# ORKUN OZKAN

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## **EDUCATION**

### Purdue University, IN/US

September 2021 - December 2025

• B.S. in Game Development and Design

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

Good Job Games

Product Design Intern

Istanbul/Turkey

July 2025 - August 2025

- Led core gameplay and obstacle design for Power Match, a match-3 puzzle game developed by 20 designers in 2 months, creating 25 of 100 total levels.
- Directed cross-disciplinary sprints, coordinating between art, programming, and design teams to refine mechanics, pacing, and power-ups.
- Acted as Creative Lead and Producer, defining the game's thematic experience, balancing player progression, and maintaining sprint documentation in Confluence.

**Black Swan Studios** 

West Lafayette, IN

Systems Designer, Business Lead July 2024 - Present

- Work on an RTS game titled *Worlds Collide*, managing unit and structure statistics, and conducting tests both on paper and within the engine to inform design decisions and measure outcomes.
- Write weekly blog posts in Confluence, detailing changes and patches made to unit stats.
- Utilize Google Sheets and Excel to manage unit data tables and present test results to identify and address design issues.

IndieCade Remote

### Level/Gameplay Designer & Game Design Intern

June-August 2024

- Joined the Climate Jam and designed a game to bring awareness to pollution for Green Future Games, where I designed 30 different platforming levels and a randomizer for the sequences of these levels
- Developed gameplay mechanics and provided documentation to create enemy and character move sets.
- Utilized Unity for level design and Maya for enemy modeling while teaching my team to effectively use Jira and Confluence for management.

## **TaleWorlds Entertainment**

Ankara/ Turkey

Game Design Intern

**July-August 2023** 

- Collaborated with the AI team to conduct testing and documentation of weapon balance statistics, actively identifying and recording problems through automated testing procedures.
- Worked on creating a prototype testing environment tailored specifically for evaluating weapons and other gear.
- Collaborated with senior members of the Design team on game design and implementation documents.
- Troubleshot and fixed bugs in *Mount & Blade II: Bannerlord*, enhancing combat responsiveness and overall player experience.

#### **Bahcesehir University Game Lab**

Remote

Game Production Intern

January 2020 - January 2021

- Simulated pre-incubation spaces to foster a sense of collaboration during the pandemic lockdown.
- Organized community outreach through gram jams and workshops to provide creative spaces for Turkish game developers.
- Worked with game development teams to teach them better communication and teamwork while also assisting their lead producer.

## SKILLS & RELEVANT EXPERIENCES

**Tools & Coding Languages:** Unreal Engine 5, Unity, Adobe Photoshop, Maya, Visual Studio, Excel, Jira, Confluence, C++, C# **Languages:** Turkish (Native), English (Native), French (B2), Japanese (A2)

**Certification:** Scrum Alliance Certified Scrum Master (2023)

# Anecdotal Adventures - D&D Podcast

West Lafavette, IN

Producer, Dungeon Master & Co-Host

2023 - Present

- Lead world-building and story development for long-form D&D campaigns with a team of voice performers and editors.
- Coordinate recording sessions, oversee post-production, and ensure quality and storytelling tone.
- Built a small online audience and community through creative direction, marketing, and player collaboration.

# **Purdue University Varsity Esports Team**

West Lafayette, IN

2021 - 2025

Professional Esports Player, Overwatch & Marvel Rivals

• Competed at the collegiate level in inter-university tournaments, representing Purdue University in Overwatch.