TOMASZ (TOMEK) ZEMLA

BRIEF

I specialize in creating innovative user interfaces for complex systems, information design, and data visualization. As a generalist, I fit well in the role of UX / UI / Product Designer with multidisciplinary teams, helping to communicate ideas between users, business, technologists, and designers.

My academic profile combines computer science, fine arts and design education. I have been conceptualizing, designing and programming user interfaces, applications and websites for software companies, design studios, R&D teams and high-tech startups.

I am based in Montreal, Canada, speak English and Polish and have basic fluency in French.

EDUCATION

I studied Computer Science at Warsaw Technical University in Poland and at Concordia University in Montreal, Canada. I returned to Concordia to study Computation Arts in the Faculty of Design and Fine Arts.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Most recently, I designed and prototyped interfaces and data visualizations for complex, dataintensive ML/AI-driven applications at Datacratic, Delve Laboratories, Secureworks / Dell, and Flare.

Prior to that, I have been consulting for large corporate clients and small startups alike. I developed prototypes of next-generation mobile applications for Ericsson R&D, designed social data monitoring software for Nexalogy Environics, helped develop interfaces to financial trading systems for Morgan Stanley, and created concepts for a biotechnology knowledge management application at GenAlz.

In the early years of my career, I gained invaluable practical software development experience working on large-scale software applications on Unix systems. I worked on automated graphical user interface builders at VisualEdge and on distributed real-time simulations at OriginalSim. I also collaborated with digital design studios on the development of multimedia software, websites, museum installations and marketing campaigns for cultural and corporate institutions.

GENERATIVE DESIGN

My dual interests in visual arts and technology led me to develop a creative practice of generative art and design. I create experimental, interactive, animated visuals using code as a tool of creative expression. I created projects for the NorthSec Conference, The Neuro Institute at McGill University and Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal (MACM).

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Some tools and technologies I have been using most recently:

JavaScript, TypeScript, WebGL, ThreeJS, SVG, D3, ChatGPT API, Canvas API, NodeJS, Python, MongoDB, Bootstrap, HTML, CSS, JSON, REST, Electron, Git, Sketch, Figma, Miro, UNIX / Linux, Windows, macOS.