

Alex Zhang

Game Developer

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Game team leader, game developer, software engineer, artist, translator based in Seattle, WA. Ask me about taiko!

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Client Engineer, *Legendary Heroes Unchained* (Dec 2022 - May 2025)

- Producer; tech design; release manager; feature lead.
- Owned project & weekly live-ops management, defined git branching strategy, tech design document templates, etc. Led team retrospectives + led 0-1 actionables (design document template, clickup task organization, Notion databases, bug triage, etc)
- Thrift protocol & data design, code for node-based map, procedural 2d sprite placement, FTUE systems, MVC-UI, etc.

Client Engineer, *Tetris®* (April 2020 - Jan 2021)

- Owned MVC-style UI views for leaderboards, name selection, tournaments on N3TWORK's mobile Tetris® app. Integrated Skillz SDK on Tetris® Clash; developed client-side UI screens and metagame scoring features; shipped in 4 months.

Creative Director, *As It Is* (Jan 2018 - Jan 2020)

- Co-directed remote indie team; developed 2D independent narrative-driven Unity PC/MAC game. Conducted remote weekly meetings; scrum master; assigned and organized tasks. defined long-term milestones.
- Wrote all gameplay code including dialogue systems, platforming, dialogue-driven mini-games, templated cutscene systems.
- Designed & implemented game systems for social/psychological minigames representing social anxiety; organized & led external + internal playtests. Designed & supervised pipelines for 2D hand-drawn art assets and FMOD music/SFX.
- Showcased at PixelPop 2018, Play NYC 2018, IndieCade 2018, MAGFest 2019, MAGWest 2019; designed and manned booth setups. Mailing list maintenance; long-term budget sheets; created & delivered full production pitch presentations.

EDUCATION

University of Southern California (2016 - 2019)

B.S Computer Science (Games). Kazan Taiko.

SKILLS

- **Languages:** C#, C++, Java, JavaScript.
- **Frameworks:** Unity, React, Flutter.
- **Tools:** Notion, ClickUp, Jira, Figma.
- **DevOps:** AWS, Jenkins, GHA.
- **Languages** (the other kind): English, Mandarin Chinese, Japanese.