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Introduction

In this paper I will discuss five key skills, taken from my continuing professional development weekly report that I need to improve on to succeed on my course. Also by using SMART targets as a guide, I will first state the skill, and why it is important to increase my ability, not just for my course, but in terms of my future career as well. Secondly how I plan to improve that skill and how long I expect it to take me to reach my goals.

Learn C++ Game Programming Basics

Assignment Prioritisation

Increased Playtesting of Game Builds

I found that during the semester before Christmas the group game was play tested every week if not more but after Christmas there was little to know play testing at all. When play tests were organised we found a huge amount of bugs and for more than just 1 player the game was unplayable, most of the time the play tests had to be cancelled. In the last month of development a build was made at least once a day which the group would play numerous times, find bugs which were fixed that day and then a new build of the game was made. This process was repeated everyday until the game was ready to be handed in.

I will start this task when the new academic year starts in September. As soon as there is a playable build of the game I plan to make at least one new build everyday let the designers play test and any bugs will be quickly resolved. This will improve the game development process not just with debugging but also balancing and keeping the whole team up to date with the projects current state. Also with a working build we can then ask non members of the team to play test and get important feedback that we can work on.

Down Time From Game Development

Commenting Code/ Blueprints

Conclusion

Most of the above targets I can start doing immediately with me assignments bu the task I can see I will have the most trouble with is the prioritisation of assignments.

If I stick to my targets I will get better marks in assignments and increase my skills in programming greatly furthering my professional success in the future.