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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Human-Computer-Interaction, Data Visualization, Robotics, UI/UX Design, Applied Machine Learning

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley

Berkeley, USA

Master of Design – MDes Distinguished Scholar; GPA: 4.0/4.0

01/21 - 07/22 (expected)

University of Applied Sciences Würzburg-Schweinfurt

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Würzburg, Germany

Bachelor of Arts in Communication Design - With Distinction; GPA: 3.8/4.0

10/15 - 08/19

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Microsoft Research

Redmont, USA 05/21 - 08/21

Research Intern

Research Advisor: Dave Brown

Researching data visualization applications in mixed reality at the Visualization and Interactive Data Analysis (VIDA) group.

UC Berkeley, College of Environmental Design

Berkeley, USA

Graduate Student Researcher

05/21 - 08/21

Research Advisor: Kyle Steinfeld

Researching methods for encoding & recovering 3D data in 2D representations for training generative adversarial networks on 3D architectural artifacts.

Helmholtz Institute for RNA-based Infection Research

Würzburg, Germany

Design Specialist - 'Integrative Informatics for Infection Biology'

03/20 - 02/21

Research Advisors: Lars Barquist, Jörg Vogel

Developing 2 web apps designed to accelerate RNA research in pathogens through novel GUI systems for programming data mining operations (*Python [Pandas, NumPy, Flask], Vue.js, MongoDB, deck.gl, HTML, CSS*). Developing high performance WebGL 3D & 2D heatmap. Developing & maintaining CI/CD (*GitHub Actions, Kubernetes*).

Professional Experience

Nimble Spaces, Inc.

Berkeley, USA

 $Co ext{-}Founder$

04/20 - Present

Co-founded Nimble Spaces after winning InnoDays hackathon and receiving \$10,000 initial Investment from EDF Innovation Lab. Currently in UC Berkeley's 'SkyDeck' & 'Big Ideas' Incubator. Designed & deployed 'Nimble parklet' to support COVID-19-affected restaurant in Oakland.

KUKA Robotics AG

Augsburg, Germany

 $Bachelor\ Student$

06/19 - 07/19

Organized funds and a partnership with KUKA head of research to create my bachelor thesis consisting of an industrial robot painting GAN-generated artworks on canvas. Developed novel raster-to-CNC-path algorithm (*Python*, *OpenCV*, *KRL*, *NumPy*) and intuitive CLI-tool for demos at exhibitions (*bash*).

Volkswagen AG

Berlin, Germany

UI/UX Design Intern

09/17 - 03/18

Developed high-fidelity prototypes for a central app-concept serving the modern VW fleet with Framer / JavaScript, Photoshop, Xd. Interactive prototypes were presented to board of directors. Prototyped chatbots & similar predictive assistants. Designed UX flows, UIs, & corporate design guidelines.

AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS

- 2020 Fast Company Linda Tischler Award: Winner
- Berkeley SkyDeck Incubator (Hot Desk): Berkeley incubator spot for 'Nimble Spaces'. Acceptance rate: 5.3% (98 out of 1850)
- Big Ideas Contest: 'Nimble Spaces' Finalist
- Fast Company Innovation by Design Awards: Finalist
- 2020 ADC Junior Award: 'Auszeichnung'
- MDes Distinguished Scholar Award: \$20,000 scholarship from UC Berkeley.
- European Design Award 2020: Finalist
- InnoDays Hackathon Berkeley: Winner 'Implementation'
- InnoDays Hackathon Innsbruck: Winner 'Habitat'

SERVICE

- Administrative Officer: MDes Student Advisory Board, UC Berkeley
- Student Advisory Board: Jacobs Institute of Design, UC Berkeley

SKILLS

- Programming: Python (NumPy, Pandas, OpenCV), JavaScript (Vue.js), Git, HTML/CSS, Unix Shell (bash), Docker (Kubernetes), Framer (JS/CS), CI/CD (GitHub Actions), MongoDB, GCP
- Visual Design: Adobe CC (10+ years experience in: Photoshop, After Effects, InDesign, Premiere, Illustrator), Xd, Sketch, Framer, Figma, Digital Illustration/ConceptArt (Wacom)
- Robotics: KUKA Robot Language, Programming of KUKA robots (KRC 4, KRL-Ethernet, Profibus), WorkVisual
- 3D: Cinema 4D, 3DS Max, Unity, Unreal Engine, Corona Renderer, Quixel Megascans/Bridge/Mixer, Fusion360
- Cinematography: DaVinci Resolve, Premiere, Audition, Blackmagic Camera Systems, Sony FS-Systems, Canon C-Series
- Languages: German (mother tongue), English (fluent, IELTS 8.0)