Rick Gillis

Programmer and multidisciplinary artist based in Brooklyn with a focus in experiential digital work. Deeply interested in building scalable game architectures coupled with experimental, innovative game mechanics. Combines a strong foundation in software development with a passion for games to develop playful and exploratory interactive art.

Skills

Game Development (Unity3D, C#, Git, Sourcetree, Jira, GameMaker Studio, Unreal Engine, C++) Mobile and Augmented Reality Development (Xcode, APN, ARKit, ARCore, AR.js) Web Development (Javascript, HTML, CSS/SASS, Node.js, PugJS, Bootstrap, A-Frame, Three.js) Miscellaneous (Adobe Creative Suite, Google Suite, Maya)

Work Experience

Lead Unity Developer & Product Manager, Eternal, New York, NY, May 2020 - Present Built a scalable and modular architecture for the social networking and game foundations of the product Developed and tracked product timeline through all major milestones across all disciplines, speaking to technical cost Built editor tools for our core team to streamline development and expedite new content creation into launch Managed TestFlight program from internal testing through beta program, merging all work and exporting iOS builds Reviewed technical hires and created our technical assessment that has been iterated on since its origin

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Unity Developer, Eternal, October 2019 - May 2020
Developed all core game mechanics / functionality moving into TestFlight beta program
Communicated with REST APIs to integrate all social networking functionality
Built custom iOS plugins to leverage native functionality for social sharing, microphone, notifications and image gallery
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Augmented Reality Developer, yU+co, Los Angeles, CA, August 2018 - November 2019 Worked as lead programmer on augmented reality experiences for mobile and web platforms Utilized Unity3D, ARKit, ARCore and AR.js to bring engaging digital content to life in accordance with industry standards Developed editor tools and frameworks to speed up iteration and streamline the workflow of our small team

Technology Researcher, yU+co, June - July 2018

Contributed focused and thorough research of inspired applications of new technology to an online repository Developed a streamlined workflow that maximized the quantity of written entries and created a precise template to achieve a consistent level of superior quality copy

Graphic Designer, NYC Bodyworks, New York, NY, November 2017 - January 2018 Collaborated on new promotional brochures, business cards and intake forms with the founder of the company

Web Designer, Buen Trip Hub, Quito, Ecuador, May - July 2017 Designed and built engaging webpages using Squarespace as well as translated existing pages from Spanish to English

Game Production Intern, Nickelodeon, New York, NY, September - November 2015 Designed in-game props for various titles, sourcing inspiration from televised episodes Performed rigorous testing on numerous games, providing thorough feedback to the designers and programmers

Data Analyst, Edrington, New York, NY, July - December 2014 Managed and organized a large inventory of products and updated their respective pricing information

Academic History

New York University, 2013 - 2017	Carnegie Mellon Pre-College Program, 2012
BFA in Game Design	National High School Game Academy
Minor in Computer Science	