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TIME LABYRINTH

“A HISTORICAL MAZE GAME”

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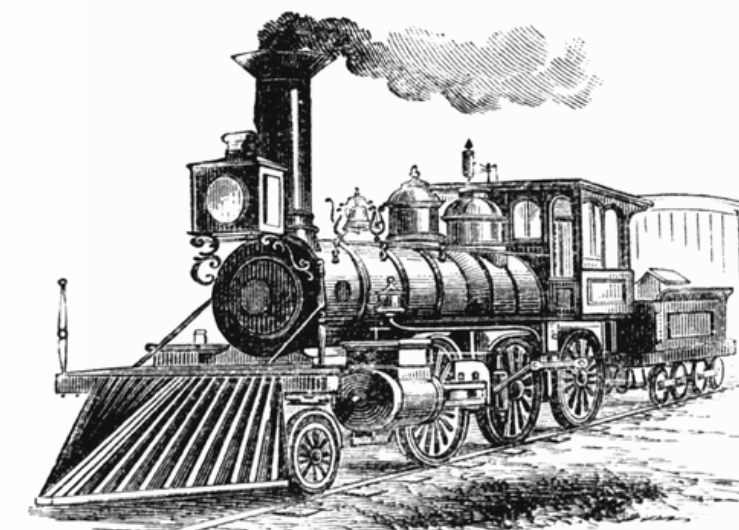
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B R I E F

Develop an educational game to boost engagement in non-STEM subjects for the Hive group of secondary schools.

The game should make learning non-STEM subjects enjoyable, addressing recent declines in student interest.

To finally produce a functional MVP, wireframes, and a live demonstration of game.

LIVE DEMO



BACKGROUND RESEARCH



Chosen theme:

History:

Medieval era and Industrial Revolution

User Research:

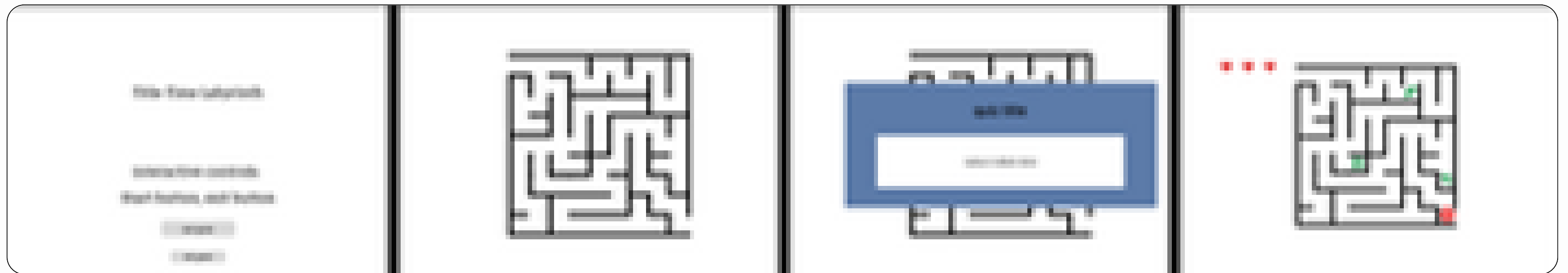
- Express a desire for more engaging and varied learning methods beyond textbook reliance.
- Feel a pressure from the vast curriculum, making it hard to deeply engage with and remember the material.
- Experience a lack of diversity in lesson activities, leading to a monotonous learning environment.

Why the Maze?

A maze-themed game was influenced heavily by the classic allure of the original 'Scary Maze Game'.

We recognised in the maze a straightforward yet versatile platform that lends itself naturally to the integration of educational content.

FIGMA-DESIGN



TECHNOLOGIES

HTML, CSS, and JavaScript

- Core web technologies for a responsive, cross-platform game experience.
- HTML for structure
- CSS for visual layout and design
- JavaScript for interactive gameplay

ExpressJS and NodeJS:

- Backend powered by NodeJS for scalable network applications
- ExpressJS for efficient API handling and data management
- Ensures reliable data storage and API interactions



SIGNIFICANT CODE

For our maze game, the most significant code strongly relates to the two core elements of the application: the maze and multiple choice questions which pop up.

