



Game Name: Volley Spikers  
Theme: Beach Volleyball  
Art Style: Scenery: 3D rendered 2D, low polygon style, Characters: 2D pixel  
Main gameplay: physical, multiplayer online, volleyball, soccer, squash  
Number of players: 1 or more.  
(Maximum number of players depends on the computer's performance.)

Cute, somatosensory, multiplayer volleyball game which only needs cell phones to control.



**Video Link :**  
<https://youtu.be/rtAtbtPWmZI>



Jasmine : Scene building, ui design  
Johnson : Planning, 2D animation  
Terry : Programming, technical art

**Made With**



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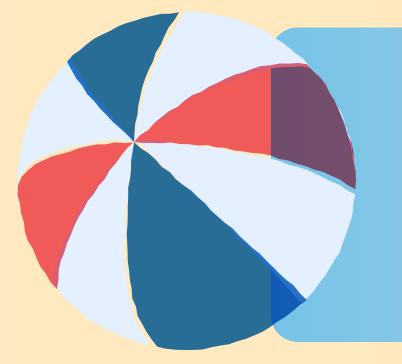
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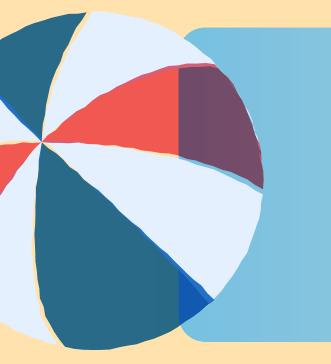
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# Inspiration



During the summer school, we came up with many themes in hopes of making an innovative game. However, we realized that even with new themes, gameplay innovation was still difficult. So, we focused on input methods. Most mainstream games use keypads, joysticks, or touchscreens as input, while somatic games require specialized devices (e.g., wii, kinect, etc.), limiting their popularity. We decided to use cell phone as the input device, which not only innovates the input method, but also ensures the popularity by eliminating the need for players to purchase additional devices.

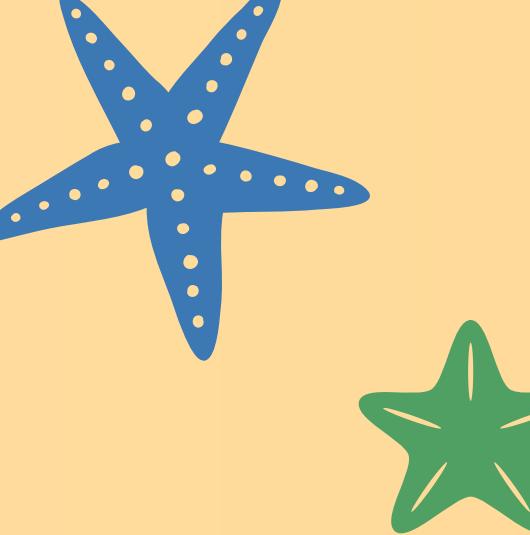


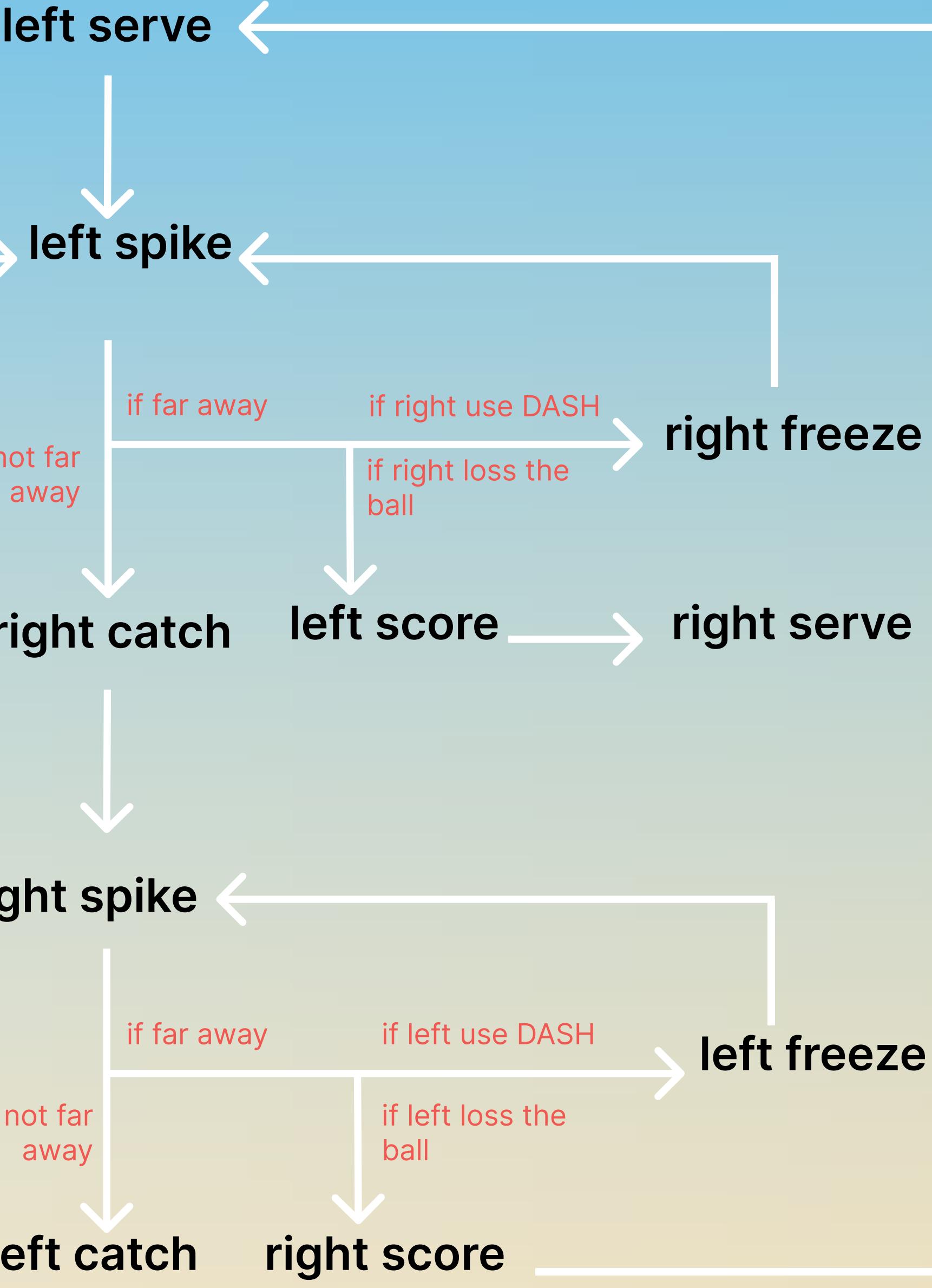
# Reference

The gameplay is inspired by volleyball, soccer, rattan ball and racquetball.

The major mechanics are based on volleyball: players should hit the ball and try to let their opponents failed to catch the ball.

The ball in this game can be kicked, just like soccer and rattan ball. Besides, this game has walls like racquetball, though the walls are transparent.

