Software Testing

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1. Introduction

For our Software Testing project, we are required to complete a document which will cover a wide range of testing and methodologies. The goal is to write about procedures that should be taken when testing the development and completion of a 2D game coded in Unity. The goal of the document is to give the reader a deep understanding of the design decisions and the choices that were made throughout the development of the game.

I will be discussing different types of testing and important features and functionality which require specific testing. The importance of testing software is crucial in Game Development especially if it is being pushed to stores such as Steam or the Play Store. If a sufficient amount of testing has been carried out this will reduce the number of bugs or glitches to occur when the user is playing the game. This will show that the game is developed at a high standard.

1. Objectives and Tasks
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The objective is to develop a 2D game using Unity. The game can be either a Shooter, Platformer or a Traditional Game (Board Game). You are allowed to use the “clone and tweak” method by taking a game that already exists and tweaking it into your own design. The end goal is to complete the design and development of a game that runs smooth without bugs for a user to play.

* 1. Tasks

For the design of the game you must make sure that you have included the following functionality to achieve the basics of Game Development. A Front End is required so the player can Start the Game, Pause the Game and End the Game. These UI components should all occur outside of the gameplay and carry out the correct function from any point within the game. In Game Menus should be accessible during gameplay so the player might have the option to change the volume of the game or to Resume or Exit the game. Control Mechanisms is essential within the game so the player can move and carry out the required functions to complete the game. It would be beneficial for the player to be able to access the Controls page through a Menu UI which would add to the design features of the game. The Game should have a progress and punishment aspect to the gameplay, without this it would make the game monotonous and the user would just play it from start to finish without any difficulty so making the game increasingly more difficult as you progress is essential.

1. Scope
   1. General

The general scope of the functionality which we will be testing are the interfaces that will navigate the player around the game and ensure that all functionality within the interfaces are reliable and there is no point within the game where a functionality will fail to load. I will also be testing the player movement and controls to ensure their responsiveness and consistency. Ultimately, I will be testing the player pick-ups and enemy collision detection to ensure that these two important aspects of the game will adhere to their functionality while playing the game.

* 1. Tactics

1. Testing Strategy

The techniques we are going to use to test the functionality of the game developed will be thoroughly monitored. There will be no element left untested and no bugs will remain once all the tests have been completed. The strategy we will be using is the Methodical Strategy. Each member of the testing team will be given a checklist and a set of conditions to use to test specific aspects of the game. The Methodical Strategy will be beneficial also to testing the security of our game. The Reactive Strategy is a testing method that we will use for once the game is complete and ready for consumer use, we can test to see if it will be fully optimized and can withstand a high amount of traffic.

* 1. Unit Testing

Unit Testing must be carried out efficiently and accurately as it will save a lot of time and money when the product is completed. The unit testing, we will be carrying out is Manual Unit Testing.

Participants:

1. John Doe.
2. Jane Fahy.

Methodology:

John is tasked with writing the testing scripts and Jane is tasked with carrying out the required tests for Unit Testing. Jane will not be capable of carrying out tests until John has completed his task of writing the scripts. Once the scripts have been written Jane will gather test data to use for his task.

* 1. System and Integration Testing

System integration testing is very important for the project to assure that the interfaces are carrying out their required functions. Testing these features correctly will avoid any bugs on release and allows us to become aware of any errors or mistakes that were made before the game has been shipped. It is likely that we will find many of errors when carrying out this form of testing, but it is all beneficial towards creating a successful product.

Participants:

1. Mary Kelly.
2. Aaron Moran.

Methodology:

* 1. Performance and Stress Testing

Performance and Stress Testing are extremely important for this project. In Game Development the user must be able to have an enjoyable experience playing the game and not have to deal with any performance issues. A games performance can make or break its success, so it is vitally important that we achieve a substantial level of performance.

Participants:

1. Mark Cleary.
2. Declan Moran.

Methodology:

* 1. User Acceptance Testing