

Team Designation

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Executive Summary

The game that we have created is called Trial of Temptation. This game is an educational choice based adventure game made using MATLAB and the SimpleGameEngine provided by our course. The goal of this game was to create an engaging and fast paced game for our targeted community: teenagers ages of 13 through 18. We aimed to teach awareness about substance use, peer pressure, and decision making. Our team of 2 designed 5 worlds, each based on real life situations teens face or have faced. We integrate scenario questions that require the user to make safe and healthy choices to progress throughout the 5 worlds.

Throughout our development of the game we created worlds and wrote questions while implementing game mechanics so the game works as we intended it to. We also tested each screen to ensure that the game flowed correctly from the start to finish. Some of our goals were making the game relatable to our user persona that we made using A.I, using simple visuals to not overestimate the user, and keep the gameplay fast and meaningful so that players could learn through real time choice based decision making.

With our development process of our game, we learned how to plan algorithms, build scenes using sprints, manage several functions and its flow, fix bugs, and debug the sync of all the worlds. We also learned the importance of splitting up tasks, communicating progress with one another so that the other is updated, and merging code without facing several bugs and breaking the game itself. By using persona we grasped a better understanding of our target user which helped us frame questions, realistic scenarios and learning goals which would actually matter to teens.

For the future we recommend adding more answer choices to each question. We realize because we only have 2 choices that the user has a 50% probability of getting the question right by guessing, we realized that this skewed the number of users who actually picked correct choices instead of guessing. We also recommend adding more worlds and the ability to restart at the specific world as a checkpoint. Overall, the making of this game taught us both technical and communication skills while helping us create a game that has real educational value for young players.

Project Management Documentation

1. Team Working Agreement

We both agree to keep in touch a lot and let each other know what we're working on so the project doesn't fall behind. If one of us gets stuck or confused, we'll give feedback, whether it's coding, slides, or writing stuff. We're also trying our best to finish our parts on time so we can test everything together before we turn it in. We mostly talk through text, GroupMe, or quick calls if something's urgent. If we can't respond fast, we will at least send a short message saying we saw it. If one of us falls behind, we'll talk about it first and see what is going on. We will try to split things up again or help out so it gets finished. If it keeps happening, we will set a stricter plan so the work gets done before the due date.

2. Roles and Responsibilities Agreement

Programming Responsibilities/ Roles

Team Member	Initial Assigned Tasks	End Result
Tyler zhuangzhuang	<p>Code game logic, define sprites and also find them to fit the theme and world, create and draw scenes, handle input for worlds 3-5, make sure all variables are different for worlds 3-5.</p> <p>Start initializing the game logic for game restart by setting game logic with boolean to detect if dead _> screen for</p>	<p>Worlds 3-5 were complete, worked on fixing random errors, redoing some sprites, and helping make sure each world loaded without crashing by adding pause function so the CPU wouldn't be at 100%</p> <p>Completed it with boolean (is_Dead)</p> <pre>computeTopCenter_fw = @() deal(... (cols_fw/2)*scene.sprite_width*scene.zoom, ... (10.3)*scene.sprite_height*scene.zoom ...);</pre>

	<p>instructions -> option 1. restart Option 2. quit</p> <p>Calculate the top center of the grid for text alignment</p>	

Table 1. Programming Responsibilities/ Roles

Documentation Responsibilities/ Roles

Team Member	Initial Assigned Tasks	End Result
Preetham Prabhu	<p>Write the documentation, reflection answers, and script comments for Worlds 1–2, and help code those worlds so the questions, scenes, and monster battles work correctly.</p> <p>Write functions for scenes world 1 and 2</p> <p>Checked that variables didn't conflict between worlds.</p>	<p>completed the write-ups, added clear comments in the script, and coded Worlds 1–2 with working scenes, sprites, and question logic. Also made sure the variables didn't conflict with other worlds and fixed small bugs so the first part of the game runs smoothly.</p> <p>Completed scene functions for worlds 1 and 2</p> <p>All varibales are different and game runs</p>

