

Lecture 14

Announcements

- AY: Reminder to end P3 team signup
- Note: Be careful about pre-mature optimization (IE, don't optimize your code's runtime performance until it is actually a problem). Your mission is to optimize development-time performance, as content is truly king (and our computers are very fast).
 - Very common anecdote: "Student comes in with bug. Bug was caused by an attempt at optimization. We profile with Window -> Analysis -> Profiler and discover that optimizations are completely unnecessary right now. Result: Student burned their time for nothing because "pre-mature optimization is the root of all evil."
- A day in the Life of a Japanese Game Developer (at Namco Bandai)
- General Announcement: Class will begin shifting into a more diverse variety of topics (now that you're all working on different projects with different needs).
 - Team Organization
 - SIMD Programming + GPUs
 - Games and Education
 - Games as Art
 - o Etc
- Common P3 Early Issues
 - o Games should not require keyboard usage if gameplay is primarily controller-based.
 - Multiplayer games benefit tremendously from controller usage.
 - o Art Consistency (Art Styles) <u>Undertale</u> vs. <u>Sexy Hiking</u>
 - o credits.txt missing when needed.
 - Embedding UI into the world + Timers vs progress.
 - Timers have many issues. They can seem arbitrary sometimes (timer <u>floating in sky</u>). They can end games prematurely (if a team gets too far ahead and a minimum time is required to score). (Compare to Buccaneer Booty Battle)

Introduction to P3: Showcase Game Project

Slides

Assignments Released

- p3_gold_spike
- p3_project_management
- ec_roster_review

Game Examples ~ P3 : Showcase Game Project

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PostProcessing

- The power of post processing to change a scene's "flavor" and emotion. (Final Fantasy 15)
- Demo (using Juiciness Project Above)
 - o Post-processing volume
 - Post-processing layer
- Bloom
 - o Elder Scrolls Approved
- Vignette
- Grain
- Depth of Field
 - o Dark Souls Approved
- Etc

Theming

slides