

# NITHYA SAMADHI LOKUGE

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I'm an enthusiastic and detail-oriented postgraduate student with a strong interest in web and mobile app development. Designing and developing user-friendly, accessible interfaces from scratch is what fuels me. Through hands-on projects, I've worked with both front-end and back-end technologies. I'm eager to keep learning and growing while contributing creativity, curiosity, and a collaborative mindset in a professional environment.

## EDUCATION

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### **Master Course: Interactive Digital Media**

2024 - Current

Trinity College Dublin - Dublin, Ireland

- **Dissertation:** "Between Pixels and Personae: The Virtual Influencers Phenomenon"  
*Dissertation description:*  
This study explores how virtual influencers construct authenticity and exert influence, revealing how they reshape identity, marketing, and audience perception.  
*Supervisor:* Dr. Radek Przedpelski
- **Relevant coursework:** Authoring for Digital Media; Programming for Digital Media; Visual Computing and Design; Audio, Video & Sensor Technologies; Contextual Media.

### **Bachelor Degree: Sicurezza dei Sistemi e delle Reti Informatiche** **("Computer Systems and Networks Security")**

2019 - 2024

Università degli Studi di Milano - Via Celoria, 18, 20133, Milano (MI), Italy

- **Results:** 99/110
- **Bachelor Degree Thesis:** "Analisi valutativa e aspetti di sicurezza della piattaforma INTO-CPS per Digital Twin"  
("Valuation analysis and security aspects of the INTO-CPS platform for Digital Twin")  
*Thesis description:*  
This thesis evaluates the suitability of INTO-CPS as a Digital Twin (DT) platform by analyzing how its toolchain meets common DT requirements and investigating its potential to simulate security threats in Cyber-Physical Systems (CPSs). Additionally, the research assesses the overall safety and robustness of the Digital Twin as a Service (DTaaS) environment.  
*Supervisor:* University Professor Elvinia Maria Riccobene  
*Co-supervisor:* University Professor Chiara Braghin
- **Relevant coursework:** Computer Programming; Web and Mobile Programming; Computer Networks; Systems and Networks Security; Secure Software Design; Operating Systems; Algorithms and Data Structures; Databases; Computer Architecture; Cryptography; Biometric Systems; New Media Sociology; Economical, Ethical, Social, and Legal Aspects of IT; Computer Forensics; Probability and Mathematical Statistics; Continuous Mathematics; Discrete Mathematics.

## LANGUAGES

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- **Italian:** Native
- **English:** C1 (IELTS Academic – 16 March 2024)

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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- **Front-end:** HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Bootstrap, Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG)
- **Back-end:** Node.js
- **Databases:** MongoDB, MySQL
- **Design & Multimedia:** Autodesk 3ds Max, Adobe Premiere Pro

- **Development tools:** Visual Studio Code, Git, Figma
- **Other tools & languages:** Processing

## CERTIFICATIONS

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### ICDL Modules - The Digital Skills Standard:

- **IT-Security / Cyber Security** (AICA - 12 April 2017)
- **Presentation** (AICA - 12 April 2017)
- **Online Essentials** (AICA - 15 March 2017)
- **Spreadsheets** (AICA - 15 February 2017)

## SOFT SKILLS

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- **Team collaboration:**  
strengthened through various group projects, including the development of websites for *Westland Square* and *Cultura*, as well as the production of a short film.
- **Effective communication:**  
developed through frequent oral assessments in the Italian education system and further refined during the Master's programme through project reviews, presentations, and regular interaction with colleagues and lecturers.
- **Time management:**  
enhanced during a particularly demanding academic period (February - May 2025) while simultaneously working on the dissertation, group projects, and multiple individual assignments.
- **Flexibility and adaptability:**  
demonstrated in managing last-minute changes and proactively stepping into new contexts, such as audiovisual production experienced during the Master's programme.
- **Reliability:**  
a collaborative and constructive attitude, with a willingness to accommodate others' needs and support the team when challenges arise.
- **Autonomy:**  
exercised in handling individual assignments and specific sections of group projects independently, meeting deadlines and priorities with a strong focus on the quality of the final product.