

# DAVID MAHONEY

~~BADASS~~ **VERSATILE** **GAME DESIGNER**  
**ACCURATE, BUT TOO MUCH** **STILL COOL**

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## YA GOTTA START SOMEWHERE...

Sometimes, you have to start more than once... Good game design is iterative. An idea on the drive to work becomes Version 2 at the water cooler, v3 at your desk, and v4 on the way to the meeting, where it'll evolve further still. And that's just Day One!

A big reason game design excites me is because of that iterative process: knowing that, with a bit of refinement and a healthy dose of teamwork, our awesome daydreams are on their way to becoming tangible, perhaps life-changing experiences.

My career, much like the iterative process, proves that **success isn't always a straight line**. To my great joy and satisfaction, my industry work has delved into both the narrative and the technical – often at the same time! As a result, I believe I've become a well-rounded Game Designer, capable of bringing all kinds of daydreams to life.

~~AAA SKILLZ!~~

EXPERTISE

### Core

- Problem-solving
- Task management
- Timeliness
- Communication

### Design

- Systems design
- Narrative design
- Story development
- Documentation

### Technical

- Prototyping
- Scripting
- Unreal, Unity, Maya, Adobe CC, proprietary engines

EXPERIENCE

**Narrative Designer**  
Unannounced VR game projects

 **READY AT DAWN**

Irvine, CA  
2021 - 2024

- Developed high-level narrative details and structure alongside studio leadership, helping steer the direction of each project.
- Designed and prototyped narrative systems, always striving to push the boundaries of VR entertainment – e.g., by exploring new techniques for more realistic character interactions.
- Collaborated with Audio and Engineering teams to plan complex narrative-related systems – e.g., the entire dialogue pipeline, from writing to voice-recording.

**Assoc. Technical  
Narrative Designer\***  
*Lone Echo II*

→ **AWARD-WINNING**



Irvine, CA  
2018 - 2021

- Developed the story at multiple levels, from player tool names and environmental storytelling to world setting and character arcs.
- Paired up with Level Designers to develop engaging and memorable gameplay scenarios, maps, and missions.
- Designed and implemented dialogue-based choices and interactions for my assigned missions; for the open hub area between missions; and for the side missions players might optionally find throughout the hub.
- Wrote and implemented cinematic dialogue for my assigned missions and areas, iterating based on feedback from the Senior Writer.

**Technical Designer**  
*Unannounced R&D project*



San Rafael, CA  
2017

- Contributed to high-level game design during pre-production.
- Designed and coded gameplay scenarios in a proprietary game engine.
- Wrote and implemented first-draft dialogue and narration.
- Partnered with Engineering to proactively refine our novel tools.

**Creative Development  
Assistant**

*Batman, Game of Thrones, & more*



San Rafael, CA  
2015 - 2017

*ALSO... QA TESTER/LEAD ('13-15)*

- Designed narrative gameplay for Marvel's *Guardians of the Galaxy*.
- Collaborated with studio leadership to design a choice-tracking system for our franchises' increasingly complex story branching.
- Designed and prototyped narrative and action mechanics to continue pushing the boundaries of interactive narrative.
- Contributed to story development during writers' rooms.
- Programmed tools to assist in common tasks – e.g., subtitle passes, and VO file management.

**PROVE OF AWESAMENESS ACHIEVEMENTS**

**The D.I.C.E. Awards**  
2022

**Winner**  
*Lone Echo II*

**Immersive Reality  
Game of the Year**

**The Webby Awards**  
2022

**Nominee**  
*Lone Echo II*

**Best Narrative  
Experience**

**FOR RESUME VERSION 2: MENTION  
B.S. IN GAME DESIGN SOMEWHERE!**

→ **CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE  
2013, MAGNA CUM LAUDE**