Game Developer & Instructor - Unity Certified

(Remote, Contract)

Objectives

- → To educate and entertain with interactive technology (Unity / Games / AR / VR / DOTS / Web3)
- → To champion best practices, coding standards, mentorship, and interpersonal training
- -> Seeking remote, contract opportunities. Available globally for on-site visitation

Highlights

- → Over 20 years experience in cross-platform game dev (10 years Unity, 10 years leadership, 10 years remote)
- → Apply SDLC process to apps, games, and tools; plan, develop, test, document, deploy, & maintain
- Establish productive team workflows with proven results; best practices, coding standards, continuous integration, cross-cultural communication, interpersonal training, peer programming, peer code reviews, prototyping, & tooling

Recent Projects

2023 - 2024

- -> 2D Game Dev & Instructor (Remote, Contract) Udacity.com
- → Teach Unity skills, creating career-ready professionals
- → Train teams to offer ongoing education to their community

2022 - 2023

- → Game Development Mentor (Remote, Contract) <u>Mastered.com</u>
- → Prepare students for winning professional opportunities
- → Provide feedback on and collaborate to improve student portfolio

2022 - 2023

- → Web3 Game Dev & Instructor (Remote, Contract) <u>Tezos.com</u>
- → Build educational sample projects to showcase the Tezos SDK For Unity
- -> Author & edit promotional videos for the Tezos YouTube channel

2021 - 2022

- → Web3 Game Dev & Instructor (Remote, Contract) Moralis.io
- → Develop sample projects to demonstrate the Moralis SDK for Unity
- -> Create and refine teaching content for the Moralis YouTube channel

2020 - 2021

- → Unity Author & Educator (Remote, Contract) <u>Beamable.com</u>
- → Designed educational program including Unity product documentation, script reference, & developer relations
- → Created & published all online educational materials (docs, videos, C# code, Unity sample game projects)

2020

- → Course Instructor (Remote, Contract) Force7Training.com
- → Taught a comprehensive 40-hour live online course on "Unity Game Development"
- -> Created & taught all classroom educational materials (docs, videos, C# code, Unity sample game projects)

Other Projects

2019 - 2020

- → Senior Software Developer (Remote, Contract) <u>Saganworks.com</u>
- → Developed an immersive experience to engage audiences & tell stories. Managed Game Team (3 staff)
- → Shipped via Unity for MacOSX, WebGL, & Windows

2019

- --> Senior Software Developer (Remote, Contract) <u>Mathstronaut.com</u>
- → Developed a mobile game to change the landscape of STEM education for kids
- ---> Shipped via Unity for iOS

2019

- -> Unity Author & Course Instructor (Remote, Contract) <u>SamuelAsherRivello.com</u>
- → Created online video course on "Unity Game Physics" (docs, videos, C# code, Unity sample game projects)
- → Created & published free and premium educational course content (Packt, O'Reilly, Udemy & more)

2015 - 2019

- → Unity Game Developer <u>SubwaySurfers.com</u>
- → Developed on the record-breaking infinite-runner game. Over 3.0 billion total downloads (2022)
- → Shipped via Unity for iOS & Android

2014 - 2015

- → Unity Game Developer <u>RockPocket.games</u>
- -> Developed on Shiftlings, a colorful puzzle platformer with a multiplayer twist!
- -> Shipped via Unity for PlayStation 4, Steam PC, Web & XboxOne

Work Experience

2018 - Present

- → Game Dev & Instructor Unity Certified (Remote, Contract) <u>SamuelAsherRivello.com</u>
- → Designed and developed Web3 Unity SDK features to enable blockchain-based game mechanics
- → Created content for education and product promotions (docs, videos, C# code, Unity sample game projects)

2017 – 2018: Lead Tools Developer, SYBO Games, Copenhagen, Denmark

2015 – 2017: Unity Game Developer, SYBO Games, Copenhagen, Denmark

- Developed tools & systems (world-building, level design, localization, inventory)
- → Recruited, managed, & led the personal growth program of the Tools Team (7 staff)
- → Automated workflows, creating tools for artists, programmers, game designers, & level designers

2014 - 2015

- → Unity Game Developer, Rock Pocket Games, Tønsberg, Norway
- → Developed tools & systems (world-building, level design, localization, inventory)
- → Designed and developed new gameplay mechanics for multiple game titles

2008 - 2014

- -> Principal, Rivello Multimedia Consulting, Los Angeles, California
- -> Consulted on software architecture, development, & game design
- -> Created & taught conference educational materials (docs, videos, C# code, Unity sample game projects)

2000 - 2008

- → Director, Multimedia Applications & Architecture, Neopets, Inc., Glendale, California
- -> Member of founding team. Grew company through its sale to MTV Networks / Viacom
- -> Designed and developed games, applications, & software systems. Led Multimedia Team (12 staff)

2006 – 2008: Course Instructor, University of California LA Extension, Westwood, California

- 2007 2009: Course Instructor, University of Southern California LA, Los Angeles, California
 - → Created semester-length curriculum for university students (16 weeks)
 - \rightarrow Taught students the foundations of software development, OOP, & design patterns
 - → Counseled students toward meaningful careers & relevant job opportunities

Education

1995 – 1999: Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania, USA

- -> Degree: Bachelor of Arts Integrative Arts (New Media Studies)
- → Specializations: Mathematics, Physics, Statistics

Certification | Courses

- → 2023: Transcendental Meditation Program, Course Graduate TM.org
- -> 2022: Web3 Training Program, Course Graduate Moralis Academy
- → 2020: Monohull Sailing, Course Graduate American Sailing Association 101, 103, & 104
- → 2018: RYT-200 Certified Yoga Alliance Instructor Hatha, Vinyasa, & Yin
- -> 2017: Landmark Introduction Leaders Program Course Graduate
- → 2017: ICC Improv Comedy/Performance Course Graduate
- → 2017: Certified Unity Developer (Game Design, Game Programming)
- → 2011: Certified Adobe Flex Champion
- → 2007: Certified Adobe Flash Developer
- → 2007: Certified Adobe Flash Designer

Conference Speaking Engagements

Adobe Max, FITC, FlashForward, Los Angeles Games Summit

Community Engagements

Creator & Host: Official Unity Meetup Group of Copenhagen, Language Exchange, Transform Life - Personal Coaching | Mentor: Penn State LionLink | Charity Contributor: Game Changer, Games Done Quick, Kiva, Extra-Life, Special Effect

Publications

Author: Adobe EDGE Magazine, Adobe DevNet, Computer Arts Projects Magazine, Flash/Flex Dev Magazine, Packt Publishing | Technical Editor: "Developer's Guide to PureMVC" by O'Reilly

General: Software | Programming Languages | More

Blender, Camtasia, Confluence, FL Studio, Google Docs, Jira, Rider, Unity | C# | Git, Json, Xml

Web3: Software | Programming Languages | More

Hardhat, NextJS, Mocha, Truffle | JavaScript, Solidity | EVM, Cronos, Polygon, Tezos

Spoken Languages

Native: English, Advanced: French, Portuguese, Spanish, & Beginner: Danish, German, Italian, Norwegian, Swahili

Volunteer Experience

Language & Technology Teacher: Casa do Caminho in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Corporación Superarse in Medellin Colombia, Yayasan Widyaguna in Ubud, Indonesia

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