JAMES DODGE



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SKILLS

- Unreal Engine 4, Blueprint
- Unity 2018-2020, C#
- Flexible & Adaptable
- Collaboration
- Training & Onboarding
- Analytical skills
- Scripting expertise, Lua
- Gameplay prototyping

EDUCATION

Relic Entertainment Ltd.
Brian Wood Meml. Internship

Vancouver Film School (VFS) Diploma, Game Design - 2013

Teaching at VFS: Programming for Games, Web, and Mobile

- Intro to Scripting in Unreal, Junior Professor - 2018
- Unreal Development (C++),
 Guest Lecturer 2016

University of British Columbia
Bachelor of Science

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Enthusiastic Game Designer eager to contribute to team success through efficient work, rapid iteration, and growth mindset. Strong grasp of implementation for multiplayer experiences, replication, persistence, and procedural generation; with a passion for accessible design and tools.

WORK HISTORY

Beamdog aka IdeaSparks Labs Inc. - Technical Designer

Edmonton, AB • 03/2021 - Current (fully remote)

- Anticipating design team needs and co-developing UE4 workflows to vivify our multiplayer procedural dungeons
- Leading Character Abilities team, guiding and reviewing their work on MVP, RC, and new character deliverables

Hinterland Studio Ltd. - Mission Designer

Vancouver, BC • 03/2018 - 01/2021

- Prototyping gameplay for Episode 3's unique interactions including first aid mechanic to save plane crash victims
- Contributing to survival and story mode, mastering our dialogue tree, cine, and animation data import pipelines
- Mentoring newly-hired and less technical game makers in Unity implementation of missions and other workflows

CAPCOM Game Studio Vancouver Ltd. - Game Designer I Vancouver, BC • 09/2014 - 02/2018

- Prototyping a third person shooter without code support during the greenlight phase, building new mechanics and enemy behaviors in UE4 Blueprint and BehaviorTrees
- Performing live implementation testing of tools to help improve workflows in Dead Rising's proprietary engine

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Collaborated with small team of 30-40 in the continuous development cycle of The Long Dark for nearly 3 years
- Crafting high quality experiences which integrate pieces from art, coding, and audio experts into a whole that lets all collaborators' ideas and effort shine brightly