

# MICHAEL STEPHENS

SOFTWARE DEVELOPER

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## REFERENCES

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## FLUENCY IN:

Unity3D

C#

Git

Jira + Trello

Notion

Slack + Discord

## PROFILE

Professional software developer and college-level instructor, having lead multidisciplinary teams in creating augmented/virtual reality experiences, mobile games, and interactive toys for a variety of platforms.

## EXPERIENCE

### Senior Gameplay Engineer, Genies | 2024-present

Creates games that utilize proprietary avatar and associated technology including LLM integration. Leads integration of AI-connected "smart avatar" in game generation tools. C#/Typescript, Unity.

### Lead Unity Developer, Dogwater Games | 2022-2024

Oversaw small team working on advanced WebGL strategy game with web3 implementation. C#, Unity.

### Senior Developer, Krikey | 2020-2022

Worked with remote team on augmented-reality experiences for low-end devices. Emphasis on runtime optimizations. C#, Unity.

### Adjunct Instructor of Media Arts & Studies, Ohio University | 2018-2020

Instructed undergraduate students in introductory and intermediate game development, primarily using Unity and C#. Syllabus covered programming, basic system architecture, project organization, asset creation, and design.

### Senior Developer, Super77 | 2014-2020

Responsible for front-end systems, gameplay mechanics, and general user experience. Lead team of developers in architectural structuring, gameplay development, UI, and system documentation. Lead client-facing demonstrations and interactive playthroughs. C#, Unity.

**Bright Bugz** - Interactive toy/app, iOS + Android **2015**

**SMILE Inc.** - Endless Runner, #1 Free App (iOS App Store) **2016**

**Dungeon Brewmaster** - VR cooking game, PC (Steam) **2018**

**PEST Invasion** - AR action-shooter, iOS **2018**

**LAMO** - Multimedia AR app/toy/game, iOS + Android + PC **2020**

## EDUCATION

**BS in Communication (Digital Media), Ohio University | 2010-2014**

**Corollaries: Computer Science & English**

**Gateway Excellence Scholarship recipient**