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Product Requirements Document (PRD v1.0)

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  "direction": "NORTH" | "SOUTH" | "UP RAMP" | null,
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  "speed": 1 | 2,
  "target": "RED STONE" | "LANTERN" | null
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The Minotaur Agent must return its calculated action based on this structure:

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The GSM's primary output to the Streamlit UI and the next agent turn:

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```
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 "stamina_pct": 0.85,
 "inventory": ["RED STONE", "LANTERN"],
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The Mistral LLM's System Prompt will be injected with a summary of past User Deaths (Mistral Losses).

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{
    "command": "MOVE" | "HALT" | "LOOK" | "GRAB" | "USE",
    "direction": "NORTH" | "SOUTH" | "UP RAMP" | null,
    "steps": 100,
    "speed": 1 | 2,
    "target": "RED STONE" | "LANTERN" | null
}
```

3.2 Minotaur Decision Schema (Output from Gemini)

The Minotaur Agent must return its calculated action based on this structure:

JSON

```
{
    "action": "PATHFIND" | "JUMP" | "WAIT" | "CHASE",
    "target_coords": {"x": 0, "y": 0, "z": 0} | null
}
```

3.3 Game State Response Schema (Output from GSM)

The GSM's primary output to the Streamlit UI and the next agent turn:

```
JSON
 "status": "SUCCESS" | "DEATH" | "ESCAPED" | "ERROR".
 "user_state": {
  "position": {"x": 0, "y": 0, "z": 0},
  "stamina_pct": 0.85,
  "inventory": ["RED STONE", "LANTERN"],
  "lantern cooldown": 720
 "environment": {
  "visible_paths": ["NORTH", "DOWN RAMP"],
  "visible_items": ["BLUE STONE"],
  "message": "Current Z-Level: 3",
  "steps_moved": 10,
  "time taken": 5,
  "stop reason": "COLLISION" | "ENCOUNTER" | "SUCCESS"
 "minotaur cue": {
  "proximity": "VERY CLOSE" | "VANISHED" | "PARALYZED",
  "audio direction": "EAST" I null,
  "temporal status": "CHASING 3D",
  "cooldown time": 450
 "raw_text_output": "The Minotaur materializes at its fixed re-entry position!"
```

4. Agent Logic and Learning (N.F.R. 3.2.2)

The LLM agents must read from and contribute to the persistent memory system to adapt their strategies over successive runs.

4.1 Minotaur Agent (Gemini) - Learning Objectives

The Gemini LLM's System Prompt will be injected with a summary of past User Escapes (Minotaur Losses).

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4.2 User Agent (Mistral) - Learning Objectives

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- 1. **Setup Phase:** LangGraph calls the **Memory Manager** to retrieve structured reflections summarizing the last 5 relevant game runs.
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