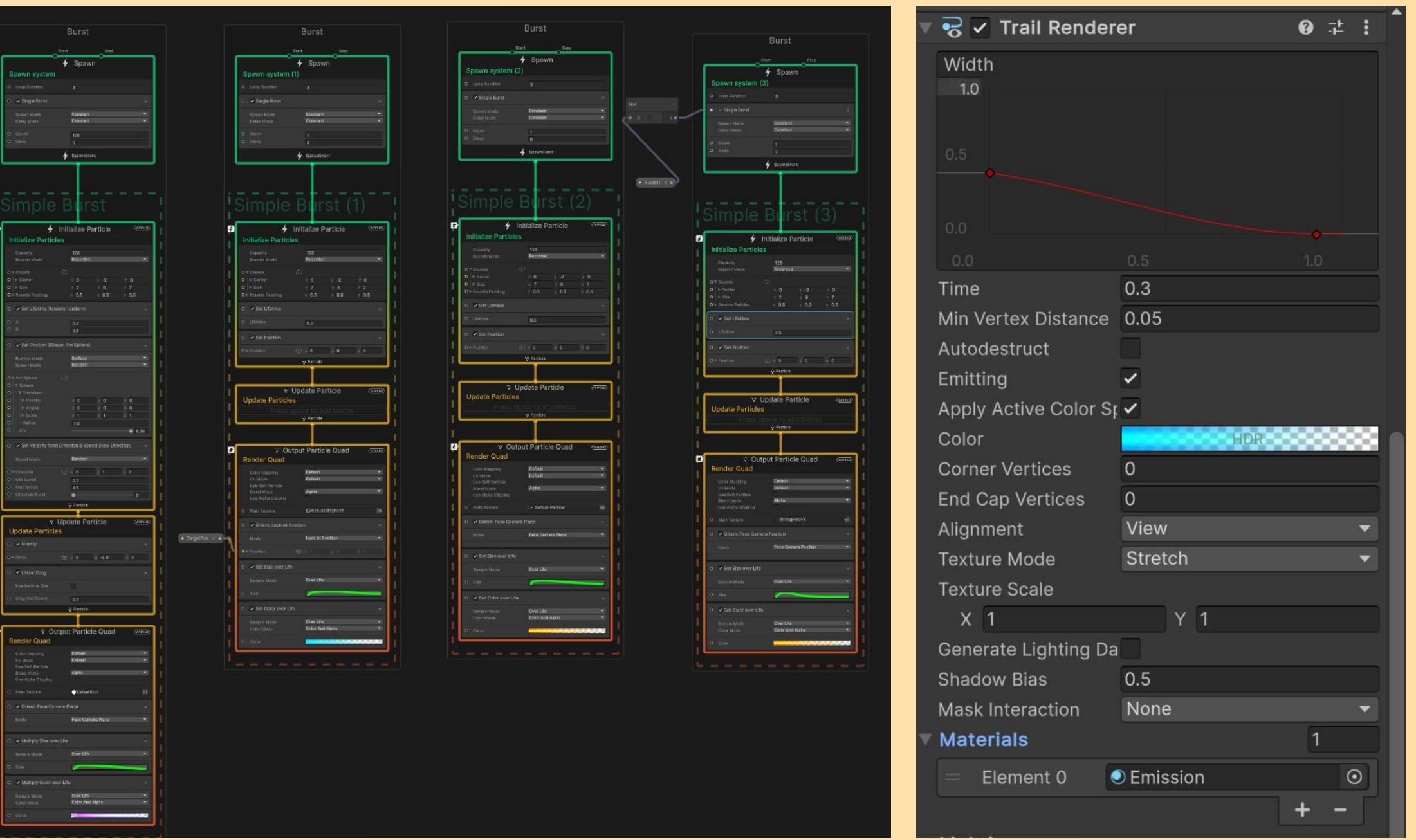




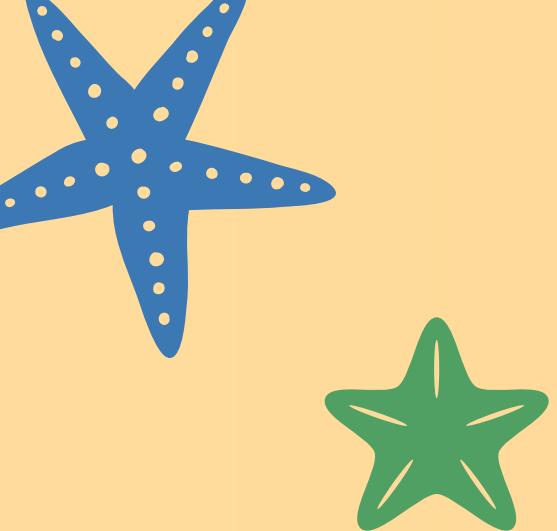
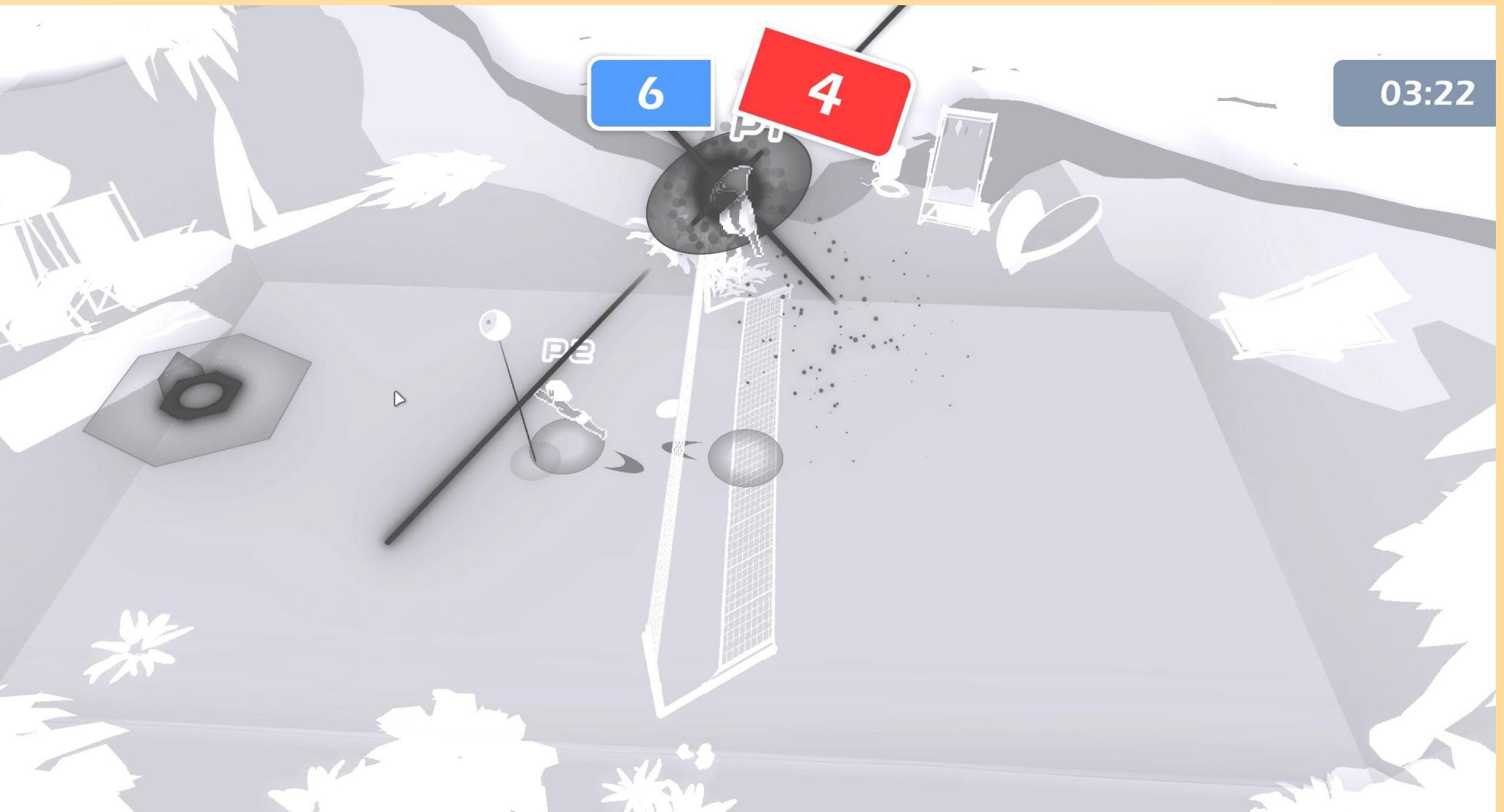
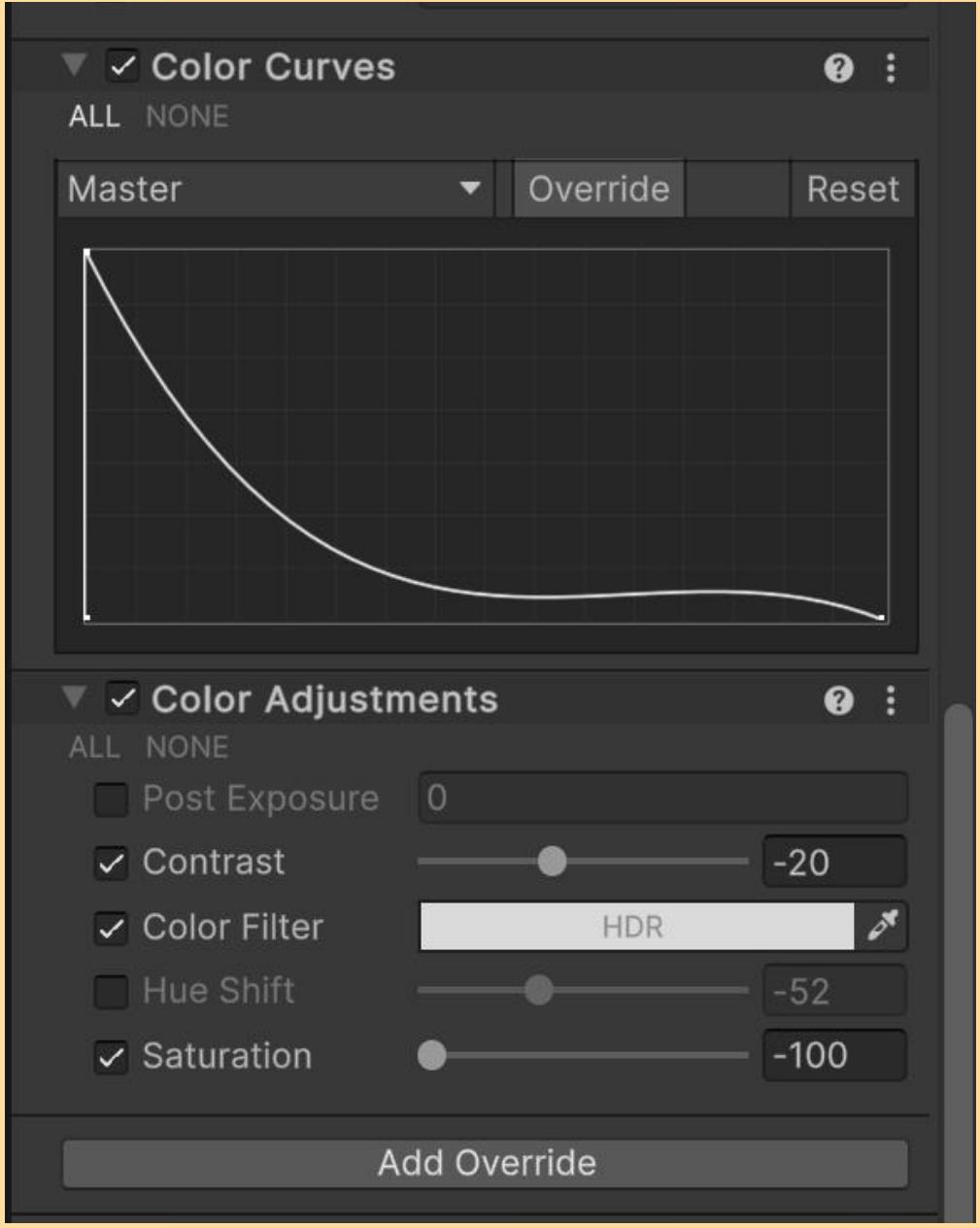
## Flow Chart

# Visual Effects

We used VFX Graph for hit/smash effect, and trail renderer for the ball's trail.



We also used some post processing effects to create a blink screen effect. This effect significantly enhanced the feedback when a player successfully smashed a ball.



# Play Football

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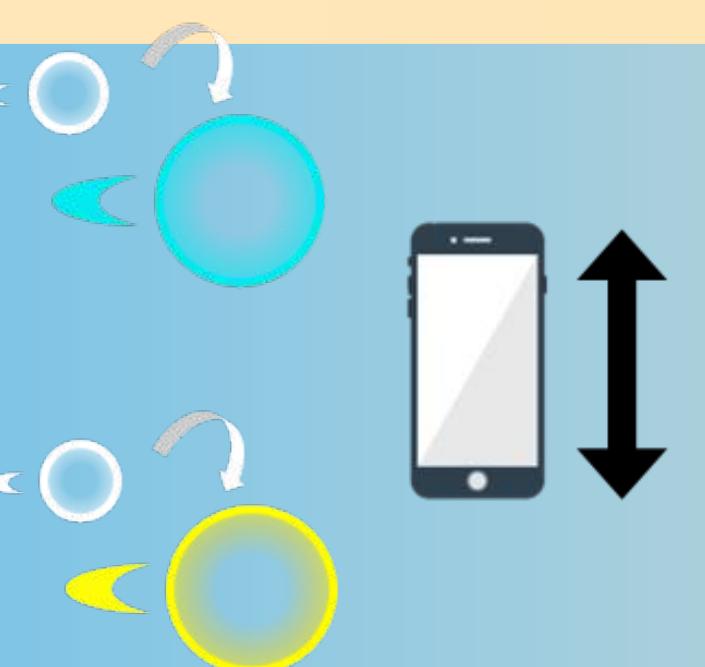
Aim the phone at the computer, and press "Calibrate Direction"

2



Hold the phone as shown in the picture, and incline the phone to move.

3



Shake your phone vertically when the circle under you changes color to kick/smash the ball.

