Nathaniel Ferguson - Gameplay Programmer

Finished a successful internship at an indie studio and led a student team from prototype to publish on a 13-month project. I enjoy learning from closely meshed teams. I'm eager to ask questions and put in extra work to grow as a young developer. Bachelors in Comp Sci & Game Design [Indiana U]

> **Skills:** [1+ Years]: Java, Python, Unreal 4 [Basic Familiarity]: C/C++, C#, Unity

HumaNature Studios – Anuhea (Google Stadia R&D Project)

2 months - **01/2020-Present**

Engineering Intern

Python, C++

- Worked using scrum, TDD, peer-review, pair programming, and contract-driven development
- Refactored critical, unwieldy code into a readable, well-documented code utilizing defensive programming
- Integrated with existing code base and process 2-3 weeks faster than projected by technical lead
- Worked with the lead designer both for a smooth development pipeline and for iterating on design ideas
- Focus on test-driven development and technical design documenting to maximize designer iteration speed Executive Summary (shareable), Technical Approach Deck (shareable), Data Sheet 2.0 Parser TDD Link (written by me, shareable), Anuhea Demo Video (shareable) Anuhea Nightroller Enemy Game/Technical Design Document (written by me, shareable)

Almost Infinity Games LLC – Rollossus

13 months - 01/2018-03/2019

Team Lead, Gameplay Programmer

Unreal Engine 4

- Published on Steam and itch.io on March 1st, 2019
- Worked in Blueprints and supplemental C++ in UE4 to create code which designers could easily tune in real time
- Designed and completely implemented player movement (Gamasutra writeup)
- Helped design and completely implemented all four enemy types using finite state machines
- Managed a team of 10 people for 13 months, including designers, team artists, and hourly paid outsourced artists
- Created project milestones, made weekly sprints, and assigned tasks to ensure we met launch and festival dates
- Helped decide profit splits and bill splitting for team members when team formed an official LLC
- Organized a profitable launch party with a local business (writeup featured on GameCareerGuide.com).
- Steam store link

Skeet Shooter – Class Project

5 months - **08/2019-12/2019**

Solo Developer

C, Unix, Discovery Circuit Board Worked exclusively in C to interface with basic circuit board hardware

- Worked with teacher assistants to optimize image drawing for quick rendering and zero flicker on moving objects
- Spent the semester building up my collection of helper functions ahead of time to ensure easier development of final project

Video demo of project Code repository link

Indiana University Residential Services & Programs

2 years - **08/2017-05/2019**

Residential Assistant

- Worked closely with 31 other staff in the 3rd largest dorm in the US in order to handle student crisis situations
- Led the effort to transition staff over to more effective communication methods
- Planned, pitched, and executed events

The Cade

7 months - 05/2019-01/2020

Bartender

- Worked in a fast-paced environment where clear, quick communication with coworkers was key
- Monitor customers for dangerous behavior and diffuse tense situations
- Learned to work with Raspberry Pi machines to provide technical support on arcade machines
- Was trusted to be detail-oriented and to handle large amounts of money

Currently: Hawaii – **Relocation**: Anywhere, I only need to move two suitcases

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