# **DAMIEN RENEE SPRINGER** Software Engineer

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# **WORK EXPERIENCE**

#### **Resident Assistant**

DigiPen Institute of Technology

- Assisted Professional Staff in the creation and implementation of DigiPen's first themed Living Learning Community and served as the supervising resident assistant for 2 consecutive years.
- Facilitated 30 residents' transition to dorm living through weekly meetings, roommate mediation, and periodic inspections of apartments in order to provide a safe and welcoming environment.
- Awarded RA of the Year for academic year 2022-2023.

### **ACADEMIC GAME PROJECTS**

#### **Gameplay Programmer**

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- Created a 2D procedurally generated top-down shooter in Godot on a team of 5 people.
- Designed and implemented a robust weapons system that allowed for quick creation prototyping of weapons.
- Devised a minimap that updates in real-time to provide the player feedback on their map progression.

#### Gameplay Programmer

Cats & Critters: A Dungeon Claw-er

- Shipped a Unity local co-op party game to Steam on an interdisciplinary team of nine people.
- Designed Player UI using the Unity UI system to provide visual feedback on health and abilities.
- Collaborated with designers to craft an XP reward system that engaged players through exploration, combat, and discovery.
- Led a strike team to complete the final polish pass for encounters and set design through weekly meetings to identify and triage remaining polish tasks.

#### **Tools Programmer**

Inline: Out of Time

- Developed and shipped a C++ custom engine game to Steam with an interdisciplinary team of twelve people.
- Expanded the Spine API library to allow importing fully animated assets into our custom engine.
- Implemented custom animation controllers using the event system to create smooth animation transitions.
- Acted as liaison between art and programming teams to balance expectations and ensure task completion.

## **EDUCATION**

#### DigiPen Institute of Technology

Bachelor of Computer Science and Game Design

• GPA: 3.74

## **SKILLS**

Languages: Advanced C/C++ | C# | Python

Tools: Visual Studio | Git/Github/SVN | Unity | Godot | ClickUp | Trello | Figma | Jira

**Technical:** Data Structures | Linear Algebra | Pairs Programming | Technical Game Design | Debugging | Engine Architecture | Code Reviews | Object-Oriented Design

Core Skills: Teamwork | Delegation | Conflict Mediation | Time Management | Communication

# Aug 2022 - Apr 2023

Aua 2024 - Present

2D Top-down Shooter

Aug 2023 - Apr 2024

Time-Attack Action Platformer

Multiplayer Party Adventure Game

Apr 2022 - Present Redmond, WA

Expected April 2025 Redmond, WA