



GROUP NAT'20

Trails of the Abyss

CSS481 - Special Topics in Computer Engineering Fundamentals I



Narrative

Setting

The dungeon is divided into 5 stages, each guarded by monsters.

Objective

Defeat the monsters in each stage to clear the dungeon.

Characters

-----Heros-----

Knight/Archer/Barbarian/
Mage/Sorcerer

-----Monsters-----

Each stage has unique
monster types.

Game Rules

World Rules

- The world consists of 5 stages, each representing a unique realm.
- Stages increase in difficulty.
- Players can only move forward; no revisiting cleared stages.
- Death of all characters ends the game.



Game Rules

Gameplay Rules

- **Players control a team of 3 heroes.**
- **Combat is turn-based:**
 - **Player and monster teams alternate actions.**
 - **Actions include using weapons/spells/items and escaping.**
- **Players can buy items in the shop after each stage.**
- **Health and mana management is critical.**



Gameplay Mechanics

Character Selection:

- Players select 3 heroes to form a team before the game begins.
- Turn order is based on the team lineup.



Gameplay Mechanics

Stage Progression:

- Defeat all monsters in a stage to progress to the next.
- Randomized monster lineup per stage.



Gameplay Mechanics

Combat System:

- **Actions:** Weapon, Spell, Attack, Escape.
- **Turns** alternate between player characters and monsters.



