

Spike: Task 16

Title: Sound Board

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Goals / deliverables:

Create a simple application, using SDL2, that demonstrates the following features.

1. Keys 1, 2, and 3 will each play a unique sample sound as soon as each key is pressed even if that sound is already playing.
2. Play or pause (not stop) background music in response to key-down press "0" (zero) being used as a toggle.

Technologies, Tools, and Resources used:

- Xcode
- SDL version 2.28.4
- SDL Mixer version 2.6.3

Tasks undertaken:

- Created an SDL2 and SDL_Mixer application that plays a background song, and 3 sound effects
- Pressing the 0 key plays and pauses the song, and 1, 2 and 3 will play the corresponding sound effect

What we found out:

SDL_Mixer was definitely needed for this program. While I was able to get a primitive version with only a pause-able background song working, layering multiple sounds over the top of each other would have needed too much work. There was an option to use some SDL2 audio libraries that had been custom made with only SDL2 online through GitHub, but I had no luck getting it to work.

Open issues/risks:

- I am being a bit cheeky by using licensed songs and sounds in here, but since the .wav files use ambiguous names ie. background_music, sound_effect1 etc. These files can easily be replaced with no problem.