

HCI AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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The payoff of the HCI graduate program at IUPUI has been very gratifying. With only my thesis to complete this summer, I obtained my first position in the HCI with Indiana University – Information Technology Systems. My position as Systems Interaction Designer, provided me the opportunity to work on a revolutionary open source course management system called “Sakai” or “Oncourse CL”. I immediately put to use what I learned in the HCI program about prototype testing, interface design, systems analysis, and user needs assessment.

At my current position with Perficient, an IT solutions consulting firm, I use nearly everything I ever learned in the entire program. I design interfaces, test prototypes, do analytics, structure sites, analyze business needs, conduct user studies, and provide sales support. I am a designer, information architect, analyst, and consultant. I work extensively with clients, which is much more agreeable to me than working entirely in a cubicle. I was offered more potential for advancement at Perficient than ever before, which in large part is attributed to what I learned in the HCI program under Dr. Faiola’s direction.

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