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PORTFOLIO
& RESUME

ILLUSTRATION · PHOTOGRAPHY · 3D MODELLING · PUBLISHING · JOURNALISM

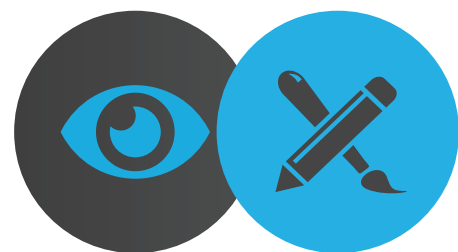


I am a 22 year old Malaysian graphic designer, I have been using various design dedicated softwares since the age of 9, while I have operated on word processors and such since the age of 5. The proficiency I attain towards these softwares does not necessarily come from learning or going to classess, it came through curiosity and the will to keep experimenting. I started off with Photoshop as a child, just to crop an image and put it on to another and things like that. By 12 i was competent at Photoshop and every programme below that in terms of design or word processing. Therefore i decided to move on to more complex programmes, such as programmes that work with vectored material instead of raster. Working with vectorized material is tougher as there is a lot more to take into consideration, minor details that are very hard for a human brain to comprehend or remember. Therefore i started playing with Adobe Illustrator, started using different tools and tablets. While i was learning most of these programmes I usually took on a job or two as a freelancer in order to truly grade myself on to how much i have learnt. When i was in the

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midst of properly learning to illustrate, i took on a major project, a brand logo for a new car imports company which taught me how to deal with pressure and how to respond to customer feedback. While working full time in a car graphics company I took on some projects from a university team that is trying to receive a government grant. This pushed me into furthering my knowledge from 2D vectorization to 3D vectorization. Making weapons from a sketch into a moving animated virtual reality object is by far one of the most rewarding ventures i have taken on. A lot or most of my work outside and inside my proffesional capabilities involve the automotive industry. This is because i have it deeply rooted into me that mechanics is the way of the future. I am extremely enthusiastic about anything that involves mechanical parts, engines, turbines, motorcycles, or cars. This passions helps me further my quest into perfecting my proffesional graphic career.





Visual Artist

The mere definition of the term 'graphic design' involves every single type of conceivable art that is generated using a computer. Unlike common misconceptions, drawing on a computer with a mouse is actually a lot tougher than physically drawing something on a piece of paper. The human mind just isn't used to the concept of drawing on a separate panel and viewing it in another. In world with such technological advancements it's really isn't easy succeeding while just knowing how to operate a single software, therefore i decided pursue at least a minor part of every single mode of graphical conceptions.

Graphic design for most people can be subdivided into a few selected categories in order to make learning easier. Starting with Vectored Illustrations, Photography, Image Fabrication, 3D conception of 2D material, Magazine Publishing, Journalism and Video composition. Adobe Corporation has advanced the way in which designer's create. Their softwares are so refined through the concept of trial in error that it cut's the learning curve for every amateur by half. This has led to me mastering most of the softwares offered by this company, while also venturing into other company's products in order to better understand the variety in the design industry. You will experience a description of what the software is made for, how i utilise it and series of examples that come from my previous corporate work or personal experimentations.



Adobe Illustrator

SECTION 1

An explanation on my area of expertise in the field of illustration followed by series of examples. Examples include previous work on company logos, automotive decals and comical illustrations.

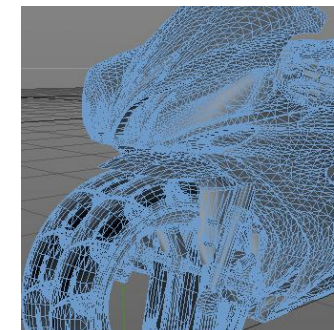


Adobe Photoshop

SECTION 2

A detailed analysis of expertise in image manipulation and personal art material along with some re-branding work that has been done for companies during my freelance phase.

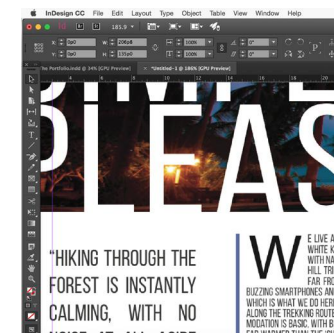
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MAXON Cinema 4D
Autodesk 123D

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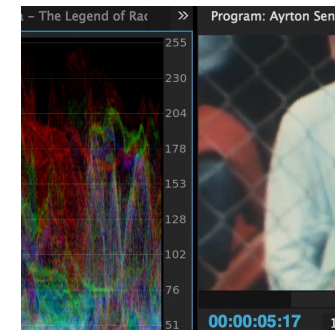
A step-by-step guide on 3D modeling from scratch, 2D sketches to 3D composition along with a few work and personal examples to certify my experience in this industry.



Adobe InDesign
Journalism

SECTION 4

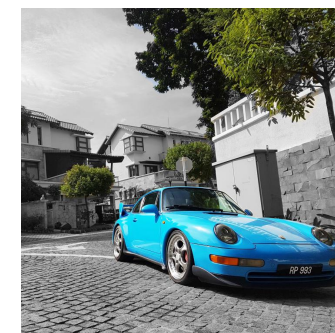
Emphasises on a single magazine re-layout project that represents my expertise in digital and print publishing along with a series of personal automotive articles composed by me.



Adobe Premiere Pro

SECTION 5

A walkthrough of my personal attempt to recreate a very inspirational advertismtent from the 80's by Apple Inc.

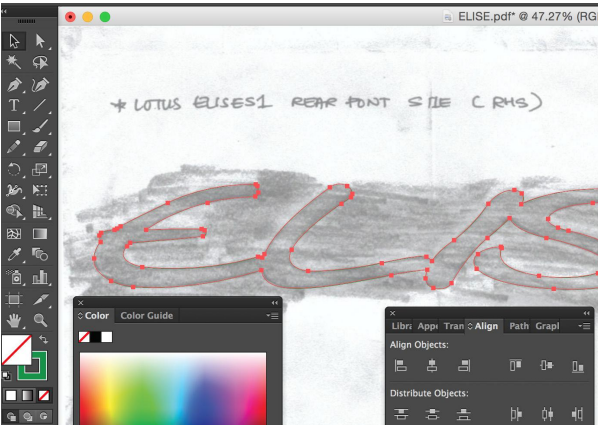
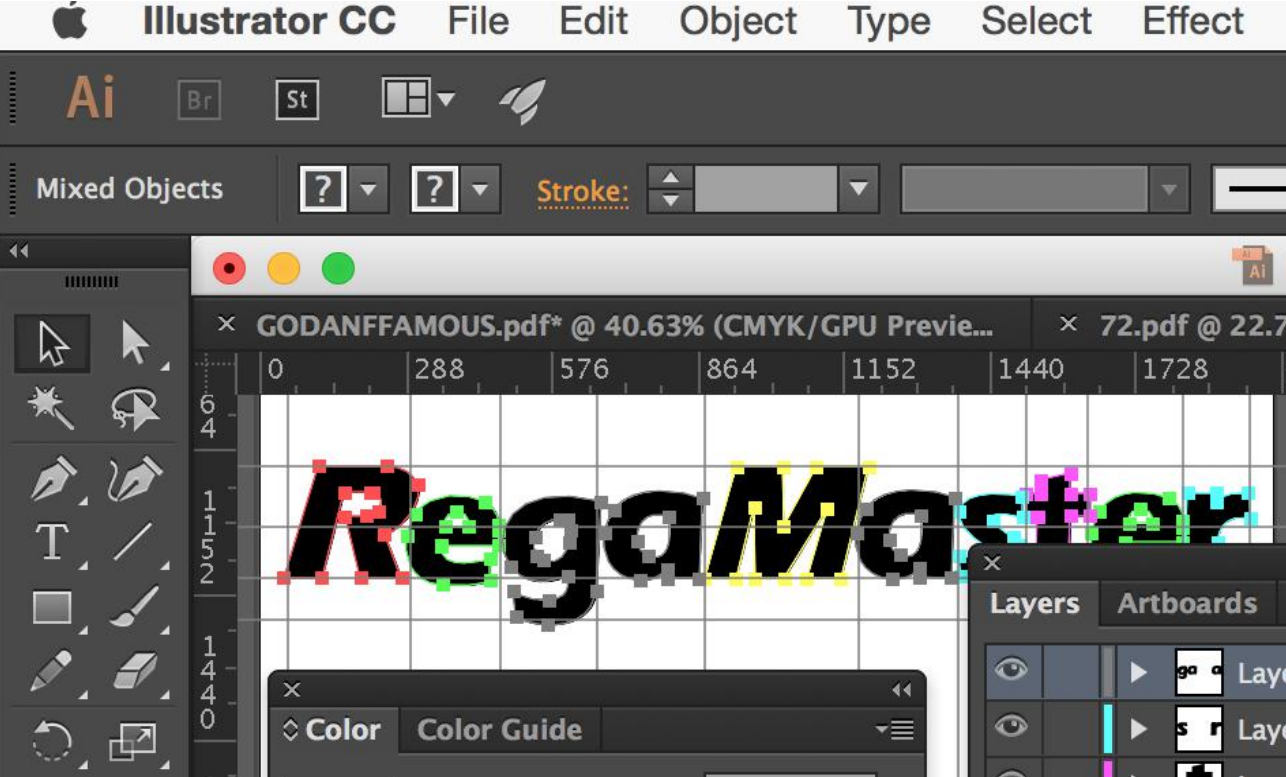


Photography

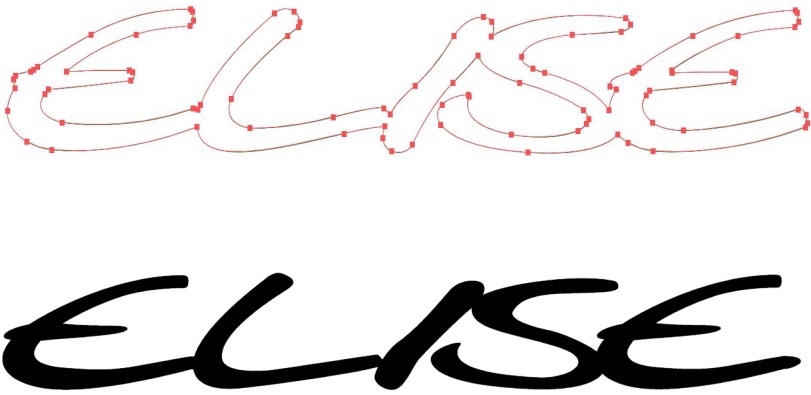
SECTION 6

A small demonstration on how the combination of a series of exclusively picked colors from a single photograph can emphasise the character of the entire visual representation of the image itself and a few personal scenicic examples from my trip to Laos.

ADOBE ILLUSTRATOR CC



In the place i worked, I had to compose logos for customers that they would eventually end up printing and sticking it on their series of corporate vans, trucks and cars. Some customers would come with practically nothing such as a very blurred image of a logo that they saw or a bad hand sketched drawing that they'd expect me to make a perfect logo out of. Here's an example, a proud owner of an old Lotus Elise needed to put his car's emblem on his car club's logo but the internet only has vectorised emblems of the new logos. Therefore he put a piece of paper on top of the logo and scribbled on it with a pencil till it made slight stencil marks on the paper.



