

# chris elawa

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## about me

I am a product designer, currently working at Facebook in Menlo Park. In my work, I seek a deep understanding of the audience and their cultural contexts. I believe it is the key to designing real value for human beings and the societies.

## experience



### PRODUCT DESIGNER

*FACEBOOK - SUMMER 2016, & FALL 2017 - PRESENT*

As an intern at Facebook I worked on addressing some of the challenging moments people may have on the platform. Now as a fulltime product designer I work on tools to help people fundraise on Facebook.



### UX & STRATEGY INTERN

*AKQA SF - FALL 2015*

In my position at AKQA San Francisco I was involved in creative concepting, user experience and strategy for a portfolio of world class brands as well as internally initiated products.



### LEAD DESIGNER

*SKYNATION - 2013-2015*

In my position as head of the design department of the startup, I completed internal and external projects in UX, brand and visual design fields. Clients ranged from local startups to international festivals.

## competencies

### DESIGN

Design Research  
Experience Design  
Interaction Design  
Product Strategy  
Visual Design  
Prototyping  
User Testing

### CODE

HTML  
CSS  
Framer  
Processing  
Arduino  
MAX/MSP

### MEDIA

Motion Design  
Sound Design  
Cinematography  
Video Editing  
Photography

## education

### SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

*SEP 2012- JUNE 2017*

Bachelor of Arts with distinction in Interactive Arts and Technology. With a focus on Design.

### DUTCH DESIGN FIELD SCHOOL

*JAN 2015 - AUGUST 2015*

Research project investigating design, innovation and culture in Northern Europe. 20 short films from interviews conducted with leading urban, product and graphic designers and architects.

## other postions

### VOLUNTEER

*BLACK BOYS CODE 2016 -2017*

### TEACHING ASSISTANT

*SPATIAL DESIGN (2ND YEAR) 2016*

### STUDENT MENTOR

*SEATTLE CHARRETTE 2014 - 2017*

### DESIGN & MEDIA LEAD

*LLIV FESTIVAL 2013 - 2014*

## recognition

### B.A. WITH DISTINCTION

*SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY*

### CONFERENCE PRESENTER

*FCAT CONFERENCE 2016*