Hero1 HP: 100 MP: 50

WEAPON

SPELL

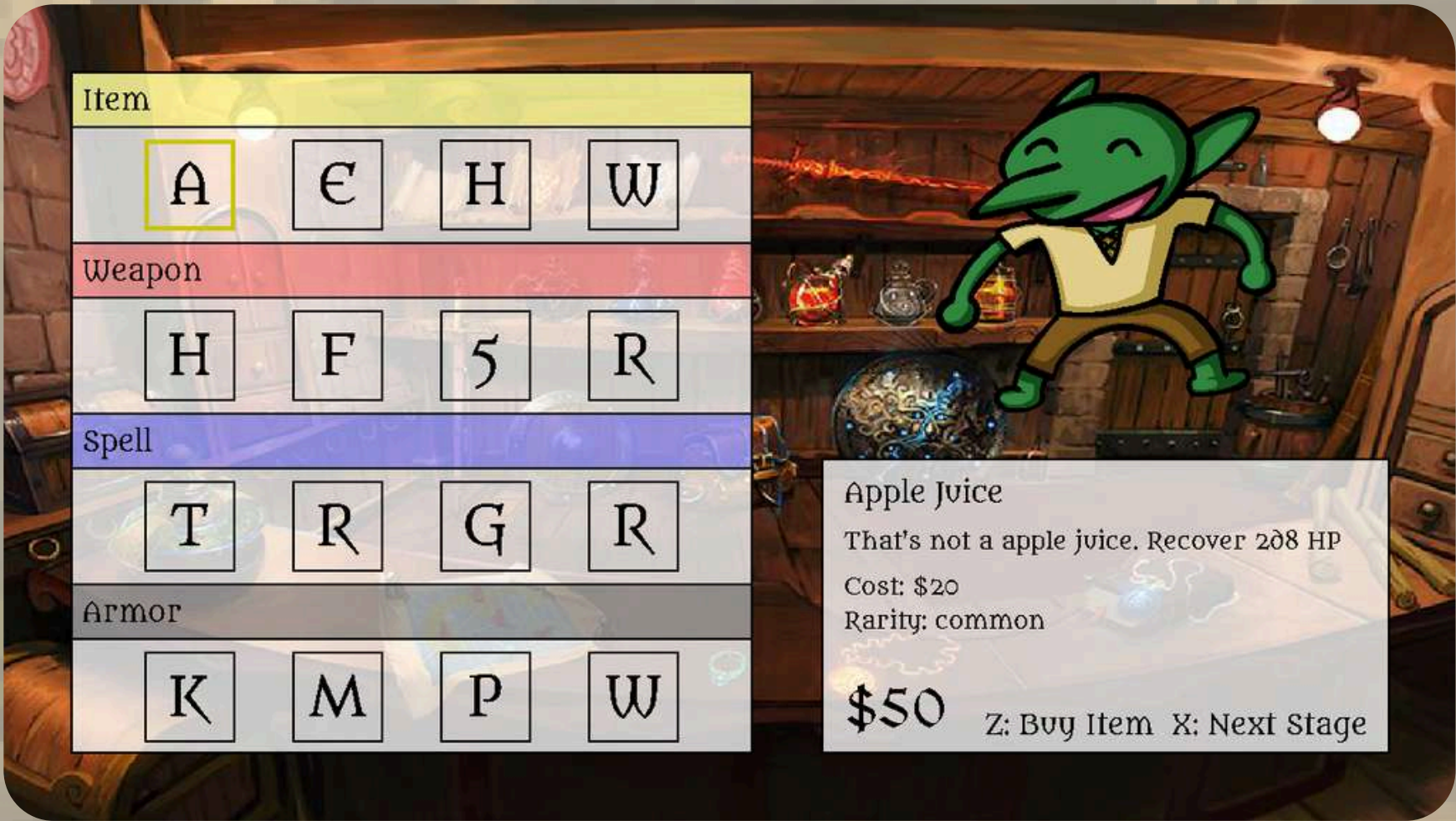
ITEM

ESCAPE



Gameplay Mechanics

Shop System:



- Items include health potions, mana potions, and buffs.
- Coins earned from battles can be spent in the shop.

Randomization

Enemies

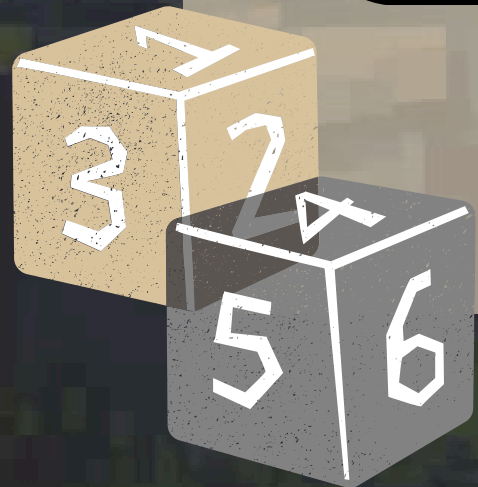
Randomly selected
from a stage-specific
pool.

Shop

Items available for
purchase are
randomized.

Replayability

Randomized elements
ensure each
playthrough feels
unique.



Main Menu

Trails of the Abyss

Press Enter



Characters Selection

Number of chosen: 2
Character chosen: Fighter, Mage

Select your Character (left right)

