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EDUCATION

Stanford University

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Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

- *Relevant Coursework:* Computer Organization & Systems, Programming Abstractions, Linear Algebra and Differential Calculus of Several Variables, Intro to Discrete Mathematics, Great Ideas in Graphics

EXPERIENCE

Procedural Cake Decorator – Developer

July 2020

- Developed a Unity mobile game in team of 2 about creating and sharing 3D cakes.
- Implemented procedural icing mesh drawing and marching squares in polar coordinates for glaze.
- Implemented social features: export to GIF; upload abstracted cakes to Firebase, share with other users.
- Implemented remote asset management using Unity's Addressable system, modeled 3D assets in Blender.

Coffeshop AU – Director

Feb 2019

- Developed a 3D “playwriting” tool in Unity; translates a screenplay written in a domain specific language to a 3D animation.
- Created 3D models, backgrounds, animations, etc. with Blender
- Created a web editor with syntax checking. Uses Firebase to store user's screenplays, and allows screenplays to be shared and “played” via a code.

Plus Adventure – Director

August 2018 – November 2018

- Developed Unity 3D role-playing game in collaboration with online community of 250+ people.
- Managed team of 20+ artists, writers, and composers: developed conveyor belt-style pipeline for collaborative asset creation, delegated tasks, led brainstorming sessions, mediated conflicts.
- Released on itch.io and featured by [Indie Games Plus](https://indiegamesplus.com).

SKILLS

- Unity: Generalist (Shaders, Animation scripting, Procedural generation)
- Programming languages: C++, C#, Java
- Blender: Modeling, Rigging, Animation, Texturing, Scene Composition
- Digital illustration
- Adobe Photoshop
- Firebase

AWARDS

- ESA Video Game Award 2019, Art. Write. Now Tour 2019, Scholastic Art & Writing National Gold Medal (Video Game Design), Scholastic Art & Writing National Silver Medal (Future New), Celebrating Art Top Ten, National AP Scholar 2019