

# ARY SHIRAZI

## GAME & LEVEL DESIGNER

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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### SONY LONDON STUDIO | BLOOD & TRUTH | PLAYSTATION VR WORLDS | AUGUST 2015 - PRESENT

##### Lead Mission Designer : [Blood & Truth](#) | [PlayStation VR Worlds](#)

- Leading a team of mission designers, performing regular 1:1 meetings, building & maintaining the work schedule.
- Demonstrating the standard required for our missions, by designing & building at least 2 levels per project.
- Created a level design test and defined the level/mission design process for London Studio.
- Designed & implemented VR object interactions & combat scenarios within The London Heist portion of PlayStation VR Worlds.
- Designed, built & polished a Shooting Gallery experience from start to finish with a 5-man team in 4 months.

#### FREELANCE | WAR HUNGRY GAMES | APRIL 2015 – AUGUST 2015

##### Game Design/Combat & Puzzle Design/Consultancy for a number of unannounced iOS titles

- Designing & balancing core combat mechanics & battle encounters.
- Creating and Implementing GUI for overall UX.
- Writing combat dialogue + implementing the text into localisation spreadsheets.

#### IF YOU CAN | IF... | JULY 2013 – APRIL 2015

##### Game Design/Level Design/Scripting/Creature Design/Writing Screenplays: [IF... Gameplay Collection](#)

- Working with a small team of 20 people, utilising fortnightly agile sprints to great effect.
- Level designs from paper sketch to terrain 'sculpts' in Unity, painting textures, placing props & spawning creatures.
- Running weekly reviews for level design & scripting principles, to encourage knowledge sharing across the team.
- Introduced the idea of weekly '1 minute pitches' for anyone wishing to grow more confident in expressing their ideas to a group.
- Producing screenplays for chapters & working with Trip Hawkins to polish the script, ultimately preparing it for VO sessions.

#### QUANTIC DREAM | BEYOND: TWO SOULS | DECEMBER 2012 – JULY 2013

##### Flow Design/Scripting : [Beyond: Two Souls](#)

- Designing and scripting the flow for 5 levels within the game, including the 'homeless' level, the first major demo to the press.
- Creating cameras, scripted gameplay & extremely detailed design documentation to serve as 'flow direction' for the game.
- Reviewing & iterating on each level through discussion with the leads of all departments & the games' director, David Cage.
- Learnt to speak basic French & pickup an understanding of around 60% of the language within 8 months.

#### LIONHEAD | FABLE: THE JOURNEY | DECEMBER 2011 – SEPTEMBER 2012

##### Game Design/Level Design/Scripting: [Fable: The Journey](#)

- Building level block outs in Unreal Engine via terrain sculpting tools, then using kismet (visual scripting) to script the level.
- Implementing cut-scene cameras & prototype animations using Matinee.
- Responsible for designing & scripting the E3 & Xbox live demo levels.

#### IDEAWORKS | MARMALADE | CALL OF DUTY: BLACK OPS ZOMBIES | MAY 2011 – DECEMBER 2011

##### Game Design/Level Design/Scripting: [Zombies](#)

- Designing player & weapon stats then implementing them via lua scripting.
- Designing & writing tutorials for core gameplay mechanics.
- Creating core level prefabs to work consistently across 3 different levels.
- Designing challenges and a ranking system to build a deeper gameplay experience.

**Game Design/Level Design/Boss Design/Scripting:** [Deathly Hallows](#) | [Create](#)

- Pitching numerous design document proposals to green light Create.
- Designing game object behaviours & producing level designs on paper & Maya.
- Scripting complex boss behaviours & gameplay using simple logic with in-house tools.
- Iterating on top down level designs in multiple ways to achieve final implementation.

## SKILLS

### Creative

- Game & level design documentation.
- System design, interactions & behaviours.
- Managing/Mentoring.
- Various forms of Agile.
- Good understanding of the 3C's (Control, Character, Camera).
- Good communication and team work skills.
- Confident public speaker.

### Technical

- Extensive experience with Unity & Unreal
- Perforce, SVN, Git
- 3DS Max, Maya, Photoshop.
- Quick to adapt to in-house tools & working practices
- XML, C#, Lua, Blueprints, Kismet

### Languages

- English
- French
- Farci

## EDUCATION & STUDENT PROJECTS

- London South Bank University (2006 - 2009) - (BA Hons) Game Cultures - 2:1 - [Alumni of the Month, February 2016](#)
- Dare to be Digital 2008 - [Captain Cannonball](#)
- University of Pennsylvania - Coursera - Gamification (2015)
- Camberwell College of Art (2005-2006) - 1-year Art Foundation

## HOBBIES & INTERESTS

### Literature/Reading

- Haruki Murakami
- Chuck Palhaniuk
- National Geographic

### Modern Art

- David Shrigley
- Martin Creed
- The Boyle Family

### Cinema/Video

- Coen Brothers
- Wes Anderson
- Michel Gondry

### Sports

- Cycling
- Tennis/Badminton
- Skateboarding

## REFERENCES

- Martyn Jones | Product Owner | Space Ape | Previously Mind Candy | [info@martynjones.co.uk](mailto:info@martynjones.co.uk)  
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## WORK EXAMPLES

