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Flappy Bird Project Report (Manny Bird)

Title: Manny Bird – A Flappy Bird Clone

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1. introduction

This project is a remake of the popular mobile game Flappy Bird using Python and the Pygame library. The main idea of the game is very simple: the player controls a bird that must fly between pipes without hitting them. Even though the gameplay looks easy, it is actually very challenging and addictive.

2. problem statement

make a simple bird game where player avoids pipes, scores points, and game ends on collision.

3. functional requirements

- bird moves with keyboard**
- pipes spawn with random gaps**
- collision detection**
- score tracking**
- reset after game over**

4. non-functional requirements

- **smooth fps (~60)**
- **responsive controls**
- **simple code structure**
- **lightweight assets**

5. System architecture

- **main loop: events + rendering**
- **bird class: position + image**
- **pipe class: position + scoring**
- **event system: key presses + timers**

6. design decisions

- scaled images manually
- pipe timer with pygame.USEREVENT
- score increments by 0.5 per pipe and there are two pipes per
- used random package for pipe spawn randomly

7. implementation details

- window: 360x640
- gravity: 0.4, jump: -5
- pipe spawn: every 1.5s

9. screenshots & results

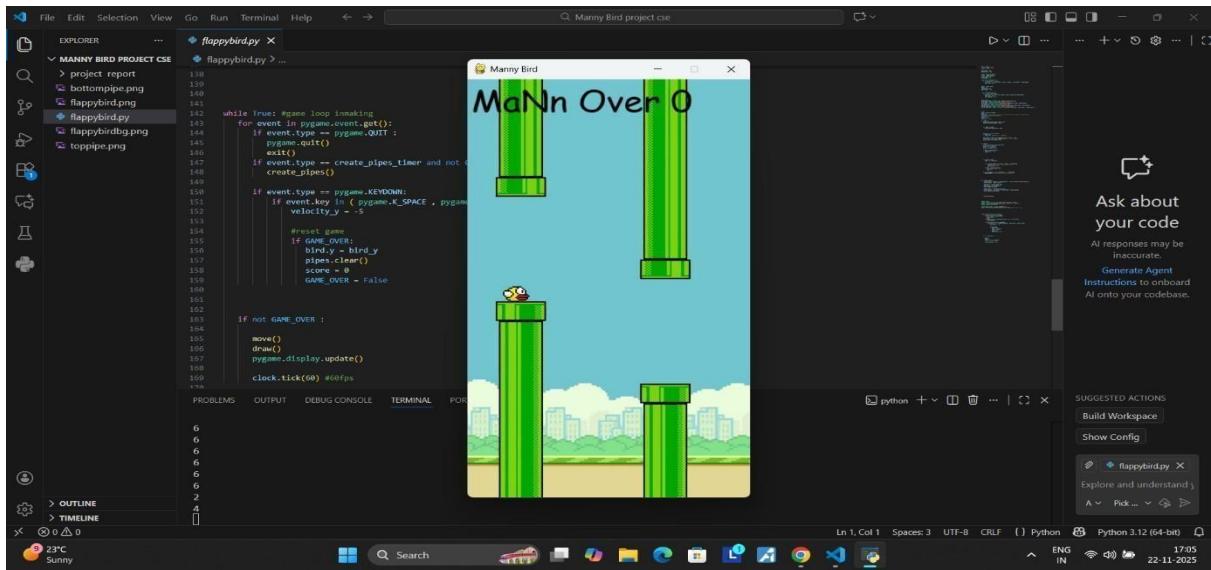
The screenshot shows a Microsoft Visual Studio Code (VS Code) interface with two windows side-by-side, both displaying the same Flappy Bird game code and a running game preview.

Top Window (Light Theme):

- Explorer:** Shows files in the project: flappybird.py, bottompipe.png, flappybird.png, flappybirdbg.png, and toppipe.png.
- Code Editor:** Displays the Python code for flappybird.py. The code initializes Pygame, sets up the window dimensions, defines a Bird class (with methods like update and collision), and a Pipe class (with methods like update and passed). It also includes a main loop for the game.
- Terminal:** Shows the command "python flappybird.py" being run.
- Output:** Displays the game's output, showing the Flappy Bird character jumping between pipes.
- Suggested Actions:** Includes options like "Build Workspace" and "Show Config".

Bottom Window (Dark Theme):

- Explorer:** Shows the same files as the top window.
- Code Editor:** Displays the same Python code for flappybird.py.
- Terminal:** Shows the command "powershell flappybird.py" being run.
- Output:** Displays the game's output, showing the Flappy Bird character jumping between pipes.
- Suggested Actions:** Includes options like "Build Workspace" and "Show Config".



10. testing approach

Manually played it for some time tested every possible way and yeah initially there were some bugs like the score wasn't increasing ,there was a time when it couldn't detect if the bird touched the ground or not but used a bit of youtube and google and fixed it .

11. challenges faced

Looping was very hard and settings pole were very hard to used a bit of youtube . It was quite challenging it took me like 2days to understand hpw pygame works but yeah with the help of yt and google I managed to get it done . Not gonna lie I used yt but I wrote every line of code by myself

12. learnings

Learned how newtons is applicable in coding lol like gravity. Also learned about how to use pygame , how to use random function ,how to use include external png's , how to resize them etc etc.

13. future enhancements

add sounds, menu, high scores, bird animation, mobile controls.This was a basic game in future I might make it 3d using unreal engines maybe

14. references

Youtube tutorials and Github examples.