Jack Makarov

Game Designer

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Skills

Game Design
Rapid prototyping
Design documentation
Gameplay prototype scripting

Level Design
Level blockout
Design intent lighting
Level scripting

Quest Design

Quest scripting and writing

UI/UX Design and Wireframing C# and UE Blueprints

Teamwork and communication Time management Problem solving Self management

Editors

Unreal Engine 4, 5 Unity Divinity Engine 2

Software

Visual Studio
Maya
Adobe Photoshop
Adobe Premiere
Reaper
Jira
Confluence
Perforce

Education

Bachelor of Arts in Game Design Spring 2022

DigiPen Institute of Technology Redmond, WA

Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering Spring 2013

Saint-Petersburg Polytechnic University Saint-Petersburg, Russia

Experience

Game Designer - Unannounced project

Endeavor One, Inc. | VR | Unity

January 2023 - August 2023

- Created Action Blocks and prototypes for various game concepts and mechanics.
 - > Scale feeling: convey the feeling of facing a massive enemy.
 - > Super agent: immersive fantasy of being a sneaky infiltrator like Sam Fisher.
 - ➤ Narrative delivery: a compelling blend of gameplay and narrative as giant enemies fight each other and interact with the player.
 - > Space station traversal: convey the scale and vastness of navigation in low G.
 - A series of direct combat action blocks with different styles and approaches to level layout and combat: head on direct, cover based, flanking based, mobility and parkour based, gadget based, long range, closed quarters, skirmish.
 - Variable enemy scale combat: compelling combat levels and encounters for different scales of enemies - player sized, significantly larger, building sized.
- Responsible for pre-production deliverables level design, blockout and scripting.
- Created paper designs, collaborated closely with engineering and art to implement various weapons, gadgets and gameplay mechanics, strike team work.
- Worked with leads to create Game Design Documentation.

Game Designer - Arashi: Castles of Sin - Final Cut

Endeavor One, Inc. | VR | Unity

June 2022 - December 2022

- Developed improvements and additions to Game Design Documentation.
- Redesigned boss fights to provide more engaging and memorable experiences. -
- Scripted boss behaviors to demonstrate the design intent.
 - Added: a multi-phase behavior, boss "charging", falling rocks with telegraphing, boss stun when charged into a fallen rock, "tar pool", charge knockback, "hide and seek" behavior, phantom footprints telegraphing, audio telegraphing, redesigned boss arena layouts, experimental smoke density progression.
 - > Projectile deflection mechanic concept, collaborated with another designer to deliver the final prototype version.
 - > Boss arena layout analysis, paper redesigns, design documentation.
- Created Action Blocks for traversal puzzles and mechanics, stealth encounters.
 - > Grappling hook interactions including a test implementation of physics interactions with the environment pushing and pulling physical objects.
 - > Lever with activation via a grappling hook, interfaced with other game scripting.
 - Drop ladders that could be shot or pulled down via grappling hook or lever.
 - > Tree bridges that could be pulled down with VR-immersive physical interaction.
 - Complex stealth encounter areas inspired by Sekiro, Nioh and other games.

QA Tester - <u>Halo Online</u>, <u>Halo: The Master Chief Collection</u>

Saber Interactive | FPS | Halo Engine

May 2016 - July 2016

QA testing for both Halo Online and Master Chief Collection for PC.



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Academic Projects

Level Designer - Nebula Spike

Student Game Team | Racing | Unreal Engine 4

September 2021 - December 2021

- Built a spline-based racetrack generator with multiple customization options.
- Worked closely with the engineering to fix bugs and add features.
- Used my racetrack generator to build 4 levels of different difficulty for the final game demo.

Level Designer, Creative Director - Project NEON

NeonWire | Action/FPS | Unreal Engine 4

September 2020 - April 2021

- Developed the original documentation for the core game concept.
- Coordinated with the producer to keep the theme focused and consistent.
- Managed and evolved the original game concept in response to emerging challenges and circumstances with a team of 13.
- Directed the development and implementation of the game mechanics.
- Built all of the campaign levels of the game.

Technical, Systems, UI/UX Designer - Flatline

T-Hex | 2D Action Platformer | Custom Engine

September 2019 - August 2020

- Scripted the majority of the internal Unity prototype in C# to provide the programmers and artists with a reference and proof of concept.
- Built UI wireframes using Unity for the entire project.
- Collaborated with other disciplines in the team's custom engine.
- Designed the attack/movement system and partnered with a co-designer on polish and implementation into the custom engine.