# **GUVVY ATWAL**

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Gameplay Design & Production Graduate, from the University of Staffordshire. Seeking new experiences and graduate opportunities. Completed an industrial year abroad in Japan, which enabled me to adapt to a new culture, communicate with 2<sup>nd</sup> language learners and foster an international community. I hope to continue pushing the envelope of creativity and collaboration within respective roles of game design and production. Hobbies include Karate, skateboarding and studying Japanese.

### **EXPERIENCE:**

#### 01-2025-01-2025

#### **Producer & Level Designer for Nautical Nonsense- Global Game Jam 2025**

Collaborated with a team of 8, in 2 days to create Nautical Nonsense- a whimsical, underwater FPS. Responsible for organising sprints and team meetings. Documented game mechanics & designed a level, by following an iterative design process: 2d layout, blockout, testing viability and set dressing.

#### 09-2023-08-2024

#### English Teaching Assistant at Toyo Gakuen University, Tokyo, Japan:

Supported second language learners practice English and assist faculty staff with classes. Included being responsible for running university events that promote international culture. Finally set up a dojo and taught Karate classes at the university.

#### 06-2022-09-2022

#### **Team Member at NEXT:**

Communicated with staff to coordinate deliveries within a set timeframe. Provided excellent customer service by resolving customer queries and transactions. To ensure the end-user experience while shopping at NEXT was positive and achieved a high level of satisfaction.

### **EDUCATION:**

#### 09-2021-05-2025

#### **BSc Computer Gameplay Design & Production- Staffordshire University:**

Some examples of modules include:

- Rapid Games Design (100%)- Collaborated with 6 students to produce a 3V3 turn based RPG. As lead producer, my role included projecting timelines, team management, task allocation, scheduling meetings and organising documentation.
- **3D Games Design and Development (88%)** Designed 2 levels in Unreal Engine 5 that displayed Blueprint Scripting, lighting, meshing, user interfaces and in-game cinematics.
- **Gameplay Applications (80%)**-Created a 2-4 player analogue board game. This required research into analogue game design, problem solving, balancing mechanics and iterating on playtesting feedback.

## **SKILLS:**

Strong documentation skills:

Can use **Microsoft Office & Adobe Photoshop** to create concise game design documentation. Including creation of diagrams, level floor plans, analytical tables and charts.

Proficient Unreal Engine 5 skills:

Can understand and utilize **Blueprint Scripting** to build mechanics and systems. Use UE5's editor to create **cinematics**, **level Blockouts**; can place lighting, materials, and actors.

Good interpersonal and listening ability:

Sometimes a sensitive approach is needed. By listening to someone on a 1:1 level or in a team setting. Usually results in a heightened sense of confidence and trust. Evidenced from experience mentoring students and running events.

Superb video and sound editing skills:

Can edit videos or sound using **HitFilm Express** and **Audacity.** Created gameplay trailers, presentation pitches and promotional videos.

Excellent organisational skills:

Exhibited this by using **Jira & Trello** to track tasks from product backlog. In addition to organising sprints and team meetings.

Effective communication skills:

Performed dozens of presentations, experience in teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> language learners and have engaged in team meetings on **Microsoft Teams**.

Great team working skills:

Demonstrated great team-working ability, whilst producing a 3V3 turn-based RPG. By advocating for honest communication and compromise, resulted in more harmonious teamwork and improved team dynamics.

Efficient time management skills:

Able to meet project deadlines by **projecting timelines** through **Agile workflows** and at NEXT coordinated deliveries in a timely manner.

# **ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS:**

Competed in **Global Game Jam 2025** against 27 other teams. Was awarded the **'most organised'** award from the University of Staffordshire's Game Development Society, including my team's game winning **'Best game.'** In addition to completing **National Citizen Service**. Through 2 weeks of voluntary work, I raised funding and refurbished Northamptonshire Country Centre: An essential local charity that provides opportunities and experiences for disabled people. Furthermore, received a participatory certificate for engaging in the **6**<sup>th</sup> **International Seminar of Budo Culture**. This seminar introduced 9 Japanese martial arts, Japanese etiquette and the history of Budo. After several years of training, I have achieved a **2**<sup>nd</sup> **Dan Black belt in Shotokan Karate**.

References available on request.