CURRICULUM VITAE - GHASSAN AL-MASHAREQA

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Polish	Łódź, Poland	Polish (native), English (fluent)	INTP	ghassan.pl	ghassan@ghassan.pl

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Software Developer at Snowed In Studios

2022 - 2024

Tool development

Work on custom game- and engine-related tools for Unreal Engine game development, mostly relating to internal engine aspects (performance, asset packaging, game introspection)

Unreal Engine 4/5 consulting

Advising clients on issues relating to Unreal Engine, in particular: explaining and reducing differences between projects in Unreal Engine and Unity; preparing games for porting to different platforms (PS4/PS5/XSX/HTML5) and advising on platform limitations, requirements, and changes needed; helping with portability of plugin code between different versions of Unreal (between 4.26 and 5.3)

Research and documentation

Research into various topics relating to Unreal Engine and target platforms for client projects; writing comprehensive documentation, for research conclusions as well as describing the codebase and rationales for decisions made

Mentoring and judging

Mentoring of final-year Algonquin College game development students and their capstone projects, advising in programming and game design topics; judging game development competitions for multiple higher-learning institutions

Game Designer / Developer at Teyon

2018 - 2019

Game design

Creating a game design document for a 2D Metroidvania for a licensed IP; Creating a game design document for an original action platformer; Creating multimedia presentations to promote the above games to investors/publishers; Creating the design for a small internal prototype project; Leading the game design team and meetings during the pre-production of the projects; Consulting with other team members on game design

Game development

Work on minigames for a minigame collection game in Unity; Prototyping a multiplayer game network engine; Creating movement systems for platform games with arbitrary geometry

Game porting

Porting Unreal Engine 4 game to Nintendo Switch

Supervision

Supervision and mentorship of interns and workshop attendees; Producing and advice on projects created by student workshop attendees

Translation and editorial work

Editing, correction and translation work on several games (Polish ≒ English)

Other

Judge for the Team Game Development Competition at the IT Institute of the Faculty of Technical Physics, Computer Science and Applied Mathematics (FTIMS) at the Lodz University of Technology (purely in English)

<u>Senior Software Engineer</u> at Harman Connected Services

2017

Tool development

Maintenance and improvement of C#/XAML audio tools built using the MVVM and IoC patterns; both front-end and back-end work; communication with external audio framework via different generic as well as automotive-specific protocols; bug fixing

Communication protocol development

Helping improve communication protocols for the full stack of user ≒ vehicle technologies; improving tools for

simulating/debugging said stack

Documentation

Collating and compiling the knowledge base on a large, multi-team project; creating hyperlinked diagrams of the various levels of the project, from the most general to the most specific; collaborating with other teams and team members to share and expand the knowledge and fill missing gaps

Consultations

Advising clients and product owners on best hardware and software solutions; rapidly acquiring new technical knowledge to improve the accuracy of the advice

Programmer at QLOC S.A.

2015 - 2016

Game porting and internationalization

Porting games from PlayStation 4 to PC with Steamworks; input handling and translation between keyboard and gamepad; handling of multiple different input devices

Bug fixing

Code cleanup and refactoring; bug and porting issues fixes; investigation into PC compatibility issues, e.g. FPU/vector processing issues

Tool development

Writing a custom binary archive/resource reader/viewer for baked and precompiled game data

Gameplay Programmer at IntoXicate Studios

2014

Game and engine programming

Work on **Afterfall: Reconquest**; work in Unreal Engine 3, both with UnrealScript as well as C++ engine source code; adding gameplay and UI features; creating and modifying tools; refactoring legacy code; Unreal build system work; external module integration (Bink, Steam)

Bug fixing and optimization

Bug fixing and simplification of legacy code (AI, gameplay, UI); work with existing developers to improve overall code quality; rendering and resource management optimization (Unreal Engine, C++, UnrealScript)

Game and level element design

Improvements to existing gameplay and level elements; design of new gameplay elements; work with level designers and artists on implementation details; across-the-board work in Unreal Editor and associated tools

VCS setup

Setup of, and transitioning to, Mercurial-based source code versioning system; developer training

Website re-write

Porting of **Afterfall: Reconquest** website from unnecessarily complex and static CMS version, to a simple, personal CMS solution (PHP, MySQL, HTML+CSS+JS, UX)

