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Increasing the Interview Odds through Skillset Diversification

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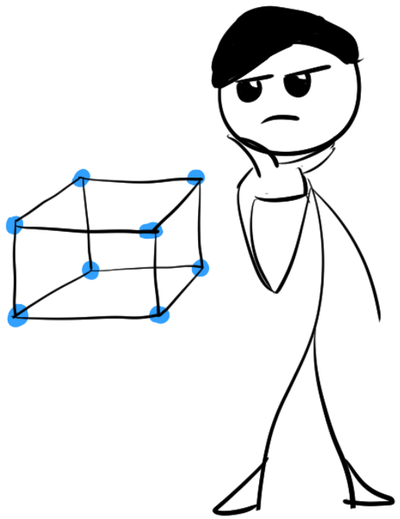
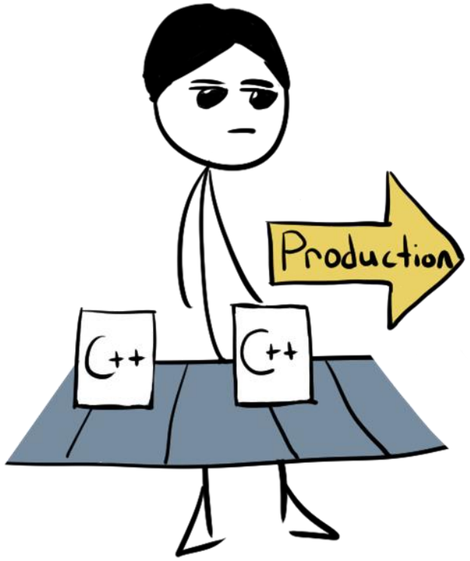
Game Designer