These project are tough as it's hard to vectorise something so inaccurate. Therefore measurements have to be made, and accuracy is of uttermost importance as most CNC or cutting machines don't properly work on designs that contain unnescacary points or anchors. It's not just a matter of work that's of high quality, it's about the experience of someone driving off with a giant sticker on their personal car that was symettrically composed by yourself.

PROGRAMME

CORPORATE ILLUSTRATIONS

ILLUSTRATOR CC

COMPANY

ADOBE INC.

CATEGORY

VECTORED ILLUSTRATIONS

It wasn't very long ago when I was intimidated at the mere concept of using Illustrator as i was one of the few people who can barely scribble a drawing on a physical piece of paper. Taking on a software made for artists was extremely difficult, but my curiosity got the best of me. I started digging deeper and ended up appreciating every single tool available in this programme. I realised that the world will not visually look the way it does, if not for illustrator. Every single object or scripture that i have come across has the involvement of this programme in one way or another. Its just an amazing piece of engineering. The most wonderful thing is the fact that everyone has the ability to be able to use it as long as you have time and energy in your hands.

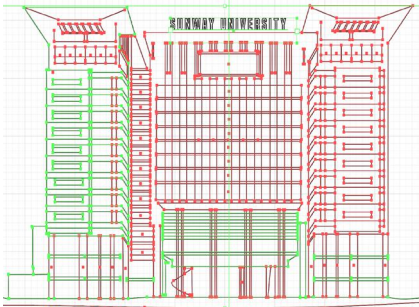
Initial Raw Image

The better the initial image, the better the outlines would be.



Segmented Sketches

Color coordinates precise vectored diagram from a raster image.



Final Artwork

Blacked out vector with raster brush stroked colors from the original image.



Work Examples

CRAFTMANSHIP IN
CORPORATE
ILLUSTRATIONS.

Here's a series of a few examples of work I have done for large companies and events and passionate individuals who just wanted to represent what they mechanically believe in. Every logo that i have ever generated or traced are done with ultimate precision and put to test with articulate machinery such the world's most advanced cutting plotters. These logos should withstand a 1000 copies cut out from very fine flimsy sticker paper, it should be segmented in a manner where each piece could be easily dismantled from the paper and placed on to a car, truck, or even buildings. Some of these logos are traced from resources that customers have provided, while some have been sketched, designed and generated by me. Raster image vectorisation is actually a lot more then just tracing, there isn't a button that could do it perfectly for you. It needs as much effort and resources as producing a new logo itself, especially if the resource image you're working with is distorted.

*Not all of the illustrations belong to me, most are my vectorizations of 3rd party raster logos.



Volkswagen GTI Silhouette



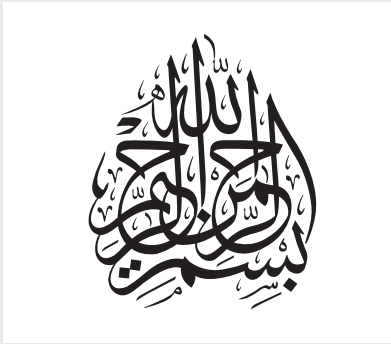
APR Motorsport Vector Conversion



Liberty Walk Vector Conversion



Experimentation on Restaurant Logo



Arabic Scripture as Vehicle Sticker



Fat Shark Vector Conversion



Kanjozoku Vector Conversion



No Good Racing Vector Conversion



Volkswagen GTi Skull Vector



LB Performance Vector Conversion



Rotor Riot Car Sticker



Vectorization of Volkswagen R Badge



Fatlace Vector Conversion



Made In Japan Vector Conversion



Regamaster Vector Conversion



Koi Fish Abstract Car Sticker



God and Famous Vector Conversion



Vector Replica of J's Racing Badge



72 Car Clan Logo



Hex Logic Company Logo

COMICAL ILLUSTRATIONS



PROJECT TYPE

Comic Characters

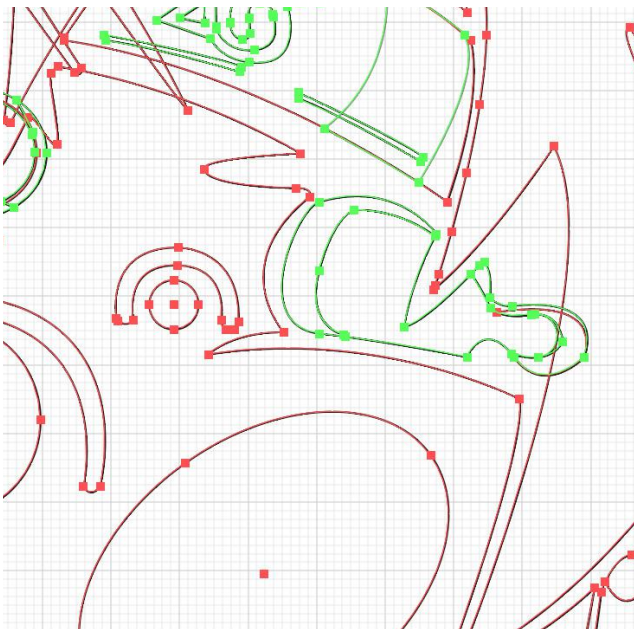
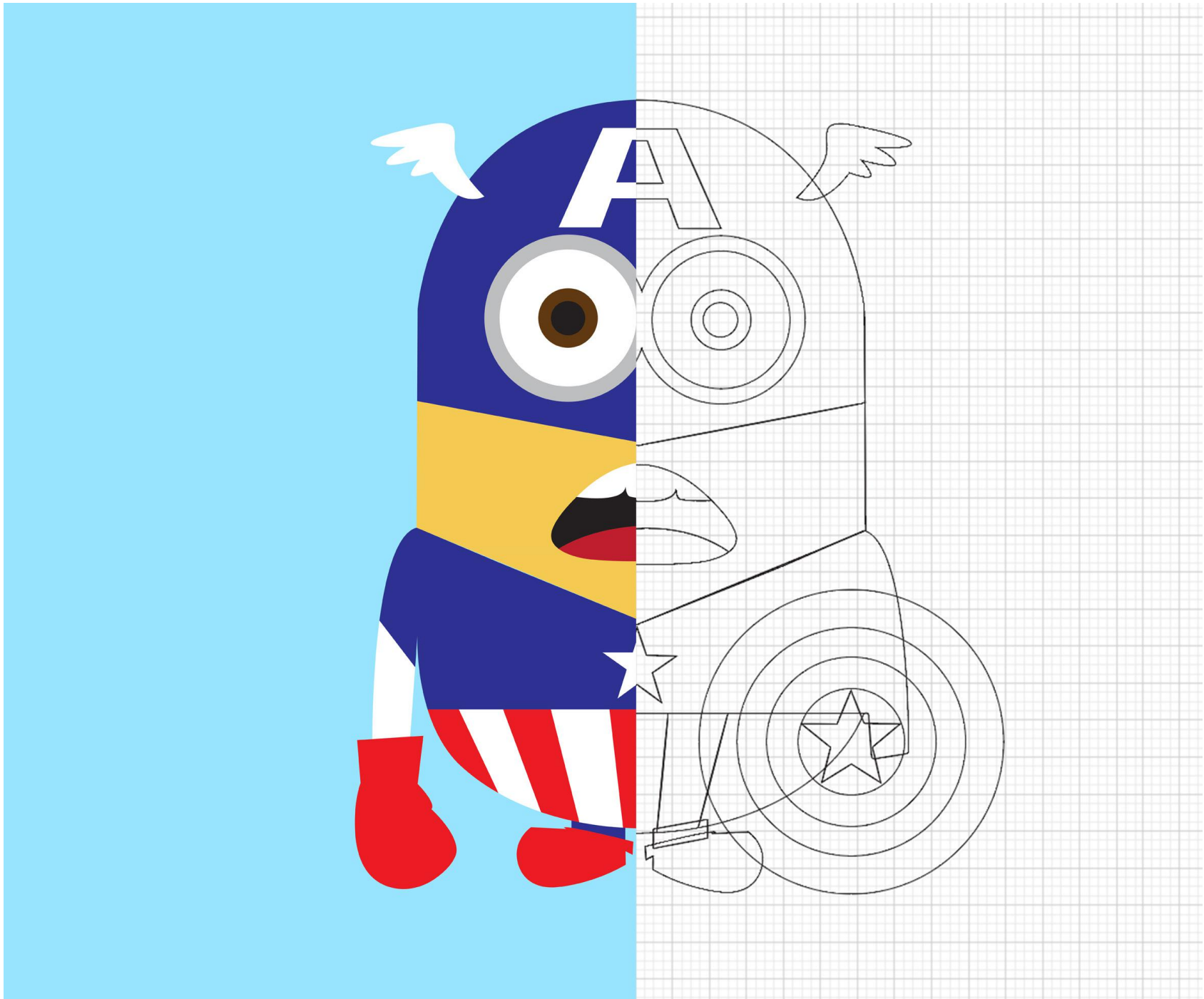
CLIENT NAME

Unicorn Graphics

CATEGORY

Car Sticker

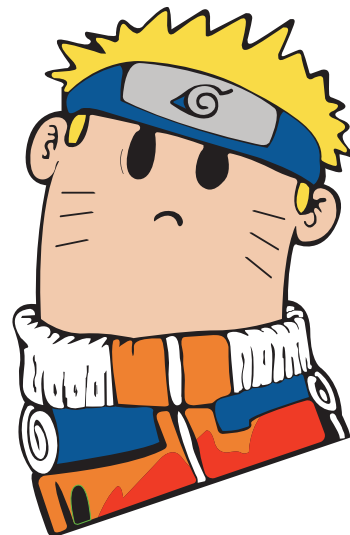
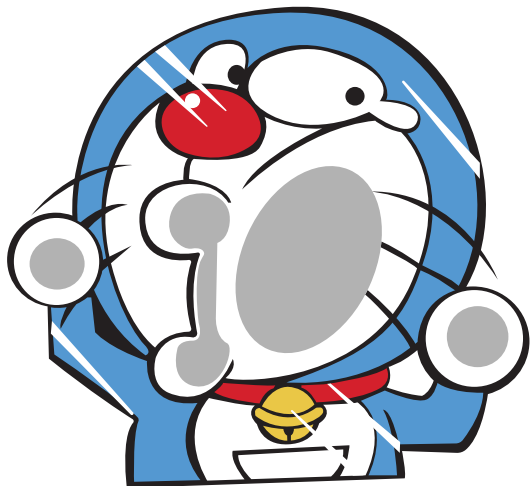
Illustrating comical characters has got to be one of the most time-consuming projects as you have to convey a sense of complete simplicity while having a weeks worth of work in the background. It needs concise planning to begin with, such as the combinations of colors you would be using, the symmetry of the character itself, the emotions it will have to convey and the manner in which it would be presented in. Comics when generated as art could be sufficiently fabricated to be able to pronounce certain details, but when it is done for corporate purposes it becomes a lot more painstaking and more about perfect symmetry than freehanded art.



Work Examples

COMICAL REPRESENTATIONS OF SUPERHEROES

Here's a series of examples that represent some of the comic work i have done in the past. From a completely corporate perspective, each character can't have too many colors, segments or separate pieces. This would make manufacturing extremely complicated and would also cost printing or cutting prices to be high. Therefore each character has to be minimalistic in terms of proportions and colors, which is actually much tougher as it's hard to express a character's emotion with such subtle detail. For example some characters here were meant to be stuck in car windows, giving an effect of being squished on to the glass while braking at high speeds. This effect in the form of illustrations is extremely hard to pull off without looking out of place.



