

Mud Game Programming

Bachelorarbeit aus dem Jahr 2007 im Fachbereich Medien / Kommunikation - Multimedia, Internet, neue Technologien, Note: 1,0, Fachhochschule St. Pölten, 80 Quellen im Literaturverzeichnis, Sprache: Deutsch, Abstract: Durch die Verbreitung des Internets – bzw. der Breitbandverbindungen - in den Industrienationen, wurde der technologische Grundstein dafür gelegt, dass „Virtuelle-Welten“ nicht mehr nur Rand-Erscheinungen im Internet darstellen, sondern zu Massenphänomenen heranwachsen können. Die Userzahlen der zwei wohl wichtigsten Vertreter dieses Genres sprechen für sich. So zählt „World of Warcraft“ (WOW) laut Blizzard mittlerweile mehr als 10 Millionen User. Das Marktvolumen von Massively Multiplayer Role-Playing Online Games (MMORPG) im Jahr 2006 hat bereits 1,0 Mrd. \$ überschritten. Der Zustrom an Usern dieser synthetischen Welten wie World of Warcraft, Second Life, oder Habbo Hotel wirft einige Fragen auf. Für die Spiele-Hersteller stellt sich die Frage wie sich die Userzahlen in entsprechende Erlöse wandeln lassen und wie sie diese schließlich auch maximieren können. Im Mittelpunkt der vorliegenden Arbeit steht also die Analyse, welcher verschiedener Erlösquellen sich die betreibenden Unternehmen dabei bedienen und wie diese Erlösquellen in einem Erlösmodell zusammen wirken. Daher sollen zunächst notwendige Grundkenntnisse über die Funktionsweise von MMOGs aufgebaut werden, um im Anschluss daran mit der ebenfalls angeführten Theorie der Erlösmodelle, die spezifischen Erlösmodelle in MMOGs zu analysieren. Zuerst werden die Erlösquellen, welche für MMOGs in Frage kommen, genauer betrachtet, worauf anhand einiger erfolgreicher MMOGs gezeigt werden soll, wie diese in einem Erlösmodell integriert werden können. Hauptsächlich werden für MMOGs typische, neue Wege der Erlösgenerierung, wie beispielsweise der Verkauf virtueller Güter, im Fokus der Arbeit stehen. Hierbei gilt es einerseits zu betrachten inwiefern sich diese Erlösmodelle praktisch bewähren; andererseits werden die Erlösmodelle dahingehend untersucht, inwiefern die bisherige medienökonomische Theorie ausreicht um diese spezifischen Erlösmodelle zu beschreiben. Im Laufe der Arbeit soll gezeigt werden, dass die Erlösmodelle von MMOGs sich sehr stark an Netzeffekten orientieren, und sich dementsprechend verschiedener Ansätze bedienen, um möglichst schnell eine breite Userbasis zu schaffen. Für das bislang noch dominierende Abonnementsmodell sollen Alternative Erlösmodelle, die in immer mehr MMOGs Anwendung finden, aufgezeigt werden.

What are the consequences when law's stories and images migrate from the courtroom to the court of public opinion and from movie, television and computer screens back to electronic monitors inside the courtroom itself? What happens when lawyers and public relations experts market notorious legal cases and controversial policy issues as if they were just another commodity? What is the appropriate relationship between law and digital culture in virtual worlds on the Internet? In addressing these cutting edge issues, the essays in this volume shed new light on the current status and future fate of law, truth and justice in our time.

'Cybermarketing' is a no-nonsense structured guide to using the Internet for marketing and is essential reading for all marketers and managers who need to know how to use the Internet to promote and sell their product. This new edition both follows on the success of and adds significantly to the first edition by: * Increasing the up to date case material * Having a live Internet site to support the book * Adding a collection of key URLs for market research purposes * Adding a new section on marketing information systems * More coverage on electronic direct and 1 to 1 marketing * Covering intranets for Marcomms in more depth * Building on 'Justifying the Business Case' * Updated and expanded information on pricing and branding. This new edition, confirms 'Cybermarketing' as both the most comprehensive and accessible guide to the net for marketing professionals at all levels.

