Jordan Rauch

Game Designer

I am a veteran pursuing higher education through SMU Guildhall with an interest in diving deep into what makes a gameplay experience fun. I have high hopes to one day work for a game studio to help make games that impact people and give them an experience they want to share with others.



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Skills

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Systems Design | Technical Design | Cross-Discipline Work | Unreal Engine | Microsoft Office | Atlassian Suite Projects

The Genesis Project – Lead Designer and Writer

- Unity | 50+ Person Team | (08/2018 Present) Isometric RPG and house building sim, published to Steam April 13, 2022.
- Lead designer of a unique ability system totaling 144 abilities and accompanying balance spreadsheet.
- Wrote multiple main quest layouts and variable outcomes (assigned to players based on their class).

Imvi: Echoes of Harmony – Lead Level Designer & Audio Engineer Unreal Engine 5 | 23 Person Team | (12/2024)

- Oversaw all environmental design and system integration for the open-world environment.
- Integrated entire audio system into game.
- Responsible for managing designer tasks through JIRA.

The Gauntlet – Game Designer

Fallout 4 Creation Kit | Solo | (05/2024-07/2024)

Unreal Engine 5 | 50 Person Team | (01/2024-05/2024)

- Solo project exploring rogue-lite progression and dungeon design.
- Designed and implemented custom traps, room navigation, and weapon upgrades for six separate weapons.
- Allows for multiple and varied avenues of progression/playstyles for players to explore and experience.

Fastival – Systems and Technical Designer

- 3D kart racing game for PC and Steamdeck, released June 14, 2024.
- Integrated core racing logic into all tracks.
- Created progression tracking system and relative UI logic.

Slime Time – Level Designer

- 2D pixel tablet game made in Unity in a small team.
- Designed the five movement-based abilities/mechanics to help them navigate each level.
- Developed the final challenge level that tests each combination of mechanics and abilities learned.

Egg Roll – Team Lead and Level Designer

- 2D physics-based, PC/Browser puzzle game where you navigate eggs safely to a basket.
- Designed and implemented all level layouts, UI layout, and usable items.

Work

Graduate Assistant | Scripting for Level Design & Level Design II

SMU Guildhall, 08/2024 - Present

Hosted weekly workshops for design/technical assistance in Unity, Unreal Engine 5, and Starfield Creation Kit.

Education

Certificate in Digital Game Development, Level Design

SMU Guildhall, 08/2023 - Present

Bachelor of Science, Game Design

Full Sail University, 04/2019 - 11/2021

Unity | 4 Person Team | (09/2023-12/2023)

Unity | 5 Person Team | (05/2023)