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## EDUCATION

2018 – 2022

Sept 2021 – June 2022

Sept 2018 – June 2021

2011 – 2018

Sept 2016 – June 2018

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## Programming Languages and Skills:

Programming languages that I have experience with include: C++, C, C#, OpenGL, Java, SQL, Linux, web development languages, Assembly Language, and Python.

I am familiar with multiple programming techniques and methodologies to achieve a more professional level of development, such as: Object oriented development; Test driven development; Multiple software engineering cycles; Using software version control; Algorithm design and planning using UML diagrams, flow charts and other prototyping techniques; VDM Modelling.

## Education:

### Newcastle University

MComp Computer Science (Games Engineering)  
Not Completed Yet - On track for a First

### Masters Year (Fourth Year) – On track for a First

So far this year, I have completed and am undertaking several more advanced games focused modules all using C++, these include:

#### Completed modules:

- **Advanced Programming for Games** – Developing a deeper understanding of pointers, references and advanced features of C++, allowing me to produce cleaner, more efficient and more stable code.
- **Advanced Graphics for Games** – Advanced graphical programming to create a tropical island scene using C++ and OpenGL. This included creating a render pipeline, a scene graph, skeletal animation, writing different types of shaders, post processing effects and more.
- **Advanced Game Technologies** – Creating a physics engine and AI system which works in 3 Dimensions with a variety of features including raycasting, collision detection and response, constraints, octrees, state machines, AI behaviour trees, pathfinding and pushdown automata.

#### In progress modules:

- **Engineering Gaming Solutions within a Team** – Tasked to create a Splatoon style game as part of a team of 8, using one of our custom physics engines from the previous module as a starting point. The game should include multiplayer and have a PS4 version.
- **Security Analysis of Complex Systems** – Module about the interaction of social, cyber and physical aspects in complex systems and their impact on the security of the whole system. As well as the possible mechanisms to detect, respond to and prevent attacks against complex systems.
- **Project and Dissertation** – Not yet fully decided on a project but I'm thinking of one to do with AI and machine learning.

### Bachelor Years (First, Second and Third Year) – First Class Mark

Undertook multiple modules over the three years including a dissertation into creating a procedurally generated infinite terrain using Unity and C#, this achieved a First. I also studied several games focused modules including one which went through implementing the basics of a 2D physics engine in C++ as well as one that introduced the concepts of graphical programming in Unity, receiving a First in both of these modules. I have also undertaken multiple general and security focused modules providing me with experience in a variety of languages.

### Harrogate Grammar School

#### A-Levels

Achieved an A in both Mathematics and an EPQ (Extended Project Qualification); a B in Computer Science and a C in Physics.

Sept 2011 – June 2016

### **GCSE's and BTEC's**

Achieved a range of grades including 3 A\*'s - these were in Computer Science, Product Design and Mathematics; 5 A's and 2 B's. I also achieved a Distinction\* in Creative Digital Media Production BTEC.

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

July – October 2020

### **Work Experience:**

#### **Positiply**

Was part of the initial start-up team of the company and was the lead algorithm designer and developer.

- Conducted market research to give insights into what young people and employees would want out of the system.
- Aided in business decisions and got an insight into how a new business is started, operates and several key behind the scenes areas.
- Developed the initial database and algorithm designs using UML diagrams and other standard prototyping techniques.
- Advised the business founder as a technical expert to provide him with a greater technical understanding of the different systems behind the website – for example file types behind a website and how that can use an external algorithm.
- Designed and prototyped 2 algorithms for the company, only one of which was decided to be implemented into the initial launch of the site. I then developed and thoroughly tested this algorithm using the agile software approach and unit testing. The algorithm that is used in the site is to calculate peoples feedback rating.

June – July 2016

#### **Treves UK (Tier 1 Automotive supplier, global manufacturer of interior trim and acoustic systems)**

Worked for one week as a trainee engineer under the chief engineer and one week in the IT and office department as a customer and supplier liaison

- Streamlined problems to make work easier and more efficient for time constraints, including advancing a waste removal technique that allowed for quicker transportation and removal of the waste build up
- Developed a new interview technique to see if people could follow instructions and execute them in a small amount of time
- Enhanced existing workbenches into new ones to make a more efficient working triangle for an employee, so they wouldn't have to move around as much to do all their tasks making them more efficient
- Quality control and product testing - tested the side boot panels for the new Honda Civic to see if they would fit into the car correctly

### **References:**

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