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Introduction

- •22 years in Game Development
 - 15 of the 22 years spent in a Lead or Art Director capacity



Introduction

- Blood and Magic
 - VR Baseball
 - Fallout
 - •Fallout2
 - IceWind Dale

- PlanetSide
- NeverWinter Nights
- Duke Nukem Forever
 - •Planetside 2
 - Lawbreakers



•What is 360 art direction?



 It's a term that I use to describe all the different facets Art direction for a product not just 'the game'



- Leading your production with all the possibilities in mind.
- Plan for assets that complement your product/brand.



- "Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago."
 - Warren Buffett



Standing in front

- Twitch streaming, youtube videos, podcast, twitter, instagram, facebook, forums posts
- A solid social media presence is essential in today's game development environment



Standing in front

•We are starting to see a trend of art directors, leads, and senior artists having to be one of the 'faces' of the product













Standing in front

- Information for public
- Recruitment tool

Being out in front comes with caveats

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fans. Increasingly, game developers are finding themselves under attack by some of

the very people they devote their lives to entertaining. And this growing form of



Peter Molyneux interview: 'It's over, I will not speak to the press again'

The veteran game designer is at the centre of a raging controversy over his new game Godus. He says he is finished with the press



Peter Molyneux talking about his games at the Develop conference in 2010. Photograph: Develop

gamer-on-game-developer cyber harassment is starting to take its toll. hen things go wrong for modern game developers they go Developers, both named and those who wish to remain anonymous, tell Polygon that spectacularly wrong. This is an era of endless rolling news an harassment by gamers is becoming an alarmingly regular expected element of game development. Some developers say the problem was among the reasons they left the social media judgement. There is no respite. Peter Molyneux industry, others tell Polygon that the problem is so ubiquitous that it distracts them this now - if he didn't before. The veteran designer, famed for inventing the "god game" genre with his 1989 title, Populous, has spent the last three days under intense press scrutiny. His latest project, Godus, is in disarray, his reputation in tatters. Everyone wants a piece.

"The only answer is for me to retreat," he says, speaking via Skype from his office in Guildford. "I love my games and I love sharing them with people. It's this

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Polygon

Ex-Sony exec targeted by Lizard Squad: Convicted harasser 'will get what's coming'

arkar on Jul 08, 2015 at 6:30p @SamitSarkar





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r Sony executive whose plane was grounded by an online threat last today the news of the conviction of a teenager linked to the group e for the threat. In a lengthy series of tweets, John Smedley said the individual is "a sociopath and will get what's coming to him."

Smedley is the CEO of Daybreak Game Company, which was known as Sony Or Entertainment until Sony spun off its subsidiary earlier this year. Smedley was from Dallas to San Diego last August when his American Airlines flight was dir Phoenix after Lizard Squad claimed there was a bomb on board and that Smed something to do with it.

Julius Kivimaki, 17, a Finnish native who goes by "zeekill" online, was reported



TotalBiscuit Talks Candidly About Stress, Side Effects, in a Hard Look at Internet Fame

John Bain (A.K.A. TotalBiscuit, TotalHalibut, and The Cynical Brit) recently offered a rare, unflinching look at the real life effects of fame on a

YouTube, Twitch, and eSports icons have proven that in some cases, it is possible to make a living playing games. But what you don't often hear about is the downsides of those much sought-after jobs



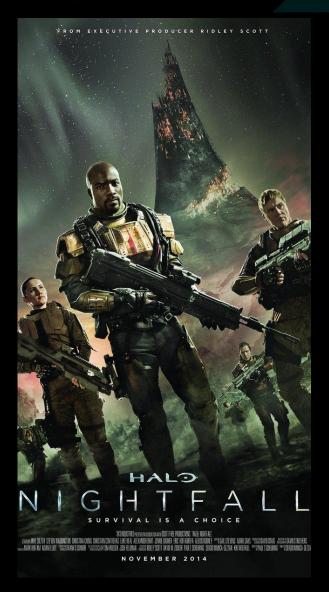
Brand extension

 Design your characters and game assets as if they were going to be made into action figures, movie scripts and cultural icons

























Fingerless gloves

- Inspired by Cronos's glovesSimulated leather



Throwable grenade with sound effect

- Molded rubber or plush design
- · Explosion sound effect on impact
- Rumble vibration effect also available
- Image shown only for representation, due to not having a visual of the Lawbreakers grenades



- · Jack in the box design
- Maelstrom button
- · With kicking action



Cronos sprinkler (lol, so crazy it might just work!)





Brand extention

 design your characters and weapons with a purpose. Create a story for every major asset in your game.

Charcoal

50% Grey



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Cool White

RGB COLOR VERSION

ONE COLOR

GLEICK

Gleick is a multinational conglomerate largely responsible for the most advanced, cutting-edge weaponry available on the planet (i.e., steerable bullets, bullets that detonate at range (as opposed to impact), guns that fire crystalline projectiles, etc.). Gleick weapons are powered by Thorium fuel cells, which give Gleick weaponry near limitless energy to power their highly advanced technologies. Rumors have also surfaced that Gleick has ventured into weaponry that can manipulate gravitational anomalies and also possess strategic magma/lava containment capabilities (grenades, bullets, etc.). If Gleick were an information/Grid company, they would make Google look like a mom-and-pop operation. (Side note: 2105 common joke: "I'd fuck with Skynet before I'd fuck with Gleick.")