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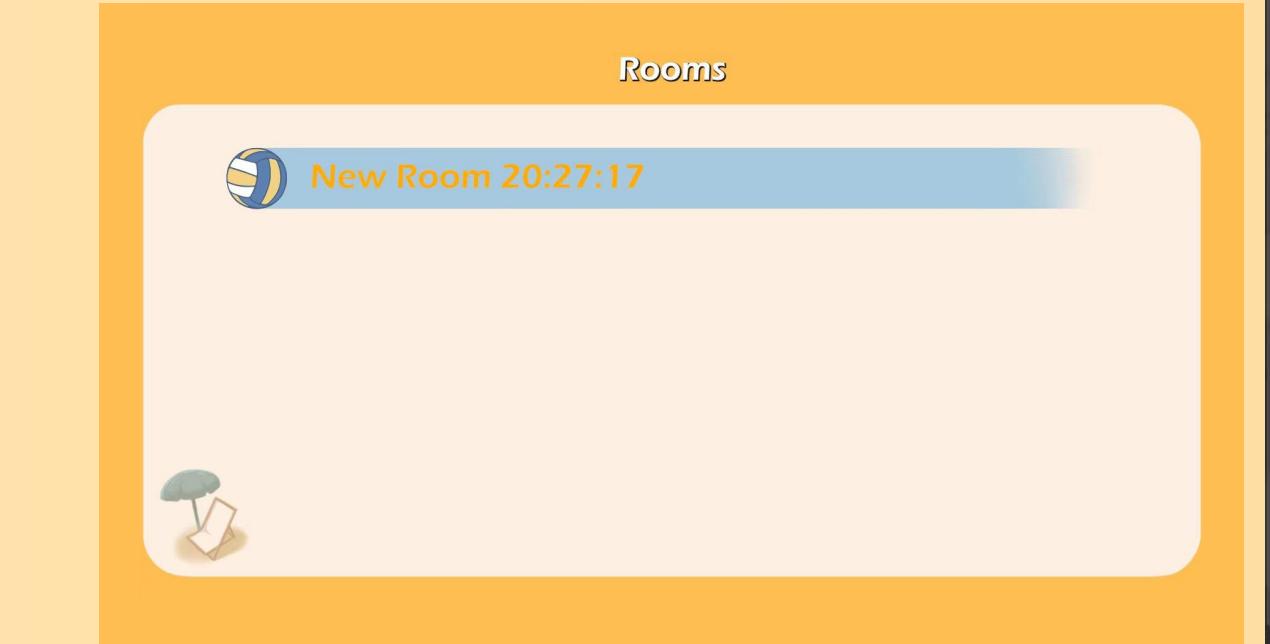
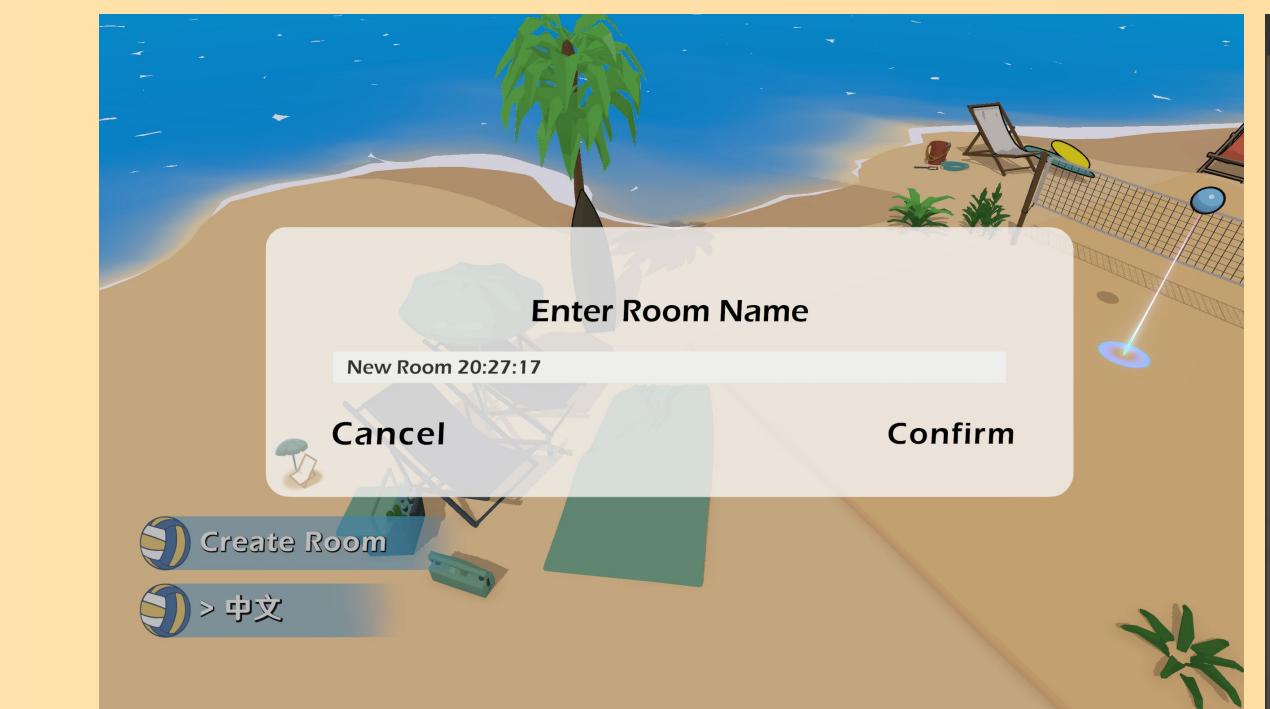
Press "Dash" to dash to the ball, but doesn't function when you're too far from the ball.



