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**Technical Summary**

**Programming Languages**

C++, C#, Java, Python, PHP, JavaScript, MySQL

**Software**

Unreal Engine (3-5), Unity, GameMaker (2-Studio), Godot, Git/Perforce, Adobe Photoshop CC, Visual Studio, Jetbrains Rider, SQL Server, Oracle SQL Developer, Android Studio, Asset Forge, Asprite

**Certifications**

* C++ Certified Associate Programmer Oct 2018
* Certified Associate in Python Programming Oct 2018
* Oracle Certified Associate, Java SE 7 Programmer Jan 2016

**Professional Experience**

***Staff Serious Games Developer,*** *Applied Research Associates – Virtual Heroes* Nov 2020 – Jul 2024

* Developed VR/MR game-based training and educational simulations that target public and private sector clients.
* Led projects using Unreal Engine, specializing in Blueprints and native C++ development.
* Collaborated closely with art and design teams to iterate on gameplay features and prototypes.
* Designed and implemented intuitive UI/UX features and enhanced NPC interactions.
* Spearheaded the integration of MetaSounds technology for enhanced audio realism.
* Facilitated client meetings, product demos, and attended industry conferences for customer outreach.
* Promoted team cohesion through organization of social events and off-hour communications.

***Founder,***Mythos Interactive Apr 2019 – Present

* Founded and operate a studio specializing in 2D and 3D game development using Unity and Unreal Engine.
* Received Editor’s Choice accolade on Simmer.io for innovative game designs.
* Directed the design and implementation of UI/UX, audio, assets, and gameplay mechanics.
* Managed a small multidisciplinary team including designers, producers, and testers.
* Led post-release marketing campaigns and community engagement efforts.

***Software Engineer,***Deutsche Bank Feb 2019 – Nov 2020

* Developed and maintained SQL Server Integration Services for critical financial Oracle databases.
* Managed version control procedures and pipelines for international teams.
* As Scrum Master, led sprint rituals in an agile environment for an international team based out of the US, London, and India.
* As Technical Information Security Officer, oversaw security-related approvals and operations for projects.
* Organized team engagement events including a global hackathon with 200+ participants.

***Campus Coordinator****,* Zaniac Learning Sep 2018 – Feb 2019

* Instructed STEM-based programs for K-8 students, focusing on game design, programming, and robotics.
* Supervised daily operations, ensuring campus efficiency and student safety.

***Associate Developer****,* Quotient, Inc. May 2016 – May 2018

* Developed a NoSQL database management system that controlled Smithsonian Institution proprietary artifact records data.
* Created a configurable education and training center that allows site users to view richly formatted multimedia courses and participate in assessments and online group projects.
* Designed content management interfaces for museum exhibits, enhancing visitor experiences.

**Education**

***B.Sc. Information Systems***, University of Maryland, Baltimore County May 2016

**Other Interests**

***Graphic Design*:** Creating client-facing materials using Adobe Creative Suite, specializing in logos and web design. **Computer *Assembly and 3D Printing*:** Providing technical support and optimized configurations for PC builds and 3D printers.

***Game Design Theory:*** Exploring the principles of game design through books, podcasts, and video essays.

***Level Design:*** Designing levels for games with respect to smooth player progression and appropriate difficulty curve, including modding levels for Unreal Tournament 3.

***Interactive storytelling:*** Writing and facilitating branching narrative paths and player-driven choices in a tabletop role-playing setting.

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