Das Buch ist eine Einführung in JavaScript, die sich auf gute Programmier Techniken konzentriert. Der Autor lehrt den Leser, wie man die Eleganz und Präzision von JavaScript nutzt, um browserbasierte Anwendungen zu schreiben. Das Buch beginnt mit den Grundlagen der Programmierung - Variablen, Kontrollstrukturen, Funktionen und Datenstrukturen -, dann geht es auf komplexere Themen ein, wie die funktionale und objektorientierte Programmierung, reguläre Ausdrücke und Browser-Events. Unterstützt von verständlichen Beispielen wird der Leser rasch die Sprache des Web fließend 'sprechen' können.

The study of what is collectively labeled “New Media”—the cultural and artistic practices made possible by digital technology—has become one of the most vibrant areas of scholarly activity and is rapidly turning into an established academic field, with many universities now offering it as a major. The Johns Hopkins Guide to Digital Media is the first comprehensive reference work to which teachers, students, and the curious can quickly turn for reliable information on the key terms and concepts of the field. The contributors present entries on nearly 150 ideas, genres, and theoretical concepts that have allowed digital media to produce some of the most innovative intellectual, artistic, and social practices of our time. The result is an easy-to-consult reference for digital media scholars or anyone wishing to become familiar with this fast-developing field.

A soup-to-nuts overview of just what it takes to successfully design, develop and manage an online game. Learn from the top two online game developers through the real-world successes and mistakes not known to others. There are Case studies from 10+ industry leaders, including Raph Koster, J. Baron, R. Bartle, D. Schubert, A. Macris, and more! Covers all types of online games: Retail Hybrids, Persistent Worlds, and console games. Developing Online Games provides insight into designing, developing and managing online games that is available nowhere else. Online game programming guru Jessica Mulligan and seasoned exec Bridgette Patrovsky provide insights into the industry that will allow others entering this market to avoid the mistakes of the past. In addition to their own experiences, the authors provide interviews, insight and anecdotes from over twenty of the most well-known and experienced online game insiders. The book includes case studies of the successes and failures of today's most well-known online games. There is also a special section for senior executives on how to budget an online game and how to assemble the right development and management teams. The book ends with a look at the future of online gaming: not only online console gaming (Xbox Online, Playstation 2), but the emerging mobile device game market (cell phones, wireless, PDA).

The most comprehensive guide available to the services, information, and resources that the Internet has to offer. With over 10,000 listings, organized by topic and area of interest, this desk reference allows the reader to quickly and easily discover the world of the Internet.

Signs and images of the Chinese martial arts genre are increasingly included in the media of global popular culture. As tropes of martial arts are not restricted to what is constructed as one medium, one region, or one (sub)genre, neither are the essays in this collection.

- Die bekannten Design Patterns der Gang of Four im konkreten Einsatz für die Entwicklung von Games - Zahlreiche weitere vom Autor entwickelte Patterns - Sequenzierungs-, Verhaltens-, Entkopplungs- und Optimierungsmuster Für viele Spieleprogrammierer stellt die Finalisierung ihres Spiels die größte Herausforderung dar. Viele Projekte verlaufen im Sande, weil Programmierer der Komplexität des eigenen Codes nicht gewachsen sind. Die im Buch beschriebenen Design Patterns nehmen genau dieses

Problem in Angriff. Der Autor blickt auf jahrelange Erfahrung in der Entwicklung von weltweit erfolgreichen Games zurück und stellt erprobte Patterns vor, mit deren Hilfe Sie Ihren Code entwirren und optimieren können. Die Patterns sind in Form unabhängiger Fallbeispiele organisiert, so dass Sie sich nur mit den für Sie relevanten zu befassen brauchen und das Buch auch hervorragend zum Nachschlagen verwenden können. Sie erfahren, wie man eine stabile Game Loop schreibt, wie Spielobjekte mithilfe von Komponenten organisiert werden können und wie man den CPU-Cache nutzt, um die Performance zu verbessern. Außerdem werden Sie sich damit beschäftigen, wie Skript-Engines funktionieren, wie Sie Ihren Code mittels Quadrees und anderen räumlichen Aufteilungen optimieren und wie sich die klassischen Design Patterns in Spielen einsetzen lassen. Internet addresses to art, business, humor, jobs, kids, movies, religion, science, and more.

