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#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

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Sept 2020 - Present (Lighting)		
July 2020 - Apr 2024 (Smart Home)	Creative Director, Votion Ltd. (Contract)  - Oversaw the entire design department  - Developed the creative direction and strategies of company's brand, product, graphic, marketing, & UX/UI development  - Established Votion style guide for the team to follow  - Leading role for all creative related decisions for the company	
Jun 2017 - Jun 2020 (Cosmetic & Household)	<ul> <li>Design Manager, Asquan Group Ltd.</li> <li>Led the design &amp; marketing team in the company head office</li> <li>Strategized with the US &amp; EUR team on company's brand direction, upcoming trends, and all product developments</li> <li>Spearheaded all booth developments for all exhibitions</li> <li>Oversaw projects from concept development to production</li> <li>Coordinated with designers &amp; engineers to ensure a balance between aesthetic, cost &amp; manufacture limitation</li> </ul>	
Feb 2016 - Jun 2017 (Toy)	Senior Design Manager, Hedgehog Design Ltd.  - Oversaw and managed the product & graphic design team  - Effectively transformed client's vision into tangible concepts  - Responsible for projects from concept to tooling model  - Developed new brand concepts & product line	
Jan 2015 - Dec 2015 (Toy & Branding)	Creative Designer, Whim Inc. Ltd.  - Developed new brand concepts & product line  - Created company website and mobile UX/UI  - Collaborated with engineers & QC in product development	
Feb 2012 - Dec 2014 (Toy)	Product Designer, Wing Mau Product Development Ltd.  - Developed ODM & OEM toy/collection products  - Design project lead in various OEM projects  - Responsible for projects from concept to manufacturing  - Work alongside with engineers & QC in production	
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## **EDUCATION**

2006 - 2010 Ontario College of Art and Design University Major in Industrial Design Bachelor of Design

2002 - 2006 Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts Major in Visual Art Ontario Secondary School Diploma

#### **SKILL SETS**

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Design & Management	<ul> <li>Over 12 years of experience specializing in branding, product &amp; graphic design in wide range of industries (Commercial lighting, smart home, cosmetic, household and toy)</li> <li>Working experience as team lead and project management (Distribute work base on teammates strength, problem solve unforseen hurdles, setting up accurate deadlines &amp; milestones)</li> <li>Indepth knowledge with using different types of materials (Metal, plastic and wood)</li> <li>Working knowledge of product manufacturing techniques (Injection molding, extrusion, die casting, blow molding, etc.)</li> </ul>
Technical	<ul> <li>Adobe CC (Illustrator, Photoshop, XD, InDesign &amp; Lightroom)</li> <li>3D Software (Fusion360, SolidWorks, KeyShot, FreeForm &amp; SketchUp)</li> <li>Collaboration Software (Microsoft Teams, Slack, Zeplin &amp; Gitlab)</li> <li>Workshop Machinery of wood, metal, plastic &amp; fabric (lathe, milling machine, table saw, band saw etc.)</li> </ul>
Bilingual	- English (Native) & Chinese (Cantonese)
AWARDS	

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2018	- SolidWorks Associate - Mechanical Design Certificate
2010	- Wilderness First Aid
2009	- St. John Ambulance Certificate Standard First Aid Level A CPR
2008	– Duke of Edinburgh's Award Gold Level

### **STRENGTHS**

<ul> <li>Strong work ethic</li> </ul>	– Polymath	<ul> <li>Creative problem solver</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Affable personality</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Self-motivated</li> </ul>	– Team player
<ul><li>Observant</li></ul>	<ul><li>Organized</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Visual &amp; kinetic learner</li> </ul>

## **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

July 2022 - Sept 2022 (Canada)	Don Valley Brick Works Ambassador, City of Toronto  – Assist on nature walks  – Promote native plants and species  – Provide visitors with park related information
2013 - 2014 (Hong Kong)	English Teacher, Inspiration Academy (Program in Holy Cross Church)  - Develop lesson plan with other teacher  - Teach lessons on a weekly base  - Follow up on students' progress in the program
2007 - 2012 (Canada)	<ul> <li>Gold Operation Team &amp; Executive Committee, Vision Youth (Leadership Program in Toronto)</li> <li>Plan and organize training for the Gold Level Program</li> <li>Ensure safety and integrity of all indoor &amp; outdoor activities organized under all programs</li> <li>Coordinating with other volunteers in other programs</li> </ul>