

Trapomino Project Plan

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Part I -- Scope Management

Trapomino is a Tetris based game where the player takes on the role of a zoo keeper trying to recapture escaped animals. By rotating and placing tetromino blocks on a grid, the player must catch animals by creating “cages” with the shapes. The player must capture a variety of animals, each with different abilities that challenge the player in new ways. The player will advance through stages of increasing difficulty and new sets of animals until he reclaims all of the escaped animals.

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Function

Abstract

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Gameplay

Trapomino throws back to Tetris and Dr. Mario, with one major game mechanic change; instead of trying to create full lines with the blocks, the blocks are used to make shapes that contain animals on the screen. The blocks will not disappear which gives the animals the opportunity to escape. The robust AI will create a challenge that keeps the player on his or her toes in a new exciting way.

Enemies

The animals’ AI will work in different ways to escape. Monkeys will jump higher than other animals. Beavers will chew through blocks. Rhinos will knock down blocks. Lions will attempt to eat other animals that the player must protect.

Interface

Navigation in Trapomino will be accomplished through three primary menus: a main menu, a level menu and a pause menu. The player will be greeted by a title screen displaying the studio and publisher name. A main menu will come available with the options “new game,” “load game,” “options,” “credits,” and “exit.” Once the game is entered a level menu will display

the levels on a subway style map. The map will have unique levels with unique designs and sets of animals to face. A pause menu will be available in each level which will contain the options “resume,” “save,” “options,” and “exit.”

Multiplayer

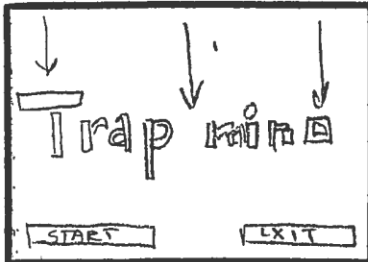
Multiplayer capability will also be featured in Trapomino, allowing the player to compete both head-to-head with other players in live mode, and collectively with a leaderboard showing the total number of points a player has accumulated during his or her playthrough. In live mode, the player will send animals to the second player by caging them. One player will win by causing the other player to run out of space on the grid, or by trapping all of the animals on his grid. The multiplayer mode will be unlocked by finishing the tutorial modes, and can be played in a split screen environment.

