ZAINAB KHAN

GAME DESIGNER | PORTFOLIO

PROFILE

Seasoned designer experienced in setting vision for early gameplay, developing main quest system and passive features. Looking for an opportunity to specialise in systemic gameplay design, and designing NPC behaviour.

EXPERIENCE

Game Designer | Natural Motion, UK

July 2022 - Present, Unrealeased Title

- Owned feature development from start to finish which includes design documentation, user stories, concept sketches, benchmarking, tool design and implementation.
- Experienced in designing the journey for D0 D7 of the game.
 This includes setting the vision for opening sequence, pacing of feature unlocks and tutorials.
- Designed and implemented main quest system to guide the player from early to mid game. Also designed passive gameplay features. Created playable prototypes in figma.
- Presented in multiple feature reviews to stakeholders and iterated where necessary.
- Organised playtests with entire project team to understand if design goals are met.
- Took lead in unifying documentation for a subset of tools.

Jr Game Designer | Natural Motion, UK

May 2020 - July 2022, CSR2

- Designed and balanced in-game events to introduce new cars. This was done via unity using in-house tools, along with a combination of editing metadata files.
- Assisted in the development of Elite Tuners, and upon handover, took ownership of the feature and worked on the pacing, narrative and balancing of individual events.
- Designed and Implemented the initial experience of EV's in the game.
- Crafted a format for event documentation on Confluence.

Game Design Intern | Adabisc, Qatar

Sep 2018, AR/VR Projects

 The studio specialised in creating AR/VR games set in a physical theme park. Helped create pitches for short games.
 Created design documentation for various features in flight.

Game Design Intern | Holy Cow Studios, India

June 2018 - August 2018, Various Mobile Games

Designed narrative sequences, pitched new features suitable for idle tycoon games, created concept sketches and prototyped levels in Unity for a multiplayer game setup.

EDUCATION

MA in Games Development

Kingston University, London Jan 2019 - Jan 2020

Foundation in Management and Games Design

Rubika Supinfogame, India Sep 2015 - May 2018

OTHER EXPERIENCES

Inclusive Curriculum Consultant

Oct 2019 - April 2020, Kingston University

Implemented solutions to make teaching methods inclusive so students of various backgrounds can benefit and learn equally.

Charity Consultant

June - July 2019, Kingston University

Lead a team to craft solutions for employment problems faced by refugees in host countries.

SKILLS

Software Knowledge

Visual Scripting in Unity/Unreal, Adobe Creative Suite, Miro, Jira, Figma, Perforce/GitHub

Soft Skills

Critical thinking, Organised, Team Work, Adapting, Communication, Reliabile, Independent

INTERESTS

Landscape Photography, Lego, Design Breakdown Blogs, Gaming (Action-RPG), Philosophy