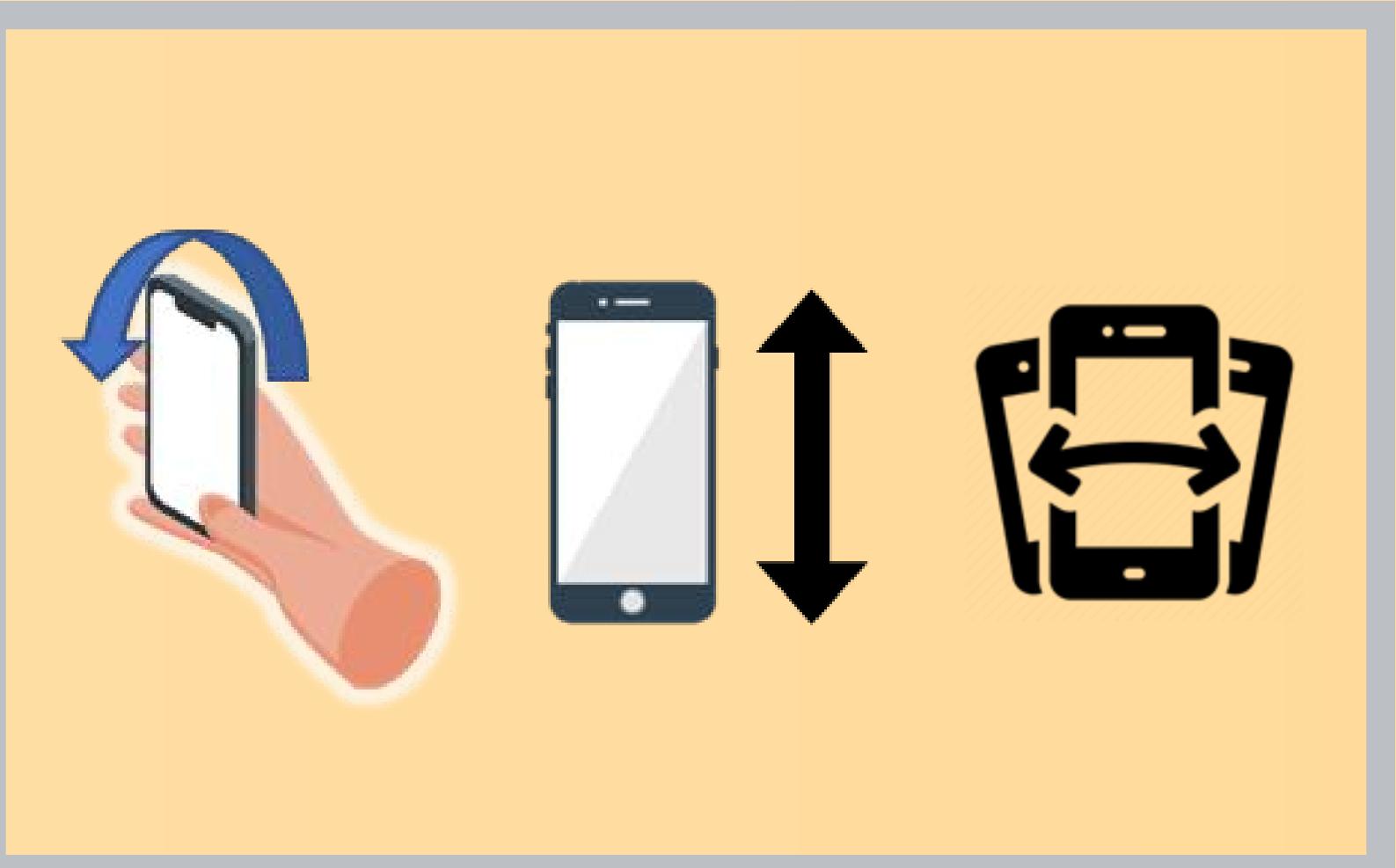
# Game Instructions



```
public void ApplyRemoteMsg(ControllerInfo info){  
    timeSinceLastRecv = 0;  
    if (!isActivatedRoute){  
        SetActive(true);  
        Message.Create(LocalizeTxt(params texts: ${num.text} Reconnected, ${num.text} 重新连接了"));  
  
        Quaternion q = Quaternion.Euler(-90, 0, 0);  
        if (side != info.side){  
            side = info.side;  
            transform.position = (int)side == 0 ? rightBirthPoint : leftBirthPoint;  
        }  
  
        var a:Vector3 = transform.eulerAngles;  
        a.y += 180;  
        transform.rotation = Quaternion.Euler(0, y: 180, z: 0);  
        Quaternion finalRotation = info.angleDelta * q * info.angle;  
        Vector3 dir = finalRotation * new Vector3(x: -1, y: 0, z: 0);  
  
        Vector3 velocityH = new Vector3(dir.x, y: 0, dir.z);  
  
        rb.velocity = new Vector3(x: 0, rb.velocity.y, z: 0) + velocityH * speed;  
        bool b = velocityH.magnitude > 0.5f;  
        if (b != running){  
            running = b;  
            animator.SetBool(runningBoolID, b);  
        }  
  
        var horizontalRotation:Quaternion = Quaternion.Euler(new Vector3(x: 0, finalRotation.eulerAngles.y, z: 0));  
  
        facingDirection = Quaternion.LookRotation(horizontalRotation * Vector3.forward);  
  
        if (Mathf.Abs(info.acceleration.x) > 2f){  
            Kick();  
        }  
  
        if (info.dashed){  
            Dash();  
        }  
  
        characterSprite.flipX = !(rb.velocity.z > 0);  
  
        if (!aniSpeedSetByOthers){  
            animator.SetFloat(speedFloatID, value: rb.velocity.z / -2f);  
        }  
}
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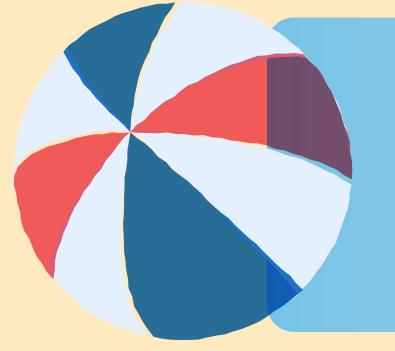


Controlling the character with phone's gyroscope:



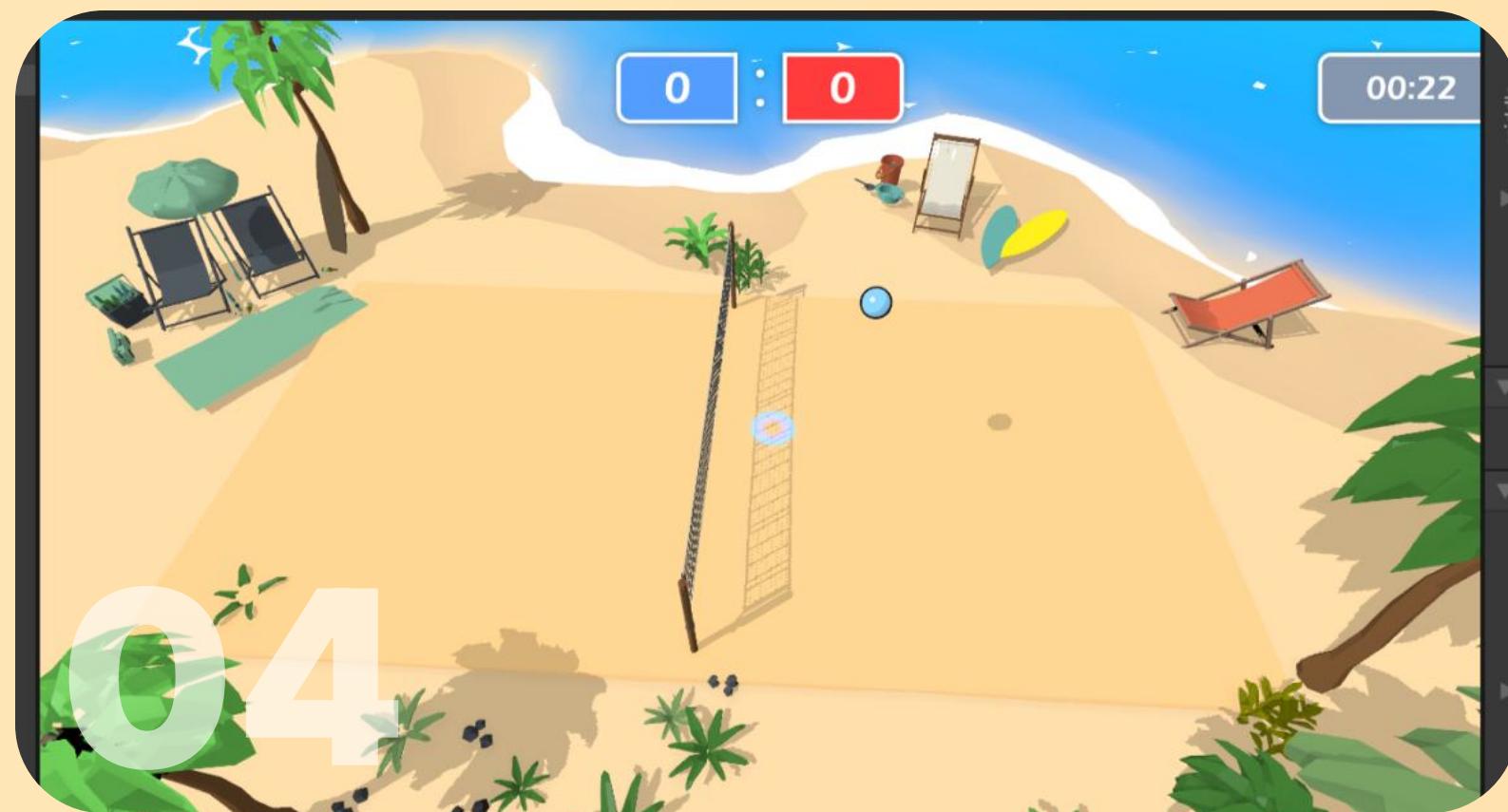
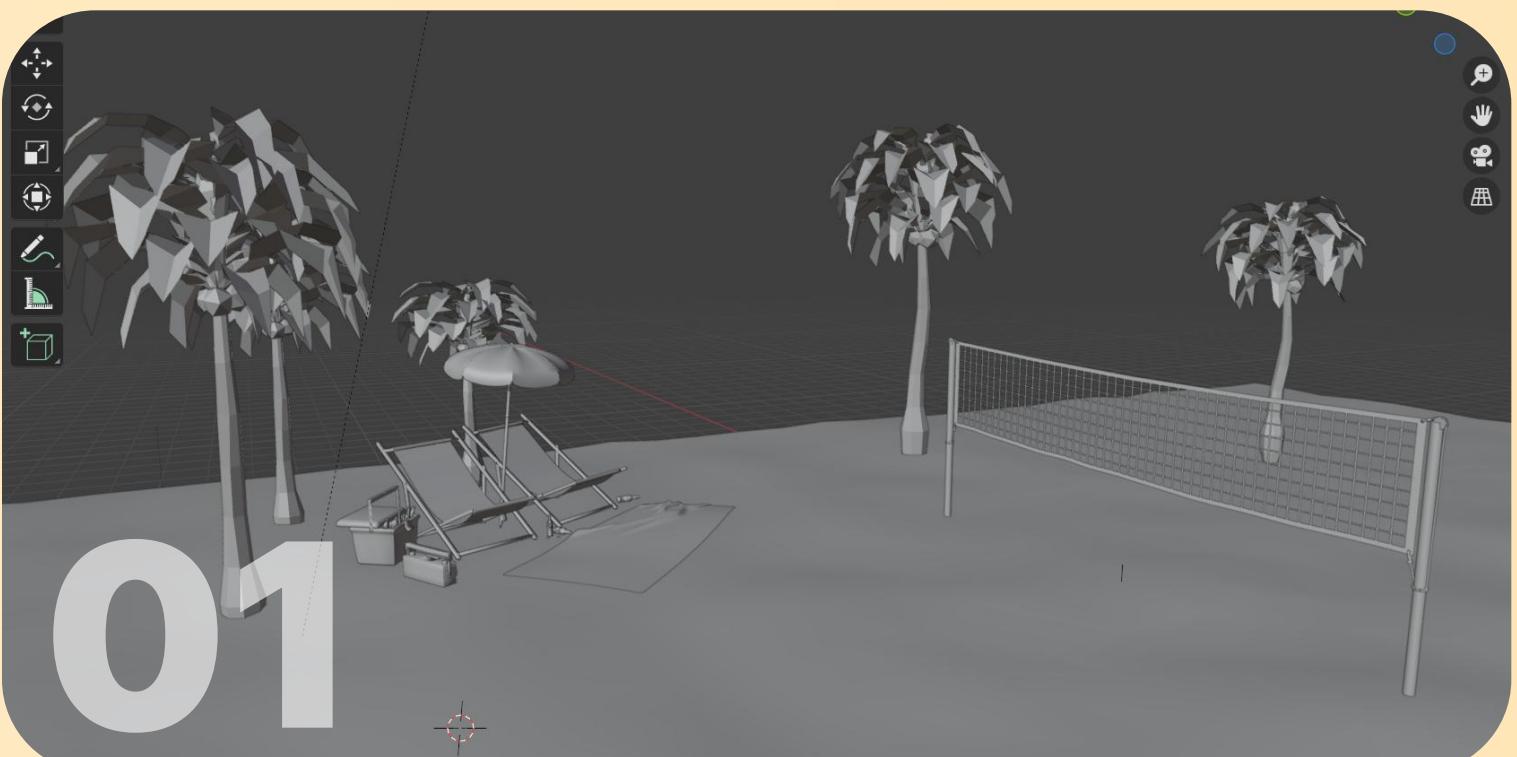
Broadcasting Room in Local Area Network:

```
public async void BroadcastRoom(string roomName){  
    var addresses: List<IPAddress> = NetSys.GetLocalAddresses();  
    for (int i = 0; i < addresses.Count; i++){  
        var a = addresses[i].ToString();  
        string tmp = a[(a.LastIndexOf(".") + 1)];  
        addresses[i] = IPAddress.Parse(tmp + " 255");  
        Debug.Log(message: addresses[i].ToString());  
    }  
  
    broadcasting = true;  
  
    for (int i = 0; i < addresses.Count; i++){  
        try{  
            NetSys.SendMsg(new NetworkMsg { type: Msg.RoomBroadcast, roomName }, new IPEndPoint(addresses[i], port: 8887));  
            Debug.Log(message: addresses[i].ToString() + " Passed");  
        }  
        catch{  
            addresses.RemoveAt(i);  
            i--;  
        }  
    }  
  
    while (broadcasting){  
        await Task.Delay(100);  
  
