# Nicholas Bukdahl

Game and level designer

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## PROFILE

I am an experienced game and level designer, who loves solving technical challenges to overcome design constraints and vice versa. I study player data and behavior to improve my designs, as I strive to stay innovative. I am a social team-player who has a burning passion for creating games, sharing ideas and making friendships.

## **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

Language / Software	Years' experience	Skill level
Unity3D	4	Intermediate
Object Oriented - C#, Python	3	Novice
Version Control – Git, SVN	3	Intermediate
Autodesk Maya, 3ds max	3	Novice
Adobe Photoshop	6	Proficient



## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

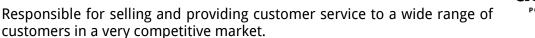
#### 2016 – 2017 | Game Designer | NapNok Games

Worked with various unreleased and top-secret projects, some of which are currently unannounced.



- Game designer on *Frantics* PlayLink for PlayStation 4 (in development)
- Game and level designer on *Sinking Feeling* PlayStation VR (in development)
- Worked in a cross-disciplinary and agile workflow with teams of 6 40 people

#### 2012 – 2016 | Senior Sales Associate | GameStop





- Advised customers on purchases, trades and pre-orders
- Exceeded weekly KPI numbers
- Member of award winning Best Sales Team Denmark 2015

#### 2015 - 2015 | LEVEL DESIGNER | DADIU (Internship)

Member of the lead team for the game *Spoken* with responsibility for level design and level implementation in Unity.



- Agile development
- Level balance based on QA testing and feedback
- Minor AI scripting & gameplay programming (C#)
- Game released on App Store and Google Play
- Nominated for Spilprisen 2016 in category Best Showcase



### 2014 - 2016 | MSc. Medialogy with specialisation in Games at Aalborg University, Denmark

The Master's has allowed me to focus on the science of games and to have a corporate collaboration with LEGO on exploring the free-build experiences. The project gave me practical experience with research and development of a product, which I applied when interning at DADIU.

Here I worked as a level designer, part of a team of 16, to develop a game created in Unity. I was responsible for the development, implementation and balancing of levels based on feedback from user tests. The game was released and nominated for *Spilprisen 2016* in the category *Best Showcase*. The internship allowed me to use my experience from working in large teams and cross-disciplinary communication skills that I developed as a medialogist.

## 2011 - 2014 | BSc. Medialogy at Aalborg University, Denmark

During my Bachelor's I have obtained a broad understanding of media technology and media science on both a theoretical and practical level with the interest of specializing in the science of games.

This became especially relevant during my 5th semester when I worked with game- and level design in an asymmetrical multiplayer game titled *The Eye of Sauron*. A player would play as the Eye using an Oculus Rift, with the objective to eliminate the hobbits (other players) before they destroyed the Eye.

My bachelor project titled *Augmentation of Board Games Using Smartphones* focused on social presence in board games and if there was a difference when playing a digital augmented version versus a traditional board game. The project report was developed into a paper and published at HCI International 2015.



#### 2017 - now | Instructor | Coding Pirates Vanløse

Teaching kids (7 – 14) programming (C#) and game development (Unity).



- Organizing and coordinating lecture material amongst instructors
- Instructing 15+ kids each week and assisting with bugs the kids might have in code or through Unity

#### 2015 - 2017 | Organizer | Nordic Game Jam

Member of core-organizer team with responsibility for the infodesk, through which over 900 participants were checked in.



- Worked with location partner to ensure network stability
- Verified presentation rooms and their technical specifications

## □ LANGUAGES

Danish Native

English Professional working proficiency

#### References available upon request