

The Gamedev Business Handbook How To Build The Business Youll Build Games With

Professor Odile Limpach gives independent developers everything they need to succeed in the world of video game publishing. The Publishing Challenge for Independent Video Game Developers: A Practical Guide defines what game publishing means for the indie developer and offers a concise framework to tackle the decision of whether to self-publish or not. Furthermore, the text establishes a catalogue of current known publishers with some salient characteristics and offers a list of useful publishing tools. Along with showcasing testimonials from several young and seasoned developers on their experiences with publishing and partners and recommendations from renown experts of the industry, this book offers tools, platforms, and guides to game publishing. Key features: Provides a broad overview of the game publishing market Explores criteria for choosing between a publishing partner or self-publishing Offers case studies and testimonials from indie game developers and publishers about the process. Professor Odile Limpach teaches economics and entrepreneurship at the Cologne Game Lab, TH Köln (Technical University of Cologne). She is also co-founder of the Acceleration Program SpielFabrique 360° and works as a Strategic Consultant for games and serious game projects. Between 2007 and 2014, she was the managing director of the German entertainment software studio Ubisoft Blue Byte. Before, she was the managing director of Ubisoft GmbH. She graduated from business school Institut Commercial de Nancy in France and completed her MBA in the United States. Odile Limpach is also involved as a volunteer in the areas of vocational training and acts as a German partner for Games for Change Europe. Furthermore, she acts as an advisor (Conseiller du Commerce Extérieur) for the French Ministry for International Business Development.

Deliver Better Games Faster, On Budget—And Make Game Development Fun Again! Game development is in crisis—facing bloated budgets, impossible schedules, unmanageable complexity, and death march overtime. It's no wonder so many development studios are struggling to survive. Fortunately, there is a solution. Scrum and Agile methods are already revolutionizing development outside the game industry. Now, long-time game developer Clinton Keith shows exactly how to successfully apply these methods to the unique challenges of game development. Keith has spent more than fifteen years developing games, seven of them with Scrum and agile methods. Drawing on this unparalleled expertise, he shows how teams can use Scrum to deliver games more efficiently, rapidly, and cost-effectively; craft games that offer more entertainment value; and make life more fulfilling for development teams at the same time. You'll learn to form successful agile teams that incorporate programmers, producers, artists, testers, and designers—and promote effective collaboration within and beyond those teams, throughout the entire process. From long-range planning to progress tracking and continuous integration, Keith offers dozens of tips, tricks, and solutions—all based firmly in reality and hard-won experience. Coverage includes Understanding Scrum's goals, roles, and practices in the context of game development Communicating and planning your game's vision, features, and progress Using iterative techniques to put your game into a playable state every two to four weeks— even daily Helping all team participants succeed in their roles Restoring stability and predictability to the development process Managing ambiguous requirements in a fluid marketplace Scaling Scrum to large, geographically distributed development teams Getting started: overcoming inertia and integrating Scrum into your studio's current processes Increasingly, game developers and managers are recognizing that things can't go on the way they have in the past. Game development organizations need a far better way to work. Agile Game Development with Scrum gives them that—and brings the profitability, creativity, and fun back to game development.

It's your dream job: Playing video games. Writing about them. Getting paid. It will never happen, right? Actually, it can. It's definitely not easy to get this dream job—it requires a lot of perseverance, plenty of patience, a certain amount of skill, and a fair amount of luck. But with the right combination of elements, this job can be yours. Critical Path: How to Review Videogames for a Living will tell you what you need to know and what you need to do to make a run at this career, for real. This includes how to write compelling reviews, how to pitch yourself as a writer, how to tackle some tricky ethical quandaries, and yes, even how to get free games. Based on Dan Amrich's own experience as a game journalist for more than 15 years, it's advice that can serve you for your entire career, from press start to game over.

