Tess Leiman

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Game Designer

Experience

Activision Blizzard, Inc.

Associate Game Designer, Hero Design for Overwatch 2

2022 - 2024

- Developed new character abilities from conception to live production
- Implemented crucial bug fixes for released and upcoming characters
- Reworked characters to address critical design flaws and game balance
- Balanced playable characters' weapons and abilities for PvE story missions
- Analyzed live game statistics to design new gameplay mechanics
- · Headed and supported multiple event game modes including the successful April Fools mode
- Improved the console experience through adding Accessibility options and reworking haptics
- Communicated with various departments such as QA, Audio, Narrative, Features

Contract Game Designer for Hearthstone

2021 - 2022

- Independently learned proprietary tooling to develop content
- Designed and implemented over 10 collectible playable characters and 30 boss encounters
- Wrote multiple story campaigns, dialogue for characters, and additional needed text
- Consulted on VO recording for written content
- Communicated with the art department on written art descriptions
- Balanced PvP characters and PvE encounters through post-launch updates

Projects

Warp Dash - Lead Developer

2021

- Developed for Graffiti Games while consulting with developers from Rockstar Games
- Created unique original characters while collaborating with an artist
- Programmed racing combat with character-driven abilities
- Showcased the game at the PlayNYC 2021 convention to over 1000 visitors.

Kril - Solo Developer

2018-2019

- Designed a hybrid stealth/dress-up game about the Transgender experience.
- Received over 1000 downloads on itch.io.
- Showcased the game at several events including Samsung's Pride and NYU Summer Games Showcase.
- Participated on a panel for TransGeek speaking on the game's themes.

Laplace's Demon Is Bored - Solo Developer

2020 - 2021

- Wrote the narrative taking inspiration from Jewish mythology and theoretical physics.
- Provided character designs for new characters and ones based on folklore.
- Created art assets used for characters, menus, gameplay, and Ul.
- Programmed various tabletop games, such as Koi-Koi.

Skills

Unity/C# Adobe Suite Java

Unreal Data Analysis Lua

Jira Mechanic Design Rapid Pr

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Confluence Feature Design Quality Assurance

Education

New York University 2018

Bachelor of Fine Arts - Game Design