Automotive Decals

A Few Selected Examples of Client's Decals.

Stripes in a vehicle do a lot more to an automobile than just being colourful or eye-catching. They accentuate the natural curves of a vehicle that otherwise may not be visible to a person. Each car or motorcycle has to have it's own design as vehicle proportions and looks vary from model to model. As you can see from these examples, no stripe is identical. A branded stripe would always have to represent what the company's idea for that particular product is, such as BMW with the 'M Division' colors to represent their heritage in racing or Ford's 'Raptor' division that represents it's durability in extreme terrains. Each logo has to be extremely concise and mirrored for each sides of a vehicle and has to be extremely accurate in order for cutting plotters to be able to cut your design on any type of paper available. A vehicle dimensions have to be completely measured and photographed at every angle in order to provide the most customised and perfectly fit decal.



2012 Proton Satria R3 Side Stripe



2015 Ford Raptor Tail Side Stripe



2008 BMW M6 Side Stripe



2011 Volkswagen Scirocco Side Stripe



2008 Honda Accord Lower Side Stripe



2012 Mitsubishi Lancer GTS Pin Stripe



2010 Honda Civic Pin Stripe



2011 KIA Forte Side Stripe

SECTION 2

ADOBE PHOTOSHOP CC



PROGRAMME

PHOTOSHOP CC

COMPANY

ADOBE INC.

CATEGORY

IMAGE MANIPULATION

IMAGE FABRICATION

You don't always get the best shots that you deserve to capture or the most well lit or colored image that you envisioned in your mind, This is how Photoshop began, to make amateur photographers seem professional with post-productorial editing. Then it took on a life of it's own with the millions of people that utlise it every single day. It became more then a post-productorial tool to a blank piece of canvas that allows you to create anything you can imagine, and more. This is the first professional graphic designing software that most designers begin with (other then a piece of paper) including me. Which is why this particular software will always have a huge impact on me.



It feels great to earn money for the work i have done in Photoshop, but the most mesmerising projects I have done have been personal works of passion that drove me higher in this programme then if i were to just be doing corporate work for fiscal opportunities. These works have pushed me to learn to use the most appropriate brush strokes, the perfect combinations of bright colors and the power of overlaying a non-opacue image. The presentation of the overall image is far more relevant when you pay attention to the smallest details. The little details is the primary reason for why the bigger picture matters so much. Most of these prjects were never officially published other then a post on my personal blog, as they were just strong intepretations of how far i can push my creativity in the test of how powerful this software actually is. In the upcoming pages you will see examples of work that I have done for monetary purposes which would further explain how much variety is involved in my work.





VISUAL EXPERIMENT ON SYMMETRY

This was a visual experiment trying to bring out the attention to detail and mash it all back, representing symmetry and controlled chaos while also emphasizing the parts of the car that is most visually striking.



TRANSITION BETWEEN WORKS OF ART

This was an experiment to further emphasize the attention to detail that goes into producing products such as the Pagani Huayra or a Les Paul guitar.



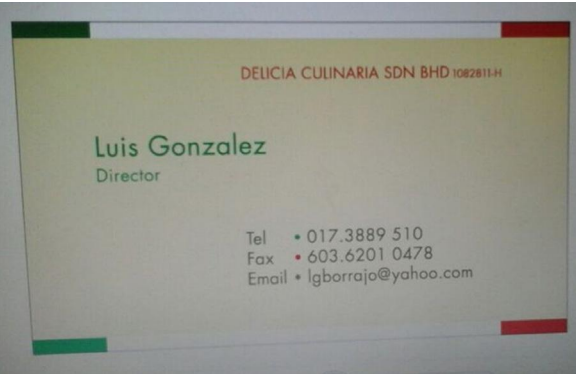
SOARING EAGLE

The LaFerrari is arguably one of the most aerodynamic cars ever produced and i wanted to visually represent it's natural counterpart, an eagle.

CORPORATE REBRANDING



Previous Menu
The original menu was practically a laminated piece of paper with bad angles of the pizza.



Previous Business Card
This was just mass produced graphics .

Luigi's isn't a major mainstream pizza chain but they do offer authentic italian pizza and a personal one-on-one involvement with their customers. When i started the rebranding for their company, the restaurant felt as small as it was as the design was extremely flawed. It needed a major design change that would make their business seem like one of the bigger chains without losing the element of personal touch. I changed the entire menu layout into a multiple page brochure (as below), which ended up saving them costs as we printed them as brochures instead of a physical menu.



Current Menu
I reshot every single one of their pizzas and made a double bi-fold menu that would'nt look odd in a 7 star restaurant.

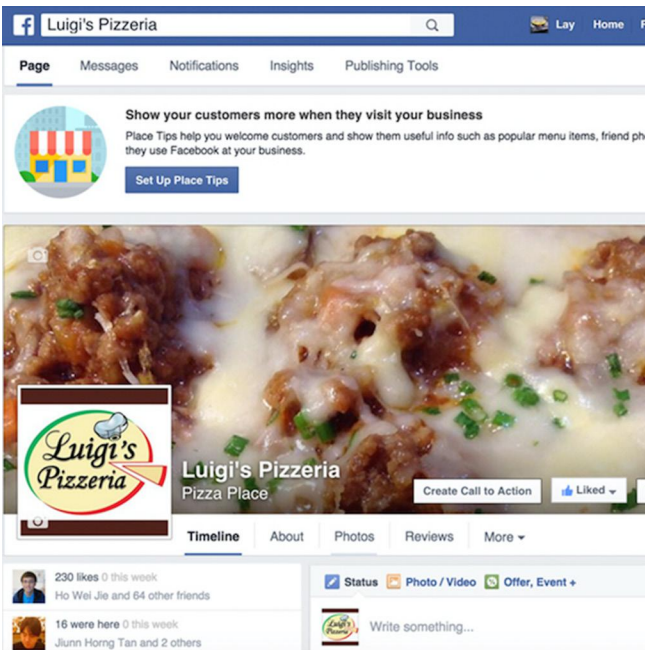


Current Business Card
Their primary details were emphasized and columned into a beautiful box format.

This also meant their customers can take the menu home instead of just glancing it at the location. The logo had to be completely revamped too in order to match their new look, therefore I took a more simplistic approach while retaining their original value (the chef's hat). I also had to represent the fact that their pizza was rectangularly shaped other than the usual circle. The business cards and pizza boxes had to be cost effective therefore I made the logo in a color scheme that would only need a single colored ink while representing two colors. This cut major costs and also gave a very unique look to their boxes. Social media was completely revamped along with the menu which ended up increasing internet traffic by a 100%.



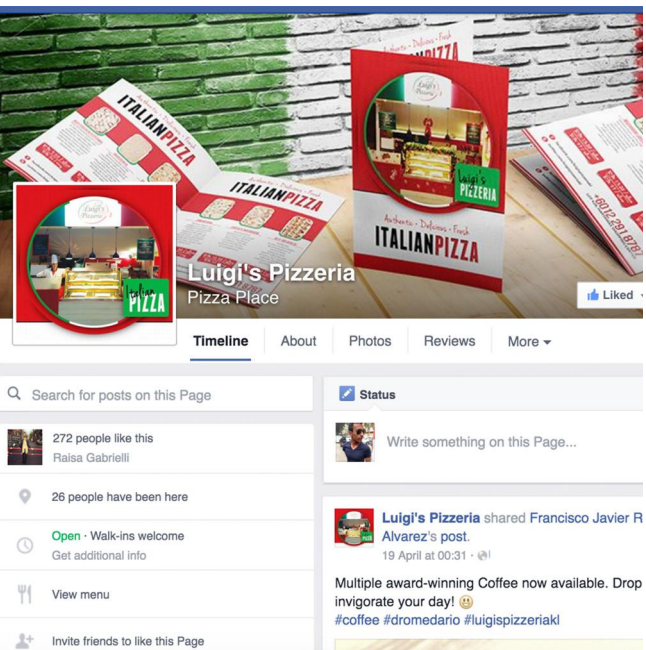
Previous Artwork
They incorporated the italian colors and the chef's hat along with a monotonous font.



Previous Social Media
Their facebook page used to look very unorganised and updated very seldomly. The images didn't signify the authenticity of the food.



Current Artwork
This logo represents the fact that they're pizza is rectangularly shaped, the chef's hat signifies the the owners name initial 'b' and a much classier look.



Current Social Media
Currently their facebook consists of their entire menu, food updates, promotions and a constant chain of good reviews. Increased traffic by 200% even without promoting it.

