# **Matt Wieteska**

**Experienced Creative Lead** 

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## **SUMMARY**

I have a proven track record of building the culture, vision and process required to deliver world-class audio storytelling at scale. I specialise in managing and developing creative teams, unlocking their potential, and shepherding them through a full production process from ideation to delivery.

#### **KEY EXPERIENCE**

## **Zombies**, **Run!** — Head of Production

2011 - 2023

As a founding team member on <code>Zombies, Run!</code> – the world's most successful mobile fitness game – I built the production team and processes required to deliver world-class episodic audio on a shoestring budget, setting the standards at the heart of the game's success. Over the course of the next 12 years, I managed the growth of the production department to meet our ongoing success and business development, delivering a 4x increase in content output over that period.

One of my key achievements during this period was the creation of our <u>New Adventures</u> vertical, which broadened the scope of content available within *Zombies, Run!* to include work across many genres, including our first non-fiction content. I designed the processes necessary to find and develop writers at many stages of their careers, allowing us to commission and release over 50 new series in 3 years.

## **Marvel Move** — Creative Lead

2021 - 2023

Our success led to a major partnership with Marvel Entertainment to produce <u>Marvel Move</u>, a mobile fitness game using Marvel Comics IP. As Creative Lead on this project, I set the project's narrative direction, established its ethos, and built the team of world-class creatives at its heart.

Working with a diverse group of writers, including both industry-leading comics creators and exciting up-and-coming audio drama talent, I led the creative process from ideation to delivery – including remote writers' rooms, script development, and managing stakeholder feedback.

#### **KEY SKILLS**

Creative Leadership

Team Building

Scriptwriting

Hiring

Stakeholder Relations

Change Management

Process Design

#### **AWARDS**

Genius

Game Dev Heroes (2020) Shortlist - Sound Hero

UK Games Fund Awards (2018) Winner - Game Development

Guardian / Hospital Club 100 List (2013)

Listed - Games and Tech

Develop 30 under 30 List (2012)

Listed - Production

### **RESUME & KEY ACHIEVEMENTS**

## Writer, Techland (2024)

- Contributed scripted and systemic dialogue across GaaS content updates for Dying Light 2 and upcoming project The Beast.
- Led inter-departmental collaboration on rapid delivery of recorded dialogue
- Provided script feedback across the Narrative team
- Created internal narrative documentation including story summaries, character bios and casting packets

## **Head of Production**, Six to Start (2019 - 2023)

- Creative Lead on Marvel Move; narrative design, hiring & leading writing team, writing Hulkville series, voice direction
- Content Lead on internationalisation of Zombies, Run!
- Built commissioning, recording and audio pipelines to increase output from 45 to 120 episodes per year
- Established & managed relationships with external partners, including Marvel Entertainment
- Design and implementation of processes and systems to support growth of production team from 4 to 11, including best hiring practices
- Led company-wide efforts to improve culture & working practices as company grew from 10 - 25

## **Senior Producer**, *Six to Start* (2014 - 2019)

- Creative Lead on Zombies, Run! the Boardgame; game and narrative design, writing 100k+ words of interactive story, and voice direction
- Led creation of "New Adventures" vertical, building creative and business practice for external script commissioning
- Led production team through release of multiple titles, including management of multiple simultaneous productions

# Game Designer / Voice Director, Six to Start (2011 - 2014)

- Narrative Lead on 7-Minute Superhero Workout; narrative design, hiring & leading writing team, scriptwriting, voice direction
- Voice Director on Zombies, Run! and The Walk
- Created workflows & established creative standards for casting, voice recording & audio feedback
- Led projects for external partners, including the BBC and Profile Books
- Contributed as a game designer on projects for external partners including Disney Imagineering

## Junior Game Designer, Six to Start (2010 - 2011)

 Led project for Wired Magazine, including client liaison, game design and content creation

## **ADDITIONAL SKILLS**

Jira Administration Notion Administration Automation Video Editing Audio Editing Javascript

#### **EDUCATION**

2:1 MA(hons) English and Classical Literature - Edinburgh University (2009)