Do you love video games? Ever wondered if you could create one of your own, with all the bells and whistles? It's not as complicated as you'd think, and you don't need to be a math whiz or a programming genius to do it. In fact, everything you need to create your first game, "Invasion of the Slugwroths," is included in this book and CD-ROM. Author David Conger starts at square one, introducing the tools of the trade and all the basic concepts for getting started programming with C++, the language that powers most current commercial games. Plus, he's put a wealth of top-notch (and free) tools on the CD-ROM, including the Dev-C++ compiler, linker, and debugger—and his own LlamaWorks2D game engine. Step-by-step instructions and ample illustrations take you through game program structure, integrating sound and music into games, floating-point math, C++ arrays, and much more. Using the sample programs and the source code to run them, you can follow along as you learn. Bio: David Conger has been programming professionally for over 23 years. Along with countless custom business applications, he has written several PC and online games. Conger also worked on graphics firmware for military aircraft, and taught computer science at the university level for four years. Conger has written numerous books on C, C++, and other computer-related topics. He lives in western Washington State and has also published a collection of Indian folk tales.

Game Developers Talk About the Business of Play

NBA Jam

Creating Games in C++

Indie Games

A student textbook

Everything you need to know about Legal and Business Issues in the Game Industry

A Handbook for the Future-Oriented CEO

Design and build cutting-edge video games with help from video game expert Scott Rogers! If you want to design and build cutting-edge video games but aren't sure where to start, then this is the book for you. Written by leading video game expert Scott Rogers, who has designed the hits Pac Man World, Maxim vs. Army of Zin, and SpongeBob Squarepants, this book is full of Rogers's wit and imaginative style that demonstrates everything you need to know about designing great video games. Features an approachable writing style that considers game designers from all levels of expertise and experience Covers the entire video game creation process, including developing marketable ideas, understanding what gamers want, working with player actions, and more Offers techniques for creating non-human characters and using the camera as a character Shares helpful insight on the business of design and how to create design documents So, put your game face on and start creating

memorable, creative, and unique video games with this book!

The indie game developer's complete guide to running a studio. The climate for the games industry has never been hotter, and this is only set to continue as the marketplace for tablets, consoles and phones grow. Seemingly every day there is a story of how a successful app or game has earned thousands of downloads and revenue. As the market size increases, so does the number of people developing and looking to develop their own app or game to publish. The Indie Game Developer Handbook covers every aspect of running a game development studio from the initial creation of the game through to completion, release and beyond. Accessible and complete guide to many aspects of running a game development studio from funding and development through QA, publishing, marketing, and more. Provides a useful knowledge base and help to support the learning process of running an indie development studio in an honest, approachable and easy to understand way. Case studies, interviews from other studios and industry professionals grant an first-hand look into the world of indie game development

Great teams make great games. While process can help or hinder, great games require talent, creativity and teamwork of developers. This book helps them reach their potential by sharing practices that other developers have used to: - Improve how teams execute on a day-to day basis - Overcome barriers to becoming great teams - Facilitate change and engagement through improved coaching and leadership - Respect and aide the personal growth of developers - Stream-line iterations - Guide projects and manage risk - Raise the quality bar throughout a studio - Enhance your studio's environment for developers Authors Clinton Keith and Grant Shonkwiler have combined decades of game development experience on dozens of shipped games. Now they've collaborated with other veterans across the game development industry to bring this collection of advanced practices to you.

Do you want to build mobile games, but lack game development experience? No problem. This practical guide shows you how to create beautiful, interactive content for iOS and Android devices with the Unity game engine. Authors Jon Manning and Paris Buttfield-Addison (iOS Swift Game Development Cookbook) provide a top-to-bottom overview of Unity's features with specific, project-oriented guidance on how to use them in real game situations. Over the course of this book, you'll learn hands-on how to build 2D and 3D games from scratch that will hook and delight players. If you have basic programming skills, you're ready to get started. Explore the basics of Unity, and learn how to structure games, graphics, scripting, sounds, physics, and particle systems Use 2D graphics and physics features to build a side-scrolling action game Create a 3D space combat simulator with projectile shooting and respawning objects, and learn how to manage the appearance of 3D models Dive into Unity's advanced features, such as precomputed lighting, shading, customizing the editor, and deployment Level Up!

Tales from the Margins

Handbook on Splines for the User

The GameDev Budgeting Handbook

How Successful Indie Game Developers Finish Their Projects

An All-in-one Guide to Implementing Game Mechanics, Art, Design, and Programming

Blood, Sweat, and Pixels

The only book for indie gamers that asks, "What do you want to do?" before it says, "Here's what you need to do!" Based on Don Daglow's top-rated games sessions at GDC, Devcom/Gamescom and events from Shanghai to Toronto to Berlin. Over 90 questions to ask yourself as you prepare to develop your indie game - respond to what's relevant, skip past what's not. Detailed feedback on what to do with your answers from a 3-time Inc. 500 CEO whose honors include a Technology & Engineering Emmy® and multiple Game of the Year awards. -- back cover.