Software Engineer at Mobica

2014

Project design and development

Work on multi-platform software for dedicated embedded multimedia hardware; design of interfaces and module interoperability layers

Embedded OpenGL profiling and optimization

Writing profiling code for rendering system for real-time data visualization on embedded hardware; creating proposals for, and implementing generic, as well as GLES3-specific optimizations

Consulting with international clients

International travel to client sites for consulting purposes; integration with client team and workflow *Note:* Most of the above deliberately vague on account of strict project security and non-disclosure agreements

<u>Programmer</u> at Teyon

2009 - 2014

Game design and development

Multiple games utilizing several different game and graphics engines, both provided in-house as well as custom-made; Games for resource-constrained devices like the Nintendo DS/3DS, iPhone/iPad; Games for the browser (Flash/ActionScript); Some technologies for said games (e.g. GUI and animation libraries, localization libraries); Development primarily with C/C++, with some scripting languages (Lua and Python)

Engine design and development

Developing and improving numerous aspects of the in-house game engine (software/hardware rendering, asset

loading, OS/API integration) for different platforms (DS/3DS, iPad/iPhone, PC with OpenGL); Working under tight resource and hardware constraints; Designing and developing a custom game engine for multiple platforms (PC, Mac, Linux, iOS), both the frontend (asset loading/parsing, game structure, scripting) as well as the backend (rendering, filesystem, debugging/logging, threading, memory management, sound playback, platform/locale interoperability, social APIs)

Tool design and development

Design and creation of both tools for personal use as well as tools for internal company game design and creation, e.g. a game creation and build tool for a specific genre, built in C#

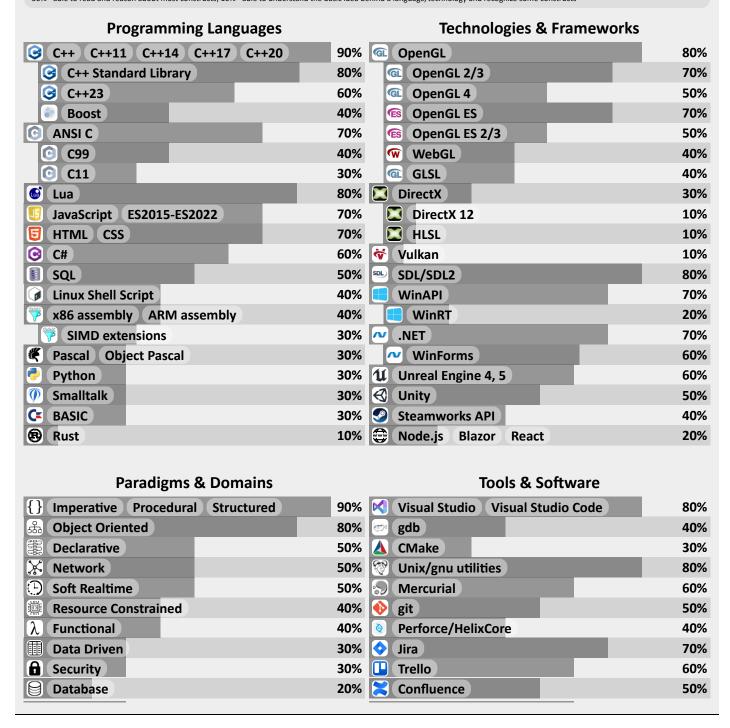
Network administration

Simple network and server configuration management; web and VCS server setup

Code maintenance and porting

Fixing and maintaining existing codebases; porting games from PC to the Nintendo DS/3DS and iPhone/iPad

SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE



OTHER

EDUCATION

2004-2008

Stanislaw Wyspianski High School, Lodz, Matura Exam

2008-2009

University of Lodz, Faculty of Physics and Applied Informatics, field of study: Informatics/Computer Science **2009**

Lodz University of Technology, Faculty of Technical Physics, Information Technology and Applied Mathematics, field of study: Computer Science

INTERESTS AND HOBBIES

• Game design, development, and analysis • Tabletop games • Information technology and programming • Computer and programming language history • Programming language design • Speculative fiction • Philosophy •

LEGAL

ENGLISH

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