Technical Artist



Preservation Engineer

Build Engineer



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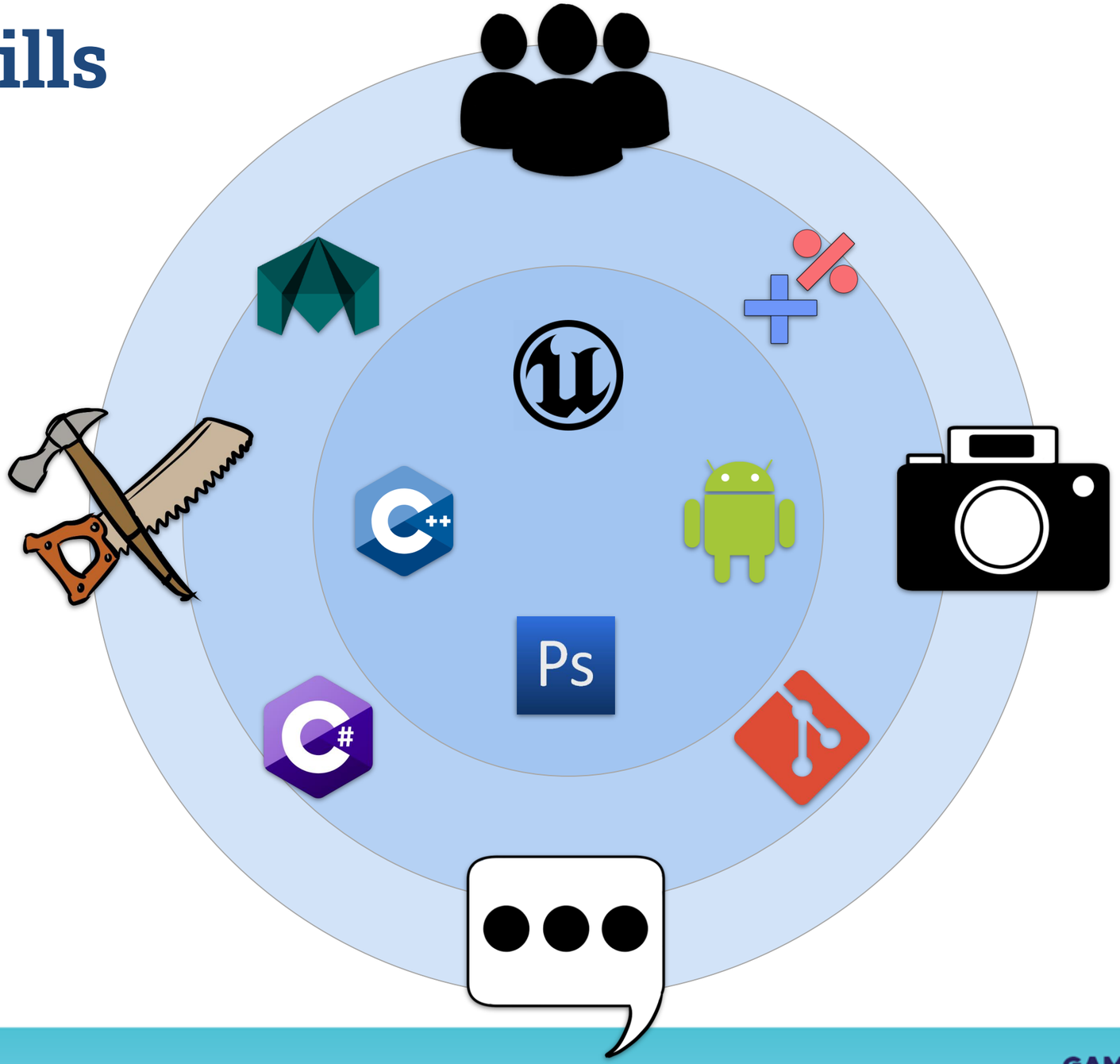
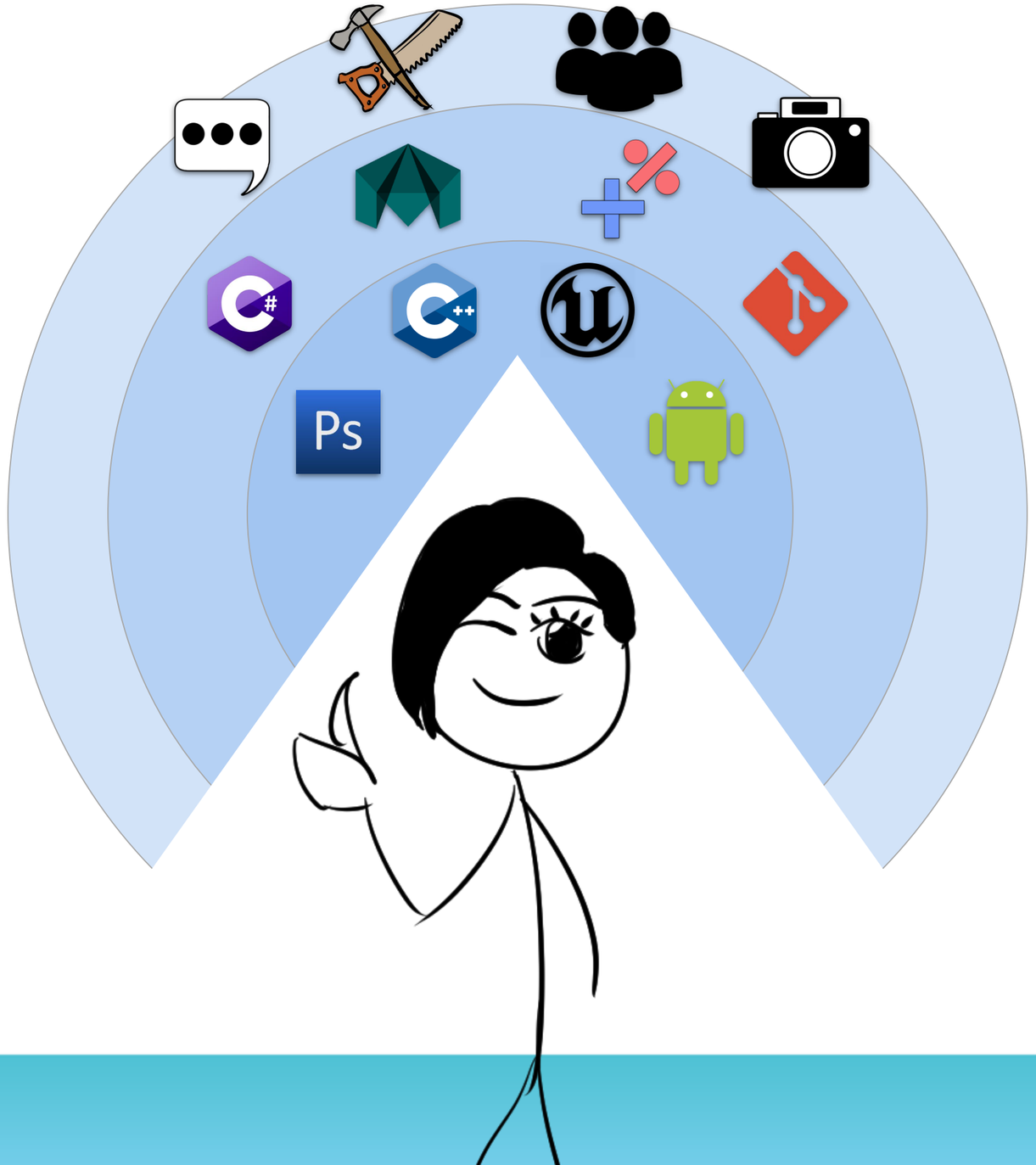
What is Skillset Diversification?

