

Prof. Jaakko Lehtinen

Curriculum Vitae
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1. Personal Information

Full name	Jaakko Tapani Lehtinen
Date of birth	1977
Place of birth	Vantaa, Finland
Citizenship	Finnish

2. Education, degrees received

- 2007 D.Sc. (Tech.), with honors
 - thesis “Theory and Algorithms for Efficient Physically-Based Illumination”
 - Helsinki University of Technology
 - Supervisor Prof. Lauri Savioja
- 2004 M.Sc. (Tech.)
 - thesis “Foundations of Precomputed Radiance Transfer”
 - Helsinki University of Technology
- 1996 matriculation examination
 - Linnankosken lukio, Porvoo, Finland
 - nationwide ~99.9th percentile that year (5 laudatur, 1 eximia cum laude approbatur)

4. Current Positions

- **Associate professor** (tenured and promoted from assistant professor in May 2016)
Department of Computer Science, Aalto University
September 2012-
- **Principal Research Scientist**
NVIDIA Corporation, Helsinki, Finland
June 2010-

5. Previous work experience

- **Postdoctoral Associate** with Professor Frédo Durand
Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (CSAIL)
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
November 2007-May 2010
- **Researcher** (research assistant, then PhD student)
Laboratory of Media Technology, Helsinki University of Technology
2003-2007
- **Senior programmer**
Remedy Entertainment Ltd., Espoo, Finland
Responsible for major graphics technology features for worldwide blockbuster hit games Max Payne, Max Payne 2, and Alan Wake.

6. International research visits

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
In addition to postdoc time in 2007-10, several visits per year 2010-2017.

7. Positions of trust in scientific communities

- **Papers co-chair**, ACM SIGGRAPH High-Performance Graphics 2013
- **Papers co-chair**, EUROGRAPHICS Symposium on Rendering 2015
- Member of the working group on rendering of the EUROGRAPHICS association, 2015-

8. Awards

- ERC Starting Grant 2014 AA ranking (“fulfills all ERC conditions for excellence”)
- NVIDIA Graduate Fellowship, consisting of USD 25 000 in research funding, 2006-2007.
- Teacher of the Year, Aalto University Computer Science Degree Program, 2013
- Best class, Aalto University Computer Science Degree Program, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015

9. Research funding

- Academy of Finland Grant# 277833 (“Robust Unbiased Image Synthesis”). Approx. 500k€. Grants awarded to 16% of applicants.

10. Supervision of research

- Leader of the computer graphics research group at Aalto University 2012-
- Graduated PhD students
 - Mr. Miika Aittala (2011-, graduation October 2016, postdoc at INRIA 2016-17, MIT 2017-)
 - Mr. Aittala’s thesis described as “ONE OF THE VERY FEW BEST DISSERTATIONS WORLDWIDE IN GRAPHICS THIS YEAR” (thesis examiner/opponent Prof. Steve Marschner of Cornell University) and “THE DISSERTATION IS AMONG THE STRONGEST IN THE FIELD OF MATERIAL CAPTURE IN A DECADE” (thesis pre-examiner Prof. Szymon Rusinkiewicz of Princeton University).
- PhD students under supervision
 - Mr. Markus Kettunen (2013-)
 - Mr. Ari Silvennoinen (2013-)
- ~10 Masters’ theses supervised

11. Other academic merits

- **Associate editor**
 - **ACM Transactions on Graphics (JuFo 3)**
 - Journal of Computer Graphics Techniques (JCGT)
- **Papers committee member (SIGGRAPH 2011, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2017; EUROGRAPHICS 2010, 2013, Eurographics Symposium on Rendering 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, Pacific Graphics 2008, IEEE Symposium on Interactive Ray Tracing 2008, ACM SIGGRAPH Symposium on Interactive 3D Graphics and Games 2008)**
- **Paper referee** for ACM SIGGRAPH 2006-2017, ACM SIGGRAPH Asia 2008-2016, Eurographics 2005-2016, Computer Graphics Forum 2006-2016, Eurographics Symposium on Rendering 2006-2016, Pacific Graphics 2006, IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics 2007, IEEE Transactions on Multimedia 2008, International Journal on Computer Vision 2013, Visual Computer 2013.

- **Thesis committee chairman** for Dr. Petrik Clarberg (Lund University, 2012)
- **Funding application reviewer**
 - The Austrian Science Foundation (FWF)
 - ETH Zürich Research Commission
 - Helsinki Doctoral Education Network in Information and Communications Technology (HICT)

12. Scientific and societal impact

- Google Scholar h-index 17, 993 citations (February 15, 2017)
- Cited by all major realistic image synthesis researchers in the world
- Industrial impact
 - Research leading to unprecedented ability to capture photorealistic material appearance from cell phone photos (Aittala, Weyrich, and Lehtinen 2015; Aittala, Aila, and Lehtinen 2016) currently being productized by NVIDIA Corporation on a license from Aalto University.
 - Gradient-domain path tracing (Kettunen et al., 2015) is currently being implemented at Weta Digital, the foremost visual effects company in the world, in their production environment.
 - Served as graphics technology programmer for Alan Wake (2009), Max Payne 1 & 2 (2001, 2003) developed by Remedy Entertainment. **The two Max Payne games have sold in excess of 7 million copies worldwide and generated \$100Ms of revenue**, and featured several never-seen-before graphics techniques. See www.maxpayne.com for the list of awards received by the games, including numerous "Game of the Year" honors. Alan Wake has **sold over 2 million copies** worldwide and received critical praise, among others "Game of the Year" from Time Magazine.
 - Final Reality (1997), lead programmer. A freeware benchmark suite for measuring the graphics performance of PCs. This project spun off Futuremark Ltd., makers of the 3DMark benchmarks. **Tens of millions of copies** were distributed.