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Character Animator

SOFTWARE EXPERIENCE

- **Maya:** Extensive experience creating keyframe animation. Intermediate rigging knowledge
- **Unreal:** Experience creating and importing animation assets. Experience using Sequencer to create scripted moments

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Senior Animator

Palia (PC, Switch)

- Created character animation for cozy life-sim game *Palia*, including player character gameplay actions and emotes, creature movement, and NPC dialogue, fidgets, and locomotion
- Collaborated with the publishing team to create bespoke animation sequences for social media

Psyop 2016 - 2019

Lead Animator

Clash of Clans (Commercial), **Honda** (Commercial), **Aldi** (Commercial), **Cricket Wireless** (Commercial)

- Duties included interfacing with directors, issuing shot assignments, giving notes, and generally guiding my teams through projects to make cohesive, high-quality final products, all while animating my own production shots

Freelance 2007 - 2016

Senior Animator (Industrial Light and Magic) (2016)

The Great Wall (Feature Film)

Animator (Industrial Light and Magic) (2014 – 2015)

Jurassic World (Feature Film)

Animator (Weta Digital) (2013 – 2014)

Dawn of the Planet of the Apes (Feature Film)

Senior Animator (Rhythm and Hues) (2012 – 2013)

Percy Jackson 2 (Feature Film)

Lead Animator (Rhythm and Hues) (2011 – 2012)

Life of Pi (Feature Film), **Alvin and the Chipmunks 3** (Feature Film)

Animator (Rhythm and Hues) (2008 – 2010)

Hop (Feature Film), **Yogi Bear** (Feature Film), **Alvin and the Chipmunks 2** (Feature Film), **Big Miracle** (Feature Film), **Aliens in the Attic** (Feature Film), **Incredible Hulk** (Feature Film)

Animator (Reel FX) (2010)

Looney Tunes - Coyote Falls (Short Film), **Looney Tunes - Rabid Rider** (Short Film), **Looney Tunes - Fur of Flying** (Short Film)

Animator (Sony Imageworks) (2008 – 2009)

G-Force (Feature Film)

Junior Animator (Rhythm & Hues) (2007)

Alvin and the Chipmunks (Feature Film)

EDUCATION

AnimationMentor.com 2005 - 2006

Purdue University 2001 - 2005

- BS Degree in Computer Graphics Technology - Graduated with distinction

ASK ME ABOUT...

- Synthesizers, Time-lapse photography, My year in Japan, Teaching experimental animation