Storyboard

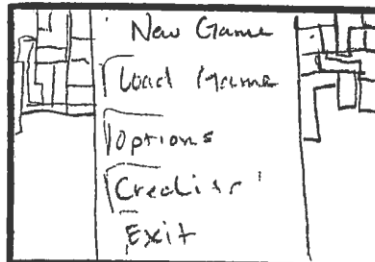


The Director in the Classroom • Storyboard

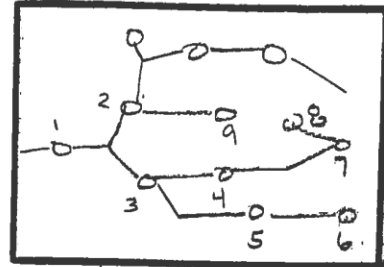
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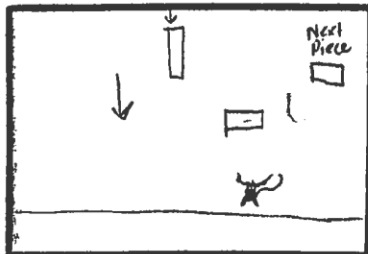
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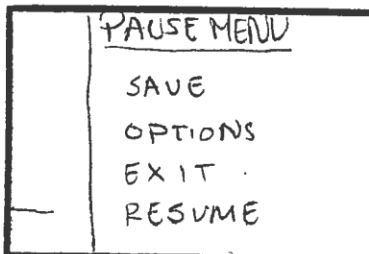
