CHARLES RINGER

Personal Details

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Work Experience

Aug 2017 June 2017 Research Assistant - Goldsmiths, University of London

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- 12 week funded research project applying analogy based conceptual blending theory to video games design.
- Used the Video Game Description Language framework and C# to develop a tool to generate the blend space for two input games.

Sept 2014 May 2012 Junior Programmer - Stainless Games Ltd.

Duties:

- Writing LUA scripts which controlled various in game aspects.
- Determining heuristic values for game elements that were used by the AI.
- Responsible for various markup duties such as writing XML files and SFX scripting.
- Importing and exporting card and translation data from our database and working with files sent from external partners.

Published Titles: Magic Duels: Origins, Magic the Gathering: Duels of the Planeswalkers 2015, Magic the Gathering: Duels of the Planeswalkers 2014

May 2012 June 2011 Quality Assurance Tester - Stainless Games Ltd.

Duties:

- Responsible for ensuring the games we produced were bug free
- Involved testing the game, reporting bugs and then retesting these bugs once fixed
- Key skills include; attention to detail, creative thinking, strong team skill and good use of initiative

Published Titles: Carmageddon iOS, Magic the Gathering: Duels of the Planeswalkers 2013, Magic the Gathering: Duels of the Planeswalkers 2012

Education

Current | PhD/MPhil in Intelligent Games and Games Inteligence, Goldsmiths, University of London

Research Topic: Affect Aware Procedural Content Generation.

June 2017 | BSc in Computer Science, Goldsmiths, University of London

First Class Honours (87% overall).

Third year modules: Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence, Game Al Programming, Data Mining.

July 2009 | High School Education, Carisbrooke High School

A Levels - History: A, Sociology: A, Classic Civilisations: C GSCEs - 13 at grades A-C including Mathematics and English.

Programming Languages

Proficient at: C#, Python, C++

Knowledge of: Java, PHP, MySQL, JavaScript, HTML, CSS, LUA

Selected Projects & Games

- Starwing Genetica A space themed dog fighting game which uses a Genetic Algorithm for spawning new enemies.
- Monte A Monte Carlo Tree Search and Deep Reinforcement Learning library for abstract board games made for Unity.
- Goro-Goro Dobutsu Shogi An implementation of a Japanese game which used an MCTS AI to provide a challenging opponent
- Code Noir An spy themed game exploring using a mixture of action elements and puzzles to create compelling gameplay.

Interests and Activities

- I enjoy both playing board games and spending time designing games, favourites include Android: Netrunner and games by Uwe Rosenburg.
- I am also a committee member for my university tech society, Hacksmiths, and attend and help organise and run both weekly talks and larger Hackathons and Game Jams.