Is the art for your video game taking too long to create? Learning to create Pixel Art may be the answer to your development troubles. Uncover the secrets to creating stunning graphics with Pixel Art for Game Developers. The premier how-to book on Pixel Art and Pixel Art software, it focuses on the universal principles of the craft. The book provide

How do you become a successful indie game developer? Excellent programming skills, smart game design and fancy graphics don't make you a successful game developer. It's the ability to complete a game project which brings you success, confidence and joy. Dominating the inner game of game making is what separates the pros from the wannabes. It's about staying focused, motivated and efficient as well as about thinking as a salesperson, not just as a designer, a programmer or an artist. This book shows you plenty of tricks how to prevent human nature from ruining your game project. Simple issues like embarrassment, procrastination or perfectionism can become death traps for your success. So you should be aware of these perils to avoid them or to cope with them. Most game development books address design, coding, graphics or similar topics. They teach how to make games. This book does not show you how to make them. It shows you how to finish them. Successfully Navigate the Evolving World of Mobile and Social Game Design and Monetization Completely updated, Mobile & Social Game Design: Monetization Methods and Mechanics, Second Edition explains how to use the interconnectedness of social networks to make "stickier," more compelling games on all types of devices. Through the book's many design and marketing techniques, strategies, and examples, you will acquire a better understanding of the design and monetization mechanics of mobile and social games as well as working knowledge of industry practices and terminology. Learn How to Attract—and Retain—Gamers and Make Money The book explores how the gaming sector has changed, including the evolution of free-to-play games on mobile and tablet devices, sophisticated subscription model-based products, and games for social media websites, such as Facebook. It also demystifies the alphabet soup of industry terms that have sprouted up around mobile and social game design and monetization. A major focus of the book is on popular mechanisms for acquiring users and methods of monetizing users. The author explains how to put the right kinds of hooks in

your games, gather the appropriate metrics, and evaluate that information to increase the game's overall stickiness and revenue per user. He also discusses the sale of virtual goods and the types of currency used in games, including single and dual currency models. Each chapter includes an interview with industry leaders who share their insight on designing and producing games, analyzing metrics, and much more.

Mobile Game Development with Unity

Rules of Play

From Dream to Delivery

Occupational Outlook Handbook

Business and Legal Primer for Game Development

The Book of Esports

The art of programming mechanics -- Real world mechanics -- Animation mechanics -- Game rules and mechanics -- Character mechanics -- Player mechanics -- Environmental mechanics -- Mechanics for external forces.

"This novel has all the funny banter and sexy feels you could want in a romantic comedy."-NPR A high stakes wager pits an aspiring entrepreneur against a ruthless CEO in this sexy romantic comedy. After her life falls apart, recruitment consultant Layla Patel returns home to her family in San Francisco. But in the eyes of her father, who runs a Michelin starred restaurant, she can do no wrong. He would do anything to see her smile again. With the best intentions in mind, he offers her the office upstairs to start her new business and creates a profile on an online dating site to find her a man. She doesn't know he's arranged a series of blind dates until the first one comes knocking on her door... As CEO of a corporate downsizing company Sam Mehta is more used to conflict than calm. In search of a quiet new office, he finds the perfect space above a cozy Indian restaurant that smells like home. But when communication goes awry, he's forced to share his space with the owner's beautiful yet infuriating daughter Layla, her crazy family, and a parade of hopeful suitors, all of whom threaten to disrupt his carefully ordered life. As they face off in close quarters, the sarcasm and sparks fly. But when the battle for the office becomes a battle of the heart, Sam and Layla have to decide if this is love or just a game. Business is an important part of making games and the legal aspects have also become significant. Business and Legal Primer for Games explores the major legal and business issues involved in game development with a particular focus on starting a business. The book contains practical introductory sections on business and legal problems that members of the development community are often confronted with. These problems include business structure, contracts, employment law, taxation, and IP. Those seeking to start their own game development company will receive invaluable information regarding getting started, basic business operations, marketing, licensing intellectual property, and exit strategies. Business and Legal Primer for Games is the ideal starting point with any who has ever wanted to start a game business and an excellent reference of information for those who already are involved in game development. Business is an important part of making games and the legal aspects have also become significant. Business and Legal Primer for Games explores the major legal and business issues involved in game development with a particular focus on starting a business. The book contains practical introductory sections on business and legal problems that members of the development community are often confronted with. These problems include business structure, contracts, employment law, taxation, and IP. Those seeking to start their own game development company will receive invaluable information regarding getting started, basic business operations, marketing, licensing intellectual property, and exit strategies. Business and Legal Primer for Games is the ideal starting point with any who has ever wanted to start a game business and an excellent reference of information for those who already are involved in game development.

