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Objective

To create tools and cinematic quality artwork for video games.

Experience

Vigil Games | Senior Technical Artist 11/2011 - 2/2013

Austin, TX

- Implemented all in game cinematics.
- Created tools for automating cinema exports.
- Animated characters and managed outsource pipeline.
- Shipped Darksiders 2 for Xbox360, PS3, PC

1/2010 - 10/2011 **Timegate Studios | Senior Technical Animator**

Sugar Land, TX

- Rigged & Skinned Xeno and Human characters for Aliens: Colonial Marines.
- Animated aliens, marines, vehicles and implemented them using UE3 Matinee \ Kismet.
- Created custom materials for Unreal 3: water, shields, glass
- Shipped Section 8:Prejudice for Xbox360, PS3, PC

2008 - 2010 **EA Mythic | Senior Technical Artist**

Fairfax, VA

- Rebuilt a non-functional environment art pipeline.
- Wrote standalone xml and image browser in python script.
- Managed EASH outsourcing studio to deliver game ready assets.
- Shipped Ultima Online: The Stygian Abyss for PC

2006 - 2008 **NCsoft Austin | Lead Technical Artist**

Austin, TX

- Created 3DS Max COLLADA exporter that supports models, textures, animations and triggers
- Managed 5 artists and negotiated deals with outsourcing studios to create game assets
- Established pipelines for all client side art processes from animation to character creation
- Shipped Tabula Rasa for PC (core technology group)

2004 - 2006 **AUTODESK | Application Specialist**

Austin, TX

- Demonstrated 3DSMax functionality to game, military, architectural and video clients
- Trained many production studios in latest visualization techniques

2004 Midway Austin | Artist

Austin, TX

- Created level, effects, and character animation as well as scripts
- Shipped Area 51 for PS2 and Xbox

2003 **Wolfpack Studios | Technical Artist**

- Created Max script Acclaim format motion capture importer/exporter
- Created proprietary format animation exporter
- Shipped Shadowbane: The Rise of Chaos for PC

2002-2003 **Digital Anvil | Cinematic Artist**

Austin, TX

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- Generated high resolution textures for Maya rendered Mission Briefings
- Created facial expressions and Viseme shapes for four characters
- Shipped Brute Force for Xbox

2001-2002 **Point of View | Technical Artist**

Austin, TX

- Worked with converting models and animations from Maya to Max
- Shipped Scorpion King (PS2), Smash and Drive (port) and Spy Hunter (port)

1999-2001 **Kinesoft Development | Lead Animator**

Austin, TX

- Directed motion capture session at Performance Capture Studios
- Managed 2 animators as well as a SWAT officer at a mocap shoot
- Tracked and managed the cleaning of over 500 pieces of motion capture

1996-1999 **Origin Systems | Graphic Specialist**

Austin, TX

- Animated monster characters for Ultima Online
- Created the cover art for Computer Games Strategy Plus May 1999
- Shipped Wing Commander Prophecy (PC) and Ultima Online: The Second Age (PC)

Tools

- Experienced with 3DS Max, Maya, zBrush, Photoshop
- Experienced scripter, including Python, MaxScript and Mel

Skills

- Writing scripts to create custom tools and automate tasks
- Working closely with programmers to push technology
- 3D modeling and texturing
- Animation and editing motion capture