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1. Level A: Initial Understanding

1.1. Level A Demonstration

1. Importing and Initializing PyGame
2. Setting Up the Display
3. Implement event loops
4. Handling the user input
5. Draw items on the screen

1.2. Learning Approach

Step1: **Research:** First, I will start by searching for Pygame tutorials, guides and documentation online. Look for some resources that are useful for a primer.

Step2: **Install and setup:** Secondly, I install the pygame and follow the instruction on pygame official website.

Step3: **Read documentation and follow tutorials:** Thirdly, I will take some time read the official documentation to learn its features, functions and modules. In addition, I will follow the online teaching video to learn some advanced concepts like graphic and sound.

Step4: **Practice:** After learning the knowledge, in order to truly understand Pygame, I need to experiment with it on my own environment. I can first test each functions including user input, event control loop, sound and effect, and drawing key items on the screen. Experiment with different features and modues to see how they work.

Step5: **Application:** After doing practice and experiment, I can actually create my own game by applying the knowledge I learned before. In the future, I will continue to improve the game and add new features in the further study.

1.3. Challenges and Difficulties

1. When learning pygame, it is quite challenging to learn for a beginner as it requires an understanding of both Python programming and Pygame programming concepts, so this can be quite difficult to learn two things at same time.
2. Debugging can be always challenging when working with Pygame because it involves to many modules and functions working together, this will take a lot of time to figure out an error when you write about hundreds of lines of codes.
3. Sound and music is the specific element that I found more difficult to learn than others. Because I have no experience in audio programming, and it involves bgm, sound effect and MIDI. I also encountered some file incompatibility issues, so adding music to the game was particularly challenging for me.
4. Optimization a pygame project is very difficult because it is related to the effieiciency and speed of your algorithm. So it will takes time to optimize your code in order to make the game run more smoothly.

1.4. Learning Sources

Youtube tutorials (1)	Learning some advanced concepts like graphic and sound and so on
Pygame documentation(2)	Learning some basic concepts and syntax of Pygame
Pygame tutorials(3)	Learning how to handle the user input and a lot of events
YouTube pygame lectures(4)	Learning how to actually create a game and apply the skills by using Pygame
Python documentation(5)	Pygame is based on python, Learning the basic syntax and functions

Link(1):<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jO6qQDNa2UY>

Link(2):<https://www.pygame.org/docs/>

Link(3):<https://realpython.com/pygame-a-primer/>

Link(4):<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i6xMBig-pP4list=PLzMcbGfZo4-lp3jAExUCewBfMx3UZFkh5>

Link(5):<https://docs.python.org/3/>

1.5. Application artifacts

The whole code is in git link I provided before

1.Importing and Initializing PyGame

For the level A, firstly, I successfully import the pygame, and initialize the game library. In addition, some important keyboard is imported so we can call it directly without pygame.

:

```
1 #import the pygame and initialize the game library to use all the modules
2 import pygame
3
4 #import some user input so we can directly use it without pygame.
5 from pygame.locals import (
6     K_UP,
7     K_DOWN,
8     K_LEFT,
9     K_RIGHT,
10    K_ESCAPE,
11    KEYDOWN,
12    QUIT,
13 )
14
15 pygame.init()
```

Figure 1: Initialization

2. Setting Up the Display

Then, I initialize some variables such as width, height, x-y-axis and a variable later we will use later in our event control loop. Then I set up the screen by using line 25 with width and height I created before.

```

17  #Set up the screen and oringinal axis
18  width = 900
19  height = 700
20  x = (width - 60)/2
21  y = 600
22  val = 0.5
23
24  # Create the screen by using the width and height we previous defined
25  screen = pygame.display.set_mode([width,height])

```

Figure 2: Setting Up the Display

3. Implement event loops

Implement the event loop is very important in pygame, basically this loop will run forever unless you hit the close tab or escape keyword. First, we set a variable run to be true, and using a for loop to detect whether we reach a event. So I use a key variable that is equal to the key.getPressed(), therefore I can check whether this key entered is escape or not, if it is escape button or close button, the run will become false and the whole program will just end.

```

24  # Create the screen by using the width and height we previous defined
25  screen = pygame.display.set_mode([width,height])
26
27  # The main event loop
28  run = True
29  while run:
30      # When user click the window close button, the run will become false
31      # the program loop will end
32      # Also, when a key escape is pressed, the program will also quit
33      for event in pygame.event.get():
34          key = pygame.key.get_pressed()
35          if key[K_ESCAPE]:
36              run = False
37          elif event.type == QUIT:
38              run = False
39

```

Figure 3: Implement event loops

4. Handling the user input

This part, we are initialize the variable called keys which represent the key that get pressed. So this part is in the main event loop, whenever a user press left, right, up or down, the x or y axis will be changed according to the user input, so this x and y axis will be later used in the program.

```

40  # Handling the user input whenever a user press left,right,up or down button
41  # Item will move according to the button pressed in the loop
42  keys = pygame.key.get_pressed()
43  if keys[K_LEFT]:
44      x -= val
45  if keys[K_RIGHT]:
46      x += val
47  if keys[K_UP]:
48      y -= val
49  if keys[K_DOWN]:
50      y += val

```

Figure 4: Handling the user input

5. Draw Items on the screen

In this part, we are actually drawing the items on the screen and quit the program if the user enter escape or close button. Now I will explain the following code line by line. line 53 just fill the screen with alice blue color. Line 56, I create an item with size(60*60) by using the pygame.Surface(module from pygame), then I just draw 4 rectangle with same blue color as a boundary of the screen, pygame.draw.rect() use three parameters, first is the screen I want to draw, and the second parameter is the RGB color value, and third parameter include 4 value , first two value is the position on the screen I want to draw, and last two values are the size of this rectangle. After that , I also drawed four cirle by using pygame,draw.circle. and the last parameter is the radius(50) of this circle. The line 72 use blit function that we call using screen, so this can put the item I created bfore on screen at the location of (x,y), the position will be updated in the main event loop because whenever user press a button[up,down,left,right], the item will move in the screen, the reason why item will keep moving is because in the main event loop and it will loop forever unless the user close it. Therefore, this simple pygame program can implemented

```
51
52     # Fill screen with alice blue color
53     screen.fill((240,248,255))
54
55     # Create an item with size(70*70) by using surface
56     item = pygame.Surface((60,60))
57     # Fill the item with red color
58     item.fill((255,0,0))
59
60     # Draw some rectangle as a boundary of screen with blue color
61     pygame.draw.rect(screen, (30,144,255),(0,0,900,25))
62     pygame.draw.rect(screen, (30,144,255),(0,0,25,700))
63     pygame.draw.rect(screen, (30,144,255),(0,675,900,25))
64     pygame.draw.rect(screen, (30,144,255),(875,0,25,700))
65     # Draw some circle on the screen
66     pygame.draw.circle(screen, (138,43,226), (200, 100), 50)
67     pygame.draw.circle(screen, (255,211,155), (700, 100), 50)
68     pygame.draw.circle(screen, (152,245,255), (250, 250), 50)
69     pygame.draw.circle(screen, (118,238,0), (500, 250), 50)
70
71     # Draw the item on screen at the location of (x,y)
72     screen.blit(item, (x,y))
73
74     #Update the screen
75     pygame.display.flip()
76
77     #Quit the pygame whe the loop is finished
78     pygame.quit()
```

Figure 5: Draw Items on the screen

4 functions listed in 1.1, and you can download it from my github link to try it.