        foreach (var address in addresses){  
            try{  
                NetSys.SendMsg(new NetworkMsg { type: Msg.RoomBroadcast, roomName }, new IPEndPoint(address, port: 8887));  
            }  
            catch (Exception e){  
                Debug.Log(e.Message);  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
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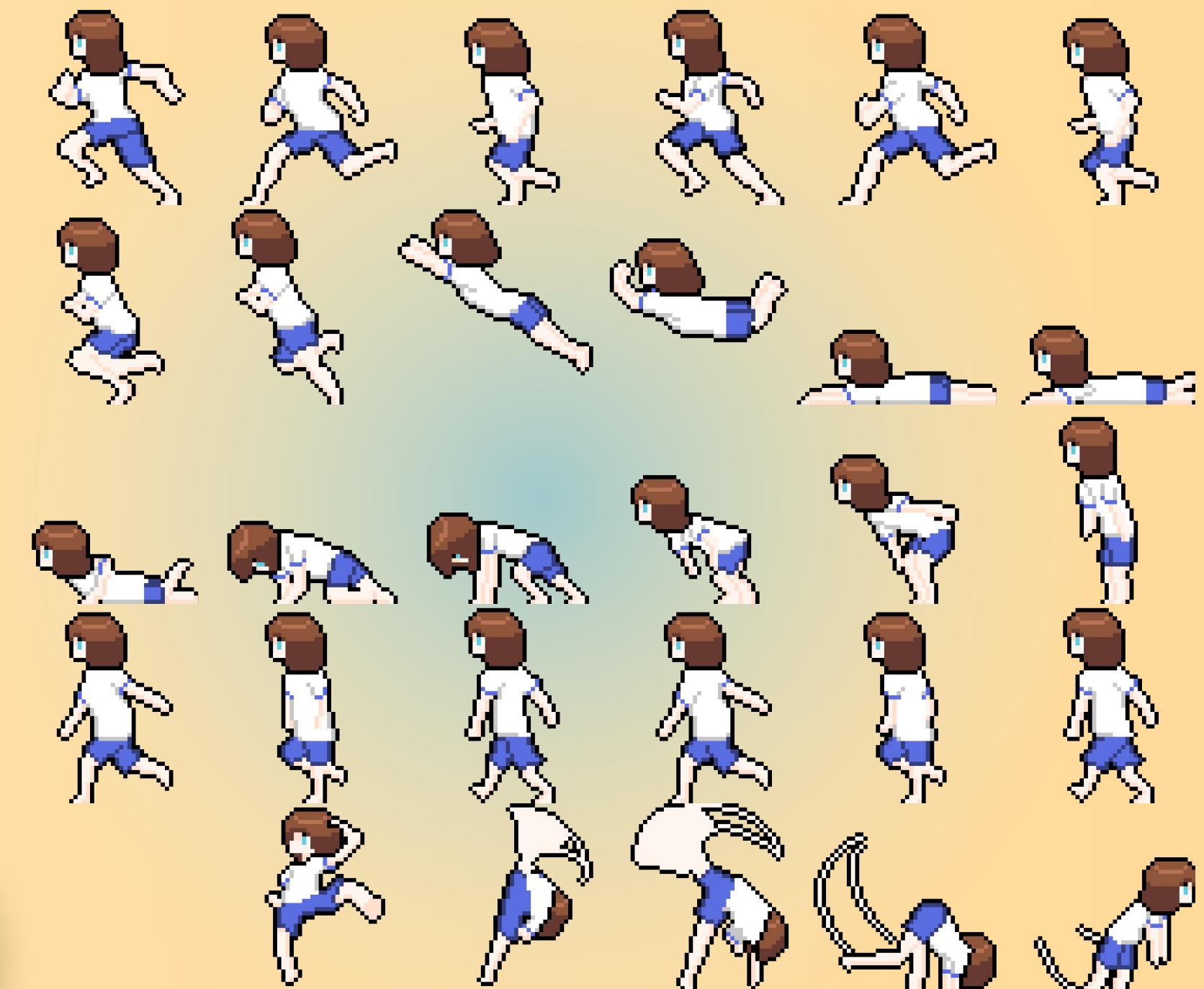
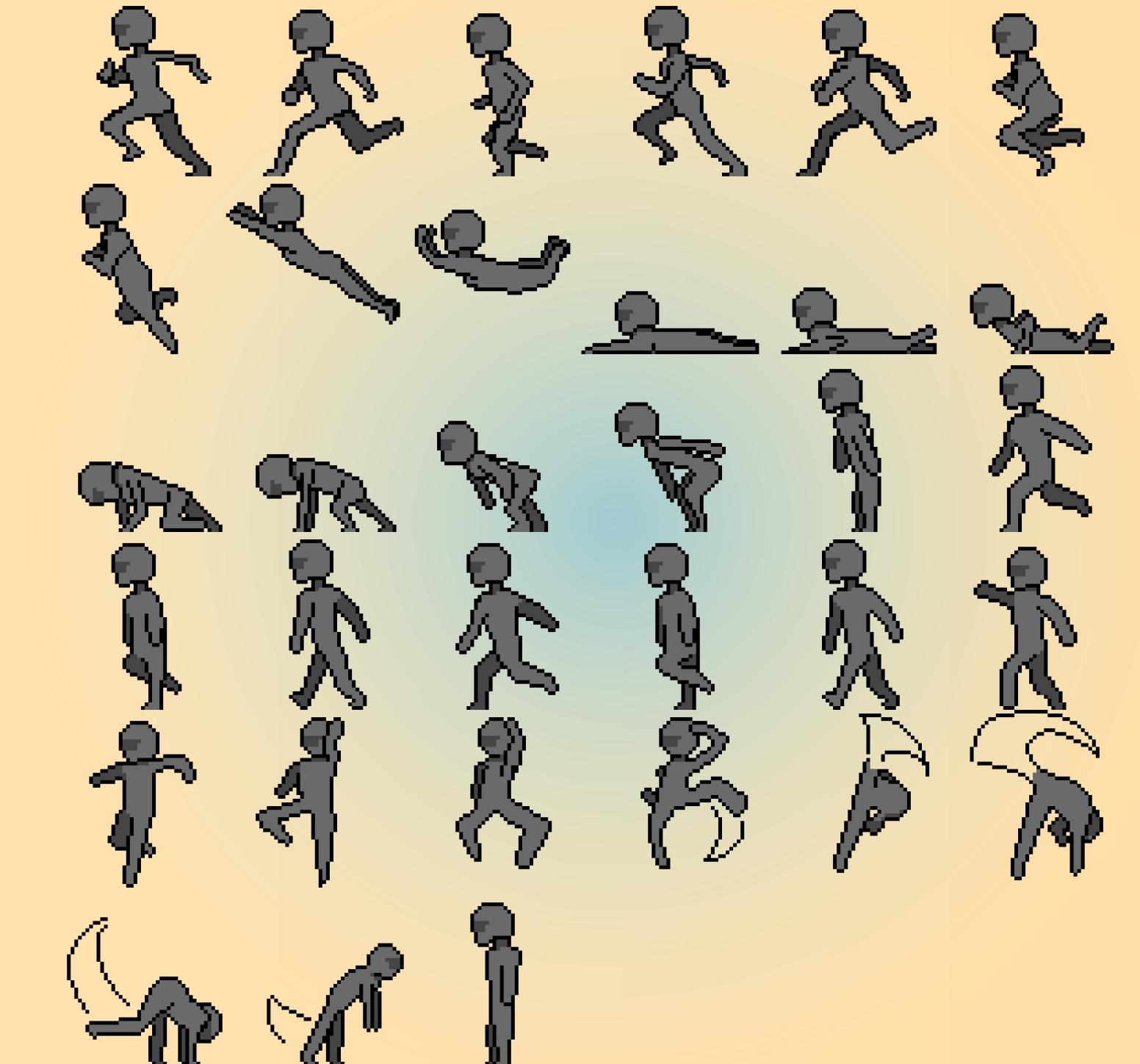
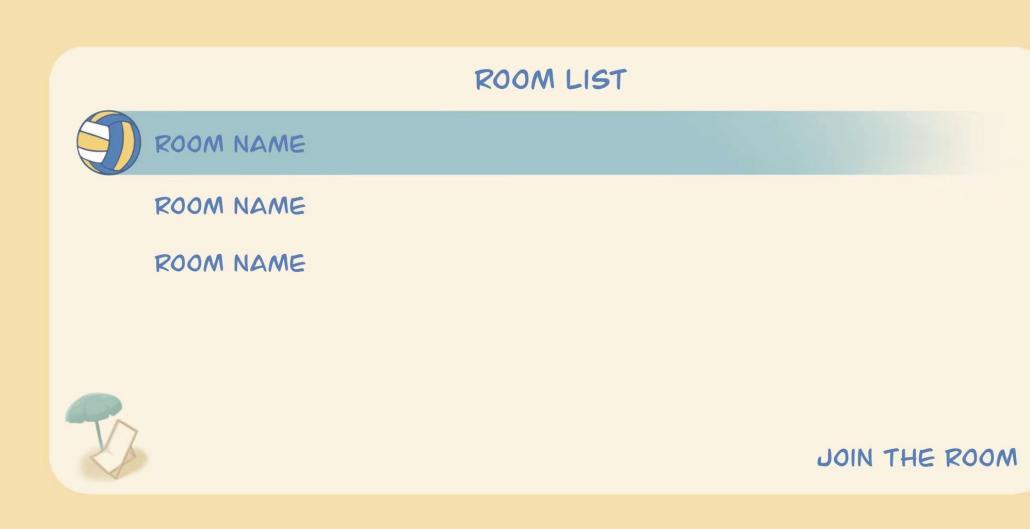
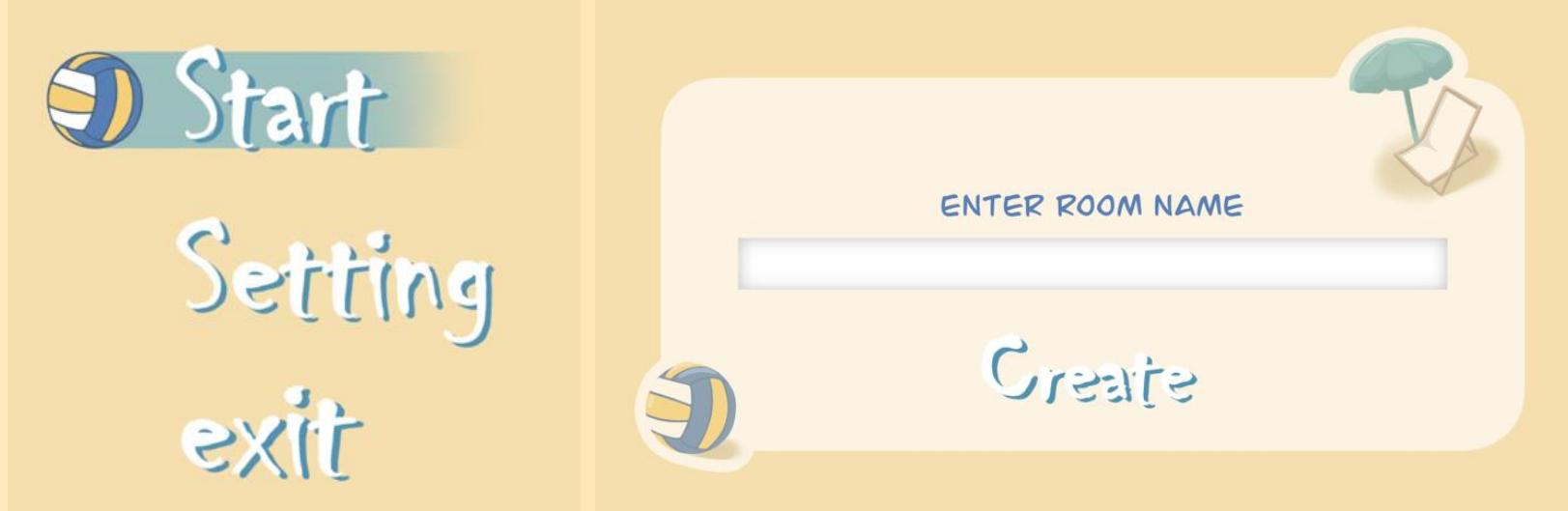


