

# Maxwell R. Madonna

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## EDUCATION

**Drexel University Westphal College of Media Arts & Design**, Philadelphia, PA June 2018  
Master of Science, *Digital Media & Design* GPA 3.90

**University of Connecticut School of Engineering**, Storrs, CT August 2015  
Bachelor of Science, *Computer Science and Engineering* GPA 3.0

## PUBLISHED GAMES

- *Ombra* is a re-imagined shoot 'em up arcade game where you can kill enemies by utilizing the environments shadows. *Ombra* was developed over 4 months as a part of the Xbox Creator's Program, and is currently available on the Microsoft Store and Xbox One.

## DESIGN PROJECTS

- Thesis: Created a puzzle game based around spatial reasoning in order to test how feedback from an emotional game character affects the player's perceived competence, autonomy, and intrinsic motivation.
- Game Workshop: worked as a project lead and programmer on a 5 person team to create a narrative driven horror game, using experimental dynamic mechanics to change the users perception of the environment.
- Experimental Games: Designed and developed a series of small experimental games using Unity.
- Animation: Created a 30 second animation based on a scene from the movie *Brazil* using Maya.
- Houdini: Developed simple tools to create motion graphics pieces and basic animations.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming: C#, Swift, C, Obj C, OpenGL, Java, HTML, CSS, PHP, JSON, MySQL, MATLAB, MIPS

Applications: Unity, Maya, Xcode, ZBrush, Houdini, Eclipse, Altium, Adobe Photoshop/Illustrator/After Effects

## TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE

**Stoa Games**, Philadelphia, PA

Game studio.

*Co-Founder, Game Designer, System Designer, Lead Programmer* 04/2018 - Current

- Designed, prototyped and developed the Xbox Creator's Program title *Ombra*.
- Worked in a team of 2 with a short development cycle to release a functional arcade game.

**Drexel University**, Philadelphia, PA

Exploring identity change for educational purposes in an Augmented Reality game.

*Research Assistant* 05/2017 - 07/2018

- Designed, developed and prototyped concepts for an augmented reality game.
- Researching identity change in players to examine the concept of projective reflection in children.
- Work with existing libraries for character creation and animation.

**Racepoint Energy**, Osterville, MA

RPE designs and develops software platforms for Solar Energy Monitoring Services.

*Software Engineer (Summer Intern)* 06/2015 – 08/2015

- Designing Graphical UI for iOS and OSX applications using OpenGL and Swift to simulate energy gauges.

**Savant Systems**, Hyannis, MA

Savant Systems designs, develops, and manufactures complete solutions for control and automation.

*Firmware Engineer (Summer Intern)* 06/2014 – 08/2014

- Designed schematics and edited pins for design in Cadence Orcad and Altium.

*Software Engineer (Summer Intern)* 06/2013 – 08/2013

- Designed storyboards for an Android Application's UI to provide information and control of a HVAC System.

*QA Engineer (Summer Intern)* 06/2012 – 08/2012

- Worked in QA testing remote applications and designing home systems using the RacePoint Blueprint software.