An impassioned look at games and game design that offers the most ambitious framework for understanding them to date. As pop culture, games are as important as film or television—but game design has yet to develop a theoretical framework or critical vocabulary. In Rules of Play Katie Salen and Eric Zimmerman present a much-needed primer for this emerging field. They offer a unified model for looking at all kinds of games, from board games and sports to computer and video games. As active participants in game culture, the authors have written Rules of Play as a catalyst for innovation, filled with new concepts, strategies, and methodologies for creating and understanding games. Building an aesthetics of interactive systems, Salen and Zimmerman define core concepts like "play," "design," and "interactivity." They look at games through a series of eighteen "game design schemas," or conceptual frameworks, including games as systems of emergence and information, as contexts for social play, as a storytelling medium, and as sites of cultural resistance. Written for game scholars, game developers, and interactive designers, Rules of Play is a textbook, reference book, and theoretical guide. It is the first comprehensive attempt to establish a solid theoretical framework for the emerging discipline of game design.

Monetization Methods and Mechanics, Second Edition

A Game Designer's Guide to Virtual Sensation

Development Experts Share Their Stories

Retro Game Dev: C64 Edition**Gamedev****Video Game Law****Agile Game Development with Scrum (Adobe Reader)**

The video game industry has been one of the fastest-growing cultural phenomena of our times with market conditions that demand a specific skill set from its marketers. To a new generation of "indie gamers", being a game developer isn't just about design and production, a successful video game demands entrepreneurial skills and astute business acumen. The creators need to know what their customers want, how to reach those customers and how to sell to them. *Video Game Marketing: A student textbook is for development students or aspiring developers who want to know how to promote and sell the results of their efforts. This book is a much-needed guide to:*

- the essentials of marketing strategy;
- video games as products or services;
- marketing research for game development;
- branding video games;
- marketing through game: gamification, advergames.

Replete with pedagogy to aid learning such as objectives and discussion questions for each chapter, this book is all that aspiring video game developers will need to unleash the potential of their games. If you know nothing about game development, you're basically me before I started working on my first game DARQ. This book assumes no knowledge of game development on the reader's part. As a first-time developer with no prior experience in coding, modeling, texturing, animation, game design, etc., I managed to launch DARQ to both commercial success and critical acclaim. With zero dollars spent on marketing, it was featured in major media outlets, such as IGN, Kotaku, PC Gamer, GameSpot, Forbes, and hundreds of others. Ultimately, DARQ became #42 Most Shared PC Video Game of 2019, according to Metacritic, with the average user rating of 9 out of 10. In my book, I'm sharing with you exactly how I did it. The book guides you through a step-by-step process of making a game: from downloading a game engine to releasing your first commercial title. The book features advice from 15 industry professionals, including Mark Kern (team lead of World of Warcraft), Quentin De Beukelaer (game designer of Assassin's Creed IV: Black Flag, Assassin's Creed Unity, Ghost Recon Breakpoint), Bjorn Jacobsen (sound designer of Cyberpunk 2077, Divinity: Fallen Heroes, Hitman), Austin Wintory (Grammy-nominated composer of Journey, ABZÛ, Assassin's Creed: Syndicate), and others. The foreword is written by my mentor John Corigliano, Oscar, Pulitzer Prize, and 5-time Grammy Award-winning composer.

Team Leadership in the Game Industry arms you with the information you need to face and meet the challenges of finding, supporting, and retaining a talented team of employees. Specifically addressing the unique needs of managers in the game industry, this book recognizes a common issue: game development teams consisting of talented specialists who lack interpersonal and leadership skills. Filled with tips and advice from industry pros, you'll learn how to solve problems such as selecting your team, defining roles and identifying team leaders, meeting deadlines, and handling underperformers. You'll examine classic leadership traits, and take a look at specific team roles and their daily responsibilities. Real-world case studies illustrate solutions to each problem and hands-on exercises will help you practice the techniques presented. *Team Leadership in the Game Industry* provides you with a valuable set of best practices and advice to help you achieve efficient, cohesive teams.