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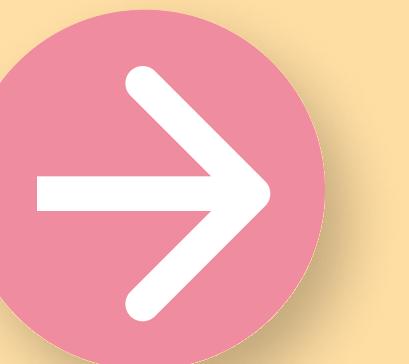
## 3D Art



## UI Design

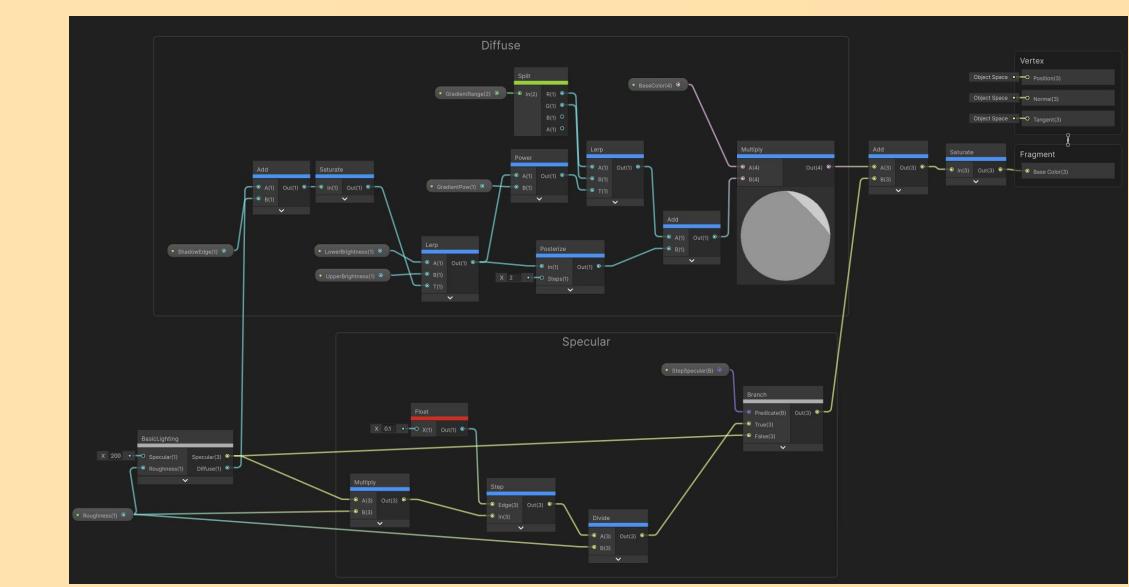


## 2D Art

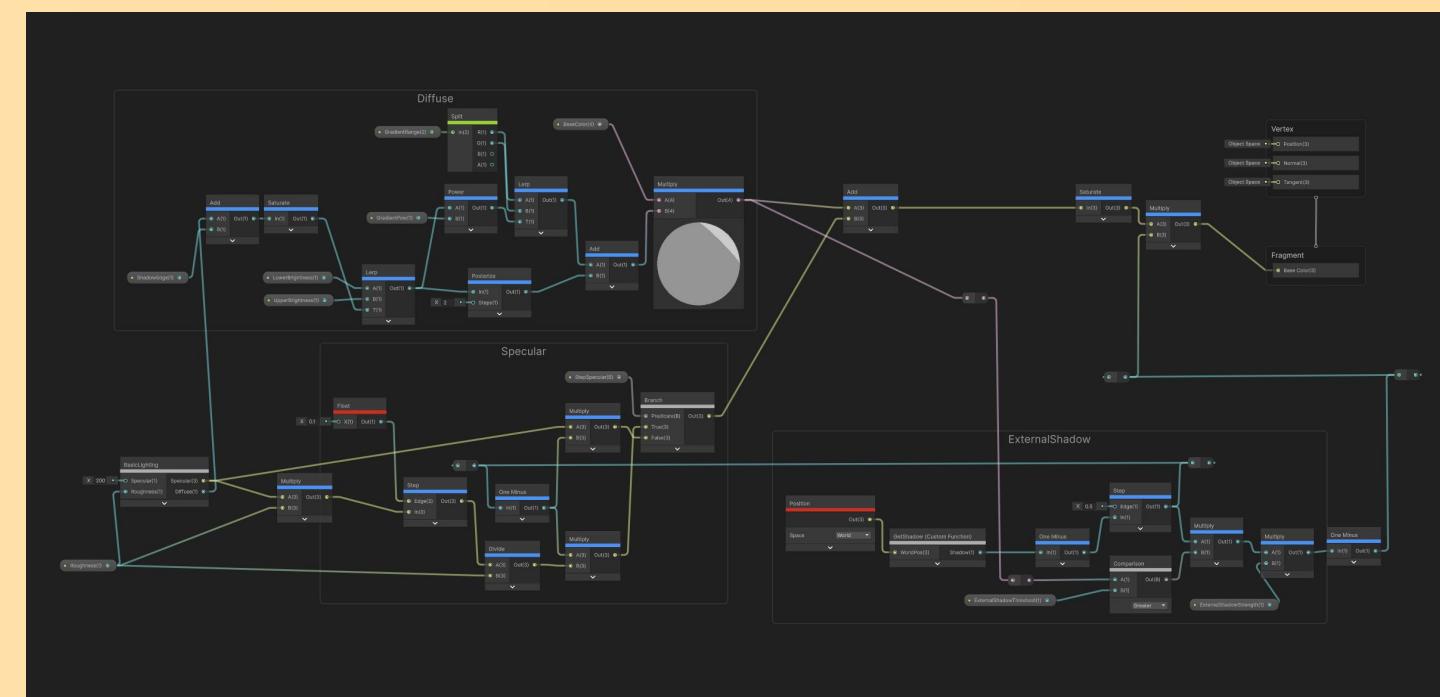


## Rendering Shader for stylized rendering

Problem Solved: cannot receive shadows.

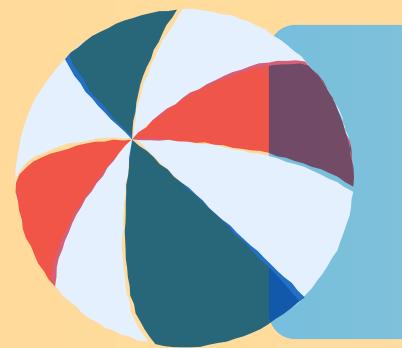


### Before



### After



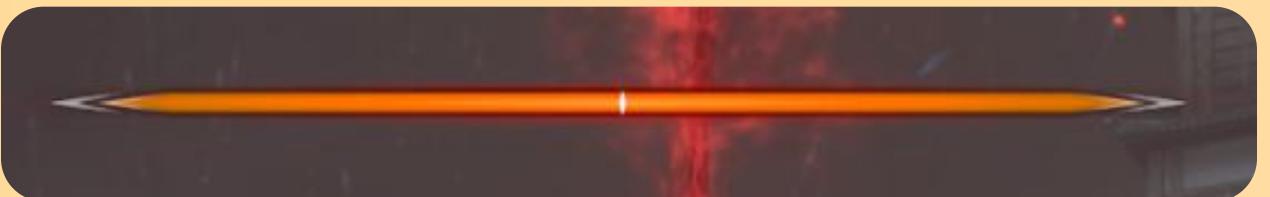


# Iteration - Mechanics

## Core Mechanics

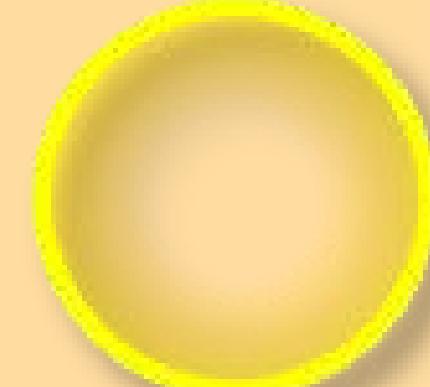
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stamina: Returning a kicked ball costs stamina. A player cannot return a kicked ball if he/she runs out of stamina.  
stamina regain: regain slowly while standing still



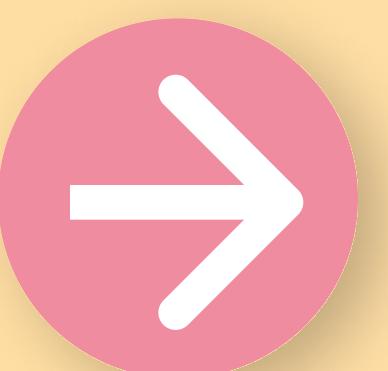
Spike: If the ball is too high, a spike circle will appear at the ball drop point, jump up in the circle to enter the bullet time, you can choose to kick by hand/foot, use the phone to control the direction of the ball (similar to a slingshot), if the opponent does not have enough stamina, then the opponent will be knocked off (In four-player mode players can rely on teammates to actively trigger the spike circle)

Spike Circle



### After

The mechanic of stamina is canceled. (Players don't need to be distracted by stamina, which reduce the difficulty for new players)

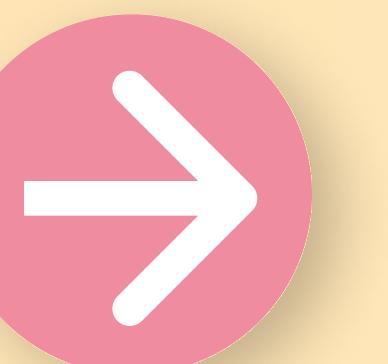


The spike circle and the camera movement when spiking the ball are canceled.  
The spike mechanics is changed: player can spike the ball when under the ball and the ball is at a certain height , the direction is determined by the arrow at the bottom of the character.  
(This speed up the game and simplified the operation to reduce the difficulty of getting started)



## Player Control Before

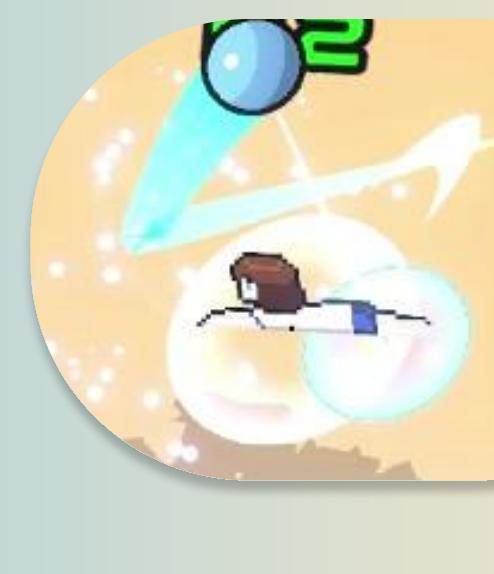
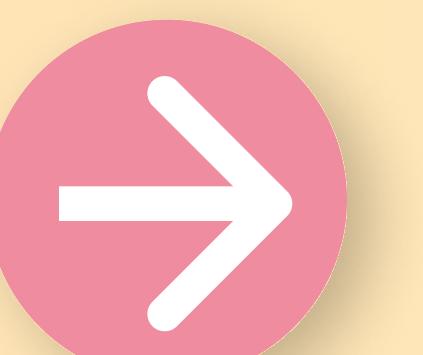
One button is used for dashing. When a player dashes, he/she moves toward the ball for a certain distance.  
Dashing will trigger the spike circle, but dashing into the spike circle will not trigger the opponent's spike circle.



