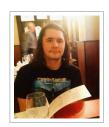
Ryan Mazzolini

Curriculum Vitae



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Education

Bsc., *University of Cape Town*, Cape Town. **2008 – 2011** Computer science and computer game design

Bsc. Honours, *University of Cape Town*, Cape Town. **2012 – 2012** Computer Science

Msc., University of Cape Town, Cape **2013 – 2015 (expected)** Town, In progress. Computer Science

Master thesis

title: Procedurally generating surface detail on 3D models using voxel-based cellular automata

supervisors: A/Prof. James Gain, A/Prof. Patrick Marais

Experience

Vocational

Intern, FreeLives, Cape Town.

2011-2012

While at Freelives, we created two different game prototypes in Unity3D and C#. We also worked on multiplayer networking using the Unity3D networking API as well as Exit Game's Photon cloud server.

Intern, Triggerfish, Cape Town.

2012-2012

During my month-long time at Triggerfish, I programmed tools for artists in Python and C++ for XSI(Softimage). I also created a game prototype as a proof of concept in Unity3D and C#.

Teaching Assitant/Lecturer, *University of Cape Town*, **2013–2014** Cape Town.

I was the teaching assistant for two computer science courses CSC3020H and CSC3022H. CSC3020H is the final year 3D game development course. CSC3022H is the final year C++ and machine learning course. As a teaching assistant I lectured basic XNA development in the beginning of the year, set and ran tutorials, invigilated tests and coordinated tutor marking.

Awards and scholarships

Second place in the Microsoft Imagine Cup, Team ROM were chosen to be finalists in the 2011 South African Microsoft Imagine Cup held in Johannesburg. We were awarded second place in the games design category for our game R.O.M..

Merit award, Recipient of a merit award scholarship from UCT **2012** for 2012.

S1 bursary, Recipient of a bursary from the company S1 as **2012** funding for my B.Sc (Honours) degree in 2012.

NRF Innovation Scholarship, Recipient of a scholarship for innovation from the National Research Foundation as funding for my M.Sc. degree in 2013.

Languages

English: Fluent

1st language at a high-school level. **Afrikaans**: Basic speech and understanding

2nd language at a high-school level.

Software/platform experience

Unity3D: Intermediate to advanced experience (my primary game development tool)

Linux: Intermediate to advanced experience **Windows**: Intermediate to advanced experience

Mac: Intermediate experience

XNA: Intermediate experience, this includes Xbox360 development

Android: Basic experience **iOS**: Basic experience **CUDA**: Basic experience

OpenGL: Intermediate experience **OpenVDB**: Intermediate experience

Language experience

C++: Intermediate experience C#: Intermediate experience Java: Intermediate experience Python: Basic experience Objective-C: Basic experience

Self-learning certificates

o Coursera, Introduction to Digital Sound Design

I recieved 83.8% with Distinction. This course provided an overview of the fundamental principles of sound, including techniques of recording, mixing, processing, synthesis, sampling, analysis, and editing of digital audio.

Interests

Climbing: I enjoy climbing in my spare time. I boulder and sport climb

at an amateur level.

Running: I keep fit by running both on trail and road. I have completed four half marathon races (21km), as well as many shorter runs.

Game development: During my undergraduate degree I became very passionate about game design and development. I have participated in numerous "game jams" (creating a game in a short time frame, usually 48hrs) to date, and I will hopefully enter many more competitions.

Composing and sound design: Having studied music at high school, I have remained interested in music and composing. In my spare time I still write music and create sound for games I am involved in. I regularly host sound design "challenges" in our local South African game development community.

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Memberships and associations

Make Game South Africa

I am a founding member of the Make Games SA association of game developers (makegamessa.com). I have regularly contributed to the community by hosting game development workshops at UCT, running sound challenges and hosting or participating in game jams.

References

A/Prof. James Gain: jgain@cs.uct.ac.za
A/Prof. Patrick Marais: patrick@cs.uct.ac.za