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Master of Fine Arts

Design
California College of the Arts
Class of 2017

Master of Engineering

Computer Technology
Beijing Institute of Technology
Class of 2013

Bachelor of Engineering

Computer Science & Technology
Inner Mongolia University
Class of 2011

UI/UX Design Intern @ Google's Nest

Palo Alto, 05/2016 – 09/2016

I worked on the UI/UX design team to help shape the out-of-box experience for new Nest products. Key contributions: i. OOB timing competitive research. ii. 8 prototypes for 16 user studies. iii. Store, onboarding emails, in-app AR measurement tool design & prototyping for Ideal OOB Exploration.

Design Technologist Intern @ Amazon

Seattle, 05/2015 – 08/2015

As a DT intern within the Human-Centered Design team, I worked on a Smart Staffing Board project for Amazon fulfillment centers to help managers and associates refine workflow and improve efficiency. My responsibility included user research, UI/UX design, software & hardware prototyping, user testing.

Front-end R&D Engineer @ Baidu

Beijing, 07/2013 – 04/2014

By bridging the gap between our design team and development team, I designed, developed and maintained a Front-end Style Guide for Baidu Map's mobile Web app, which helped in increasing the accordance of user experience and improved the average page loading speed by 11%.

Research Skills

Contextual Inquiry
Questionnaire
Interview
Card Sorting
A/B Testing

Design Skills

Interaction Design
Visual Design
Motion Design
Human-centered Design
Responsive Web Design

Prototyping Skills

InVision/Flinto/Framer
After Effects
Adobe Audition
Augment
Arduino/Processing

Front-end Skills

Semantic HTML
CSS/Sass
JavaScript/React
SVG/Animation
Webpack+Babel/gulp