

# SIJIE YANG

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## EDUCATION

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- Indiana University Bloomington** | Bloomington, IN Aug. 2012 - May 2014  
- **M.S.** Human Computer Interaction Design (HCI/d) | GPA 3.7
- Beijing Forestry University** | Beijing, China Sept. 2011 - Jul. 2013  
- **M.S.** Computer Science & Technology | GPA 3.6
- Beijing Forestry University** | Beijing, China Sept. 2007 - Jul. 2011  
- **B.E.** Computer Science & Technology | GPA 3.5

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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- Senior Interaction Designer** | **Western Union** | San Francisco, CA Jun. 2016 - Present  
- Led the app redesign and optimization for US market. (App Store: 4.8 | Google Play: 4.5)  
- Defined the omni-channel money transfer experience via smart phone (online to offline).  
- Explored and tested multiple future concepts for send money interaction in mobile app.  
- Initiated the UX alignment of company's digital products across web and mobile platforms.  
- Collaborated on UX design decision-making, from visual paradigms to strategic roadmap.
- Interaction Designer** | **Western Union** | San Francisco, CA Aug. 2014 - Jun. 2016  
- Delivered user flows, hi-fidelity mockups and interactive prototypes for international products.  
- Organized online and in-person user testing sessions to improve app design iteratively.  
- Established and maintained style guide and produced UI specifications for development.  
- Supported the localization and customization of app releases in 64 countries with 5 languages through agile process.
- Interaction & UI Designer** | **Pick2Pay** | Bloomington, IN Sep. 2013 - May. 2014  
- Redesigned a new set of iOS 7 UI and App Store assets for Pick2Pay app.  
- Refined existing visual and interactive elements to improve the app's overall experience.
- User Researcher Intern** | **Microsoft Research Asia** | Beijing, China May. 2013 - Aug. 2013  
- Conducted user research on mobile timing support tools for presentation rehearsal and delivery, designed interactive workflows and implemented prototypes accordingly.  
- Took charge of planning and running several user study sessions which include application testing and performance evaluation of a new feature in PowerPoint.

- Web & UI Designer Intern** | **51UI Digital** | Beijing, China Nov. 2010 - May. 2011  
- Developed multiple web pages for a college curriculum management website, an enterprise data management system and designed the landing page for Octopus Link, Inc. Beijing.  
- Created the conceptual UI for a vehicle navigation system and its touch interaction flow.  
- Customized the UI for Android system and an iOS office app based on usability assessment.

## PUBLICATION

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Sijie Yang, Wenbin Wu, The Classified Researches on Database Vulnerability, Computer Knowledge & Technology, ISSN1009-3044, Vol.6, No.25, September 25, 2010, 6905-6906.

## ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS

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- Volunteer for Interaction 13 conference hosted by IxDA | Toronto Jan. 2013  
Volunteer for Beijing Olympic Games & Paralympics Games | Beijing Jul. 2008 - Sept. 2008  
Scholarship for Excellent Student Association Director | Beijing Sept. 2007 - Oct. 2008

## SKILLS

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### Design Principles

User-centered  
Collaborative  
Holistic (systematic)  
Iterative

### Design Methods

HCI-Q Methodology  
Contextual Inquiry  
Diary Studies  
Interview  
Surveys  
Personas  
Sketching  
Prototyping  
Wireframing  
Storyboarding  
Usability Testing  
Affinity Diagramming

### Tools

Sketch  
Framer.js  
A-Frame VR  
Principle  
Photoshop  
Illustrator  
Indesign  
Premiere  
Axure RP Pro  
Balsamiq  
Microsoft Office  
Arduino

### Programming

Javascript / Coffee script  
HTML / CSS  
C++ / Java

### Operating Systems

Windows, Mac OS, Linux  
iOS, Android  
Windows Phone

### Languages

Mandarin | native  
English | fluent