Example

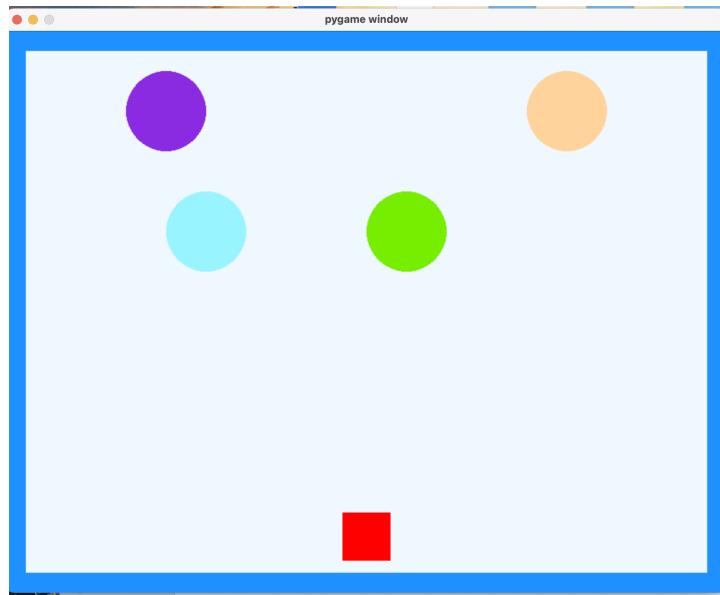


Figure 6: Example1

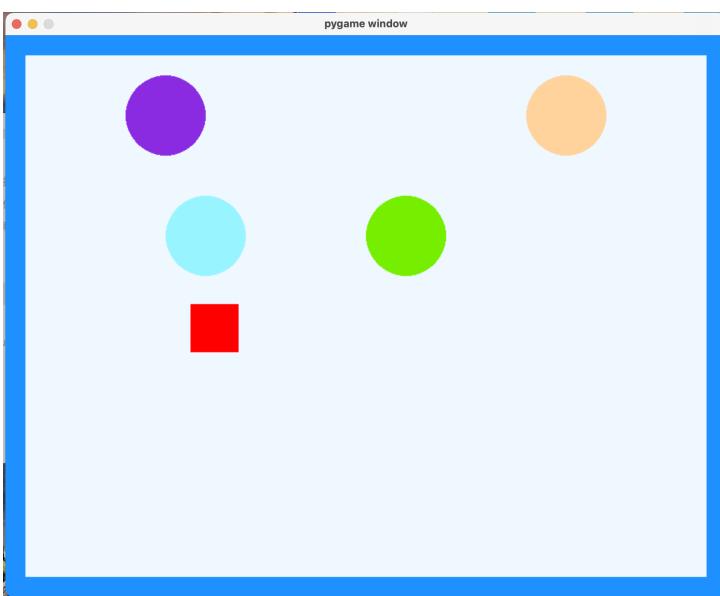


Figure 7: Example2

2. Level B: Basic Application

2.1. Level B Demonstration

For this level, I will be actually using the skills list above to create a game demo. Basically , game is a classic 2D plane game and the name is called "Flying Ace". So basically the user will use keyboard as user input to control the plane that on the screen, and the enemy are coming from the top of the screen. The aim for this game is to avoid the enemy , and later in level D, the user will be able to shoot the enemy. To be specific, the player plane and enemy plane (as sprite) are drew on the screen, and background music is added in order to improve gamer experience. In addition, the program can respond the event such as mouse-click , or keyboard pressed to end the game. Last but not least, the enemy plane is generated by using the user event which is created by myself. The idea of this game is based on an online tutorial, but the whole program is done by myself[1], and the actual game is also my own work.

2.2. Application artifacts

One of the most important concept in pygame, which is sprite. Basically, sprite is just a 2d representation of something, and it is a very powerful module that has a lot of built in function.[1] Firstly I will introduce the Player.py which contain a Plane class that extends the sprite in its constructor.

```
1 import pygame
2 # Define player by extend the sepecific class Sprite,
3 # and use super to call the constructor of parent
4
5 #import some user input so we can use those key easier.
6 from pygame.locals import (
7     K_UP,
8     K_DOWN,
9     K_LEFT,
10    K_RIGHT,
11    K_ESCAPE,
12    KEYDOWN,
13    QUIT,
14 )
15
16 # Define a player object that extends Sprite(2D representation)
17 # Use picture of plane to replace the surface
18 class Plane(pygame.sprite.Sprite):
19     def __init__(self):
20         super(Plane, self).__init__()
21         # Load the picture from directory and use convert to optimize the surface
22         self.image = pygame.image.load("plane.png").convert_alpha()
23         self.image = pygame.transform.scale(self.image,(80,80))
24         # Use RLEACCEL (slow down the image) to optimize the game
25         self.image.set_colorkey((255, 255, 255), pygame.RLEACCEL)
26         # rect is used for get location of image, so we can change it by input
27         # get_rect() returns the rectangle of image, and we set the original position
28         self.rect = self.image.get_rect(left = 200, bottom = 750)
```

Figure 8: Plane class

Basically, We create a Plane object that is a sprite, and it has its own constructor. For line21-22, we load the image of the plane from the directory by using the built in function **pygame.image.load**, and self.image is the variable that load the image, self is just a keyword in python that refer to the object we created later[2]. Then we want to use convert_alpha to optimize the surface so it will run more smoothly. In addition, the transform.scale is used to change the size of that image. Furthermore, we use RLEACCEL to optimize the game, so the function RLEACCEL will optimize the hardware[1]. the line 28 is to set a variable called rect which will returns the rectangle of image, so we can

actually know the position of this plane, and later we can change the get_rect() according to the user input. The original position of this plane is set at left = 200, bottom = 750, which means the left boundary of surface will be located at 200 on x-axis, and bottom boundary of surface will be located at 750 on y-axis.

```

29      # Update the position of sprite by detecting the user input
30      # move_ip stands for move in place, with x and y axis as parameter
31      def update(self, pressed_key):
32          if pressed_key[K_UP]:
33              self.rect.move_ip(0, -1)
34          if pressed_key[K_DOWN]:
35              self.rect.move_ip(0, 1)
36          if pressed_key[K_LEFT]:
37              self.rect.move_ip(-1, 0)
38          if pressed_key[K_RIGHT]:
39              self.rect.move_ip(1, 0)
40
41
42          # Keep our plane in the screen
43          # If it hit left corner, we keep the value of
44          # the X-coordinate of the left side of the rectangle be 0
45          if self.rect.left < 0:
46              self.rect.left = 0
47          # If it hit right corner, we keep the value of
48          # the X-coordinate of the right side of the rectangle be width
49          if self.rect.right > 500:
50              self.rect.right = 500
51          # If it hit top corner, we keep the value of
52          # the Y-coordinate of the top side of the rectangle be 0
53          if self.rect.top <= 0:
54              self.rect.top = 0
55          # If it hit bottom corner, we keep the value of
56          # the Y-coordinate of the bottom side of the rectangle be height
57          if self.rect.bottom >= 750:
58              self.rect.bottom = 750

```

Figure 9: Handling the user input

After the constructor is built, we can write another method called update to update the position of our plane we just created by using rect and load image. So basically the function only take one parameter which is pressed_key, so the update method will detect the key that user pressed each time, if it is up error key, the move_ip(move in place) will be executed[3], and it will update the rectangle of image with position of (0, -1), that means the plane will not move in x-axis, but it will move in y axis with 1 step up. Line 35-40 does the same function, the only difference is they check different pressed key and move the plane according to the key. Basically, this is how we handling the use input in pygame. In addition, we want to keep our plane inside the screen, line 45-58 check the position of our plane in the update method, and make our plane inside the screen. For line 45-46, it check if the plane hit the left corner, which means the position of rect.left is smaller than 0, we just make it equal to 0, so it will never go out of the screen. Line 49-50 means if it hit right corner, we keep the value of X-coordinate of the right side of rectangle to be width which is 500. Line 53-54, check if it hit top corner, we will keep the value of the Y-coordinate of the top side rectangle to be 0. Last we check the bottom, the pygame allow us to assess the top,bottom, right and left position of a rectangle, so we can easily keep the player inside the screen.

Secondly(figure10), I will introduce the enemy class which is also a sprite but we can not control it. Here, we are doing the same thing as Plane class, we define a Enemy object that extends Sprite, but we initialize a variable called y as a local variable, which

represent the starting position of enemy[2]. Because the enemy always come from the top of the screen, so we let y be 0 in the constructor. line 24-26 is used to load image of the enemy and also change the size. rect variable is a little bit different between player, so we want a enemy that randomly appear in the map we created, so we also use self.image.get_rect, but with different parameter. This time, we let the position of center of this enemy become `(random.randint(20,480),random.randint(0,0))[4]`. We want a enemy that always appear at the top of the screen, so the y-coordinate is 0, but it can appear anywhere on the X-axis [20,480] because we need to consider the size of enemy. In addition, the update method will take one parameter that is screen, so every time the update method is called, the y axis is adding 0.5, which means the the enemy will go down 0.5 pixel. Then the screen.blit is used again to actually draw the enemy on the screen with location of `(self.rect.centerx,self.y)[2]`. Also, we check if the enemy is going out of the screen, the sprite will kill itself if it is going out of the screen.

```

17  # Define a player object that extends Sprite(2D representation)
18  # Use picture of plane to replace the surface
19  class Enemy(pygame.sprite.Sprite):
20      y = 0
21      def __init__(self,y = 0):
22          super(Enemy, self).__init__()
23          # Load the picture from directory and use convert to optimize the surface
24          self.image = pygame.image.load("enemy.png").convert_alpha()
25          # Change the size of image
26          self.image = pygame.transform.scale(self.image,(40,40))
27          # rect is used for get location of image, so we can change it by input
28          # get_rect() returns the rectangle of image, and we set the random position to enemy
29          self.rect = self.image.get_rect(center = (random.randint[20,480],random.randint(0,0)))[4]
30
31      # Update the position of enemy by using screen.blit
32      def update(self,screen):
33          self.y += 0.5
34          screen.blit(self.image,(self.rect.centerx,self.y))
35          #The plane will move from top to bottom, and when it hits the bottom
36          # it will just be removed by kill()
37          if self.rect.bottom > 700:
38              self.kill()

