# Zach Ford Designer

### Skills

Extensive experience as a Game Developer responsible for developing level design, mission design and game systems. Shipped multiple AAA titles that broke publisher records. Also, explored early pre-production for new IPs by creating world building documentation that work hand-in-hand with new game design, art direction and narrative.

Passionate to combine gameplay, story telling, and interesting environments, to deliver memorable experiences.

Tools » Unreal 4, Photoshop, Google Docs, Source Engine

## Experience

**nce** Gearbox Software :: Level, Mission, and Game Designer JUN 2008 – OCT 2019, FRISCO, TX

- » Borderlands 3 » Senior Level Design Worked to take block-out designs to shipping quality
- » **Unannounced IP** » Creative Director, Game Design Established systems to create discoverable dynamic elements Collaborated with Art and Story to create a new world from scratch
- » Borderlands: The Pre-Sequel » Lead Designer, Level Design Helped align Gearbox and 2K Aus to rapidly bring the game to ship
- » **Battleborn** » Prototyping Game Modes, Character Design Established many early character designs that made it to ship
- » Borderlands 2 » Senior Level Design, Mission Design Balanced my time between many levels, systems and missions Primary developer crafting the narrative and gameplay introduction
- » Borderlands » Level Design, Mission Design Worked to redesign combat flow through environments Shipped over 130 missions
- » Brothers in Arms: Furious Four » Level Design Created the framework for the E3 demo, merging thematic elements and gameplay to deliver "Oktoberfest"
- » Aliens Colonial Marines » Level Design Re-envisioned the combat loop with a limited amount of production cycles

#### Raven Software :: Level Designer

DEC 2006 - JUN 2008, MADISON, WI

» Singularity » Pre-Production Exploration, Level Design Explored ways to incorporate environmental puzzles with unique time-manipulation gameplay

## Education

#### Savannah College of Art and Design :: BFA in Interactive Design & Game Development

SEP 2003 – OCT 2005, SAVANNAH, GA

- » Studied Interactive Design and Game Development in addition to traditional Fine Arts
- » Graduated with Honors & Given the Outstanding Academic Achievement Award