PacMan's global rethinking

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Problems

Only one file

The code is concentrated in a single file which is imported into an html. It is difficult to maintain because it is not very structured for a developer who arrives on the project

Browsers compatibility

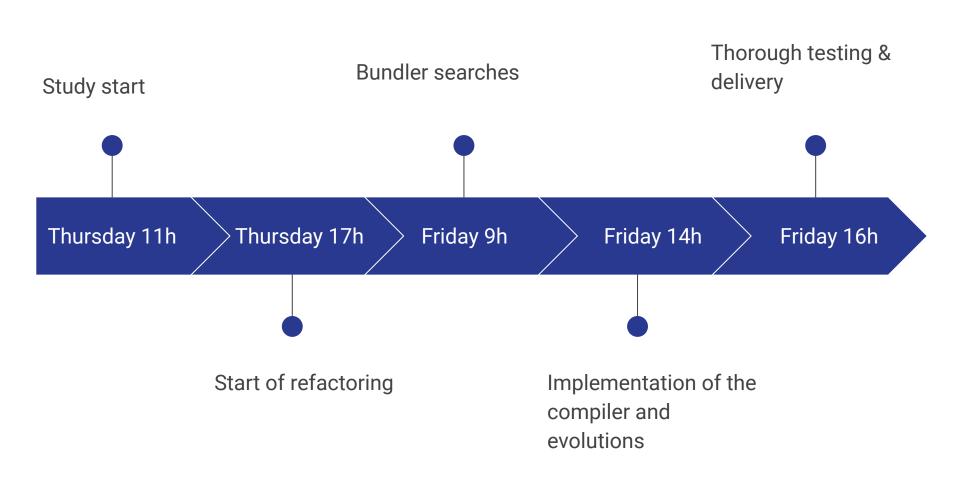
Although written in js compatible with current browsers, it would be nice to secure our backs for the future by ensuring our source code is compiled for older browsers.

Project weight

The code is currently not minified on the production, its weight and loading time could be improved.

Details of the challenges to be won





Code study

The project code requires refactoring to allow:

- more easily modify game variables
- semantically separate the different elements of the game
- allow in the future to retrieve new variables from an API
- enrich the project with new features:
 - end of Game
 - more different levels
 - colorful css theme customization

Folder organisation

Useful documentation:

- https://blog.logrocket.com/the-perfect-architecture-flow-for-your-next-node-js-project/
- https://stackoverflow.com/questions/5178334/folder-structure-for-a-node-js-project
- https://gist.github.com/lancejpollard/1398757

Choices made for our project:

According to the documentation and node recommendation, we can split js code into multiple file. We can order them in directories to help general project code comprehension.

I choose to separate the different classes in a Model directory and an other GameLogic folder. The js code will be splited in several files. One o then will contain all the gameValues, in the future il could be replaced with a server response.

Identified bundlers

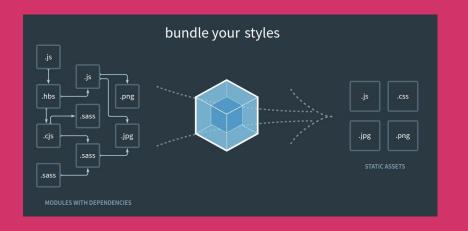
Parcel

https://parceljs.org/



Webpack

https://webpack.js.org/



Parcel | Pros & cons



- light
- fast to setup
- no configuration required
- babel transpilation included
- automatic file watch in dev mode

- no configurable settings
- Almost 600 issues on github

Webpack | Pros & cons



- Big reactive community
- team is already trained on this technology
- lot of different bundles availables
- same technology uses on our other symfony projects
- prod and dev mode can be setup

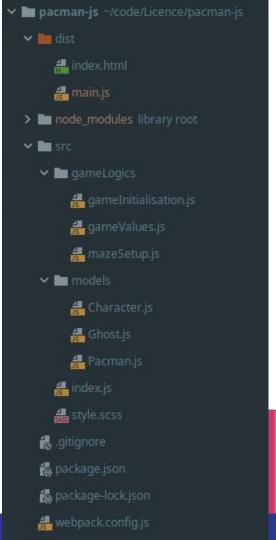
need to setup configuration

Winner is

Webpack!

New folder architecture

- Dist folder contain the bundled code,
 the one we need on production server
- node_modules contains our dependencies
- src folder contain all our code, divided in several file organised in folders.
- webpack.config.js gather all the compilation setup.



New features

Sass instead of Css

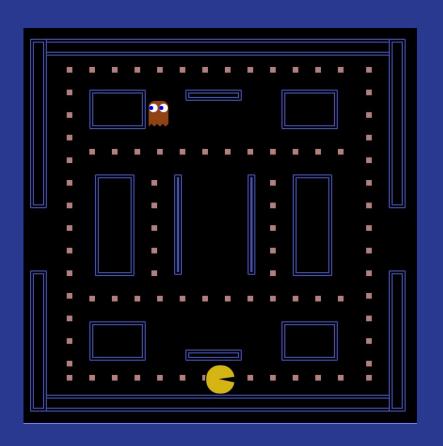
We can now use variables in css code to choose colors or speeds (for pacman mouth for example).

Ghosts and Pacman stop

At the end of the game, either if its a victory or gameover, Ghosts stop moving and generating, and Pacman mouse top moving.

Last minute needs

Choose game level and cookie saving the values.



Let's go!