SECTION 3

MAXON CINEMA 4D



PROGRAMME

CINEMA 4D R17

COMPANY

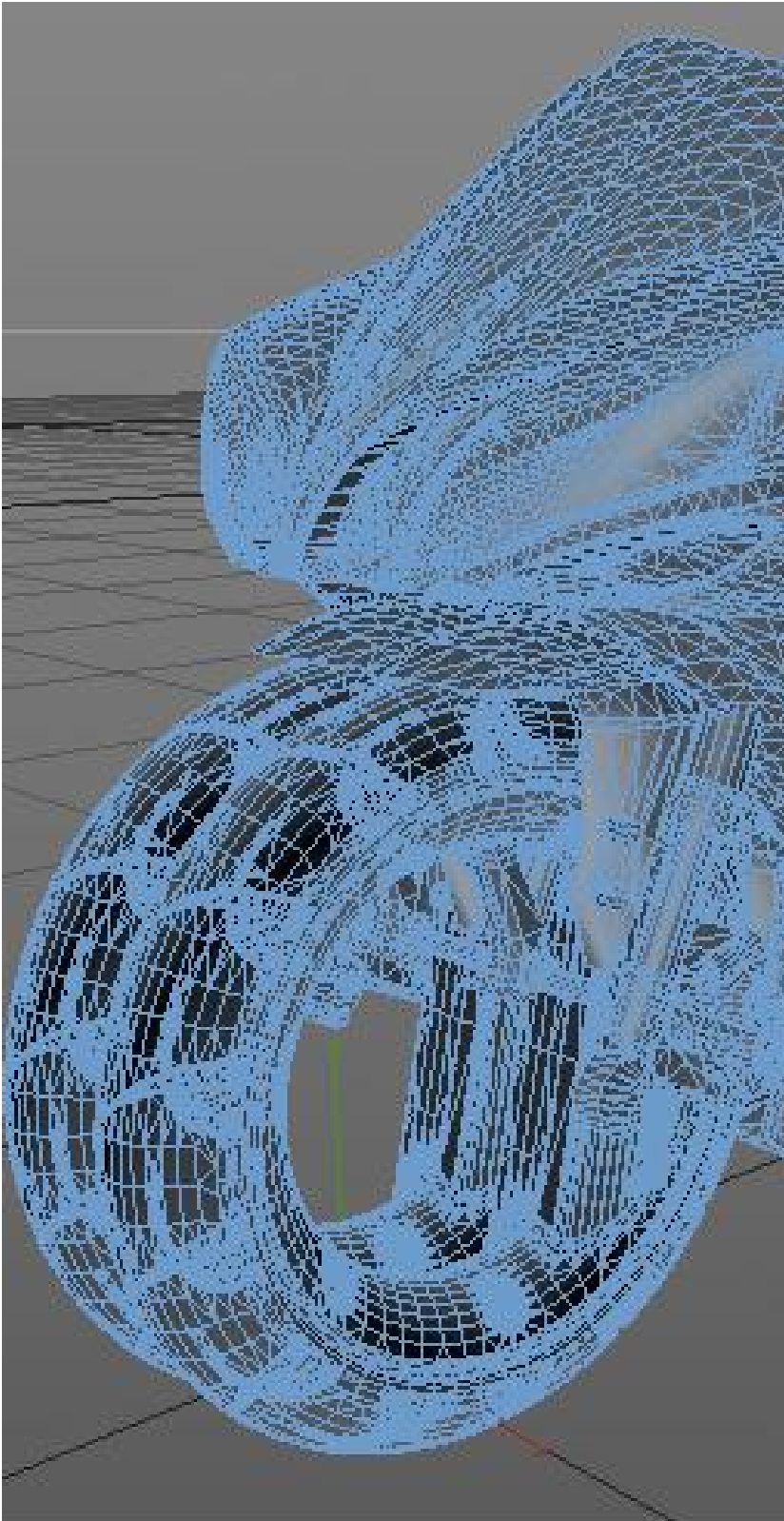
MAXON GROUP

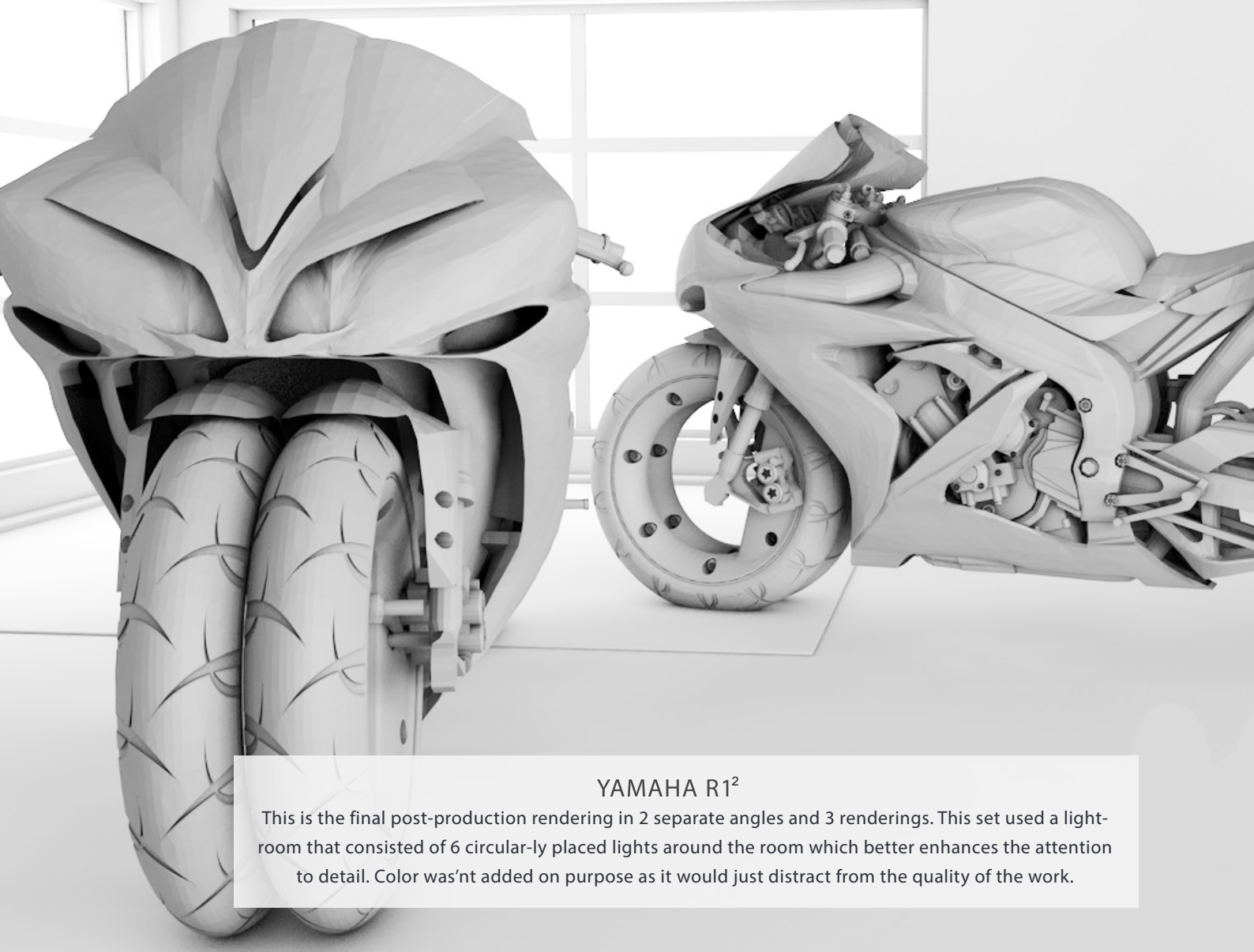
CATEGORY

3D Modelling (Rendering)

Visual 3D modelling

As a visual artist I had to find a way to implement the element of three dimension into my works but I had a difficult time wrapping my mind around the concept of something other then just two dimensions. Therefore i had to go above my field of comfort and use a software thats made for the purposes of conceptualisation of two dimensional blueprints of building and automotives. As you can see on the right, I have experimented with the 3D model of a human heart working alongside a 3D model of a ferrari F430's V8 engine. Not only does this represent my admiration for the car, it represents the artistic capabilities of a 3D engine other then just CAD models.





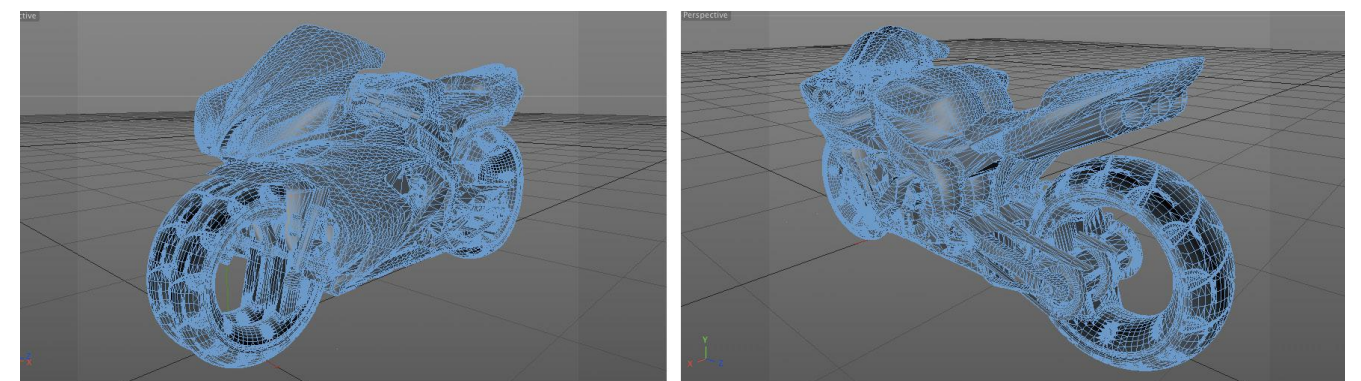
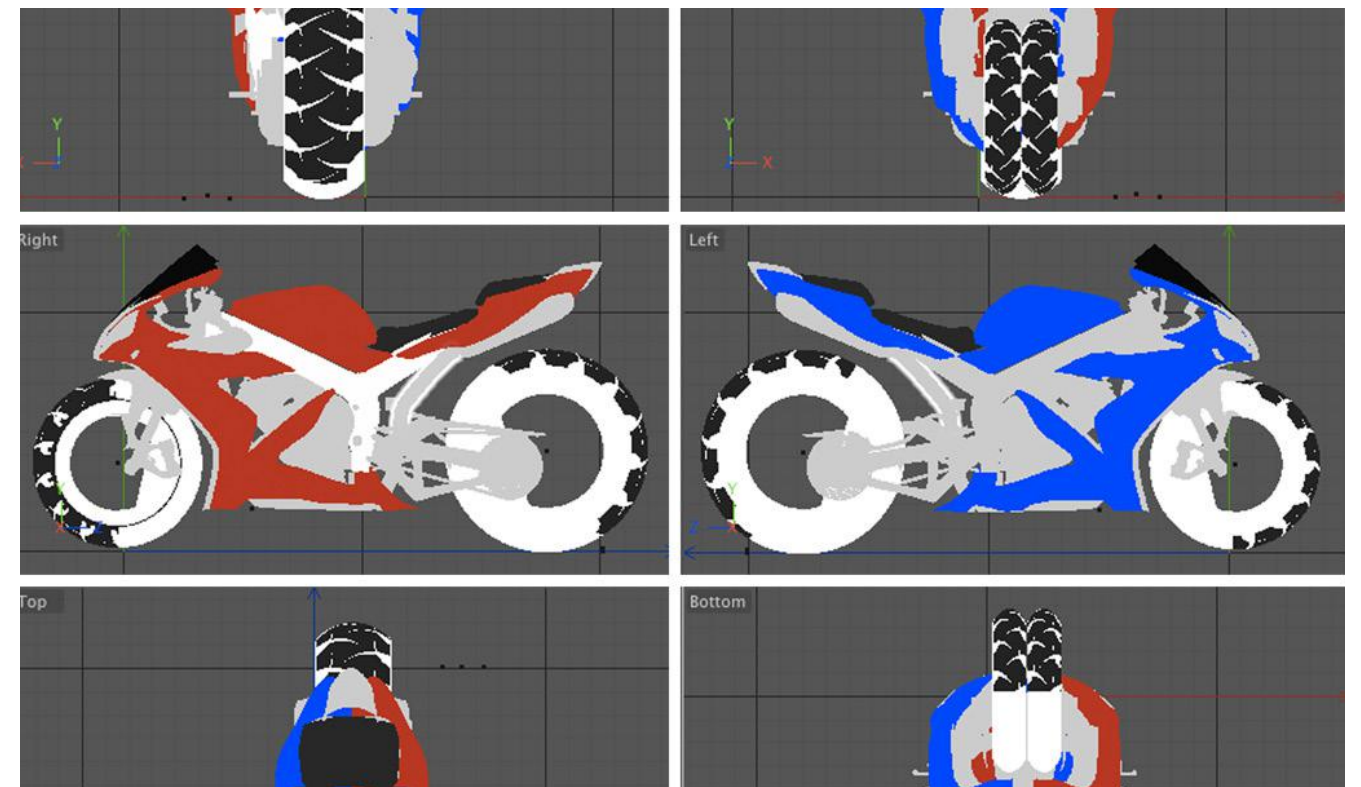
YAMAHA R1²

This is the final post-production rendering in 2 separate angles and 3 renderings. This set used a light-room that consisted of 6 circular-ly placed lights around the room which better enhances the attention to detail. Color was'nt added on purpose as it would just distract from the quality of the work.



3D Motorcycle Fabrication

Most 3D models start with a blueprint as its easier to reference to something while you're sculpting a shape. Therefore in this model that I have made, I started off by merging the blueprints of two identical Yamaha R1's and making a few two dimensional adjustments. Then you set up the blueprints in an axis so that you could create your model in real time regardless of the fact that you're starring at a two dimensional screen. Starting with the wheels, then the swingers, chassis, visual parts of the engine and exhaust, then finally fairings and Handlebars. As you can see in the image below, the amount of vector-ised shapes it takes to generate an entire motorcycle is insane. Then you have to put a stage in which the motorcycle sits (or preferably a room) and situate lights around the room to reflect off of the motorcycle, then place cameras at the appropriate positions.



