James Spruin	
Game Programmer	jamspruin.wixsite.com/portfolio
Work Experience	Gopokyo Inc. (Unity Developer) March 2020 - April 2024 Contributed to two in-production projects, "Star Rising" a rogue-lite dungeon crawling deck builder and "We Broke the Fairy Tale", a co-op action platformer with puzzle elements Responsible for implementing mocked UI in "Star Rising", including HUD, menus, spatial UI, and inventory systems Contributed to prototyping, developing core features, and maintaining the player controls for "We Broke the Fairy Tale" under the direction of the lead Collaborated with developers on various features such as game physics, combat, enemy state machines, procedural generation, and custom tools Quickly adapted to unfamiliar development tools and technologies as the projects evolved, such as Shadergraph, Fmod, NodeCanvas, Odin Inspector, BGDatabase, MMFeedbacks, Zenject, and YarnSpinner Contributed to documentation, detailing implemented features, bugs and how to reproduce them, and how to use custom tools Implemented automated tests using Trilleon Automation
Skills	 Unity and C# Four years of work experience using Unity as part of a small team Used Unity for several personal projects and jams outside of work Continuously learned new Unity tools and features while developing projects Comfortable adapting to existing programming architecture Aimed to keep scripts short, focused, and reusable, prioritizing modular design Collaboration and Communication Actively contributed to in-person and remote team meetings Documented implemented features while at Gopokyo Collaborated with programmers to implement features and worked with artists to import and set up assets Performance Profiling and Optimizing Used Unity's profiler tools to identify expensive calls and heavy memory usage Version Control Used Git clients for creating branches and resolving merge conflicts
Education	Nova Scotia Community College Truro Campus, Truro NS Game Development Programming Concentration (College Diploma) Graduated June 2019
Volunteering	 Fan Bingo Panel - Hal-Con Sci-fi & Fantasy Convention November 2014 - Present (Once a year excluding 2020) Designed and hosted a popular fan-made interactive panel inspired by the Pokémon series for 10 years (annually, excluding 2020 due to the pandemic) Developed a card generator for creating the cards and a program for picking numbers and displaying them Had 850 participants in the 2025 game NSCC New Media Arts Day (NSCC) March 2019 Promoted the game development course to visitors touring the campus

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Portfolio Highlights

We Broke the Fairy Tale - Gopokyo Inc. (Unity)

- A 3D Tim Burton inspired multiplayer co-op game I was a part of for a while, where players work together to solve puzzles and defeat enemies
- Helped implement initial player controls, including their kinematic controllers, combat, and carrying objects and other players
- Created visual state machines using NodeCanvas for enemies and bosses and implemented their behaviours
- Implemented UI for character dialogue and the HUD
- Created visual state machines for enemy behaviour
- Implemented **interactive elements** found in the levels, such as switches, pushable objects, moving platforms, dialogue interactions, and more
- Utilized Unity's Particle System, Shadergraph, and MMFeedbacks to make the game feel more polished

Xmas.exe has Stopped Working - Ongoing Project (Godot)

- An early WIP Christmas themed 2D platformer shooter with plans to make it a roguelike
- Focusing on making it fun to move around first, by making the gameplay fast and experimenting with movement mechanics
- Added various weapons to give the game some variety
- Utilized **bouncy animations** to make simple still pixel graphics come alive
- Created simple enemy behaviours for testing out the basic game features

Cat King's Long Journey - GMTK Game Jam 2024 (Godot)

- · Solo developed for the 2024 GMTK jam with the theme "Built to Scale"
- A 2d puzzle game where you need to stretch and move cats to reach the goal through a total of 8 levels
- Developed in Godot over the course of 96 hours
- Placed within the top 4% of entries, ranking 243rd out of over 7500 entries
- Implemented a custom grid based physics system for pushing and moving objects of any shape in a 2d grid