The GameDev Business Handbook
The GameDev Budgeting Handbook
The Indie Game Developer Handbook
CRC Press

The Marriage Game

The Guide to Great Video Game Design

Holistic Game Development with Unity

The Indie Game Developer Handbook

A Practical Guide to Indie Game Marketing

Critical Path

Game Design Fundamentals

The definitive guide to the modern world of competitive gaming and the official history of Esports™. Almost overnight, esports—or competitive video games—have exploded into the largest entertainment and sporting phenomenon in human history. *The Book of Esports* answers: What exactly are esports, and how did they become so popular so quickly? Why did blockbuster video games like League of Legends, Fortnite and Starcraft succeed? Where exactly is all this video gaming headed? What do gamers and college students need to know to position themselves for success in the industry? How do you create a billion-dollar esports business? What strategic choices drive success in the modern gaming industry? Can video games really get your kid into college? (All expenses paid, of course...) Whether you are a lifelong gamer, a curious Fortnite parent, or a businessperson seeking to understand the marketing opportunities of this multibillion-dollar phenomenon, *The Book of Esports* charts the rise of this exciting new industry, for the first time ever crafting a comprehensive overview of esports and its implications for human competition—and even the future of humanity itself. Gaming luminary and Harvard MBA William Collis has painstakingly translated esports' mysteries into a detailed and accessible testament for today. Featuring select interviews from the biggest names in the industry, *The Book of Esports* weaves tales of trust, betrayal, and superhuman reflexes into predictive frameworks, explaining exactly why our industry looks the way it does, and how all this growth—and more—is inevitable as the divide between man and machine blurs into oblivion.

Video Game Law is aimed at game developers and industry professionals who want to better understand the industry or are in need of expert legal guidance. Given the rise in international competition, the increasing complexity of video game features, and the explosive growth of the industry in general, game developers can quickly find themselves in serious trouble, becoming vulnerable to copyright infringement claims, piracy, and even security breaches. Not every video game company has the financial resources to retain in-house counsel — *Video Game Law* addresses many of the common pitfalls, legal questions, and scenarios facing the industry. S. Gregory Boyd, Brian Pyne and Sean F. Kane, the most prominent, sought after, and respected video game attorneys in the country, break down the laws and legal concepts that every game developer and industry professional needs to know to better protect their game and grow their company.

NATIONAL BESTSELLER “The stories in this book make for a fascinating and remarkably complete pantheon of just about every common despair and every joy related to game development.” — Rami Ismail, cofounder of Vlambeer and developer of Nuclear Throne
Developing video games—hero's journey or fool's errand? The creative and technical logistics that go into building today's hottest games can be more harrowing and complex than the games themselves, often seeming like an endless maze or a bottomless abyss. In *Blood, Sweat, and Pixels*, Jason Schreier takes readers on a fascinating odyssey behind the scenes of video game development, where the creator may be a team of 600 overworked underdogs or a solitary geek genius. Exploring the artistic challenges, technical impossibilities, marketplace demands, and Donkey Kong-sized monkey wrenches thrown into the works by corporate, *Blood, Sweat, and Pixels* reveals how bringing any game to completion is more than Sisyphean—it's nothing short of miraculous. Taking some of the most popular, bestselling recent games, Schreier immerses readers in the hellfire of the development process, whether it's RPG studio Bioware's challenge to beat an impossible schedule and overcome countless technical nightmares to build *Dragon Age: Inquisition*; indie developer Eric Barone's single-handed efforts to grow country-life RPG *Stardew Valley* from one man's vision into a multi-million-dollar franchise; or Bungie spinning out from their corporate overlords at Microsoft to create *Destiny*, a brand new universe that they hoped would become as iconic as *Star Wars* and *Lord of the Rings*—even as it nearly ripped their studio apart. Documenting the round-the-clock crunches, buggy-eyed burnout, and last-minute saves, *Blood, Sweat, and Pixels* is a journey through development hell—and ultimately a tribute to the dedicated diehards and unsung heroes who scale mountains of obstacles in their quests to create the best games imaginable.

