Max Lever

artist and developer exploring the intersections of technology, ethics, and creativity

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Education

Northeastern University

Boston, MA – May 2018
BS, Computer Science / Interactive Media,
Ethics minor, summa cum laude. 3.9 GPA

Honors Program with Distinction; Dean's Scholarship

Marshall Scholarship finalist

Institut d'études politiques de Paris

Paris, France – Fall 2016 Coursework in philosophy, geopolitics, sociology; ran design thinking workshop

Skills

French (bilingual native)
JS, HTML, CSS
ES6, Sass, D3, Node
Python, Django
Git
Processing
Arduino
Adobe CC

Projects

Biomimetic art installation that immerses the audience in an underwater ecosystem. Wired, programmed, molded, knit, painted, sawed, 3D printed components for this capstone project selected for university gallery exhibition

Polymer app connecting news stories to thematically linked artworks, using semantic analysis APIs. Awarded Best Web App prize by Google at Hack at Brown

Hack at Brown, 2017, Providence CGI University, 2016, Berkeley HackDuke 2015, Durham Calhacks, 2015, Berkeley Hack The North, 2014, Waterloo Paypal BattleHack, 2014, Boston

Experience

Artmatr, Lead Software Engineer

New York, NY – December 2018 & ongoing
Build full-stack robotic painting / printing systems, from
C++ firmware to web-based and native UIs (React,
Electron, Java), radio signaling, and debugging / testing
tools. Review, redesign front-end architecture. Spearhead
agile methodologies for engineering team. Assist in art
production with painters Barnaby Furnas and Eric Fischl.
Iterate over design requirements with clients.

metaLAB (at) Harvard, Developer Contractor

Cambridge, MA - Fall 2018

Built interactive digital / hardware components and developed philosophical content for art installations at festivals in Austria (Ars Electronica), Poland, and the UK (Mozilla Fest), addressing AI and data ethics issues.

MIT Media Lab, Developer and Designer

Cambridge, MA – 2017 & ongoing

2018—, Object-Based Media: develop design tools for provoking and connecting ideas, alongside a creativity researcher. Deploy GCE instance with graph database containing millions of semantic relationships, integrate neural network-based style classification, and build MVC architecture integrated with D3, APIs, Firebase, Jasmine.

2017, Scalable Cooperation: developed and designed web app for understanding emotions and sarcasm with AI, alongside data and social scientists. Built Django backend integrated with neural network and Twitter. Presented to investors from Panasonic, IBM, and Samsung.

Northeastern University, Computer Science TA

Boston, MA – Spring 2016

Mentored students in a class of 100 on software design paradigms and patterns. Held weekly office hours, graded large Java projects and exams, and improved curriculum.

Ronik Design, Developer Co-op

Brooklyn, NY – Spring 2015

Built and designed apps for clients, from nonprofits to large firms, under tight deadlines. Developed a full-stack web application with React, Redux and Parse, several sites with CMS templating, and small NodeJS and Django apps. Improved internal workflow with contributions to open-source static site generator. Won several web awards.