The following code snippets are essential:

SNIPPET ONE: CREATING A MAZE WHICH INCLUDES CHECKPOINTS

```
✓ #maze {  
  display: grid;  
  grid-template-columns: repeat(13, 50px);  
  justify-content: center;  
  background-color: rgba(255, 255, 255, 0.25);  
  padding: 10px;  
}
```

```
document.getElementById(  
  "categorySelected"  
)?.textContent = `No Category Selected!`;  
window.location.href = "index.html";  
}  
  
const maze = document.getElementById("maze");  
//maze is a <div>  
  
// Array of cell IDs that should be white  
const cellIds = [  
  2, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 23, 25, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38, 41, 42, 45,  
  49, 51, 60, 62, 63, 64, 68, 69, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 80, 81, 84, 90, 93, 97,  
  98, 100, 103, 106, 108, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 119, 120, 121, 122,  
  124, 126, 132, 135, 137, 139, 145, 146, 148, 149, 150, 152, 153, 154, 155,  
  168,  
];  
  
for (let i = 0; i < 13; i++) {  
  for (let j = 0; j < 13; j++) {  
    const cell = document.createElement("div");  
    cell.classList.add("cell");  
    const cellId = i * 13 + j + 1; // Calculate cell IDs  
    cell.id = cellId.toString(); // Set ID (to make it easier)  
    maze.appendChild(cell);  
  
    if (cellIds.includes(cellId)) {  
      // Add class  
      cell.classList.add("w");  
    }  
  
    if (cell.id === "2") {  
      cell.style.backgroundColor = "gold";  
    }  
  
    if (cell.id === "112" || cell.id === "121" || cell.id === "62" || cell.id === "17") {  
      cell.classList.add("checkpoint");  
      category === 'medieval' ? cell.style.backgroundColor = "url('./images/med_check_icon.png')" : cell.style.backgroundColor = "url('./images/Ind_check_icon.png')"  
      cell.style.backgroundColor = "contain"; // This ensures that the image fits into the cell.  
      cell.style.backgroundRepeat = "no-repeat"; // This ensures the image does not tile.  
      cell.style.backgroundPosition = "center"; // This centers the image in the cell.  
    }  
  }  
}
```


SIGNIFICANT CODE

SNIPPET TWO: IMPLEMENTING
CHARACTER ICON MOVEMENT AND
TRIGGERING A POP-UP QUIZ WHEN
OUR CHARACTER HITS A
CHECKPOINT

```
document.addEventListener("keydown", (event) => {
  const key = event.key;
  const modal = document.getElementById("myModal");
  const character = document.getElementById("character");
  const currentCell = parseInt(character.parentElement.id);

  if (modal.style.display === "block") return;

  let newPosition;
  let direction;

  if (key === "ArrowUp") {
    newPosition = currentCell - 13;
    direction = "top";
  } else if (key === "ArrowDown") {
    newPosition = currentCell + 13;
    direction = "bottom";
  } else if (key === "ArrowLeft") {
    newPosition = currentCell - 1;
    direction = "left";
  } else if (key === "ArrowRight") {
    newPosition = currentCell + 1;
    direction = "right";
  }

  const newCell = document.getElementById(newPosition);

  if (newCell && newCell.classList.contains("w")) {
    newCell.appendChild(character);
    character.style[direction] = newCell.style[direction];

    if (newCell.classList.contains("checkpoint")) {
      fetchQuestions();
      modal.style.display = "block";
    }

    if (newCell.id === "2") {
      const path = document.querySelectorAll(".w");
      const endModal = document.getElementById("endModal");
      let hasCheckpoint = false;
```

```
    for (let i = 0; i < path.length; i++) {
      const cell = path[i];
      if (cell.classList.contains("checkpoint")) {
        hasCheckpoint = true;
        break;
      }
    }

    if (hasCheckpoint) {
      document.getElementById("endMessage").innerHTML = `You need to complete <span class="red">level 1</span> to win!`;
    } else {
      document.getElementById("endMessage").innerHTML = `<span class="green">You win,</span> congratulations!`;
      console.log("You WIN!");
    }

    endModal.style.display = "block";

    const backToHomepageButton = document.getElementById("BackToHomepage");
    backToHomepageButton.textContent = "Back to Game";

    backToHomepageButton.addEventListener("click", () => {
      endModal.style.display = "none";
    });
  });
});
```

