

Tuxedo Amigos

SuperTux Enhancement Proposal

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Idea: Score System



- Coins: 500 points per coin collected
- Badguys: 750 points per badguy killed
- Secrets: 1000 points per secret unlocked
- Time: Score is doubled if level is completed within the target time
- Score progress resets if the player dies during the level
- Score progress is saved at the checkpoint

Motivation for Feature




- Commonplace in other platformers
- Encourages players to replay levels
- Incentivises exploration
- Enables competition between players



Implementations Considered

Implementation 1:

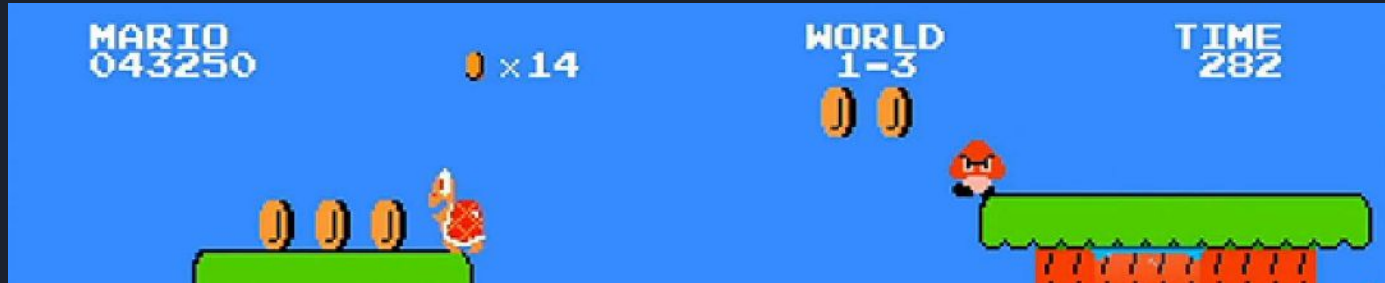
- Calculate score at end of level using accumulated stats

A screenshot of the end-of-level results screen from Super Mario Bros. The background is a light blue sky with a few clouds. The text is in a pixelated font. It compares the player's performance (You) with their best performance (Best).

	You	Best
Time	02:03.56	02:03.56
coins	105/105	105/105
Badguys	14/14	14/14
Secrets	1/1	1/1

Implementation 2:

- Continually track, calculate, and display score during the level



SAAM Analysis

Stakeholders & Related NFRs

User / Player	Developers
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Usability- Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Maintainability- Evolvability / Modifiability- Testability





SAAM Analysis

Implementation One: Only calculate the score at the checkpoint and/or the end of the level.

Pros (+)	Cons (-)
<p>Simple to Implement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Much more simple to add to the game <p>Performance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Less frequent calculations <p>Maintainability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Easier to go back and correct errors or evolve the game in the future <p>Reliability & Testability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Less chance of making an error• Fewer different ways to test	<p>Usability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No impact to the user throughout game play, however the user does not see the score during play and will only see it at the end



SAAM Analysis

Implementation Two: Update the score consistently throughout the level.

Pros (+)	Cons (-)
<p>Usability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Slightly more user friendly because the score would be displayed as the user plays <p>Simple to Implement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rather straightforward to implement - would only require a few extra lines of code to existing functions.	<p>Performance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Potential to slow down game play because operations occur more frequently <p>Maintainability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• More difficult to modify because code will be distributed across multiple locations <p>Reliability & Testability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Variety of locations increases the opportunity for small errors or miscalculations• Also decreases our chances of finding the errors and makes testing more difficult



Impacts of Enhancement

- No changes to architecture or design patterns
- All changes occur in pre-existing files
- No new dependencies created

Files modified:

- supertux/Statistics.cpp
- supertux/LevelIntro.cpp
- supertux/game_session.cpp
- badguy/Badguy.cpp
- object/Coin.cpp
- supertux/player_status.cpp

Potential Risks & Limitations

- Adds another thing to be updated every frame
- Potential loss of performance (lowering of frame rate)
- Clutters the screen