Inside the Video Game Industry offers a provocative look into one of today's most dynamic and creative businesses. Through in-depth structured

interviews, industry professionals discuss their roles, providing invaluable insight into game programming, art, animation, design, production, quality assurance, audio and business professions. From hiring and firing conventions, attitudes about gender disparity, goals for work-life balance, and a span of legal, psychological, and communal intellectual property protection mechanisms, the book's combination of accessible industry talk and incisive thematic overviews is ideal for anyone interested in games as a global industry, a site of cultural study, or a prospective career path. Designed for researchers, educators, and students, this book provides a critical perspective on an often opaque business and its highly mobile workforce. Additional teaching materials, including activities and study questions, can be found at <https://www.routledge.com/9780415828284>.

Game Project Completed

Game Feel

Advanced Game Development Practices

Game Devs & Others

Futurize! Dealing with Megatrends and Disruptors

The Art of Game Design

The Triumphant, Turbulent Stories Behind How Video Games Are Made

“Gripping and timely.” —People “The YA debut we’re most excited for this year.” —Entertainment Weekly “A book that knocks you off your feet while dropping the kind of knowledge that’ll keep you down for the count. Prepare to BE slain.” —Nic Stone, New York Times bestselling author of *Dear Martin* and *Odd One Out* Ready Player One meets *The Hate U Give* in this dynamite debut novel that follows a fierce teen game developer as she battles a real-life troll intent on ruining the Black Panther–inspired video game she created and the safe community it represents for Black gamers. By day, seventeen-year-old Kiera Johnson is an honors student, a math tutor, and one of the only Black kids at Jefferson Academy. But at home, she joins hundreds of thousands of Black gamers who duel worldwide as Nubian personas in the secret multiplayer online role-playing card game, SLAY. No one knows Kiera is the game developer, not her friends, her family, not even her boyfriend, Malcolm, who believes video games are partially responsible for the “downfall of the Black man.” But when a teen in Kansas City is murdered over a dispute in the SLAY world, news of the game reaches mainstream media, and SLAY is labeled a racist, exclusionist, violent hub for thugs and criminals. Even worse, an anonymous troll infiltrates the game, threatening to sue Kiera for “anti-white discrimination.” Driven to save the only world in which she can be herself, Kiera must preserve her secret identity and harness what it means to be unapologetically Black in a world intimidated by Blackness. But can she protect her game without losing herself in the process?

Enter the world of video game development in this collection of discussions with noteworthy game creators ranging from solo hobbyists to major triple-A veterans. Todd Mitchell—an industry writer, indie developer, and host of the popular development podcast, *GameDev Breakdown*—speaks to experts about their projects, their experiences, and how they broke into the game industry to do some of the coolest jobs in history. Interviewees include: Michael Hicks of MichaelArts, David Fox of Electric Eggplant (formerly of LucasArts, Rocket Science Games, and more), Paul Nicholas of Liquidream, Richard Rouse III of Paranoid Productions (formerly of Surreal Software, Midway, Microsoft, and more), Ryan Engle of Golf Scope, Jordan Mychal Lemos formerly of Ubisoft, Sucker Punch Productions, Hardsuit Labs, and more, Say Mistage and Michael Silverman of Silverware Games, Joshua Davidson and Ash Lyons of Gearbox Software, Rob Hewson of Huey Games (formerly of TT Games, Dark Energy Digital, and Blade Interactive), and Thomas Kildren of Fletcher Studios Games discussed include: *Pillar*, *The Path of Motus*, *Maniac Mansion*, *Zak McKracken and the Alien Mindbenders*, *Thimbleweed Park*, *The Suffering* (series), *The Church in the Darkness*, *Topgolf with Pro Putt*, *Assassin's Creed Odyssey*, *MatchyGotchy Z*, *Saints Row* (series), *Borderlands* (series), *Battleborn*, *Lego* games, *Booper*, *Get Home!* and more.

