COMP140-GAM160: Creative Computing: Hacking & Further Game Programming

1: Introduction to Object Orientated Programming

Learning outcomes

- **Understand** Object Orientated principles
- **Understand** the Single Responsibility principle
- **Implement** a simple class hierarchy

Assignments

Assignment 1

- The first assignment is all about designing a custom controller and a game
- You will also develop a version of Pong which uses a custom controller
- The BSc students have a series of worksheets which are part of the course work
- The outcomes of the coursework are the same, just a slightly different structure

Assignment 2

- The second assignment is a continuation of the first
- You will build the controller and game
- The design of your game can change slightly
- For the controller, there is an expectation that you will buy some additional components
- Finally, you will lose marks if you submit a controller which is a bare breadboard
- We expect for you to build something or embedded the controller into an item

Examples from Last Session

- Safe - `https://youtu.be/X4wB3AakSvA`
- Tank - `https://youtu.be/AL3LrcRskig`
- Skateboard - `https://youtu.be/Wj4EbOyUejE`
- Powerglove - `https://youtu.be/dp9xM55eZUM`
- Snooker - `https://youtu.be/4XFZ4PMoPTE`

Alt-Controller

Notable Alt-Controller Games

- Steel Battalion -
  `https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rGgxRsaGdcA`
- Deep VR - `https://www.polygon.com/2015/3/2/`
  `8133675/deep-vr-meditation`
- Space Box -
  `https://www.gamasutra.com/view/news/290700/`
  `ALTCTRLGDC_Showcase_Spacebox.php`
- Line Wobbler -
  `http://wobblylabs.com/projects/wobbler`
- GDC Alt-Ctrl 2017 Roundup
  `https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IoqAJ7ynuhw`
- Nintendo Labo - `https://www.nintendo.co.uk/`
  `Nintendo-Labo/Nintendo-Labo-1328637.html`

Activity - Alt-Controller Research

- ► Review the Shake that Button Twitter Account - `https://twitter.com/ShakeThatButton` & Past alt.ctrl.GDC entries
- ► Pick 3 games and note down the following information in a Google Doc or similar
    - ► Name
    - ► URL
    - ► Screenshot
    - ► brief description
    - ► What you find interesting about it
- ► Do this for the next 30 minutes
- ► **Keep this document, it will feed into your coursework!**

Object Orientated Principles

Classes and Objects

- Most programming languages have a pre-defined set of data types (int, float, bool etc)
- We can add our own data types by declaring and defining Classes
- Classes are a collection of data and functions which operate on the data
- We can then use these classes like any built-in data type

Class Examples - C++

```cpp
class Player
{
public:
    Player()
    {
        Health=100;
    };

    void TakeDamage(int health)
    {
        Health-=health;
    };

    void HealDamage(int health)
    {
        Health+=health;
    };

    ~Player(){};
private:
    int Health;

};
```

Class Examples - C# Unity

```csharp
class Player : MonoBehaviour
{
    private int Health=100;

    void Start()
    {
        Health=100;
    }

    public void TakeDamage(int health)
    {
        Health-=health;
    }

    public void HealDamage(int health)
    {
        Health+=health;
    }
}
```

Naming Tips

- Classnames should be proper nouns (e.g. Player, Enemy, Orc, Goblin, etc)
- Function names should be verbs (e.g Attack, TakeDamage, SetName, etc)
- All names should be descriptive
- Comments! You should add comments before each function!

Single Responsibility Principle

Intro

- This is a principle from Computer Science that a class should have a single responsibility
- Take for example a Player class which handles input, physics, weapons, health and inventory
- This should probably be split into several classes (Remember Class naming from previous slide)

- ► You have been given a starting project which contains a Player class
- ► Carry out the following tasks
  1. Research 'Single Responsibility Principle' (5 - 10 minutes)
  2. Break the Class into several new classes
  3. Post your Classes onto the Slack channel or forum
- ► Unity Starter Project - `https://github.com/Falmouth-Games-Academy/bsc-course-materials/raw/2017-18/COMP140/01/GAM160-Ex1.zip`
- ► C++ Starter Project - Live Coding