# **Dave Yan**

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#### **Education**

- University of Southern California (Expected Graduation May 2018)
  - o Master in Interactive Media and Games, GPA: 3.88
- Carnegie Mellon University (Class of 2015)
  - o Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

### **Skills**

- Programming Languages: C#, Python, C++, MEL, Lua, Java, C, Objective-C, Haskell, SQL
- Applications: Unity, Maya, Photoshop, Git, Stingray, Visual Studio, Xcode

## **Experience**

- Software Development Intern Autodesk (Summer 2016)
  - o Researching the interaction language of VR to find productivity potential in a professional context
  - O I designed and programmed weekly prototypes that tackled unanswered questions in VR
  - O I learned how to work and communicate as both a designer and a programmer, perform self-directed ideations and prototyping, and leverage the strengths and weaknesses of the VR medium
- Software Engineering Intern Microsoft (Summer 2015)
  - o Telemetry recording inside the Windows kernel
  - o I iteratively prototyped and tested multiple implementations based on performance impact and documented the final optimal solution
  - o I learned to do system level performance optimizations and work with teams on large codebases
- Software Development Intern Epic (Summer 2014)
  - o Desktop application that collects data from eyetracking usability studies and visualizes their results
  - o We built it with a \$100 device. It is now a functional alternative to a \$30,000 eyetracking suite
  - O I made the backend data structure and API, data visualization tools, and data access layer with SQL. I also conducted usability studies and help designed the UI
  - o I learned the design and structure of software applications and usability testing procedures

## **Projects**

- **Revision** (Fall 2015 Spring 2016)
  - O Autobiographical meta-narrative game made in Unity
  - O I designed levels, programmed features, managed git repository, and led usability testing team
  - O I learned to work with a diverse team and conducting usability tests through the RITE method
- Coyote (Fall 2015)
  - o Competitive board game themed around illegal immigration. It was shown at Indiecade 2015
  - o I designed the rules and ran playtesting sessions to create a fun and balanced system
  - O I learned prototyping within time constraints and balancing competitive game systems
- **Words** (*Spring 2014*)
  - o 3D animated short film (2 minutes) made in Autodesk Maya
  - It follows a dancing girl who is viciously attacked by Youtube comments
  - o I made the storyboard, conducted motion capture, performed rendering, and managed production
  - o I learned to work with artists, follow the animation pipeline, and deal with changes to schedules

### **Other Information**

- Currently a U.S. Permanent Resident
- Full portfolio on www.codingisart.com