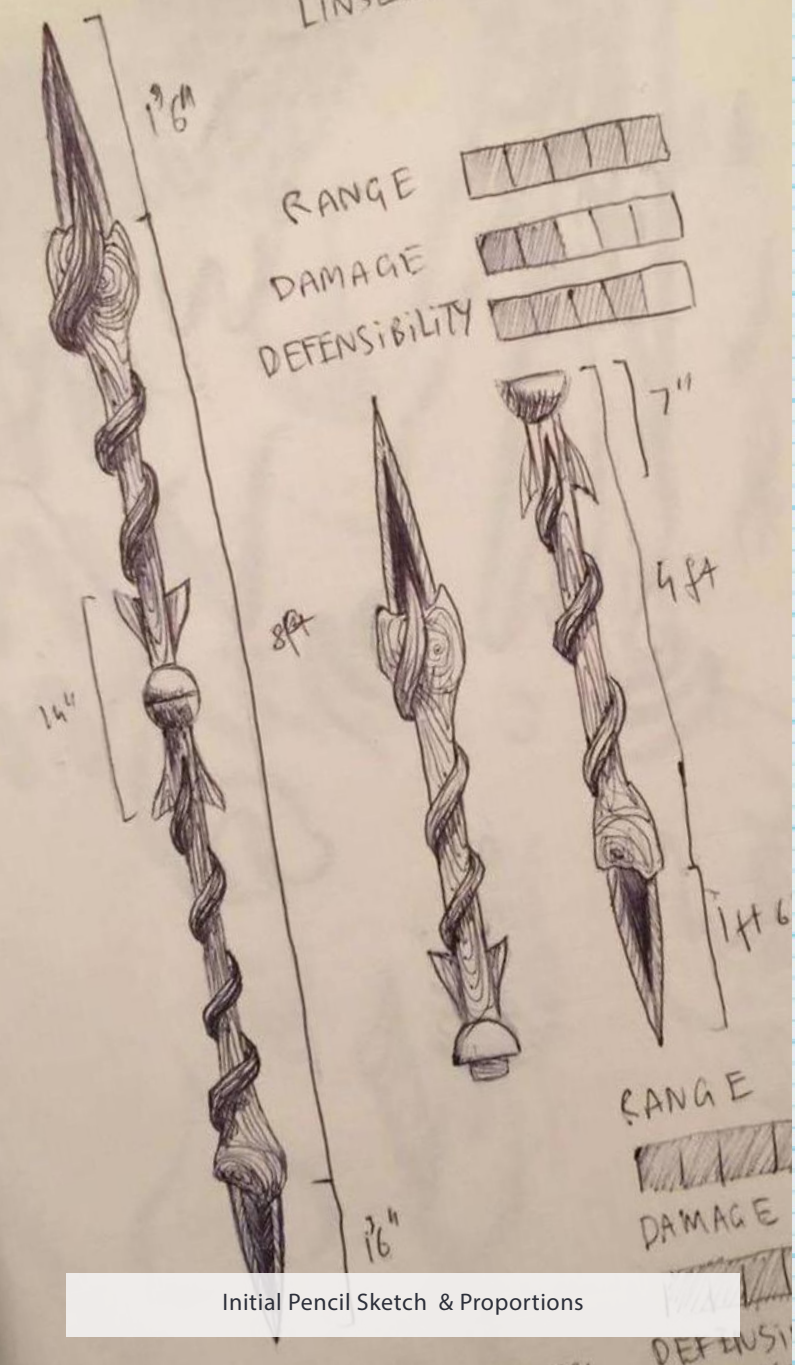
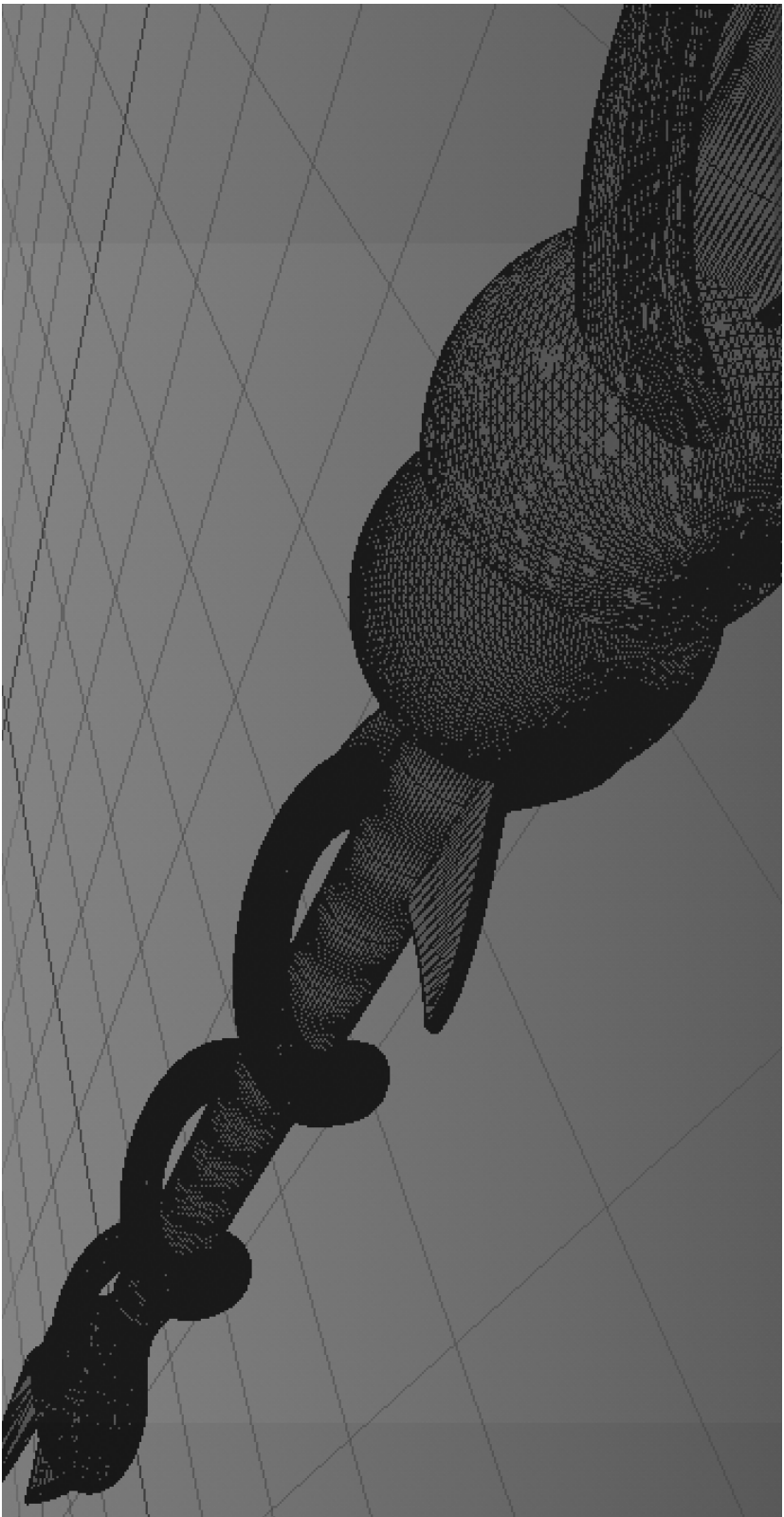
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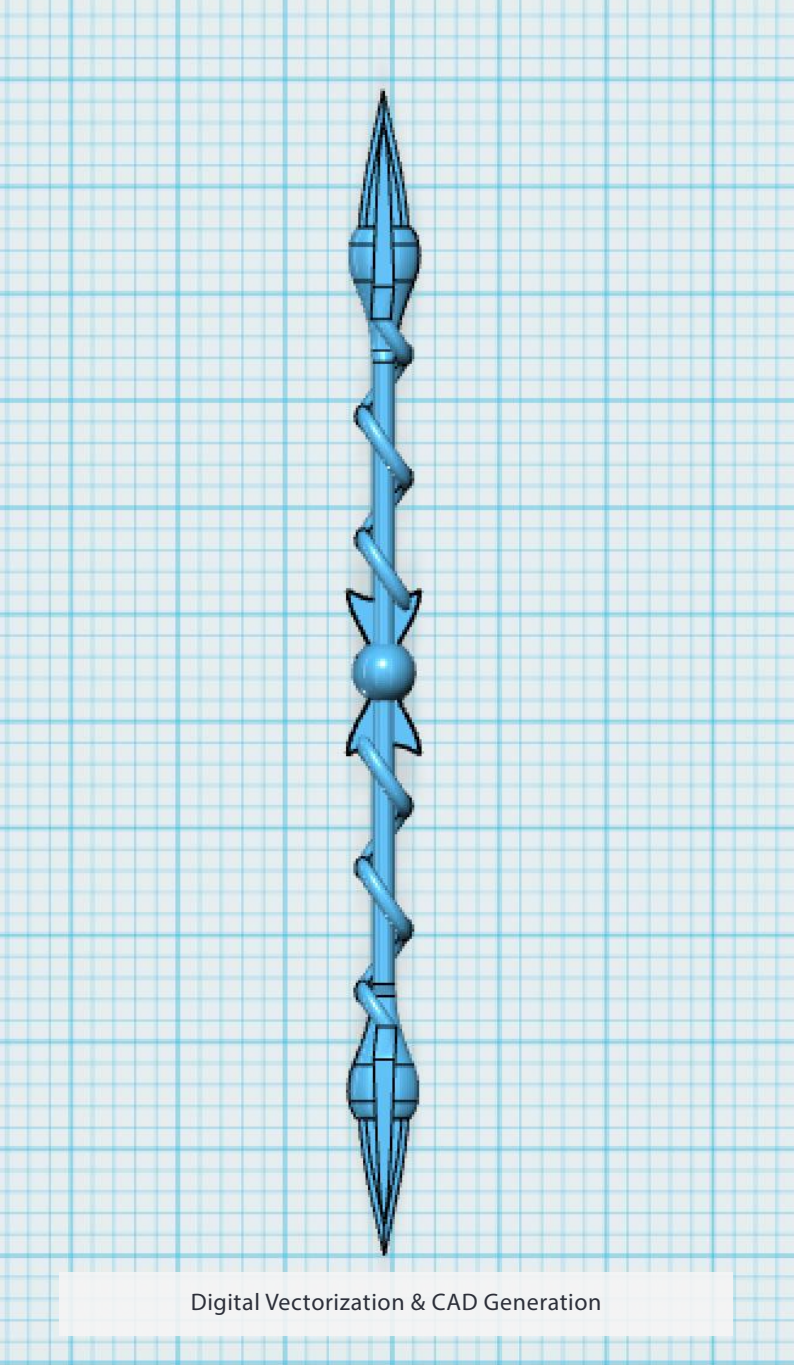
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CAD Based 3D Modelling

