# The PsychoPy Version

This document details the final game. Found in the psychopy/game directory under the name wcst.py

This version includes almost the same core components as the game logic. But several changes had to be made.

Underneath is a overview of the game.

### Overview of the Game

#### **Game Setup**

- Window Settings: A PsychoPy window is defined.
- **Window**: The window is passed into the card class
- Active Rule Selection: A rule is randomly selected from the rules list.
- Deck creation: mainstack and discard stacks are created.

### Intro loop

- Start Screen: Logo of game
- **Username Input**: Collects a username from the player.
- Instructions: Display of game instructions.

## Main Game Loop

- The game continues while there are cards in the mainstack.
- In each iteration of the loop:

#### 1. Render Cards:

The top card of the mainstack and the top cards of each discard stack are rendered on the screen.

#### 2. User Choice:

The game waits for the user to choose a stimulus\_card, either by mouse click or keyboard input.

#### 3. Card Movement:

The chosen card is moved from the mainstack to the discard stack of the stimulus card.

#### 4. Feedback:

The game gives feedback (correct or wrong) based on the user's choice.

#### 5. Tracking and Logging:

data are tracked and logged for each trial.

#### 6. Rule Change:

• If the user achieves a win streak of 5, the active rule is changed.

### **Results and Saving Data**

- Calculating Results:
  - After the main loop ends, results (percentage correct, categories completed, and preservative errors) are calculated.
- Displaying Results:
  - Displays a part of the results to the user.
- Saving Data:
  - Game data is saved to a CSV file using the save\_results function.

# **Main Changes**

For this version, instead of printing out text. We wanted to render out the real card images on the screen.

#### Window

In psychopy instead of printing text in the terminal, the applications runs on a window.

The window has to be initiated, as it is a class object in psychopy.

## Image objects in psychopy

To display images or text on the window. We first have to create them as specifics objects in psychopy.

For the creation of the image object we need to pass in the following information:

- 1. window
- 2. folder path + filename
- 3. size
- 4. position

```
In [ ]: #example image
img = visual.ImageStim(window,image="folder/image.png",size=(100,100),pos=(0,0))
```

Then when the image is created we can use a psychopy image object method, render()

```
In [ ]: #rendering the image on the screen
img.render()
```

As we want to present the card images we created in the <code>create\_cards.py</code> script.

And we do not want to manually do this for all the cards. We chose to modify the class methods.

## **Card Class Changes**

We wanted to automate the image object creation in the card class.

```
In [ ]: class Card:
            image path = "../cards/"
           card size = (128, 176)
            pos = None
            window = None
            @classmethod
            def set window(cls, window):
               cls.window = window
            def init (self, number, shape, color):
               self.number = number
               self.shape = shape
                self.color = color
                self.psypy = self.create psychopy()
            def render(self):
                self.psypy.draw()
            def get filename(self): # property possibility
                fname = os.path.join(self.image path, "%i %s %s.png"%(self.number, self.shape, s
                return fname
            def create psychopy(self, position=(0,0), **kwargs):
                if not Card.window:
                   raise ValueError ("The window attribute for Card is not set. Use Card.set win
               ppy repr = visual.ImageStim(Card.window,image=self.get filename(),size=(self.car
               return ppy repr
```

To automate the process we had to solve some problems.

Some of this will be **simple**, because the process will be same for all the cards. A **challenge** is when each cards image object has to receive different information.

#### Simple

- 1. Image Path
- 2. Size
- 3. Window

#### Challenging

1. **The Image Name:** Will change depending on the card.

2. **The Position:** Will depend on what stack the card is currently in.

The simple problems are solved like this:

- 1. **Filename**: We specify the image path in the card class.
- 2. Card Size: We specify the size in the card class

```
In [ ]: class Card:
    image_path = "../cards/"
    card_size = (128,176)
    ....
```

1. **Window**: We create a classmethod named set\_window(). It the picks up the window object and stores it as a class variable.

