



LEVEL DESIGNER

WORK EXPERIENCE

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AUG. 2024 - OCT. 2025

- Assisted with shipping the game and its first post-launch update (more than 1.5 million copies sold)
- Rapidly iterated levels from blockout to shippable product using modular kits and technical design tools.
- Collaborated with artists, designers, and coders to convert 3 post-launch dungeon experiences to a new instancing system in less than 2 weeks, enhancing player experience.
- Tuned enemy encounters and loot to match content challenges.

JUNE 2024 - AUG. 2024

- Utilized NPC patrol behaviors to create meaningful enemy movements in 8 enemy outpost POIs existing in the starting region.
- Delivered level pitches incorporating complex player interactions.
- Improved exteriors of 11 NPC Bases, working closely with artists in different time-zones to polish these POIs before shipping.

JUNE 2023 - AUG. 2023

- Designed layouts for more than 2 caves containing enemies, loot, and hazards that made it into the shipped product.
- Learned how to use Inter-disciplinary communication to bring a level's vision to life.
- Bolstered my skills in Unreal Engine level design while also learning proprietary tools to speed up workflows.

Coding Coach

JAN. 2024 – JUNE 2024

- Taught students ages 7 to 17 how to code and design using tools like Unreal Engine, Unity, Scratch, Minecraft Modding tools, Roblox Studio, and Krita.
- Taught programming languages such as C#, Python, and Blueprint Visual Scripting.

3D Modeler | Material Artist

JUNE 2021 – AUG. 2021

- Created 3D models in Maya to represent cementation processes at a micro level.
- Made materials derived from real-world reference images using Substance Painter.
- Gained valuable experience collaborating with a team to achieve the client's needs.

William Peace University

- B.A. in Simulation and Game Design
- Final GPA: 3.8
- Honor's Student

SPEAKING

Gold Medal for "Remembering Hue"
Serious Play Conference 2022

SGD Outstanding Graduate Award
William Peace University

From Intern to Full-time at Funcom, Inc.
High Point University 2025

From Passion to Career (Career Day)
Sycamore Creek Elementary 2025