

Ben Merrick

3D Environment and Technical Artist/Generalist Technical Director with seven years 3D industry experience, having worked on four AAA games, VR and multiple advertisements.

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Skills:

Environment/Prop Modelling
Lighting
Materials/Shaders
Organisation
Performance/Optimisation
Unreal Engine 4 Blueprint Scripting
VR

Software:

Adobe Photoshop
Autodesk Maya
Autodesk 3DS Max
Pixologic ZBrush
Quixel and Substance
Unreal Engine 4
Other game engines

Employment

Framestore	Senior Environment and Technical Artist Unreal Engine 4 VR and installation- Modelling, lighting, textures, materials/shaders, performance, blueprint scripting Generalist Technical Director Unannounced Film/Ride- Modelling, lighting, materials/shaders, layout	Apr 2016- Present
Lionhead Studios (Microsoft)	Environment and Technical Artist Fable Legends (Xbox One and PC) - Level art, performance, optimisations, models and textures	Feb 2014- Apr 2016
Rare Ltd (Microsoft)	Environment Artist Kinect Sports: Rivals (Xbox One) - Foliage, rocks, vehicles, other models, textures and optimizations	Feb 2013- Feb 2014
Frontier Developments	Environment Artist Kinectimals: Now With Bears (360) - Foliage, lighting, environments Kinect Disneyland Adventures (360) - Environments and props HoloLens	May 2011- Jan 2013
Nexus Mediastation Others	Freelance 3D Artist Honda Jazz: 'This Unpredictable Life' (TV/Print) - Prop models Other advertisements - Environment and prop models	Oct 2010- Mar 2011
John Lewis	3D Concept Designer Shop visualizations - Environment and product models	Oct 2009- Oct 2010
John Lewis	Part Time Customer Service (Whilst Studying) Audio and TV/Supermarket	Jul 2002- Oct 2009

Education

University of Hertfordshire	Masters of Arts (Commendation MA) and Bachelor of Arts (Upper 2nd Class Hons. Degree) 3D Arts	2005-2009
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Personal Statement

I am a highly motivated, strong team player with interest in a variety of sports including Hockey, Golf Football and Badminton.

I was also the Club Secretary for the University hockey club for two years, which involved organising transportation, tournaments, and events. This responsibility helped me develop my leadership, communication and time management skills.

My passion lies within the creative industry and I thoroughly enjoy exploring and experiencing a variety of different games, films and gallery visits in my free time.

I would like to think I get on with people at all levels, easily making good working relationships and enjoying spending time with work colleagues and spending time developing these friendships.

During my Masters I became the student representative, which allowed me to provide my fellow students with a voice and share their views and opinions to the Masters Council.

I seek out new responsibilities and challenges, irrespective of reward and recognition, and I decided to take up the role of coach for children ages 5-15 at the Cottenham Roller Hockey Club and helped within the National team setup. I thoroughly enjoyed supporting others and working with youngsters and therefore took on the role of mentoring children for the Beat Bullying Charity; this was such an incredible experience, one which I will never forget.

In addition, I am a qualified PADI Advanced Open Water Diver, and have enjoyed diving around the world, including the Red Sea, Barbados and Malta.

For more information and to see my portfolio please visit: www.benmerrick.com