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# #006 快速纸面原型

Why? Cheap

paper prototype != game

Prototype is for answering question

### Question

#### 1.Find Question

Exp:

What will player do/choice?

How to build cards?

...

### 2.Find Scope

simulate what?

1 turn? 1 instant? whole game?

### 3.Find Form

table game / card game / dnd / act / ...

### **Brainstorm**

Rule:

1. NO RIGHT OR WRONG, NO COMMENT, ONLY PRAISE

Brainstorm focus on number of ideas, not quality

2. Serve for FINAL EXPERIENCE NOT SYSTEM, NO ATTRIBUTE

Vehicle Type -> bicycle/car/motor...

# **Prototype**

### 1.Prepare

- 1. player input: do what?
- 2. system output
- 3. decision reason: action base on what?
- 4. win condition

#### 2.Craft

- 1. Object: map, car, ...
- 2. Behavior:

System: generate, destroy, ...

Player: take, route, ...

#### 3.Flow

flow chart of game sector

#### 4.Initial State

System, Player, ...

#### **5.Game Over**

# **Play**

yourself, designer, colleague, ...

if you find your answer, then theres no need to play more...

#### Sum

- FOCUS ON YOUR QUESTION
- PROTOTYPE ONLY TO ANSWER THE QUESTION, NOT TO MAKE A GAME OR FOR FUN
- BRAINSTORM: THINK MORE & GOOD ENVIRONMENT

if you have no question, ask sth else: favorite game? movie? ...

For sth, you need to see the essence, so that you can simulate it in game.

THERE MUST BE A QUESTION, JUST YOU DON'T KNOW IT

meet new question? - see if it would disturb current question.

# #007 战斗卡牌 -- balance a card game

# When balancing a character

Compare with the **default character** !!!

### What attribute shall we change?

Attribute:

- Power (luck, power, health, ...)
- Fun (ability, decision, choose)
- Character (occupation, mechanic)

character - Background story & easy to learn and remember

most easy one: power better not: character

# Ways to test balance

#### **Automatic Test**

program
(card / round game)

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### **Calculate Expectation**

core battle cycle = a round in card game

# **Experience**

- spend 3 hours with friends building a paper prototype
- · team work, brainstorm, praise, iteration
- balance characters in card game expectation, math!
- · design card game character balance & fun

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