Joseph Ressler

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EDUCATION

Clark University Worcester, MA

Bachelor of Arts in Interactive Media: Game Programming

Aug. 2020 - May 2024

EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Computer Programming C++

January 2024 – May 2024

Clark University

Worcester, MA

- Explained complex programming concepts in a clear and concise manner to students
- · Assisted and walked students through debugging their code in classroom, office hour, and tutoring settings

Special Project Assistant

June 2023 – August 2023

Alumni Ventures

Manchester, NH

- Laid the groundwork for an industry-specific focus fund
- Fine-tuned existing automation within HubSpot CRM to optimize the efficiency and accuracy of data management processes
- Conducted data analysis and generated reports to track project progress and measure success metrics

Product Management Intern

June 2022 – August 2022

GSN Games

Boston, MA

- Led the pre-production and early design phases of a new battle pass feature, coordinating with cross-functional teams to develop prototypes and user flows.
- Implemented an economy upgrade initiative, presenting detailed proposals to senior management and executing changes that resulted in increased player engagement and revenue.
- Analyzed user data and feedback to iterate on designs and improve the overall player experience.

Projects

hubApp Website | Python, Flask, AWS Lightsail, MySQL, Docker

January 2024 – Present

- Developed a full-stack web application using with Flask serving a REST API with jQuery and Bootstrap used in the frontend
- Created 3 uniquely trained Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG) Large Language Model (LLM) Chatbots trained on 3 popular games
- Implemented database-backed game rating and user authentication systems.

Zenatria | Unity, C#, Git

Aug 2023 – Present

- Contributed to the development of an upcoming fantasy tower defense game inspired by classic fantasy archetypes and retro tower defense games.
- Collected and analyzed user feedback during the live demo at PAX East 2024, and resolved any issues that arose.
- Worked primarily as a full stack game programmer with lots of backend work.
 - * Debugged and optimized the existing Unity C# codebase.
 - * Developed pivotal systems and algorithms.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: C/C++, C#/Java, HTML/CSS, JavaScript, Lua, Python, SQL (MySQL & SQLite)

Frameworks: Flask, HTML/CSS/JS Frontend

Developer Tools: AWS, AWSCLI, AWS Lightsail, DataGrip, Docker, GIMP, Git/GitHub, Jira, Mode Analytics,

MySQL Workbench, PyCharm, Roblox Studio, Sentry, Tableau, Trello, Unity, Visual Studio, VS Code

Libraries: flask, llama_index, mysql, openai, werkzeug, wtforms

Soft Skills: Agile, Live Service development & debugging, Scrum, Waterfall