

1 Week 1 (6/21/16 - 6/27/16)

This weeks tasks:

- Idea generation
- Early drafts
- Early game prototype

1.1 Idea generation

Required constraints:

- Game
- Heartbeat or breathing sensor
- “Physical computing”
- Q-learning
- “Affective computing”

1.1.1 Final Concept: Flappy Penguin (working name)

A game in the spirit of *Flappy Bird* featuring:

- “Protagonist” is a penguin
- Side-scrolling movement
- Ice blocks entering the stage as obstacles
- *Physical object* controls penguin movement
- Breath-meter indicates penguins remaining breath
- User breathing while the penguin is under water reduces the breath-meter
- User breathing while the penguin is at the water surface replenishes breath-meter
- Empty breath meter means death by suffocation, i.e. game over
- Additional air bubbles can be collected under water to increase breath
- *Q-learning* used for either placement of air bubbles of a second, computer-controlled penguin
- Visually using the style of *Thomas was Alone*

Figure 1: Concept sketches

1.2 Early drafts

See figure 1

Figure 2: Screenshots of different iterations

1.3 Early game prototype

See figure 2