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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)

June 1988 – June 2001

working for the man

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

AWARDS

April 1999

Interval Logic

Leverage for Planning/Scheduling

They misspelled my name.

December 1993

Space Telescope Science Institute

First Hubble Servicing Mission

Includes a patch flown on the first Hubble servicing mission. Best workplace award ever.

July 2000

Neomar

Neomar stock certificate

...and all I got was this lousy stock certificate.

PROJECTS

Talk Dim Sum: Your dim sum companion. Read about dim sum and learn how to pronounce the dishes. Available on Itch.io and the App Store.

HyperBowl: Be the ball! A Unity reimplementation 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...

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 reponsible 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 Symoblics Lisp machines.

CONTACT

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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 books press releases

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