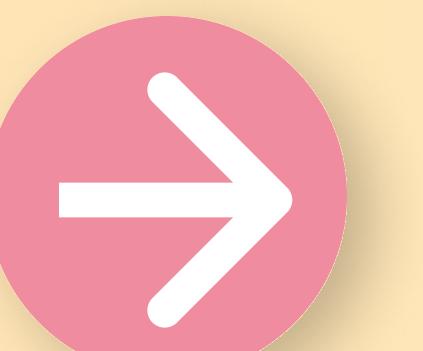
## After

Dashing has been changed to move directly underneath the ball, and the player is stunned for 1 second after dashing.  
(This modification simplified controlling and added penalty to dashing for balance. The new mechanics of DASH examines the player's timing of the pounce more than his skill in controlling the movement of the character, making it less difficult for new players).

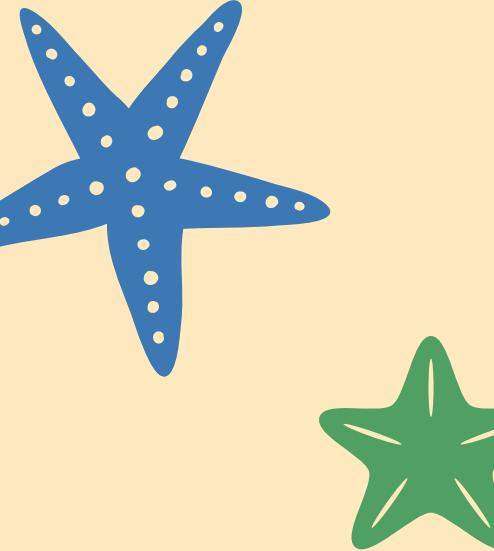
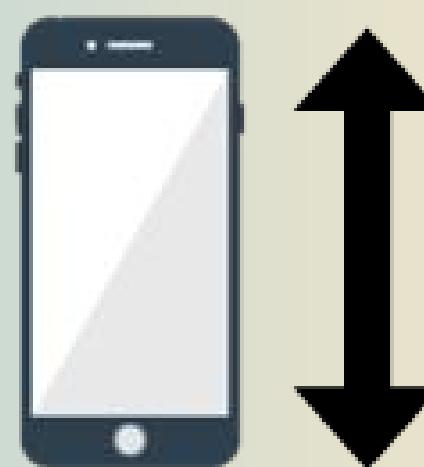
The ball will be returned automatically when it is touched by a player. If the player jumps when returning the ball, the spike circle will be triggered.  
The angle between the character and the ball determines the direction of the hit.

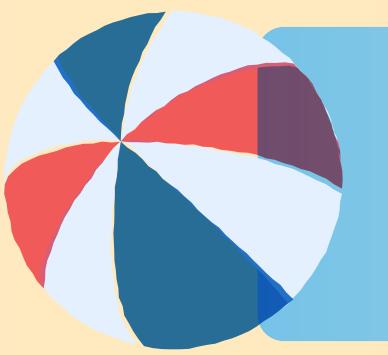


To spike the ball, you need to jump and kick/pick the ball with the character's feet.



We change the way of triggering foot spike to shaking the phone up and down, and canceled the mechanic of picking with feet.  
(This increases the interaction between players, and simplifies the mechanism)





# Iteration - Mechanics

## Core Mechanics

The circle under the character:

Normally white, blue when the ball is not far above the character, yellow when the ball is above the character beyond a certain distance.



Ordinary hit:

The character can hit the ball by touching it, the direction is controlled by the arrow on the bottom of the character, the speed is determined by the character's own speed when hitting the ball, the ball is in a parabola.

Boundary:

There is a transparent wall at the edge of the field, the ball will bounce back after touching the wall.

Player Goal: If the ball hits the ground, the opposing team scores points, and the team with the highest score within 5 minutes wins the game.

Leap up to hit the ball:

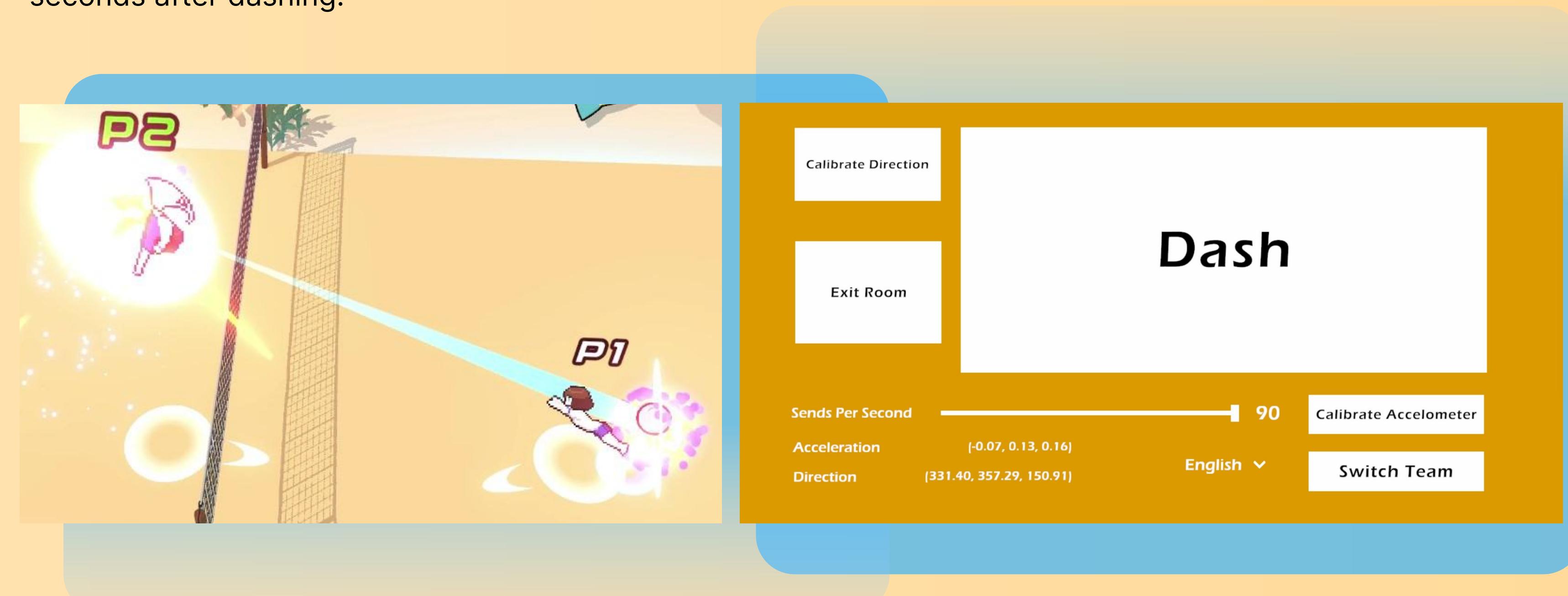
when the circle on the bottom of the character becomes blue, shake the phone up and down to jump up to hit the ball, the ball is in parabola.

Leap Up and spike the ball:

When the bottom circle of the character turns yellow, shake the phone up and down to jump up and spike the ball, the ball will be shot straight downward diagonally, the speed is faster. The ball will shoot downward in a straight line, and the speed is high. The player cannot spike back the spiked ball to the opponent.

Dash:

Character can dash to the position of ball within a certain range, and cannot perform any operation within 1 seconds after dashing.



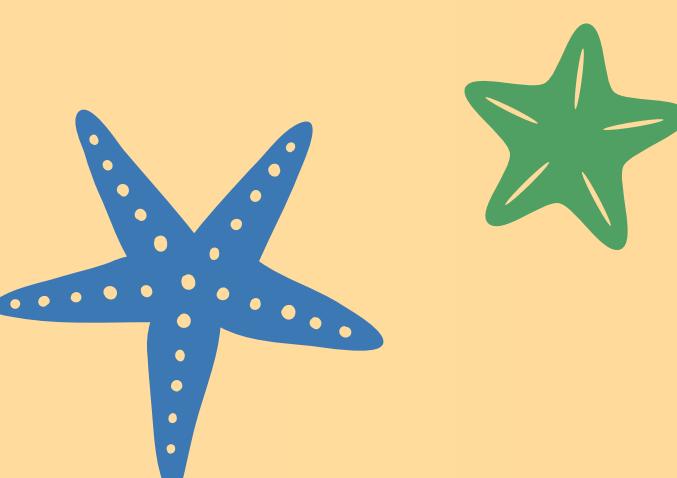
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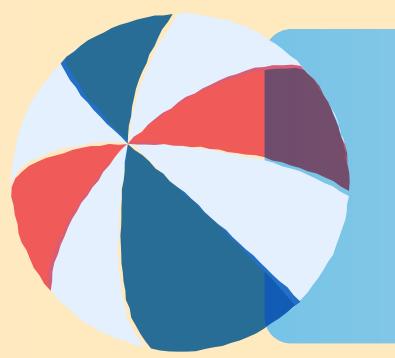
Tilt the phone to control the movement of the character

