Interactive Visualization Lab.
- Research focus on interactive computer graphics and high-dimensional data visualization for scientific applications.

**2015-01 -  
2019-09**

### Masters of Computer Science

*University of Minnesota, MN*

**1998-08 -  
2002-05**

### Bachelors of Computer Science and Mathematics

*Oklahoma State University, OK*

- Minor in philosophy.
- General Honors Award.

## Projects

**2018-12 -  
2019-07**

### Extending the parameter space visualization research and techniques to aid the development and analysis of cell migration models and experiments

*University of Minnesota, MN*

- Co-Investigator for project, applying multidimensional algorithms to cancer cell migration simulations models.
- Extending existing high-dimensional visualization tools in order to explore and analyze the parameters in light of uncertainty.

**2017-05 -  
Present**

### Cinema Science Open Source Project

*Los Alamos National Lab, NM, University of Minnesota, MN*

- Lead developer for Cinema:Quest and Cinema:Bandit, web-based multidimensional ensemble visualization tools.
- Integrated VTK-js into Cinema:Explorer.

**2015-01 -  
2016-08**

### BigData: Coupling Data-Intensive Modeling, Simulation, and Visualization with Human Facilities for Design: Application to Next-Generation Medical Device Prototyping

*University of Minnesota, MN*

- Worked closely with the UMN Medical Device Center and collaborators from the University of Chicago.

Server, Oracle, SQLite, SimpleDB

**Platforms:**

Linux, Microsoft Windows, Mac OS., Unix

**Commodity Exchanges:**

FIX/FIXML, QuickFix, CME, ICE, TT, Nodal Exchange

## Awards

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**PSOC Pilot Project  
Program Grant Award**

*University of Minnesota  
Physical Sciences in  
Oncology Center  
(December, 2018)*

**Thank a Teacher Award**

*University of Minnesota  
Center for Educational  
Innovation, (Spring 2018,  
Fall 2019)*

**Grand Prize Poster Winner**

*Minnesota Supercomputing  
Institute Research Exhibition  
(2016)*

**S&P I/T Directors Award**

*Dell Inc. (2004)*

**Competent Communicator**

*Toastmasters International  
(October 2006)*

- Investigated cardiac lead design based on how lead stiffness and lead length relate to tissue stress and fluid flow in the right atrium of the heart.
- Developed GPU based algorithms to render large fluid-structure interaction comparison in virtual reality.
- Converted Abaqus simulations to the VisCDF file format for visualizing simulations using resources at the Minnesota Supercomputing Institute (MSI).

**2015-01 -  
Present**

**MinVR Open Source Project**

*University of Minnesota, MN*

- Collaborated with the University of Minnesota and Brown University to develop robust, cross-platform VR toolkit for use with many different VR displays and input devices.
- One of the key contributors to the library design including the display graph architecture and plugin framework..
- Implemented multithreading, multiple graphics / device plugins, and graphics examples.

## Professional Experience

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**2017-05 -  
2018-12**

**Graduate Student Intern**

*Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, NM*

- Worked closely with material scientists and experimentalists to improve the visual analysis of shock physics experiments.
- Implemented an ensemble visualization tool called Cinema:Bandit, allowing users to view filtered velocimetry data, x-ray diffraction images, and integration curves.
- Contributed to several beamline experiments at the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center (SLAC) by using a continuous workflow for visual analysis.
- Developed Cinema:Quest, a predictive analysis tool for analyzing high-dimensional data using dimensionally reduced views and direct manipulation.
- Gave several research talks including one at IEEE Visualization Conference in 2018.

**2014-02 -  
2014-12**

**Computer Graphics Programmer**

*Computer Science Department, University of Minnesota, MN*

- Extended functionality for Virtual Interactive Table System (ISliceWIM) for medical device design.
- Worked closely with medical device companies to implement FEA Analysis volume visualization in virtual reality.
- Created flexible scene file format for transforming and aggregating mesh file formats for real-time manipulation.
- Implemented VisCDF, an open source toolkit written in C++ for visualizing scientific data using the NetCDF format.
- Assisted graduate and undergraduate students technically in their research.

