# Farid Zandi

Game Developer

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## About Me

Game developer with 5+ years of experience creating 2D/3D games in Unity, Unreal Engine 5, and Godot. Skilled in gameplay systems, AI, level design, UI/UX, and fluent in C#, C++, GDScript, and Python. Experienced in solo and agile indie team projects.

Motivated by challenge and growth, I enjoy building interactive systems that are both engaging and technically robust. I'm excited to contribute to teams that value creativity, attention to detail, and strong engineering foundations.

# Skills

Languages English (TOEFL 106/120 - C1), Italian (A2)

Programming C#, C++, Python, GDScript, Java, JavaScript, OOP

Engines Unity, Unreal Engine 5, Godot

Tools Blender, Photoshop, Git, Jira, Trello

Game Gameplay Systems, Al, UI/UX, Level Design, Particle Systems, Prototyping,

Development Playtesting and Balancing, Debugging, Optimization

Al Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Computer Vision, Reinforcement Learning

Soft Skills Teamwork, Communication, Quick Learning, Staying Calm Under Pressure

# Work Experience

#### Mar 2020-Present Game Programmer and Designer, Fake Reality / FrostByte

- Contributed to 6+ indie games using Unity, Unreal Engine 5, and Godot, in agile teams of 2-5 developers.
- Led programming on flagship titles like ExoBarrier and Last Defence, including turret systems, drone AI, and skill trees.
- Built and optimized core systems: gameplay, AI, level design, and UI across more than five 2D and 3D titles.
- Participated in Brackeys Game Jam 2021.2; Children of Chaos ranked in the top 5% of 1,700+ entries.
- Iterated based on playtesting feedback and bug reports to improve player experience pre-release.

#### Nov 2023-Oct Research Assistant - Robotics Lab, Ferdowsi University

- 2024 O Built a real-world driving simulation spanning 50+ km of terrain using Cesium and Unreal Engine 5, enabling high-fidelity testing for ML research.
  - Programmed image sequence capture pipelines in C++ to support computer vision experiments and neural reconstruction tasks.
  - Optimized the synthetic data pipeline with a custom method, improving 3D reconstruction accuracy and efficiency by 30%.

Jul 2023-Sep 2023 Computer Vision Intern, Veerasense

- Developed and tested Al-based image analysis pipelines for real-world industrial vision tasks.
- Processed datasets containing thousands of labeled images for ML model training and evaluation.
- O Helped develop a prototype benchmarking system and completed the 5-month research task in just 3 months, exceeding expectations.

Feb 2022-Mar Mentor and Coordinator, Game Community, Ferdowsi University

- 2023 O Supported student-led game development initiatives through mentoring, event coordination, and technical instruction.
  - Organized and led workshops on game engines (Unity and C#), helping peers build playable projects and portfolios.

### Education

Sep 2024-Present MSc in Computer Engineering – Al and Data Analytics, Politecnico di Torino

Sep 2019-Feb 2024 BSc in Computer Engineering, Ferdowsi University

Thesis: Workflow Scheduling in Cloud Environments. GPA (last 2 years): 17.37/20

# Projects

ExoBarrier 2D tower defense game created in **Unity**. Designed turret systems, real-time resource management, and enemy wave logic.

Role: Lead Programmer, Game Designer, Level Designer.

Tech: Unity, C#, Photoshop.

View on Portfolio

Last Defence 3D tower defense game featuring autonomous drone AI and skill-based upgrades. Crafted core gameplay systems, level selection, and survival mode.

Role: Lead Programmer, Game Designer, Level Designer, Gameplay Al.

Tech: Unity, C#, Blender, Photoshop.

View on Portfolio

Children of 2D roquelike platformer made for Brackeys Game Jam in 7 days(ranked in the top Chaos 5% of 1,700+ entries). Developed enemy AI, random upgrade mechanics, and level lavout.

Role: Lead Programmer, Game Designer, Level Designer, Gameplay Al.

Tech: Unity, C#, Photoshop.

Play on Itch.io

Simulation

UE5 Driving Simulation Implemented in **Unreal Engine 5** using **Cesium** for real-world maps. Captured data for ML/CV experiments in robotic 3D scene reconstruction.

Role: Lead Programmer, Al Engineer.

Tech: UE5, C++, Cesium, ML, Computer Vision.

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Game

Al Abalone Al-driven 3D board game done in **Godot**. Implemented Minimax with alpha-beta pruning, search beam, and state caching.

Role: Lead Programmer, Al Engineer.

Tech: Godot, GDScript.

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