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I build and write about human interfaces for living and working with AI. The way software feels, what it does, and the world it creates are a single question to me, not separate ones. I came from music and digital humanities, taught myself to code, and was the von Clemm Fellow at Harvard. I've since built Scroll, now used by 3,000+ people, and recently took part in Entrepreneurs First.

SELECTED WORK

Scroll

v1, v2, [tryscroll.app](#)

A local-first command palette to navigate, share context, and ask across your ChatGPT, Claude, and Gemini conversations. Built because we think with AI, but treat that thinking as disposable, losing it when we swap LLM providers. v1 solo-built over a weekend; 3,000+ users, 120k impressions off three Reddit posts, 4.9 on the Chrome Web Store. v2 added performant and cost-effective semantic search, encryption, and cross-provider RAG with chat citations.

Grain

[grain.asker.dev](#)

A text editor that renders processes of writing in the type itself: weight tracks tempo, deletions leave eraser marks, edits show their age and order. An experiment in medium design to highlight the human writer in the age of infinite text generation. Elaborated in accompanying essay, [The Grain of Thought](#).

Puddle

[in-progress](#)

A local-first browser history and tab launcher that lets you close your open tabs without losing them. Puddle classifies important closed tabs into projects you care about, allowing you to navigate to your essentials in one keystroke, search for half-remembered articles, and bulk-open a whole project's tabs.

EXPERIENCE

Entrepreneurs First, Founder in Residence

London, 2026

Joined EF's Spring cohort (<1% acceptance). Ran validation sprints across agentic commerce, logistics automation, trade-finance infra, and prosumer AI. Cold-called and interviewed 100+ operators, founders, and domain leaders, from bank executives to SME owners and my tools-for-thought heroes.

Höegh Capital Partners, Investment Analyst

London, 2024–25

Private and public investments at a multi-billion dollar family office.

Berkman Klein Center, Research Assistant

Harvard Law School, 2023–24

ML and NLP research for the Institute for Rebooting Social Media.

EDUCATION

Harvard University, von Clemm Fellowship in Computer Science

2023–24

Full-ride for one Oxford graduate to pursue research and studies

University of Cambridge, MPhil Digital Humanities

2022–23

Distinction - ranked 2nd in cohort, full-tuition scholarship, and Bateman Prize

University of Oxford, BA Music

2019–22

First Class – ranked 1st in cohort, Gibbs Prize, and Academic Scholarship

STACK

React · TypeScript · Next · Svelte · Astro · browser extensions (MV3) · Electron
Python · SQL · LLM orchestration (RAG) · MCP · Figma · Claude Code