Primary Skills

Secondary Skills

Tertiary Skills

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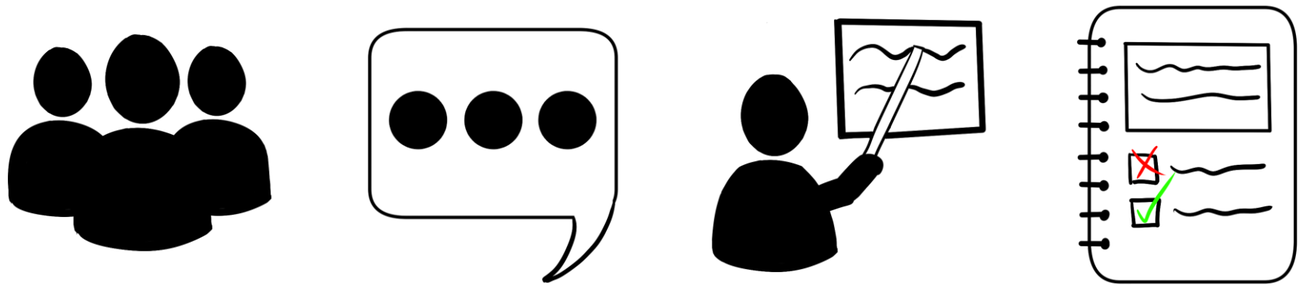
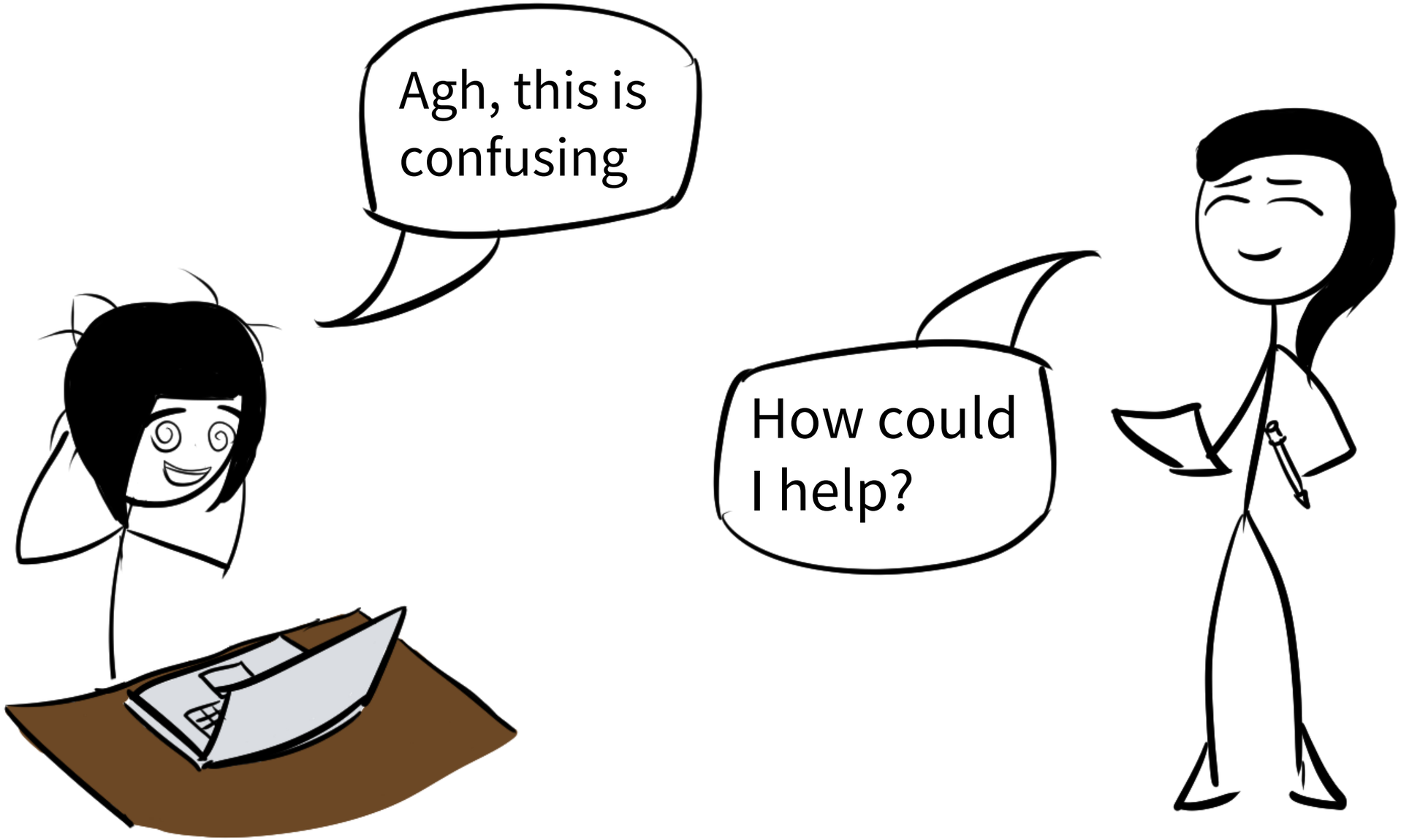
The Power of “Unrelated Skills”

and how our past helps us

Have you worked in a Service Role?

