## GAME DEVELOPMENT ESSENTIALS

AN INTRODUCTION



## ASSIGNMENT ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW

**LENGTH/FORMAT**: 3-4 double-spaced pages of text; additional pages may include images such as company logos, game packaging, and/or screen captures from games.

**CONTENT**: Research and analyze a U.S. or overseas company (developer, publisher, or hardware manufacturer) that is *currently* involved in the game development industry. Include the following information in your analysis:

- 1. Name and description of the company (including a brief history)
- 2. Type of company (developer, publisher, or hardware manufacturer)
- 3. Game platforms/systems associated with this company
- 4. Specific game products and/or services associated with this company
- 5. Game genres associated with this company (if applicable)
- 6. What recent news has involved this company? Has the company experienced any unusual success (or failure) in the marketplace?
- 7. How is the company involved with different aspects of the game industry -- including content creation, project management, prototyping, funding, development cycle, testing, manufacturing, marketing, and distribution?
- 8. What are this company's revenue streams? How does it make money? Does it use a unique business model?
- 9. What do you think makes this company competitive in the marketplace? Is there anything particularly unique about this company? Who are its major competitors?
- 10. What marketing strategies does this company use?
- 11. Are there any game industry issues that could pose a problem for this company? Has the company had to face any recent obstacles?

