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Personal Profile

A meticulous, ambitious and multifaceted game artist with a head for game design and UX. Five years plus spent creating high-quality original and branded game content for the gambling sector on mobile and desktop. A wealth of experience and knowledge gained in all aspects of game creation as well as in marketing production for web and print. Looking to utilise skills collaborating with a forward-thinking, passionate team on cutting-edge mobile products.

Key Skills

- 2D Game Art - Characters, Environments, Animation (traditional and rigged) Graphic Design and UI Design/Prototyping.
- Flexibility of style, technique and workflow.
- Extensive knowledge of, and experience with, the Adobe Creative Suite. Most notably Photoshop, Illustrator, Flash and After Effects.
- Unity experience.
- Leading and directing art throughout a project.
- Strong awareness of user experience and the details that make a good game great.
- Mentoring and directing Junior members of staff.
- Willing and able to confidently communicate ideas throughout all stages of the design process.
- Excellent communication with, and understanding of, programmers and product teams working within an agile process.

Experience

Junior to Senior Game Artist, Ash Gaming – July 2010 to present

- Worked on a number of games from prototyping through to delivery; adding value through animation, interaction and graphic design.
- Lead artist on a number of original content projects as well as big brand games.
- Mentored Junior members of staff, directed art and improved workflow.
- Enhanced the company image and their marketing efforts with the production of high-quality video, web and print promotion for clients and internal use.
- Helped develop and maintain healthy relationships with clients and brand owners.

Qualifications

- BA(Hons) Interactive Design – First Class Degree.
- 9 GCSEs at B grade or higher, including Maths, English and Science.

Interests

- Personal projects – flash games, web animations, illustrations.
- Keeping up with the newest and best games on mobile, console and web.
- Film, music and attempting to cook.