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When *NBA Jam* dunked its way into arcades in 1993, players discovered just how fun basketball can be when freed from rules, refs, and gravity itself. But just a few years after the billion-dollar hit conquered the world, developer Midway, publisher Acclaim, and video arcades themselves fell off the map. How did a simple two-on-two basketball game become MVP of the arcade, and how did this champ lose its title? Journalist Reyan Ali dives deep into the saga, tracking the people and decisions that shaped the series. You'll get to know mischievous *Jam* architect Mark Turmell, go inside Midway's Chicago office where hungry young talent tapped into cutting-edge tech, and explore the sequels, spin-offs, and tributes that came in the game's wake. Built out of exhaustive research and original interviews with a star-studded cast—including Turmell and his original development team, iconic commentator Tim Kitzrow, businessmen and developers at Midway and Acclaim alike, secret characters George Clinton and DJ Jazzy Jeff, *Doom* co-creator John Romero, and 1990s NBA demigods Glen Rice and Shaq—Ali's *NBA Jam* returns you to an era when coin-op was king.

AI for Game Developers

Mobile & Social Game Design

10 Steps to Making Your First Game Successful

A Practical Guide

Pixel Art for Game Developers

A Step-by-step Guide

The GameDev Business Handbook

Written for the novice AI programmer, this text introduces the reader to techniques such as finite state machines, fuzzy logic, neural networks and many others in an easy-to-understand language, supported with code samples throughout the text.

The future will bring only more megatrends and disruptions. With the guidance of this book, which centers around the authors' years-of-research-backed high-performance organizations (HPO) framework and includes the unique self-assessment tool *Futurize!* Diagnosis, business leaders and organizations will be prepared and truly 'future ready.' The next two decades will present massive challenges for organizations, as they navigate the need for sustainable development against a complex backdrop of factors such as increasing inequality, resource scarcity, continued globalization, and the ever-increasing speed of technological advancement. This book will help business leaders and organizations set priorities and make decisions so that not only do they honor commitments to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, but also become more

future ready by: identifying the megatrends and disruptors which impact organizations now and will in the future specifically outlining how those megatrends and disruptors will impact organizations showing how organizations can deal with this impact in practical terms. This book is a must for management teams, aspiring leaders, and professionals and students interested in the future of work, human resource management, and innovation.

Learn how to market for your indie game, even with a small budget and limited resources. For those who want to earn a regular income from making indie games, marketing can be nearly as vital to the success of the game as the game itself. A Practical Guide to Indie Game Marketing provides you with the tools needed to build visibility and sell your game. With special focus on developers with small budgets and limited staff and resources, this book is packed with recommendations and techniques that you can put to use immediately. As a seasoned marketing professional, author Joel Dreskin provides insight into practical, real-world experiences from marketing numerous successful games and also shares tips on mistakes to avoid. Presented in an easy to read format, A Practical Guide to Indie Game Marketing includes information on establishing an audience and increasing visibility so you can build successes with your studio and games. Through case studies, examples, guidelines and tips, you will learn best practices for developing plans for your game launches, PR, community engagement, channel promotions and more Sample timelines help you determine how long in advance of a launch to prepare your first public communications, when to announce your game, as well as recommended timing for releasing different game assets Book also includes marketing checklist 'cheat sheets', dos and don'ts and additional resources

[Color version] Learn to develop your own games for the biggest selling home computer of all time: the Commodore 64. Using modern tools, this introductory book guides you through all the elements required to make two mini games: a space shooter and a platformer, and run them on an emulator or real C64 hardware. Whether you're a retro enthusiast after a nostalgia fix, or a newcomer hoping to break into the games industry, this will unleash your creativity! Learn about: 6502 Assembly Language Commodore 64 Hardware CBM Prg Studio I.D.E. VICE Commodore Emulator Hardware and Software Sprites SID Chip Audio Effects Sprite Character Animation Background Screen Design And much more... Downloads and discussion forum available at www.retrogamedev.com. Please note: 1) The development environment used is for Microsoft Windows ONLY. 2) The Kindle version is 'print replica' and will NOT work on eReaders. It will ONLY work on tablets, phones, Kindle Fires, Kindle Reading apps etc.

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Introduction to Game Development

Unity Game Development Cookbook

Inside Video Game Creation

Gear Up!

