Santiago Alvarez

Software Engineer



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Shipped Titles

• Puppet Kings - Timba Games - Gameplay and Tools Programmer - PC

12/2017

• Moana: Rhythm Run - Disney Interactive & Cocodrilo Dog Games - Gameplay and UI Programmer - iOS

11/2016

Work Experience

Software Engineer (Contract), GSN Games

03/2018 - Present: Remote

- o Part of the team who developed Pop and Plunder, a bubble shooter game.
 - Worked on the demo version to proof tech capabilities and game mechanics, which then was accepted to be produced.
 - In charge of the scaling system to adjust the game to multiple devices across mobile and desktop.
 - Wrote the bubble matching and dropping algorithms.
 - Developed the initial grid generation algorithms which supported unmatchable bubbles, horizontal and/or vertical symmetry and holes.
 - Developed the timer and scoring systems that supported bubble multipliers, and shot and time bonuses.
 - Worked on a wrapper around Phaser sound system, that expanded its functionality to support channels.
- Support and develop features for the WorldWinner app, like the frontend code for the Account Statement feature in which players could explore their list of transactions inside the app.
- Wrote a native plugin both in Objective-C and Java, a generic Date picker used mainly for filtering transactions in the Account Statement feature.
- o Support Super Plinko an HTML5 and Javascript game, by fixing multiple bugs.
- Helped cross the final lap to SwapIt 2, and HTML5 and Javascript game, by bug fixing and optimizing the code for its release to the public.

• Software Engineer, Timba Games

12/2016 - 03/2018: Onsite

- o Develop gameplay features for multiple work for hire projects.
- o Part of the team who developed Puppet Kings.
 - In charge of the design and development of multiple in-house tools.
 - Programmed the behavior of two of the main bosses.

• Gameplay and UI Programmer, Cocodrilo Dog Games

08/2016 - 12/2016: Remote

- Part of the team who developed Moana: Rhythm Run.
 - Extended core functionalities to some of the Main Characters' and Enemies' behaviors.
 - Developed multiple UIs: Main Menu, Scrollable Map and Loading Scenes.
 - Programmed a modular system to create random-loopable levels.
 - Optimized most of the images/textures to reduce the app size.
 - This title was featured by Apple.

Games and Tools Programmer - Rainbow Tree Inc.

10/2015 - 11/2016: Remote

- o 30+ different published web games for desktop and mobile browsers at the arbolabc.com games portal.
- Developed different in-house tools to reduce workflow time.
- o Contributed to the scaling and resolution system for all games to support different devices and browsers.

Gameplay and Unity Editor Tools Programmer (Intern), Cocodrilo Dog Games

02/2015 - 08/2015: Onsite

Education

Bachelor in Software Engineering, Universidad Nacional de Colombia - January 2010 - May 2016.

Achievements & Certificates

- IELTS Certificate: CEFR Level: C1 (2017), International English Language Testing System.
- Certificate of Completion: C++ Course (2017), SoloLearn #1051-376462.
- Certificate in Video Games Development Vivelab at RutaN (2014), Universidad de Medellín and Institución Universitaria Pascual Bravo.
- Certificate in Game Development with Windows & Unity Microsoft AppUniversity (2014).
- · Certificate in Video Game Design, Organization and Evaluation, and Gamification Universidad Europea MiriadaX (2014).
- Certificate in Organic Modeling of Characters in Autodesk MAYA SENA (2014).

Speaker

 Design of an Educational Videogame to Transform Citizens into Agents of Change Considering a Colombian Post-Conflict Scenario -PAAMS 2015.

Tools, APIs and Programming Languages

• Unity, C#, Git, Javascript, Phaser, Unity Editor Extension, Unreal Engine 4, C++, Java, HTML5, Bash, Photoshop