```

Figure 10: Enemy class

Thirdly, the main program will be explained.

```

1  # Import the pygame and some key user input so we can directly use it
2  import pygame
3  from Player import Plane
4  from Enemy import Enemy
5
6  from pygame.locals import (
7      K_UP,
8      K_DOWN,
9      K_LEFT,
10     K_RIGHT,
11     K_ESCAPE,
12     KEYDOWN,
13     QUIT,
14 )
15
16 # Initialize the pygame environment
17 pygame.init()
18
19
20 #Set up the screen and oringinal axis
21 width = 500
22 height = 750
23 x = (width - 60)/2
24 y = 600
25 val = 0.5
26
27
28 # Set up the screen and set up the name for this game
29 screen = pygame.display.set_mode([width,height])
30 pygame.display.set_caption("Flying Ace ")
31
32 # Set up the game icon by load the image and use set_icon
33 icon = pygame.image.load("plane.png")
34 pygame.display.set_icon(icon)
35
36 # Set up the backgroun image
37 background = pygame.image.load("back2.jpg")
38
39 # Load a background sound clip and begin playing it.
40 # The sound never end by setting the named parameter loops=-1.
41 pygame.mixer.music.load("bkgmusic.wav")
42 pygame.mixer.music.play(-1)

```

Figure 11: Main program setup

First(Figure11), we need to import the pygame. Then from **Player.py**, we import Plane, and from **Enemy.py**, we need to import Enemy class from **Enemy.py**. After doing that, we import some local variable and initialize the pygame environment by using **pygame.init()** [2] Then, the width and height variable are initialized for screen set up. Line 29 - 30 just setup the screen with built in function, and the two parameters are given to set up the screen just like level A. After that, the **pygame.display.set_caption** [2] can be used to setup the title of my game which is called "Flying Ace". After that, the game icon is loaded by using the picture that in the directory. The general rule of loading a image from directory is using **pygame.image.load()** [2]. Line 34 uses **set_icon** function to actually implement the icon. After setting this up, line 37 loads the background image from the folder in the same way.

The game need music that can improve the user experience, so the background music is added by using pygame built in function **mixer.music.load()**[2]. Then we need the music to loop until the end of the game, so we can set up an infinite loop and make the parameter of loop (-1), so that the music can be played throughout the game.

After finishing the basic setup, now we need to set up the player and enemy before start the main even loop

```

43
44     # Creating the object from Player
45     p = Plane()
46
47     # Create a list of enemy
48     ls_enemy = []
49
50     # Define an event that is called add_enemy
51     add_enemy = pygame.USEREVENT
52     # The add_enemy event will be occurred every 0.5 second
53     pygame.time.set_timer(add_enemy, 500)
54
55     # The main event loop
56     run = True
57     while run:
58         # When user click the window close button, the run will become false
59         # the program loop will end
60         # Also, when a key escape is pressed, the program will also quit
61         for event in pygame.event.get():
62             key = pygame.key.get_pressed()
63             if key[K_ESCAPE]:
64                 run = False
65             elif event.type == QUIT:
66                 run = False
67             # Also when the left mouse button is pressed, the game will also quit
68             elif event.type == pygame.MOUSEBUTTONDOWN:
69                 if event.key == 1:
70                     run = False
71             # Every 1 second, the add_enemy event will occur, and add one enemy
72             elif event.type == add_enemy:
73                 e = Enemy()
74                 ls_enemy.append(e)
75

```

Figure 12: Creating object and setup the event

(Figure12)The plane object is created by using `p = Plane()`. For the enemy, we want multiple enemy, so a list is needed to store all the enemy objects. Pygame allow us to create our own event which is called USEREVENT, and it can be defined py using `pygame.USEREVENT[1]`. The event is called `add_enemy`, so basically every time this event occur, we want add an enemy object in the list, then we can set a timer, so the line 53 is basically telling the `add_enemy` will be occurred every 500 millisecond.

The main event loop is starting ar line 56, as usual, the variable run is initialized to be true. The first for loop in that event loop is loop through every event from `pygame.event.get()[2]`. From line 62-66, the varaiable key is the key that user enter during the game, and if key escape is pressed or the close tap is clicked, the run will become false, which means the main game loop is over. In addition, the mousebuttondown event is detected, if the type of event is equal to mousebuttondown, and the event.key is eqaul to 1, that means when the left mouse button is clicked, the game will also quit. The last elif statement in event control loop is check whenever the `add_enemy` event is occurred, the `Enemy` object is created and being added to the list[4]. So the whole part I done here is called responding to event.

```

77     # Fit the background
78     screen.blit(background,(0,0))
79
80     # Detect the keys that are pressed
81     keys = pygame.key.get_pressed()
82     # Put player at the specific position we want and
83     # Update the position according to the user input
84     screen.blit(p.image,p.rect)
85     p.update(keys)
86
87     # Display all the enemy currently in the list
88     for i in ls_enemy:
89         i.update(screen)
90
91
92     pygame.display.update()
93
94
95
96
97     pygame.quit()
98

```

Figure 13: Draw and update the player and enemy

Finally(Figure13), for the game part, the screen is filled by background image we initialised before at the center of the screen. line 81 set a variable called keys to detected which key is pressed, because we already write setup and update method in Player, we can just call the attributes and method by using variable p. The player object is located at the specific position we want, line 84 pass two parameters, the first one is the image of plane, and second one is the location of that plane. Then, the player's position is updated according to the key user entered. Last thing, we do is display all the enemy currently in the list by using a for loop. This can be done by calling the **update(screen)** function in the enemy class. After doing that, the screen is updated by using **pygame.display.update()**[2].

The whole program finished all the requirements in level B, and the codes can be found in github link, and all references can be found in bibliography which contains both python and pygame documentation and some online tutorials. The example picture is given below

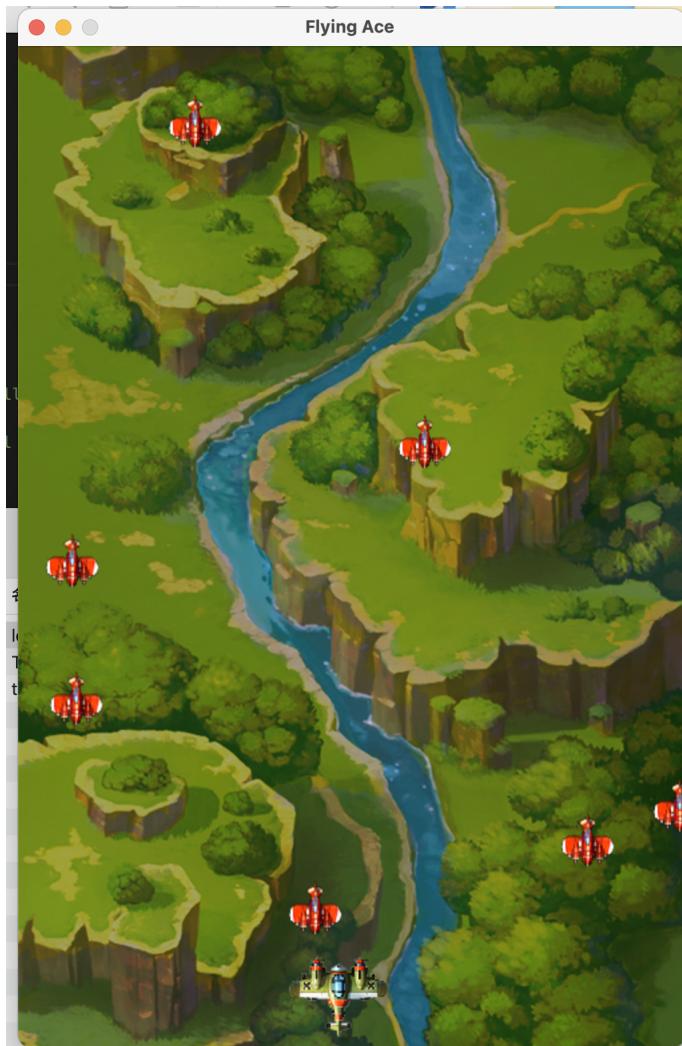


Figure 14: Example1

3. Level C: Deeper Understanding

3.1. Strengths

Firstly, Compare to other game programming language such as java, Unity and C++, it is easy for beginner to learn because the syntax and library of pygame are much easier than other language.[5]

Secondly, pygame can basically run in any platform including Windows, mac Os and Linux due to its independence.

Thirdly, since the game can be easily developed in pygame, pygame's simplicity allows game designer to create prototype rapidly, and making it an ideal choice for game jams, educational projects, or small games.

Lastly, Pygame has a huge open source library that allows user to modify the source code without worrying about the fees.[2]

3.2. Weaknesses

Firstly, compare to Unity3D and Unreal engine, Pygame is not the first choice for high-performance game such as some 3A games. Because of functionality of pygame, the frame rates and performance will be reduced when handling complex games.[6]

Secondly, Pygame 's graphic and physical engine are relatively simple, so it can not be used to create 3D games.

Thirdly, Pygame is not designed for commercial projects such as some professional game development team, because it lacks many of the advanced features such as 3D graphics, physical engine and low_level sound effect.[6]

Lastly, Pygame can not be used to design mobile games.

3.3. Usefulness

Pygame can be particularly useful in creating a game designed to teach programming concepts to some beginner programmers. [7]The simplicity make pygame an ideal choice for this scenario. Also, it can provides many useful game design ideas for beginners who want to work in the game industry.

