SPELLING

Test

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Introduction

Spelling Test will mix top-down shooter and rpg mechanics to create a game with the rich story and
progression of an RPG with the challenging real-time combat and boss battles of a well made action
shooter.

• *Spelling Test* was inspired by several different games, most notably the critical-success, *The Binding of Isaac*

Story

 Our story begins with a young apprentice Wizard being kicked out of the 'Wizard Tower' by the master there, who tells him he doesn't have what it takes to ever become a full-fledged Wizard

• Determined to prove him wrong, our protagonist begins his journey to travel to the different **elemental** sites of magical power and defeat their **Guardian Wizards** to prove his worth

 After defeating these Guardians and learning their secrets, our hero will return for a final showdown with his old master, the most powerful Wizard in the land

Gameplay

- Spelling Test will have two main areas of gameplay:
 - Overworld In the overworld map, the player can travel to different locations on the world map,
 talk to NPCs and several other non-combat interactions
 - Battles The game will have a unique battle map and unique battle mechanic for each Guardian battle in the game and one for the final boss

Gameplay

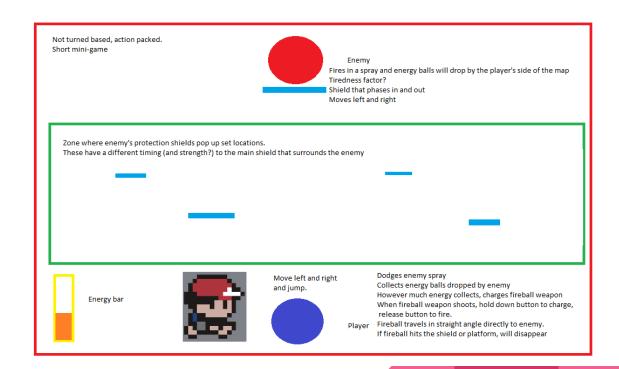
• The player will learn new **spells** on his travels, being able to use a spell of each **elemental type** when he defeats the linked **Guardian**

- The combat mechanics will increase in complexity as the game progresses and the player collects new spells.
- Spells will be more than simple re-coloured projectiles, there will be several **utility spells** (eg **Earth shield, Ice Wall** etc) to give the player a fun toolkit to utilise

Gameplay

An early prototype idea for one of the many boss battles we will have in the game:

Each one will be different!



Characters

• **Apprentice Wizard** - Our main character - nameable by the Player

• Master Wizard - The final boss and may appear to influence the story at a certain point in the game

• Elemental Guardians - Elemental masters who guard the secrets of the sites of power

 Assorted NPCs - they may have information for the player, provide side quests and more

Graphics

• Spelling Test will use a simple pixel art style. By choosing to make the game 2D with a simple, colourful aesthetic, we can make the game world itself larger, more interesting and more content-rich. A Retro-style also fits the game world very well

• We will use software such as **Photoshop** and **PISKEL** to create the sprites, backgrounds and images required for the game

Audio

• *Spelling Test* will again remain true to the Retro theme and use simple 16-bit sounds and chiptunes to provide the main audio.

Potential for some unique music and effects courtesy of a Music Tech contact of the group

 We will primarily use **AUDACITY** for sound editing and perhaps take advantage of stock chiptunes, music and effects for our non-original sound

Platform & Pricing

• *Spelling Test* would be best suited to PC, but could also work well as a handheld or mobile game

- The game would be released as Free-to-Play on both PC and mobile with perhaps an advertisement-based model to generate some revenue
- If it proves popular, Spelling Test could be released on Steam with added features and new updates for a very small price

Target Market

- *Spelling Test* should be an attractive game for all audiences and ages. The **Retro-aesthetic** is well liked by all sorts of different gamers
- The steadily increasing challenge of the game and the interesting mix of genres should also attract **experienced gamers** looking for something different
- We can conduct some market research using UWS students as a base to find out more concrete data about the type of player-base our game will attract

Risk Analysis (Project)

Risks	Probability (1/5)	Severity(1// ₅)	Risk level
A late change of game engine	1	4	4
Lateness/non-participation	2	3	6
Bad team communication	2	3	6
Missing work	3	3	9

Risk Analysis (Game)

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Visual attractiveness	2	1	2
Too difficult/easy	3	2	6
Mechanics not enjoyable	2	3	6
Not understandable	2	4	8
Too many bugs	3	3	9

Software









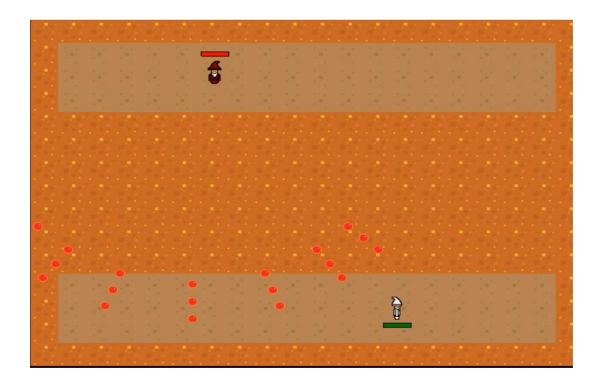








Prototype Demo



Questions?