Sequence Diagram

Score gets updated after tux picks up a coin

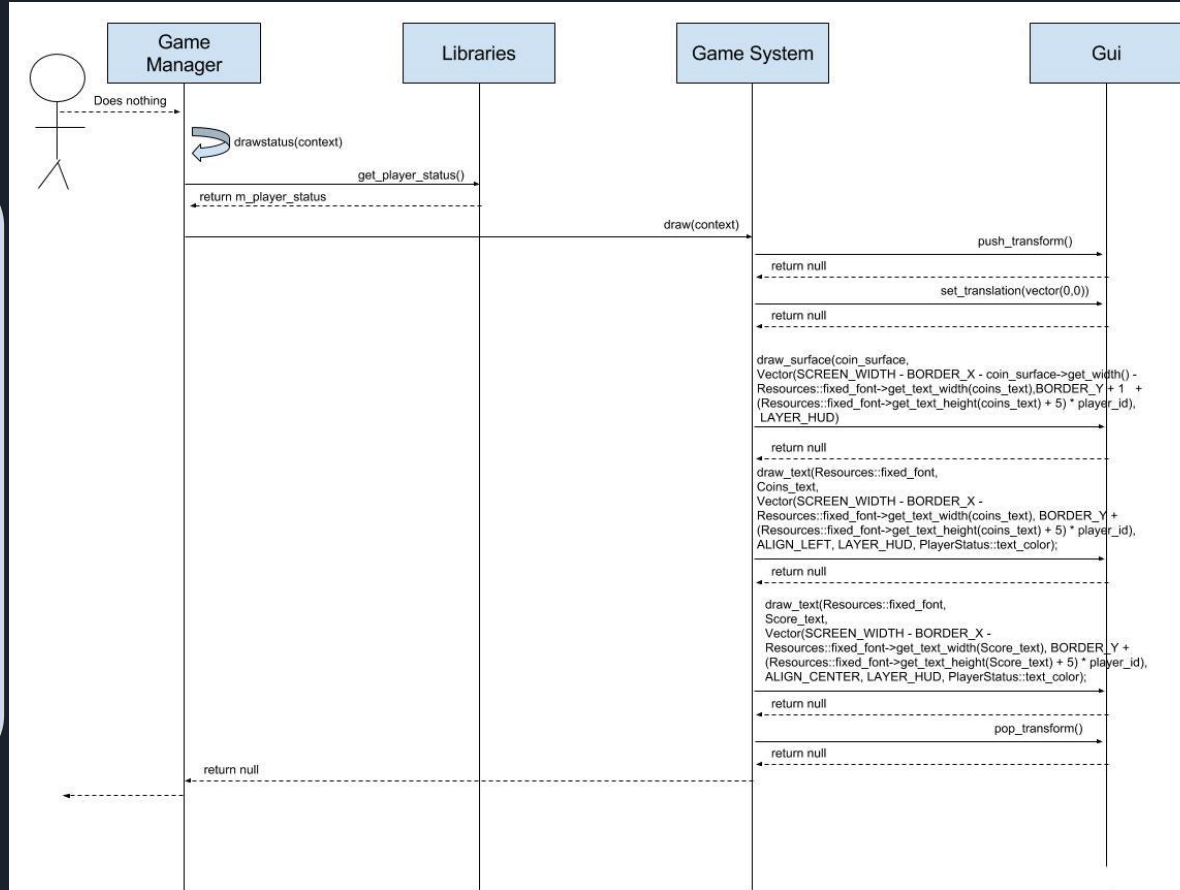
Legend

Function Call

Return Value

Component

Internal Function Call



Plans for Testing

- Test every way to gain points
- Test every way to lose points
- Systematic white box testing



Concurrency

- Allows for a variety of different actions to be performed simultaneously by the Game Engine
- New score system will utilize this concurrency
- Allows for smooth game play



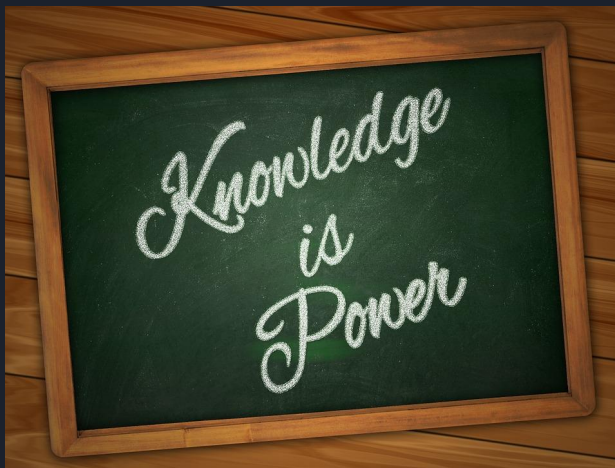
SuperTux Team Issues

- Would not need a large team or new members to implement this feature
- Need at least one team member that understand the system
- Open Source developers may add more complicated additions as ways to earn points



Group Limitations & Lessons Learned

- SuperTux is very unorganized and poorly commented
- Difficult to find where items get drawn and where files are invoked
- None of our team members know C++



- An enhancement doesn't have to be large
- More time consuming to implement a feature than to map the architecture

Closing Statements



Thank you!



Any Questions?