

SAM QUIST

Game Design Student

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SUMMARY

Sam is a hard-working and ambitious game designer, currently studying in a diploma program to learn more about professional game development. He is a fast learner, with a positive attitude and eagerness to create great games.

PROJECTS

"Samurai Koi and the Bubble Wand"

Global Game Jam 2025 | January 2025

Collaborated with fellow indie devs to create a 2D sidescroller game in Unity, over 48 hours, for the theme "bubble".

- Pitched game concept and mechanics.
- Drew all pixel art sprites for the player character.
- Established level design and scripted animations in C#.

"Underpromotion"

Return Zero Productions | April 2023

Collaborated with fellow students to create a chess-inspired puzzle game in RPG Maker MV, over three months.

- Pitched game concept and mechanics, which won the school's Outstanding Game Mechanics award.
- Drew pixel art sprites for UI and characters.
- Led narrative design and wrote the game's script.

EDUCATION

Diploma - Game Design

Northern Alberta Institute of Technology | Sep. 2024 - Apr. 2026

Studying to create 3D objects for video games, including modeling, texturing, rigging, rendering, physically-based shading, and lighting.

Bachelor of Arts - Cultural Studies

University of Alberta | Sep. 2019 - Apr. 2023

Studied language and culture, especially their intersections with video games; researched the Aztec Empire in games to write an academic paper for an anthology.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Insolvency Analyst (seasonal)

Goth & Company Ltd. | Apr. 2024 - Sep. 2024

- Input and analyzed client information for trustees.
- Extensive training and leadership for an influx of 4 new employees over a single month.

Shelving Assistant Monitor

University of Alberta | Aug. 2021 - Dec. 2022

- Led a team of employees to organize books and other material across the University of Alberta collections.

PROGRAMS & LANGUAGES

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| • Autodesk Maya | • Figma | • C# |
| • Unity | • Atlassian (Jira) | • HTML & CSS |
| • Quixel Mixer | • Adobe Creative Suite | • Python |
| • GitHub | • Visual Studio | |

KEY SKILLS

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| • Clear and exact communicator and team player | • Flexible and adaptable |
| • Critical and analytical thinker | • Organized and detail-oriented |
| • Willing and fast learner | |