Gleick's tentacles extend into various areas of tech and industry, especially privatized national defense and international peacekeeping. After beginning as a more "standardized" weapon manufacturer, Gleick ventured into experimental weaponry, leading to their current, unparalleled success. Gleick's first major breakthrough took 16 iterations but eventually became realized as the "Aerator," the first rifle to feature a spherical magazine and "spherical balls of depleted uranium" that can pierce extremely tough Kevlar and more. Gleick attempted to acquire C&K ballistics in 2048, though the owners of C&K were determined to remain independently owned, despite the generous offer from Gleick.

Notable Weaponry: The Aerator, Solar Flare, Spherical Grav Grenade, Tesla Pillar, Wormhole Launcher, Lamprey

Analogy: If Gleick made cars, they'd make the Google car by way of a Tesla Roadster.

Building instructions

- Visual Cues: All Gleick weapons utilize a magnetic rail system for attachments. Little to no visible bolts or screws. Panels are molded large shapes to reduce the number of removable parts. Cuts lines are interrupted by rectangular slits tha allow the user to remove body panels. if sights are attached, they are holographic with a minimal about of frame work. Most body work is smooth flowing and rounded on the edges. The clear areas, show the inner workings of the weapon
- · Color Palette/materials: Clear Plexicarbon, Cool White Ceramic, Matte medium Grey, Satin Charcoal, with Glossy Light Blue accent lines.
- Motion/animation: All reload or mag change happens via button press or automatically to add to the "high tech" nature of the weaponry.
- · Word association: Experimental, Futuristic, High Concept

Art Reference \\corp\files\Art\Source\WeaponRef\Gleick MboardGleick.jpg





PRIMARY COLORS







Brand extention

- cosplayers are eager to create cool costumes from your creations.
- why not give them a hand by creating a cosplay guide for the characters in your game.











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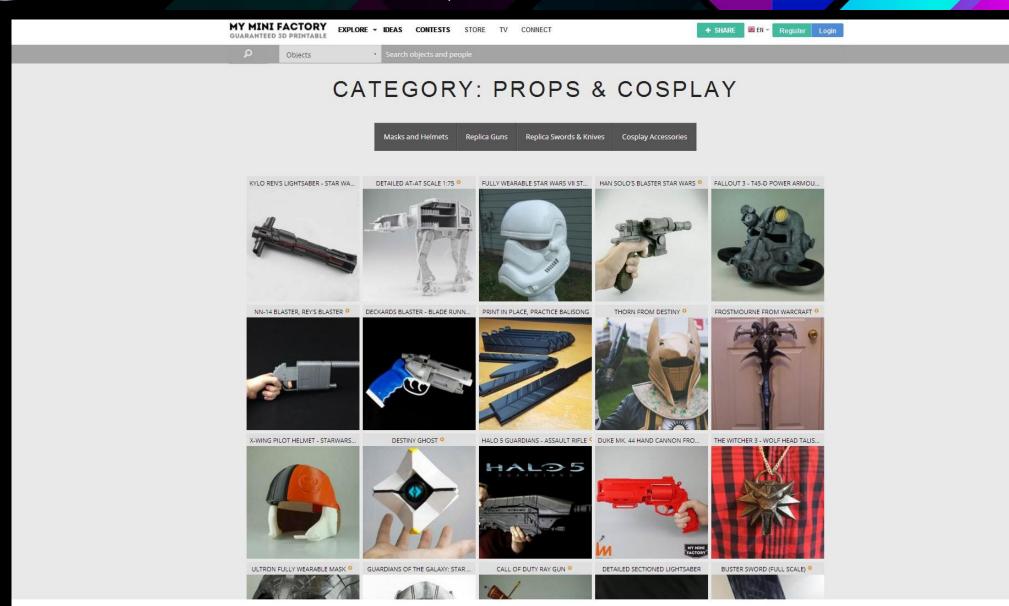




3d Printing files

•When it's time to make real world assets the translation is must closer to 1 to 1. Thus preserving the look and feel you've spent so much time to create.

