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EDUCATION

Columbia University - School of Engineering and Applied Science

2018

B.S., Mechanical Engineering (GPA 3.9/4.0)

Honors: Cum Laude, Tau Beta Pi, Pi Tau Sigma, Mechanical Engineering Department Certificate of Merit

WORK EXPERIENCE

Pending Kill

June 2020 - Present

Gameplay Programmer

Remote

- Creating indie games in collaboration with a technical artist. Ongoing projects include a multiplayer action RPG, a physics-based 3D movement puzzler, and a 2.5D sci-fi Metroidvania.
 - Developed networked magic and melee combat system using Gameplay Ability System and AnimNotify.
 - Developed Steam networking features including session list, hosting/joining sessions, waiting lobby, and round-based matches.
 - Managing VCS systems including Perforce hosted on AWS EC2, and Git + LFS hosted on GitLab.
- Uploading quality educational game dev tutorials on YouTube. Topics include material shader animation, instanced static meshes, randomized material instances, animation retargeting, health/damage systems, pickups, and saving/loading games.

Radical Motion

August - September 2020

Software Engineer (Contract)

New York, NY

- Developed Unreal Engine LiveLink integration in C/C++ to stream real-time animation data to UE4 editor sessions, a core product feature for Radical Studio.

Voodoo Manufacturing

November 2019 - June 2020

Robotics Engineer (Contract)

New York, NY

- Developed ROS C++ robotics platform for trimming dental clear aligners with submillimeter precision.
 - Responsible for all software, including path planning for smooth and accurate cutting profile, calibrating robot workspace/end effectors, digital I/O for controlling suction mount and drill spindle, and WebSockets cloud integration to larger factory OS.
 - Cut trimming cell cycle time by three-fold.

DMC, Inc.

June 2018 - November 2019

Systems Engineer

New York, NY

- Responsible for system design, software programming, and onsite commissioning for engineering projects in a variety of industries at a consultancy firm. Selected projects:
- Desktop application for controlling a torque wrench calibration machine (C#/ .NET)
 - Complete rewrite of legacy control software; implemented modern UI/UX from in-house designer.
 - Owned the EF6/SQL backend for storing system settings, test results, and user permissions.
 - Automated PDF generation of ISO-compliant calibration certificates, replacing tedious Excel work.
- Mobile application for automated pressure testing with Bluetooth hardware (React Native for iOS/Android)
 - Implemented screens, navigation, testing flow, and PDF generation of test results.
 - Used as a handheld, low-cost solution for testing pipeline pressure on offshore oil rigs.
- Desktop application for End-of-Line dimensional verification station for auto industry (LabVIEW)
 - Responsible for backend architecture, UI, testing flow, results storage, and tolerance calculation.
 - Tested and verified completed system during onsite commissioning at client facility.

- Desktop application for End-of-Line electric vehicle battery testing (LabVIEW)
 - Developed a flexible and modular logging system that stores test results, grades their success, and saves them to a cloud database via a RESTful API.
 - Tested and verified completed system during onsite commissioning at client facility.

Columbia University Robotics Group

Research Assistant

September - December 2017

New York, NY

- Integrated an Alexa skill into a ROS robotics platform to control an assistive robot arm. Designed to enable users with disabilities to grasp and move nearby objects.

Voodoo Manufacturing

Engineering Intern

May - August 2017

New York, NY

- Developed ROS robotics platform to perform vision-based pick and place with millimeter-level accuracy, to autonomously operate a cell of 3D printers without prior calibration of printer positions.
- Designed and fabricated a cart storage system for glass plates using 3D printed parts.

ADDITIONAL PROJECTS

Action RPG Prototype

Programmer

Developing a multiplayer action RPG prototype with UE4, Steam networking, and the Gameplay Ability System (used in Fortnite and Paragon). Features fast-paced, match-based gameplay where the player chooses classes with different elemental magic abilities. Responsible for all programming aspects.

Antifreeze

Programmer

Developed a first-person movement puzzler for the Unreal Engine Spring Jam, a five-day game jam. Responsible for environmental interaction, projectiles, level design, and sound design.

Pulled Over

Writer, Director

Wrote and directed a 360-degree VR short film that follows four high school students who get pulled over on their way home from school. Developed post-production workflow to clean up visuals in Mocha Pro and process ambisonic spatial audio in Facebook Spatial Workstation.

Healios

Project Lead

Managed a team of developers to prototype an accessible, high-quality mental health care service for natural disaster victims, using AI to streamline the onboarding and triage process. Named a Global Finalist in the 2019 IBM Call for Code Global Challenge (4th out of 5000+ entries).

SKILLS

Languages	C++, C#, Java, Python, Javascript, HTML/CSS, Bash, SQL, MATLAB
Frameworks	Unreal Engine, .NET, ROS, Entity Framework, React Native, Flask
Unreal Engine	Networking, GAS, UMG, Blueprints, AI + Behavior Trees, Anim Graph, Profiler, VR UI/Locomotion, Materials, RenderDoc
Version Control	Perforce, Git, Git-LFS, SVN
Project Management	Agile, Kanban, scope, technical sales, client interaction, leadership, public speaking