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<p>American game designer</p> <p>For the film director, see Michel Gondry</p> <p>Michael Condrey is the co-founder and former studio head of Sledgehamme r Games, 💯 which he founded with Glen Schofield after their collaborati on on the popular video game franchise Dead Space. He is now 💯 the pres ident of 31st Union, a 2K studio located in Silicon Valley, California.[1][2]< ;/p>

<p>Career [edit]</p>

<p>Condrey graduated in 1997 from 💯 the University of Washington. The following year, his senior thesis on applying biotechnology to conservation biology was published in the 💯 Molecular Ecology. After working as a s cuba diving instructor and boat captain in the Cayman Islands, he began work on 💯 a graduate degree in Seattle. It was there that he launched his game development career, beginning with a summer job 💯 at Electronic Arts (E) Tj T* BT

Redwood City at the EA-owned 💯 studio Visceral Games, where he became studio chief operations officer, as well as senior development director on the 2 008 title 💯 Dead Space. He also worked on three other successful EA fra nchises: Need for Speed, FIFA and the James Bond game 💯 series.[2][3]&I t;/p>

<p>Condrey (right) and Glen Schofield at the Sledgehammer headquarter, 200 9</p>

<p>In November 2009, Condrey and his Visceral Games colleague Glen Schofie ld 💯 founded Sledgehammer Games, a subsidiary of Activision operating u nder the company's independent studio model.[4] Condrey likened the opportun ity to work 💯 with Activision and Call of Duty to a baseball player hav ing a call from the New York Yankees or a 💯 filmmaker hearing from Stev en Spielberg[3] After an initial attempt to create their own Call of Duty title, Condrey and Schofield 💯 collaborated with Infinity Ward on Call of Dut y: Modern Warfare 3. The game grossedR\$1 billion in worldwide sales in its € 175; first 16 days[5] and took the Best Shooter prize at the 2011 Spike Video G ame Awards.[6] The following year, the 💯 game was named Game Design of the Year at the Korea Games Conference and won the Global Award from Japan € 175; Game Awards 2012 at the Tokyo Game Show.[7]</p> <p>Condrey and Schofield left their roles at Sledgehammer in February 2024

, taking up 💯 executive positions within Activision.[8] Condrey subsequ

ently left Activision in December 2024 to help establish a new, 2K Games studio

under 💯 Take Two Interactive near San Francisco in January 2024.[9] The studio namo was appounded in Fabruary 2024 as 21st Union 9,412017E, along with