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Portfolio of wireframes and designs available at michaelmp.com/portfolio

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Student of Computer Science
- Experienced in Graphic and Interaction Design using Axure, Photoshop, Gimp, and Inkscape.
- Experienced in HCI Research and Human-Centered Design concepts such as user testing, personas, wireframing, and prototyping.

EDUCATION

Arizona State University - Tempe, AZ   **Bachelor of Science in Computer Science**
GPA: 3.6 / 4.0   Expected December 2017

Estrella Mountain Community College - Avondale, AZ   **Associate in Science**
GPA: 3.8 / 4.0 - High Distinction   Completed December 2015

EXPERIENCE

Human Computer Interaction Institute at Carnegie Mellon University
Research Assistant to Professor Brad A. Myers   May - August 2016

- Designed and implemented a tool to help developers more correctly write error handlers in Java.
- Rapidly iterated on ideas through the use of paper prototypes and wireframes.
- Worked alongside a small team. Personally designed and implemented the graphical user interface, along with parsing abstract syntax trees and detecting poor coding practices.

Built Wireframes of Popular Websites   August - October 2016

- Replicated 2 popular website front-pages (Google, Duolingo) without copying any assets.
- Used Axure for wireframing, Gimp for raster graphics, and Inkscape for vector graphics.
- Developed graphics and interactions that aimed to quickly achieve the general feel of the originals.

Poster Design   October 2015, July 2016

- Designed an academic poster to explain the motivation for and showcase the features of a research project.
- Designed 3 minimalist decorative posters for a Computer Science classroom.
- Very purposeful design of flow and use of colors. Postmortem walkthrough available in portfolio.

EMPLOYMENT

Estrella Mountain Community College - Avondale, AZ
Lab Tech, Tutor   August - December 2015

- Walked students through the process of planning and designing software before implementation.
- Practiced valuable communication skills through explaining difficult concepts to students.

North Valley Gymnastics - Phoenix, AZ
Instructor   January 2009 - September 2015

- Taught 4 - 18 year olds recreational and competitive gymnastics.
- Gained many years of experience in managing and effectively communicating with large groups.