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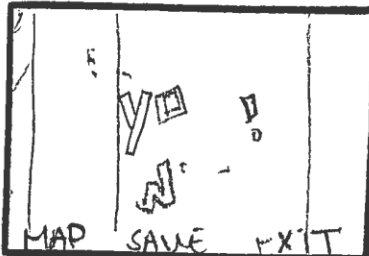
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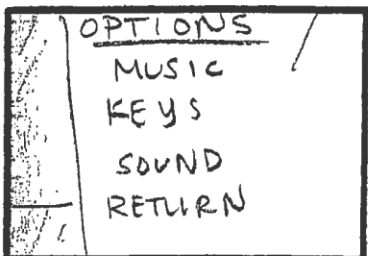
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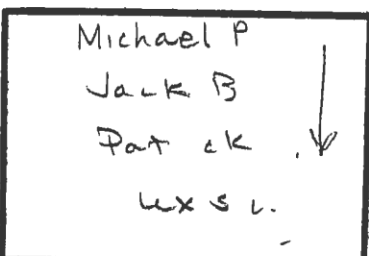
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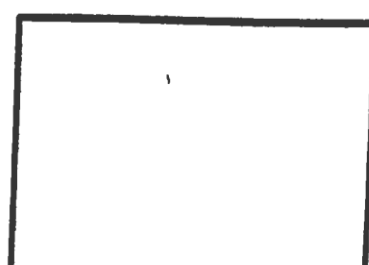
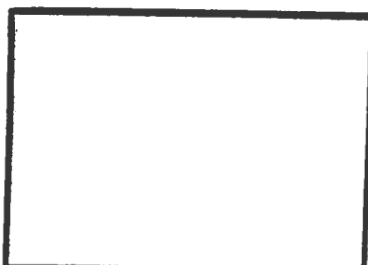