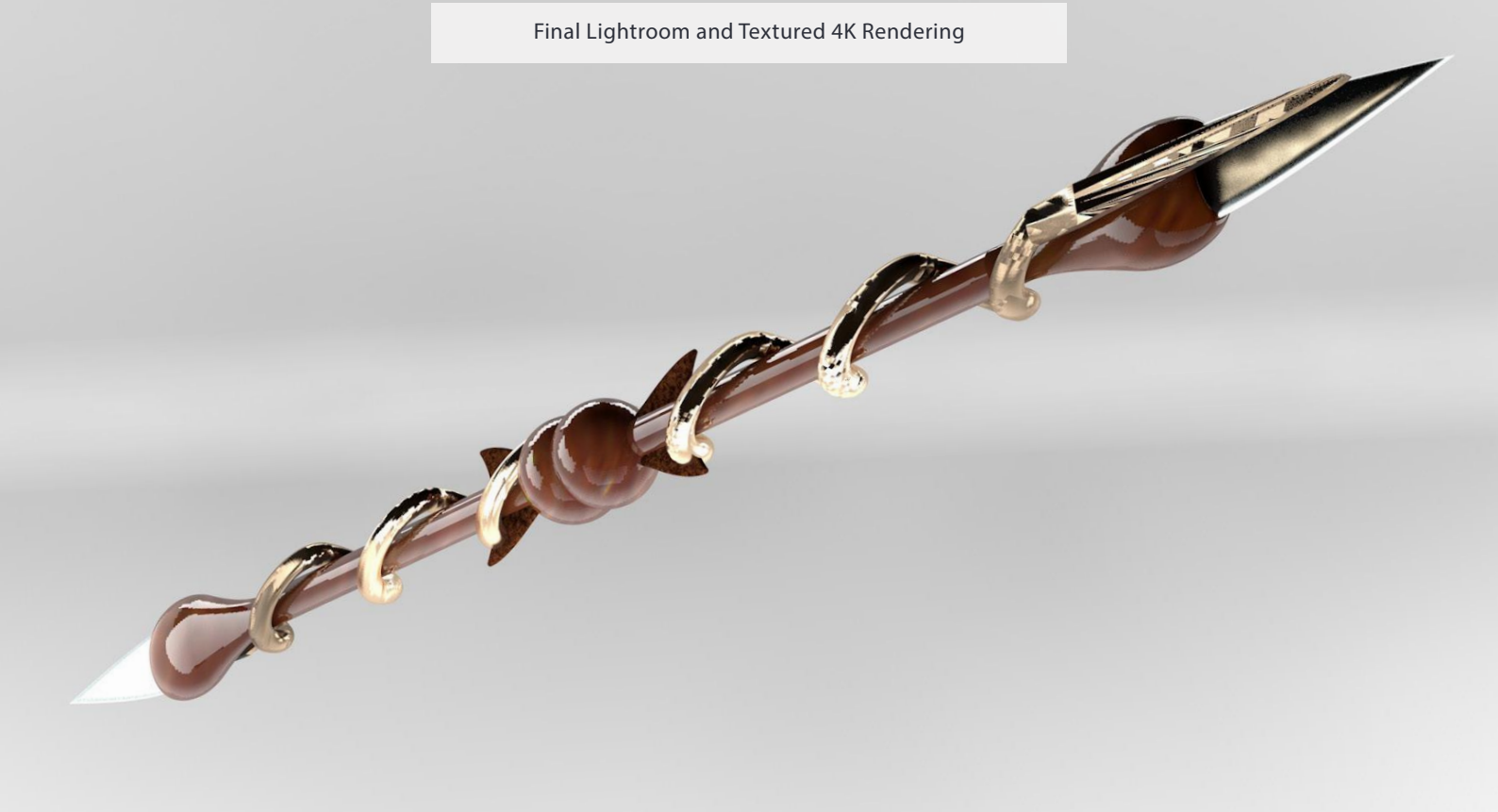
3D modelling becomes a lot tougher when you actually have to start making your models basd on actual statistics instead of just a visual representation. Most CAD models, once milled in a CNC machine will have to work perfectly. Sometimes even pieces that could keep a human being breathing. Thank god this model i was making was trying to save someones heart, but it did work as Virtual Reality weapons for anyone to use. This project started with a team of university students whom approached me to design their intial pencil sketches into vector and therefore 3D in order to animate it. In a matter of a week i was single-handedly able to vectorise the sketches and generate and visu-ally render them in 3D in less then another week.



Initial Pencil Sketch & Proportions

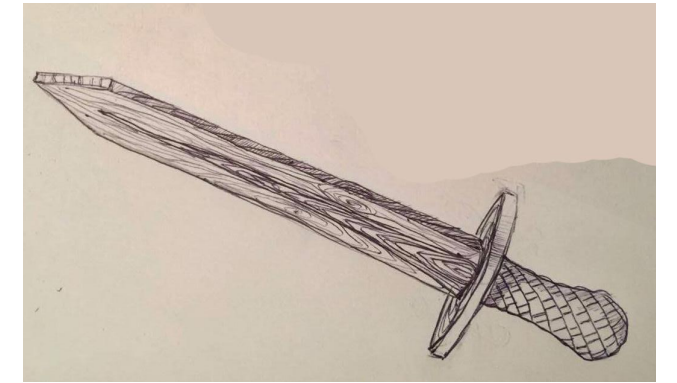


Digital Vectorization & CAD Generation



Final Lightroom and Textured 4K Rendering

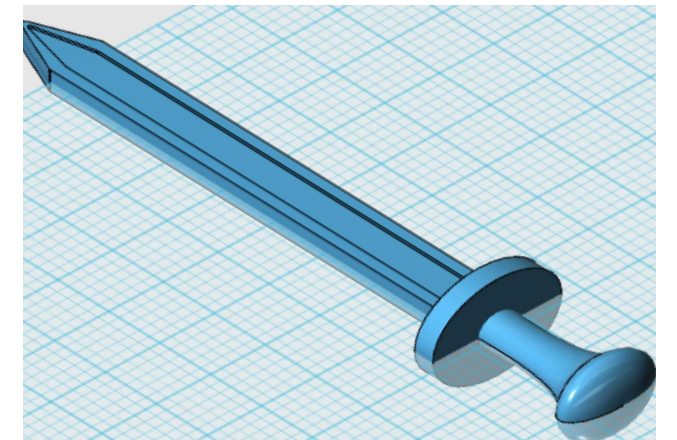
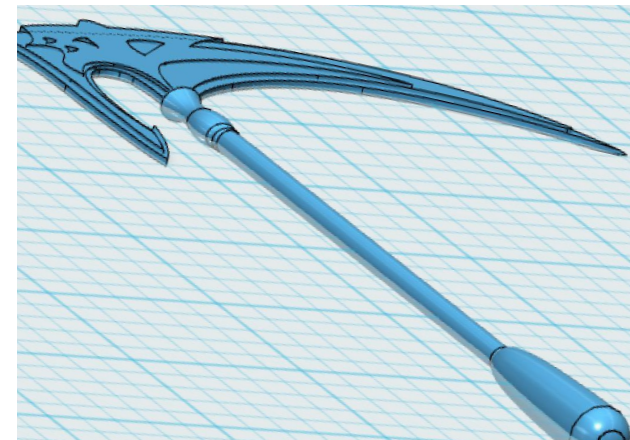
Weapons Design



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Initial Pencil Sketch

These drawings are just visions of the students, without any prior training.



Digital Vectorization and Cad Modelling

Traced the the front dimension of the drawing in AI and individually modelled them in 123D

2



3

Final Rendering with Studio Lighting

The CAD parts would have to be individually textured and colored and lit for virtual photoshoot

SECTION 4

ADOBE INDESIGN CC



PROGRAMME

INDESIGN CC

COMPANY

ADOBE INC.

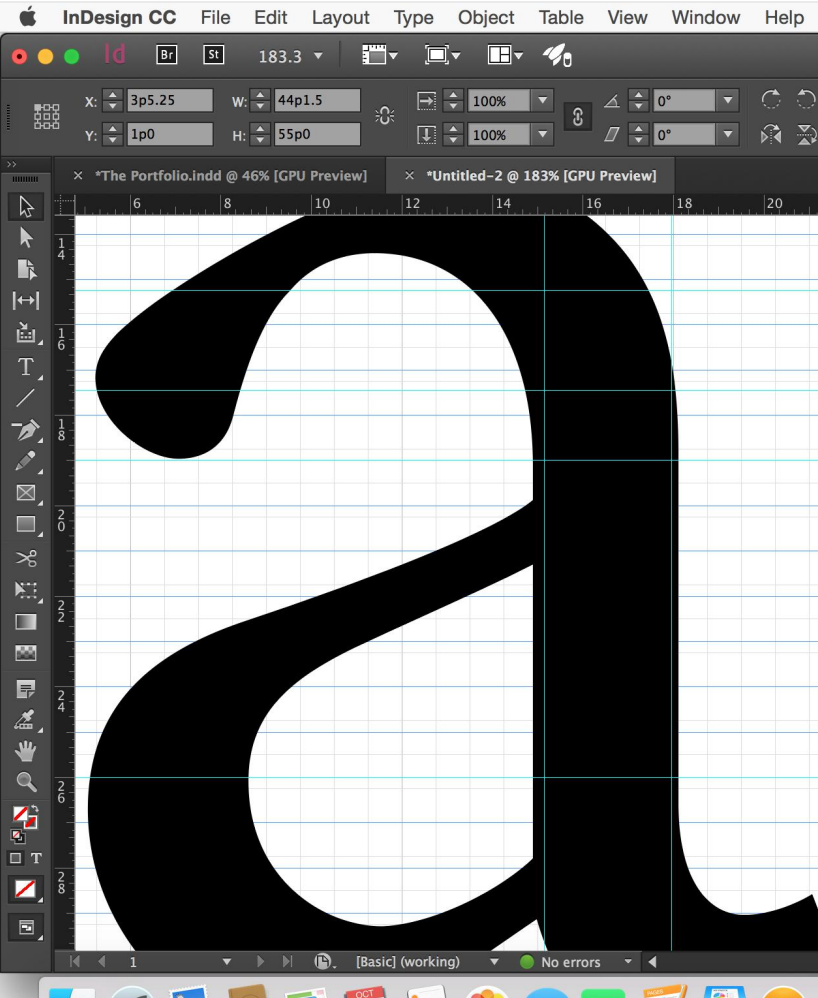
CATEGORY

PUBLISHING

LAYOUT AND SYMMETRY

Content is the primary focus of a digital or print publishing company but that’s not why people buy magazines. The reason people still buy magazines is because of the fact theres is a physical piece of paper that contains beautiful typography and images placed in an even more beautiful layout. It should be a beautiful experience and journey, reading a magazine from from to end. If you wanted to read compiled text without graphics on it, you could easily purchase a book and print one, your’e paying us for how we’re presenting the text for you in a cocktail of beautifully scripted typography with a touch of helpful visual media.

Here’s an example from a mainstream (digital and print) magazine that’s bought by thousands of people. It’s an article called “Simple Pleasures” that describes a series of men who guide a few journalist around a rural tribe town in Thailand. It’s a well written article with well taken images, but the layout of the magazine itself is extremely chaotic and the text and images are literally just splattered around. As you can see below, i have managed to revise to the entire structure while only retaining a few images, and two quotes. I also added a purchased stock image from the same part of thailand in which this article is located. Text is appropriately layedout in long sentences that are much easier to read then extremely shortly cut sentences. Colour is properly layed out in conjunction with the header image unlike the odd yellow and blue color palette in the original formatting. It’s a lot easier to take in and understand what your’e reading about when there’s a giant image with giant letters seeping through your brain while you’re reading more about it. It brings you back to the atmosphere in which this article was trying to represnt.



