NATHAN KIGHT || LEVEL DESIGNER

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SKILLS

Gameplay Design Environmental Design Narrative Design Kitbashing Set Dressing Blueprinting Design Documentation Whiteboxing Prototyping Lighting Level Optimization

TOOLS

Unreal Engine Maya Adobe Illustrator Adobe Photoshop Perforce Jira Unity Zoom

EDUCATION

FIEA Masters of Science Interactive Entertainment Level Design Track 2020 GPA 3.8

UCF Bachelors of Arts: Creative Writing 2019 GPA 3.8

EXPERIENCE

Level Designer

True Mechanics | Glass Cat Studios | UE4 | Current

- Prototyped 20+ levels within the constraints of world, theme, puzzle mechanics, and equipment.
- Designed a responsive system that responds to player's speed in solving level challenges by either their total score or providing new challenges.
- Provided stress test data to technical team to refine and expand level creation toolkit.

Level Design Lead

Izcalli of the Wind | Axolotl Productions | UE4 | 2019-2020

- Developed fast paced hover board gameplay with a variety of different targeted experiences ranging from controlled skate park to roller caster.
- Created a scale balance between a monolithically massive Aztec inspired world and a normally sized person.
- Cooperated with the programming lead to design an adaptable obstacle system that communicates with C++ code.
- Mapped out the level design process for a 16 person team with the design lead.
- Closely worked with the art lead to develop the team's art assets for both hero pieces and modular assets.
- Provided and recieved critiques in regular peer reviewed sessions.

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Isle of Bones | Personal Project | UE4 | 2020

- Plotted out multiple paths with differing rewards and challenges the player can take and conveyed them through a blend of lighting and shape language.
- Developed a third person gothic fantasy level focused on using a mixture of archery and teleportatin with Dark Souls inspired level design.
- Blended my personal blueprints with an asset pack's complicated mechanics and fixed some of its bugs while doing so.

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Paradise | Personal Project | UE4 | 2020

- Melded a science fiction industrial and Victorian European interior aesthetics in a futuristic, dystopian FPS with narrative elements.
- Edited the materials of the two different styles to adapt some assets to a blend of the two styles in order to create overlap.
- Produced a lore pickup blueprint with editable features such as the title, text body, the widget style, and how many pages available to read.