Project Proposal: JavaFX-based Multiplayer Snake Game

Project Title

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Project Overview

 This project aims to develop a multiplayer snake game using JavaFX. The game will support two players who can play either on the same computer or over a network.
 Snake game is a classic casual game, and through this project, we aim to enhance it with modern multiplayer functionality to provide a richer and more engaging gaming experience.

Objectives

- Develop a feature-rich snake game with smooth controls and graphics.
- Implement multiplayer functionality supporting two players locally or over a network.
- Create a user-friendly interface using JavaFX.
- Ensure smooth and efficient game performance.

Project Details

1. Research and Planning:

- Study existing implementations of snake games and design the game architecture.
- Determine the technologies and frameworks to use, including JavaFX and Java Networking APIs.

2. GUI Development:

- Use JavaFX to create the game interface, including the game board, score display, and control buttons.
- Design interfaces such as game start menu, game over screen, and settings options.

3. Game Logic:

- Implement core game mechanics including snake movement, food generation, and collision detection.
- Design and implement different game modes (single-player and multiplayer).

4. Single-Player Mode:

- Develop and test the single-player version of the game.
- o Implement basic game loop and scoring system.

5. Multiplayer Mode:

- Use Java Networking APIs (like Java Sockets) to implement networking features.
- Allow two players to connect over a network and play the game.

6. Testing and Debugging:

- Conduct comprehensive testing to identify and fix any bugs or issues.
- Ensure stable operation of the game across different network environments.

7. Final Optimization:

- Add additional features such as power-ups, game settings, and leaderboards.
- Enhance user interface and user experience.

8. Documentation and Presentation:

- Prepare project documentation covering design, implementation, and testing processes.
- Create project presentation documents and demo videos.

Key Technologies, Frameworks, and Libraries

- Programming Language: Java
- GUI Framework: JavaFX
- Networking Technology: Java Networking APIs (Sockets)
- Development Environment: IntelliJ IDEA, Eclipse, or any preferred Java IDE
- Version Control: Git
- Project Management: Trello or JIRA

Work Allocation

• Chris Ding:

- Responsible for research and planning, determining the choice of technology and framework.
- Participated in the implementation of game logic, especially the movement of snakes and food generation mechanism.

• Mingjun Jin:

• Responsible for GUI development, creating the game interface, including the game board, score display, and control buttons.

• Implemented the game start menu, game end screen, and settings options.

• Justin Li:

- Responsible for the development and testing of single-player mode.
- Implemented basic game loop and scoring system.
- Participated in the implementation of multi-player mode, especially the development of network functions (Java Networking APIs).

• Zhiyuan Wang:

- Responsible for the development and testing of multi-player mode.
- Implemented network connection and synchronization of two-player games.
- Performed comprehensive testing and debugging, identified and fixed any bugs or problems.
- Responsible for adding additional features such as props, game settings, and leaderboards.

All members:

Collaborated in document writing and presentation preparation.

Participated in testing and debugging together to ensure that the game runs stably in different network environments.

Schedule

July 15-July 17	Research and planning, determine technology and framework selection (Justin Li, Chris Ding, Mingjun Jin)
July 18-July 22	GUI development, create game interface (Justin Li, Mingjun Jin)
July 23-July 27	Game logic implementation, snake movement and food generation mechanism Member

July 28-July 30	Single-player mode development and testing, basic game loop and scoring system (Justin Li, Chris Ding, Mingjun Jin)
July 31-August 4	Multiplayer mode development and testing, implementation of network functions (Chris Ding, Zhiyuan Wang)
August 5-August 7	Testing and debugging, identify and fix problems (Zhiyuan Wang)
August 8-August 10	Final optimization, add additional features (Zhiyuan Wang)
August 11-August 13	Document writing and presentation preparation (Justin Li, Chris Ding, Mingjun Jin, Zhiyuan Wang)

Expected Deliverables

- A feature-rich multiplayer snake game with a polished JavaFX interface.
- Smooth and enjoyable single-player and multiplayer gaming experiences.
- Comprehensive project documentation detailing design, implementation, and testing processes.

Conclusion

• This project aims to combine classic gameplay with modern multiplayer functionality, offering a user-friendly JavaFX interface. Through this project, players will enjoy a more competitive and engaging gaming experience while showcasing skills in Java programming and JavaFX development.

References

- JavaFX Documentation
- <u>Java Networking</u>