We live a simple life,” says Yajoe Sankampoe, a trekking guide and member of the White Karen tribe, as we hike through a thick forest. “We live together. We live with nature.” The simple life and nature are both a big part of the draw on a new ‘hilltribes trek’ through the remote, forested hills of northern Thailand, not far from the border with Myanmar (Burma). In a modern world of constantly buzzing smartphones and email inboxes that refuse to empty, it feels good to get back to basics, which is what we do here, staying with local people in homestays in small, agricultural villages along the trekking route. There are no Wi-Fi connections – this is a chance to ‘disconnect’. Accommodation is basic, with bed mattresses on the floors of wooden houses, but the welcome is warm, far warmer than the ‘showers’, which involve pouring cold water over yourself with a saucepan. The new trek and homestays have been created, in part, to help bring money and development to these rural communities.

Before the trek, I spent time in Chiang Mai, the ‘capital of the north’. It’s a far mellow city than Bangkok, but there are still the extremes of Thailand on show, from the massage parlours and gilly bars along Loi Kroh Road to peaceful golden temples where monks in saffron robes stroll around and chimes gently clang. I spend a day exploring the Old Town’s temples, including my favourite, 14th-century Wat Phan Tao, one of the oldest in Chiang Mai. Inside and outside the temples, I check out golden statues of Buddha and intricate carvings of dragons and serpents.

After teaming up with my group, we drive out of Chiang Mai, the road twisting, winding (we were warned of ‘2,000 bends’) and gradually climbing higher into lush, green hills. Most ‘hilltribes’ treks start around two hours outside of Chiang Mai, but these easy-to-access areas have grown popular over the last 20 to 30 years, with some trails reported to be overrun with backpackers. The busy routes also have a reputation for being too commercialised, with persistent local hawkers putting the hard sell on hikers to buy handmade crafts and jewellery. I was happy to travel further afield, our group driving four and a half hours northwest from Chiang Mai to start our trek at the roadside Pa Mai Daeng (Red Wood Forest) trailhead in the Pang Mapha district of rarely visited Mae Hong Son province. Our guide, Aivuth Mesuapa (who goes by the nickname Ball), introduces us to the locals who’ll be leading us through the forest, including shy Yajoe Sankampoe from the White Karen tribe and the more outgoing Rang-sri Prasopitum from the Red Lahu, and we set off.

Hiking through the shade of the forest is instantly calming, with no noise at all from cars or machines, just birdsong and our footsteps. Through gaps in the trees, I see limestone peaks towering above us. Rang-sri points to plants used by locals: a tree’s bark is stripped and twisted into a thread to make rope; another plant’s leaves are used to treat wounds.

After lunch in a bamboo shelter (rice, fried cabbage and egg, plus grilled snakehead fish), prepared by women from the Red Lahu tribe, we complete a few



short climbs – hot work in the afternoon sun – before making our way across a green valley and up to the village of **Pha Mon**. Roosters, pigs and dogs amble through the streets, but the village is more developed than I expected, with motorbikes and trucks parked outside large wooden and concrete houses. I spot satellite dishes around the village. Many villagers own smartphones or iPads. This isn’t the picture of traditional ‘tribal’ life travellers might expect on a ‘hilltribes trek’: local people wear jeans, T-shirts and sweatshirts, rather than traditional costumes, ornate jewellery or make-up and tattoos. What we’re getting instead is a slice of peaceful, rural life. Yajoe welcomes two hikers and I into this home. “I like to live here,” Yajoe tells us (with Ball translating), as we settle down to eat our dinner, daylight slowly fading over the cornfields. “I feel free here. I can eat what I want to eat. I can go where I want to go. I feel safe and comfortable. We have little money, but it’s good here.”

Villagers hope the community’s tourism project can help to bring money into the area, which was previously dominated by opium production. “Many villages in the past developed with the ‘black business,’” Yajoe explains. “Now, we can grow anything we like: rice, corn... It’s better money. And we feel less scared of soldiers coming because opium was illegal.”

I wake to a chorus of roosters and pigs grunting in the yard. Smoke from kitchen fires drifts across the village as we set off, hiking through a wide valley and up steep forest trails on our way from Pha Mon to the White Karen village of Muang Pang. Rang-sri sings and whistles as we follow the course of a river, stopping in and out of the shallow water. Poisonous but non-deadly spiders sit in webs above our heads.

Rang-sri spots a crab climbing the riverbank. “They taste very good,” he says. “I eat all animals in the forest: crabs, cicadas, spiders, worms, wasps, bees... And beer and whisky,” he jokes.

In the afternoon, we pass buffalo lazing by a river, then climb a ladder to a cave where Rang-sri shows us the Saedi pagoda (shrine). “This is 600 years old, maybe built by the Chan people,” he says.

Muang Pang village is larger than Pha Mon, with a population of 600. In

Original Layout

This is an article layout from the original magazine published worldwide, a magazine with audiences reaching above hundreds of thousands of buyers should pay more careful attention to graphic layout and symmetry.



Redesigned Layout

All the images were subsectored in the appropriate places while only relevant quotations were emphasized, leaving space for a giant beautiful image of landscape in order to support header text.

JOURNALISM

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Being an avid fan of motoring shows like Top Gear and Chris Harris on Cars, I really wanted to do reviews of vehicles myself. The only problem was that i couldn’t exactly afford such beautifully crafted machinery. Therefore i had to attain the status of an online automotive journalist by starting an automotive forum with over a million visits. It was called kartorque.com but had to be suspended in order to pursure my career instead of a hobby. While the phase of me doing automotive articles in the blog, i gained a lot of experience in fields that i never thought i could pursue. Such as Electrical vechicle specifications, autonomous abilities in a motorcycle, design experiments on vehicles and a deep rooted understand of the mechanical industry.

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User(s) Online:	1	
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Today:	744	1,312
Yesterday:	1,294	2,651
Last 7 Days (Week):	13,011	30,208
Last 30 Days (Month):	30,278	69,467
Last 365 Days (Year):	366,842	872,203
Total:	368,638	876,460

kartorque.com

Maintaining a blog is extremely fun, but it becomes too much to handle when fiscal support isnt present.

It was a social service for like minded induviduals to learn more about their favourite mechanical wonders and quest further into the future of these mechanics. I would have loved to keep pursuing this jounrey, but i decided to use those funds to keep a server and hosting running for a company in which i can actually help people in dire need for graphics at a cost effiecient manner.



BLOG HEADER

This used to be the header for my former blog, the image is of an Aventador LP700 50th Annivesary edition, the blog’s name, and a quote from one of my all time role models.

A personal tribute i wrote on the evolution of the Nissan GTR

If god chose one human being to represent the entire human race, he would pick a person that integrates the genetic traits of every single 5-sensed biological creature in his DNA. Using this as a metaphor for cars, if the automotive gods were to pick an engineering feat to represent every single automotive accomplishment, they would pick the Nissan GTR. It’s not about the car, or the price or even the technology that goes into it, it’s about something a lot more soulful.



In my twisted mental perception, the GTR has always been a love letter to automotive excellence then a by-product of mechanical competence. This magnificent invention shares organs from every single piece of knowledge of every single automaker put into one relentless piece of engineering. Imagine if the GTR is the progressive and collective knowledge of all the mistakes made right by automotive enthusiasts.

The GTR began as a gamble for Carlos Ghosn when Nissan really wasn’t doing well. Companies like Aston Martin decided to make a small Toyota based hatchbacks when they couldn’t minimize emission rates, and Mitsubishi gave up on the evolutionary X when they favored little EVs for the primary purpose of profits. But not Nissan, In the urge of bankruptcy, they stayed true to themselves and decided to make something completely preposterous at a time of distress. It was a do or die situation in which they choose to die a hero then live long enough to see themselves becomes an EV.

When someone gambles the last shot they have with all they got, you better believe that it’s something extraordinary. It single handedly took over every single automaker in its criteria and bettered itself with every single minor update. Every time you would see the word GTR in an automotive blog or the daily newspaper, you would know that they just broke some sort of a record. There will come an inevitable time when the GTR will might have to use an electric motor because of exceeding emissions, but until then, Viva La Vida GTR.



A portion of my analysis on the audible aesthetics of vehicles

Dopamine is well known for being the chemical that’s released in your neurons when your brain thinks ‘you’re satisfied’. It’s primarily released in your brain when survival needs are met, for example, eating a good meal after being famished, and drinking water after a marathon or taking a piss after a long drive. The only instance where dopamine is released in your brain for a luxury that isn’t necessarily needed for survival, is when you listen to music.

Music differs from various cultures and countries but most types of music are accessed repetitively throughout the years using instruments. These instruments are meant to give you a choice between multiple tones in the same criteria in order for you to choose your most preferred combination. These instruments can include guitars to table tapping but the one type of instrument that barely gets recognized is what matters most to me.

A trumpet is considered to be glorious weapon for many musicians out there, this is a particularly good example as its mechanics are very basic and yet is able to produce a very rich tone. A trumpet is made of a few interlocking parts that work together to produce a tone. These parts would include a mouthpiece to receive the initial pressure of air, a lead pipe to carry the sound waves through while eliminating leakage, a series of valves to alter the tones produced through the pipe, a tuner to set alignment of the tone to your preference, a bell in which the final sound is released through and followed by a bunch of finger rings for... you know, to keep it in your hand.....

SECTION 5

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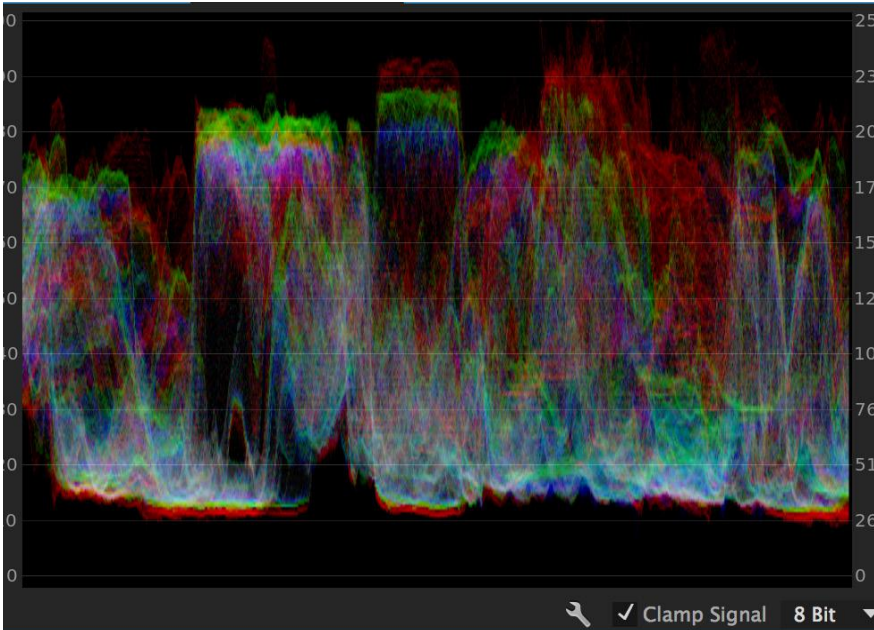
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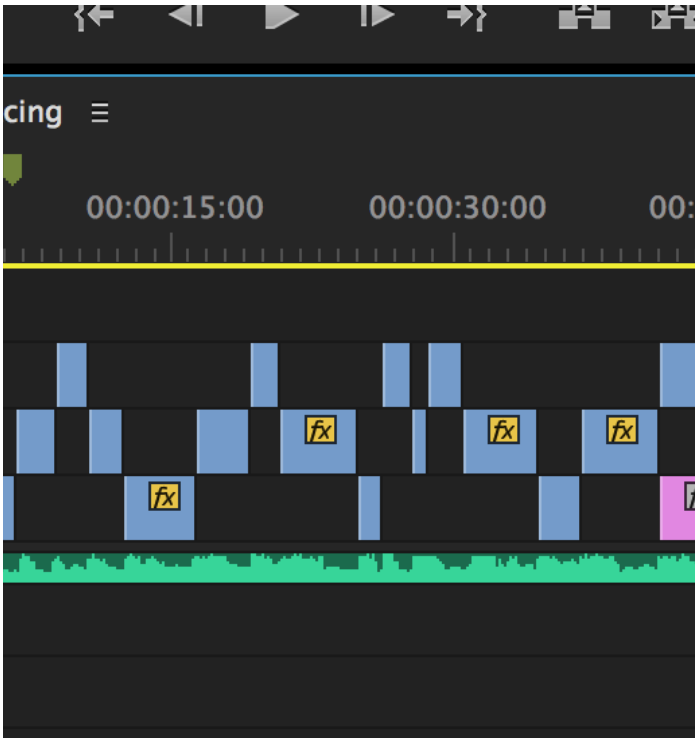
REMASTERING

