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Game Designer

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Summary

I am a Game Designer with over 2 years of experience in the industry, specializing in the design of complex game systems. With a strong technical background in programming, I document game mechanics in detail and create mathematical layouts for rapid and precise refinement. I engage with the community and analyze player data to enhance the user experience while tracking market trends. Additionally, I have experience in narrative design, creating story elements such as character dialogues and quests for the game.

Game Balance | Quest Design | Game Economy | Player Progression | Resource Flow | Systems Design UGC | Al Models | Data Analysis | Market Research | UI/UX | Cross-platform | Narrative Design | GDD

Portfolio

Experience

Game Designer & Narrative Designer

JIB Games | January 2024 - Present | Istanbul, Turkey | www.jib.gs

- Revamped player progression systems, crafting systems, country management mechanics, and profession mechanics for a sandbox life-simulation MMORPG, resulting in the project's highest DAU during its lifetime.
- Optimize game mechanics and balance through player data analysis and feedback.
- Write and maintain detailed game design documentation (GDD).
- Engage with players on social platforms like Discord to gather insights and provide support.
- Develop narrative and worldbuilding; writing and localizing content.
- Design quests, conceptualize puzzles and mini-games to integrate into the quest system.
- Collaborate with UI/UX designers and development teams to enhance gameplay and improve user experience across multiple platforms, mobile and desktop, for the cross-platform.
- Conduct QA testing to ensure quality.
- Assist with programming when required.

Game Designer (Generalist) - Volunteer

Mirage Studios | May 2024 - Present | Remote | LinkedIn

• Collaborate directly with the Game Director to translate high-level ideas, design visions, and gameplay goals into detailed, actionable design documents.

Game Developer

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- Built and implemented responsive UI featuring animations, sound effects, and particle effects for both mobile and desktop platforms.
- Collaborated with backend developers to integrate online features.
- Developed a variety of puzzles and mini-games.

Education

Computer Engineering (English) - Bachelor's Degree

Faculty of Engineering, Cukurova University | Adana, Turkey | September 2017 - January 2022 | Term Honor Student, 2 Terms High Honor Student

Preparatory Program

School of Foreign Languages, Cukurova University | Adana, Turkey | September 2016- June 2017 Completed B2 English course

Ismail Kulak Anatolian High School Adana, Turkey | September 2012 - June 2016 | Certificate of Merit

Training & Certifications

Mastering Game Mechanics Bootcamp

Game Design Skills | Online | January 2025 - April 2025 | www.gamedesignskills.com | Certificate
I earned a scholarship for this bootcamp, led by industry veteran Alexander Brazie, where I deepened my expertise in game mechanics design, scalability, and iteration with insights from major studios such as Blizzard and Riot Games.

Free-to-Play Games Accelerator Program

F2P Campus (GAME.EUS) | Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain | July 2023 - September 2023 | www.f2pcampus.com | was selected by my studio to participate in the program at EUNEIZ, where only five studios were chosen globally. I gained valuable insights into game design, UX, user acquisition, and marketing through mentorship from experts at King, Scopely, and Gameloft, as well as engaging public talks.

Projects

Slay the Party

Online Strategy Board Game | November 2024 - Present | Notion GDD

Slay the Party is an online board game I am developing as a solo developer to showcase and improve my design and development skills. It combines tabletop RPG and business simulation genres.

Final Hour

Endless Runner | March 2024 (Demo), November 2024 (Store release) | Google Play
I participated in ATUJAM 2024 as both Game Designer and Developer, within a team of four, where we created a 2D endless runner that features time manipulation mechanics in 48 hours. Later, I took over the project as a solo-developer, polished it and published it on Google Play store.

Skills & Tools

- Atlassian (Trello, Confluence, BitBucket, Sourcetree)
- Notion
- Figma
- Miro
- Microsoft 365, Excel formulas

Language: Turkish (Native), English (Advanced)

- Unity
- Unreal Engine
- Programming (C, C++, C#, Python, SQL, Lua, R)
- Adobe Photoshop