In this scenario, because of the platform independence, any beginner can use any computer to learn the programming knowledge within pygame in a much more fun way. In addition, the game can be easily and quickly designed in pygame, so the beginner gain a sense of accomplishment quickly and become more interested in learning programming in the future.

3.4. Key Question 1

Pygame is a library that primarily designed for creating 2D games using Python syntax[2], so it provides functionality for graphics, audio, and input handling, which simplifies the game development process for 2D games. However, it is not specifically built for creating 3D first-person games.

But it is possible for developer to create 3D first-person games in pygame, because it dose have some support for 3D graphic by using OpenGL[8], but comparing to other powerful tool such as Unity3D and unreal engine, Pygame is not a best choice for creating 3D game due to its primary library and lack of performance.

In conclusion, it is not useful for creating 3D first-person games, but you can still do it.

3.5. Key Question 2

In general, both python and pygame are beginner friendly, so it definitely require a basic understanding of python programming concepts such as variables, loops, functions and class. However, Pygame has a lot of built-in functions and modules for developing games,

so these additional knowledge will not be covered while learning Python. Therefore, in order to use Pygame effectively, a beginner just need to learn some basic python programming concepts and syntax and then learn a range of modules about Pygame such as sprite and graphics.

In conclusion , a beginner does not need to be proficient in python, but only needs to understand the OOP(Objected Oriented Programming) concepts and be able to use some of the core python syntax, so that he use pygame more effectively.

4. Level D: Evolution of skills

4.1. Level D Demonstration

At this level, the entire game's features have been greatly improved, and many new features have been added to the game. Firstly, the game now includes a start screen where players can use their mouse to click and choose to either start or close the game. Once the game begins, players can now control the aircraft to dodge enemies and shoot bullets to destroy them. Each time an enemy is destroyed, the score increases by 100 points. The game has also added collision detection to identify collisions between the player and enemies. When any enemy collides with the player, the player loses one life. Players have a total of three lives, displayed at the bottom right corner of the screen.

There are two types of enemies in the game: small aircraft, which are slow and small, and medium-sized aircraft, which are fast and larger. The game has added explosion sound effects and bullet firing sound effects. If the player dies more than three times, the game over screen will appear, giving the player the option to either restart the game or exit. In addition to that, user can either press keyboard 1 or button on the right top of the screen to pause the game and press resume button to resume. Once the player reach the point of 3000, the screen will ask the user to either continue to hard level or quit the game. All enemies can now shoot bullets and generate them at a faster rate, as well as move faster. In conclusion, the following applications are developed in Level D:

Add sound effect

Add bullet to the plane, so the bullet can eliminate enemy

Add multiple lives

Add collision so the player will die after colliding with enemy

Add Boss enemy

Add death screen and opening screen

Add pause and stop the game

Add boss enemy and they can attack in hard level

Add the different level of the game

Add beginning page and end page

4.2. Application artifacts

To begin with, the bullet class has been created as a sprite class so the Plane can fire bullets to attack the enemy.

```

3 < class Bullet(pygame.sprite.Sprite):
4     # Define player by extend the sepecific class Sprite,
5     # and use super to call the constructor of parent
6     def __init__(self,position_x,position_y,direction):
7         pygame.sprite.Sprite.__init__(self)
8
9         #Load the picture from directory and use convert to optimize the surface
10        self.image = pygame.image.load("bullet.png").convert_alpha()
11        # Change the size of the image
12        self.image = pygame.transform.scale(self.image,(20,35))
13        # Use RLEACCEL (slow down the image) to optimize the game
14        self.image.set_colorkey((255, 255, 255), pygame.RLEACCEL)
15        # Get the rectangle of this image
16        self.rect = self.image.get_rect()
17        # Setup the speed
18        self.speed = 5
19        # Setup the primary position of bullet
20        self.rect.centerx = position_x
21        self.rect.centery = position_y
22        #Setup the direction of the bullet
23        self.direction = direction
24
25
26        # Update the bullet position according to the direction
27    def update(self):
28        # When self.direction is true, the bullet is moving upward
29        if self.direction:
30            self.rect.top -= self.speed
31            # If the bullet hit the top of the screen, it will be removed
32            if self.rect.top < 0:
33                self.kill()
34        else:
35            self.rect.top += self.speed
36            if self.rect.top > 700:
37                self.kill()
38

```

Figure 15: The Bullet class

Just like the player class and enemy class, basically the bullet class is extending the sprite class so it can use some built-in function directly from the sprite class, and then call the constructor of sprite class in order to initialize the class. For the constructor, there are three parameters including position_x , position_y and direction to determine where the bullet should be placed. Then, the image is loaded by using exactly same function used before, and use pygame.transform.scale[2] to change the size of the bullet. line 16 is used to get the rectangle of that image so we can draw them easily on the screen. In addition, the position_x and position_y are set up to be the centerx and centery of the rectangle, and then setup the direction of the bullet, whether it is going forward or going backward. After the constructor is built, the function update is used to update the bullet position according to the direction. Basically , first if the direction is true, then the bullet is moving upward, and every time the update function is called, the position of rectangle of bullet sprite will be minus speed. Then check if the bullet hit the top of the screen, the sprite will just be killed and removed from the screen in line 32. Overall, the bullet class is created and we can use it in the main game file.

Secondly, the boss class is created as a sprite class to represent the big and more powerful enemy in the game.

```

17 # Define a player object that extends Sprite(2D representation)
18 # Use picture of plane to replace the surface
19 class Boss(pygame.sprite.Sprite):
20     def __init__(self,y = 0):
21         super(Boss, self).__init__()
22         # Load the picture from directory and use convert to optimize the surface
23         self.image = pygame.image.load("boss.png").convert_alpha()
24         # Change the size of image
25         self.image = pygame.transform.scale(self.image,(80,80))
26         # Use RLEACCEL (slow down the image) to optimize the game
27         self.image.set_colorkey((255, 255, 255), pygame.RLEACCEL)
28         # rect is used for get location of image, so we can change it by input
29         # get_rect() returns the rectangle of image, and we set the random position to enemy
30         self.rect = self.image.get_rect(center = (random.randint(20,480),random.randint(0,0)))
31         # Set up the destroy image for enemy
32         self.destroy = pygame.image.load("exploded2.png").convert_alpha()
33         self.destroy = pygame.transform.scale(self.destroy,(80,80))
34         # Load the sound effect by using mixer.Sound
35         self.explode = pygame.mixer.Sound("explode2.wav")
36         self.explode.set_volume(0.3)
37         self.speed = 8
38         # Update the position of enemy by using screen.blit
39         def update(self):
40             self.rect.bottom += self.speed
41             #The plane will move from top to bottom, and when it hits the bottom
42             # it will just be removed by kill()
43             if self.rect.top > 700:
44                 self.kill()
45

```

Figure 16: The Boss class

```

16
17 # Define a player object that extends Sprite(2D representation)
18 # Use picture of plane to replace the surface
19 class Enemy(pygame.sprite.Sprite):
20     def __init__(self,y = 0):
21         super(Enemy, self).__init__()
22         # Load the picture from directory and use convert to optimize the surface
23         self.image = pygame.image.load("enemy.png").convert_alpha()
24         # Change the size of image
25         self.image = pygame.transform.scale(self.image,(40,40))
26         # Use RLEACCEL (slow down the image) to optimize the game
27         self.image.set_colorkey((255, 255, 255), pygame.RLEACCEL)
28         # rect is used for get location of image, so we can change it by input
29         # get_rect() returns the rectangle of image, and we set the random position to enemy
30         self.rect = self.image.get_rect(center = (random.randint(20,480),random.randint(0,0)))
31         # Set up the destroy image for enemy
32         self.destroy = pygame.image.load("exploded2.png").convert_alpha()
33         self.destroy = pygame.transform.scale(self.destroy,(80,80))
34         # Load the sound effect by using mixer.Sound
35         self.explode = pygame.mixer.Sound("explode2.wav")
36         self.explode.set_volume(0.3)
37         self.speed = 5
38         # Update the position of enemy by using screen.blit
39         def update(self):
40             self.rect.bottom += self.speed
41             #The plane will move from top to bottom, and when it hits the bottom
42             # it will just be removed by kill()
43             if self.rect.top > 700:
44                 self.kill()
45

```

Figure 17: The Enemy class

Basically it is totally same with the enemy class I explained in level B above, the only difference is from line 30 to line 36. For both enemy and boss class will have a self.destroy variable that load the image of explosion, and the explode sound is defined by using pygame.mixer.Sound()[2]. So every time if the enemy or boss is attacked by the bullet sprite, the image will be replaced by destroy image and the explosion sound will be play in order to enhance the user experience. line 36 is just set the volume of that explosion sound. In addition all of the enemies now have their own speed variable, so when the update function is called, enemies' position will be updated according to the speed.

