Jess Vanam
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Profile

A recent graduate currently located in Portland, OR seeking opportunities to work in web development, web design, or community organizing. My work is characterized by a critical perspective, a curiosity of the values inherent in technology, and an attachment to playfulness.

Skills & Interests

Coding & Web Development
Proficient in HTML, CSS, and Javascript (vanillaJS, currently learning ReactJS). Comfortable with Python for data manipulation. Experienced with javascript SVG animation.

Rapid Prototyping
Proficient in programming and building with Arduinos/various microcontrollers. Experienced with 2D & 3D CAD modeling, lasercutting, and 3D printing. Comfortable with circuity. Select projects are documented on my portfolio site

Critically-Informed Technology Design
Experienced in written analysis of the sociopolitical implications of technology. Interested in new media art, speculative design, and critical theory regarding technology & interaction design.
Select writings available on my website

Education

Cornell University
Ithaca NY, May 2019
Bachelor of Science in Information Science

Relevant Experience

bitforms gallery
New York City NY, June - August 2018
Gallery assistant
Assisted in managing operations at a new media art gallery. Responsible for the reorganization and maintenance of internal databases (ArtBase). Assisted with the revamping of gallery website

Robots in Groups Lab
Ithaca NY, May 2017 - May 2018
Research Assistant
Behaviourally analyzed and coded video data from human-robot interaction (HRI) studies at Cornell University. Assisted with the design of future HRI studies and academic literature reviews.

Save the Children US
Fairfield CT, June - August 2016
Web Development Intern
Assisted in the migration of an international NGO's website to a new content management system.