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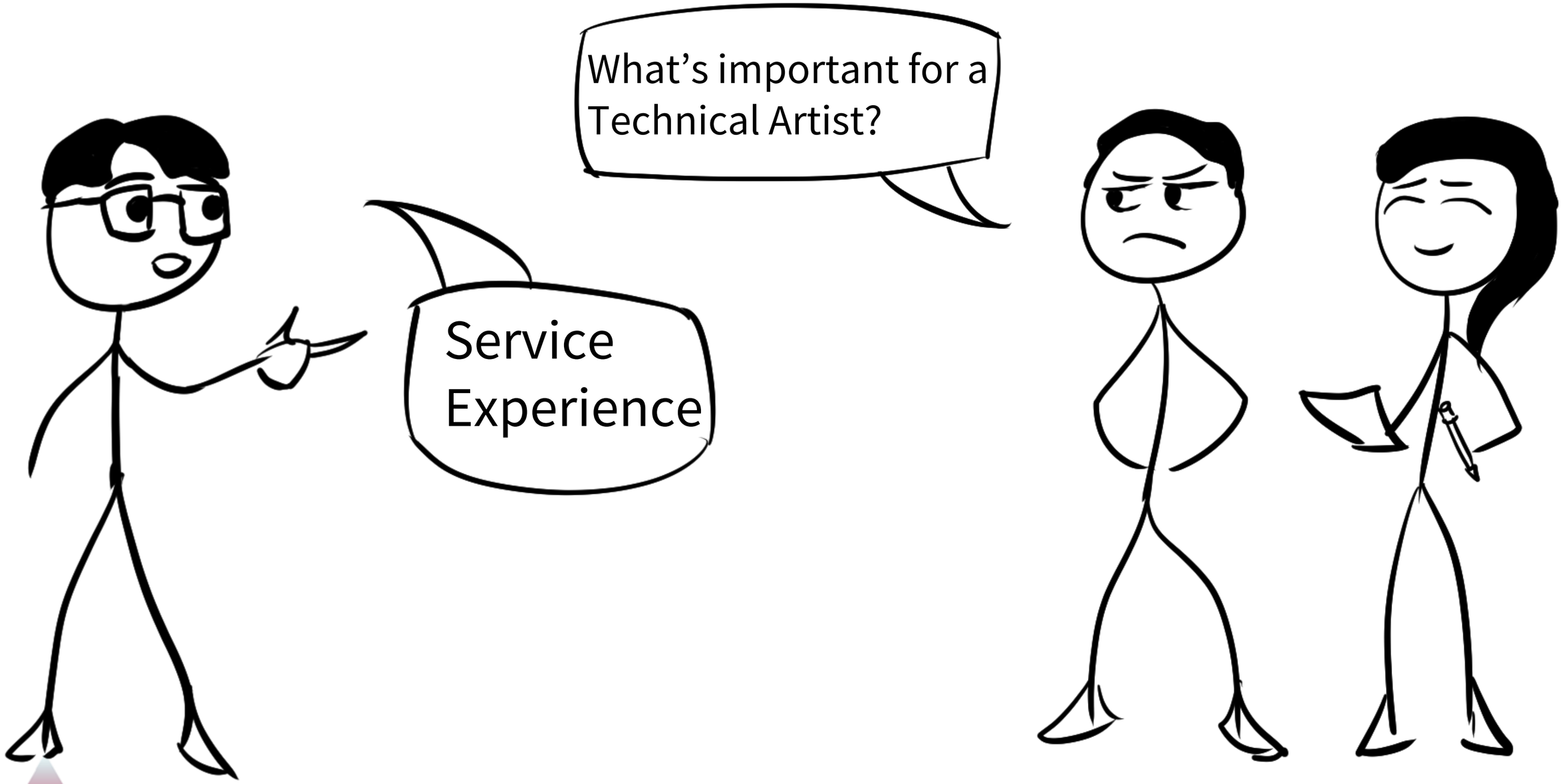
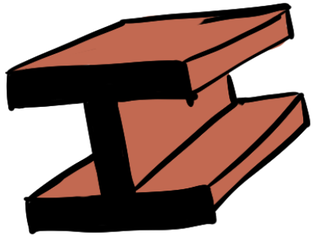
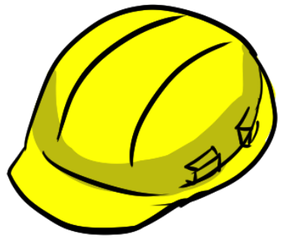
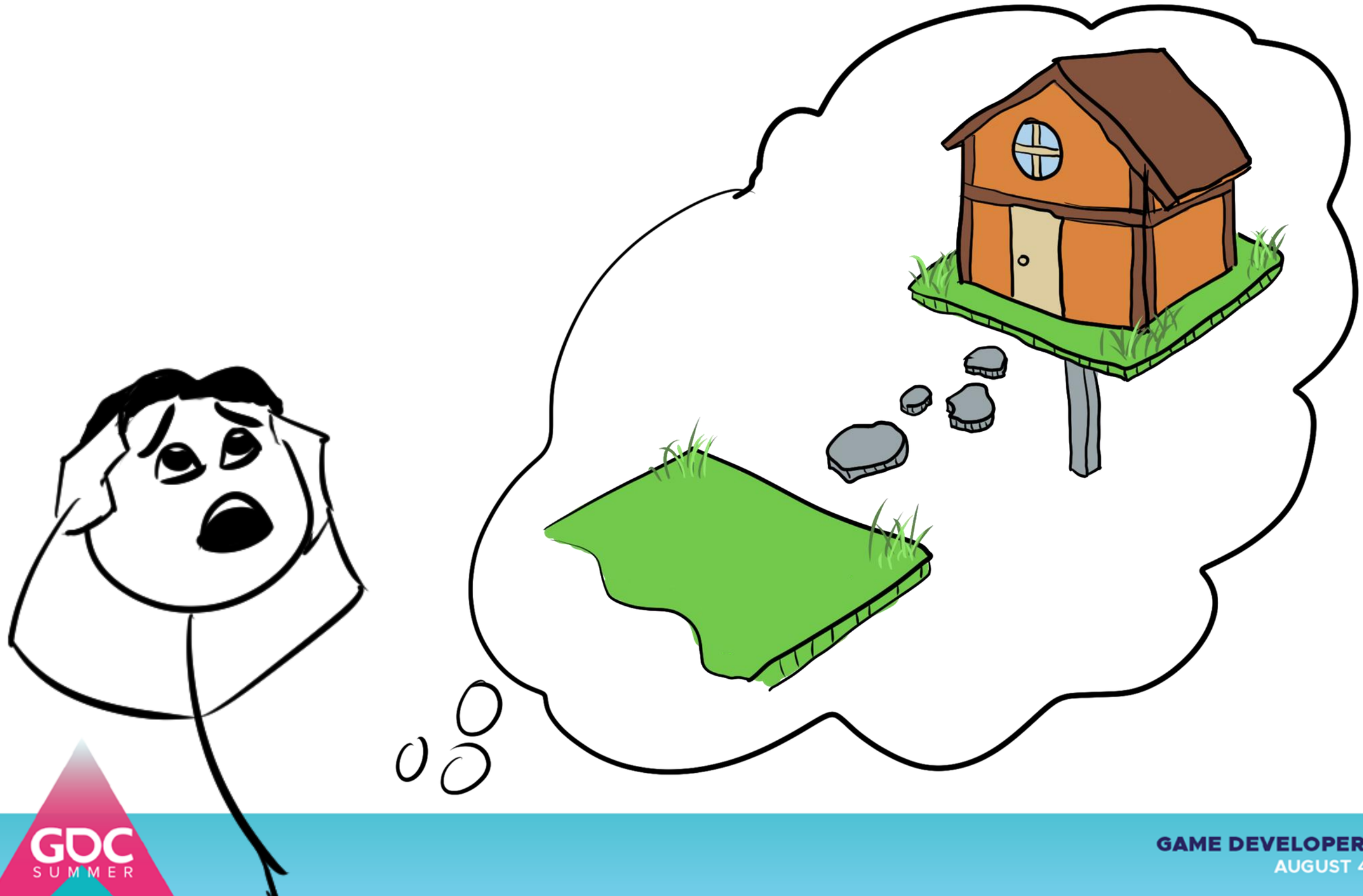
How could I help?