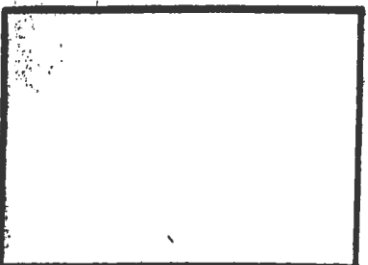
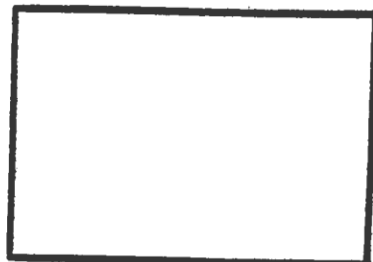
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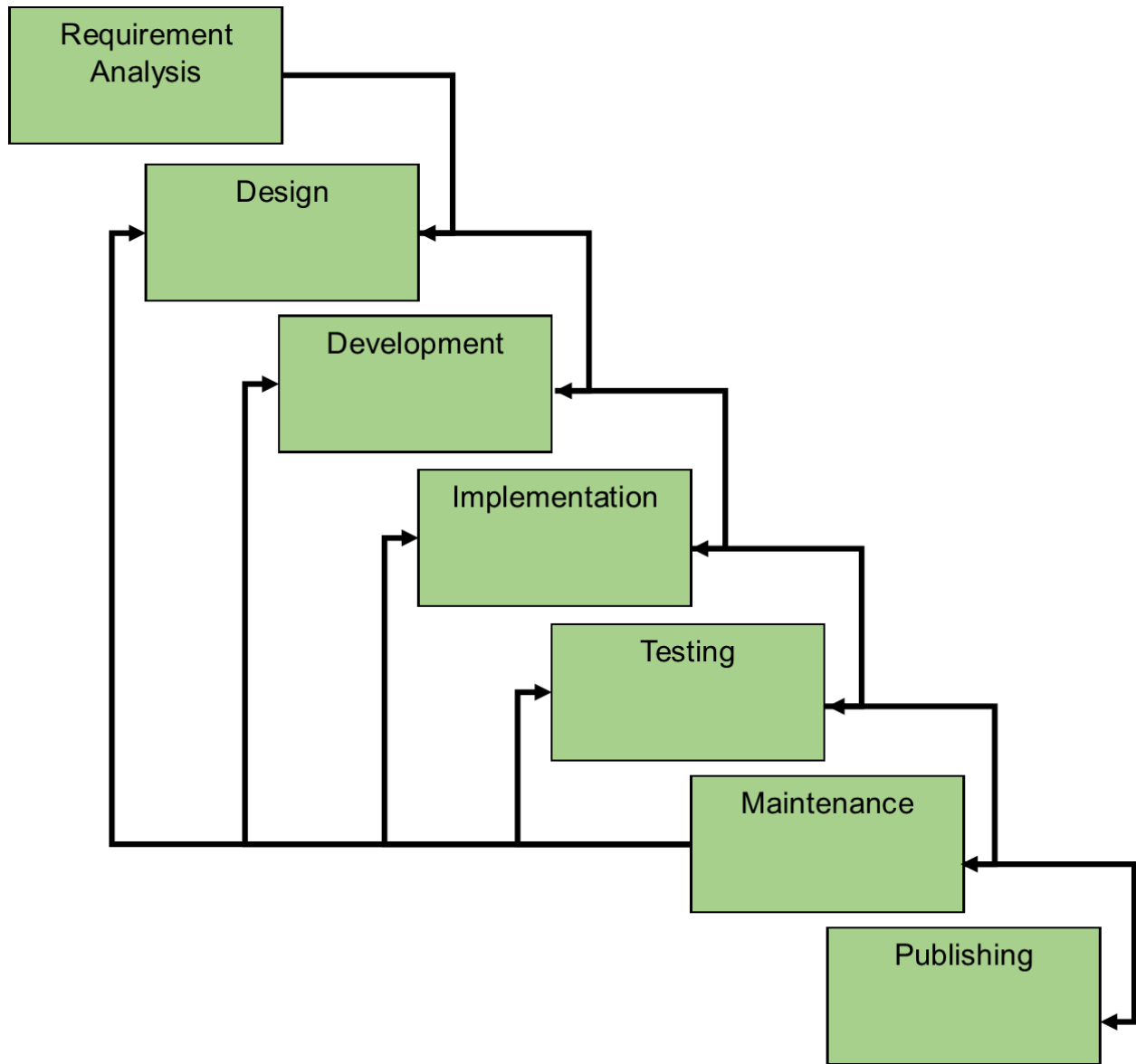
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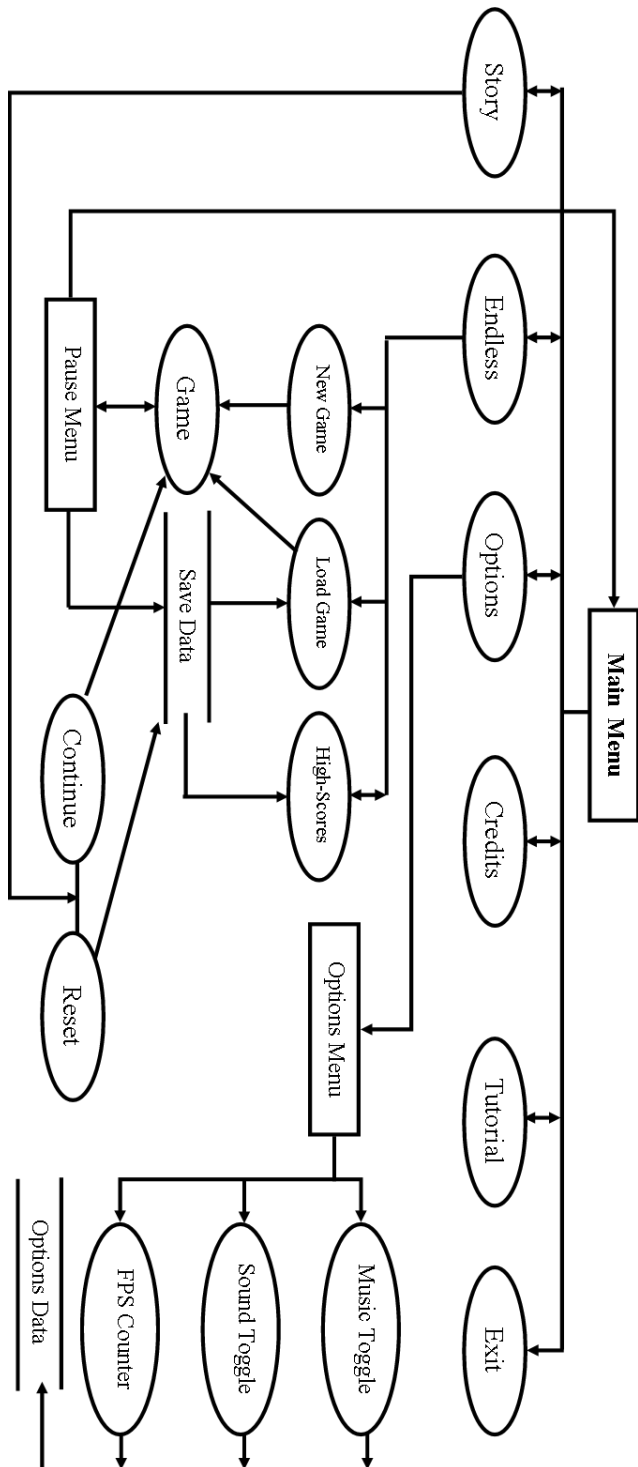
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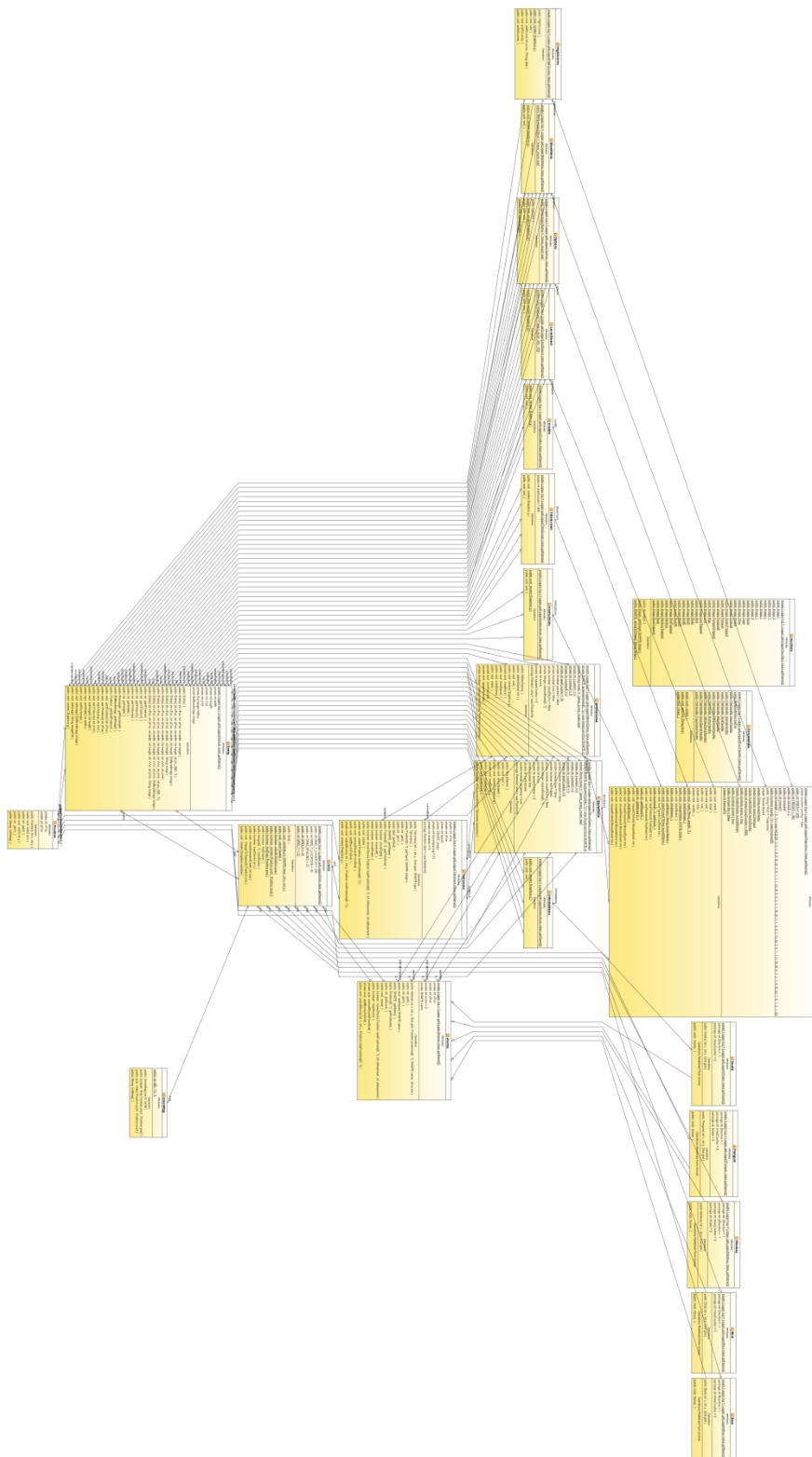
Life Cycle



