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Summary

With over 17 years of experience in software development and game design, I have the necessary skills to tackle the most challenging technical problems, and adapt quickly to new technologies. I have a rich portfolio showcasing my work in developing games, simulations, visualizations, tools and automated solutions.

Experience

Software Engineering - Contract

Sonae Arauco - Remote (08/04/24)

- Interactive demo: https://bitloop.dev/sonae/labelmaker
- I developed software using Qt Widgets (C++) to automate the production of labels for industrial lubricants.
- This involved reading a database, parsing a wide variety of material codes, and allowing users to customize labels by their various properties. I dynamically generate SVG's to represent each lubricant type, and allow users to bulk-export hundreds of labels in PDF format.

Game Developer - Full-time

Nomad Games - Lymm (31/07/13 - 08/08/17)

I spent 4 years contributing to popular cross-platform titles such as 'Talisman: Digital Edition' and 'Talisman: Horus Heresy'.

My main responsibilities and accomplishments included:

- Implementing new expansion packs and game content.
- Programming AI opponents capable of handling millions of possible scenarios and handling edge-cases.
- Developing polished in-game user interfaces.
- Creating development tools to fine tune camera angles and texture UVs
- Providing QA testers with the tools and resources necessary to detect, reproduce and report bugs with the required information on Mantis.
- Scaling up soak-testing capabilities for bug detection with heavily automated parallel processing (dozens of instances across 8+ machines).
- Developed the tools necessary to remotely collect and categorize detected bugs and areas for AI improvement.

My work helped detect critical issues prior to the release of updates / expansion packs, improved the gameplay experience for users, and streamlined the production pipeline.

Tutoring - Full-time

Private - Lymm (2018 - Present)

Teaching game design, programming and 3D modelling to students between ages 10-18 for approximately 7 years.

I believe this has helped me become an effective communicator and given me experience in breaking down complex topics.

Projects

https://bitloop.dev

An open-source modular C++ simulation and visualization framework and CMake project management system.

https://tradevisual.com

A semi-automated trade execution manager, market screener and strategy backtester.

Skills

C++23

Qt Win32 API SDL2/3
OpenGL Cocos2d-x ImGui
CMake
vcpkg (package development)

Web Development

Typescript HTML5 Canvas
Node.js
Node-API (C++ Add-ons)
Websockets Electron

Other

Python C# Git Github
Actions (CI) SVN Mantis
Custom UI frameworks
3D Blender Modelling
Algorithmic Trading
Actionscript 2/3

Education

University of Surrey

- Computer Science - Diploma with Merit

Priestley College, Warrington

- Mathematics (Mechanics, Statistics, Further Maths)
- Physics
- Computing
- Electronics