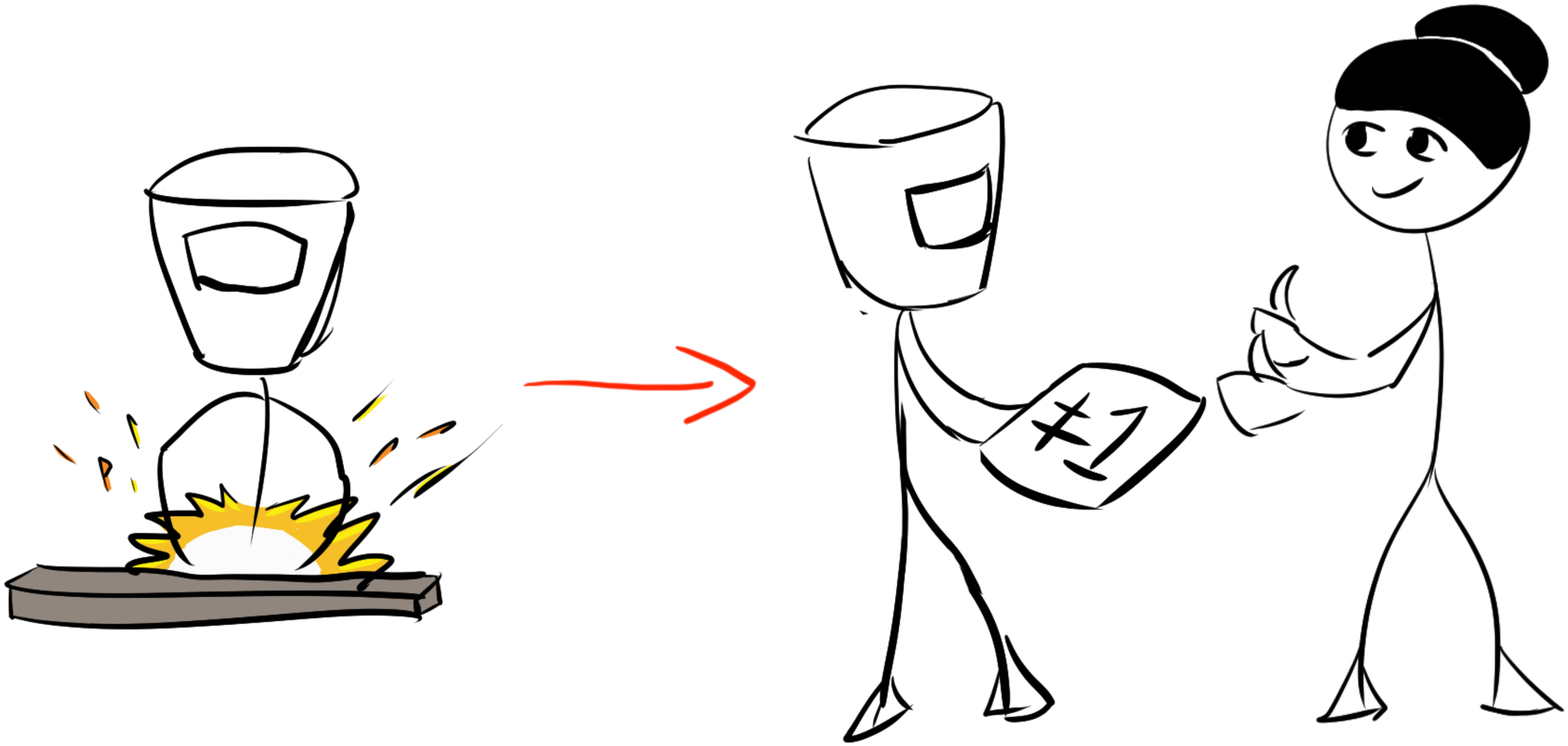

What's important for a Technical Artist?
Service Experience

Have you worked in the Trades?





