Thomas S. Ross

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Gameplay Programmer

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EDUCATION TOOLS LANGUAGES

M.S. in Interactive Entertainment

Visual Studio

C/C++ (Proficient)

FIEA, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

Frostbite

C# (Moderate)

Unity / UE4 ActionScript (Light)

B.S. in Computer Science Perforce / SVN / GIT Java (Light)
Southern Polytechnic State University, Marietta, GA Hansoft and JIRA

WORK EXPERIENCE

Gameplay Programmer – EA Tiburon - Madden Gameplay Team

Jan 2015 - Current

- Worked on PS4 and XB One versions of Madden 16 (Released) and Madden 17 (In Development).
- Worked with design to create a new system for the "Coach Stick" for defensive plays. This prevented players from being able to gain unfair advantages in multiplayer matches.
- During Alpha I took ownership of a specific bug type. These bugs were very hard to reproduce and required me to find creative ways to use existing tools to track them down. This led to my giving a presentation to the rest of the team on a bot tool I converted to this purpose.
- Repaired gameplay and UI bugs throughout M16 Alpha.

Software Engineering Intern - BioWare Austin - Shadow Realms Team

Aug 2014 - Dec 2014

- Worked closely with the design team to implement new gameplay elements.
 - o Designer controlled line of sight checking system.
 - o Prototype camera controls for highlighting specific areas on screen.
- Augmented Frostbite engine to enable live dynamic cloning of assets.

Programming Lead -- Focal Length - Capstone Game

Mar 2014 - Dec 2014

- Created Crowd AI System in C++ allowing designers to control pedestrian traffic flow.
- Created UI elements using Canvas. These included some complex UI elements like determining if objects were being filmed, generating combo points for those objects, and quest directions.
- Optimized Performance by using profilers built into UE4 to find and address problem areas.

Programming Lead -- Welcome - Capstone Game

Jan 2014 - Mar 2014

- Created a dynamic second-screen experience between PC and PS Vita, including networking and touch controls.
- Created a UI that allowed for dynamic elements to be prototyped quickly.

Game Engine - Project for PC

Jan 2014 – May 2014

- Made a working XML based scripting language.
- Used this engine to make a light clone of *Towerfall* with classmates. I personally worked on some of the level designs and the level creation functionality.
- Implemented Lists, Vectors, Hashmaps, Observer, Messages, Factories and several other data structures and patterns.

ChuChu Rocket Clone - Project for Xbox and PC

November 2013

• Created a C++ based game for PC using OpenGL and then ported that game to the Xbox and Direct.

Contractor – Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (through Matrix Technology)

Feb 2013 - Aug 2013

- Helped develop new performance indicator process.
- Tracked progress in key focus areas for a keystone division of INPO.
- Worked with existing team members to revolutionize their approach to performance indicators.