

Ethan Degen

Game Designer

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Career Summary

- A designer with experience in level, gameplay, system, encounter design, and team management
- Lead groups of up to 20 developers at a time in day-to-day tasks to reach production goals
- Recognized for excellent collaboration and consistently reviewed as a team player who likes challenges and accountability

PROJECTS

Ghosts of Tabor — Combat Waffle Studios Project Manager | 08 2022 - Current

- Manages 15-20 developers in week long sprints to meet monthly deadlines set by myself, the lead developer, and the CEO
- Assists in level design and creating tools to streamline map creation using blueprint scripting in Unreal Engine 4.27

B.L.A.S.T. — Shawnee State Senior Project Lead Engineer | 01 2021 - 04 2022

- Worked 16 months as the lead level designer, system designer, and programmer in a PvPvE Arena FPS project of 20 students
- Designed and iterated levels, gameplay systems, and gameplay encounters while leading 11 other programmers in the creation and implementation of these systems in Unreal 4.26 using C++

Turning Point — 2022 Global Game Jam

- Worked within a team of six to create a first-person game in 48 hours themed around the concept of Duality in Unreal 4.26
- Designed the level and encounters to fit the jam's theme while overseeing the team's general production

EDUCATION

Shawnee State University, Portsmouth, Ohio — BS Digital Simulation, Gaming Engineering, and Design

08 2019 - Current

- Transferred in to receive a more challenging education with a direct focus on game design.

Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio — BS Computer Science

01 2018 - 05 2019

- Started Education in Computer Science to get a job in the video game industry.

SKILLS

Experienced in Unreal Engine 4, Unity, and O3DE (Lumberyard)

Highly skilled in 3D Level Design, Combat Design, AI Design, Documentation, and Scripting

Proficient in C++, C, Python, HTML, and CSS

Experienced with Perforce, Trello, Shotgun, and Maya

AWARDS

Scouts BSA - Eagle Scout