Super Mario Bros. Doom. Minecraft. It's hard to imagine what life would be like today without video games, a creative industry that now towers over Hollywood in terms of both financial and cultural impact. The video game industry caters to everyone, with games in every genre for every conceivable electronic device--from dedicated PC gaming rigs and consoles to handhelds, mobile phones, and tablets. Successful games are produced by mega-corporations, independent studios, and even lone developers working with nothing but free tools. Some may still believe that video games are mere diversions for children, but today's games offer sophisticated and wondrously immersive experiences that no other media can hope to match. Vintage Games 2.0 tells the story of the ultimate storytelling medium, from early examples such as Spacewar! and Pong to the mind blowing console and PC titles of today. Written in a smart and engaging style, this updated 2nd edition is far more than just a survey of the classics. Informed by hundreds of in-depth personal interviews with designers, publishers, marketers, and artists--not to mention the author's own lifelong experience as a gamer--Vintage Games 2.0 uncovers the remarkable feats of intellectual genius, but also the inspiring personal struggles of the world's most brilliant and celebrated game designers--figures like Shigeru Miyamoto, Will Wright, and Roberta Williams. Ideal for both beginners and professionals, Vintage Games 2.0 offers an entertaining and inspiring account of video game's history and meteoric rise from niche market to global phenomenon. Credit for the cover belongs to Thor Thorvaldson.

Get to grips with programming techniques and game development using C++ libraries and Visual Studio 2019 Key Features Learn game development and C++ with a fun, example-driven approach Build clones of popular games such as Timberman, Zombie Survival Shooter, a co-op puzzle platformer, and Space Invaders Discover tips to expand your finished games by thinking critically, technically, and creatively Book Description The second edition of Beginning C++ Game Programming is updated and improved to include the latest features of Visual Studio 2019, SFML, and modern C++ programming techniques. With this book, you'll get a fun introduction to game programming by building five fully playable games of increasing complexity. You'll learn to build clones of popular games such as Timberman, Pong, a Zombie survival shooter, a coop puzzle platformer and Space Invaders. The book starts by covering the basics of programming. You'll study key C++ topics, such as object-oriented programming (OOP) and C++ pointers, and get acquainted with the Standard Template Library (STL). The book helps you learn about collision detection techniques and game physics by building a Pong game. As you build games, you'll also learn exciting game programming concepts such as particle effects, directional sound (spatialization), OpenGL programmable shaders, spawning objects, and much more. Finally, you'll explore game design patterns to enhance your C++ game programming skills. By the end of the book, you'll have gained the knowledge you need to build your own games with exciting features from scratch What you will learn Set up your game development project in Visual Studio 2019 and explore C++ libraries such as SFML Explore C++ OOP by building a Pong game Understand core game concepts such as game animation, game physics, collision detection, scorekeeping, and game sound Use classes, inheritance, and references to spawn and control thousands of enemies and shoot rapid-fire machine guns Add advanced features to your game using pointers, references, and the STL Scale and reuse your game code by learning modern game programming design patterns Who this book is for This book is perfect for you if you have no C++ programming knowledge, you need a beginner-level refresher course, or you want to learn how to build games or just use games as an engaging way to learn C++. Whether you aspire to publish a game (perhaps on Steam) or just want to impress friends with your creations, you'll find this book useful.

We all know that kids like video games, so why not help them learn course content in these virtual worlds? This guidebook helps teachers (grades 6-12) do that. It provides a diverse collection of virtual spaces where students engage in role-based learning. It features a nontechnical presentation; and a collection of multi-user games.

Worlds in Play, a map of the «state of play» in digital games research today, illustrates the great variety and extreme contrasts in the landscape cleft by contemporary digital games research. The chapters in this volume are the work of an international review board of seventy game-study specialists from fields spanning social sciences, arts, and humanities to the physical and applied sciences and technologies. A wellspring of inspiring concepts, models, protocols, data, methods, tools, critical perspectives, and directions for future work, Worlds in Play will support and assist in reading not only within, but across fields of play - disciplinary, temporal, and geographical - and encourage all of us to widen our focus to encompass the omni-dimensional phenomenon of «worlds in play.»