Turn the phone in vertical direction to control the arrow direction

Shake the phone up and down to jump up and hit the ball

Dash button on the phone for dashing



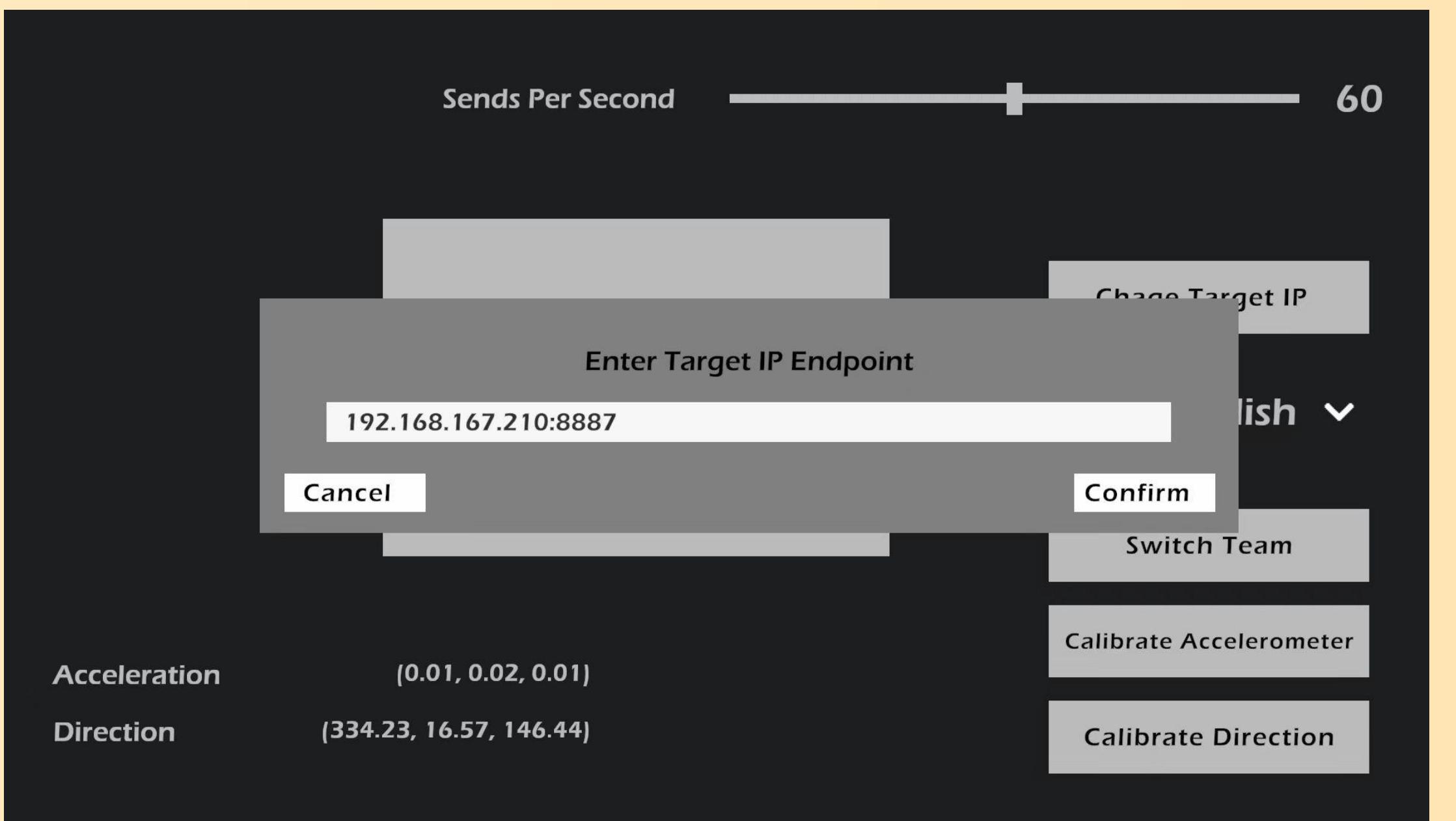


# Iteration - Code

Connecting mobile phone to PC

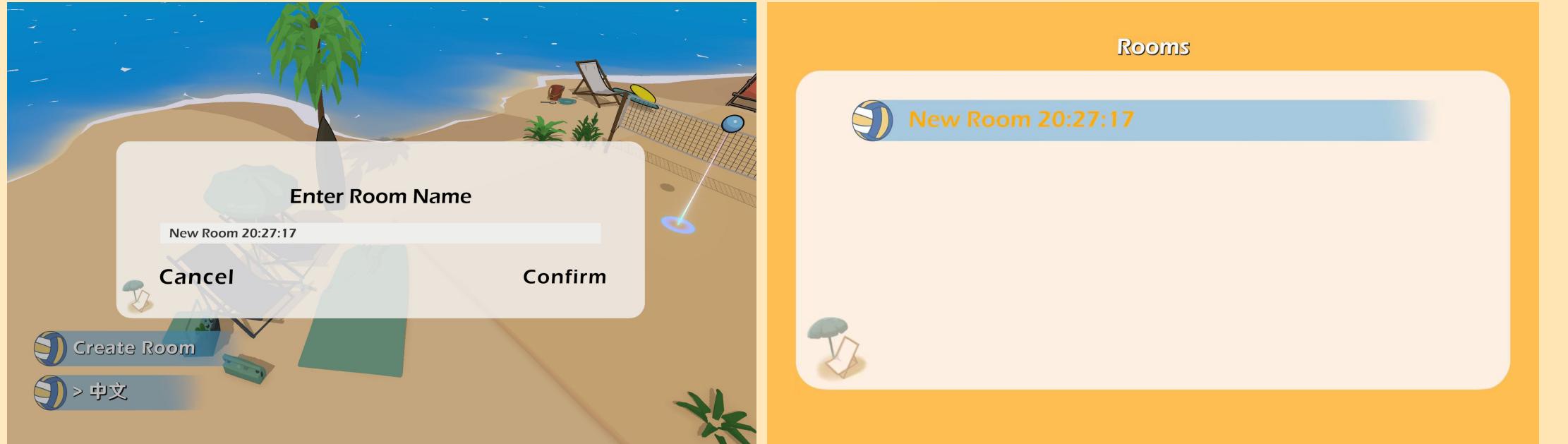
## Before

Players have to manually enter the IP address of the computer to connect, which is sophisticated.



## After

Players can connect to the computer by clicking "create room" on the computer and join the room with only one click on the phone.



# PC Controlled Character & Alternative Keyboard Input

Code for PC Controlled Character

```
事件函数
public void Update(){
    if (kicksLeft < 3){
        kicksLeft += Time.deltaTime * 3;
    }

    c.timeSinceLastRcv = 0;

    var cPos:Vector3 = transform.position;
    cPos.y = 0;
    var bPos:Vector3 = Ball.instance.transform.position;
    bPos.y = 0;
    Character targetC = null;
    foreach (var otherC:Character in Character.characters){
        if (otherC.gameObject.activeSelf && otherC.side != c.side){
            targetC = otherC;
        }
    }

    var opponentPos = new Vector3(0, 0, 0);
    if (targetC){
        opponentPos = targetC.transform.position;
        opponentPos.y = 0;
    }

    Vector3 velocity = bPos - cPos;
    float dist = velocity.magnitude;
    velocity *= 10;

    if (Ball.instance.GetSide() != c.side || Ball.instance.rb.velocity.z > 0 == (c.side != Side.Right) && Math.Abs(Ball.instance.rb.velocity.z) > 10){...}

    velocity.y = 0;
    velocity = Vector3.ClampMagnitude(velocity, maxLength*c.speed * 0.9f);
    velocity.y = c.rb.velocity.y;
    c.rb.velocity = velocity;

    opponentPos.x += 5 * Mathf.Sin(Mathf.time * (randomDelta)) * Mathf.Cos((Time.time * (1 + 0.5f * randomDelta)) + 3);

    c.facingDirection = Quaternion.LookRotation(((int)c.side == 0 ? 1 : -1) * (opponentPos - cPos));

    if (Ball.instance.rb.velocity.y < 0 && (bPos.y < 1f && dist > 5 && Ball.instance.rb.velocity.magnitude > 15 || bPos.y < 0.5f && dist > 2.5f)){
        c.Dash();
    }

    if (kicksLeft > -1.3f && Mathf.Abs(bPos.z) < 3.5f){
        c.Kick();
        kicksLeft--;
    }
}
```



Code for Keyboard Input

```
public class KeyboardInput : MonoBehaviour{
    public Character c; // 未更改

    public bool online; // 未更改

    public Vector3 velocity; // 可序列化

    事件函数
    public void Awake(){
        c = GetComponent<Character>();
    }

    事件函数
    public void Update(){...}

    经常调用 [1 用法]
    public void ChangeSide(){
        c.side = (int)c.side == 0 ? Side.Right : Side.Left;
        transform.position = (int)c.side == 0 ? Character.rightBirthPoint : Character.leftBirthPoint;
    }

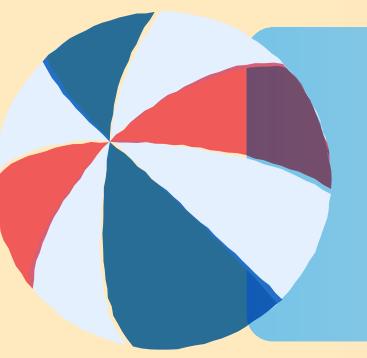
    经常调用 [1 用法]
    public void UpPressed(){
        velocity += new Vector3(-1, 0, 0);
    }

    经常调用 [1 用法]
    public void LeftPressed(){
        velocity += new Vector3(0, 0, -1);
    }

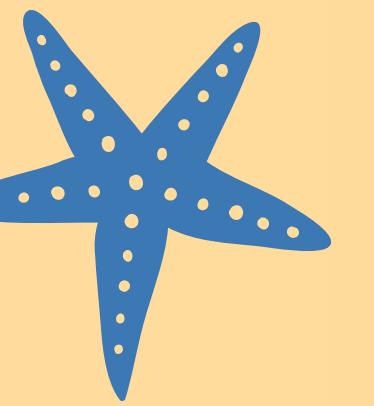
    经常调用 [1 用法]
    public void DownPressed(){
        velocity += new Vector3(0, 0, 1);
    }

    经常调用 [1 用法]
    public void RightPressed(){
        velocity += new Vector3(1, 0, 0);
    }
}
```





# Final Output



## Pros

- Innovative - giving players a unique experience of interacting with computer.
- Interesting - multiplayer gameplay allows players to interact with each others.
- Relaxing - the stylized art and the setup at beach creates a relaxing atmosphere.

## Cons

- Takes quite a while for a beginner to learn how to control.
- Needs two players and two Android devices to play.

## Optimal (Implemented)

- Add a mode that allows players controlling the character with the keyboard.
- Add AI controlled opponents, so single player mode would be possible.