# ANDRE GOTTGTROY

# **Game Designer**

#### **PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

- 4+ years' experience as a technically fluent game designer across mobile and PC platforms
- Versatile contributor with a track record of delivering engaging, retention-focused features
- Supportive leader and mentor who values collaboration, open communication in game development
- Combines creative problem-solving and analytical thinking with a passion for player-first design and continuous learning to build engaging, high-quality gameplay experiences

#### **WORK HISTORY**

### Intermediate Game Designer, 11/2021 - Current Mytona, Auckland, New Zealand Ravenhill [Proprietary] | Outfire [Unity] | Hublix [UE4]

- Designed core systems for various projects (including quests/tasks, gameplay, UI/UX, content, monetization, meta, systems/technical, social, game modes, events)
- Pitched game ideas, systems and features to producers and C-suite stakeholders.
- Utilized cross-disciplinary knowledge to bridge the gap between disciplines.
- Mentored junior designers across global teams & led internships, successfully promoting them within the team.
- Led the creation of New Zealand office internship scheme, and responsible for multiple interns.
- Hublix: Supported innovative gameplay exploration as part of the R&D and prototyping team.
- **Hublix:** Promoted to NZ team lead | deputy lead; built design team.
- Actively contributed to hiring and onboarding processes
- **Hublix:** Promoted to Deputy producer focusing as a Creative producer leading art, design and sound teams.
- **Hublix:** Spearheaded design vision, documentation, and systems implementation.

## Junior Game Designer, 09/2020 - 11/2021 Mytona, Auckland, New Zealand Hublix [UE 4]

- Pitched game ideas, systems and features to producers and C-suite stakeholders.
- Created full documentation, gameplay loops, and system flows.
- Supported innovative gameplay exploration as part of the R&D and prototyping team.
- Utilized cross-disciplinary knowledge to bridge the gap between disciplines.

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#### **EXPERTISE**

Holistic Design Approach

Systems | Technical | R&D | Content | Gameplay | Monetization | Social | Meta Design

Creative | Analytical Thinking Game | Feature Pitching

Mentoring | Team Leading Agile Methodologies | Tools

#### **TOOLS**

#### **Engines**

Unreal | Unity | Proprietary

#### Design

Figma | Miro | Adobe suite Coda | Windows & Google suites

### Languages

Visual Scripting (Unreal Blueprints)
C | C++ | C# | Javascript
Python | Lua
GLSL | Unity Shader Language

#### Planning & Dev

Wrike | Jira | HacknPlan | Trello Confluence | GitHub | BitBucket

#### **EDUCATION**

**Bachelor of Software Engineering,** 02/2016 - 11/2018

**Media Design School** - Auckland, New Zealand

Awarded A- Grade

Diploma in Digital Creativity, 02/2015 - 11/2015 Media Design School - Auckland,

New Zealand Awarded Merit

Data Science, 06/2020 - 09/2022 IBM Data Science Professional Certificate - Coursera • Spearheaded design vision, documentation, and systems implementation.

# Graduate Software Engineer (C#/.Net), 05/2019 - 06/2020 Vistic Ltd, New Plymouth, NZ

API and feature development in C#/.NET; agile testing & support.

#### PERSONAL ACOMPLISHMENTS

- Designed a feature (Cooking Diary Social hangout areas) nominated as a finalist for Game Refinery - Mobile Gamedev Awards - Best feature innovation 2022.
  - https://www.gamerefinery.com/mobile-gamedev-awards-2022/
- Presented a talk in the New Zealand Game Developers Conference.
- Judged for the Pavs awards multiple years (New Zealand games awards) - https://nzgamesfest.com/the-pavs/
- Represented the company in various games conventions, such as Spark Game Arena https://www.spark.co.nz/online/benefits/gaming? srsltid=AfmBOooy3xQY53DY8IPOzCPUdZ-
- Outward Bounds 21 Days Classic Course 2015 Outward Bounds, Anakiwa, New Zealand

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• Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Bronze - 2007 Awarded to participants that have completed the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award requirements: The participant must work on each section (volunteering, skills, physical, expedition) for 3-6 months

#### **INTERESTS**

Tabletop RPGs | Wargames | Board Games | Sci-fi | Fantasy | Classical History | Mythology | Cooking | Travel | Sports (Football, Volleyball, Ice/Inline Hockey, Basketball)