3. Window: Here is an example of how the window object is passed into the card class as a variable.

```
In [ ]: # Window settings
window = visual.Window([1800,1200], monitor="testMonitor", units="pix")
Card.set_window(window) # Pass in the window for the card class
```

The challenging problems are solved in a less straightforward fashion.

#### 4. Filename

We are able to retrieve the filename because, in the create\_cards script we named the files in a systematic manner. The name is always the number\_shape\_color.png.

We use the attributes of the cards shape, name, color and check each of their value. Depending on this we name the file.

When this method is used on a card object it will return to us a string that leads to the png file of that specific card.

**Example**: "../cards/1\_circle\_red.png"

#### Creating the image object from the cards.

Now we have everything except the position information to create the image objects from the card.

For now we postpone this problem by giving all image object the location: (0,0) We do this because the cards themself do not contain the information on where the cards should be rendered on the screen. This is information that is given by the stack.

The window, the image path + filename, the cardsize and the position is all used in this method to create the final image object from the card.

Then we added this method to the **init** function. This way everytime a card object is initialized it will run the create\_psychopy() method.

```
In []:
    def __init__ (self, number, shape, color):
        self.number = number
        self.shape = shape
        self.color = color
        self.psypy = self.create_psychopy()
```

#### Sequence

The sequencing of this is a bit complicated because of its object oriented approach.

When a card is created.

First the window has to be passed into the class

```
In [ ]: window = visual.Window([1800,1200], monitor="testMonitor", units="pix")
   Card.set_window(window) # Pass in the window for the card class
```

We then create a card with the card class.

```
In [ ]: card = Card(1,'triangle','red')
```

It will assign: 1 = number, 'triangle' = shape, 'red' = color. Simple. But then when it is asigning the value for psypy.

```
In [ ]:
    def __init__(self,number,shape,color):
        self.number = number
        self.shape = shape
        self.color = color
        self.psypy = self.create_psychopy()
        ...
```

It will assign the psypy attribute with the value that is returned from the create\_psychopy(). The create\_psychopy() method calls upon the get\_filename() method to locate the filename.

And the get\_filename uses the values from the card attributes: number, shape and color to locate the file.

This complex process results in a simple code. When we run the gameloop.

#### Rendering

Now in psychopy, when we want to render something on the screen. We use an mehtod that is available for the psychopy image objects.

And now because each card has a psychopy image object called psypy, we can just use the draw function on it.

```
In []: class Card:
    def render(self):
        self.psypy.draw()
```

now when a card is called to render:

```
In [ ]: card.render()
```

It will be printed on the screen.

```
In [ ]:
```

# **Stack Class Changes**

The main changes to the classes are that they now include positional information for the cards.

To the parent class Stack. The only changes are the render method.

- 1. It checks if there are any cards in the stack.
- 2. Then takes card on top of the stack.
- 3. Assigns it with a position
- 4. Preforms the card level render method on it.

### Changes to child class MainStack

The only change here is that now, it includes position data.

```
In [ ]: class MainStack(Stack):
     xpos = 0
     ypos = -200
     ...
```

## Changes to child class DiscardStack

As in the MainStack, we include information on the position of the stack.

But because this is a multistack (it contains two cards locations per stack). We have to assign it multiple positions.

Additionally, we are rendering some text above the stack so we have to specify the text information as well.

```
In [ ]: class DiscardStack(Stack):

    ypos_stimcard = 400
    ypos_discard = 200

    stimdesign = {
        'font': 'Arial',
        'height': 42,
        'color': 'white',
        'bold': True
    }
    ...
```

At the class level, we define the variables that stay the same regardless of what which discard stack is created.

Because all of the stimulus cards and discard cards have the same y-position we give it here.