Data Flow



UML



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Timeline

Due Date	Task	Responsible Party	Completion Date
09/12	Project Description	Jack Baumann	09/12
09/16	Register with BPA	All	09/16
09/18	Portfolio Cover Sheet	Patrick Edelen	09/18
09/23	Tentative Timeline	Jack Baumann	09/23
09/26	Gantt Chart	All	09/26
10/01	Team and Individual Paperwork	All	10/01
10/09	Storyboard	Alexis Lopez	10/09
10/16	Function	Jack Baumann	10/16
10/21	Error Logging Form	Micheal Peterson	10/21
10/21	UML Class Diagram	Micheal Peterson	10/21
10/22	Main Character Sprites	Alexis Lopez	10/22
10/22	Button Sounds Completed and Implemented	Alexis Lopez, Micheal Peterson	10/22
10/23	Milestone 1 Complete	All	10/23
10/24	Opening Menu Buttons Implemented	Micheal Peterson	10/24
10/27	Game Testing Form	Micheal Peterson	10/27
10/28	Software Development Lifecycle	Jack Baumann	10/28
10/29	Menu Music Completed and Implemented	Alexis Lopez, Micheal Peterson	10/29
10/31	Credits Complete	Micheal Peterson	10/31
11/4	Sprites of Main Animals Complete	Alexis Lopez	11/4
11/5	Game Milestone 2 Complete	All	11/4
11/5	Sprite Movement Working	Micheal Peterson	11/5
11/6	Upload Game Function and Timeline	Jack Baumann	11/5
11/11	Game Milestone 3 Complete	All	11/6
11/12	Data Flow Diagram	Jack Baumann	11/3
11/18	All Sprites Complete	Alexis Lopez	11/18
11/20	Game Milestone 4 Complete	All	11/19
12/09	Tentative Presentation Laid Out	Patrick Edelen	12/04
12/16	Upload all Documentation	Jack Baumann	12/16
01/07	Game Milestone 5 Complete	All	01/02
01/07	Game Backgrounds Complete	Alexis Lopez	01/05
01/09	readme.txt	Micheal Peterson	01/11
01/13	All Game Features Finalized	Micheal Peterson	01/17
01/27	All Game Testing Finalized	Micheal Peterson	01/27

01/27	All Game Documentation Finalized	Jack Baumann	01/25
01/29	1 st Run-Through of Presentation	Patrick Edelen	01/30
02/03	2 nd Run-Through of Presentation	Patrick Edelen	02/05
02/05	Final Upload	Jack Baumann	02/20
02/20	3 rd Run-Through of Presentation with Audience	Patrick Edelen	02/15
02/26	4 th Run-Through of Presentation with Audience	Patrick Edelen	02/19
03/03	Final Presentation Run-Through	Patrick Edelen	
03/12	Presentation	Patrick Edelen	

Project Milestones

Milestone 1 (10.23.14)

Art: main sprites and menu background completed

Music: title screen music complete

Code: title screen and main menu music and buttons implemented

Documentation: description, function, and error logging complete; data flow diagram and UML iteration 1 complete

Milestone II (11.5.14)

Art: backgrounds for main levels complete, menu UI started

Music: game sounds complete (collision, buttons, etc.)

Code: basic Tetris mechanic and sub-menus implemented

Documentation: lifecycle complete, technical requirements laid out, code commenting started

Milestone III (11.11.14)

Art: menu UI completed, sprites finalized

Music: UI sounds added, ambient game music started

Code: UI implemented (pause menus and HUD)

Documentation: code commenting continued, Javadoc generated

Milestone IV (11.20.14)

Art: level selection artwork completed, level UI started

Music: ambient music finalized

Code: level layout and selection implemented

Documentation: UML and dataflow updated, continue commenting

Milestone V (1.5.15)

