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Aim

To join a competitive and nourishing environment where I can add value your organization while growing my skills.

Summary

I am a very passionate lover of game design, whether it is on a console or on a PC. In addition to my academic education studying Computer Sciences in Heriot Watt University, I spend time on Game Development using development tools and make shorts with Valve's Source Filmmaker. I have developed a highly rated Mod called Crash Bandicoot DST that is still currently number one custom character Mod on the Steam Workshop.

I sought extra curriculum internships and participated in major events like: MEFCC, Games15, Step Conference, XCAT World Series, -ING Creative Festival, Gitex Apphack, Emirates Islamic Hackathon, Angelhack and Gulf Motor Festival. Where I developed many skills like working under pressure, working with a team, leadership skills, collaborations, handling difficult people, and marketing our efforts.

Just recently, I participated two Hackathons back to back, and came out as a 2nd Runner Up while winning 2nd place in the other. The Hackathons were FGB Hackathon and Visa's Digital Payments Hackathon hosted by Angelhack.

I am active in sports activities, currently playing Capoeira, on Orange cord level. In addition to teaching kids Capoeira in multiple schools across Dubai.

Experience

Team Lead/Assistant Operations Manager at STEP Conference

April 2016

STEP Conference is the largest interactive gathering in the MENA region. STEP2016 gathered 4,000 like-minded folks from all over the globe tackling all things Tech, Digital and Entertainment.

During the span of 3 days, I've handled the DMS Stage, one of two main stages of the event. Working directly with a full-time Operations Manager, I've managed a team of 15 volunteers and staff members on the A/V side and backstage side. I had the responsibility of making sure all the speakers/hosts arrive on time, have their presentations ready, and making sure no technical faults occur.

Team Lead for Games 15

September 2015

During the span of 3 days I have worked with ExtraCake P.R.A, the masterminds behind The Middle East Film and Comic Con (MEFCC), in Dubai Int. Marine Club as a Team Lead for 2 areas, the main stage and the ESL (Electronic Sports League) stage.

Managed a team of 25-30 volunteers at a time as well as my own team of security guards to handle. I've worked directly with the organizers, tournament hosts, and backstage crew.

Project Lead at Klei Entertainment

December 2014 - January 2015 (2 months)

Made a Crash Bandicoot mod for Don't Starve Together (a game by Klei Entertainment) on Valve's Steam Workshop. It involved: Creating sketches, Hiring Co-workers, Managing a team, Lua Coding/HTML, and other similar skills.

Moderator at The Creatures LLC

December 2013 - November 2014 (1 year)

Freelance Graphic Artist at Valve corporation

September 2014 - September 2014 (1 month)

The talented people at Steam Workshop, with partnership with WeLoveFine, were hosting a competition for creating the best merchandise idea for its game "Team Fortress 2", and I designed a T-Shirt idea and sketch for it.

Volunteer

Team Lead at Middle East Film and Comic Con

April 2016

The Middle East Film and Comic Con (MEFCC), the first and largest popular culture festival in the region, taking place at the Dubai World Trade Centre that attracted over 70,000 fans.

Working as a Team Leader for the Gaming Zone, I worked with Fanta Masters who hosted major international video gaming tournaments, which consisted of multiple games taking place concurrently at one of many arenas. I led a team of 15 individuals who were each assigned different tasks throughout the 3-day event.

Gulf Car Festival Crew

April 2016

Gulf Car Festival, emerged as one of the most vibrant and electrifying motoring event of the region. The inaugural event hosted in Dubai, attracted around 400 show-cars with estimated worth of 100 million AED and participants from all over the Emirates and neighboring Gulf countries.

Working as a crew, I've helped manage the Drift show and handled all the cars entering the event.

XCAT World Series Assistant Organizer at XCAT Racing, WPPA

April 2016

#1 Xtreme Motorsport on water, involves teams competing for the most coveted offshore powerboat racing championship in the world.

The XCAT World Championship, involves racing on water with 'XCATs', short for Xtreme Catamarans.

During my time there, I worked directly with the organizers in assisting throughout the event. As well as organizing a setup for HH Sheikh Mansoor bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum and the royal family.

Independent Coursework

Website Creation using – HTML 5, CSS 3, PHP, SQL, JavaScript, JSP, JQuery and AJAX.

Programming Languages – Java (Eclipse IDE), C (Linux on Raspberry Pi 2), Lua, Python, Assembly and MIPS.

Animation Programs – Source Filmmaker and Spriter PRO.

Social Media – Running the Capoeira UAE Facebook/Instagram pages. <https://www.facebook.com/capoeirauae/>

Statistics – Over 162,000 page views and 86,000 downloads on my mod.

<http://steamcommunity.com/sharedfiles/filedetails/?id=382501575>

Skills & Expertise

Game Testing

Source Filmmaker

Java

Lua

C

Raspberry Pi 2

Team Leadership

Microsoft Office Tools

Research

Teaching

English

Curriculum Development

Tutoring

Photoshop

GIMP

Steganography

Capoeira

Sports Injuries

Exercise Prescription

Fitness Testing

Strength & Conditioning

Open Source Development

Public Speaking

Computer Animation

Mobile Application Development

Mobile Application Design

Game Development

HTML

CSS

PHP

PhpMyAdmin

MySQL

Databases

Web Design

Interests

Capoeira, Motion Design, Game Testing, Modding, Filmmaking, Gameplay Programming, Creating Apps for the Android OS, Hackathons, Mocap, Motion Capture, Percussion Instruments, Islamic Calligraphy.

Honours and Awards

- **Bimba Cup First Place [yellow cord]**
 - Issuer: Mestra Edna Lima [Abada Capoeira NYC] (February 2015)
- **Bimba Cup Overall Best Male Competitor [yellow cord]**
 - Issuer: Mestra Edna Lima [Abada Capoeira NYC] (February 2015)
- **American University of Dubai School Sports Challenge 2nd Place [soccer]**
 - Issuer: American University of Dubai (2013)
- **DWGE - Indie Game DevFest Finalist**
 - Issuer: The Dubai Word Game Summit (November 2015)