Also, we define a template for the text stimulus we want to render top of the stimulus cards.

```
class DiscardStack(Stack):
In [ ]:
            def init (self, num):
                self.list of cards=[]
                self.stimulus card=None
                if num==1:
                    self.xpos = -300
                    self.stimulus card=Card(1, "triangle", "red")
                elif num==2:
                    self.xpos = -100
                    self.stimulus card=Card(2, "star", "green")
                elif num==3:
                    self.xpos = 100
                    self.stimulus card=Card(3, "square", "yellow")
                elif num==4:
                    self.xpos = 300
                    self.stimulus card=Card(4, "circle", "blue")
                self.stimulus card.pos = (self.xpos, self.ypos stimcard)
```

Depending on the number of the stack, we assign a different x - position.

Because the DiscardStack is a multistack, the render method is also customized.

```
In [ ]: class DiscardStack(Stack):

    def render(self):
        # render the stimulus card
        self.stimulus_card.pos = (self.xpos, self.ypos_stimcard)
        self.stimulus_card.render()
```

The render() method.

- 1. Updates the position of the cards.
- 2. Renders the stimulus card and the top discard pile card.
- 3. Draws additional text above the stimulus card. Depending on the card number of the stimulus card.

## Positioning of the cards

How the positioning of the card is solved requires some additional explanation. In essence.

- 1. When a card is created it always gets (0,0) as it position. This is in the middle of the screen.
- 2. When a card is asigned to a stack it gets a new position.
- 3. The updating of the position initiates a setter method that updates the cards position value at the card level.
- 4. The updating of the position also triggers an update of the psypy position.
- 5. When the card is finally rendered it will now be rendered at the new position that was given by the stack.

### **Example**

When a card is in the mainstack.

```
In [ ]: class MainStack(Stack):
     xpos = 0
     ypos = -200
```

And when the mainstack uses the render method that it inherited from the Stack class.

The position values of the card are changed.

This change in turn triggers the setter at the card level. It ultimately changes the card position value and the psychopy image object position value.

Then the rendering happens on this updated psypy object.

```
In []: class Card:
    def render(self):
        self.psypy.draw()
```

# Mouse support

In the initial game logic, we had implemented a keyboard based choice system for our game.

Because we now had a visual display we also wanted to include mouse support. So that choices could be made with the mouse.

Because psychopy has a good mouse module. Most of the work is done inside psychopy and we only need to add little code to implement the mouse functions.

To do this. We added a mehtod to the card class that gets the location coordinates of the card. This method is defined as a property so that we might access the location coordinates as just another attribute of the card.

```
In []: class Card:
    @property
    def rect(self):
        """A method that gives the cordinates of the card: Used when looking for mouse c
        width, height = self.card_size
        xpos, ypos = self.psypy.pos
        left = xpos - width / 2
        right = xpos + width / 2
        top = ypos + height / 2
        bottom = ypos - height / 2
        return [left, top, right, bottom]
```

In the gameloop we first initialize a mouse object using one of psychopys inbuilt modules.

```
In [ ]: mouse = event.Mouse()
```

Then we make a loop.

- 1. Checks for clicks
- 2. If there is a click it will get the mouse position
- 3. Get the position of the simulus cards

- 4. Check if the mouse click happened in inside the any of the position cordinates of the stimulus cards.
- 5. If this was the case it will assign a choice based on what stimulus card was clicked.
- 6. When a choice is registered made it will brake the loop.

# Data tracking and storage

The functions help store meaningfull data from the game are the following:

**Functions:** 

```
1. track()
```

- 2. matched\_category()
- 3. save\_results()
- 4. results()

```
In [ ]: def track(data_point, trial):
    # Follow the sequence given in the save_results function
    trial.append(data_point)
    return trial
```

To track the data from the game we made a tracking function.

1. takes in a data point and the trial list.

## Data tracking: Example

Here is a use case of the track() function in the gameloop.

At the end of the loop. We command the trial to be stored into the game data.

```
In [ ]: game_data.append(trial)
```

When the game is over the game\_data will include multiple lists:

Each list represents one trial (one round of the game).