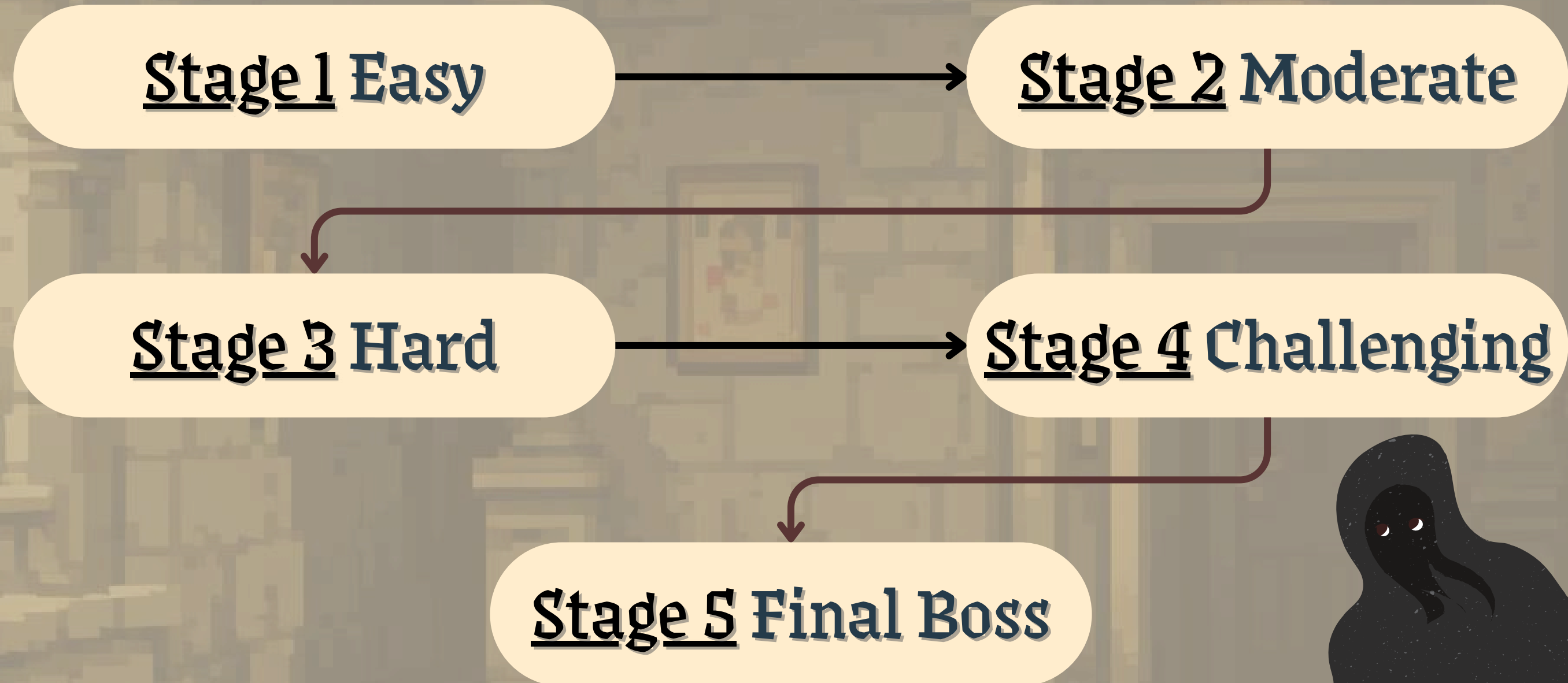
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Archer

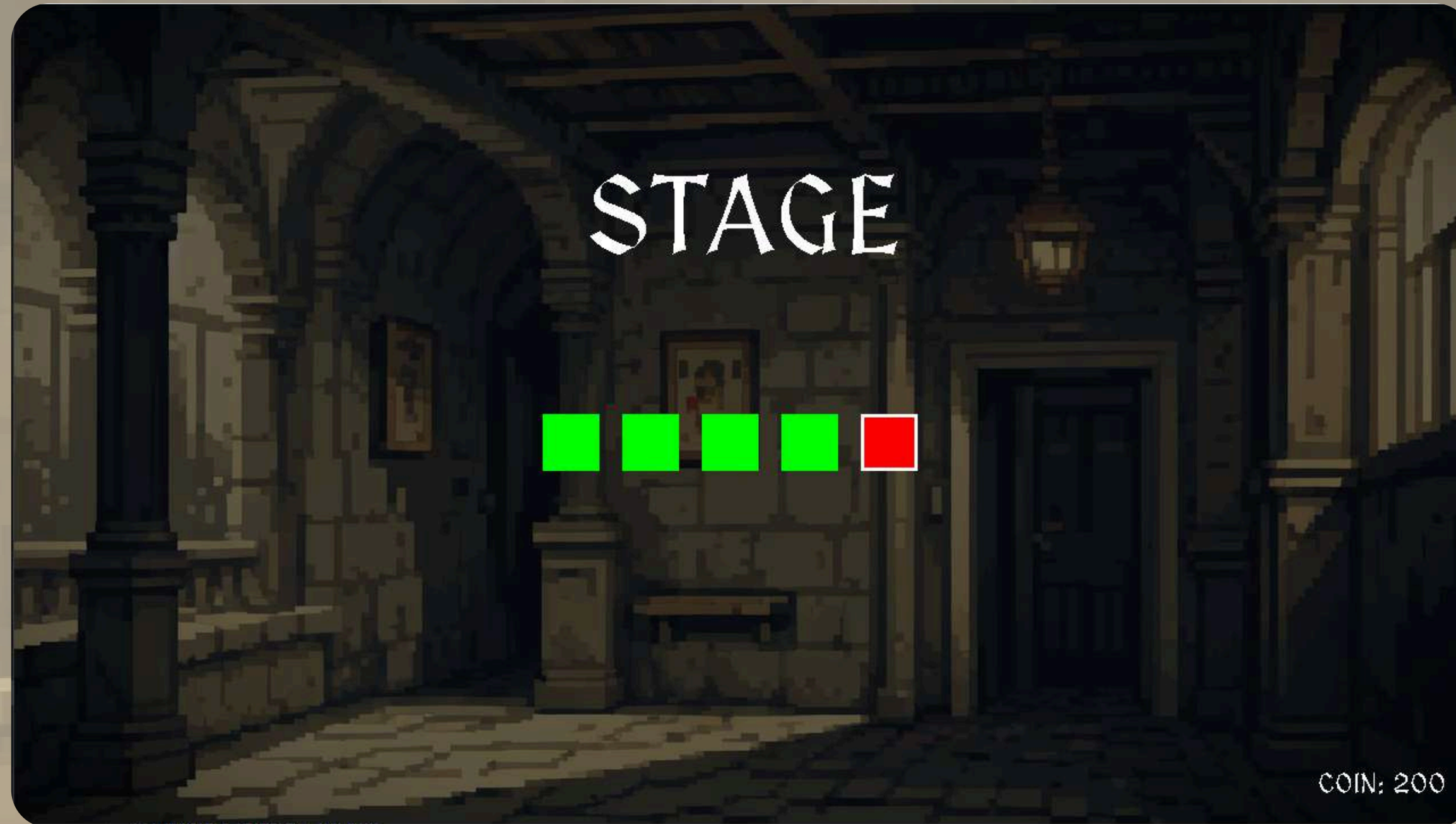
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DEF: 6 ACC: 8 CHA: 5



