Nicolas Williams Game Producer

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Skills

Production & Project Management

- Agile Methodologies
- Sprint/Product Backlogs
- Postmortems
- Jira, Confluence, Trello

Software & Technical

- Microsoft Suite
- Blender
- Unity3D
- Git VCS

- C, C#, C++
- Python
- Shell Scripting
- HTML, CSS, JavaScript

Recent Games

Infectant (17 developers)

9 weeks, June 2019 - August 2019

Producer - WolverineSoft Studio, Student Organization

- Collaborated with team leads to integrate tasks and schedules into Jira
- Scheduled individual, department and studio meetings, took notes, and communicated new information to relevant parties
- Handled detailed task and bug tracking across departments to assess progress towards milestones
- Organized product & sprint backlogs to streamline sprint planning and execution

Sprint Reviews

Design Documents

Risk Assessment Reports

Managed and mitigated risk by proactively identifying dependencies and potential points of failure

Miner Mayhem (5 developers)

11 weeks, October 2018 - December 2019

Producer, Programmer - University of Michigan

- Adhered to an iterative development cycle based on frequent playtesting to rapidly implement and refine game mechanics
- Organized user playtesting sessions, acquired directed feedback, and discussed potential pivots with team members
- Implemented multiplayer logic and input for mini-games, handled build and debugging processes for submissions

Experience

Studio Lead & Founder

April 2019 - Present

WolverineSoft Studio, Student Organization

- Utilize technical background to identify and resolve cross-departmental dependencies on engineering tasks
- Promote clear conversation by adapting communication style when interfacing with different personalities
- Work with the University and external businesses to acquire funding and resources for the studio
- Cultivate a constructive environment by facilitating conflict resolution between members and promoting a growth-mindset

Student Instructor for EECS 494 - Video Game DevelopmentUniversity of Michigan

January 2019 - Present

- Develop timelines and milestones for student projects to account for late pivots and mistakes
- Provide guidance and feedback on student games through playtesting sessions, office hours, and graded submissions
- Give lectures covering game design concepts and the use of C# and the Unity game engine for game development
- Coordinate with student organizations and faculty to promote investment in the game development program

Software Engineering Intern

May 2019 - August 2019

SpellBound

- Implemented gameplay logic for an AR experience intended to bolster postoperative ambulation rates in children
- Planned and led an upcoming multi-project release after the only full-time engineer left the company
- Performed and presented risk assessment reports regarding potential platform changes
- Communicated technical requirements and dependencies of project proposals to the art, marketing and business teams

Education

University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, MI

May 2020

Bachelor of Engineering, Major in Computer Science, Minor in Multidisciplinary Design