Typische Programmieraufgaben kreativ lösen am Beispiel von C++ Von der Aufgabe zur Lösung – so gehen Sie vor Probleme analysieren und schrittweise bearbeiten Systematisches Vorgehen lernen und anwenden Aus dem Inhalt: Strategien zur Problemlösung Eingabeverarbeitung Statusverfolgung Arrays Zeiger und dynamische Speicherverwaltung Klassen Rekursion Wiederverwendung von Code Rekursive und iterative Programmierung Denken wie ein Programmierer Die Herausforderung beim Programmieren besteht nicht im Erlernen der Syntax einer bestimmten Sprache, sondern in der Fähigkeit, auf kreative Art Probleme zu lösen. In diesem einzigartigen Buch widmet sich der Autor V. Anton Spraul genau jenen Fähigkeiten, die in normalen Lehrbüchern eher nicht behandelt werden: die Fähigkeit, wie ein Programmierer zu denken und Aufgaben zu lösen. In den einzelnen Kapiteln behandelt er jeweils verschiedene Programmierkonzepte wie beispielsweise Klassen, Zeiger und Rekursion, und fordert den Leser mit erweiterbaren Übungen zur praktischen Anwendung des Gelernten auf. Sie lernen unter anderem: Probleme in diskrete Einzelteile zerlegen, die sich leichter lösen lassen Funktionen, Klassen und Bibliotheken möglichst effizient nutzen und wiederholt verwenden die perfekte Datenstruktur für eine Aufgabenstellung auswählen anspruchsvollere Programmiertechniken wie Rekursion und dynamischen Speicher einsetzen Ihre Gedanken ordnen und Strategien entwickeln, um bestimmte Problemkategorien in Angriff zu nehmen Die Beispiele im Buch werden mit C++ gelöst, die dargestellten kreativen Problemlösungskonzepte gehen aber weit über die einzelnen Programmiersprachen und oft sogar über den Bereich der Informatik hinaus. Denn wie die fähigsten Programmierer wissen, handelt es sich beim Schreiben herausragender Quelltexte um kreative

Kunst und der erste Schritt auf dem Weg zum eigenen Meisterwerk besteht darin, wie ein Programmierer zu denken. Über den Autor: V. Anton Spraul hat über 15 Jahre lang Vorlesungen über die Grundlagen der Programmierung und Informatik gehalten. In diesem Buch fasst er die von ihm dabei perfektionierten Verfahren zusammen. Er ist auch Autor von »Computer Science Made Simple«.

"This study sketches some of the various trajectories of digital games in modern Western societies, looking at the growth and persistence of the moral panic that continues to accompany massive public interest in digital games. The book continues with a new phase of games research exemplified by systematic examination of specific aspects of digital games and gaming"--Provided by publisher.

From the bestselling author of *Blood, Sweat, and Pixels* comes the next definitive, behind-the-scenes account of the video game industry: how some of the past decade's most renowned studios fell apart—and the stories, both triumphant and tragic, of what happened next. Jason Schreier's groundbreaking reporting has earned him a place among the preeminent investigative journalists covering the world of video games. In his eagerly anticipated, deeply researched new book, Schreier trains his investigative eye on the volatility of the video game industry and the resilience of the people who work in it. The business of videogames is both a prestige industry and an opaque one. Based on dozens of first-hand interviews that cover the development of landmark games—*Bioshock Infinite*, *Epic Mickey*, *Dead Space*, and more—on to the shocking closures of the studios that made them, *Press Reset* tells the stories of how real people are affected by game studio shutdowns, and how they recover, move on, or escape the industry entirely. Schreier's insider interviews cover hostile takeovers, abusive bosses, corporate drama, bounced checks, and that one time the Boston Red Sox's Curt Schilling decided he was going to lead a game studio that would take out *World of Warcraft*. Along the way, he asks pressing questions about why, when the video game industry is more successful than ever, it's become so hard to make a stable living making video games—and whether the business of making games can change before it's too late.

This book is the THE source for information on virtual worlds, covering every aspect of this intriguing and fast-changing social practice and the technologies upon which it rests.