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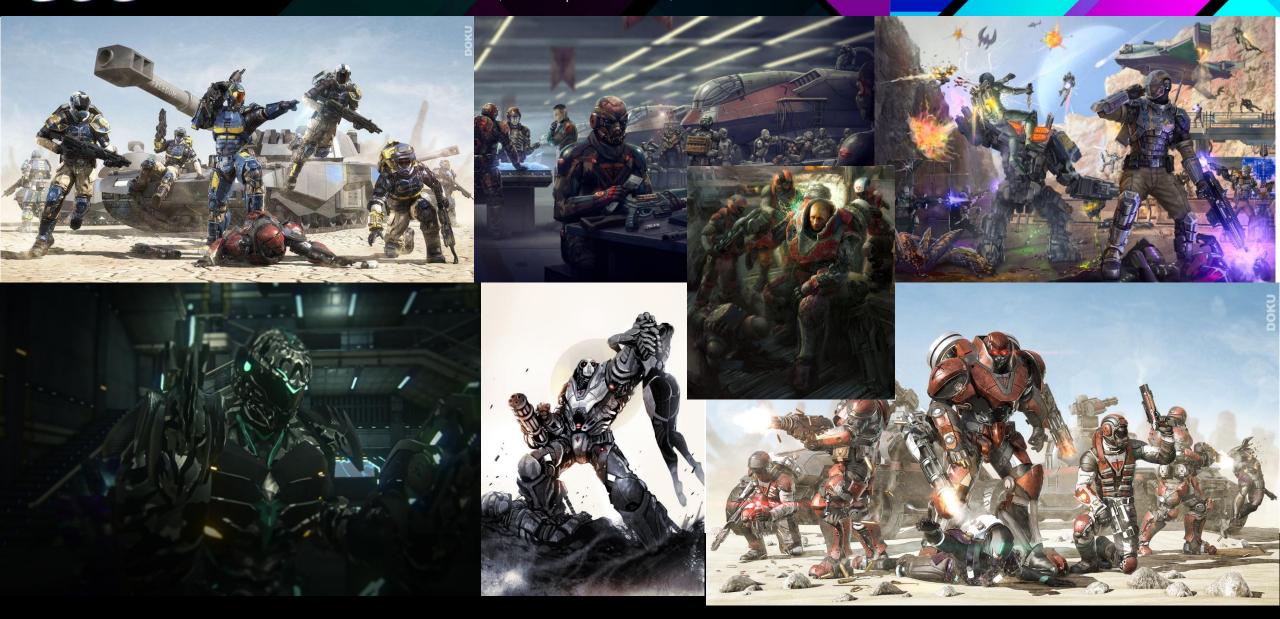
FanArt

 Not necessarily something that will be part of your day to day, but it's something you should be aware of and should actively participate.

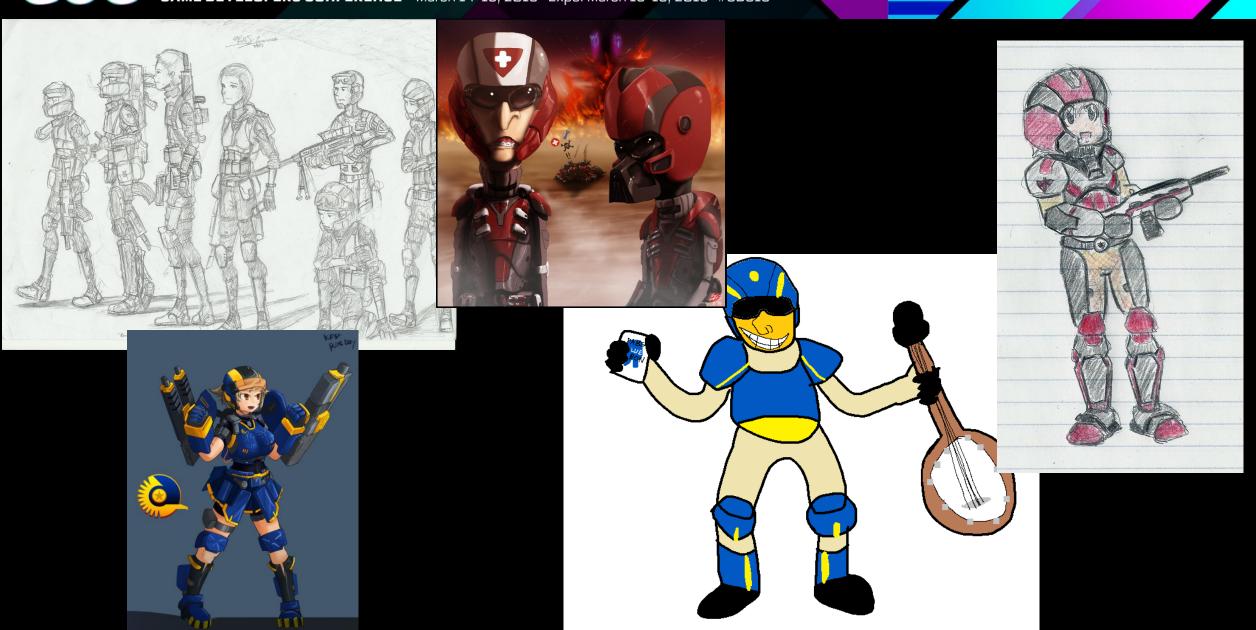




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Mentoring

- •Take the time to share your knowledge with students
- Take on interns
- Speak at high schools, art schools
- •Create tutorial online content (Gumroad, Youtube etc)



- Embrace the lime light
- Plan for the greater outcome with Brand extentions
- Support Cosplayers
- Support creators with 3d printer files
- Champion Fan art
- Give your time and talent to future artists.



360 Art Direction
Thank You

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