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LettuceMakeStuff

Chicago, IL

Game Designer

May 2022 –

LettuceMakeStuff is an independent company of 7 employees focused on creating engaging innovative mobile software.

- Designed and implemented engaging gameplay mechanics and levels, focusing on player experience and narrative cohesion.
- Integrated assets into levels and optimized layouts to enhance gameplay flow and visual storytelling.
- Utilized Trello and Unity game engine to prototype, iterate, and refine game features, maintaining alignment with milestones.

NetherRealm Studios

Chicago, IL

Quality Assurance Analyst

Jan 2023 – July 2024

NetherRealm Studios is a game development studio globally known for making Mortal Kombat and Injustice.

With 200+ employees, they are able to sell millions of units and garner multi-millions in annual revenue.

- Led a QA team of 5 testers focused primarily on testing and refining brutalities and other gameplay features to ensure bug-free functionality and alignment with lead designer and creative director's vision.
- Collaborated with the marketing team to produce character gameplay trailers that aligned with the creative director's vision.
- Spearheaded collaboration and communication with production, design, and art teams to evangelize, prioritize, and address submitted bugs.
- Learned and tested against first-party certification requirements for PlayStation and Xbox platforms, which contributed to the tile passing both certifications on the first submission.
- Conducted localization testing to verify proper implementation of text, audio, and UI changes in different languages and regions.
- Collaborated on testing rollback netcode to ensure stable and responsive multiplayer experience across multiple platforms.
- Submitted over 1,200 bugs in 18 months using the JIRA project management tool.
- Tested and validated crossplay functionality to ensure seamless gameplay across multiple platforms.

EDUCATION

DePaul University, Bachelor's of Science

2019 – 2022

Certificate

Atlassian Agile Project Management

TECHNICAL SKILLS (if applicable)

Jira, Trello, Confluence, Shotgun, TestRail, Xbox Certifications, PlayStation Certifications, Google Docs, Cross-team Communication, Team Management