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RECENT PUBLICATIONS	<p>3D Face Morphable Models “In-the-Wild” – (spotlight presentation) – <i>J. Booth, E. Antonakos, S. Ploumpis, G. Trigeorgis, Y. Panagakis, S. Zafeiriou, Proceedings of IEEE Intl Conf. on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), July 2017 (arXiv:1701.05360)</i></p> <p>Large Scale 3D Morphable Models – <i>J. Booth, A. Roussos, A. Ponniah, D. Dunaway, S. Zafeiriou, International Journal of Computer Vision (IJCV), April 2017.</i> Featured in Science Magazine: http://bitly.com/2prec9q</p> <p>A 3D Morphable Model learnt from 10,000 faces – (spotlight presentation) – <i>J. Booth, A. Roussos, S. Zafeiriou, A. Ponniah, D. Dunaway, Proceedings of IEEE Intl Conf. on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), July 2016</i></p> <p>Menpo: A Comprehensive Platform for Parametric Image Alignment and Visual Deformable Models – <i>J. Alabort-i-Medina, E. Antonakos, J. Booth, P. Snape, S. Zafeiriou, Proceedings of the ACM International Conference on Multimedia, 679-682</i></p>	
EDUCATION	<p>PhD Imperial College London October 2013 -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investigating the construction and usage of massive-scale 3D Morphable Models, facial models that decompose an arbitrary face into bases of shape, texture, and expression• Qualcomm Innovation Fellowship Overall European Winner 2015• EPSRC DTA Scholarship• A core developer of <i>The Menpo Project</i>, a Python platform to facilitate the construction and fitting of statistical models on images and 3D meshes. Includes implementations of Active Appearance Models, Constrained Local Models, the Supervised Decent Method and 3D Morphable Model fitting. Menpo was a finalist in the ACM Multimedia 2014 Open Source Software Competition.• One of <i>Menpo</i>'s goals is to promote high software engineering standards in the academic community by following best practice from industry. Responsible for teaching key skills ranging from software design patterns to effective version control. <p>MSc, Computing Science, Distinction Imperial College London 2011 - 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Distinguished Individual Project 86% – <i>Constructing 3D Morphable Models Capable of Expressing Emotion</i>• The Philips Group Project Prize in Computing Science – <i>Doctor Today - A Next Generation Medical Support System</i>• Examinations 78% – including Graphics (93%) Algorithms (79%) and Logic (78%)• Imperial College Student Opportunities Fund Masters Award• Grundy Educational Trust Award• Ogden Trust Scholarship <p>BSc, Physics, First Class Honours (Av. 77%) Imperial College London 2008 - 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final year project 84% – <i>Modelling Evolution - A Simulation Of Natural Selection</i>• Ogden Trust Scholarship• Institute of Physics Bursary <p>A-Levels (5 A's) NEW College, Pontefract 2006 - 2008</p> <p>Physics 96% Maths 95% Further Maths 91% Chemistry 92% General Studies 90%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outstanding Student of the Year (academic achievement & leadership of student body) <p>GCSEs (11 A*'s) The King's School, Pontefract 2001 - 2006</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No. 1 student in UK - Applied ICT (100%)• Top 5 student in UK - Mathematics (99%)	
PERSONAL PROJECTS	<p>Landmarker.io, a 3D mesh annotation web application October 2013 -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allows anyone with a browser to manually annotate points on meshes and images, enabling the creation of data critical for deformable model construction• WebGL client written in Typescript — server written using the Flask microframework	

WORK
EXPERIENCE

Oculus VR May 2017 -
Research Intern

Longbow Assessments December 2015 -
Co-founder, Technical lead

- Side venture founded with one other focused on providing bespoke online assessments.
- Solely responsible for designing and implementing a full-stack web application. Key technologies: React/Redux front-end, Node/Typescript/PostgreSQL back-end.
- Platform is live with paying customers and thousands of candidates assessed.

Craniofacial Unit, Great Ormond Street Hospital June 2013 -
Honorary Group Member

- Joined the group as part of a collaboration between Great Ormond Street and iBUG to investigate the possibility of using statistical models of faces to help guide surgeons performing corrective surgery on children with facial deformities
- Steward of MEIN3D, a database of 12,000 3D facial meshes
- Future work will involve investigating and quantifying the differences that age, gender, ethnicity, and medical conditions play in the appearance of the human face

iBUG, Imperial College London October 2012 - October 2013
Research Assistant

- Explored a novel approach for establishing dense correspondence between 3D meshes of emotive faces using surface geodesics
- Co-founded *The Menpo Project*
- Helped run an extensive 3D recording experiment looking to capture spontaneous human emotion

Visionmetric, University of Kent June - August 2012
Research Intern

- Investigated the possibility of accurately recovering full RGB colour information from black and white facial images through the application of a Principal Component Analysis based statistical model

Simply Learning Tuition, London 2010 - 2012
Personal Academic Tutor

- Tutored students aged from 11 to 18 in a range of subjects

Nanoscale Science & Technology Group, Durham University June - August 2011
Research Intern

- Independently ran and maintained an ultra high vacuum surface scattering experiment

TECHNICAL
SKILLS

Expertise with Python and modern Javascript/Typescript. Experience in OpenGL, Swift, C, C++, Objective C, Java, and Matlab. Typically average 1,500 open source contributions a year.

POSITIONS OF
RESPONSIBILITY

Imperial College: *Computing PhD Representative* (elected) 2013 -
Imperial College: *Physics Year Representative* (elected) 2008 - 2010
NEW College: *Student President and College Governor* (elected) 2007 - 2008

INTERESTS &
ACHIEVEMENTS

Sports: Keen cyclist and runner. Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award & all-time high school 200m record holder. Recently began competing in Triathalons. Getting faster, slowly but surely.
Music: Competed at numerous national brass championships playing Flugel Horn with *Crofton Silver Band* over four years. Achieved Grade 6 Flugel Horn & Grade 5 Musical Theory
Languages: A* GCSE French & basic German