

Jared Kuharski

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Career Qualifications

- Able and willing to work across multiple disciplines: art, animation, and design.
- Driven to constantly develop technical and artistic skills, learn new techniques, and mentor others.
- Highly proficient in Lumberyard, Maya, Quixel Suite, Substance Designer, Substance Painter, and Photoshop.
- Very organized and detail oriented.
- Specialties include:
 - High and low resolution modeling using Maya
 - Character rigging and setup
 - Optimization of art assets to meet performance requirements
 - Documenting processes and mentoring others
 - Designing mobile apps and games for the iPhone and iPad
 - Organization and planning through the creation of flow charts and wireframes

Employment History

Coinflip Studios: San Francisco, CA

January 2020 – March 2020

Character Technical Artist

- Modeled 3D characters and their accessories for an unannounced project. Singled threaded ownership of all assets through the art pipeline: modeling, texturing, rigging, and assembly of characters in Unity. Modeling and rigging was done in Maya and all textures were hand painted in Photoshop and Substance Painter. Animations were retargeted in Unity.
- Created the base male and female models that were the foundation for all characters in the game.
- Rebuilt the studios' base character rig to incorporate best practices and support a wide range of facial animations.

Amazon: Seattle, WA

October 2016 – September 2019

Field Technical Artist

- Traveled domestically and internationally to meet face-to-face with customers using Lumberyard. These onsite visits were conducted to onboard the studios' art team, give demonstrations about how to use the various tools in Lumberyard, gather customer requirements, and answer any questions about the engine.
- Worked as a single point of contact for specific white-glove customers to gather feedback, handle feature requests, help solve blocking issues, and provide guidance about Lumberyard's art pipeline.
- Documented new and undocumented Lumberyard tools and processes.
- Worked directly with internal game teams to demonstrate newly released features of Lumberyard.

Amazon: East Palo Alto, CA

November 2014 – October 2016

Technical Artist

- Onboarded and mentored new hires.
- Established PBR workflows and created assets for internal demos.
- Documented the art pipeline and best practices for Lumberyard.
- Designed and created demos for the official launch of Lumberyard at GDC 2016.
- Attended SIGGRAPH and GDC to represent Amazon and to demonstrate Lumberyard to customers.

Tricky Software: Menlo Park, CA

January 2009 – November 2014

3D Generalist and App Designer

- Created original app designs for internally developed products and for products we were contracted to build.
- Created flowcharts and wireframes as guidelines for the art and engineering teams.
- Scripted apps and worked with the engineering team to improve the custom scripting language.
- Developed the art pipeline and documented proprietary tools.
- Modeled and rigged characters, environments, and props.

Electronic Arts: Redwood City, CA
Material Artist

November 2008 – January 2009

- Created textures and materials for the Hall of Kings demo area in Dante's Inferno.

Electronic Arts: Redwood City, CA
Environment Artist

April 2008 – November 2008

- Spearheaded the modeling for all building exteriors in two locations of The Godfather 2: Havana and New York.
- Created LODs and laid out UVs following best practices that setup the material team for success.
- Reviewed outsourced assets to confirm they met the quality bar. Documented issues and made requests for revisions when required. Checked these assets into source control and set them up to work correctly in game.
- Onboarded new hires and educated them on the tools and art pipeline.

Visual Concepts: Novato, CA
Environment Artist

March 2006 – June 2007

- Modeled and textured rooms and props for Fantastic Four Rise of the Silver Surfer.
- Created example rooms to demonstrate the quality and artistic style that outsourcing must follow.
- Cleaned up and optimized outsourced assets so they would integrate into the game properly.
- 'Arted Up' outsourced assets.

Shipped Titles

- Amazon
 - Lumberyard Beta 1.0 – Beta 1.21 PC 2014 - 2019
- Tricky Software
 - Emma and the Inventor: Resonance iOS, Mac, Android, PC 2014
 - Crayola Design and Drive iOS 2014
 - Crayola Photo Strings iOS 2014
 - Crayola Fashion Show iOS 2013
 - Crayola DigiTools: Paint iOS, Android 2013
 - Crayola Color Studio HD Barbie Edition iOS 2013
 - Crayola Color Studio HD Hot Wheels Edition iOS 2013
 - Crayola Light Marker iOS 2013
 - Animal Parade iOS 2013
 - Armado HD iOS, Mac, Android 2012
 - Crayola DigiTools: Airbrush iOS 2012
 - Crayola DigiTools: Effects iOS 2012
 - Crayola DigiTools: 3-D iOS 2012
 - Crayola Case Creator iOS 2012
 - Crayola Silly Face Swaps iOS 2012
 - Emma and the Inventor iOS, Mac, Android, Kindle, PC 2011
 - Crayola Lights, Camera, Color! iOS 2011
 - Crayola Paint and Create iOS 2011
 - Crayola Color Studio HD iOS 2011
 - Boggle iPad iOS 2010
 - Would You Rather iOS 2010
 - Left Center Right iOS 2010
 - Battle of the Sexes iOS 2010
 - Scarface Last Stand iOS 2010
 - Spore Creatures iOS 2010
 - Puff iOS 2009
 - Boggle iPhone iOS 2009
 - Spore Origins iOS 2008
- EA
 - Dante's Inferno Xbox 360, PS3 2010
 - The Godfather 2 Xbox 360, PS3 2009
- Visual Concepts
 - Fantastic Four Rise of the Silver Surfer Xbox 360, PS3 2007

Education

Cogswell Polytechnical College: Sunnyvale, CA

Graduated December 2005

Bachelor of Arts, Digital Art and Animation

- Concentration in 3d modeling and computer animation
- Presidents List

American River College: Sacramento, CA

Graduated December 2002

Associate in Arts, Art New Media

- Graduated with highest honors
- Talent Roster of Outstanding Transfer Students from Community Colleges: 2002
- National Deans List: 2001
- Teacher's aide for 3D modeling classes