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"Nobody in this industry knows what they're doing, we just have a gut assumption."

- Cliff Bleszinski

Introduction

For this assignment you will pitch your game at the Games Academy Expo

This assignment is comprised of multiple parts:

Part A

Attend the scheduled weekly team meeting with your project supervisor.



Additional Guidance

FAQ

- What is the deadline for this assignment?
 Falmouth University policy states that deadlines must only be specified on the MyFalmouth system.
- What should I do to seek help?
 You can email your tutor for informal clarifications.

"Golden rule of level design - Finish your first level last."

- John Romero



"You can make an amazing game, but you can't make a success. Your players make the success."

- Irme Jele



"Lets optimize for player experience rather than what we think will make more money."

- Ron Carmel

Marking Rubric

| Learning Outcome Name | Learning Outcome Description | Criteria | Weighting | Clear Fail | Near Pass | 3rd | 2:2 | 2:1 | 1st | >1st |
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| Collaborate / Collaborate | Produce work as part of a multidisciplinary team critically appraising practices, approaches, and tools; applying them to enhance development pipelines. | f Effective team worker | 20% | Student has missed a large number of team meetings / SSP sessions Teammates concerned with lack of presence Student tends to be highly disruptive / chaotic | Student attends less than 50% of team sessions Student tends to be disruptive / chaotic | Has issues dealing with some teammates | | Student attends most sessions Delivers generally good work with only minor issues | Student attends most sessions. Delivers good work. Inspires some teammates No noticeable issues dealing with teammates. Tends to promote team harmony | Student is driving the team to achieve great things Team is highly supportive of leadership direction and approach |
| Pitch / Communication | Evaluate existing artefacts to identify opportunities, emphasise unique features that would fill a gap, and suggest optimal routes to audiences. | Expo participant | 30% | Not engaged in Expo | | | | | | Majorly involved in Expo and in a good way |
| Process / Deliver | Produce prototypes based on your own intellectual property that deliver distinguished experiences, justifying how and why it could engage, immerse an audience, and/or lead to innovation. | Conceptual Coherence (game mechanics, settings, theme, aesthetics, interface & platform) | 10% | No game presented No game presented Game is too unstable / non- functional to be played enough to evaluate. | A small subset of the game components work well together to create a coherent experience, but they are stymied by the overall experience of discordance between components leading to a generally awkward experience for players. | A core of the game components work well together to create a coherent experience. However, there are some components that break the overall coherence leading to a conceptually awkward experience for players. | experience. However, there are some aspects of components that | The game components work together to produce create a coherent experience | The game components work well together to produce create a coherent experience which players can respond positively to | There is a clear harmony of design between game components creating a highly coherent experience which players can respond extremely positively to |
| | | Creative innovation | 10% | No game presented Game is too unstable / non- functional to be played enough to evaluate. | Game is generally a rehash/homage of an existing game with little, if anything to distinguish it. | Game developed from an existing game or genre with the addition of innovative mashups / extensions. Resulting game concept is of questionable engagement | Game developed from an existing game or genre with the addition of innovative mashups / extensions. Resulting game concept is reasonably engaging | Game developed as a generally organic concept drawing components that make some sense for game. Resulting game concept is reasonably engaging | Game developed as a generally organic concept drawing components that make much sense for the game. Resulting game concept is clearly engaging | Game is genuinely novel and extremely engaging to play |
| | | Quality | 20% | No game presented Game is too unstable / non- functional to be played enough to evaluate. | not finished or working. | and refine gameplay, aesthetic and other components. | aesthetic components. | The game is of good quality and feels like a game that could be published given more QA. | feels like a published game with no noticeable. | The game is of extremely high quality and feels like a published game with no noticeable issues |
| | | | | | The game runs, but may have obvious and significant stability issues | | The game has no major issues but there are clear small-scale bugs and issues | The game has no major issues but there are clear small-scale bugs and issues | There are no major issues and only slight and largely imperceptible bugs and issues | |
| | | Player Engagement | 10% | No game presented Game is too unstable / non- functional to be played enough to evaluate. | The game generates some moments of engagement and enjoyability for players, though its generally not a great experience | The game generates some engagement and enjoyability for players, though there is feeling of endurance rather than enjoyment. | The game generates some clear engagement and enjoyability for players, though there is clear scope for improvement. | The game is generally engaging and enjoyable for players, though there is some scope for improvement. | engaging and enjoyable for | The game is highly engaging and enjoyable for players. |
| | | | | | The overall game presentation looks and feels functional. | The overall game presentation looks and feels fairly functional | | | The overall game presentation | The overall game presentation both looks and feels slick. |

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| | | | | rather than solid. | rather than slick. | just a few noticeable issues to | generally looks and feels slick | 1 |
| | | | | | | detract from it. | with few issues to detract from | Players want to play the game |
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