- A detailed chronology detailing inspirations, precursors, developments, and controversies related to virtual worlds
- Tables of data about users of virtual worlds
- An annotated list of private, nonprofit, and government organizations pertinent to virtual worlds
- Biographical sketches of authors, developers, researchers, policymakers, and notable virtual world users
- A glossary of scores of relevant terms related to virtual worlds' function and use
- A bibliography of additional resources readers can consult to learn even more about virtual worlds

Python ist eine leistungsfähige, moderne Programmiersprache. Sie ist einfach zu erlernen und macht Spaß in der Anwendung – mit diesem Buch umso mehr! "Python kinderleicht" macht die Sprache lebendig und zeigt Dir (und Deinen Eltern) die Welt der Programmierung. Jason R. Briggs führt Dich Schritt für Schritt durch die Grundlagen von Python. Du experimentierst mit einzigartigen (und oft urkomischen) Beispielprogrammen, bei denen es um gefräßige Monster, Geheimagenten oder diebische Raben geht. Neue Begriffe werden erklärt, der Programmcode ist farbig dargestellt, strukturiert und mit Erklärungen versehen. Witzige Abbildungen erhöhen den Lernspaß. Jedes Kapitel endet mit Programmier-Rätseln, an denen Du das Gelernte üben und Dein Verständnis vertiefen kannst. Am Ende des Buches wirst Du zwei komplette Spiele programmiert haben: einen Klon des berühmten "Pong" und "Herr Strichmann rennt zum Ausgang" – ein Plattformspiel mit Sprüngen, Animation und vielem mehr. Indem Du Seite für Seite neue Programmierabenteuer bestehst, wirst Du immer mehr zum erfahrenen Python-Programmierer. - Du lernst grundlegende Datenstrukturen wie Listen, Tupel und Maps kennen. - Du erfährst, wie man mit Funktionen und Modulen den Programmcode organisieren und wiederverwenden kann. - Du wirst mit Kontrollstrukturen wie Schleifen und bedingten Anweisungen vertraut und lernst, mit Objekten und Methoden umzugehen. - Du zeichnest Formen mit dem Python-Modul Turtle und erstellst Spiele, Animationen und andere grafische Wunder mit tkinter. Und: "Python kinderleicht" macht auch für Erwachsene das Programmierenlernen zum Kinderspiel! Alle Programme findest Du auch zum Herunterladen auf der Website!

You haven't experienced the full potential of Xbox 360 or Windows until you've created your own homebrewed games for these innovative systems. With Microsoft's new XNA Framework, the only thing limiting you is your imagination. Now professional game developer and Microsoft DirectX MVP Benjamin Nitschke shows you how to take advantage of the XNA Game Studio Express tools and libraries in order to build cutting-edge games. Whether you want to explore new worlds or speed down a city block in a souped up dragster, this book will get you up and running quickly. You'll learn how to implement 3D models, generate huge landscapes, map cool-looking shaders to your 3D objects, and much more. Nitschke also steps you through the development of your first fully functional racing game. You'll then be able to apply this information as you write your own XNA cross-platform games. What you will learn from this book

- Tricks for managing the game engine and user interface
- How to program an old school shooter game and space adventure
- Tips for improving racing game logic and expanding your game ideas
- Methods for integrating amazing visual effects using advanced shader techniques
- Steps for adding sound and music with XACT-bringing your game to life
- How to fine-tune and debug your game for optimal performance

Who this book is for This book is for anyone who wants to write their own games for the Xbox 360 or Windows platforms. You should have some experience coding with C# or a similar .NET language. Wrox Professional guides are planned and written by working programmers to meet the real-world needs of programmers, developers, and IT professionals. Focused and relevant, they address the issues technology professionals face every day. They provide examples, practical solutions, and expert education in new technologies, all designed to help programmers do a better job.

Concurrent and parallel systems are intrinsic to the technology which underpins almost every aspect of our lives today. This book presents the combined post-proceedings for two important conferences on concurrent and parallel systems:

Communicating Process Architectures 2017, held in Sliema, Malta, in August 2017, and Communicating Process Architectures 2018, held in Dresden, Germany, in August 2018. CPA 2017: Fifteen papers were accepted for presentation and publication, they cover topics including mathematical theory, programming languages, design and support tools, verification, and multicore infrastructure and applications ranging from supercomputing to embedded. A workshop on domain-specific concurrency skeletons and the abstracts of eight fringe presentations reporting on new ideas, work in progress or interesting thoughts associated with concurrency are also included in these proceedings. CPA 2018: Eighteen papers were accepted for presentation and publication, they cover topics including mathematical theory, design and programming language and support tools, verification, multicore run-time infrastructure, and applications at all levels from supercomputing to embedded. A workshop on translating CSP-based languages to common programming languages and the abstracts of four fringe presentations on work in progress, new ideas, as well as demonstrations and concerns that certain common practices in concurrency are harmful are also included in these proceedings. The book will be of interest to all those whose work involves concurrent and parallel systems.