Video Game Marketing

Inside the Video Game Industry

Based on the most recent curriculum guidelines of the IGDA, updated in 2008, "Introduction to Game Development, Second Edition" surveys all aspects of the theory and practice of game development, design, and production. Divided into seven independent parts: Critical Game Studies, Game Design, Game Programming (Languages and Architecture), Game Programming Mathematics, Collision Detection, and Physics), Game Programming (Graphics, Animation, Artificial Intelligence, Audio, and Networking), Audio Visual Design and Production, and Game Production and the Business of Games, it features contributions from twenty seven of the leading game developers, programmers, and designers. A must-have resource for anyone looking to understand the entire game development process, the accompanying CD-ROM includes tutorials, animations, images, demos, source code, and PowerPoint lecture slides that reinforce the concepts presented in the book.

"Game Feel" exposes "feel" as a hidden language in game design that no one has fully articulated yet.

The language could be compared to the building blocks of music (time signatures, chord progressions, verse) - no matter the instruments, style or time period - these building blocks come into play. Feel and sensation are similar building blocks where game design is concerned. They create the meta-sensation of involvement with a game. The understanding of how game designers create feel, and affect feel are only partially understood by most in the field and tends to be overlooked as a method or course of study, yet a game's feel is central to a game's success. This book brings the subject of feel to light by consolidating existing theories into a cohesive book. The book covers topics like the role of sound, ancillary indicators, the importance of metaphor, how people perceive things, and a brief history of feel in games. The associated web site contains a playset with ready-made tools to design feel in games, six key components to creating virtual sensation. There's a play palette too, so the designer can first experience the importance of that component by altering variables and feeling the results. The playset allows the reader to experience each of the sensations described in the book, and then allows them to apply them to their own projects. Creating game feel without having to program, essentially. The final version of the playset will have enough flexibility that the reader will be able to use it as a companion to the exercises in the book, working through each one to create the feel described.

Game Devs & Others: Tales from the Margins tell the true stories of life in the industry by people of color, LGBTQIA and other marginalized identities. This collection of essays give people a chance to tell their stories and to let others know what life on the other side of the screen is like when you're not part of the supposed "majority".

Splines find ever increasing application in the numerical methods, computer-aided design, and computer graphics areas. The Handbook on Splines for the User not only provides an excellent introduction to basic concepts and methods but also includes the SplineGuide-a computer diskette that allows the reader to practice using important programs. These programs help the user to build interpolating and smoothing cubic and bicubic splines of all classes. Programs are described in Fortran for spline functions and C for geometric splines. The Handbook describes spline functions and geometric splines and provides simple, but effective algorithms. It covers virtually all of the important types of cubic and bicubic splines, functions, variables, curves, and surfaces. The book is written in a straightforward manner and requires little mathematical background. When necessary, the authors give theoretical treatments in an easy-to-use form. Through the Handbook on Splines for the User, introduce yourself to the exciting world of splines and learn to use them in practical applications and computer graphics.

Build Once, Deploy Anywhere

A Book of Lenses, Second Edition

How to Review Videogames for a Living

Essentials for Every Game

The Publishing Challenge for Independent Video game Developers

Team Leadership in the Game Industry

Good game design happens when you view your game from as many perspectives as possible.

Written by one of the world's top game designers, *The Art of Game Design* presents 100+ sets of questions, or different lenses, for viewing a game's design, encompassing diverse fields such as psychology, architecture, music, visual design, film, software

engineering, theme park design, mathematics, puzzle design, and anthropology. This Second Edition of a Game Developer Front Line Award winner: Describes the deepest and most fundamental principles of game design Demonstrates how tactics used in board, card, and athletic games also work in top-quality video games Contains valuable insight from Jesse

Schell, the former chair of the International Game Developers Association and award-winning designer of Disney online games *The Art of Game Design, Second Edition* gives readers useful perspectives on how to make better game designs faster. It provides

practical instruction on creating world-class games that will be played again and again. Find out how to use the Unity Game Engine to its fullest for both 3D and 2D game

development—from the basics to the hottest new tricks in virtual reality. With this unique cookbook, you'll get started in two ways: First, you'll learn about the Unity game

engine by following very brief exercises that teach specific features of the software Second, this tutorial-oriented guide provides a collection of snippets that solve common

gameplay problems, like determining if a player has completed a lap in a race Using our cookbook format, we pinpoint the problem, set out the solution, and discuss how to solve

your problem in the best and most straightforward way possible so you can move onto the next step in the project. *Unity Game Development Cookbook* is ideal for beginning to

intermediate Unity developers. Beginners will get a broad immersion into the Unity development environment, while intermediate developers will learn how to apply the

foundational Unity skills they have to solve real game development problems.