# Paul Sztajer

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## Wholam

I'm Paul Sztajer, a creative technologist. My favourite thing to do is to develop works that illuminate complex systems and ideas, particularly in the realm of science.

I studied Physics and Software Engineering at University, and produced sketch comedy shows in my free time. Since then, I've dived into the world of games (starting SeeThrough Studios along the way) and education (working at 3P Learning as a designer and developer of science and maths educational software).



## What I can do

Games and Education Systems design, level design, instructional design, pedagogy, board game design, gamification

Product Development Product Management, UX Design, Scrum/Agile processes

Programming Primarily C# (Unity) and Javascipt (React/D3). Have worked in Java, C, C++, python, php and

more

## Where I've worked

**Equal Reality** 

When October 2018-Present

Roles Developer

Equal Reality is a social enterprise which creates diversity and inclusion training in virtual reality, allowing its users to live the experiences of minorities and experience bias firsthand. I've primarily worked at Equal Reality as a developer, upgrading their design tools to allow them to release them to external creators.

Dot

When July 2018-September 2018

Roles Game Designer, Developer

Dot is a startup, working on things that haven't been released yet. I prototyped a location-based game to help launch their platform.

Plan A

When June 2018

Roles Designer, Developer, Business Analyst

Plan A is a social enterprise based in Berlin, which runs a data-driven crowdfunding platform for climate change. I did some early design and prototyping work for Plan A's <u>platform</u>, and helped them to determine the technology requirements of the platform.

3P Learning

When February 2015-May 2018

Roles Designer, Product Owner, Developer

3P Learning is an Australian education technology company which develops games and interactive media to teach school students across all age groups. During my time there, I've worked on IntoScience and Mathletics as a designer, developer, product owner and product manager.

Once I started travelling, I continued to work for 3P Learning as a Freelancer. As a part of that, I designed and developed <a href="Numbeanies">Numbeanies</a>.

#### SeeThrough Studios

When March 2012-Present Founder, Producer

SeeThrough Studios is an independent game development studio. Completed projects include <u>Flatland: Fallen Angle</u>, <u>Unstoppabot</u> and <u>Particulars</u>.

## What I've made

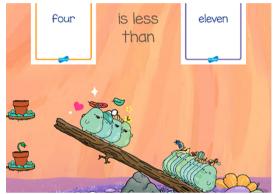


### Where the Heart Is

A reflection on globalised life

Medium Interactive Art/Game

Role Creator



### Numbeanies: Number Forest

An augmented reality app to help children learn numeracy using physical cards and adorable numbeanies

Medium Augmented Reality tablet App

Release February 2018

Published by 3P Learning

Roles Designer

Developer



#### Art Heist

An interactive theatre experience where teams of four develop and execute a plan to steal a painting from an art gallery

Medium Escape Room/Interactive Theatre

Role Game Designer

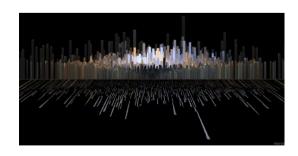
Season May-August 2017, Dulwich Hill, Sydney

It's the most fun you can have without spending a night in jail.

David Molloy in <u>The Brag</u>

If you have the opportunity to experience it you'd be crazy not to.

in <u>Escape Me</u>



## The Neighbourhood

An artwork about stars and our place amongst them, generated from the 8912 stars visible from Earth with the naked eye

Medium Data visualisation, artwork

Released February 2016

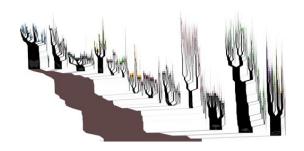
Accolades Finalist in the 2016 Waterhouse Natural Science Art Prize

**Exhibited at** Art Heist, 2016

Art Attacks the Little Guy, 2016

The 2016 Waterhouse Natural Science Art Prize (at the South

Australian Museum)



## The Path

An artwork about life and the paths it ventured down, generated from the Open Tree of Life: a database of 2.3 million species and their genetic origins

**Medium** Data visualisation, artwork

Released February 2016

Exhibited at Art Heist, 2016

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## The Laser Harp

An interactive artwork celebrating the International Year of Light

Medium Installation artwork

**Developed By** The Sydney University Optics Student Chapter

Role Interaction Design, Development

**Exhibited at** Vivid Sydney, 2015



## **Particulars**

A minimalist meditation on the chaos of life, the universe and sub-atomic particle physics

Medium Video Game

Release November 2014

**Developed by** SeeThrough Studios

Roles Producer

Lead Designer Programmer

Writer

Accolades Winner, Best Narrative, Freeplay Awards 2013

Winner, Best Audio Design, Freeplay Awards 2013

Winner, Sydney Indie Showcase, iFest 2013

Finalist, Best Audio Design, Australian Game Development

Awards, 2013

I haven't cried playing a video game before; it's not like it's a habit. But there's something about the loneliness of being a down quark all alone in a subatomic space that really underlined the joy in finding an antidown quark to combine with.

Grant Howitt in <u>The Guardian</u>



## Unstoppabot

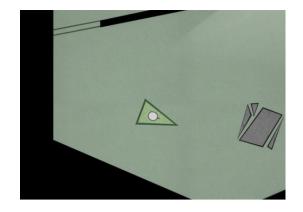
A hybrid of an infinitely running bot and a puzzle game, complemented with sarcastic wit

MediumVideo GameReleaseMarch 2013

**Developed By** SeeThrough Studios

Roles Lead Developer

Designer



## Flatland: Fallen Angle

A neo-noir adventure set in a two-dimensional world

MediumVideo GameReleaseFebruary 2012

**Developed By** SeeThrough Studios

Roles Creative Director
Programmer

Level Designer

Accolades Winner, Best Writing, Freeplay Awards 2012

it's atmospheric, smart and does a great job of the unusual melange of simple line-art, breathless Pac Man-esque outrunning of foes and a doomy, nuanced narrative.

Alec Meer in <u>Rock Paper Shotgun</u>