Although the number of commercial Java games is still small compared to those written in C or C++, the market is expanding rapidly. Recent updates to Java make it faster and easier to create powerful gaming applications-particularly Java 3D-is fueling an explosive growth in Java games. Java games like Puzzle Pirates, Chrome, Star Wars Galaxies, Runescape, Alien Flux, Kingdom of Wars, Law and Order II, Roboforge, Tom Clancy's Politika, and scores of others have earned awards and become bestsellers. Java developers new to graphics and game programming, as well as game developers new to Java 3D, will find Killer Game Programming in Java invaluable. This new book is a practical introduction to the latest Java graphics and game programming technologies and techniques. It is the first book to thoroughly cover Java's 3D capabilities for all types of graphics and game development projects. Killer Game Programming in Java is a comprehensive guide to everything you need to know to program cool, testosterone-drenched Java games. It will give you reusable techniques to create everything from fast, full-screen action games to multiplayer 3D games. In addition to the most thorough coverage of Java 3D available, Killer Game Programming in Java also clearly details the older, better-known 2D APIs, 3D sprites, animated 3D sprites, first-person shooter programming, sound, fractals, and networked games. Killer Game Programming in Java is a must-have for anyone who wants to create adrenaline-fueled games in Java.

It was 1999 when Extreme Programming Explained was first published, making this year's event arguably the 5th anniversary of the birth of the XP/Agile movement in software development. Our fourth conference reflected the evolution and the learning that have occurred in these exciting 5 years as agile practices have become part of the mainstream in software development. These pages are the proceedings of XP Agile Universe 2004, held in beautiful Calgary, gateway to the Canadian Rockies, in Alberta, Canada. Evident in the conference is the fact that our learning is still in its early stages. While at times overlooked, adaptation has been a core principle of agile software development since the earliest literature on the subject. The conference and these proceedings re-force that principle. Although some organizations are able to practice agile methods in the near-pure form, most are not, reflecting just how radically innovative these methods are to this day. Any innovation must coexist with an existing environment and agile software development is no different. There are numerous challenges confronting IT and software development organizations today, with many solutions pitched by a cadre of advocates. Be it CMM, offshoring, outsourcing, security, or one of many other current topics in the industry, teams using or transitioning to Extreme Programming and other agile practices must integrate with the rest of the organization in order to succeed. The papers here offer some of the latest experiences that teams are having in those efforts. XP Agile Universe 2004 consisted of workshops, tutorials, papers, panels, the Open Space session, the Educators' Symposium, keynotes, educational games and industry presentations.

Presents a collection of articles on human-computer interaction, covering such topics as applications, methods, hardware, and computers and society.

MUD Game Programming Core Techniques and Algorithms in Game Programming New Riders

A guide for game preview and rules: history, definitions, classification, theory, video game consoles, cheating, links, etc. While many different subdivisions have been proposed, anthropologists classify games under three major headings, and have drawn some conclusions as to the social bases that each sort of game requires. They divide games broadly into, games of pure skill, such as hopscotch and target shooting; games of pure strategy, such as checkers, go, or tic-tac-toe; and games of chance, such as craps and snakes and ladders. A guide for game preview and rules: history, definitions, classification, theory, video game consoles, cheating, links, etc.

Introduction to unix; what is unix?; the unix connection; starting to use unix; starting with x window; using the keyboard with unix; programs to use right away; the online unix manual; command syntax; the shell; using the c-shell; communicating with other people; networks and addresses; mail; redirection and pipes; filters; displaying files; printing files; the vi editor; the unix file system; working with directories; working with files; usenet: the worldwide users' network; reading the usenet news; internet services; appendixes; glossary; reading list; quick index for the vi editor.

