## Ricardo Saavedra

**UX & Product Designer** 

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## Education

# MFA in Generative Art and Computational Design

Mills College

Oakland, CA 2011–2012

# MA in Interaction Design and Information Architecture

Pontifical Catholic University

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil 2011–2012

# BA in Media Studies & Communications

University of Rio de Janeiro

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil 2008–2012

# Languages

English (fluent)

Portuguese (native)

Spanish (intermediate)

# Legal Work Status

U.S. (valid H1B)

E.U. (permanent resident)

# **Professional Experience**

#### **Designer & Co-Founder**

Metasphere

Berlin/Remote 2019-Present

### **Lead Designer**

The Metagovernance Project

Remote

2019-Present

#### **Product Designer**

XaiPient

Remote (Contractor) 2019–2020

#### Researcher In-Residency

Strelka Institute

Moscow 2019-2020

# **UX Researcher & Product**

#### Designer

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Remote (Contractor) 2017–2018

#### **UX Design Lead**

Samsung UX Mobile Lab (R&D)

San Francisco, CA 2012–2015

### Senior Information Architect

Globo.com

Brazil 2012–2013

I currently lead the development of applications at the intersection of data science, data viz, and UI/UX design. My work includes facilitating workshops with clients, interviewing users to define UX goals, designing, and validating solutions. I also collaborate with ML engineers to develop new solutions that support the conversion from data to knowledge.

I helped the founding team to move from theoretical research to the final design solution. I applied different UX research methodologies to clarify use cases and produced many low/high fidelity prototypes to solidify the vision across stakeholders. Major achievements include the implementation of the Metagovernance Editor by Seed.io, and DAOStack.

I developed data visualization components that let Al users inspect model predictions to increase trust and transparency. I met with different users to collect requirements, following validation, and user testing. I helped drive the product direction by translating user needs into product requirements leading to a successful product launch.

My work consisted of evaluating existing software tools, mapping out opportunity spaces, and ideating on solutions to gather feedback from main stakeholders. In the period of 6 months, I led the design and development of data visualization applications and concepts in the space of simulation, computer-aided-design, and architecture.

As one of the first UX researchers in the team, I helped the product team to identify major usability issues with the current app implementation by conducting user testing and additional evaluation methods. As a product designer, I was also responsible for designing solutions that improved the experience and reduced major usability problems before launch.

I led design research and helped drive multiple interactive products successfully to market by interfacing with different executive teams—translating user insights into successful product launches. Products I helped to develop include Gear S, Samsung Galaxy Tab, TouchWiz redesign, and Samsung Accessibility strategy.

I worked alongside a team of 5 developers, and one visual designer on the development of 3 different award-winning mobile apps. My work included taking part in product discussions to translate user needs and business requirements into compelling products that created value for users.

# Skills & Tools

### Design

Design Systems

Mobile Design

Information Design

Interaction Design

Product Design
Visual Design

Agile (Scrum, Halocracy)

User Research

Personas

Wireframing

## **Prototyping Tools**

HTML, CSS

Figma, Sketch

Illustrator

Framer, Principle

After Effects & Animation

## **Data Visualization**

Tableau

D3

Statistical Concepts

#### **Programming**

JavaScript, P5, D3, Visual Programming Languages