Assignment 3: Lone Survivor

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Game Concept

Vertical scrolling shooter/bullet hell/shoot 'em up

- Raiden
- Cup head

Core elements I wanted

- Frantic game play
- A build up to difficult gameplay
- Diverse enemies
- Strategy in selecting power ups

Target Audience

People who:

want a quick game play experience

Max 5-8 minutes per run

Enjoy a skill based challenge (as opposed primarily intelligence or strategic)

Enjoy random elements

- Enemy spawns
- Pickups/powerups

Enjoy difficult boss fights

The game I imagined:

Fast paced action

Enemies largely out-numbering the player

Variety of enemy patterns

Variety of weapons

Combining weapon types

Difficult bosses

Fun!

The game I Made:

Fast paced action

Enemies largely out-numbering the player

Variety of enemy patterns

Variety of weapons

Combining weapon types

This made the game too easy, by simply combining and required more balancing than I anticipated

Difficult bosses

Fun!

+pickups (life, shield, bombs) were added to balance the late game, allowing slightly more forgiving gameplay as well as more strategic resource management

Objectives

Survive until the timer Runs out

- 5 levels to survive through
- 2 bosses, 3rd and 5th levels

Defeat enemies for points and to earn combos and achieve a high score

Means to achieve the objective

Shoot enemy to drop pickups

Pickup let the player defeat more enemies

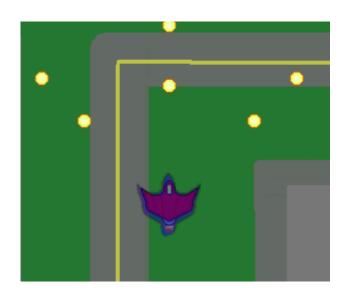
Bombs can be a way to clear a large swath of enemies

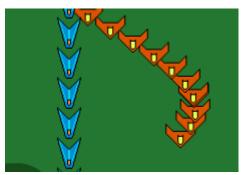
Dodging

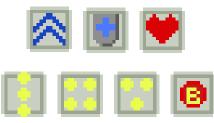
Strategically taking a hit

- For placing bombs better
- Avoiding more damage

Gameplay, guns and power ups







Power Ups

Speed up: Doubles the players speed

Shield: Blocks a point of damage

Life: Restores a hit point to the player

Fast Firing: Increases the speed that the player shoots at

Double firing: Weapon which shoots 2 bullets in parallel

Spread firing: Weapon which shoots 3 bullets in a wide angle

Bomb: adds a bomb to the players bomb count



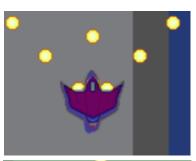
Guns and Gameplay

Basic enemies die in a single hit

Gun powerups have different situations which they are advantageous

Dodging

Bomb use and conservation







Enemies



Zig Zagging pattern



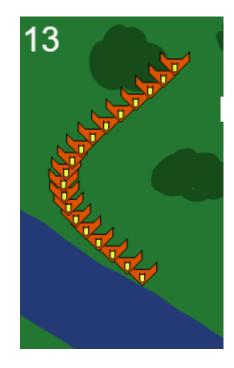
Weaving pattern



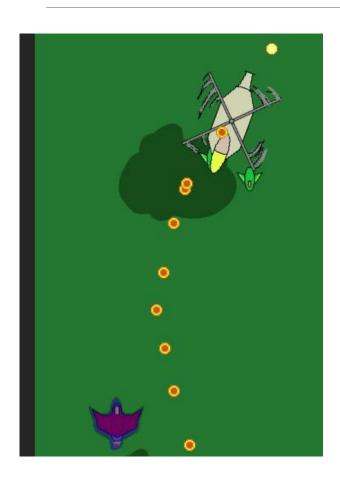
Straight, fast Line

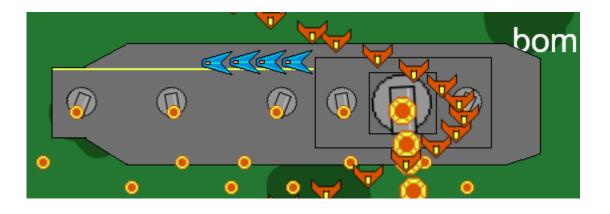


Random, fast side-to-side movement



bosses





Helicopter Boss

Darts around, only pauses for 1 second

Shoots bursts of 10 bullets at the player every 4 seconds

Can strike the player

can move to not be hit by the player.



Gunship

Large health pool: 1200 health

Has 5 independently shooting guns

Has one large cannon which fires slow, big bullets

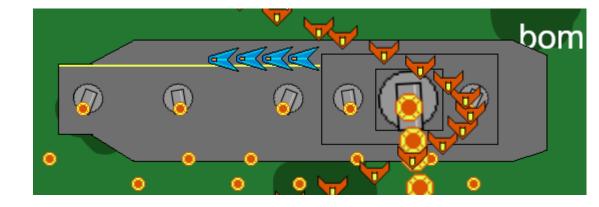
The player is forced to dodge

The final test of skill for the player

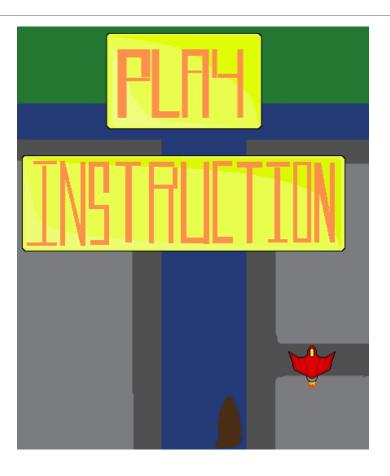
Shoots at random points

Shoots directly at the player

Shoots in back and forth motions



Demo



Resources and art tools

Sprite art:

GraphicsGale

Level and menu art:



Sounds and music:



