Jake Rowland

Unreal Tools Programmer

Strengths

C++ **Tools Architecture**

Unreal Engine 5 Tools Development Unreal PCG Unreal Automation Tool Dynamic Mesh Systems **Unreal Plugins**

Work Experience

Splash Damage Game Content Tools Sep 2021 - Present	 Designed, implemented, and maintained custom tool solutions for procedural content generation (PCG) within Unreal Engine 5. Optimizing the workflow for artists and developers working with large-scale procedural content. Spearheaded the creation of tools to streamline PCG pipeline integration, improving efficiency and scalability for procedural workflows. Developed and integrated a JIRA-based bug reporting system directly within the Unreal Editor. Automated the bug submission process and ensuring a seamless link between development and bug-tracking systems. Designed custom interfaces for real-time bug reporting, which improved issue tracking and resolution time by streamlining communication between developers and QA teams. Extended the Dynamic Mesh system to enable rapid creation and manipulation of custom meshes for quick blockout purposes. This tool allowed level designers and artists to prototype environments faster, reducing iteration time and improving workflow efficiency. Implemented intuitive UI components to facilitate the easy creation and customization of dynamic meshes. Played a key role in validating and migrating data systems during the transition to Unreal Engine 5.1. Ensured compatibility and stability of legacy tools while adopting new features and enhancements. Developed validators and systems to ensure data integrity and smooth tool operation during the upgrade, proactively identifying and addressing potential issues in the pipeline. 	Engine: Unreal Engine 5 Team Size: 100+
Project Astrid Game Content Tools	» Designed, implemented, and maintained a custom suite of world building tools focused around PCG.	Engine: Unreal Engine 5
Splash Damage	» Optimized studio PCG implementation for large scale foliage and clutter placement using a query based filtering system.	Team Size: 100+
Unreleased Project Game Content Tools	» Designed and implemented a custom extension to Unreal Engine 5's Geometry Scripting system, enabling designers and artists to quickly create dynamic geometry primitives for fast-paced development	Engine: Unreal Engine 4 Team Size: 100+
Splash Damage	workflows. » Streamlined the process of generating complex shapes and forms, significantly reducing the need for manual mesh manipulation and speeding up iteration times.	
Studio Team	» Developed and integrated an OAuth2-based HTTP client within the	Engine:
Game Content Tools	Unreal Engine Editor, enabling secure, authenticated access to protected APIs for editor tools and systems.	Unreal Engine 5
Splash Damage	 Integrated the OAuth2 client with the JIRA Bug Reporting System, enabling secure and seamless bug reporting directly within the Unreal 	Team Size: 4

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Education

M.S. Interactive Technology, Software Development - May 2021 **B.S. Computer Science + Mathematics - May 2019** Graduated SMU Cum Laude

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