DYLAN PATRASCU

Languages: English, French, Romanian, Japanese

EDUCATION

University of Western Ontario

September 2021 - April 2025

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (Honours)

London, CA

Minor in Game Development

- 3.9 GPA Dean's Honour List
- Dedicated member of the Game Development Society (GDS) & Fashion & Lifestyle Society (F&LS)
- Related Coursework: Game Programming/Design, Hardware/Software Architecture & Design, Object Oriented Programming & Design, Software Tools & Systems Programming, Data Structures & Algorithms, Databases, Project Management

EXPERIENCE

Technical IT Assistant

May 2023 - August 2023 & May 2024 - August 2024

Ministry of the Solicitor General

Hamilton, CA

- Automated network drive mapping using Python to smooth the user experience, leading to a drastic decrease in user error
- Automated the metadata lookup for machine disposal through a Python script, further optimizing the inventory management workflow
- Debugged a regression in a legacy VBScript program to support new Windows 11 machines
- Provided in-court tech services in time-sensitive and high-pressure situations
- Communicated technical concepts to non-technical individuals, enabling clients to understand and utilize software solutions effectively

Unity Tutor March 2025 - April 2025

Self-Employed

London, CA

- Taught Unity fundamentals, including scene setup, game object management, and scripting
- · Guided students through creating interactive environments, UI menus and popups, including a fully functional inventory system
- Implemented a secure load/save functionality using custom-encoded binary files

Python Tutor December 2024 - March 2025

Self-Employed

Remote

- Taught Python programming concepts to beginners with little to no experience, building their skills from the ground up while applying good programming principles
- Delivered personalized Python lessons, covering fundamental programming concepts such as data structures and object-oriented programming, as well as an introduction to data science
- Simplified complex computer science principles, including recursion and algorithm efficiency, to build a strong technical foundation for students

HIGHLIGHTED PROJECTS

VR Marine Biology Capstone | Unity VR, C#, GitHub, Agile, Jira

September 2024 - April 2025

- Collaborated in a team of five to design and develop an educational VR simulation game to teach marine conservation and ocean research techniques
- Created engaging minigames for satellite tagging (time-based challenge), eDNA sampling (interactive puzzle), and BRUV deployment (world interaction) to simulate real-world marine biology research activities
- Implemented accessibility features, including captions for deaf users and colorblind-friendly environments
- Engaged in ongoing communication with project supervisors to ensure a realistic representation of marine biology research
- Wrote a Unity Shader using ShaderGraph to simulate realistic seaweed swaying
- Applied Agile development practices, including creating storyboards, user stories, and UML diagrams, managing tasks via GitHub Projects, and using GitHub for version control and collaborative development

Cannonball Run | Unity3D, C#, GitHub, Agile

January 2025 - April 2025

- Developed a procedurally generated 3D racing rogue-like in Unity in a team of four, featuring dynamic track generation
- Implemented a tree structure for level progression, allowing players to choose paths and encounter randomized upgrades
- Created a progression system, including limited garage stops for repairs and upgrade opportunities
- Designed an adaptive difficulty system where enemy Al and traffic frequency scale with player progression

TECHNICAL SKILLS & CERTIFICATIONS

Programming Languages: Java, Python, JavaScript, HTML/CSS, C/C++/C#, SQL/PHP, R, GDScript, Unreal Engine Blueprint.

Developer Tools: Git, JSON, JUnit, Jira, React, VS Code, PyCharm, Eclipse, MongoDB, Godot, Unity, Unreal Engine, Blender, Aseprite.

Certifications: IBM Z Xplore - Concepts, IBM Z Xplore - Advanced, Certificate of Studies in French Immersion (FSL).

