Sem van Engelen

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Experience

NEOBARDS ENTERTAINMENT Ltd.

Intern Technical Game Design - Systems

- Designed and prototyped generic ability and effect systems which served as the foundation for the team to build on
- Investigated and streamlined networking in systems to increase stability and catch edge cases
- Optimized assets using systems such as Chaos Destruction, Navigation, and Networking

INFINITY INTERACTIVE

Intern Technical Game Design - Systems

- Designed and prototyped VR combat system in Unreal Engine 5
- Identified problems in game's intensity curve and proposed practical solutions, which got accepted and implemented
- Created enemies and integrated behavior trees
- Designed system for interfacing with enemy attack intensity and movement patterns

TIL NORD – Student Project

Technical Game Designer / Design Lead – Systems 3C's

- Led 5 game designers and collaborated with other team leads to improve the quality of both work environment and product affecting 20+ people
- Introduced documentation pipelines, improving project vision and interdisciplinary communication
- Conceptualized and developed predictive landing system for vehicle player character
- Conducted playtesting of player engagement, resulting in an 80% increase of playtime
- Developed narrative system prototype and tools

TIME ENIGMA – Student Project Technical Game Designer - 3C's

- Concepted, iterated, and shipped game built for mobile
- Designed and implemented satisfying, well received 3-dimensional camera movement using the phone's screen which is a 2-dimensional input axis
- Implemented all sounds and music, winning the Audio Design Award Y2 for BUas Best Games

Education

BREDA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

Bachelor of Creative Media and Game Technologies, Game Design

Relevant Coursework: 3 Released games, Open World Game Design, Multiplayer Development, Vehicle Experience Design, Human Game Interaction Design, Mobile Game Design, Unreal Engine 4/5 Development

Skills & Interests

Technical: Unreal Engine 4/5, Unity, Godot, Python, C++, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Visual Basic **Language:** Dutch, English

Interests: Tools, Gameplay Systems, Psychology, Player Motivation, Artificial Intelligence, Neuroscience, Data Science

Breda, Netherlands July 2020 – August 2020

Breda, Netherlands

Ongoing, Year 4

Breda, Netherlands February 2023 – July 2023

Breda, Netherlands September 2023 – Current

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Breda, Netherlands September 2020 –July 2021