



# GAMEPLAY PROGRAMMER



### /SOFTWARE



















Relentless Scholar.

Deep Diver.

Workflow Min-Maxer.

Creative Problem Solver.

Interested in games as a powerful art form, being able to communicate ideas better than any other medium through game mechanics.

### /EXPERIENCE & ////

**FIGUEROA** 

JAN '22 - PRESENT

**EPIC GAMES**  $\mathscr{O}$ 

SENIOR GAMEPLAY **PROGRAMMER** 

(FORTNITE)

FEB '15 - JUL '15 NICOBIS &

**/GAME DESIGN INTERNSHIP** 

(NIÑAS VS PRINCESAS)

### / AWAKU3 //////////



SPEAKER INVITATION 22' - TEDx UMSA



/SCHOLARSHIP 18' - Fulbright



/SCHOLARSHIP 18' - P.E.O



/SCHOLARSHIP **17' -** Train Jam

#### **AUG '19 - JAN '22**

#### **EPIC GAMES** $\mathscr{S}$

/GAMEPLAY **PROGRAMMER** 

(FORTNITE)



#### TRUST THE PROCESS &

**/PROJECT LEAD /GAMEPLAY PROGRAMMER** 

(IN HARMONY)





15' - Space Apps Challenge



/ FIRST PLACE 15' - EDUApps Hackathon



/SKILLS///// / EDUCATION ///////////



/ PERFORMANCE **PROFILING** 





/ NETWORKED

**GAMEPLAY** 



/BILINGUAL



2016

UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA **BOLIVIANA** §

**B.S** -SYSTEMS

ENGINEERING (With Honors - 3.72 GPA) 2017

UNITY **TECHNOLOGIES** § **CERTIFICATION -**UNITY CERTIFIED DEVELOPER

2019

**FLORIDA INTERACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT ACADEMY** M.S -

INTERACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT (Technical Design Track)

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**∂** FORTNITE BATTLE ROYALE - EPIC GAMES

NOV '21 - PRESENT - SENIOR GAMEPLAY PROGRAMMER

UE5 - C++, BLUEPRINTS



- Created a decoupled set of abilities that was easily extendable by design, for enemy
  marking, door bashing, and loot pickup. Created a smooth boost ability that exposed a
  custom lerp curve for Design to tweak
- Simulated the "Simulated Proxy" networking status, effectively bypassing engine mechanics not compatible with Fortnite (Possession/De-possession).
- Implemented **tooling** for **Vines** (a re-skin of Grind Rails) to **slice** them out in pieces via **Editor** for **performance optimization** (HLODs / Level Streaming)
- Collaborated with the Optimization team to measure and improve the performance (hitches, network waste) of gameplay to unblock multi-platform support



**FORTNITE IMPOSTORS - EPIC GAMES** 

**JAN '21 - NOV '21 -** GAMEPLAY PROGRAMMER **UE5 -** C++, BLUEPRINTS

- Implemented condition-based **networked Ghost system** (alive players can't see or hear ghosts) via UE4's **replication graph**.
- Implemented Impostor Sabotages based on Gameplay Abilities, created a **Sabotage Framework** that allowed designers and engineers to **easily make sabotages** while **hiding** the **complexity** of different sources of **interruption** (Summoned Meetings, Disconnections).
- Implemented Voting State's different stages, from spacial targeting to a vote resolution system based on the design specification
- Iterated on the design of the initial version of Quick Chat to enhance the UX and provide more organic input methods (Like a physical map for location selection, a grid for player selection and a radial for message selection)
- Worked on v2 of Lyra's **Event Message Router** for internal use. Adopted a **component-based** architecture and added **listener "bubbling"** and **scoping** functionality



**S FORTNITE - EPIC GAMES** 

AUG '19 - PRESENT - PROGRAMMER

UE4 - C++, Blueprints

- Led a team of external contractors and drove the development of Item Shop 2.0 (A complete Item Shop Revamp), successfully enabling the team to implement a modular and maintainable solution and completely eliminating the tech debt introduced by the legacy version of the shop.
- Entirely **refactored** the old version of the **Emote Wheel**, by creating **encapsulated building blocks** that **enabled** isolated **features** to be **used without** being **coupled** with each other, letting other teams to **flexibly reuse** aspects of the Emote Wheel in **other contexts**
- **Created** a **generic Radial Menu System** inside UE4 that allowed other developers to create radial item setups, also created a higher level "Slotted Radial" based on "Slots" that could be filled with any type of element (menu options, items, etc)
- Collaborated with Design team to build the HUD of the NPC conversation system.



**IN HARMONY - TRUST THE PROCESS STUDIO** 

**JAN '19** - PROJECT LEAD, GAMEPLAY PROGRAMMER **UE4** - C++, BLUEPRINTS

- Implemented **highly extensible and tweakable gameplay systems** on UE4 C++ that can be extended and overridden in Blueprints.
- Designed and implemented multi-state **AI** for the final **boss** of the game using **Behavior Trees**.
- Organized meetings to convert ambiguous playtesting feedback into concrete programming tasks, boosting the production and iteration of player-oriented features.
- Mentored and aligned the programming team to a clean and maintainable architecture via weekly "Rubber Ducking" meetings.
- **Promoted** the usage of a Continuous Integration system, which drastically reduced the number of bugs and encouraged early bug detection.



**OCURSE OF CALYPSO - PERSONAL PROJECT** 

JAN '19 - APR '19 - GAMEPLAY PROGRAMMER
UE4 - C++, BLUEPRINTS

- Designed and Implemented the AI for two types of guards, using a combination of abstracted stimuli detection and Behavior Trees to achieve highly reactive enemies.
- Encapsulated AI behaviors in order to easily create custom modular enemies.
- Implemented a grappling hook mechanic with a formula-based optimized targeting system.
- **Retargeted** and shared **animations** between the Enemy Skeletal Mesh and the Player's using a **transfer** humanoid **Rig**.



JAN '18 - PROGRAMMER
UE4 - BLUEPRINTS

- Conceptualized and implemented Game **Mechanics** that **encouraged meaningful multiplayer interactions** between the two main characters.
- Design a level that **reinforced PvP** encounters via shortcuts to a main hub area.
- Created a Visual Game Design Document that outlined the core idea of the game.
- Conceptualized, **implemented** and **balanced** a **combat** system **revolving** around a **main resource** (keys).
- Implemented the Player **Animation State Machine** that featured **layered animations** on user-defined slots.



**∅ MI TIERRA - FREELANCE PROJECT (VIVA)** 

AUG '15 - SEP '15 - PROJECT LEAD, PROGRAMMER

UNITY3D - C#

- Implemented a custom third person controller specially suited for virtual joysticks.
- **Implemented** a real-time **character switching** mechanic to afford tactical switching between two main characters.
- Coordinated with the team and ran a brainstorming session to conceptualize game mechanics based on the traditions of the Bolivian culture.
- Collaborated with the artists to maintain a polygon and texture size budget, which successfully enabled the team to deliver the game on mobile within 48h.
- Adapted the bonus level of the game to interface with **Google Cardboard.**