

Game Technologies

Semester project
Code Name: Platformer

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<https://github.com/Penguinazor/mse.gt.project>

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Introduction

- Godot Game Engine
- Open Source, multiplatform
- GDScript, Python Superset
- Young Game Engine
 - Started in 2007, open sourced in 2014
 - Unity was released in 2005
- Good opportunity to learn something different
- Challenging

Gameplay

- Heads-Up Display
- Map
- Collectables
- Bot

Gameplay - HUD

- 1st/3rd View
- Minimap
- Lives
- Score
- Collectibles
- Time left
- Status
- Flashlight
- Running
- <esc>



Gameplay - Map

- Possibility to use the environment
 - Platforms (jumps, ...)
 - Houses, blocks (hide)
- Interactions
 - Lift
 - Spikes



Gameplay - Collectables

- Collectible by collision
- Pieces are ray-casted randomly on the map
- Different values:
 - Bronze: 1pts
 - Silver: 2pts
 - Gold: 3pts

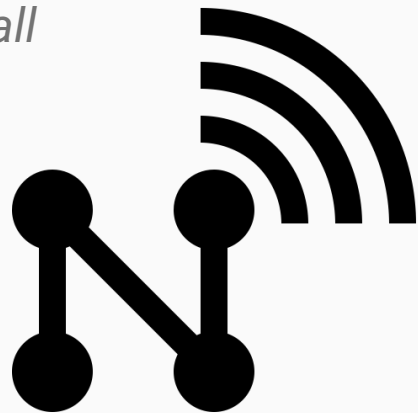


Gameplay - Bot

- To distract the players
- One NPC on the map
- Moves across the map
- Shots at players
- Immortal
- Bot temporarily freezes on hit

Network

- Client / Server architecture
- Sharing information is done using *Remote Procedure Call*
 - RPC
 - Sync RPC
 - Master/Pupper RPC
- Multiplayer API has a rich abstraction layer
- Godot Debugger attached only to one instance



Artificial Intelligence

Three different states:

1. IDLE: Waiting at initial position, looking for enemies in the neighborhood
2. Hunt: Following a player, and attack when it is close enough
3. Retreat: Going back to initial position

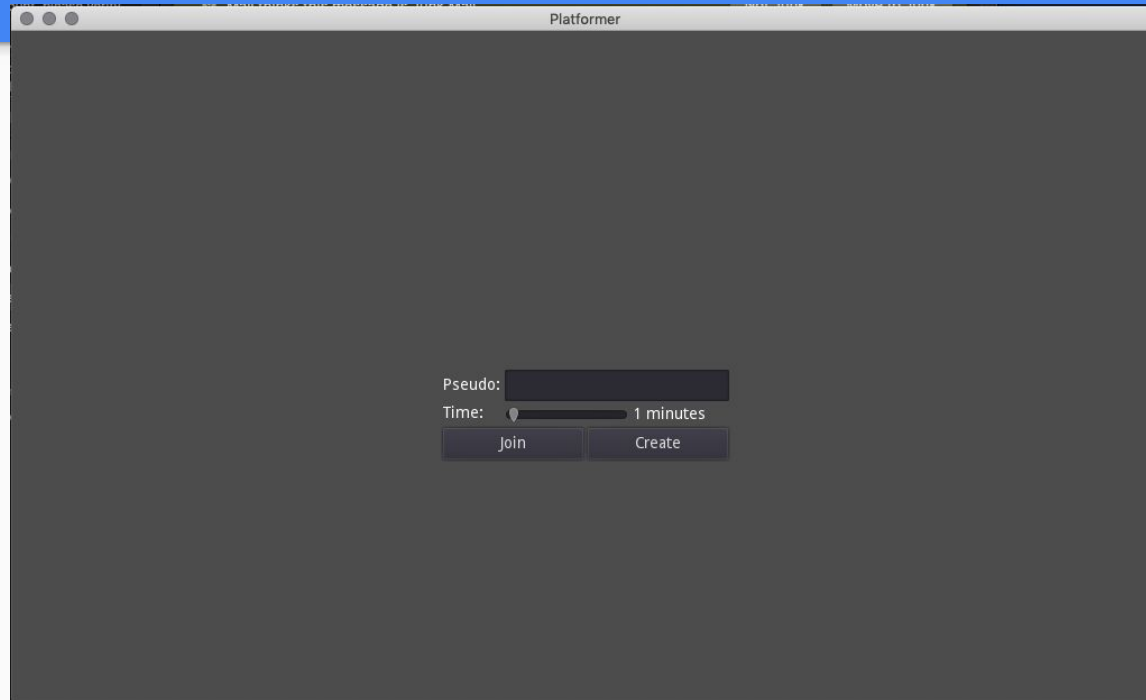
Inflicting damages to the Bot stuns it for three seconds

Ending a game

Two different endings are possible:

- Killing the opposite player
- Highest score at the end of the allocated time

Demo



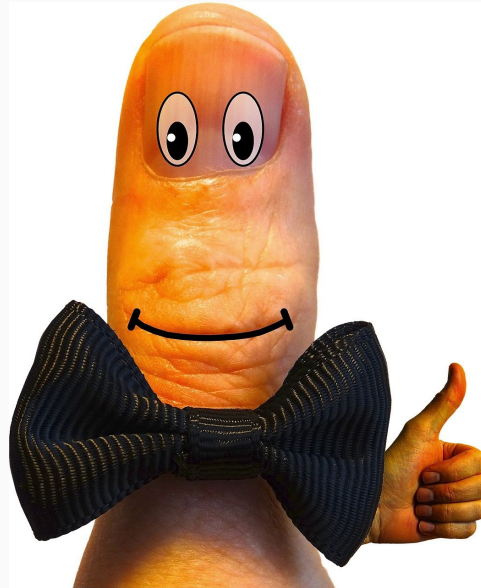
Improvements

- Map improvements:
 - Spikes
 - More interaction
 - Close borders
- Unfinished Features / Bugs
 - Need to restart the server to restart a game session
 - Player dies if falling out of edge
- Gameplay:
 - Different type of Snowballs

Conclusion

- It is a good prototype but not a complete game
- Using Godot was a good experience, but...
 - Lack of documentation/examples
 - Lack of community questions online
- Constantly evolving APIs

Questions ?



Checklist

- Terrain
- Personnage / Mouvement
- Ressources : Internes – Importées / Material – Texture
- Génération aléatoire des Ressources et placement aléatoire
- Gestion de 3 caméras : FPS – 3rd – MiniMap
- Lumière directionnelle
- Lumières ponctuelles décoratives
- Collection des « Ressources » avec les collisions
- Permettre au personnage de lancer des projectiles en utilisant des forces
- Les projectiles sont aussi des colliders avec un timeout de vie
- Les projectiles explosent en cas de collision avec un système à particules
- Des objets qui tombent du ciel avec un Raycast pour la détection du sol
- Initier des composants UI pour afficher les indicateurs du jeu
- 2 Joueurs se confrontent sur le même terrain
- Le jeu se termine si un joueur tue un autre (projectiles et barre de vie)
- Le jeu se termine après une durée maximale (score selon ressources accumulées)
- Network: Gestion des positions des joueurs et des ressources
- Gameplay: projectiles et des collisions des projectiles et des barres de vies
- Gameplay: Gestion de la récupération des ressources et des scores
- AI Déplacement au sein de la scène
- AI Comportement : attendre, attaquer, revenir