Tristan Özkan

Game Designer

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Work Experience

Technical Designer and UI/UX Designer

2022 - 2025

Iron Galaxy Studios

- Implemented and bug-fixed frontend and in-game UI for *Rumbleverse*, a **AAA live service game** with a **large team**.
- Simplified widget implementations by authoring **UI materials** to increase performance.
- Implemented an inventory system in C++ on an Internal Unreal Engine 5 project.
- Created modular UI using CommonUI and improved project-wide UI implementation by establishing inheritance and composition as standard authoring practices.
- Added controller support for an unannounced AAA online multiplayer game. Ideated on design solutions to transfer KBM controls to gamepad while maintaining a good User Experience and functional UI.
- Created wireframes and prototypes in Figma to flesh out and test designs.
- Collaborated with and presented to high profile external clients.

Technical Designer and Gameplay Programmer

2018 - 2020

Games for Entertainment and Learning Lab

- Project Lead on *Brain Powered Games Africa*, a series of minigames built to test and improve the cognitive functions of **HIV exposed children** in Africa. Designed **visual-based UI** for young children, designed and implemented an RTS minigame, and **traveled to Uganda** for field testing and iteration.
- Project Lead on *Quantum 3*, an education match-3 puzzle game funded by the National Science Foundation; Designed and implemented **gameplay** mechanics, interfaced with the client, and published a **Proceeding of Science** on the game.

Skills

Design

Proficient in UI/UX Design, Technical Design, and Systems Design

Technical

- Fluent in C#, C++, and Visual Scripting
- Development in Unreal Engine 4 & 5 and Unity
- Experience using Figma, Miro, Confluence, Jira, and Perforce
- Proficient at learning and mastering new tools, languages, and workflows

Education and Training

Michigan State University

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science | Minor in Game Design and Development

Google UX Design Professional Certificate Program