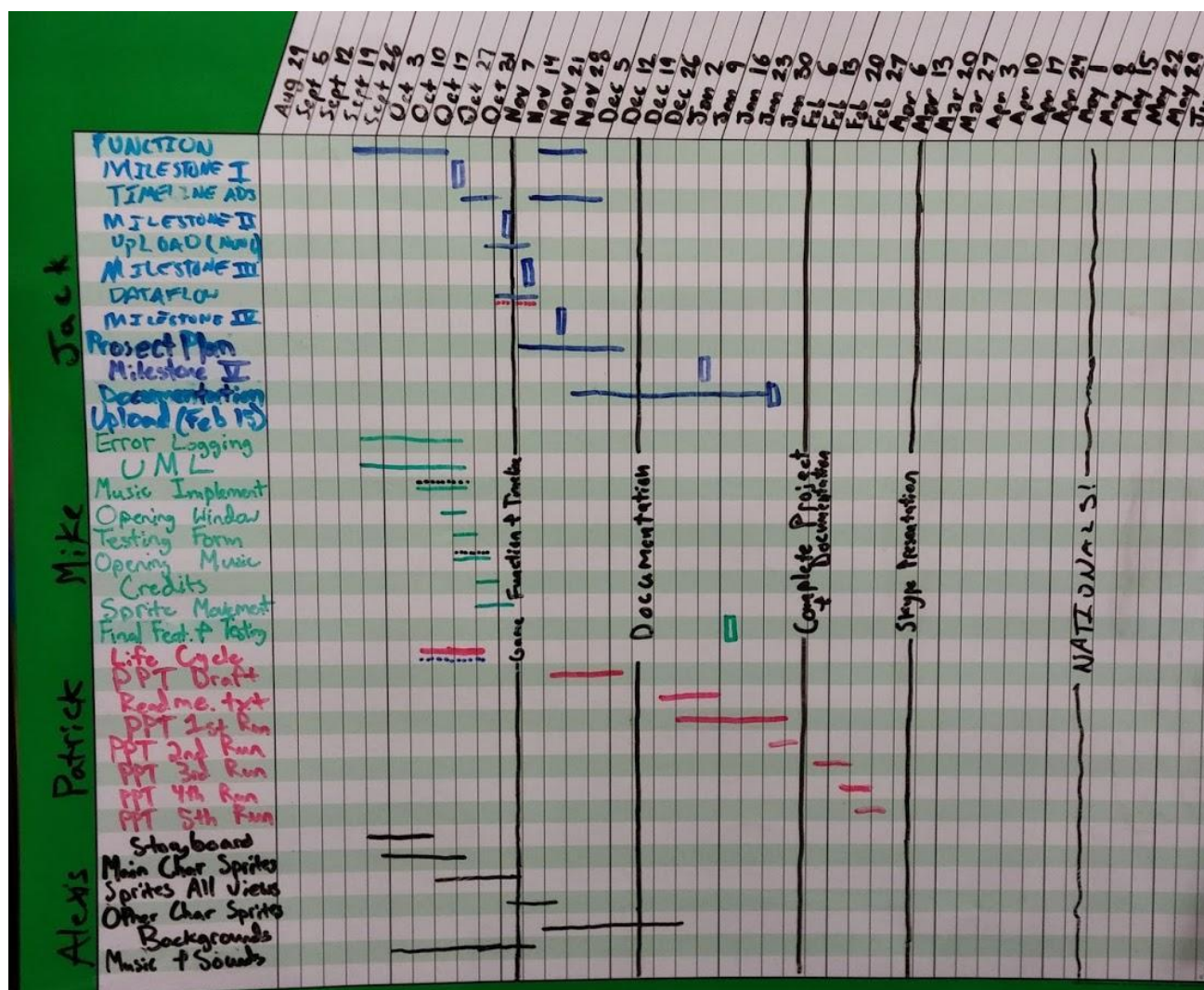
Art: sprites polished and level UI finished

Music: all music complete and polished

Code: Tetris mechanic finalized, win/lose state finalized; fully playable game

Documentation: update UML, Javadoc, Data Flow Diagram, and any other documentation

Gantt Chart



Please describe any difficulties or frustrations you encountered while playing Trapomino:

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Section 3 - After Playtest:

Please describe any visual or audio related suggestions that would improve Trapomino:

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Please describe any game mechanics suggestions you would like to see in Trapomino:

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Please circle the quality that corresponds to each element in Trapomino on a scale from 1 (Low Quality) to 10 (High Quality):

Game Experience:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Intuitiveness:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Graphics:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Audio:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Overall:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10