Stages & Progression



Stages & Progression



Combat



knight HP: 100 MP: 30

WEAPON

ITEM

SPELL

ESCAPE

WEAPONS

Sword ACC: 2 D: d8

Shop

Item

A

E

H

W

Weapon

H

F

5

R

Spell

T

R

G

R

Armor

K

M

P

W



Apple Juice

That's not a apple juice. Recover 208 HP

Cost: \$20

Rarity: common

\$50

Z: Buy Item X: Next Stage

Victory

Coins: 100



Victory!!

Press any key to return to main menu.

Defeat

Defeat!!

Press any key to return to main menu.

Technical Details

Engine

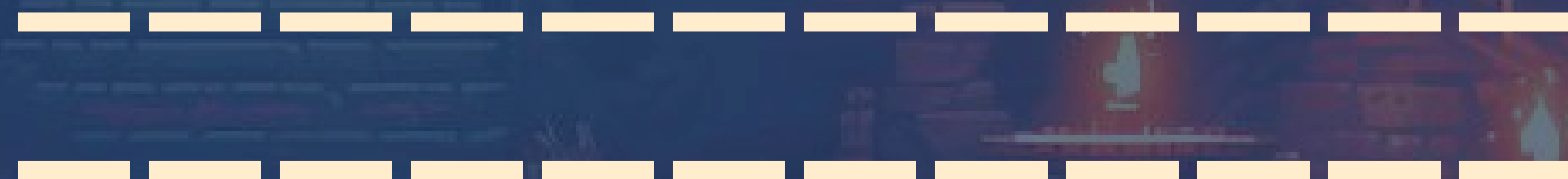
Pygame (Python)

Audio

Background music
and sound effects for
actions.

Code Structure

- Modular state-based architecture.
- Randomization logic for enemy selection and shop items.



Challenges Faced

Challenges

- Balancing difficulty for each stage.
- Ensuring fairness in randomization.
- Designing engaging combat mechanics.

Solutions

- Tiered difficulty for monsters.
- Weighted randomization for shop items.
- Testing to refine balance and replayability.

Conclusion

- Blend of RPG combat and randomness for replayability.
- Strategic gameplay with increasing difficulty.
- Modular design for easy scalability.
- Replay value due to randomized elements.

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