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Languages: **English** (Fluent), **French** (Intermediate), **German** (Elementary), **Greek** (Native)

Education

2011 - Present **MSc, Human Computer Interaction with Ergonomics, UCL, London**

Focuses on how people interact with computers and interfaces, towards designing and building pleasurable and competitive products or services. Includes usability testing and ergonomic evaluation, conducting a study, multidisciplinary group project work.

Skills gained:

- **User Research:** Establishing Requirements, Target Population, Interviews, Observation, Field Research, Personas.
- **Design:** Mockup, Prototyping (digital and physical - Arduino, Paper), Information Architecture, Wireframes.
- **Evaluation:** Cognitive Walkthrough, Think-Aloud, User Testing, Heuristic Evaluation, Wizard of Oz Technique.
- Ability to work in a multidisciplinary team, under tight deadlines and demonstrate managerial and leadership capabilities for a cooperative environment towards a successful product.
- Communicative and reasoning skills and the ability to pitch a proposal to a client. Some of our projects' grades was gained from external professionals from Microsoft Research, BBC, and well established ergonomists.

2009 - 2011 **MSc, Digital Systems and e-Learning, University of Piraeus, Athens**

Focuses on how proper use of available technology can enhance and affect how people learn. Included group work and project work.

Skills gained:

- Web Accessibility. Inclusive design.
- Prototyping. Design of rapid webpage prototypes
- Mobile web pages. Inclusive design in mobile websites.
- Design and evaluation of interactive digital learning objects in Flash.

2002 - 2008 **BSc, Mathematics, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece**

Skills gained:

- Logical thought
- Formulate a problem in a way which allows for computation and decision
- Make deductions from assumption
- Use advanced concepts

1999 - 2002 **High School Diploma, Lycée Leonin, French Private School, Athens**

Work Experience

Feb 2012 **Research Assistant, Sony Computer Entertainment Europe**

User testing and usability evaluation for a new Playstation 3 game. Observation and interviews with the users.

Apr 2011 - Present **Technology Writer, iTech4u**

Writer for the monthly technology magazine iTech4u.

Apr 2011 **Tutorials Developer for Microsoft Software**

Designed and created tutorials for the “Kodu” game and the “LCDS” eLearning authoring tool. The tutorials were handed out at an official Microsoft event for eLearning.

Nov 2010 - May 2011 **Teaching Assistant, Demonstrator, University of Piraeus**

- Appointed Teaching Assistant for the undergraduate modules “Adult Education” and “Human Computer Interaction”.
- Represented the University in conferences as “Scientific Partner”.

Sep 2009 - Aug 2011 **Private Tutor, Freelancer**

Effectively delivered private lessons in Mathematics for school students and college undergraduates with the use of current technologies.

Jun 2008 - May 2009 **Directory Assistant, Hellenic Air Force (Military Service)**

Managerial and technical duties to ensure the smooth operation of the branch.

Honors / Awards

My team’s UCL HCI project “feelybean: A Way to Communicate Touch Over Distance” has been accepted for the world wide Human Computer Interaction **ACM CHI 2012** Student Design Competition, Texas, USA. The paper is published under ACM.

IT Skills

<i>Programming:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• XML, HTML, PHP (Basic)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ActionScript 3.0
<i>Software:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MS Office, Apple iWork (Keynote Wizard), Google Docs.• Flash, Captivate, Photoshop, Camtasia.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Axure, Balsamic, Mockflow

Memberships / Activities / Interests

Music Performance and Composition, Creative Writing, Photography, Fishing, Blogging. I am a member of **UPA**, **IEHF** and **HMS** (Hellenic Mathematical Society). I am a student representative in UCL.

References available upon request.