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Interpreter & Technical Translator

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Experience

Sakura-Con 2024
2024/3 — Consecutive Interpretation
Accompanied band SPYAIR, interpreting conversations with event staff

Mantra Inc.
2021 - Current — Interpretation & Translation
As a software engineer at a Japanese startup working on automatic Manga translation, draft technical documentation in Japanese and English, translate business communications and interpret for other staff

Crunchyroll Expo 2022
2022/9 — Consecutive Interpretation
Accompanied band ATARASHII GAKKO!, interpreting press interviews and conversations with event staff

Crunchyroll Expo 2019
2019/9 — Consecutive Interpretation
Accompanied composer Yasuharu Takanashi, interpreting panel presentations, press interviews, and conversations with event staff

Jonathan Ng Japan Tour
2019/8 — Interpretation & Translation
Accompanied jazz musician Jonathan Ng for the duration of his Japan tour, interpreting conversations between him and Japnese musicians and translating email correspondances

Sakura-Con 2019
2019/4 — Consecutive Interpretation
Accompanied fashion designer, interpreting conversations with event staff and models

28th Annual Grassroots Summit
2018/9 — Consecutive Interpretation
Intrepreted explanations of historic Seattle buildings into Japanese and interpreted for the tourist activities of visiting students and faculty

Maxel App Localization
2016/7 — Translation
Worked with the developer to translate the Maxel download accelerator app into Japanese

About Me

I am a software engineer specializing in language-related artificial intelligence, but I enjoy translating as an opportunity to work with natural language directly. I belive these two lines of work compliment each other: my engineering background makes me uniquely qualified for technical translation, and translating helps me think more deeply about language and meaning. My Japanese comes from several years I spent studying and working in Japan, and from self-study.

Languages

English   Native
Japanese   Fluent (JLPT N1)

Education

M.S. Comp. Linguistics
University of Washington / 2021
Coursework in machine learning, natural language processing and linguistics

Research Internship
University of Tokyo / 2021
One year of natural language processing research at the Institute of Industrial Science

B.S. Computer Science
The Evergreen State College / 2015
Graduated early with a major in computer science and a minor in Japanese

Exchange Program
University of Hyogo / 2015
Studied Japanese language in a year-long exchange program