SIGNIFICANT CODE

SNIPPET THREE: CHECKING THE
ANSWER TO THE QUESTION
AGAINST THE ANSWERS IN OUR API

```
function checkAnswer(data) {
  const checkp = document.querySelector("#submit");
  const modal = document.getElementById("myModal");
  const successMessageElement = document.getElementById("successMessage");
  const wrongMessageElement = document.getElementById("wrongMessage");

  checkp.addEventListener("click", () => {
    const selectedValue = document.querySelector('input[name="question"]:checked').value;
    const correctAnswer = data.answers.find(answer => answer.value === 1)?.text;

    successMessageElement.style.fontSize = wrongMessageElement.style.fontSize = "20px";

    successMessageElement.innerHTML = `<span class="green">Well Done! You got it right!</span>`;
    wrongMessageElement.innerHTML = `<span class="red">You got it Wrong!</span><br><br>\nCorrect Answer : <br><span class="small"> '${correctAnswer}' </span><br><br>\nTry a different question! <br><br><hr>`;

    successMessageElement.style.display = wrongMessageElement.style.display = "none";

    if (correctAnswer === selectedValue) {
      successMessageElement.style.display = "block";

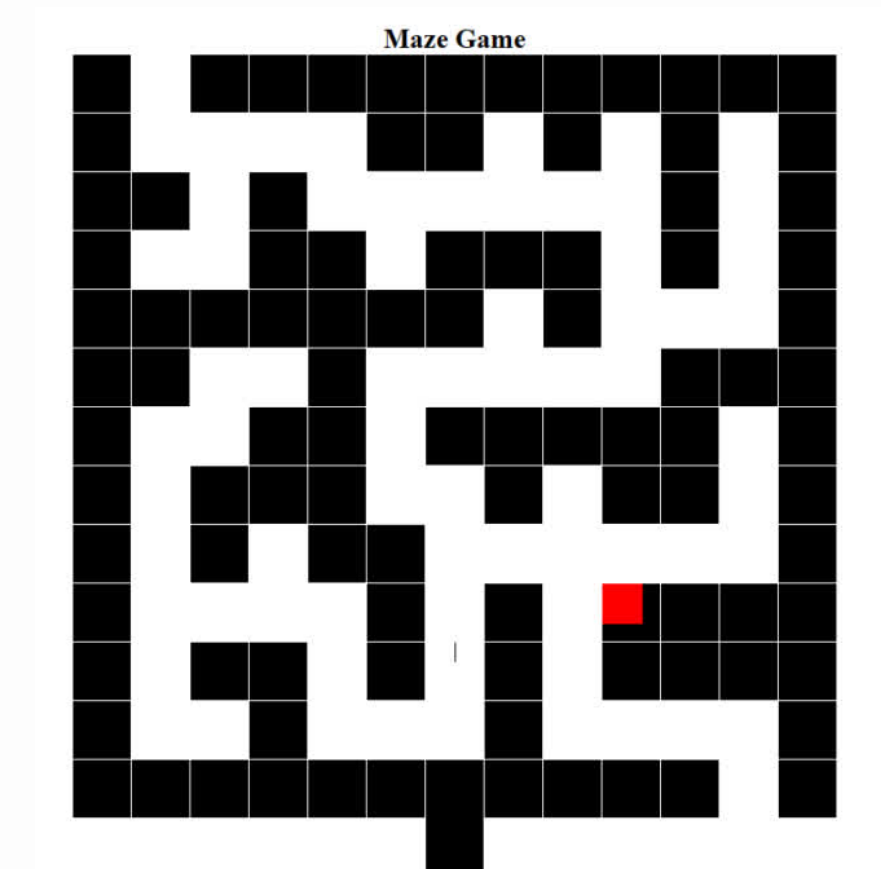
      setTimeout(() => {
        successMessageElement.style.display = "none";
        modal.style.display = "none";
        const currentCellID = parseInt(character.parentElement.id);
        const currentCell = document.getElementById(currentCellID);
        currentCell.classList.remove("checkpoint");
        currentCell.style.backgroundImage = "";
      }, 2000);
    } else {
      wrongMessageElement.style.display = "block";

      setTimeout(() => {
        wrongMessageElement.style.display = "none";
        fetchQuestions();
      }, 5000);
    }
  });
}
```