Table 2. Documentation Responsibilities/ Roles

3. Timeline of Milestones

Milestones	Completed Date	Responsible Person(s)	Deliverable/ Outcome
Brainstormed game concept and themes	Nov 17	Preetham & Tyler	Chose topic of teen substance awareness; decided on 5 worlds + monsters
Designed world themes (Forest, Cave, City, Mountains, Bridge)	Nov 19	Preetham	
Coded Worlds 1–2	Nov 20	Preetham & Tyler	
Coded Worlds 3–5	Nov 23	Preetham	Wrote all questions for each world based on real-life teen situations
Added restart/quit system + main game loop logic	Nov 25	Tyler	Finalized each world's visual theme + monster
Game testing & debug for Worlds 1–2	Nov 27	Preetham	Built scenes, sprites, question logic, and player interactions
Game testing & debug for Worlds 3–4	Nov 29	Preetham & Tyler	
Merged all code into one final working file	Nov 30	Preetham & Tyler	Completed scenes, sprites, questions, and monster functions
	Dec 1		Created full game cycle with

Created SDP pitch storyboard / slides		Dec 2	start screen, victory, and game over
			Fixed scene glitches, question timing, wrong variable issues
			Fixed sprite errors, transition bugs, and input delay problems
			Full game now runs smoothly from World 1 → World 5
			Completed pitch layout, visuals, and script for presentation

Table 3. Timeline of Milestones

4. Meeting Notes

a. Meeting 1

Meeting 1 – Date/Time: 10/24/2025, around 6pm.

Members Present: Tyler, Preetham.

talked about what kind of game we want to make, decided on something like an educational adventure thing with questions and a player sprite. Tyler: he'd start the basic setup in MATLAB with the engine, Preetham: he'd come up with some questions and story ideas. We also talked about how many scenes to do (3 seems good) and making sure the player can move and face a monster or door at the end. action items: Tyler: code the basic scenes and spirits, Preetham finish questions and notes before next meeting.

b. Meeting 2

Date/Time: 11/17/2025, around 7pm.

Members Present: Tyler, Preetham

We completed designing Worlds 1 and 2. Preetham created the storyline questions and educational prompts that appear throughout the game and helped connect them to gameplay progression. Tyler designed and implemented Worlds 1 and 2, including sprite placement and player movement. For the next meeting, we need to design Worlds 3 and 4, add new enemies and interactive elements, integrate branching dialogue choices for educational prompts, and test movement mechanics and sprite collisions in the new worlds.

c. Meeting 3

Meeting 3 – Date/Time: 11/27/2025, around 5pm.

Members Present: Tyler, Preetham.

we already had worlds 3 and 4 done so this meeting was mostly about how we were gonna merge everything together without breaking the game. We talked about making sure all the variables were different, checking the transitions between worlds, and where the questions should pop up. Tyler showed how his worlds were running and Preetham went through the questions to see if anything needed fixing. action items: Tyler: clean up the code for worlds 3 and 4, Preetham: Test the question flow again, both: work on merging all the files into one working game for the next meeting.

Stakeholder and Persona Analysis

5. Introduction to the Personas

1. Jordan Reyes is a 16-year-old junior who recently transferred to a new high school outside Austin. He is quiet but observant and he tries hard to blend in while balancing

responsibilities at home. He helps his hardworking mom and looks after his younger sister. Jordan loves making beats on his laptop, playing basketball, and following stories of athletes who overcame adversity but he also constantly doubts whether he's good enough to pursue his dreams. As he joins a new friend group where vaping and drinking are normalized he faces growing pressure to fit in while staying true to his values.

2. Braelyn Hubert is a 15-year-old sophomore from a small South Carolina coastal town who's confident but is also insecure on the inside. Friendly and eager to be included she manages cheerleading, social expectations, and the desire to climb the social ladder without losing herself at her school. She is surrounded by teammates and older students who casually vape or drink or even at times both. Braelyn often feels torn between wanting acceptance and avoiding risky choices. She has a fear of disappointing others, especially her family, which makes her highly vulnerable to subtle and direct peer pressure that is involved with substance abuse.