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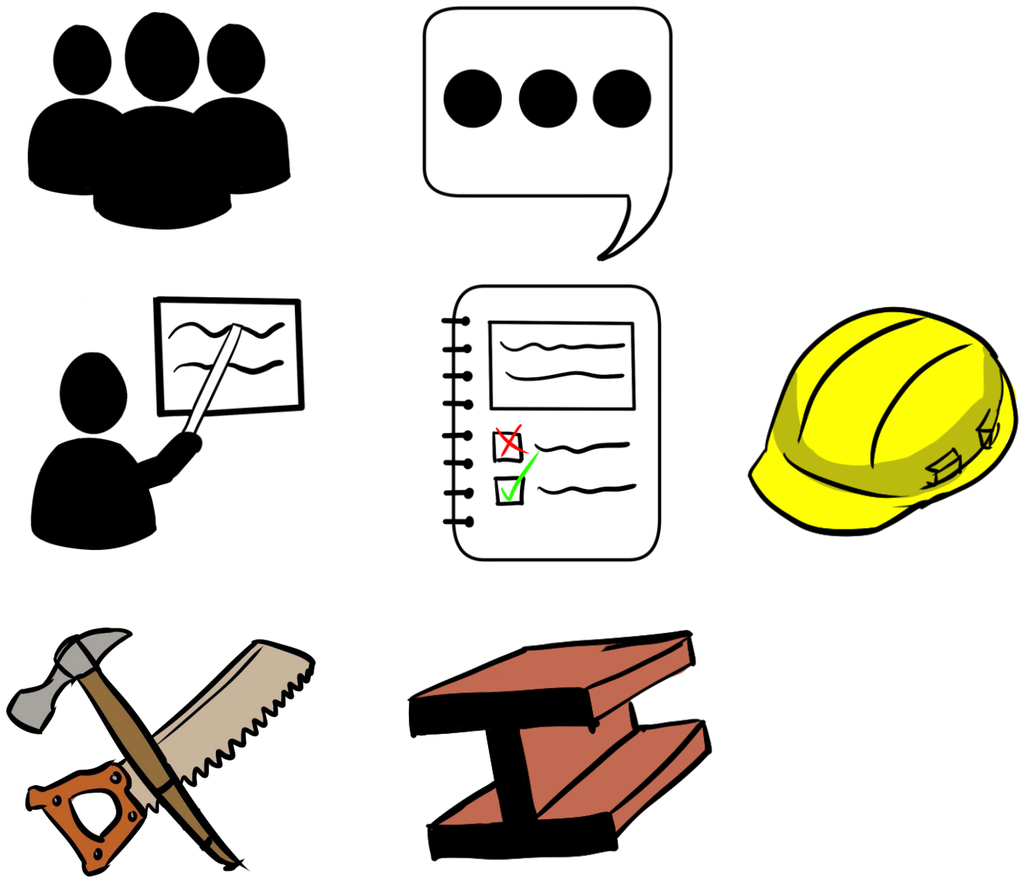

Opportunity

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Analyzing Opportunity

Search: Game Developer Jobs

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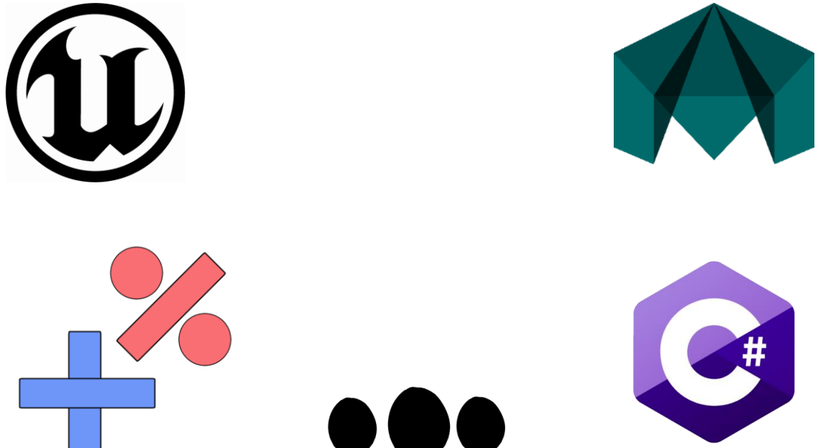
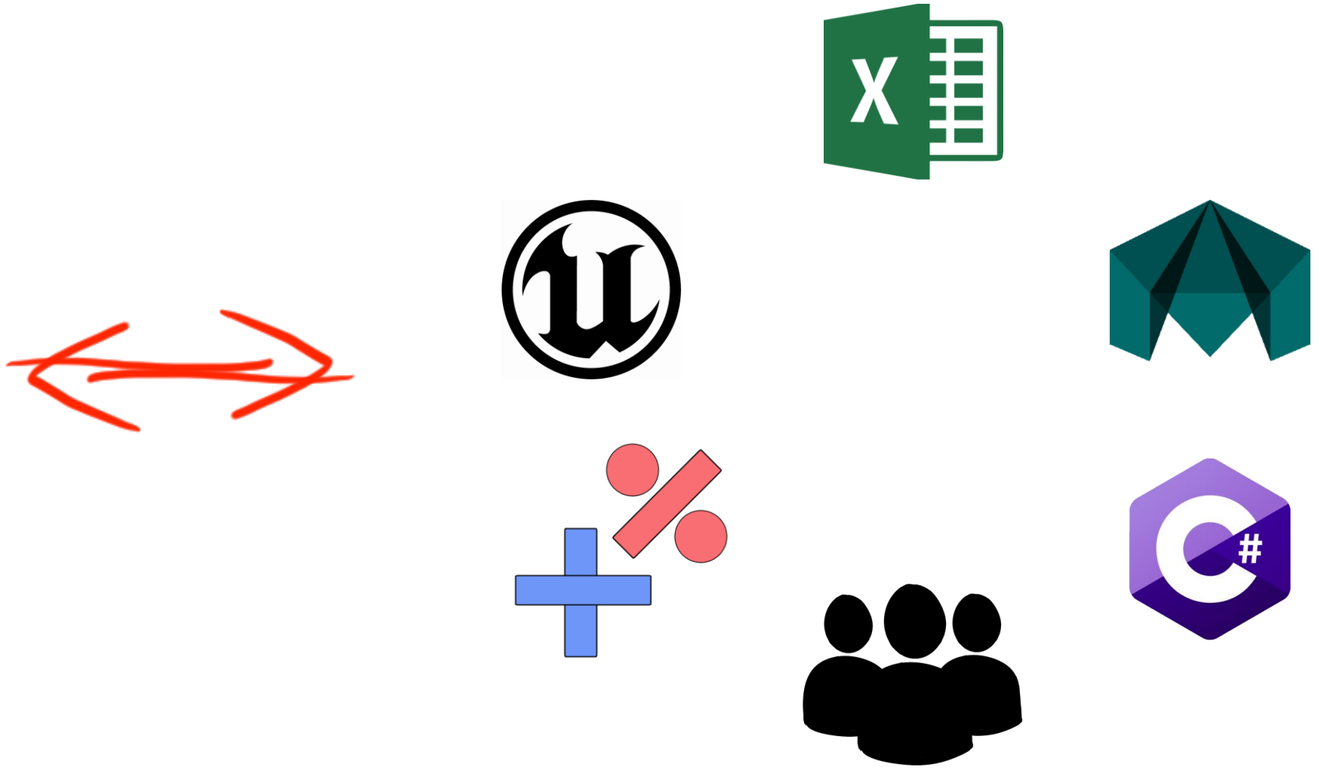
Search: Game Companies Nearby

