# Jens Fursund - Computer Graphics R&D

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# Professional Experience

#### 2016-Present

# Pinscreen, Chief Technology Officer

Technical lead of a 10 people team, doing research and development of a "3D avatar from a single photo"-service

- Making lives easier for developers and researchers by shielding from "higher up" and easing their collaboration via DVCS, CI and CD.
- Develop algorithm for generating a 3D avatar from a single photo, based on Computer Vision, Machine Learning and Computer Graphics
- Implement AWS web-based services using Docker and node.js

Publication at SIGGRAPH Asia 16: Pinscreen: 3D avatar from a single image, Shunsuke Saito, Lingyu Wei, Jens Fursund, Liwen Hu, Chao Yang, Ronald Yu, Kyle Olszewski, Stephen Chen, Isabella Benavente, Yen-Chun Chen, Hao Li

#### 2013-2016

## PowerVR at Imagination Technologies, Lead Graphics Engineer

Research and development of rendering techniques, focused on raytracing and global illumination.

- Progressive lightmapper for the Unity Editor (released in Unity 5.6), in collaboration with Unity Technologies
- Probe-based global illumination system for real-time rendering (implemented in Unity source)
- Progressive lightmapper-based global illumination system for real-time rendering (implemented in Unity source)
- $\bullet$  Optimizing and implementing new rendering features for the Brazil renderer, including plugin development for Maya and 3dsMax

#### Talks:

GDC 2016, So you want to build a lightmapper?

GDC 2015, Low Overhead Probe-based Global Illumination Using Ray Tracing

Unite 2014, Advanced Lighting Effects with Global Illumination

GDC 2014, Global Illumination in Unity

#### 2012 - 2013

#### Industrial Light & Magic, Research & Development Engineer

Real-time rendering for on-stage virtual production

- Physically based rendering, computation of mip'ed cubemaps, on to rendering
- Tone-mapping

Pacific Rim - Film production research & development

- $\bullet$  Optimised the volume rendering shaders for Arnold resulting in 10x performance improvement
- Various other optimizations

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#### 2011-2012

# Computer Graphics Lab - Alexandra Inst., Research Scientist

Extensive development and research related to the in-house CUDA/OpenCL-based ray-tracer

- Photon mapping (specifically stochastic progressive photon mapping)
- Photon splatting
- Photon mapped volume rendering
- Multiphase fluid rendering
- Different acceleration structures (e.g. HLBVH).
- Parallel primitives

Research and development effort into implementing a keyframe-based animation framework

- From the ground up implementation of blend-tree based skeleton keyframe animation framework
- GPU-based skinning
- Applying Kinect skeleton data to model and blending with imported animation

**Publication at SCA12:** Multiphase Flow of Immiscible Fluids on Unstructured Moving Meshes, Marek. K. Misztal, Kenny Erleben, Adam Bargteil, Jens Fursund, Brian Bunch Christensen, J. Andreas. Baerentzen and Robert Bridson

#### 2007-2011

## Unity Technologies, Part-time Developer

Employee number seven at Unity Technologies while the company grew to close to 70 employes.

- Record-playback based regression testing framework for the Unity game engine
- Client-server architecture for storing screenshots, logs, audio, performance data
- GUI design and programming for customer facing tools
- Stack-trace analysis tool
- General debugging and fixing of bugs from aesthetic GUI problems to odd physics behaviour

#### EDUCATION

# 2008 - 2010

# Master of Science and Technology - Digital Media Engineering

Technical University of Denmark.

Courses attended in the fields of:

- Real-time rendering
- Off-line rendering
- $\bullet$  Geometry processing
- Agile project management

#### 2005 - 2008

#### Bachelor of Science and Technology - Medialogy

Aalborg University.

Courses attended in the fields of:

- Interaction design and development
- Image processing
- Games development
- Project management

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# TECHNICAL COMPETENCIES

## **Computer Graphics**

Researching and developing computer graphics pipelines, tools and effects for off-line and interactive applications, with a strong focus on efficiency, applicability and performance. Extraction of relevant parts of complex algorithms to enable actual implentation and application. These are some of the fields I have experience with:

- Global illumination and light transport
- Raytracing and acceleration structures
- Computer vision and image processing
- Animation
- Machine learning
- Physics simulation
- Fluid dynamics
- Computational geometry

# **Programming**

Designing and implementing solutions through usage of object-oriented programming and agile development methods. Programming languages (in order of experience):

- C / C++
- CUDA
- OpenCL
- GLSL
- Python
- C#

# Software Packages

#### Renderers:

- Custom in-house offline/real-time renderers
- Arnold
- Unity

Digital content creation tools:

- Maya
- Katana
- Zeno (in-house at Industrial Light and Magic)
- Blender

# Languages

- Danish native
- English written and spoken fluently
- Spanish understood and partially spoken
- Communication in Swedish and German