CHALLENGE AND SOLUTIONS

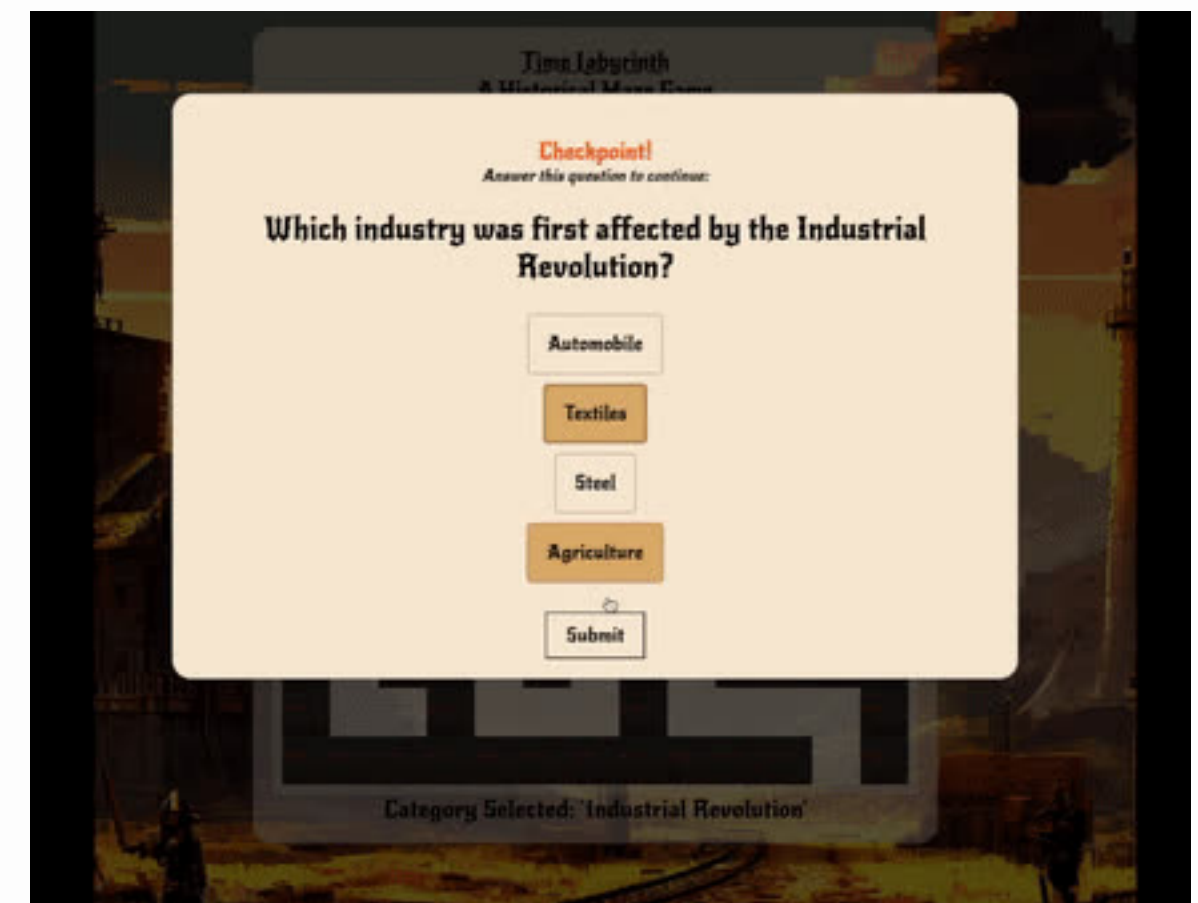
Challenge 1 :

Writing code for a maze game and enabling character movement within paths.



