

# HYUNG-KWON KO

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## About

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Hyung-Kwon Ko is a researcher at KAIST Interaction Lab. His main research areas include Human-Computer Interaction, Human-Centered AI, and Information Visualization. He designs, prototypes, and evaluates interactive systems to innovate people's working paradigms based on a thorough investigation of their need. Experienced in AI models from both academia and industry, he is currently interested in how foundation models (e.g., DALL-E) could help people in visual art domains perform creative works.

## Education

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- 2019 – 2021      **Seoul National University**, Seoul, Korea  
Master of Science in Computer Science and Engineering (Advisor: Dr. Jinwook Seo)
- 2014 – 2019      **Hanyang University**, Seoul, Korea  
Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, Minor in Industrial Engineering

## Publications

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### CONFERENCE & JOURNAL PAPERS

- [b6]      Ko, H.-K., Park, G., Jeon, H., Jo, J., Kim, J., Seo, J. (2023).  
**Large-scale Text-to-Image Generation Models for Visual Artists' Creative Works.**  
*Proceedings of the International Conference on Intelligent User Interfaces (IUI '23)*, 1-15.
- [a5]      Ko, H.-K.\*, An, S.\*, Park, G., Kim, S.K., Kim, D., Kim, B., Jo, J., Seo, J. (2022).  
**We-toon: A Communication Support System between Writers and Artists in Collaborative Webtoon Sketch Revision.**  
*Proceedings of the ACM Symposium on User Interface Software and Technology (UIST '22)*, 1-14.
- [a4]      Jeon, H.\*, Ko, H.-K.\*, Lee, S., Jo, J., Seo, J. (2022).  
**Uniform Manifold Approximation with Two-phase Optimization.**  
*Proceedings of IEEE Conference on Visualization and Visual Analytics (VIS '22)*, 80-84.
- [a3]      Jeon, H., Ko, H.-K., Jo, J., Kim, Y., Seo, J. (2021).  
**Measuring and Explaining the Inter-Cluster Reliability of Multidimensional Projections.**  
*IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics (In Proceedings of VIS '21)*, 28(1):551-561.
- [a2]      Jung, S., Choe, K., Park, S., Ko, H.-K., Seo, J. (2021).  
**Mixed-Initiative Approach to Extract Data from Pictures of Medical Invoice.**  
*IEEE Pacific Visualization Symposium (PacificVis '21)*, 111-115.
- [a1]      Ko, H.-K., Jo, J., Seo, J. (2020).  
**Progressive Uniform Manifold Approximation and Projection.**  
*EG/VGTC Conference on Visualization (EuroVis '20)*, 133-137.

### WORKSHOP PAPERS

- [w1]      Ko, H.-K., Son, K., Jin, H., Choi, Y., Chen, X. (2023).  
**ChatGPT for Moderating Customer Inquiries and Responses to Alleviate Stress and Reduce Emotional Dissonance of Customer Service Representatives.**  
*CHI 2023 Workshop on Generative AI and HCI*

### PREPRINTS & PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS

- [b3] Shin, H., Lee, Y., Ko, H.-K., Kim, J. (2023).  
**Enabling Prototyping of AI-infused UIs with Task-level Specifications.**  
*(In Progress)*
- [b2] Yun, S., Jeon, H., Ko, H.-K., Seo, J. (2023).  
**Scalable Readability Evaluation of Graph Layouts on Distributed Environments.**  
*(In Progress)*
- [b1] Jeon, H., Aupetit, M., Lee, S., Ko, H.-K., Kim, Y., Seo, J. (2022).  
**Distortion-Aware Brushing for Interactive Cluster Analysis in Multidimensional Projections.**  
*Arxiv Preprint (Under Review)*

\* denotes equal contributions.

## Experience

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- 06/2022 – Present     **KAIST Interaction Lab (KIXLAB)**, Daejeon, Korea  
*Researcher (Advisor: Dr. Juho Kim)*
- 10/2021 – 06/2022     **Naver Webtoon Corp.**, Seongnam, Korea  
*AI Research Scientist, Webtoon AI*
- 04/2021 – 09/2021     **Naver Webtoon Corp.**, Seongnam, Korea  
*AI Research Intern, Webtoon AI*
- 03/2019 – 08/2019     **Human-Computer Interaction Lab**, Seoul, Korea  
*Research Intern (Advisor: Dr. Jinwook Seo)*
- 01/2019 – 02/2019     **LG Electronics Inc.**, Seoul, Korea  
*Research Intern, CTO Division*
- 06/2018 – 08/2018     **Wesleyquest Inc.**, Seoul, Korea  
*Research Associate*

## Honors and Awards

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| 2023        | ACM Travel Grants (Travel support for IUI '23: \$980 USD), <i>ACM SIGCHI</i>                                     |
| 2022        | Gary Marsden Travel Awards (Travel support for UIST '22: \$2,800 USD), <i>ACM SIGCHI</i>                         |
| 2018        | Big Data Contest (3 <sup>rd</sup> Place, Prize Money: \$900 USD), <i>NIA and Korea Big Data Forum</i>            |
| 2018        | AI Novel Writing Competition (2 <sup>nd</sup> Place, Prize Money: \$18,000 USD), <i>KT Corporation and KOCCA</i> |
| 2017        | Academic Research Competition (2 <sup>nd</sup> Place, Prize Money: \$180 USD), <i>Hanyang University</i>         |
| 2014 – 2018 | Merit-based Scholarship (6 semesters), <i>Hanyang University</i>   |

## Invited Talks and Seminars

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1. *Large-scale Text-to-Image Generation Models for Visual Artists' Creative Works*  
Shandong University, Qingdao, China. January 2023.

## Academic Services

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| PAPER     | ACM CHI ('23), CHI LBW ('23), C&C ('23) |
| REVIEWING | IEEE PacificVis ('20, '21)              |

STUDENT  
VOLUNTEERING

ACM UIST ('22), IUI ('23)

## Press Coverage

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Nov 2022 [The Road to Becoming a Published Researcher](#), *IEEE Computer Society*  
Aug 2018 [Writing Novels on Its Own... AI Contests Human Creativity](#), *KBS (Korean)*