# **ZACHARY SHEPHERD**

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TITLES SHIPPED

Uncharted 4: A Thief's End | QA Wordplay | Design, Art

SKILLS

**Programming Languages** | C#, Python **Software** | Maya, Unity, Perforce, DevTrack

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY** 

## Design Support | Naughty Dog | Santa Monica, CA

June 2015 - Present

- Designed and implemented enemy NPC encounters for Uncharted 4 Co-Op prototypes
- Placed navmesh and other AI navigation systems throughout U4 Single Player and Multiplayer
- Scripted camera position limitations to fix camera level escapes using Photo Mode
- Scripted appropriate categories for scene actors to hide via Photo Mode "Hide Characters" function
- Created tutorials for new Designers to easily adapt to our proprietary tools and practices
- Wrote a comprehensive guide for Designers unfamiliar with Maya so they can easily prototype levels

## Quality Assurance Analyst | Naughty Dog | Santa Monica, CA

November 2014 – Present

- Provided detailed design analysis reports for Uncharted 4 Focus Tests
- Lead Tester on two Uncharted 4 levels, designed test cases and helped maintain level stability
- Coordinated Level Visibility builds between the Art, QA, and Prog. departments in order to fix bugs
- Liaised between the QA and Programming Departments to resolve crashes efficiently

## Electrical Engineer Intern | EN Engineering | Glen Burnie, MD

May 2012 - August 2013

- Managed projects from start to finish through design, budgeting, and employee management
- Assessed errors in BGE's electrical distribution network to provide the optimal solution
- Checked designs and drawings for quality assurance according to public and private standards
- Coordinated between multiple teams regarding multiple projects during any given day

**EDUCATION** 

#### Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering | Lehigh University | Bethlehem, PA

May 2014

- Received Joseph C. Gabuzda Memorial Prize in Electrical Engineering
- Specialized in the Computer Science track of Electrical Engineering
- Related Courses: Digital System Design, Calculus III, Complex Variables