Tianyi Zhao

Software Engineer & Game Developer

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Education

Carnegie Mellon University (CMU)

Master in Entertainment Technology

- Projects: 4D Engine, Maxis VR, Alice Adventure
- Computer System, Computer Graphics, Technical Animation, BVW

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU)

BSc in Internet and Multimedia Technology

 PC Game development, Object-Oriented Programming, Mobile Application Development, Web System Development

Hong Kong, China 09/2013 - 05/2017

Pittsburgh, PA 09/2017 - 05/2019

University of Central Florida (UCF)

Department of Computer Science (exchange)

• Communication Networks, Computer Security

Orlando, FL 09/2015 - 12/2015

Experience

Visual Concepts (2K)

Software Engineer, full-time employee

Participated in development of NBA2K20, NBA2K21, NBA2K22

Collaborative debugging, developing in-game tools, implementing game features

Novato, CA 08/2019 - present

CMU Perceptual Computing Lab

Research Assistant

Pittsburgh, PA 05/2018 - 05/2019

- Developed the OpenPose Unity demo for CVPR 2018
- Developed and maintained the Unity plugin for popular open-source project OpenPose

Halite Games Studio

Co-founder, Level designer, Programmer

Designed and shipped hard-core puzzle indie game "Ripple Blossom"

Won the "Best Theme Integration" Award in Global Game Jam 2017 Hong Kong.

Hong Kong, China 03/2017 - 03/2018

Projects 4D Engine (Unity VR demo)

Individual developer

CMU 01/2019 - 05/2019

- Conducted 4D mathematical equations and implemented 4D transformation system
- Constructed 4D mesh structure and projection pipeline
- Developed a VR demo in experience of 4D space

Computer Graphics (C++ Rendering and Animating)

CMU 01/2018 - 05/2018

- Implemented ray-tracing rendering system with BRDF
- Implemented skeletal animation with skinning and inverse kinematics
- Implemented mesh editing operations including extrusion, subdivision etc.

Alice's Adventure (Software development)

CMU 01/2018 - 05/2018

Lead programmer, front-end developer

- Developed an adventure game creation tool to teach programming and game design
- Designed and implemented the block-based coding editor
- Designed system architecture and integrated sub-systems

Skills

Professional programming in C++, C#, JavaScript, Java, SQL

Proficient in Unity 3D, Visual Studio, Git, Perforce

Master of problem solving in Mathematics, Physics

Languages: English (proficient), Chinese (native), Cantonese (intermediate)

Experienced music composing and editing, piano performance