Thirdly, I will introduce the Player class, some new functions and features has been

added to the player class.

```

16  # Define a player object that extends Sprite(2D representation)
17  # Use picture of plane to replace the surface
18 v class Plane(pygame.sprite.Sprite):
19 v     def __init__(self):
20         super(Plane, self).__init__()
21         # Load the picture from directory and use convert to optimize the surface
22         self.image = pygame.image.load("plane.png").convert_alpha()
23         self.image = pygame.transform.scale(self.image, (80,80))
24         # Use RLEACCEL (slow down the image) to optimize the game
25         self.image.set_colorkey((255, 255, 255), pygame.RLEACCEL)
26         # rect is used for get location of image, so we can change it by input
27         # get_rect() returns the rectangle of image, and we set the original position
28         self.rect = self.image.get_rect(left = 200, bottom = 750)
29         # Set up the destroy image for plane
30         self.destroy = pygame.image.load("explode1.png").convert_alpha()
31         self.destroy = pygame.transform.scale(self.destroy, (100,100))
32         # Load the sound effect by using mixer.Sound
33         self.explode = pygame.mixer.Sound("explode.wav")
34         self.explode.set_volume(0.4)
35         # Update the position of sprite by detecting the user input
36         # move_ip stands for move in place, with x and y axis as parameter
37 v     def update(self, pressed_key):
38 v         if pressed_key[K_UP]:
39             self.rect.move_ip(0, -10)
40         if pressed_key[K_DOWN]:
41             self.rect.move_ip(0, 10)
42         if pressed_key[K_LEFT]:
43             self.rect.move_ip(-10, 0)
44         if pressed_key[K_RIGHT]:
45             self.rect.move_ip(10, 0)
46

```

Figure 18: The Player class

```

46
47     # Keep our plane in the screen
48     # If it hit left corner, we keep the value of
49     # the X-coordinate of the left side of the rectangle be 0
50     if self.rect.left < 0:
51         self.rect.left = 0
52     # If it hit right corner, we keep the value of
53     # the X-coordinate of the right side of the rectangle be width
54     if self.rect.right > 500:
55         self.rect.right = 500
56     # If it hit top corner, we keep the value of
57     # the Y-coordinate of the top side of the rectangle be 0
58     if self.rect.top <= 0:
59         self.rect.top = 0
60     # If it hit bottom corner, we keep the value of
61     # the Y-coordinate of the bottom side of the rectangle be height
62     if self.rect.bottom >= 750:
63         self.rect.bottom = 750
64
65     # Reset the position of the plane
66     def reset(self):
67         self.rect = self.image.get_rect(left = 200, bottom = 750)
68
69
70

```

Figure 19: The Player class

For the player class, line 30 to line 34 are added to the player's constructor. It does the same function just like the enemy and boss class. So the destroy image is loaded by picture in the local directory, and this image has been re scaled at line 31, then load the explosion sound by using mixer.Sound.[2]. Furthermore, a new function has been defined in the player class, which is the reset function. This function is used to reset the position of a player, so at line 67, the rectangle of player has be set to the original place by just changing the position of get_rect. Every time the player's plane dies, it will be resurrected at the initial position.

For now, every sprite class has been developed and these sprite will be used in the main program, so now I will introduce the main program.

```

1  # Import the pygame and some key user input so we can directly use it
2  import pygame
3  from Player import Plane
4  from Enemy import Enemy
5  from Bullet import Bullet
6  from Boss import Boss
7
8  from pygame.locals import (
9      K_UP,
10     K_DOWN,
11     K_LEFT,
12     K_RIGHT,
13     K_ESCAPE,
14     KEYDOWN,
15     QUIT,
16 )
17
18 # Initialize the pygame environment
19 pygame.init()
20 pygame.mixer.init()
21
22
23 #Set up the screen and oringinal axis
24 width = 500
25 height = 750
26 x = (width - 60)/2
27 y = 600
28 val = 0.5
29
30 #Set up the font and size for score by using bulit-in function
31 # Load the font from local directory
32 score_font = pygame.font.Font("bold.ttf",30)
33 score_color = (255,255,255)
34

```

Figure 20: Setup of main program

Before we can start the main game loop , we need to first import the pygame and all other sprite classes at line2 - 7, and then initialize the pygame environment and sound environment by using pygame.init() and pygame.mixer.init().[2] . Then we can setup the width, height variable and etc. Because we need to show the player's current score in real-time, we need to use a bulit in function called pygame.font.Font[2]. This function take two parameters , one is the font.ttf file from local directory, and another one is the size of that font. By doing that, we can set up the font and size for the score, and then setup the score_color to be white.

```

29
30 #Set up the font and size for score by using bulit-in function
31 # Load the font from local directory
32 score_font = pygame.font.Font("bold.ttf",30)
33 score_color = (255,255,255)
34
35 # Setup the game start screen
36 start_screen = pygame.display.set_mode([width,height])
37 #Load the background of gamestart
38 background1 = pygame.image.load("gamestart.png")
39 # Set up the end game page
40 end_screen = pygame.display.set_mode([width,height])
41 background2 = pygame.image.load("overover.jpg")
42 # Load the sound effect for gameover
43 gameover = pygame.mixer.Sound("gameover.wav")
44 gameover.set_volume(0.5)

```

Figure 21: More setup

Then, we need to do some more setup, the start screen and end screen are defined by using pygame.display.set_mode which just take width and height as the parameter of a screen. Two background image are loaded at line 38 and 41 so we can directly use it in the program after. Then the gameover sound effect is loaded at line 43 py using the bulit-in function pygame.mixer.Sound[2]

Now I will introduce one of the new features which are start-screen and end-screen. During level B, there is no start screen for user to choose whether start the game or quit the game, so for level D this feature is implemented.

```

92     def start_page():
93         # Starting page before game can start
94         first_run = True
95         while first_run:
96             start_screen.blit(background1, (0,0))
97             # Load the icon to the starting page
98             icon1 = pygame.image.load("start.png")
99             icon1 = pygame.transform.scale(icon1, (200,80))
100            start_screen.blit(icon1, (150,400))
101            icon2 = pygame.image.load("exit.png")
102            icon2 = pygame.transform.scale(icon2, (200,80))
103            start_screen.blit(icon2, (150,550))
104            icon3 = pygame.image.load("flyingace.png").convert_alpha()
105            icon3 = pygame.transform.scale(icon3, (310,300))
106            start_screen.blit(icon3, (100,0))
107            #Setup the font and color of the name
108            name_font = pygame.font.Font("bold.ttf",50)
109            name_color = (255,99,71)
110            name_surface = name_font.render("FLYING ACE" , True, name_color)
111            start_screen.blit(name_surface, (135,300))
112
113            pygame.display.update()

```

Figure 22: start screen function

we can define a function called start_page, so we can call it before the game start. Firstly, the variable first_run is fined to be True, just like other event loop, the background image will be drew on the screen by using blit function[2], basically every time we want to draw something on the screen, we need to use screen.blit. Then some icons have been loaded and re scaled from line 98 to 106, and all the icons will be draw on the screen. Two important icon is the icon1 and icon2 which are start button and exit button that user can press. Because we know the exact location and scale of those two icon, so we can use them later for the mouse detection. at line 108-109, the name of the game is using the same font we created before but different size. After that a surface of name is created by using render function[2]. This method allows us to generate a surface with the desired input string using specific fonts and colors, and we can draw this surface on the screen. After all the setup, we always use pygame.display.update() to update the screen.

```

114     for event in pygame.event.get():
115         key = pygame.key.get_pressed()
116         # Check whether mouse is pressed
117         buttons = pygame.mouse.get_pressed()
118         # Get the position of mouse pressed
119         x,y = pygame.mouse.get_pos()
120         # Check if the button pressed is on the position of start icon and exit icon
121         if event.type == pygame.MOUSEBUTTONDOWN:
122             if buttons[0]:
123                 if x >= 150 and x <= 350 and y <= 480 and y >= 400:
124                     # If it is on the start icon, break the loop, and start main game loop
125                     first_run = False
126                     # Else the program will quit if the user hit the button of exit
127                     # x and y represent the position that mouse is clicking
128                     elif x >= 150 and x <= 350 and y <= 630 and y >= 550:
129                         pygame.quit()
130             elif event.type == QUIT:
131                 pygame.quit()
132             elif key[K_ESCAPE]:
133                 pygame.quit()

```

Figure 23: event control loop for start screen

Every while loop need a event control loop inside the while loop so we know when we should end the while loop for start-screen. Basically, the line 114 is used to detect all the event in pygame, then the key variable is considered as the keyboard that we pressed and buttons is considered as the mouse we detect, x and y variable are used to get the position of the mouse. From line 121-129, we check whether the mouse is pointing on the start icon or exit icon. First, we check on line 121 if the type of this event is a mouse click. Then, on line 122, we check if it is the left mouse button that was clicked. In other words, when the left mouse button is pressed, we will proceed to lines 123 and 128 to determine whether

the position of the mouse click belongs to the range of the start icon and exit icon that we previously drew. If the mouse click the start icon, then the first_run variable will be false and this while loop in the function will end , the main program can start after the function call, else if user hit the button of exit, the whole program will quit. Line130 - 133 are used to check if user click keyboard escape or click the close button on the left top of the screen, the program will also quit.