Now in its second edition, the Encyclopedia of Video Games: The Culture, Technology, and Art of Gaming is the definitive, go-to resource for anyone interested in the diverse and expanding video game industry. This three-volume encyclopedia covers all things video games, including the games themselves, the companies that make them, and the people who play them. Written by scholars who are exceptionally knowledgeable in the field of video game studies, it notes genres, institutions, important concepts, theoretical concerns, and more and is the most comprehensive encyclopedia of video games of its kind, covering video games throughout all periods of their existence and geographically around the world. This is the second edition of Encyclopedia of Video Games: The Culture, Technology, and Art of Gaming, originally published in 2012. All of the entries have been revised to accommodate changes in the industry, and an additional volume has been added to address the recent developments, advances, and changes that have occurred in this ever-evolving field. This set is a vital resource for scholars and video game aficionados

alike. Explores games, people, events, and ideas that are influential in the industry, rather than simply discussing the history of video games Offers a detailed understanding of the variety of video games that have been created over the years Includes contributions from some of the most important scholars of video games Suggests areas of further exploration for students of video games

Giannachi offers an investigation of the interface between theatre performance & digital arts, investigating the aesthetic concerns of current computer arts practices & showing how they radically question our conventional uses & definitions of time, space, place, character, identity & realness.

Mediated interpersonal communication is one of the most dynamic areas in communication studies, reflecting how individuals utilize technology more and more often in their personal interactions. Organizations also rely increasingly on mediated interaction for their communications. Responding to this evolution in communication, this collection explores how existing and new personal communication technologies facilitate and change interpersonal interactions. Chapters offer in-depth examinations of mediated interpersonal communication in various contexts and applications. Contributions come from well-known scholars based around the world, reflecting the strong international interest and work in the area.

Get ready to dive headfirst into the world of programming! "Game Programming with Python, Lua, and Ruby" offers an in-depth look at these three flexible languages as they relate to creating games. No matter what your skill level as a programmer, this book provides the guidance you need. Each language is covered in its own section—you'll begin with the basics of syntax and style and then move on to more advanced topics. Follow along with each language or jump right to a specific section! Similar features in Python, Lua, and Ruby—including functions, string handling, data types, commenting, and arrays and strings—are examined. Learn how each language is used in popular game engines and projects, and jumpstart your programming expertise as you develop skills you'll use again and again!

Describes the history of the Internet, tells how to get connected, and shows how to work with the services and databases available

Advanced 3D Game Programming with DirectX 10.0 provides a guide to developing cutting-edge games using DirectX 10.0. Important

Notice: The digital edition of this book is missing some of the images or content found in the physical edition.

Explains how to build a scrolling game engine, play sound effects, manage compressed audio streams, build multiplayer games, construct installation scripts, and distribute games to the Linux community.

"This book addresses issues the potential of games to support learning and change behaviour offering empirical evidence pertaining to the effectiveness of Serious Games in the key areas of psychology, pedagogy, and assessment"--

This latest addition to the Wordware Game Developer's Library describes how to create computer games with cutting-edge 3-D algorithms and effects. "Advanced 3-D Game Programming Using DirectX 7.0" is intended specifically for those who know how to program with C++ but have not yet explored game or graphics programming. The authors include coverage of artificial intelligence, client-server networking using UDP, multi-texture effects, multi-resolution surface techniques, alpha blending, and more. Along with several sample applications that target specific algorithms, full source code is provided for a client-server networked 3-D first-person game that demonstrates many of the techniques discussed in the book, while giving the reader the opportunity to make their own additions. The CD includes: Full source code in C++, including a complete game demonstrating techniques covered in the bookMicrosoft's DirectX 7a SDKSource code to other 3-D engines, including Quake, GL Quake, Quakeworld, Descent 1, Descent 2, Golgotha, and Crystal SpaceSelect articles on advanced gaming topics contributed by members of the graphics and game programming industryPaint Shop Pro evaluation edition for making texturesAdrian Perez, also known as [Cuban] in the computer game industry, has worked on the Direct3D team at Microsoft and in the graphics department at Lucent. He is a computer science major at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, and a contributor to Game Developer magazine. Dan Royer is a developer at 3D Ion, a 3-D graphics company in Israel, and a contributor to flipcode.com, an online game programming news site. Furnishes a valuable compilation of core techniques and algorithms used to code computer and video games, coverin such topics as code design, data structures, design patters, AI, scripting engines, network programming, 2D programming, 3D pipelines, and texture mapping and furnishing code samples in C++ and Open GL and DirectX APIs. Original. (Advanced)

A comprehensive resource on the principles and techniques of virtual world design and programming covers everything from MUDS to MMOs and MMORPGs, explaining how virtual worlds work, creating games for multiple users, and the underlying design principles of online games. Original. (Advanced)

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