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EDUCATION

University of Calgary

Master of Software Engineering (GPA: 4/4.00)

Expected April 2024

Calgary, AB

- Received full departmental graduate funding and international graduate tuition award.

University of Tehran

B.Sc. in Computer Engineering (GPA: 17.24/20.00)

July 2020

Tehran, Iran

- Received best undergraduate project, and two Faculty of Engineering Fellowship Awards.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research & Teaching Assistant - Software Engineer

January 2021 - December 2023

University of Calgary – Key tech stack: Unity, MRTK, C#.

Calgary, AB

- Led a project in the field of assistive XR technology. Managed a comprehensive study on assistive XR technology. Pioneered a collaborative effort involving professionals from diverse backgrounds, including psychologists, to conduct an in-depth study.
- Unity technical support for a 2-day Tech-Hackathon in collaboration with the Southern Alberta Section IEEE Special Interest Group on Humanitarian Technology (SIGHT).

Graduate Teaching Assistant - Software Engineer

January 2021 - December 2023

University of Calgary – Tech stack: C, C++, Python, SQL, Spark

Calgary, AB

- Software Requirement Engineering, Object-Oriented Programming, Scalable Data Analytics, Software Engineering Practices for Data Management, and Programming Fundamentals.

PROJECTS

Database ServiceApp | Express.js, MongoDB, React.js, Git

- **Contributed** to the development of ServiceApp, a service marketplace for a database course project. Collaborated on creating a user-friendly platform facilitating service providers and users in seamless connection, service creation, and reviews.

Web Development Bootcamp | HTML, CSS, Bootstrap, Javascript, Express.js, React.js, postgresql, Git

- **Implemented** a diverse range of mini projects with varied purposes, demonstrating proficiency in integrating back-end and front-end components, creating APIs, and developing multiple websites.

Personal Website | React.js, Git

- **Designed and developed** a personal website using React to showcase the resume, merging creativity with technical skills to create an interactive and visually appealing online representation of the professional profile.

HoloType | Unity, C#, MRTK, Scrum

- Led, designed, implemented, and maintained HoloType, a 3D interactive educational application with Augmented Reality, utilizing HoloLens 2.
- Added multiplayer option using Photon library to synchronize holograms, resulting in 25% improvement in overall user experience.
- Conducted three phases of user studies and refined the application based on feedback for subsequent phases to improve usability of the application.
- Created a modular application. Implemented different features and customization options to enhance the user experience, leading to a 20% increase in user satisfaction and a 35% reduction in support requests from caregivers.
- Managed version control with Git, utilized Jira for progress tracking, documented using Confluence and LaTeX; integrated AWS text-to-speech API for closed captioning and voice customization, and facilitated lesson downloads through REST APIs.

Complete C# Unity Game Developer 3D Course | Unity, C#

- Engineered realistic terrains, timeline animations, and applied post-processing effects in Unity; optimized path finding algorithms and grid systems to enhance gameplay experience and performance. Leveraged Unity's powerful features, including particle system and Cinemachine, to create visual effects and captivating game sequences.
- Independent game demos:
 - **Realm Rush:** In this strategy tower defense game, defend the realm by strategically placing defense towers and destroying the enemy's military forces.
 - **Space Attack:** Pilot the spaceship to eliminate the enemy forces.
 - **Rocket Boost and Obstacle games:** Rocket Boost and Obstacle games: Avoid different types of obstacles and reach the finish point.

CERTIFICATIONS

The Complete 2023 Web Development Bootcamp | Udemy
Complete C# Unity Game Developer 3D | Udemy

January 2024
September 2023

SKILLS

Languages: JavaScript, C#, Unity, Unity3D, C, C++, Python

Frameworks: Express.js, React.js

Databases: PostgreSQL, MySQL, SQL

Operating Systems: Linux, Windows

Tools: Git, Docker, MRTK, Scrum, Jira, Confluence, Latex