Nathan Savant

Narrative Systems Designer with 4+ years' experience.

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Design and Storytelling

- **Conceptualized and designed world systems** for new IP. Developed core gameplay loop, narrative themes, and player goals.
- **Wrote and maintained documentation** for gameplay systems used across multiple teams
- **Designed procedurally generated systems** for world building, NPCs, and expressive dialogue, focused on memorable interactions.
- **Created narrative content for games** including quest content, barks, character biographies, scripts for VO recording, and visual assets. Wrote interactions with branching, voice-driven dialogue for established IPs.
- Directed eight short animated films, including all aspects of production from storyboarding and animation to sound design and editing.

Implementation

- Brainstormed and built game concepts, **incorporating playtest information and feedback** from leadership team.
- Experienced in working under challenging technical constraints while building games for cutting-edge technology such as Unity Tiny and ECS.
- Created pipeline for animation, 3D art assets for mobile/web games.
- Guided design team in the creation of complex branching dialogue interactions using voice input on mobile.
- **Tested own code for bugs**, gameplay flow to minimize production time.

Leadership and Collaboration

- **Contributed to early design direction** and communicating design standards to align expectations, participated in client meetings
- **Worked in highly collaborative environments.** Organized developers in multiple time zones to deliver final work on schedule and budget.
- Directed voice actors, sound designers, composers, artists, and others on a variety of tasks during production of games and films.
- **Onboarded and mentored new employees**, creating documentation to help ease new employees into complex pipelines.
- Spoke at Narrascope 2020 and Roguelike Celebration 2021, discussing concepts of storytelling and quest design.

Skills & Expertise

Creation: Unity, Chatmapper, Google Docs, Adobe CC
Collaboration: JIRA, Confluence, Slack, Github, Trello
Code: C#, Python, Javascript

Work Experience

Artie, Inc
Narrative Designer
2018 - 2021
Conversation design, script writing, and technical implementation for mobile/web

Snap, Inc
3D Designer
2016 - 2018
Wrote, pitched, and animated 3D comedic AR short cartoons for 3D Bitmoji project

WayForward Technologies, Inc
Technical Animator
2015 - 2016
Rigging, animation, and implementation for 3D and 2D assets using Unreal, and Unity

Education

California Institute of the Arts
2016 | Bachelor of Arts - Animation

LA Tech University
Coursework: Creative Writing

Other Interests

Folk Tales | Exotic Flutes
Aikido | Rock Climbing
Ceramics | Fancy Tea