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EMPLOYMENT

February 2017 – Present

Senior Design Researcher & Interaction Designer IDEO, Munich

In addition to the role described below, I am currently contributing to business development, actively facilitating workshops for clients, pushing topics such as public services, citizenship, data & design within the design community, as well as mentoring junior researchers and designers.

March 2015 – February 2017

Digital Design Researcher IDEO, Munich

Work as a hybrid between design research & interaction design gathering insights from qualitative & quantitative research and translating those into innovative services, digital experiences and new businesses. Designed a new automotive after market service, new ways of interacting with homes in the future, a market entry strategy for a diagnostic healthcare service in the U.S., in-store digital experiences for a FMCG client, a repository of insights to uncover how families across different cultures travel, and a self-initiated provocation for a re-imagined and re-branded Europe.

December 2014 – February 2015

Visual Interaction Designer Uncommon, New Delhi

Freelance collaborator - designed iOS version of a food delivery app that was launched in the market.

February 2014 – September 2014

Interaction Design Intern IDEO, Munich

Served as a core team member on a project to develop new services around connected products to increase wellbeing among geographically disconnected families.

April 2013 – August 2013 & April 2012 – July 2012

Information Designer Public Health Foundation of India, New Delhi

Designed data visualizations for the first edition of the India Health Report, and infographics on vaccination for usage in communication with the Ministry of Health.

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EDUCATION

July 2011 – December 2014

MDes. Graphic Design

National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad

June 2007 – April 2011

BTech. Computer Science Engineering

Jaypee Institute of Information Technology, Noida

SKILLS

At the computer

Go to tools of choice are Sketch, Keynote, Invision, Google Apps, Principle, iMovie and Adobe Creative Suite. Keen and able to experiment with new tools required for specific tasks.

Away from the computer

Decent with cameras and notebooks. Confidently able to design and facilitate workshops for clients. Can bring clear narratives to meetings. Mix a hacker mentality with an ability to critically question to push the design process. Good collaborator who thrives in multi-disciplinary teams. Comfortable with navigating complex stakeholder systems and embracing ambiguity.

PUBLICATIONS

Design Research Society Conference

Brighton, 2016

Conducted a workshop on using analogous research to build empathy and unlock problems.

Collaborators: Kate Burn, Kate Wakely (IDEO)

Microsoft Design Expo

Redmond, 2013

Presented Policiti, a project that aimed to create a better relationship between citizens and local police in India.

Collaborators: Shreya Chakravarty, Rupesh Vyas (NID)

Information Design Journal

2013

Published a paper on an ergonomic design analysis of road signs in India.

Collaborators: Prabir Mukhopadhyay, Class of Graphic Design 2011 (NID)