SMALLER PROJECTS

Unnamed RPG | Unity3D, C#, Github

May 2025 - Present

- Solo developed an RPG game with a modular architecture designed for future multiplayer expansion
- Implemented a third-person controller using Unity's new Input System, featuring player movement, combo attacks, and gathering
- Built a modular quest system using Scriptable Objects for kill/gather objectives
- Developed weapons with critical damage mechanics and combat effects, such as burn and poison
- Designed interactive environment objects, such as collectible mushrooms
- Created a customizable minimap with adjustable zoom and toggleable player/map rotation
- Experimented with Unity Netcode for GameObjects to enable networked gameplay

Volleybirds (Mini Jam 184) | Unity3D, C#, Github, Procreate

May 2025

- Placed 18th out of 100+ submissions in a 72-hour game jam with the theme of "Birds" and the limitation of "Under a Minute"
- Developed a 2D local co-op game in Unity with a team of four, where two players rally a ball and reach the highest possible height
- Implemented both player controllers using one script and an enumeration
- Created custom game logic that uses a mix of rally length between players and the highest height to determine a score
- Made dynamic collision behaviour between players and the ball, based on camera position
- Created 2D assets for the user interface and in-game obstacles

Breaking Bob (GDS x LOJAM 2025) | Unity2D, C#, GitHub

March 2025

- Won Judge's Choice for Best in Game Mechanics/Fun and People's Choice
- Developed a **2D top-down action game** in **Unity** in **6 days** in a **team of three**, where players must destroy enemies, cars, and buildings to clear the city before the timer runs out
- Developed an interactive particle system for props, enhancing visual effects and immersion
- Implemented a dynamic NavMesh system for enemy AI, enabling real-time pathfinding updates as buildings are destroyed.

Micro Movers (GDS Micro-Jam 2025) | Unity2D, C#, GitHub, Aseprite

January 2025

- Won Judge's Choice for Best in Art for visual design and presentation
- Developed a 2D puzzle game in Unity in 48 hours in a team of two, where players collect and shrink objects to fit them in a moving truck
- Implemented player controller and player-environment interaction, level design, and created all art and user interface using Aseprite

Shift Racer | Unity 3D, C#, GitHub

December 2024

- Developed a ready-to-ship street racing game in Unity C#
- Designed a modular radio system using Scriptable Objects, where songs change depending on the car's gear
- Implemented an Al waypoint tool, allowing for modular car traffic at run-time using prefabs and a spawner
- Implemented a slow-motion effect where the player and surroundings are slowed at different time scales, including a trail effect

Personal Website (dylanpatrascu.com) | React, Vite, GitHub

February 2025 - Present

- Developed a personal website to showcase projects and experience
- Used APCA (Accessible Perceptual Contrast Algorithm) to randomize website theme while maintaining accessibility
- Created a dynamic UI that adapts to all screen sizes
- Implemented frontend with React and Vite for a modern appearance

MongoDB Deep-Dive | MongoDB, React, CSS

December 2024

- Conducted an in-depth architectural analysis of MongoDB, including data flow, scalability mechanisms, and performance optimization for dynamic applications
- Developed and deployed a movie database case study utilizing MongoDB to demonstrate robust API integration, dynamic data handling, and real-time search functionality
- Explored and tested MongoDB's sharding, replication, and indexing features to optimize performance in high-concurrency environments

Language Localization Tool | Unity Editor, C#

November 2024

- Developed a dynamic localization tool in Unity C# using Scriptable Objects with two serialized lists for managing keys and values, supporting scalable multilingual text management
- Changes made to keys are consistently reflected across all languages, maintaining synchronization and translation accuracy
- Implemented a custom editor window to efficiently add, edit, and maintain languages and key-value pairs

NOTABLE ROLES

Spring Fashion Show Co-Director

September 2023 - May 2024

Fashion & Lifestyle Society (University of Western Ontario)

London, CA

- Organized a high-fashion Fashion Show with 220+ attendees
- Collaborated with designers to create 20+ handmade runway looks using ethically sourced fabrics
- Curated soundtrack and coordinated live music for the event
- Managed venue booking, scheduling, sponsorship, budgeting, and advertising
- Led a team of 20 to execute the fashion show's theme and vision