No Results :(

❑ Game Designer



- ❑ Level Designer
- ❑ Technical Artist
- ❑ Technical Designer
- ❑ System Designer
- ❑ Economy Designer
- ❑ Producer



What makes a Level Designer...

[Primary]

❑ Experience with design production tools and level editing pipelines

[Secondary]

❑ Experience working on FPS/Coop/Action games

[Tertiary]

❑ Strong communication, interpersonal, and organizational skills including a high standard of written English

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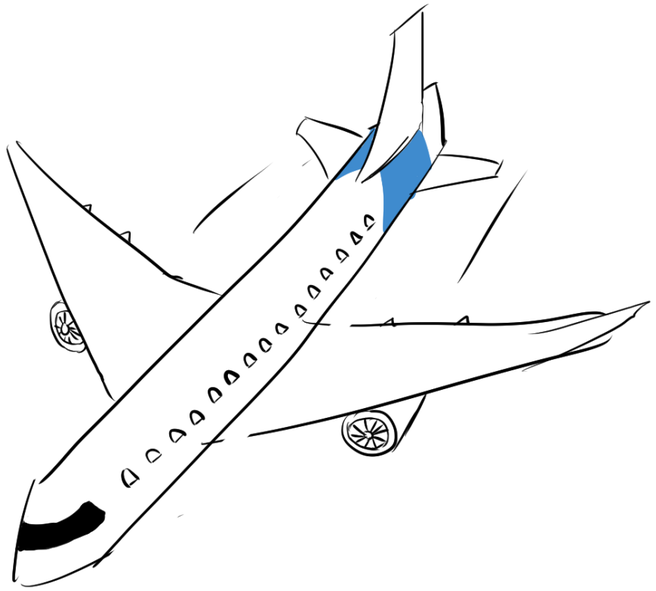
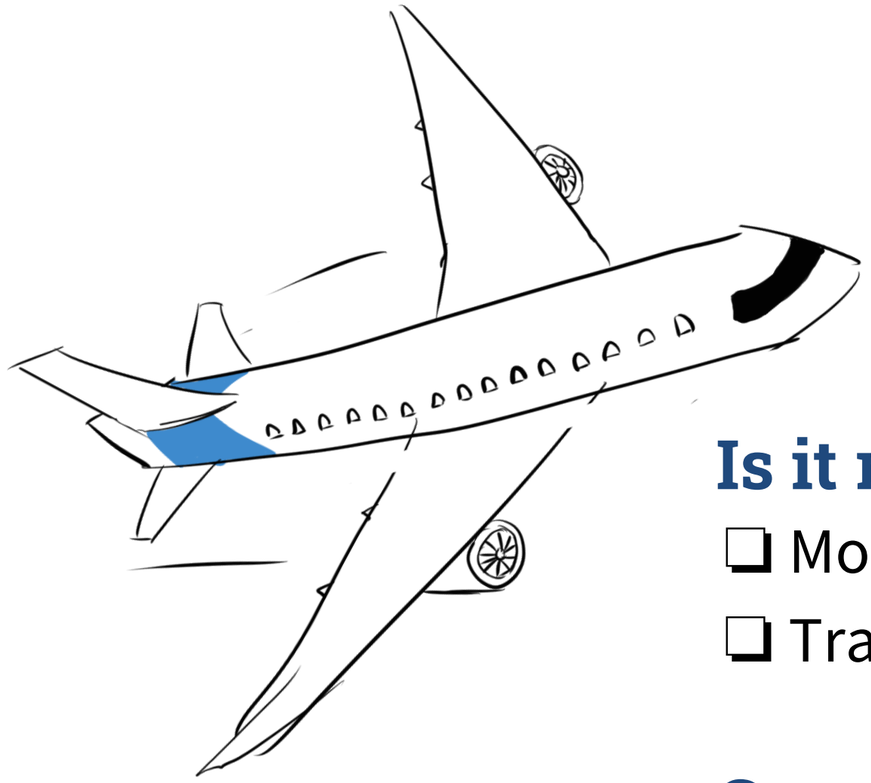
Relocation



Remote / Freelance



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Is it right for you?

