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WHO AM I?

I am Doctoral Candidate (Ph.D.) in Computer Science and Engineering with a depth in Human-Computer Interaction. My research focus is on improving remote / automated task-guidance through eXtended Reality (XR) technology. In my work, I employ mixed methods to better understand user goals, co-design with stakeholders, and evaluate and explain interventions. I also develop prototypes, tools, and systems using WebXR, Unity3D, and MRTK.

EDUCATION

University of California, San Diego | **Ph.D. Computer Science and Engineering** | *GPA 3.77* Aug 2016 - Present

🎓 Intuitive Surgical Research Fellowship Recipient (2020-2022)

University of California, San Diego | **Exchange Student in Computer Science** | *GPA 4.0* Aug 2012 – Aug 2013

🎓 Full Scholarship Recipient: Brazilian Scientific Mobility

Universidade Federal de Sao Carlos, Brazil | **B.Sc. In Computer Engineering** | *GPA 9.2/10* Jan 2009 - Dec 2014

🎓 Highest GPA of class of 2014. Co-founded funded research group on Manufacturing Automation

RESEARCH & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate Researcher | UC San Diego Aug 2016 to Present

- ❑ Dissertation Topic: Researching how users cope with misaligned guidance in Augmented Reality
- ❑ Understanding how user-headset calibration fails: Developed an optical see-through AR display simulator in VR to understand the impact of manual calibration approaches on alignment between virtual and physical objects
- ❑ Surgical telementoring (ARTEMIS): Led the design, implementation, and evaluation of a hybrid (AR & VR) remote collaboration system for trauma surgery in collaboration with the Navy Hospital in San Diego. Presented at [CHI2021](#).
- ❑ Mixed-Fidelity Prototyping Tool in Augmented Reality: Led the design and implementation of an easy-to-use, sketch-based prototyping tool for HoloLens.
- ❑ Why don't I take my doctor seriously? Studying the impact of avatar design on remote tele-consultation in AR
- ❑ HoloCPR: co-designed, developed, and evaluated a mixed reality system for real time resuscitation (CPR) guidance

Applied Research Intern | **Intuitive Surgical** Jun 2019 - Sep 2019

- ❑ Designed and developed a hybrid cross-platform teleguidance system using a combination of ThreeJS, Socket.IO, and NodeJS for the web interface and Unity3D (C#, UWP) for the Augmented Reality (AR) interface (HoloLens).

Applied Research Intern | **Intuitive Surgical** Jun 2018 - Sep 2018

- ❑ Implemented and evaluated tracking technologies for inside-out Augmented Reality (AR) headsets
- ❑ Designed and developed several augmented reality prototypes for HoloLens and Magic Leap

Graduate Researcher | **School of Medicine, UC San Diego** Jun 2017 - Sep 2017

- ❑ Conducted field studies and user research to then prototype AR applications for the surgical domain.
- ❑ Developed a low-latency (~60 ms/30fps) video streaming solution in C++ to stream ultrasound to HoloLens

Software Development Specialist | **Daitan Group** Jan 2014 - Jul 2016

- ❑ Developed and maintained a highly reliable VoIP conference system in C++
- ❑ Improved call success rate to 99.99% by improving platform stability and through optimizations

📖 SELECT PUBLICATIONS & PATENTS (See [Google Scholar](#) for a full list)

- ❑ **D. Gasques**, J. Johnson, T. Sharkey, Y. Feng, R. Wang, Z. Xu, E. Zavala, Y. Zhang, W. Xie, X. Zhang, K. Davis, M. Yip, and N. Weibel. (2021) "ARTEMIS: A Collaborative Mixed-Reality System for immersive Surgical Telementoring." In *CHI'21 Human Factors in Computing System*
- ❑ P. Suresh, **D. Gasques**, N. Weibel and E.A. (2020) "Enhanced ultrasound systems and methods". *U.S. Patent Application 16/643,505*
- ❑ **D. Gasques**, J. G., Johnson, T. Sharkey, N. Weibel (2019). "What you sketch is what you get: Quick and easy augmented reality prototyping with pintar". In *CHI'19 Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems*.
- ❑ J. G. Johnson, **D. Gasques**, T. Sharkey, E. Schmitz, and N. Weibel (2021). "Do You Really Need to Know Where "That" Is? Enhancing Support for Referencing in Collaborative Mixed Reality Environments", In *CHI'21 Human Factors in Computing System*
- ❑ J. Johnson, **D. Gasques**, M. Gubbala, and N. Weibel (2018). "HoloCPR: Designing and evaluating a mixed reality interface for time-critical emergencies." In *Pervasive Computing Technologies for Healthcare*