

Game Engine Development II

Week4

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Input Handling

Objectives

- Examine SFML events and explore their purpose as input
- Assess real-time input and evaluate its difference from events
- Analyze and reproduce a command-based communication system to deliver events
- Explore how to dynamically bind keys at runtime

Polling Events

- Events are objects that are triggered when something happens
 - E.g., user input
- Behind the scenes, the OS reports an event to the application
 - SFML processes such a report
 - Converts it into a corresponding SFML event type

Polling Events (cont'd.)

- Specifically, we extract events using the `sf::Window::pollEvent()` function
- It's signature is:

```
bool sf::Window::pollEvent(sf::Event& event);
```

Polling Events (cont'd.)

- Generally we want to poll an event with an event parameter as well as a bool that will tell us to keep polling the event or not
 - If there are no more of that event type to poll

Events Thus Far

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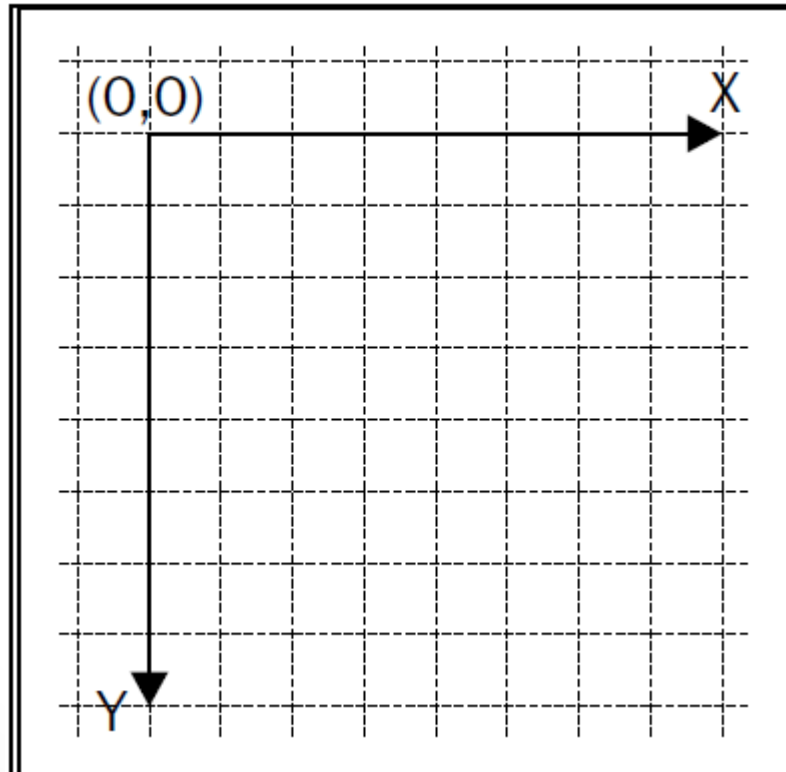
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```
void Game::update()
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    sf::Vector2f movement(0.f, 0.f);
    if (mIsMovingUp)
        movement.y -= 1.f;
    if (mIsMovingDown)
        movement.y += 1.f;
    if (mIsMovingLeft)
        movement.x -= 1.f;
    if (mIsMovingRight)
        movement.x += 1.f;
    mPlayer.move(movement);
}
```

Combining Into Update

```
void Game::update(sf::Time elapsedTime)
{
    sf::Vector2f movement(0.f, 0.f);
    if (sf::Keyboard::isKeyPressed(sf::Keyboard::W))
        movement.y -= PlayerSpeed;
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        movement.x += PlayerSpeed;
    mPlayer.move(movement * elapsedTime.asSeconds());
}
```

Events vs. Real-Time Input

- If a state has changed, you should use events
- However, if you want to know the current state, then of course you must check using a function

```
// WHEN the left mouse button has been pressed, do something  
if (event.type == sf::Event::MouseButtonPressed)
```

```
// WHILE the left mouse button is being pressed, do something  
if (sf::Mouse::isButtonPressed(sf::Mouse::Left))
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Commands

Commanding the Entities

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```
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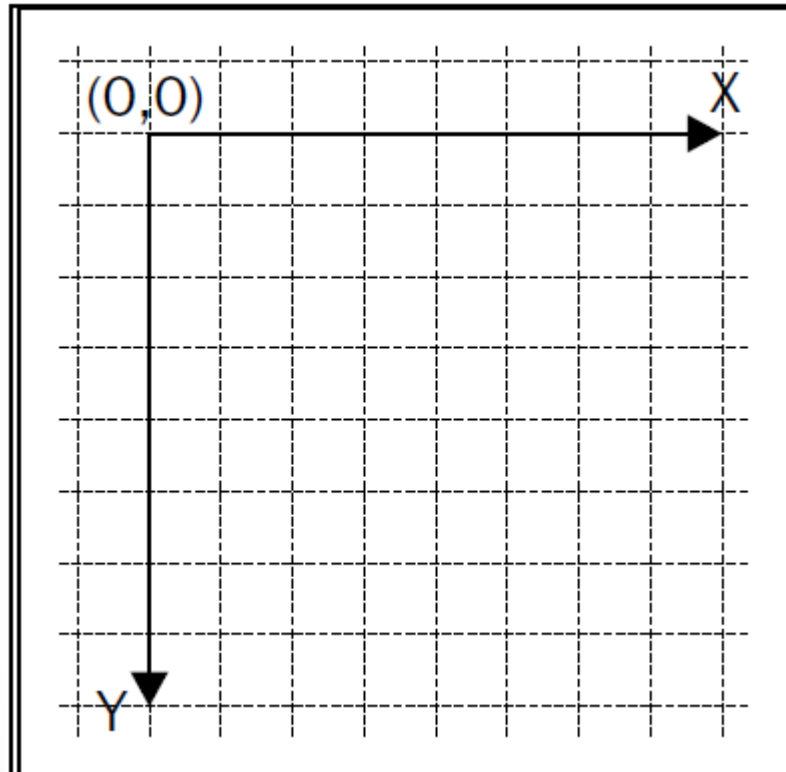
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