



# PHIL CHU

## TECHNICAT LLC

### ABOUT

Developing software since the 80s

### WORK EXPERIENCE

**Technicat LLC**  
<http://technicat.com>  
January 2000 – Present

**working for myself**  
Providing consulting and contract software development, self-publishing apps and games.

**various**  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Working\\_for\\_the\\_Man\\_\(song\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Working_for_the_Man_(song))  
June 1988 – June 2001

**working for the man**  
Journeyed through the semiconductor, defense, space, computer graphics, mobile Internet, and video game industries.

### AWARDS

I

### PROJECTS

- **Talk Dim Sum:** Your dim sum companion. Read about dim sum and learn how to pronounce the dishes.

May 1999

## Interval Logic

Leverage for Planning/Scheduling release

A plaque affixed with badges for each product and a post-it note with KFC Employee of the Week scrawled on it.

May 1993

## Space Telescope Science Institute

First Hubble Servicing Mission

Poster of the shuttle launch and crew, including a patch flown on the mission.

Available on Itch.io and the App Store.

- **HyperBowl:** Be the ball! A Unity reimplement of the classic bowling game, licensed from Hyper Entertainment. Available on Itch.io, Steam, and the App Store.
- **Cinefex iPad Edition:** An iPad reader for the Cinefex visual effects magazine, with extras such as videos and image galleries. Kept it up and running over the march of iOS evolution, fixing, updating, and optimizing in-app purchases, user interface, video...
- **Learn Unity 4 for iOS Game Development:** An introduction to game development for iOS using the Unity game engine and an example bowling game (super simple version of HyperBowl).
- **Emo-Ray vs. the Intergalactic Teddy Bears:** A Playstation Home driving/shooting game with alien invader teddy bears.
- **RC Rally:** A Playstation Home multiplayer racing game.
- **Blue Mars:** A 3D virtual world implemented in CryEngine. Supported third-party developers, documented the Lua API and framework for creating minigames on the community wiki (a CryEngine wiki even copied part of it!), tweaked physics, updated Scaleform integration, modified CryEngine to work with Scaleform IME (for localization).
- **Nendo:** A nifty 3D modeler originally developed at Nichimen Graphics. Updated to work on Windows XP.
- **Darkwatch:** A vampire western for Playstation 2 and Xbox. Worked on various HUD elements, PAL support, demo builds, implemented multiplayer split-screen, added designer-friendly Lua interfaces for audio, health bars, etc.
- **Fugu Games:** Small games released as webplayers, Mac widgets, and mobile apps.
- **Tech Deck: Bare Knuckle Grind:** A skateboarding game bundled with Tech Deck figures. Implemented installers, dynamic shadows, video, a build system.
- **HyperBowl:** A 3D bowling game, rolling in fanciful locations. Took over for the original lead programmer, updated attraction version of HyperBowl for localization, new lanes, optimization, new graphics cards, arcade and PC support.
- **Neomar:** One of the first mobile web browsers, conforming to the WAP standards. Implemented an HTTP proxy for the Neomar WAP gateway, supporting the Neomar mobile web browser on Blackberry pagers and Palm devices.
- **Leverage for Scheduling:** Supply chain scheduling software for semiconductor fabs. Managed the group responsible for installation, XML interoperability, and user interfaces.
- **Leverage for Planning:** Supply chain planning software for semiconductor fabs. Upgraded from Tcl to TclPro.
- **Mirai:** Successor to N-World. Fixed some code and visited 3D hardware vendors in Silicon Valley to get test cards and chat about OpenGL.
- **N-World:** A 3D modeling and animation package. Ported from IrisGL to OpenGL on SGI workstations, then from Irix to Windows NT, all in Franz Allegro Common Lisp (and a bit of C). Manager of core software group (all the libraries - graphics, audio, UI, security...)
- **ORBIS:** An expert system for submarine simulation. Added multiplayer network capability to support participation wide area networked exercises.
- **Proposal Entry Processor:** A syntax-directed Emacs mode used by astronomers and Institute staff to prepare and edit Space Telescope observation proposals.

- **Database Accelerator:** A computer architecture based on content-addressable memories. Implemented compilers and simulators and simulations for the Database Accelerator and Content-Addressable Parallel Processor.
- **DROID:** A VLSI layout synthesis tool, used in-house to design new products, running on TI Explorer Lisp Machines. Added optimizations and other improvements, skipped most of the meetings (also an optimization).
- **Multilisp:** Bachelors thesis project implementing an Othello game in Multilisp (Multello) to run on the Concert 32-processor computer, trying various parallelism strategies to compare processor utilization and final performance.
- **START:** Part time student work on a graph display for the the START natural language parser, then running on Symbolics Lisp machines.

## CONTACT

Las Vegas, Nevada US

<http://technicat.com>

Github  
[technicat](#)

## EDUCATION

1984 1988

Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
<https://mit.edu/>  
 Bachelors degree  
 Computer Science and Engineering

1991 1993

Johns Hopkins University  
<https://jhu.edu/>  
 Masters degree  
 Computer Science

## SKILLS

App Development Experienced

Flutter J2ME SwiftUI Xamarin

Game Development Experienced

CryEngine Godot Havok Qube Renderware Ren'py Scaleform Unity Unreal

Graphics Experienced

Direct3D   OpenGL   Processing

Programming   Experienced

6502   BASIC   C   C++   C#   Dart   Java   Javascript   Lisp   Lua   Objective-C   Perl   PHP

Python   Swift   Tcl

Writing   Experienced

English

# PUBLICATIONS

**Learn Unity 2014 for iOS Game Development**  
Apress  
01 June 2013  
<http://technicat.com/learnunity>

Introduction to mobile game development with the Unity game engine.  
**Technicat on Software**  
self  
01 January 2015  
<http://technicat.com/technicat-on-software>  
Collection of software development essays.

# INTERESTS

Cats

adoption   cat cafe   lucky cat   samurai cat

Reading

Asian-American fiction   graphic design   graphic novels   history   philosophy   scifi   spy stories   technology

Viewing

kdrama   scifi   MMA

Learning

English   Spanish   Chinese   Korean   Japanese

Listening

Motown   NPR Podcasts

Playing

piano   video games

# REFERENCES

I still think you're a good programmer.

[Former client](#)

I've got a genius app idea!

[Prospective client](#)