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Video Host & Producer

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EXPERIENCE

CNET / Video Host & Producer

January 2022 - Present, San Francisco, CA

Host, script and produce videos for CNET's site, YouTube channel and social media accounts including TikTok, Instagram and Facebook.

CNET / Staff Reporter

June 2017 - January 2022, San Francisco, CA

Wrote feature and breaking news articles on a variety of topics, from social media trends to plant-based foods to digital accessibility.

Center for Power Optimization of Electro-Thermal Systems / Science and Technology Fellow

August 2016 - May 2017, Urbana, IL

Shared research findings from a group of engineers with a broader audience via a quarterly newsletter.

EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign / Journalism (Bachelor's)

August 2012 - May 2016

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign / Journalism (Master's)

August 2016 - May 2017

PROJECTS

CNET Explains / Explainer videos on top news and trends (Host and Producer)

Topics: Web3, RCS messaging, supersonic flights, 5G and airlines, sunscreen best practices, iPhones and USB-C, Elon Musk and Twitter, Google's Monk Skin Tone Scale

SKILLS

Produce and host videos, primarily explainers, for CNET's platforms

Participate in local, regional, national and international TV and radio hits on top tech and culture stories

Record a weekly podcast on the day's top stories

Guest host CNET's Daily Charge podcast

AWARDS

Tech Media Trailblazer / Consumer Technology Association (2019)

Telly Award / Bronze winner for CNET video, "Kelly Slater creates the perfect wave in the middle of nowhere" (2019)

Excellence in Journalism Awards, Arts and Culture / SPJ NorCal (2022)

LANGUAGES

English (native), Arabic (native), Spanish (limited working proficiency)