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Education

LinkedIn Profile Portfolio Website

DePaul University, Chicago, IL Bachelors of Science, Game Design

2023

Wilbur Wright Community College, Chicago, IL Associates of Science, Computer Science 2018 Albert G. Lane Technical High School, Chicago, IL High School Diploma w/Honors -2015

Software Skill Set

- Unity 5 years experience
- Unreal 2 years experience
- Perforce 4 years experience
- Ableton 4 years experience
- Pro Tools 1 year experience, game sound design
- Adobe Illustrator 1 year experience, 2D digital art

Backend Programming Skill Set

- C# 4 years experience through Unity Coding
- C++ 2 years experience, focusing on optimization
- C 2 years experience, using Putty interface
- Java 1 year experience
- HTML 1 year experience
- CSS 1 year experience

Work Experience

Youth Coding Instructor, CodeAdvantage, Chicago, IL (Jan 2023 - Present)

- Teaches after-school classes at partner schools in an engaging and fun learning atmosphere.
- Facilitates hands-on activities that encourage critical thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork skills in students.
- Successfully and independently manages multiple classrooms of up to 15 students, ages 5-12.
- Ensures a safe and productive learning environment through personable engagement.

Data Analyst, XSELL Technologies, Chicago, IL (Nov 2019 - Dec 2022)

- Supported the development of Artificial Intelligence to increase sales and improve online customer service for clients.
- Analyzed and classified client chat engagements to identify optimization areas in sales dialogue, and compiled data on topic performance for clients.
- Constructed optimized conversational pathways to enhance A.I. engine capabilities.
- Regularly collaborated with the data science team to implement improvements and increase sales.

Assistant Coding Instructor, PowerUp Tech Academy, Chicago, IL (Mar 2015-July 2015)

- Curated lessons designed to convey basic programming concepts to young children, ages 5-14.
- Designed and organized confined space to allow for the optimal educational environment.
- Spearheaded advertising efforts for a new small-business to engage with the greater community.

Volunteer Event Coordinator, *Gamers Universe 2023*, Chicago, IL (June 2023)

- Hosted family-oriented gaming sessions for 100+ attendees at Chicago Teen Gaming Guild's "Gamers Universe".
- Directed equipment setup and breakdown for the event, involving several teams of volunteers over multiple stations.

Previous Projects

"Captive Audience" (2023), Lead Programmer & Audio Producer (team of 4): Single player, 2D rhythm game

- Led a small team from inception to completion of a full game experience over the span of three months.
- Designed and created gameplay systems and rhythm mechanics for "endless" gameplay.
- Produced original music for the main gameplay loop.

"Final Hour" (2023), 2D Environment Sprite Artist (team of 12): Single player, top-down isometric adventure game

- Maintained production tasks and organization for a small team of artists
- Designed and created quest item sprites and environment sprites.
- Regularly collaborated with other team leads to incorporate design changes and updates.