

HCI AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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Two years of study at Indiana University School of Informatics (IUPUI) introduced me to the world of Human-Computer Interaction (HCI). During my time in the HCI Graduate Program, I learned that understanding the user in the design of interactive products should take priority over merely understanding technology.

While in the HCI program, Dr. Faiola's teaching style made the necessary connections between theory and practice, and in many cases was more practical than theoretical. In his class, students executed projects, applying the knowledge learned from class discussions and lectures. This process helped students learn more by thinking while doing. Moreover, Dr. Faiola brought in experts from industry to talk about what is happening in the real world. In this way, students were not confined by the academic environment, but rather were able to better prepare themselves for the job market.

I have recently taken a position as a User Experience Specialist in the Mobile Device Division at BenQ Corp. in Taiwan. BenQ recently acquired the usability division of Siemens in Germany. One of my first duties will be to work with BenQ Siemens product engineers to set up a new usability lab in Taipei. With the knowledge I have gained from the HCI program, my expertise will greatly support the design team in creating more usable mobile devices for their customers.

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