6. Role of Personas needs in shaping design decisions

For our game it was important that we targeted our specific community while being sensitive. We understood from our personas that we needed to shape our questions in a way that will include all within the targeted community and be relatable. Because our persona was a highschool student who deals with stress, peer pressure, and curiosity about things like vaping or pills, and that really influenced how we built our game. While approaching our game, we needed to make the gameplay feel fast while not making it seem like it's a "reading game" like long lectures that they would receive in health class. Our worlds were simple, and the theme was based like a forest or city, because that was easier for players 13-18 to follow and make the game feel more like an adventure through the worlds. Since our game was educational based, we used the learning goals that came directly from what our persona struggled with, such as making smart decisions when the time came, avoiding peer pressure, and understanding consequences around certain actions. By designing our game around the community needs from our persona, we created a game that is fun, relatable and useful for them to make better choices in real life.

Game Design and Implementation

7. Game Concept Overview

Our game, which we named Trial of Temptation, is an educational awareness game that's choice based and takes you on an adventure over 5 worlds. The game is designed for teenagers ages 13 to 19. The main purpose of this game is to help players understand the real-life impacts of substance related decisions. These decisions include areas such as vaping, misusing pills and a person giving into peer pressure. This game concept is meant to teach users through experiences instead of lecturing, which helps users experience situations they may face in their lifetime and how they may go on with their decisions.

The game begins with the player entering a reality filled with themed worlds. Each of the 5 worlds represents a teenager with challenges that they will face in real life. The journey starts at world 1 all the way to world 5 with each guarded by a monster that symbolizes a form of temptation.

Worlds:

1. The Forest: Vaping Pressure (Monster: Curion)
2. The Cave: Stress & Emotional Pressure (Monster: Tensora)
3. The City of Illusions: Prescription Pill Misuse Pressure (Monster: Pillax)
4. The Mountains: “Natural Drug” temptations (Monster: Vainor)
5. The Broken Bridge: Peer Pressure & Addiction (Monster: Toxikon)

To progress through the story, the player must defeat each monster by making smart, healthy choices in situations that mirror high school life and other situations that the user might experience in their teenage years.

8. Flowchart/Pseudocode/Algorithm

Anti-Drug Themed Adventure Game - Simplified Pseudocode

1. Global Constants Definition

```
MAX_HEARTS = 5      // Maximum health points (5 red hearts)
is_quit = FALSE     // Game exit flag (default: do not exit)
```

2. Main Function (Game Entry Point)

```
FUNCTION Main()
    // 1. Initialize game environment
    Call ClearEnvironment() // Corresponding to clc/clear/close all operations

    // 2. Display start screen and wait for key press to enter the game
    Call ShowStartScreen()

    // 3. Main game loop (supports restart/quit)
    WHILE is_quit == FALSE
        // Reset game state for each loop iteration
        depleted_hearts = 0 // Full health at the start of each playthrough
        game_scene = Call InitializeGameEngine() // Load sprites and rendering environment

        // 4. Enter 5 worlds sequentially, each with 3 anti-drug decision scenarios
        // World 1: Forest (Vaping Temptations)
        [depleted_hearts, is_dead] = Call RunForestWorld(game_scene, depleted_hearts,
MAX_HEARTS)
        IF is_dead THEN
            is_quit = Call HandleGameOver()
            IF is_quit THEN ExitLoop ELSE ContinueNextLoopIteration
        END IF

        // World 2: Broken Bridge (Illegal Drug Temptations)
        [depleted_hearts, is_dead] = Call RunBrokenBridgeWorld(game_scene, depleted_hearts,
MAX_HEARTS)
        IF is_dead THEN
            is_quit = Call HandleGameOver()
            IF is_quit THEN ExitLoop ELSE ContinueNextLoopIteration
        END IF

        // World 3: Cave (Academic Pressure-Induced Substance Misuse)
        [depleted_hearts, is_dead] = Call RunCaveWorld(game_scene, depleted_hearts,
MAX_HEARTS)
        IF is_dead THEN
            is_quit = Call HandleGameOver()
            IF is_quit THEN ExitLoop ELSE ContinueNextLoopIteration
        END IF
```

```

// World 4: City of Illusions (Prescription Pill Misuse)
[depleted_hearts, is_dead] = Call RunCityOfIllusionsWorld(game_scene, depleted_hearts,
MAX_HEARTS)
IF is_dead THEN
    is_quit = Call HandleGameOver()
    IF is_quit THEN ExitLoop ELSE ContinueNextLoopIteration
END IF

// World 5: Mountains (Body Image Anxiety & Natural Drug Myths)
[depleted_hearts, is_dead] = Call RunMountainsWorld(game_scene, depleted_hearts,
MAX_HEARTS)
IF is_dead THEN
    is_quit = Call HandleGameOver()
    IF is_quit THEN ExitLoop ELSE ContinueNextLoopIteration
END IF

// 5. All worlds cleared; display victory screen
is_quit = Call ShowVictoryScreen(depleted_hearts, MAX_HEARTS)
END WHILE
END FUNCTION

