Nicholas Mercadante - Game Developer

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EDUCATION

Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY - BS in Game Design & Development

Expected graduation May 2020

Communications Immersion, GPA 3.6, Dean's List

SKILLS

Node.js, JavaScript, HTML/CSS, Bootstrap, C++, C#, Unreal Blueprints, Unity, Maya, Python, Git

CLEARANCE

Two years of secret level clearance (July 16th 2019 - July 16th 2021)

EXPERIENCE

U.S. Army Data & Analysis Center - Software Engineer (Aberdeen Proving Grounds, MD)

June 2019 - August 2019

- Began translation of large wrapper program from Fortran to C++
- Worked out issues involved with mixed language programming so the translated program could talk with another Fortran program

MITRE Corporation - Software Engineer (Bedford, MA)

May 2018 - August 2018

- Created a Skype Bot endpoint using the Microsoft Bot Framework and Language Understanding Intelligent Services (LUIS) to recognize message intent.
- Worked with strict MITRE security procedures to ensure data security.

PROJECTS

Quote Submission/Storage Service (Ongoing)

Built a quote-submission service for the Computer Science House weekly newsletter using Python packages such as Flask as well as a MySQL database. Currently being used by over 100 members of the organization and still regularly receives pull requests and updates on GitHub.

Collaborative Minigame Collection (Ongoing)

Leading a team of freshmen game design students alongside other upperclassmen to make a collection of Unity mini-games for RIT's Imagine Creativity & Innovation Festival. Production and development is being tracked and updated through Github.

Proof of Concept Game "Sonagraphic" (Spring 2018)

Used Unreal 4's Blueprint system and researched basic programmatic audio analysis to build a simple tech demo for a game that would take in a user's audio and listen to it to affect gameplay in some manner.

ACTIVITIES

Computer Science House - Member

RIT Special Interest House that brings technical oriented people into a social environment to collaborate on projects.