# Farid Zandi

Game Developer

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### About Me

Game developer with 5+ years of experience designing and programming 2D and 3D games in Unity, Unreal Engine 5, and Godot. Skilled in gameplay systems, AI, level design, and UI/UX, with strong proficiency in C#, C++, GDScript, and Python. I've contributed to both solo and team-based indie projects in agile environments.

Motivated by challenge and growth, I enjoy building interactive systems that are both fun and technically solid. I'm eager to contribute to teams that value creativity, polish, 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, AI, UI/UX, Level Design, Particle Systems, Prototyping,

Development Playtesting and Balancing, Debugging, Optimization

AI 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.
- O Built and optimized core systems: gameplay, AI, level design, and UI across more than five 2D and 3D titles.
- O 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 2024 Research Assistant - Robotics Lab, Ferdowsi University

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

#### Education

Sep 2024-Present MSc in Computer Engineering – AI 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

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 AI.

Tech: Unity, C#, Blender, Photoshop. View on Portfolio

Children of 2D roguelike 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 AI.

Tech: Unity, C#, Photoshop. Play on Itch.io

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

Role: Lead Programmer, AI Engineer.

Tech: UE5, C++, Cesium, ML, Computer Vision. View on Portfolio

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

Role: Lead Programmer, AI Engineer.

View on Portfolio Tech: Godot, GDScript.

## Volunteering Experience

Feb 2022-Mar 2023 Mentor and Coordinator, Game Community, Ferdowsi University

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.

Last Defence