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Experience

JAN 2020 - MAY 2020

Graduate Teaching Assistant at CCA

Worked as a TA for fourth-year undergraduate Students under Graham Plumb for the course Senior Project 2. Helped manage and assist the class.

JAN 2017 - JUN 2019

UX Designer at Nutanix

Worked on a range of design projects related to multi cloud architechtures, simplifying infrastructure management, virtualisation and support portal at an MTS 2 and then MTS 3 level. Actively participated in design sessions, hiring and conferences.

JAN 2016 - JUN 2016

Product Design Intern at Practo

Experience design for real time cross geographic doctor patient interactions, video consultation app for Practo Consult and visual design.

APR 2015 - JUL 2015

Service Design Intern at Toshiba

Sustainable business model development for NID - Toshiba collaboration project for efficient wastewater treatment using microbial fuel cells in the upcoming smart cities of India. Project came first among all entries.

MAY 2014 - JUN 2014

Product Design Intern at AUS

Mechanism of collapsibility for UAVs, 3D modelling and testing, and visual design.

NOV 2012 - OCT 2015

Volunteer and English teacher at Make a Difference

Volunteered to teach english to physically disabled orphans using alternative media and took part in organising events as a part of the core Make a Difference founding team of Ahmedabad.

Education

California College of the Arts,

San Francisco, California (2019 - 2020)
MDes. Interaction Design

National Institute of Design,

Ahmedabad, India (2012 - 2016)
BDes. Product Design

Glasgow School of Art,

Scotland, UK (Sept - Dec 2014)
BDes. Product Design (exchange semester)

Kendriya Vidyalaya I.I.T Kanpur,

Kanpur, India (2005 - 2012)
CGPA 10 (95%) in 10th,
PCM + economics (94.3%) in 12th

Skills

Paper prototyping, Wireframing, User research, Usability testing, User Experience Design, Visual design, 3D modelling, Product design, Collaborating in small and large teams, Detailed documentation, facilitating meetings and managing projects, pattern recognition

Tools

Sketch, Figma, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Indesign, Adobe Premiere Pro, Arduino IDE, Keynote, Zeplin, Abstract, Invision, Html 5 + CSS

Interests

Ethical Design, Disruptive technologies, Future visions and futurism, Data Visualisation, Simplifying complexity, System Design, Design Research, Design thinking, Rapid Prototyping

Languages

English, Hindi, Bengali

Awards and Achievements

2020

Shortlisted for Treehacks 2020, Hackathon at Stanford

Worked on a multilingual, scalable chat bot concept to make information on government websites more accessible to people who do not speak english as their first language in a short span of 36 hours.

2019

MFAM Scholarship at CCA

Received a merit scholarship from CCA to pursue my masters degree.

2018

Speaker at Nutanix RnD Leadership Offsite 2018

Was nominated to present at the Nutanix RnD Leadership offsite in Monterey. The topic of the presentation was simplifying the big data experience.

Special Recognition Award for Nutanix Hackathon 6.0

Built an Augmented Reality solution using Unity for data centers that helps in navigation, configuration and troubleshooting of hardware by augmenting relevant information.

Nutanix Support Portal recognised among 'Top Ten Best Support Websites'

Single handedly worked on the redesign of the Nutanix Support Portal which was awarded one of the "Top Ten Best Support Websites" for 2018 by the Association of Support Professionals (ASP).

2013

Merit Grant from Sir Ratan Tata Education Trust

Received a merit scholarship for being among the top five rankers in the first two semesters of National Institute of Design's batch of 2012.