For the end screen page , the function is basically same with the start screen page.

```

46 # Design a function for end page if a plane dead over 3 times
47 def end_page(score):
48     gameover.play(0)
49     last_run = True
50     while last_run:
51         end_screen.blit(background2, (0,0))
52         # Load the icon to the ending page
53         icon1 = pygame.image.load("gameover.png")
54         icon1 = pygame.transform.scale(icon1, (250,100))
55         icon2 = pygame.image.load("tryagain.png")
56         icon2 = pygame.transform.scale(icon2, (200,80))
57         icon3 = pygame.image.load("exit.png")
58         icon3 = pygame.transform.scale(icon3, (200,80))
59         end_screen.blit(icon1, (125,200))
60         end_screen.blit(icon2, (150,400))
61         end_screen.blit(icon3, (150,550))
62         #Setup the font and color of the score
63         score_font = pygame.font.Font("bold.ttf",40)
64         score_color = (255,255,255)
65         score_surface = score_font.render("Your Final Score: %s" % str(score), True, score_color)
66         end_screen.blit(score_surface, (70,100))
67         pygame.display.update()

```

Figure 24: end screen function

```

67     pygame.display.update()
68     for event in pygame.event.get():
69         key = pygame.key.get_pressed()
70         # Check whether mouse is pressed
71         buttons = pygame.mouse.get_pressed()
72         # Get the position of mouse pressed
73         x,y = pygame.mouse.get_pos()
74         # Check if the button pressed is on the position of start icon and exit icon
75         if event.type == pygame.MOUSEBUTTONDOWN:
76             if buttons[0]:
77                 if x >= 150 and x <= 350 and y <= 480 and y >= 400:
78                     # If it is on the restart icon, call the main function to restart the game
79                     main1(False,0)
80                     # if not just quit the game
81                     elif x >= 150 and x <= 350 and y <=630 and y >= 550:
82                         pygame.quit()
83                     # The game will also be quit if user enter esc or press close button
84                     elif event.type == QUIT:
85                         last_run = False
86                         pygame.quit()
87                     elif key[K_ESCAPE]:
88                         last_run = False
89                         pygame.quit()
90             pygame.quit()

```

Figure 25: event control loop for end screen

Some differences: if the end_page function called, the gameover sound effect will play one time, and line 63 - 66 will draw the currently score on the screen, so in order to call the function of end_page, you need to pass a parameter called score. Instead of start button, there will be a restart button, and once the user click the restart button, the main game program will be called to restart the game, two parameters used to call the main function will be explained later. Except for the loaded images being different, the other parts are roughly the same as the previous function.

Now, I will introduce the main function which include the main game loop. Firstly, all the variables and class need to be set up:

```

135 def main1(hard_level,score):
136     # Set up the screen and set up the name for this game
137     screen = pygame.display.set_mode([width,height])
138     pygame.display.set_caption("Flying Ace ")
139
140     # Set up the game icon by load the image and use set_icon
141     icon = pygame.image.load("plane.png")
142     pygame.display.set_icon(icon)
143
144     # Set up the background image
145     background = pygame.image.load("back2.jpg")
146
147     # Load a background sound clip and begin playing it.
148     # The sound never end by setting the named parameter loops=-1.
149     pygame.mixer.music.load("bkgmusic.wav")
150     pygame.mixer.music.play(-1)
151
152     # Load the sound effect for explosion by using mixer.Sound
153     explode = pygame.mixer.Sound("explode.wav")
154     explode.set_volume(0.5)
155
156     # Load the sound effect for shooting
157     shoot = pygame.mixer.Sound("shoot.wav")
158     shoot.set_volume(0.5)
159
160     # Load the picture of pause
161     pause_icon = pygame.image.load("pause.png")
162     pause_icon = pygame.transform.scale(pause_icon,(40,40))
163
164     # Creating the object from Player and other 3 plane for counting lives
165     p = Plane()

```

Figure 26: Main loop setup

The parameters need to be pass through the main1 function are Boolean value hard_level and the current score, so if the hard level is true, the main function1 will start the game in hard level, and use the player's existing score. line136 - 150 are the setup for screen, game icon, background image and background music, this part is explained in level B. For level D, the sound effect is added when a plane fire the bullet or die. Line 153 use variable explode to store the pygame.mixer.Sound("explode.wav")[2], and line 157 use the same function to store the sound for shoot. Line 161 add a pause icon at the top right corner of the screen, if user press that button the game will pause. After doing all the setup for screen and sound, we need to generate all the sprite instances.

```

166      # Set up the scale and original position, these sprites won't be updated
167      # Just for showing how many lives do you have by image
168      p1 = Plane()
169      p1.image = pygame.transform.scale(p1.image,(40,40))
170      p1.rect = p1.image.get_rect(left = 460, bottom = 750)
171      p2 = Plane()
172      p2.image = pygame.transform.scale(p2.image,(40,40))
173      p2.rect = p2.image.get_rect(left = 420, bottom = 750)
174      p3 = Plane()
175      p3.image = pygame.transform.scale(p3.image,(40,40))
176      p3.rect = p3.image.get_rect(left = 380, bottom = 750)
177      p_list = [p1, p2, p3]
178      # The player will have 3 lives to play the game
179      lives = 3
180
181      # Create enemy and boss by using sprite group that hold all the enemy sprites
182      # enemies group can be later used for collision detection and update the position
183      # all_sprites is used for displaying all the sprites
184      enemies = pygame.sprite.Group()
185      sprites = pygame.sprite.Group()
186      sprites.add(p)
187
188      # Define an event that is called add_enemy
189      add_enemy = pygame.USEREVENT
190      # The add_enemy event will be occurred every 0.4 second
191      pygame.time.set_timer(add_enemy, 400)
192
193      # Define another event that is called add_boss
194      add_boss = pygame.USEREVENT + 2
195      # The add_enemy event will be occurred every 0.8 second
196      pygame.time.set_timer(add_boss, 800)
197
198      # Setup the clock for handling the framerate by using time.Clock()
199      clock = pygame.time.Clock()
200

```

Figure 27: Main function sprites setup

To begin with, one player sprite instance is created by using variable p, and three other plane sprites are created just for showing how many lives the user currently have. From line 168 - 177, three player objects are created and re scaled, the position of these three objects are unchanged, they will be placed at the right bottom of the screen, so if you are playing the game. The images of these three planes will show the character's life. Each time the character dies, one plane will be popped out of this list, so a small plane will disappear from the lower right corner of the screen. This feature is a newly added UI design of the game". Line 179 is just saying player will have 3 lives to play the game. then create enemy and boss by using the sprite group that hold all the enemy sprites. pygame.sprite.Group() bulit in function is very useful to detect the collision between different sprite group()[1]. Variable sprites is used for displaying all the sprites in the game including enemies, bullet and plane. In pygame, developer can define their own event by using USEREVENT[2], so add_enemy and add_boss event are created to determine when the game will add enemy sprites. Line 191 and line 196 are used to set a timer for these event, the add_enemy event will be occurred every 0.4 second and add_boss event will be occurred every 0.8 second. line 199 use bulit in function to setup a clock for handling the frame rate.

```

201      # Create a sprite group that store the bullet objects
202      my_bullet = pygame.sprite.Group()
203      enemy_bullet = pygame.sprite.Group()
204
205      # Define a event that will add bullet to enemy every 1 second
206      # if it is the hard mode
207      add_bullet = pygame.USEREVENT + 3
208      pygame.time.set_timer(add_bullet, 1000)
209

```

Figure 28: Main function sprites setup

Variable my_bullet is used to collect the bullet sprites for player and enemy_bullet is used to collect the bullet for enemies. Another event add_bullet is set up, but this event will only occurred when the game is hard level.

