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## XP Experience

### Sanzaru Games (2016-Present)

- **Unannounced Project (TBA) - Senior Game Designer**
  - Create comprehensive & highly visual level, system, and mechanic specifications in Confluence
  - Pioneer & maintain large systems; writing guides & holding meetings to ensure designer accessibility
  - Collaborate with engineers & artists to evolve level and prop specifications into exciting features
  - Design, greybox, and script 3D levels; emphasizing combat, puzzles, and traversal
  - Provide constructive feedback and help oversee development of newer designers
- **Asgard's Wrath (Oculus Rift, Shipped 2019) - Game Designer**  
[sanzaru.com/games/asgardswrath/](http://sanzaru.com/games/asgardswrath/)
  - Designed, greyboxed, and scripted various story levels in Sagas 3-5; emphasizing combat & puzzles
  - Formulated initial designs and scripted prototypes for Kraken and Hel god-scale boss battles
  - Pioneered, prototyped, and implemented Horde Assault boss battle type & its unique cannon controls
  - Collaborated with engineers to realize the creation of fun, scalable mechanics such as the magic staff
- **Marvel Powers United VR (Oculus Rift, Shipped 2018) - Game Designer**  
[sanzaru.com/games/marvel-powers-united-vr/](http://sanzaru.com/games/marvel-powers-united-vr/)
  - Designed gameplay for several heroes, including Spider-man's web-slinging and Thor's hammer recall
  - Identified a balance concern with the scoring system, then proposed & implemented a solution
  - Streamlined implementation of interactable environment objects, improving artist workflow

### UCSC Senior Capstone Project (2015-2016)

- **Shackle (Oculus Rift, Shipped 2016) - Project Lead / Level Designer**  
[purpleplattypus.itch.io/shacklegame](http://purpleplattypus.itch.io/shacklegame)
  - Collaboratively designed, greyboxed, and implemented 3 cooperative VR puzzle levels in Unity
  - Scripted interaction mechanics for over 30 different interactive objects in C#
  - Led efficient, interactive meetings with programmers, artists, and designers
  - Held bi-weekly playtests to gather feedback and improve design
  - IndieCade 2016 Nominee

 **Portfolio:** [purpleplattypus.com](http://purpleplattypus.com)  **Github:** [github.com/misterplatt](https://github.com/misterplatt)

## Skills

### Tools

- Photoshop & Illustrator
- Excel
- JIRA / Confluence
- Scrum
- Perforce

### Game Engines

- Unreal Engine 4
- Unity

### Languages

- UE4 Blueprint
- C#
- HTML/CSS

## Education

### University of California, Santa Cruz (2012-2016)

- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science: Computer Game Design