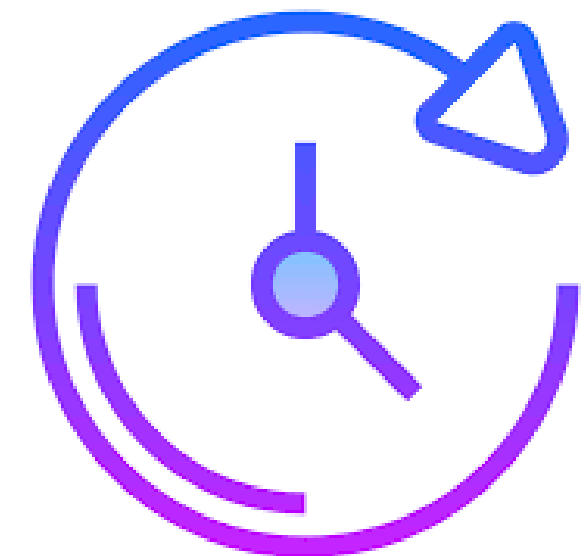
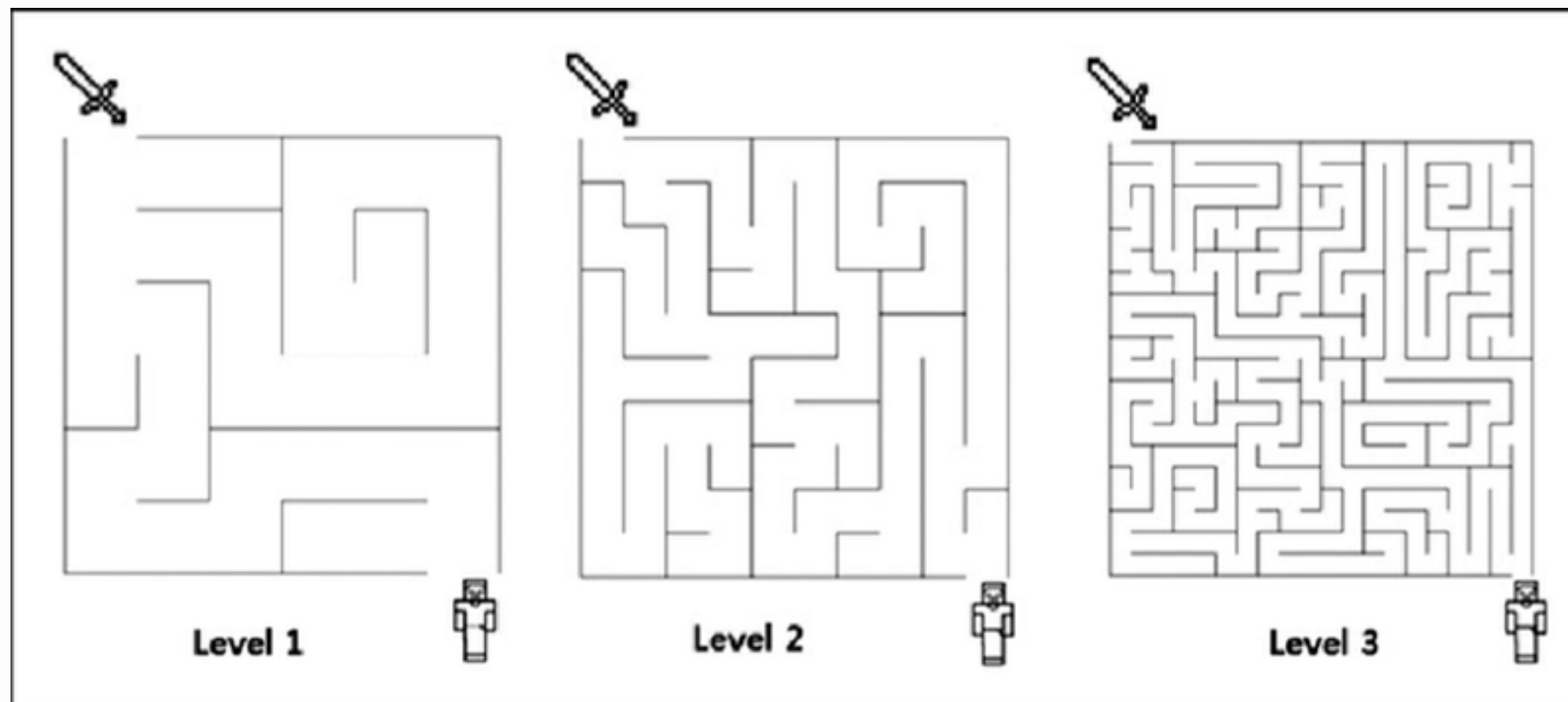
Challenge 2:

- Implementing a color change function for radio buttons in question pop-ups.
- The issue of the previously selected radio button's color persisting when moving to the next question.



FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND FUTURE FEATURES

- Choose character icon
- Multiple maze levels, increasing difficulty
- 3 lives system for incorrect answers
- Teachers create custom categories/questions



WHAT WE'VE LEARNED



Technological Skills

Googling

ExpressJS

Collaboration

Teamwork

Deploying the Server

Interpersonal skills

CSS Styling

THANK YOU

Questions?