By finishing all the setup, the main game loop can start:

```

213     # The main event loop
214     run = True
215     pause = False
216     flag = False
217     while run:
218         # When user click the window close button, the run will become false
219         # the program loop will end
220         # Also, when a key escape is pressed, the program will also quit
221         for event in pygame.event.get():
222             key = pygame.key.get_pressed()
223             #Check the button
224             buttons = pygame.mouse.get_pressed()
225             # Get the position of mouse pressed
226             x,y = pygame.mouse.get_pos()
227             if key[K_ESCAPE]:
228                 run = False
229             elif event.type == QUIT:
230                 run = False
231             # Every 0.5 second, the add_enemy event will occur, and add one enemy
232             elif event.type == add_enemy:
233                 e = Enemy()
234                 enemies.add(e)
235                 sprites.add(e)
236             # Every 0.5 second, the add_enemy event will occur, and add one boss to the sprite group
237             elif event.type == add_boss:
238                 boss = Boss()
239                 sprites.add(boss)
240                 enemies.add(boss)

```

Figure 29: event control loop for main game loop

```

241     # Using key_space to shoot the bullet
242     elif key[pygame.K_SPACE]:
243         # The position of bullet will be originally placed at top of the plane
244         # Create a new bullet
245         b = Bullet(p.rect.centerx,p.rect.top, True)
246         # Add one bullet to the sprite group
247         my_bullet.add(b)
248         sprites.add(b)
249         # Play sound effect
250         shoot.play(0)
251         # if the user press the top right button or press the keyboard 1
252         # The pause will become True and the pause loop will start
253         elif event.type == pygame.MOUSEBUTTONDOWN:
254             if buttons[0]:
255                 if x >= 460 and x <= 500 and y <= 40 and y >= 0:
256                     pause = True
257             elif key[pygame.K_1]:
258                 pause = True
259             elif hard_level:
260                 if event.type == add_bullet:
261                     # For all the enemy, they can attack at the hard_level
262                     # Every 2 second the enemy will fire a bullet
263                     for i in enemies:
264                         i.speed += 2
265                         b = Bullet(i.rect.centerx, i.rect.bottom, False)
266                         b.speed = i.speed + 1
267                         b.image = pygame.image.load("enemy_bullet.png").convert_alpha()
268                         b.image = pygame.transform.scale(b.image,(30,50))
269                         enemy_bullet.add(b)
270                         sprites.add(b)

```

Figure 30: event control loop for main game loop

Three variables are created, run is used to determine when to stop the game loop, pause is used to determine when the pause loop will begin, and flag is used to determine when the hard_level is started. In the while run loop, we need to first create a event control loop to handle all the event in the game, many of the functions are similar to the event control loop in function start and end screen. Other than that, the program will detect the event we created by USEREVENT, Line 232- 235 are saying that once the add_enemy event occur, one small enemy will be generated, and it will be added to both enemies sprite group and all_sprites group, and add_boss does the exactly same function. From line 242, it will detect if the user press keyboard_space, one bullet will be generated and the position will be originally placed at the top of the plane, because

the last parameter we used to create Bullet object is True, this bullet will go from bottom to top. After doing that, the bullet will be added to sprite group, and sound effect will be played by using shoot.play()[2]. In addition, the mouse click will be detected to see whether a user press the pause button or press the keyboard , either of choices will make the variable 'pause' will become true, and then the following 'while pause' loop will run, so the player can pause the game anytime, anywhere. The last event we need to handle is whether it is hard level, so if it is the hard_level, the add_bullet event will occur to add one bullet object for all the enemy in enemies sprite group, and all of the enemies will speed up(line 264), the bullet will be placed at the bottom of the every enemy, and the speed of the bullet will be enemy's speed + 1. The images of bullets fired by the player and the enemy are different, which is good for distinguishing enemy attacks. Therefore, the image of each bullet is reloaded as another image, and finally, all bullets will be added to the 'enemy_sprite' and 'sprites' group.

The pause loop:

```

272     # If the user choose pause the game, this loop will run instead of main loop
273     while pause:
274         # Load the pause screen
275         screen.blit(background2, (0,0))
276         # Load three icon to the pause screen, and one is resume button,
277         # Another one is exit button
278         icon1 = pygame.image.load("resume.png")
279         icon1 = pygame.transform.scale(icon1, (200,80))
280         icon2 = pygame.image.load("exit.png")
281         icon2 = pygame.transform.scale(icon2, (200,80))
282         icon3 = pygame.image.load("break.png")
283         icon3 = pygame.transform.scale(icon3, (300,300))
284         screen.blit(icon3, (100,50))
285         screen.blit(icon2, (150,550))
286         screen.blit(icon1, (150,400))
287         pygame.display.update()
288         for event in pygame.event.get():
289             key = pygame.key.get_pressed()
290             # Check whether mouse is pressed
291             buttons = pygame.mouse.get_pressed()
292             # Get the position of mouse pressed
293             x,y = pygame.mouse.get_pos()
294             # Check if the button pressed is on the position of resume icon and exit icon
295             if event.type == pygame.MOUSEBUTTONDOWN:
296                 if buttons[0]:
297                     if x >= 150 and x <= 350 and y <= 480 and y >= 400:
298                         # If it is on the resume icon, break the loop, and back to main game loop
299                         pause = False
300                         # Else the program will quit if the user hit the button of exit
301                         # x and y represent the position that mouse is clicking
302                         elif x >= 150 and x <= 350 and y <= 630 and y >= 550:
303                             pygame.quit()
304             elif event.type == QUIT:
305                 pygame.quit()
306             elif key[K_ESCAPE]:
307                 pygame.quit()

```

Figure 31: Pause loop

After the main event control loop, a pause loop will be placed after the main event control loop, if the user choose pause the game, this loop will run instead of main loop. From line275 - 286 are the same thing I did in start screen page, and end screen page, basically when the user press pause button, this page will show up with a resume button and exit button. The only difference is images that loaded are different, and also from line 295 - 307 are the event control loop for pause screen page. If the user use right mouse button to click the resume icon, the pause variable will become false, so this loop will end(line297-299), else if user click the exit button, the whole program will quit. Also, user can always use keyboard escape to quit the game.

Hard_level screen:

```

308     while flag:
309         background3 = pygame.image.load("hard_level.png")
310         background3 = pygame.transform.scale(background3,(width,height))
311         screen.blit(background3, (0,0))
312         iconx = pygame.image.load("congra.png")
313         iconx = pygame.transform.scale(iconx, (400,300))
314         icony = pygame.image.load("doyou.png")
315         icony = pygame.transform.scale(icony, (400,300))
316         continue_icon = pygame.image.load("continue.png")
317         continue_icon = pygame.transform.scale(continue_icon, (200,80))
318         exit_icon = pygame.image.load("exit.png")
319         exit_icon = pygame.transform.scale(exit_icon, (200,80))
320         screen.blit(iconx, (50,0))
321         screen.blit(icony, (50,100))
322         screen.blit(continue_icon,(150,400))
323         screen.blit(exit_icon, (150,550))
324         pygame.display.update()
325     for event in pygame.event.get():
326         key = pygame.key.get_pressed()
327         # Check whether mouse is pressed
328         buttons = pygame.mouse.get_pressed()
329         # Get the position of mouse pressed
330         x,y = pygame.mouse.get_pos()
331         # Check if the button pressed is on the position of resume icon and exit icon
332         if event.type == pygame.MOUSEBUTTONDOWN:
333             if buttons[0]:
334                 if x >= 150 and x <= 350 and y <= 480 and y >= 400:
335                     # If it is on the continue icon, break the loop, and continue main game loop
336                     main1(hard_level,5000)
337                     flag = False
338                 # Else the program will quit if the user hit the button of exit
339                 # x and y represent the position that mouse is clicking
340                 elif x >= 150 and x <= 350 and y <=630 and y >= 550:
341                     pygame.quit()
342             elif event.type == QUIT:
343                 pygame.quit()

```

Figure 32: flag loop

When this loop begin, it means the flag is true, which also means the hard_level is true, therefore a new screen will be occurred to ask whether user want to go to the hard endless level. So if user use left button to click the continue button, the main1 function will be recalled but with different parameter , one is the True for hard_hard level and the score will now be set up to 5000, and flag will become false in order to break the loop. If the value of the 'hard level' is True, then the previous main event control loop will execute the setting of the 'hard level', which will speed up the enemies' movement and enable them to fire bullets.

Draw all the sprites on the screen and update their location:

```

346
347     # Detect the keys that are pressed
348     keys = pygame.key.get_pressed()
349     # Put player at the specific positon we want and
350     # Update the positon according to the user input
351     p.update(keys)
352
353     # Update all the enemy positon in that sprite group
354     enemies.update()
355
356     #Update all the bullet position in the sprite group
357     my_bullet.update()
358
359     #Update all the bullet position of enemy
360     enemy_bullet.update()
361
362     # Fit the background
363     screen.blit(background,(0,0))
364
365     # Draw all the sprites in that sprite group on the screen
366     for i in sprites:
367         screen.blit(i.image, i.rect)
368
369     # Draw the lives you currently have on the screen
370     for players in p_list:
371         screen.blit(players.image, players.rect)
372
373     # Draw the pause button on the righttop of the screen
374     screen.blit(pause_icon,(460,0))
375

```

Figure 33: Drawing all sprites

After all the loop detection, in the main game loop, the press key well be detected, and player will move according to the key(line348, 351). From line 353 and 360 are basically update all the sprites we created before, after calling the update function, their positions will be updated. Then fit the background by using screen.blit. After that, we need to draw all the sprites in 'sprites' group, so we can simply use a for loop to draw every single sprite on the screen(line 366-367). In addition, draw the players in p_list to show the user the lives on the screen. Line 373 is drawing the pause icon on the right top of the screen by using x and y axis.

