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Dear Blizzard,

I am Shantanu Mane, a Gameplay Engineer highly skilled in C++ and 3D Math/Linear Algebra. After attaining a Master's degree in Game Engineering from the University of Utah, releasing an Action-Adventure FPS called Hard Light Vector with 20 amazing friends and having finished an insightful internship at Sony's Santa Monica Studio, I am excited to see where the future takes me. And so, I am thrilled to be applying to the Software Engineer position for Gameplay on Hearthstone at Blizzard!

I am an energetic team player and a motivator to my teammates! Being on teams and working with people, I've realized my life's purpose in giving my teammates the best that I have to bring out the best that they have in turn. Dedication, determination and perseverance are qualities I thrive on to achieve my goals - personal and also team-based.

Player controls, animation and combat in games are my biggest interests and I continue to invest time into studying about them through various forms - GDC talks, written material and playing games. My interest in these topics has driven me in creating a Combo Attacks System like that of Bayonetta. And currently, I have gone back to playing Bayonetta & Devil May Cry 5 which are my favorites! Tying into that I also like to and still continue to learn about game design and combat design, more specifically and I believe that knowing design is very much a crucial tool for a gameplay engineer's day-to-day work.

I have gained in-depth knowledge of an advanced level of C++ and 3D Math the way the game industry uses them through my graduate studies and a lot of learning on my own. The Memory Manager and 2D Collision System I created were instrumental in putting these parts of my skillset to the test and giving me intense hands-on experience.

My time as a Gameplay Engineer at SIE Santa Monica Studio has cemented my skills in C++, 3D Math, algorithms and optimization through the tasks I worked on and the extraordinary people on their Gameplay team. It also gave me a chance to listen to their creativity in approaching problems and do some creative thinking of my own for a few tasks. The opportunity to come up with creative solutions to take gameplay to higher levels of fun and fidelity is what really draws me towards gameplay engineering.

Two of Blizzard's core values - "Commit to Quality" & "Learn & Grow" resonate with me and what my goals are. I feel that my drive to create ever-improving gameplay, knack for game design, experienced understanding of meaningful iteration and team spirit would make me a great addition to the Hearthstone team at Blizzard. And I do want to be part of a culture that holds "Embrace Your Inner Geek" as a value! So I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

Shantanu Shripad Mane