# **Stephen Melnick**

717.480.1114 stephenwmelnick@gmail.com <u>redesigner.github.io</u> GitHub: <u>Redesigner</u>

# **Skills**

- Engine Programming: 3D Mathematics (Vector, Matrices, Quaternions), 3D Rendering and Animation, Input Systems, Entity-Component Systems, Advanced Spatial Algorithms, Physics Simulations and CCD, Data Serialization, Type Reflection, Thread Management, Memory Management, Engine Debugging
- Unreal Engine: Gameplay Ability System, Network Prediction, AI Behavior/State Trees, CommonUI, Enhanced Input System, Unreal Insights, Visual Logger, Custom Engine Modifications
- Game Programming: Custom Camera Systems, Advanced Character Platformer Physics, Controller Input Systems, Combat Systems, Crafting Systems
- Programming Language Experience:
  - Advanced: C/C++, Unreal Blueprint
  - o Proficient: C#, GLSL, JavaScript, Python
  - Intermediate: SystemVerilog, GDScript, GML
- Development Tools: Visual Studio, Git, CMake, RenderDoc, Blender
- Game Engines and Frameworks: Unreal Engine 4/5, Unity, Godot, XNA/MonoGame, SDL2/3, OpenGL 4.0+

# **Personal Projects**

#### Vox Engine (Custom C++ / SDL3) | Solo Developer

January 2025

- Programmed complete high-performance actor and component system with type reflection in C++
- Implemented sparse voxel octree world saving and loading, with parallelized GPU mesh generation algorithms
- Created gITF model, material, and animation importer
- Engineered deferred OpenGL 3D renderer with PBR shading, skeletal mesh deformations, and post-process effects
- Developed editor tools including transformation gizmos, component hierarchy trees, realtime data reflection, and prefab creation

## Jelly Ship (Unity) | Lead Programmer

September 2024

- Implemented custom movement physics with buoyancy simulation
- Developed flexible ability system
- Collaborated with designers and artists and delivered a complete project in under one week

#### Witch Forest (Unreal) | Solo Developer

February 2024

- Programmed Gameplay Ability System
- Implemented custom content creation tools for recipes and items
- Created custom network prediction system to integrate with Unreal GAS
- Integrated custom AI logic with existing Behavior Trees to create advanced creature behavior

#### Rea Engine (Custom C++ / SDL2) | Solo Developer

March 2022

- Designed easy-to-use entity-component system with messaging
- Implemented continuous collision detection for convex polygons based on Gilbert-Johnson-Keerthi model

Developed font loading and atlas texture generation using FreeType

### **Tether** (Unreal) | Lead Developer

December 2021

- Programmed custom platforming physics with advancement movement systems for climbing, sidling, and wall
  jumping, supporting moving and rotating platforms
- Modeled and rigged character with expressive animations to complement custom physics

#### GJK Solver (XNA) | Solo Developer

March 2021

- Wrote and designed presentation for explaining methodology and foundational concepts
- Programmed in both C# and C++
- Implemented simple gift-wrapping algorithm for use with complex polygons
- Developed visualization/interactivity with Microsoft XNA

### **Additional Projects**

# **Professional Experience**

Lab Research Assistant | Temple University Computer Science Dept., Philadelphia, PA

**August 2019 – January 2021** 

Doctoral Program Research Assistant, responsible for data research, computer programming, and hardware/circuit design

Installer | Pierson Computing Connection, Mechanicsburg, PA

**April 2018 – August 2018** 

Help Desk Associate | Temple University IT, Philadelphia, PA

August 2015 - April 2018

### **Education**

## Temple University, Philadelphia, PA

Coursework towards B.S., Computer Science (Data Structures and Algorithms, Low-Level Programming, Physics, Computational Probability and Statistics, Mathematical Concepts in Computing)