# Tsingtao Zhang

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# **Profile**

A Game Design and Development major student looking for a full-time position in **Technical Artist** and **Gameplay Programmer**. Available from **May 2025**.

#### Education

**Rochester Institute of Technology**, Rochester, NY. Game Design and Development, Master of Science.

China Agricultural University, Beijing, China.

Agricultural Structure Environment Engineering, Bachelor of Engineering

Expected May 2025 Current GPA: 3.86 Sep 2018 – June 2022 GPA: 3.44

#### Courses

Linear Algebra, calculus, C and C++ programming Language, data Structure, computer graphics, game graphics programming, global illumination, game design, game development process, gameplay and prototyping, applications in virtual reality, Python programming, web technology, Linux, database principles and experiments.

#### Skills

**Skill Sets:** Unreal Engine 5, Unity, OpenGL, Direct 3D 11, Tool Design, VR development, Procedural Generation, Multiplayer, Android Development, OpenXR, Visual Studio, Socket, TCP/IP, Blender, Photoshop, Github, Perforce, Trello, Agile Principle, UI/UX.

**Programming Language:** C/C++, C#, GLSL, HLSL, Python, Java, HTML, CSS.

## **Projects**

**Duolatera**, as Gameplay Programmer & Technical Artist, using Unreal 5.4, C++, Python, Perforce

Ongoing

- Designed and managed game asset production pipeline and led the team of 5 artists. With 3D asset creating skill, established an art bible for artists to reference.
- Implemented PCG environment assets and spline's auto snapping tool, reduced level layout time by 70%.
- Created automation process tools for Blender and Unreal Engine, reducing 90% of related manual work.
- Implemented the online multiplayer gaming feature, allowing 2 players to cooperate remotely through Steam.
- Designed and implemented 30% of the multiplayer gameplay mechanisms for VR co-op puzzle solving.
- Using Unreal IK system, built IK retargeted/predicted animation based on player's movement.

Ocean Simulator, as Graphics Programmer, using OpenGL, GLSL, C/C++

May 2024

- Created a real-time interactive ocean renderer using GLSL in OpenGL with ray-tracing, performing above 30 fps.
- Using linear algebra, 3D vector reflection and refraction, added in a very fast real-time caustics effect which influences the underwater illumination environment, enhancing visual realism.
- Created a clicking-promoted water circle waves on the surface interactively, on top of the default wave patterns.

Cutie Tower Defense, as Programmer and Technical Artist, using Unity, C#, Github, Blender, Photoshop July 2023

- Designed and implemented an object pooling system, optimized game performance by 40%.
- Developed tower behaviors and an enemy route-changing system, while working with other programmers, getting rid of 2 redundant helper scripts.
- Set asset importing format and standard, and helped artists to create assets and optimize to game-ready quality.

# **Experience**

#### VR game development for VR Exercise Research

Rochester Institute of Technology

As Graduate Research Assistant, using Unity, VR dev, Socket, TCP/IP, Android dev.

June - Aug 2024

- Enhanced an existing project by resolving leftover issues and optimizing gameplay, collected data items grew from 2 entries to 5, game time extended from 5 min to 30 min.
- Designed and developed an AI shooter with physics-based aiming and block-avoidance, enabling other researchers to guide users' limb positioning by easily setting the shooting position.
- Collaborating with other researchers, parameterized in-game variables based on user physical measurements and target exercise intensity, enabling real-time dynamic tuning for personalized gameplay.
- To simplify the testing process, configured a wireless environment for seamless data transfer and real-time imagery streaming of headset imagery using Socket, reducing data collecting time by 80%.

## **Extracurricular Activities**

## Bass in China Agricultural University Choir

Sep 2021 - June 2022

Led weekly practice in bass, participated in 4 performances and 1 national competition with gold price.