❏ Monetary and emotional cost of relocation

❏ Travelling across borders / Work permits

Considerations

❏ A hot-pot of opportunity

❏ Some companies can assist you with relocation

There are no designer jobs!
Monolith is Hiring for Q.A

Job Hunting Tools

- ❏ https://www.glassdoor.ca
- ❏ https://gamejobhunter.com/
- ❏ https://indeed.com

Freelance / Alternate Opportunities

- ❏ https://www.peopleperhour.com/hire-freelancers/game+developer
- ❏ https://www.freelancer.ca/jobs/game-development/
- ❏ https://assetstore.unity.com/
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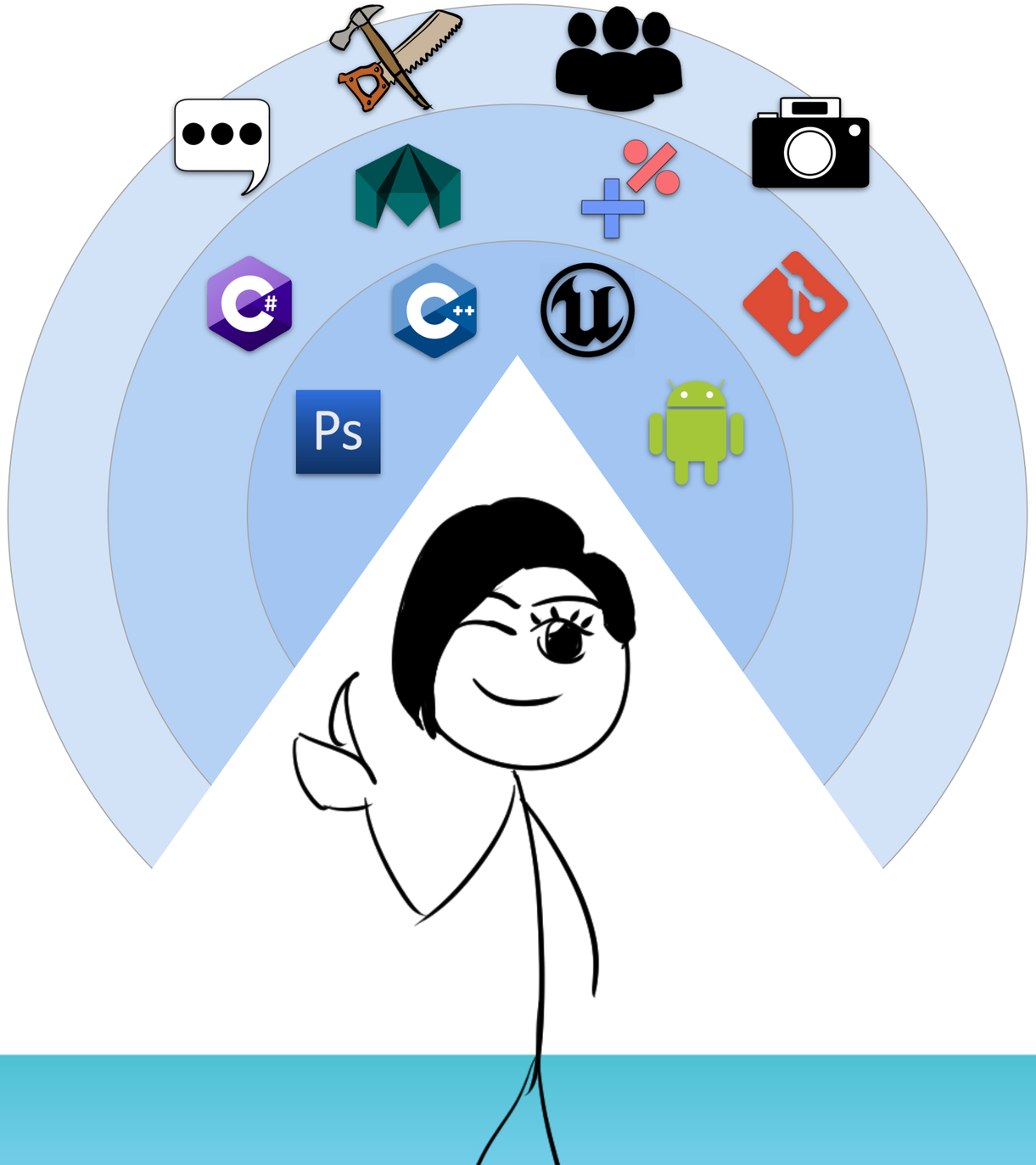
Skillset Diversification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Should I make Fortnite 2?
Learn to talk to people first

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Thank you for Listening

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