Collision detection: Collision detection is very important in every game we created.

```

376     # Check if enemy collide with player by using bulit in function
377     # .spritecollideany()accepts a Sprite and a Group as parameters
378     # and it will automatically check if the rectangle of player
379     # intersects with any rectangle in enemies group
380     if pygame.sprite.spritecollideany(p,enemies):
381         # if that is the case, the player sprite will be killed , the game is over
382         # Check if player still have lives, if not end the game and kill the sprite
383         if lives == 0:
384             # Draw the explosion image at the position of plane
385             screen.blit(p.destroy, p.rect)
386             # Play the sound of explosion
387             explode.play(0)
388             p.kill()
389             #Display the gameover page
390             end_page(score)
391         # if the player still have lives, reset the plane
392     else:
393         screen.blit(p.destroy, p.rect)
394         # minus one lives
395         lives -= 1
396         # Reset the position of plane
397         p.reset()
398         # remove one plane that represent you have one plane less
399         p_list.pop()
400
401

```

Figure 34: Collision detection for player and enemies

This part is used to check if enemy collide with player by using the bulit-in function pygame.sprite.spritecollideany(), this method take two parameters, first is an sprite object and second one is sprite group. It is checking if the rectangle of player object intersects with any rectangle in enemies sprite group.[9]. Then it check whether player still have lives, if it has, lives will minus by 1, and draw the destroy image on the screen(line 393), and the sound will be played. if the player has no lives, the player object will be killed, and then call the end_page function with current score to show the end page.

```

402
403     # Set up a variable called dict_colide that will
404     # check if there is any colision between two group my_bullet and enemies
405     # The bulit-in function groupcollide will return a dictionary with elements collide in both group
406     dict_colide = pygame.sprite.groupcollide(enemies,my_bullet,False,False)
407     # Loop through the dictionary and kill all the sprites in that dictionary
408     for key,value in dict_colide.items():
409         for elements in value:
410             # kill the bullet sprite
411             elements.kill()
412             sprites.remove(elements)
413             # Draw the destroy picture at the postion of enemy
414             screen.blit(key.destroy, key.rect)
415             # Sound effect when an enemy is destroyed
416             key.explode.play(0)
417             # kill the ememy sprite
418             key.kill()
419             sprites.remove(key)
420             # Add score if a player kill the enemies successfully
421             score += 100
422

```

Figure 35: Collision detection for bullet and enemies

For this part, we are checking if any of the sprites in my_bullet collide with any of the

sprites in enemies. By using the built-in function groupcollide, this will return a dictionary with all the elements colide in both group.[9] All we need to do is loop through the key and value in that dictionary we get, and kill the collided bullets and enemies, and remove them from the corresponding sprite group. Line 406 is the dictionary variable we created to receive all the objects that collides in both enemies and my_bullet group.

```

422
423     # Check if the plane is hit by enemy's bullet
424     if pygame.sprite.spritecollideany(p,enemy_bullet):
425         # if that is the case, the player sprite will be killed , the game is over
426         # Check if player still have lives, if not end the game and kill the sprite
427         if lives == 0:
428             # Draw the explosion image at the position of plane
429             screen.blit(p.destroy, p.rect)
430             # Play the sound of explosion
431             explode.play(0)
432             p.kill()
433             #Display the gameover page
434             end_page(score)
435         # if the player still have lives, reset the plane
436     else:
437         screen.blit(p.destroy, p.rect)
438         # minus one lives
439         lives -= 1
440         # Reset the position of plane
441         p.reset()
442         explode.play(0)
443         # remove one plane that represent you have one plane less
444         p_list.pop()
445
446         # Setup the score surface by using render function
447         # render takes three arguments which is text, whether antialias and the color of score
448         score_surface = score_font.render("Score: %s" % str(score), True, score_color)
449         # Draw the score surface on the screen
450         screen.blit(score_surface,(10, 5))
451

```

Figure 36: Collision detection for enemy bullet and player

Last thing but not least, we still need to check whether the plane hit by enemy's bullet, the function is exactly same with collision between player and enemy, the only difference is sprite group now change to enemy_bullet. After that, set up the score surface by using render function, and this function takes three arguments which is text, whether antialias and the color of text[2]. The score is drew on the screen (Line 448, 450).

Check if the player has reached 3000 points:

```

451
452     # Check if the user reach score of 3000
453     if score == 3000:
454         hard_level = True
455         flag = True
456         # Narrow the gap between enemy appearances
457         pygame.time.set_timer(add_enemy, 300)
458         pygame.time.set_timer(add_boss, 600)
459
460
461
462
463
464     pygame.display.update()
465
466
467     # Change the game speed by using tick function
468     # tick calculate the number of milliseconds each frame should take.
469     # Lock 60 Frame per second
470     clock.tick(60)
471
472
473
474
475     pygame.quit()
476
477
478     if __name__ == '__main__':
479         start_page()
480         main1(False,0)
481
482

```

Figure 37: Check point

Finally, check if the user reach the score of 3000, if that is the case, both high_level and flag will be true, so for the next loop, the game will enter the hard_level page that asks user if they want to continue play in hard_mode. Furthermore, I narrow the gap between enemy appearances. After finish all the game setting, use pygame.display.update() to update the screen, and change the game speed by using tick function, tick calculate the number of milliseconds each frame should take, I lock the game to 60FPS, so it will run the same speed in any hardware.[2].(line 470) For line 478 - line 480, before call the main method, always call start_page first. In conclusion, this game has completed all of the new features mentioned above. The codes can be found in github link, and all references can be found in bibliography which contains both python and pygame documentation and some online tutorials. Here are some game example picture:



Figure 38: Example1

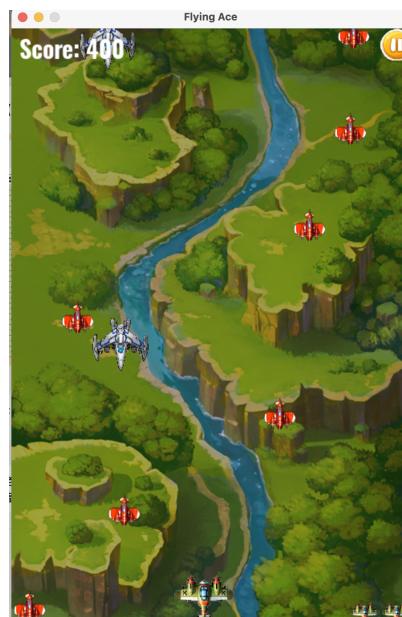


Figure 39: Example2

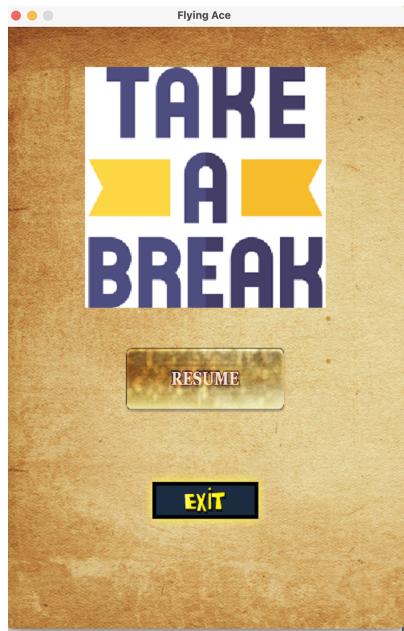


Figure 40: Example3



Figure 41: Example4

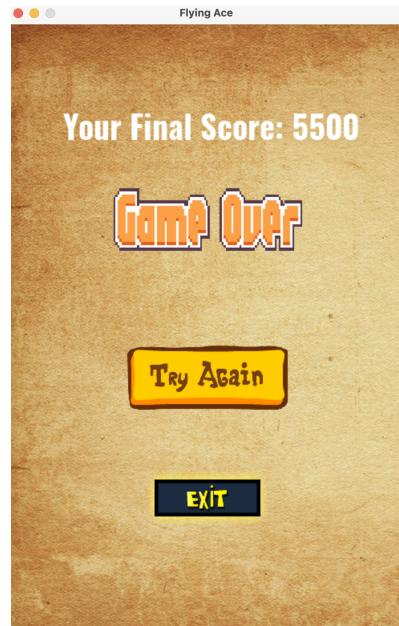


Figure 42: Example5

4.3. Alternative tools/technologies

Instead of using pygame to create this 2D aircraft battle, there are 2 alternative tools that can be used.

1. Java (**Example games: Minecraft and Spiral Knights**)
2. Unity (**supported by C# coding**) Example games: Fall guys, Among us and Cities: Skylines

4.4. Comparative Analysis

When deciding whether to use Pygame, Java, or Unity for game development, it is essential to consider factors such as the scale of the project, the target platform, performance requirements.

Pygame	Java	Unity
<p>Firstly, compare to other two language java and C#, pygame is ideal for beginners in game development, as Python's syntax is easy to learn and understand.</p> <p>Secondly, pygame has a huge library and many useful built-in functions, so it is particularly useful when you are developing simple 2D games, prototypes, or educational game in a short amount of time.</p>	<p>Java is generally faster and more efficient than Python because it is a compiled language[10], so when creating some complex 2D games which need to deal with extensive resources, java can process information faster and make your game performance better.</p>	<p>Firstly, most of commercial games such as mobile game and online game are developed by Unity engine, so it has became one of the most favorite game tool. If you want to design a complex 3D game or highly polished 2D games with complex mechanics, Unity engine is the best choice.[11]</p> <p>Secondly, Unity has advantages on built-in physics, animation, and real physical engine, so it will be very beneficial if you want to create a complex game in a game development company.</p>

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