Being a graphic designer means being good at designing practically anything on a computer, and one of the most recurring requests are for video edits and compositions. Many of my friends would request pro bono work but none was enough to push me harder to learn a particular software of my choice dedicated just for video editing. Therefore to put my foot in the door of the video industry, I started off with Premiere Pro as I trust the company that makes it and decided to “remaster” my most favourite commercial of all time. The remaster consists of changes in the individuals used in the commercial by updating them to role models that I have grown up idealising.



APPLE THINK DIFFERENT TRIBUTE 2016 - REMASTERED

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Za6WJFEeXYw>



Multilayered Composition

Cross transitions had to be done in synchronicity with the auditor’s voice, which makes things preferably multilayered.

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Videos used in Project

Only 1 second of each hour long video was chosen to create the perfect emotional setting.



PHOTOGRAPHY

SECTION 6

Photography is a beautiful art form, some find it purposeful, and some find it as tool to capture time forever in the most scenic manner possible. I'm just the one that tries to capture a simple image and turn it into something a lot more then it began to be. I'm not the best photographer, but i can assure you that any image taken by anyone can be fabricated just enough to bring out it's real beauty.





EUPHORIC SPIDERS WEB

This image was captured with a Canon 60D in manual mode, it was extremely difficult to focus on the spider's web as I didn't have a macro lens at hand. The focus on the circularly pathed web presents a very euphoric look.



FAMILY OF FIVE

This was an experiment to try the stabilization modes on a Samsung S7 Edge, so I took the shot in Manual mode with the only the stabilization settings on while sitting at the back of a very vibration tuk-tuk in Laos. Turns out the stabilization programming in the camera is exceptional.



THE REBELS (LAOS)

While trying to capture an image of pair of young siblings I was interrupted by them and told to hold on, while they sped into the nearest swamp, drenched themselves in mud and willingly posed for me.



FRENCH BUTTER CROISSANT

This is practically just a close up of a sandwich but the point of the image is the attention to detail and lighting. The image had to have been captured in an angle in which the sun would directly emphasize the beautiful creases in the bread and butter with just the right amount of natural lighting.





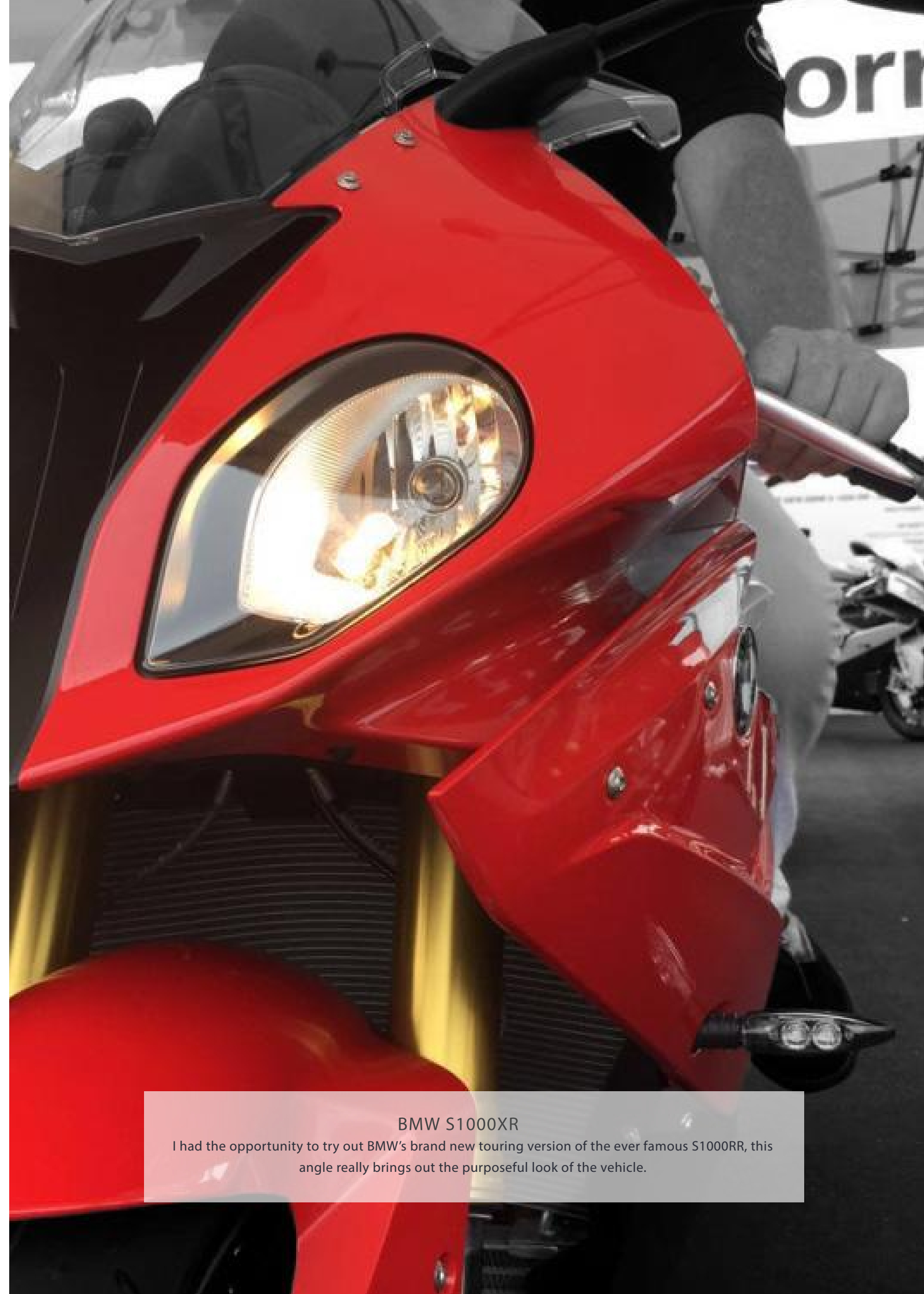
LAMBORGHINI AVENTADOR LP700 (VERDE ITHACA)

The sun was at it's peak which made the pearl green paint of the car glimmer in glitter, but along with the background being extremely bright, the only way to truly represent the beauty of the green was to single it out from every other color in the image.



1991 PORSCHE 911 TURBO

This is an almost vintage beautiful 911 from the nineties but used to be painted in a very provocative blue before the owner decided to restore it to it's original glossy black. I had the lucky opportunity to capture while it was still candy blue.



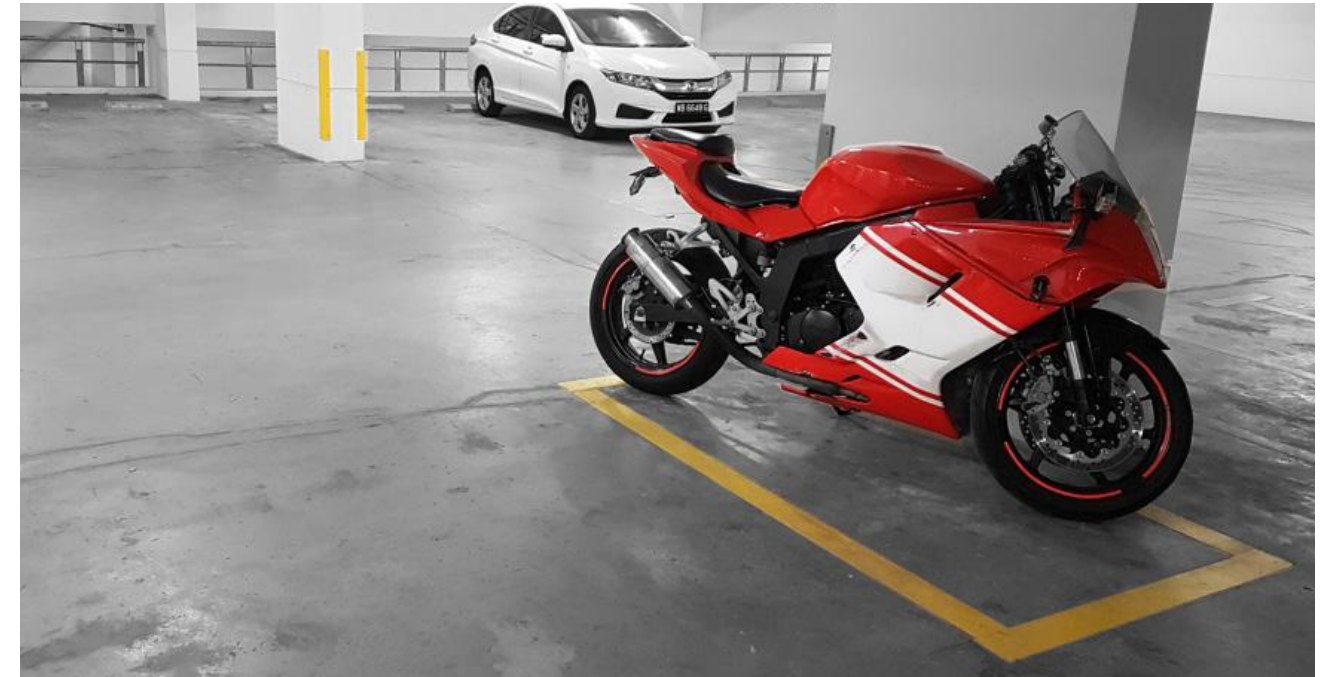
BMW S1000XR

I had the opportunity to try out BMW's brand new touring version of the ever famous S1000RR, this angle really brings out the purposeful look of the vehicle.



BMW i8

It's a very rare opportunity to run into a car like this in the wild, and i also realised the car's hazard lights complemented the road markings, therefore i decided to singulate those colors along with the beautiful blue that the car was painted in.



NAZA BLADE GT250R (Desmosedicci Stripes)

This is another great example of how singularizing certain colors in an image, the “sin city” look can greatly enhance and emphasize the focus of the image.



2015 FORD MUSTANG V8

This was one of the first Mustangs to have been officially sold in Malaysia by Ford, and a rare sight to see in a rural part of Ampang. This image really exantuates the curves of the car while reflecting the sun beautifully along the edges of the car.



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