ALEXANDER GRABOWSKI

DEVELOPER & DESIGNER

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EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin 2023 Madison

Bachelor of Arts 3.75 Computer Science

Certificates

- UW Madison Game Design
- UW Madison Studio Art (Digital)
- UW Madison Professional Japanese Communication
- UW Madison User Experience Design Capstone

- Unity Game Engine (C#)
- C++ Programming
- Game CI/CD
 - Github Actions
 - Docker
- Agile Methodologies & Workflows
 - Scrum & Sprints
- React \ Vue \ Svelte
- Node.js Ecosystem
 - TypeScript
 - o NPM & Vite
 - Rollup & Webpack
- Firebase BaaS
 - Analytics Services
 - o Real-time Database
- Rendering Libraries
 - PixiJS & ThreeJS
 - CSS & SVG Animations
 - HLSL in Unity
- Linux Environments
- Figma
- Adobe Illustrator

ABOUT

I have been professionally developing games for the last two years, and recreationally my entire life. I am proficient in a diverse range of full-stack toolchains targeting game and web development. I am frequently found in international fan games, hackathons, and game jams, expressing my passion for applied games and FOSS. I achieved the rank of Eagle Scout before graduating high school and continued developing my leadership skills guiding competitive e-sports teams to compete at the national level and igniting passion in STEM teaching kids ages K-12. I am a lifelong, self-driven learner and problem solver.

EXPERIENCE

Field Day Lab - UW-Madison

Jan 2022 - May 2023

https://fielddaylab.wisc.edu/

Gameplay Programmer & Junior Designer

Wake: Tales from the Aqualab

https://fielddaylab.wisc.edu/play/wake/

A science practices game targeting Chromebooks for 6-9th grade students.

- Designed pivotal story and level layout elements of the game's introductory sequence
- Brought gameplay mechanics to life in Unity, implementing the game's Shop UI, and expanding upon systems in the game's Experiment Tanks
- Used in-house scripting language to bring the work of writers, designers, and developers together to implement Aqualab's quests
- QA Testing using Trello and in-house logging tools

Unannounced Browser-based HTML5 Games

Point-and-click web games targeted at mobile tablets and phones.

- Implemented the game's core mechanics
- Adapting the game's graphics to make use of both WebGL and Canvas rendering styles to meet different tablet and mobile limitations
- Developed the game's dialogue system building text-parsing tooling which extended scripts written in YarnSpinner
- Built logging tools for real-time data collection with Firebase

Code Ninjas | XP League

Oct 2020 - Dec 2022

https://codeninjas.com/ https://www.xpleague.com/

Head Programming Instructor & Esports Coach

- Developed programming curriculum for kids of various abilities ages 6-12 in Unity, JavaScript, and Roblox Studio (Lua)
- Led the Sun Prairie league's Fortnite team to compete at the North American Finals 2022
- Certified youth eSports coach through the Positive Coaching Alliance.