Thomas Mezzie

Game Developer/Designer

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LANGUAGES & SOFTWARE

<u>Linkedin</u> | <u>Github</u> | <u>Itch.io</u> | <u>tommezzie.com</u>

C++ - 5 years | C# - 3 years | Python - 1 year | HTML/CSS - 2 years | JavaScript - 2 years | Unity - 3 years | Unreal - 2 year | Git - 3 years | Blender - 1 year | Visual Studio - 5 years | Photoshop - 2 years | **WORK EXPERIENCE**

Hexfork Aug 2023 – Current

Game Developer

Remote

- Contributed throughout the entire development process of a soon-to-be-released Steam game, actively
 involved in key decisions and collaborating with an interdisciplinary team.
- Played a vital role in a professional game development team and writing **Unreal Engine Blueprints** and **C++** code, with an emphasis on creating reliable and scalable systems.
- Provided essential support in areas such as Unreal network replication, animation interfacing, and AI behavior trees, resulting in a polished and engaging gaming experience.

McDonalds Aug 2019 – July 2023

Yucaipa, CA

EDUCATION

California State University, San Bernardino

May 2023

Bachelor of Arts, Computer Systems Game Development

San Bernardino, CA

Comparable to Computer Science with a focus on game development and game design courses.

Crafton Hills College May 2021

Associate in Science, Computer Science Associate of Art, Mathematics Yucaipa, CA

PROJECTS

MechroKnights | 3D Mech Fighter | Unity | C# | Github Repo

Roles: Project Co-Leader | Combat Programmer | UI Design/Programmer | Level Design

- O Developed fighting game AI using **A* pathfinding** and Stack-Based Finite State Machine.
- Programmed and designed Unity UI with PC, controller, and mobile input support.
- Designed a mech combat system using flowcharts to ensure fluid and immersive gameplay.

Crystalpunk: Heart of Steam | 3D Platform Shooter | Unity | C# | Github Repo

Roles: Project Co-Leader | Game/Graphics Programmer | UI Design/Programmer | Level Design

- Fantasy Steampunk setting with custom 3D models and terrain using Unity's Terrain System
- Utilized Agile Sprints for timely completion, delivering the project two weeks ahead of the deadline.
- Used **Unity Shader Graphs** for custom cel-shaders and water shaders with minimal performance impact.
- Implemented intelligent AI with patrolling, attacking, and hiding states for both melee and ranged enemies.
- Applied linear math to program a 3D character controller that reacts to slope and camera positioning.

ChromaThoth | 2D Bullet Hell | Unreal Engine | C++ | Github Repo

Roles: Project Lead | Player and AI Programmer | Designer

- Created a flexible **grid based movement system** that allows for easy expandability
- Designed wave-based combat featuring diverse enemy types and attack patterns.
- Led a development team of seven people, coordinated tasks and ensured effective communication.

INTERESTS

Hobbies: Drumming | Studying Japanese | Art | D&D | Music | Gaming

Favorite Games: Zelda | Rocket League | Minecraft | Super Smash Bros. | Valheim | Beat Saber