

Programmer / Designer



Professional Summary

Innovative and versatile programmer and designer with 6+ years in the game industry, specializing in Unity, Unreal, and VR development. Experienced in leading teams, optimizing workflows, and delivering engaging player experiences. Shipped multiple titles including Home Run Derby VR, The Last Sky, and Wings of Wanitu. Adept at turning design vision into polished gameplay systems while improving performance, usability, and development efficiency.

Professional Experience

Little Guy Games | Senior Gameplay Programmer and Designer MARCH 2019 - AUGUST 2025 | Toronto, ON

- Led gameplay development for Wings of Wanitu, a VR rogue-lite prototype implemented core flight mechanics, weapon systems, upgrade interactions, and meta-progression; managed a team of programmers and technical artists using Trello and daily stand-ups.
- Overhauled major menu and progression systems for Home Run Derby VR retail release, improving usability and player flow, as well as adding a suite of player behaviour analytics for iteration targets.
- Designed and implemented a new input calibration flow for club use, increasing accuracy and reducing setup time.
- Refactored legacy Playmaker code in The Last Sky, reducing technical debt and improving maintainability.
- Developed a dialogue system integrating CeltX for streamlined writer-to-engine workflows, cutting implementation time by 30%.
- Added multiple new puzzle and movement mechanics, increasing gameplay variety and level design flexibility.
- Converted Unreal Engine Blueprints/C++ project into Unity/C#, enabling seamless takeover from a client project.

Jali Research | Contract Developer

JUNE 2018 - SEPTEMBER 2018, NOVEMBER 2018 - DECEMBER 2018 | Toronto, ON

- Updated Unity implementation of Jali's facial animation plugin for backend compatibility, optimizing processing time and reducing lines of code.
- Developed an Unreal Engine plugin for Jali's animation system, enabling a complete in-engine workflow from input to animation sequence, eliminating the need for external rendering software and saving minutes per animation iteration.
- Researched feasibility of real-time rendering with live input, improving performance targets for client demos.

Notable Projects

Home Run Derby VR Shipped retail version with improved menus, player

progression, and calibration.

The Last Sky Led major gameplay and dialogue system improve-

Wings of Wanitu Designed and implemented core VR systems, led a

multidisciplinary dev team.

Skills

Programming Languages:

C++ $(5000 + LOC) \bullet C\# (5000 + LOC) \bullet Python (5000 + LOC) \bullet JavaScript \bullet Java \bullet \LaTeX C \bullet Bash/Shell \bullet HTML \bullet CSS \bullet OpenGL \bullet LUA$

Engines & Tools:

Unity Engine • Unreal Engine • ShaderGraph • VFX Graph • Perforce • Git • Blender

Additional Software:

OBS Studio • DaVinci Resolve • GIMP • Audacity

Specialties:

Backend Systems • UI/UX Design • Optimization • Plugin Development • Third-party Plugin Integration • Workflow Design

Education

University of Toronto - St. George

Honours B.Sc in Computer Science (Specialist, Game Design Focus) SEPTEMBER 2014 - JUNE 2018, Toronto, ON

Relevant Coursework:

Artificial Intelligence Operating Systems Computer Graphics
Computer Networks Game Design / Development UI / UX Design

References

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