James Edralin

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TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages, Graphics API, and Libraries: C++, Python, GLSL, HLSL, OpenGL, GLFW, Assimp, ImGui Engine and Rendering: ECS Architecture, Deferred Rendering, Shader Development, Terrain Systems Unreal Engine 5: Blueprints, Material Editor, PCG, Editor Utilities, Geometry Scripting, AR/VR Development Version Control and Tooling: Perforce, Git, CMake, RenderDoc

WORK EXPERIENCE

Software Developer, UBC Emerging Media Lab (EML)

May 2024 – Present

- Developing core systems for five MVP/POC projects in Unreal Engine 5 over a 1.5 year period, targeting VR/AR visualization and simulation workflows
- Building runtime systems and editor tools to streamline development and reduce level composition time by 30%
- Designing and optimizing PBR and stylized effects by creating custom material graphs and post-process effects
- Implementing modular shader frameworks, dynamic UI components, and spatial interaction systems for HMDs
- Collaborating with researchers and engineers to translate abstract requirements into interactive prototypes
- Developed a runtime multi-sensory occluder system for generating environments on a spatial localization therapy VR POC; used to evaluate the role of multisensory cues in spatial localization accuracy in formal research
- Built procedural systems for gameplay mechanics of a POC to create a novel literature-exploration experience in VR. Project received over \$100K CAD in federal research funding to produce a minimum viable product

VR Developer, UBC School of Audiology and Speech Sciences (SASS)

Jun 2025 – Present

- Extending a sound localization VR prototype originally developed at EML, focusing on system refinement
- Improving Unreal Engine 5 codebase for data persistence, UI responsiveness, and visualization fidelity
- Working on legacy Blueprints and C++ systems, integrating client feedback, and deliver weekly updates

PROJECTS

PBR Graphics Engine | C++, OpenGL, GLSL, ImGui, RenderDoc, CMake

Feb 2025 – Present

- Developed a modular deferred shading pipeline inspired from Unreal Engine's system, supporting physically-based rendering (PBR), bloom, tone mapping, HDR, and customizable post-processing render passes
- Built a custom ECS-based architecture for managing of scenes, assets, materials, and render resources
- Implemented a tiled-based lighting system using compute shaders to handle multiple dynamic lights efficiently
- Added dynamic image-based lighting (IBL) with nearest-probe selection and blending for accurate spatial lighting
- Incorporated terrain rendering with support for geomipmapping and tessellation-based level of detail (LOD)

3D Pixel Art Renderer | Unreal Engine 5. Blueprints, Material Editor, PCG. Blender Nov 2024 - Jan 2025

- Authored a rendering stylization pipeline using compounded shader passes that produces 3D pixel art
- Developed real-time reflections for water accomplished by dynamic render targets and distance fields
- · Achieved real-time crepuscular ray effects using a custom 2D ray marching method and procedural fractal noise

Publications

Procedural Multi-sensory VR System Evaluation Research Poster

Aug 2025

Presented at SIGGRAPH 2025. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1145/3721250.3743041

ACM, SIGGRAPH

EDUCATION

University of British Columbia

Sep 2022 – May 2027

Bachelor of Computer Science (BCS Program)

Scholarship Award Recipient: Kirk Karasin Memorial Award (2025)

Vancouver, BC

De La Salle - College of Saint Benilde, Design and Arts

Aug 2015 – May 2020

Bachelor of Science in Architecture

Metro Manila