# Nathaniel (Nat) Chu

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# **EDUCATION**

## University of California Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA

June 2025

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Computer Science: Game Design

**GPA:** 3.7

**Dean's List:** 6 Quarters

Relevant Coursework: Game AI, Game Systems, Data Systems & Algorithms, Creative Strategies, 2D Animation

#### **EXPERIENCE**

## ENTP Lab- University of California, Santa Cruz, CA

January 2025 – June 2025

Designer & Onboarding for Experimental Theater involving LLMs

- Researched and brainstormed for the framing of the piece, presenting my ideas in a team of 25 graduate and undergraduate students.
- Collaborated in the design for the onboarding experience, ensuring the themes of the piece were cohesive and the flow was feasible.
- Acted in the role of an Usher, responsible for onboarding audience members in groups of 5, while also introducing both the technology and framing for the experience efficiently.

## Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk, Santa Cruz, CA

June 2025 – September 2025

Games Operator.

- Delivered friendly & professional customer service during stressful peak hours, and offered assistance to families and young children
- Operated and maintained classic boardwalk games, while ensuring a positive and safe player experience.
- Efficiently explained rules and regulations for a variety of games.

#### Santa Cruz City Schools, Santa Cruz, CA

November 2023 - May 2024

Substitute Behavior Technician SPED

- Assisted teaching staff in providing instructional materials and engaged students in educational activities.
- Oversaw the safety of students with special needs both in and outside the classroom.
- Delivered one-on-one and small-group instruction, and helped manage student behavior.

#### **PROJECTS**

# Markus's Miasma | C#, Unity, Reaper, Steam, Taiga.io, Git

January 2025 - June 2025

Tech Lead

- Lead & Programmed for the technical development of *Markus's Miasma* 2D narrative-driven puzzle horror game set in a surreal version of the UCSC campus.
- Designed collaboratively in a team of 8+, using agile development tools like Taiga, and facilitated clear direction by designing & clearly explaining the core systems of the game.

#### Shork Tank | GDScript, Godot, Github, Photoshop

October 2024

Tech Lead

- Designed and produced a completed and polished product in a short time-frame of 1 week, in a small team of 3.
- Was the sole programmer, using complex mathematics to create a rudimentary physics system, along with procedural animation and multiple enemies with unique behaviors.

#### **SKILLS**

• Technical Skills: Python, C#, C/C+, Java, Javascript/ HTML/ CSS, Godot, Unity, Canva, Photoshop, Scrum, Github