# **Spencer Chang – Software Developer**

#### **EDUCATION**

University of Southern California, Viterbi School of Engineering

Los Angeles, CA

August 2020-Present

**Computer Science** 

GPA: 4.0 Honors: Dean's List (Fall 2020, Spring 2021)

**EXPERIENCE** 

#### **Dreamland Confectionary**

Los Angeles, CA

Engineer

September 2021–Present

- Collaborating closely with designers and other engineers to implement gameplay mechanics and fix various bugs through Unity.
- Attending biweekly meetings with development team to discuss sprint planning and task distribution. And weekly labs to collaborate in-person with the rest of the team.

Corpus Callosum (CoCa)

Los Angeles, CA

Technical Lead

September 2020–Present

• Designing and implementing creative generative art programs in *p5.js*. Awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place in the CoCa Final Project competition.

#### **PROJECTS**

DE Grapher – Web Tool

Summer 2021

- Engineered a 1<sup>st</sup> order differential equation visualizer using the Godot Engine (C#).
- Added functionality for customizable graph bounds/step size, Euler's method IVP approximate solution solver, and real-time slope field visualizer. Use the tool <u>here</u>.

### King of Rats - Video Game - Engineer and Designer

Spring 2021

- Programmed gameplay mechanics using the Unity (C#) to develop a tower-defense and base-building hybrid game.
- Conducted two playtest sessions (11 players in total) to gauge player engagement and game balance. Collected post-playtest data via player questionnaires to make statistical analysis and visuals to guide design and development. Project page here

#### Remnants - Board Game - Designer and Usability Tester

Fall 2020

- Collaborated with team of artists and designers to release a polished physical board game. Regularly met with team to pitch and discuss new ideas for improving game mechanics and balance.
- Organized 8 playtest sessions to gauge player enjoyment and engagement on game mechanics.

#### **Vortex Dodger – Video Game**

Spring 2020

- Completed 2D "bullet-hell" game in p5.js (JavaScript) with purpose of helping players improve dodging skills.
- Implemented bullet-delivery systems, safe-zone collision detection, and user interface. Play game here.

### Kaufman Touhou - Video Game - Engineer, Artist, and Designer

Spring 2019

- Led the creation of a 2D video game. Coded a basic game engine in MonoGame (C#) that allowed for local 4-player gameplay, collisions, physics, animations, and UI.
- Drew pixel art textures and animations for ships, enemies, bosses, cutscenes, and character portraits. Project page here.

#### Diamond in the Water – Video Game – Engineer, Artist, and Designer

Fall 2019

Developed a trade-simulator game that demonstrates economy concepts (opportunity cost, comparative advantages, etc).
Programmed bonus arcade game mode where bullets travel in the path of macroeconomic curves (Phillip's, Supply Demand, etc).
Project page here

#### RELEVANT COURSEWORK

- Multivariable Calculus
- Physics (Classical Mechanics, E&M, Thermodynamics)
- Data Structures and Object-Oriented Design
- Linear Algebra and Differential Equations
- Discrete Math
- Intermediate Game Design Workshop
- Introduction to Algorithms and Theory of Computing (In Progress)
- Introduction to Software Development (In Progress)

## **SKILLS**

**Languages** C#, C++, JavaScript, Java, *LaTeX* **Frameworks:** P5.JS, MonoGame, Node.JS

Software: Visual Studios Code, Visual Studios Community, GitHub, Adobe Photoshop, Krita, Aesprite, Unity, Godot

**Spoken Languages:** English, Mandarin **Hobbies:** Art (Pixel, Pencil, Oil)

**MEMBERSHIPS** 

Member, Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society Member, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society March 2021–Present July 2020–Present