

# ANTONIS GRIGORIADIS

GAMEPLAY PROGRAMMER

GAME & LEVEL DESIGNER



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## PROFILE

Gameplay Programmer and Game Developer with strong hands-on experience in Unreal Engine 4 & 5, combining Gameplay Programming, Game Design, and Level Design for action-oriented RPG experiences. Developed a complete action RPG prototype over a 9-month production cycle, implementing the full gameplay pipeline—from level blockout and encounter design to combat systems, AI behavior, RPG progression, UI/UX, and performance optimization. Experienced in Blueprint-to-C++ workflows, Gameplay Ability System (GAS), and modern Unreal Engine frameworks, with a production-focused mindset and over 6 years of professional software development experience, bringing structured workflows, technical reliability, and effective collaboration to game development projects.

## CORE COMPETENCIES

- Gameplay Programming (Action RPG Systems)
- Game Design (Combat Design, Progression, Player Feedback)
- Level Design (Blockout, Encounter Design, Gating & Flow)
- Unreal Engine 4 & 5 (Blueprints & C++)
- Gameplay Ability System (GAS)
- Combat Mechanics & Animation Integration
- AI Systems (Behavior Trees, Blackboard)
- RPG Progression Systems (Skill Trees, XP, Levels)
- UI/UX Development (UMG, HUD, Menus)
- Performance Optimization & Asset Loading
- Version Control (Git)
- Agile Task Management (Trello, Miro)

## KEY TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATIONS

### Gameplay Systems & Combat

- Designed and implemented action-oriented combat systems including combo chaining, air combat, dodge/double-jump mechanics, AoE abilities, and root-motion-driven animations.

### RPG Progression & Skill Tree

- Built a node-based skill tree with Active and Passive abilities, prerequisite logic (Level & Skill Points), dynamic UI feedback, and persistent progression data.

### AI & Encounter Design

- Implemented enemy AI behaviors (Melee, Ranged, Summoners) using Behavior Trees and Blackboard, including mini-boss-gated progression, dynamic enemy spawners, and encounter pacing.

### UI/UX & Game Flow

- Developed modular UI systems (Main Menu, HUD, Options, Loading Screens) with asynchronous asset loading and shader pre-compilation.

## SKILLS

**Proficient / Expert:** Unreal Engine 5 (Blueprints & C++), Git, PHP

**Advanced:** Gameplay Ability System (GAS), AI (Behavior Trees, EQS), MySQL.

**Intermediate:** C++

## EDUCATION

### University of Western Macedonia

Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering

**Diploma Thesis:** Project ATEI – Action RPG Game Development

## LANGUAGES

**Greek:** Native

**Russian:** Fluent (spoken & written)

**English:** Intermediate (reading/writing), basic spoken communication

## SOFT SKILLS

- Problem Solving
- Adaptability
- Team Collaboration
- Communication
- Creativity & Innovation

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## CERTIFICATIONS

- Unreal Engine 5 - Gameplay Ability System - Top Down RPG (106 hours)
- Unreal Engine 5 C++ Developer: Learn C++ & Make Video Games (29.5 hours)
- Turn Based Puzzle Game in Unreal With Blueprints & C++ (16 hours)
- The Unreal Arsenal - Learn C++ and Unreal Engine - Udemy (64.5 hours)
- Level Design Master Class: All in One Complete Course (24 hours)

## PROJECTS

Project ATEI – Action RPG (Unreal Engine 4)

*Gameplay Programmer | Game & Level Designer – Diploma Thesis*

- Designed and implemented core gameplay systems, combat mechanics, AI behaviors, RPG progression, and UI systems.
- Created level blockouts, encounter layouts, progression gating, checkpoints, and exploration-driven gameplay flow.
- Delivered a complete playable build (.exe) with optimized asset loading and performance considerations.

## PORTFOLIO LINKS

 **Demo Video:** [YouTube – Project ATEI Gameplay](#)

 **Playable Build (.exe):** [Download Demo](#)

 **Source Code (All Projects)** : [GitLab](#)

## EXPERIENCES

### SOFTWARE ENGINEERING EXPERIENCE (WEB)

**Full Stack Web Developer** Istology | Web & Marketing Solutions | Thessaloniki, Greece | 2020 – Present

- **Production-Level Development:** Delivered over 30 data-driven web applications (e-commerce, booking systems) using Drupal 10, PHP, and SQL, ensuring cross-browser compatibility and responsiveness.
- **Performance Optimization:** Managed full-stack optimization including database query tuning, server-side caching, and asset minification to achieve high-performance benchmarks (90+ Google Lighthouse scores).
- **Engineering Best Practices:** Applied rigorous software engineering principles (OOP, Version Control/Git, Code Reviews) and Agile methodologies, directly transferable to C++ game development pipelines.
- **Live Operations:** Collaborated with cross-functional teams to debug complex production issues in live environments, deploy security patches, and ensure system stability.