- 2012-08 - 2014-02**     **Software Developer**  
*OATI Inc, Minneapolis, MN*
- Lead for WebREC, a renewable energy credit (REC) tracker for resource energy generation.
  - Architected core attribution engine to allocate energy and RECs to various contracts and markets. Uses OO design to flexibly allow the user to create, customize, and debug rules in C# / .NET.
  - Extended core company functionality to build powerful data pivot functionality which takes objects and dynamically builds reports based on the user's chosen properties or dimensions using WPF.
  - Became technical expert of WebFinancial, a live financial trading analytics application. Implemented real-time quotes and live profit and loss updates for futures, swaps, physicals, and options.
  - Designed and implemented FIX / FIXML trade capture adapters to interface with live commodity exchanges including the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE), the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME), Trading Technologies (TT), and the Nodal Exchange. Also used QuickFix as underlying framework for energy and financial trades.
- 2010-08 - 2010-10**     **Software Contractor**  
*BCforward, Austin, TX*
- Extended Cloud Map/Reduce (CMR) project for Accenture to use the Appistry Cloud environment.
  - Redesigned CMR application to flexibly use a variety of distributed infrastructures.
  - Designed CMR for no single point of failure and incremental processing of previous aggregations.
  - Created serialized storage model which allows for streaming aggregation of successive runs.
- 2007-04 - 2009-05**     **Research Associate**  
*Accenture Technology Labs, San Jose, CA*
- Designed and implemented Cloud Map/Reduce (CMR) in Java using EC2, S3, SQS, and Simple DB.
  - Investigated network topology discovery and optimization techniques with TCP/IP socket programming.
  - Discovered network security risk involving bandwidth limitations in shared resource environments.
  - Designed Remote Network Labs in Java, AJAX, and the Google Web Toolkit (GWT), which allows users to test network configurations from a pool of distributed physical network devices.
  - Modified and extended Hadoop file system and Hadoop map reduce framework to create Gridbatch. Gridbatch provides flexibility for data storage locality and enables tasks similar to map or reduce.
  - Published peer reviewed papers on distributed computing, cloud computing, and network virtualization.
  - Delivered interactive presentations on synthetic biology, networking, and distributed computing.
- 2002-06 - 2006-10**     **Programmer Analyst**  
*Dell Inc., Round Rock, TX*
- Technical lead and senior developer for the Software and Peripherals online web application, a large scale, real-time, performance-sensitive, customer facing, production application written in C#, ASP.NET.
  - Promoted flexibility using object oriented techniques, efficient coding, and design patterns.
  - Wrote core pricing and business logic in C#. Compiled into libraries to be used across applications.
  - Designed and developed production Dell.com Search application. Determined FAST Data Search indexes to optimize for flexibility and performance.
  - Received S&P I/T Director's Award in 2004 for efforts and teamwork.
  - Used multithreading in C# and Microsoft SQL Server stored procedures to update search index.
  - Administered Microsoft SQL Server application databases, and optimized queries.
  - Automated application build using VSS, NAnt, and Cruise Control.
  - Trained Brazil global developers as project lead. Mentored replacement for global development lead.

## Teaching Experience

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- 2016-01 - Present**     **Teaching Assistant**  
*University of Minnesota, MN*
- CSCI 4611 - Programming Interactive Computer Graphics and Games (Fall 2019, Spring 2018)

- CSCI 3081 - Program Design & Development (Spring 2019, Fall 2018, Spring 2016)
- CSCI 5619: Virtual Reality and 3D Interaction (Fall 2017)
- CSCI 2011 - Discrete Structures of Computer Science (Fall 2017)
- CSCI 5421 - Advanced Algorithms & Data Structures (Spring 2017)

2011-08 -  
2012-06

### High School Technology Teacher

*Hope Academy, Minneapolis, MN*

- Taught 11th and 12th grade students typing, spreadsheets, programming, search engine optimization, and website design.
- Lead and organized the HopeWORKS Summer Internship Program for Hope Academy students.

2009-09 -  
2010-09

### Alternative Teacher Certification Candidate

*Texas Teacher Alternative Certification Program, Austin, TX*

- Eligible for probationary certificate to teach high school math and computer science in Texas.
- Substitute teacher for Austin Independent School District.
- Observed classrooms in Vandegrift High School and Westwood High School.
- Attended Texas Teacher Alternative Certification training in classroom management, lesson design, differentiated learning, assessments, and effective teaching.

2000-01 -  
2002-05

### Mathematics Tutor

*Mathematics Learning Resource Center, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK*

- Tutored college students in basic math, algebra, geometry, trigonometry, precalculus, and calculus.
- Volunteered to help students who elected to take a mathematics application class.

## Publications

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- Seth Johnson, **Daniel Orban**, Hakizumwami Birali Runesha, Lingyu Meng, Bethany Juhnke, Arthur Erdman, Francesca Samsel, Daniel F. Keefe. "Bento Box: An Interactive and Zoomable Small Multiples Technique for Visualizing 4D Simulation Ensembles in Virtual Reality." *Frontiers in Robotics and AI* 6 (2019): 61.
- **Orban, Daniel**, Daniel F. Keefe, Ayan Biswas, James Ahrens, David Rogers. "Drag and Track: A Direct Manipulation Interface for Contextualizing Data Instances within a Continuous Parameter Space." *IEEE transactions on visualization and computer graphics* 25.1 (2019): 256-266.
- **Daniel Orban**, Seth Johnson, Hakizumwami Birali Runesha,, Lingyu Meng, Bethany Juhnke, Arthur Erdman, Francesca Samsel, Daniel F. Keefe. "Comparison of Multiple Large Fluid-Structure Interaction Simulations in Virtual Reality." *Symposium on Large Data Analysis and Visualization*, IEEE (2018)
- Bethany Tourek, **Daniel Orban**, Bogden Tanasoiu, Hakizumwami Birali Runesha, Daniel F. Keefe, Arthur G. Erdman. "Inverse Design Process: New Methodology to Design Medical Devices with BIG DATA." *Minnesota Supercomputing Institute Research Exhibition*. (2016)
- Liu, Huan, and **Dan Orban**. "Cloud mapreduce: A mapreduce implementation on top of a cloud operating system." *Proceedings of the 2011 11th IEEE/ACM international symposium on cluster, cloud and grid computing*. IEEE Computer Society, 2011.
- Liu, Huan, and **Dan Orban**. "Remote network labs: An on-demand network cloud for configuration testing." *ACM SIGCOMM Computer Communication Review* 40.1 (2010): 83-91.
- Liu, Huan, and **Dan Orban**. "Computing median values in a cloud environment using GridBatch and MapReduce." *Cluster Computing and Workshops, 2009. CLUSTER'09. IEEE International Conference on*. IEEE, 2009.
- Liu, Huan, and **Dan Orban**. "Gridbatch: Cloud computing for large-scale data-intensive batch applications." *Cluster Computing and the Grid, 2008. CCGRID'08. 8th IEEE International Symposium on*. IEEE, 2008.