Each list contains the following information:

```
In [ ]: ["card", "chosen card", "success", "matched on categories", "active rule", "win streak"]
```

At the end of the game. We run the save\_results() function.

To it we pass in the game\_data, the folder path and the filename.

This is the function that saves the game data in csv format.

```
In []: def save_results(data, results_destination, filename):
    index = ["card", "chosen card", "success", "matched on categories", "active rule", "
    game_data_dicts = []

    for trial_data in data:
        trial_dict = {}
        for i, field in enumerate(index):
            trial_dict[field] = trial_data[i]
            game_data_dicts.append(trial_dict)

    df = pd.DataFrame(game_data_dicts)
        output_filename = f"{filename}_data.csv"
        df.to_csv(os.path.join(results_destination, output_filename), index=False)
In []: save_results(game_data, results_destination, filename)
```

### **Results: Datafile**

The results are saved, in an excel friendly way.

```
In [3]: display(Image(filename="../img/results_example.png", width=500, height=500))
```

card	chosen card	success	matched on categories	active rule	win streak
1,star,blue	1,triangle,red	FALSE	['number']	color	0
4,triangle,red	1,triangle,red	TRUE	['shape', 'color']	color	1
2,circle,green	2,star,green	TRUE	['color', 'number']	color	2
1,circle,yellow	3,square,yellow	TRUE	['color']	color	3
1,square,blue	1,triangle,red	FALSE	['number']	color	0
2,square,green	2,star,green	TRUE	['color', 'number']	color	1
2,circle,red	3,square,yellow	FALSE		color	0
3,square,red	2,star,green	FALSE		color	0
1,circle,red	3,square,yellow	FALSE		color	0
3,star,yellow	1,triangle,red	FALSE		color	0
4,circle,green	2,star,green	TRUE	['color']	color	1
2,star,blue	3,square,yellow	FALSE		color	0
4,square,green	3,square,yellow	FALSE	['shape']	color	0
2,triangle,blue	1,triangle,red	FALSE	['shape']	color	0
3,circle,green	4,circle,blue	FALSE	['shape']	color	0
1,circle,green	1,triangle,red	FALSE	['number']	color	0
3,circle,red	2,star,green	FALSE		color	0
4,circle,red	3,square,yellow	FALSE		color	0
1,square,yellow	1,triangle,red	FALSE	['number']	color	0
3,triangle,blue	3,square,yellow	FALSE	['number']	color	0
1,triangle,blue	1,triangle,red	FALSE	['shape', 'number']	color	0
1,star,green	2,star,green	TRUE	['shape', 'color']	color	1
3,star,red	3,square,yellow	FALSE	['number']	color	0
2,triangle,yellow	2,star,green	FALSE	['number']	color	0

## Results: End of game screen

```
In []: To make the game fun we also added a end of game screen, where the player will see some

In [4]: display(Image(filename="../img/end_example.png", width=300, height=300))
```

You got a total of 79% correct You completed a total of 3 categories Preservative errors: 2

To do a quick this we needed to preform a quick analysis of the data in the game.

Its done by a function named results():

```
In [ ]:
       def results(data):
           holder = "blank"
           preservative error = 0
           index = ["card", "chosen card", "success", "matched on categories", "active rule",
            # procent correct
           win list = [item[2] for item in data]
            total correct = sum(win list)
            total number = len(win list)
           procent correct = total correct /total number * 100
            # Categories completed
            win streak = [item[5]for item in data]
            completed = [item[5] for item in data if item[5] == 5]
            completed categories = len(completed)
            # Error type
            active rule = [item[4] for item in data]
           matched categories = [item[3] for item in data]
            for index, (win, rule, matched, streak) in enumerate(zip(win list, active rule, matc
               print(index)
                if streak == 5:
                   holder = rule
                if win == False and holder in matched:
                   preservative error += 1
            return procent correct, completed categories, preservative error
```

This function takes in the datafile and returns us some data that might be fun for the user.