```

3. Core Functional Functions

3.1 General Input Waiting Function

```

FUNCTION GetPlayerChoice()
// Loop to wait for player to press 1 or 2, return the corresponding option
WHILE TRUE
    key_press = Call GetKeyboardInput()
    IF key_press == "1" THEN
        RETURN 1
    ELSE IF key_press == "2" THEN
        RETURN 2
    END IF
END WHILE
END FUNCTION

```

3.2 Game Over Handling Function

```

FUNCTION HandleGameOver()
// Display game failure screen, prompt to press R to restart or Q to quit
Call DrawGameOverUI()
WHILE TRUE
    key_press = Call GetKeyboardInput()
    IF key_press == "R" THEN
        CloseCurrentWindow()

```

```

        RETURN FALSE // Do not exit, trigger restart
    ELSE IF key_press == "Q" THEN
        CloseAllWindows()
        RETURN TRUE // Exit the game
    END IF
END WHILE
END FUNCTION

```

3.3 Victory Screen Function

```

FUNCTION ShowVictoryScreen(depleted_hearts, max_hearts)
    remaining_hearts = max_hearts - depleted_hearts
    // Draw victory UI, display remaining health and encouraging message
    Call DrawVictoryUI(remaining_hearts)
    // Wait for player to choose restart or quit
    WHILE TRUE
        key_press = Call GetKeyboardInput()
        IF key_press == "R" THEN
            CloseCurrentWindow()
            RETURN FALSE // Restart
        ELSE IF key_press == "Q" THEN
            CloseAllWindows()
            RETURN TRUE // Exit
        END IF
    END WHILE
END FUNCTION

```

4. General Logic Template for a Single World (Example: Forest World)

```

FUNCTION RunForestWorld(game_scene, current_depleted_hearts, max_hearts)
    depleted_hearts = current_depleted_hearts
    is_dead = FALSE

    // Scenario 1: Friend offers a vape (peer pressure)
    Call DrawForestScene1()
    Call ShowDecisionText("A friend offers you a vape: 1-Reject and suggest other activities 2-Follow the crowd to try it")
    choice = Call GetPlayerChoice()
    IF choice == 2 THEN
        depleted_hearts = depleted_hearts + 1
        IF depleted_hearts == max_hearts THEN
            is_dead = TRUE
            CloseScene()
            RETURN [depleted_hearts, is_dead]
        END IF
    END IF
END IF

```

```

CloseScene()

// Scenario 2: Seeing someone vaping in the bathroom
Call DrawForestScene2()
Call ShowDecisionText("You see someone vaping in the bathroom: 1-Report to a teacher 2-Join and try it")
choice = Call GetPlayerChoice()
IF choice == 2 THEN
    depleted_hearts = depleted_hearts + 1
    IF depleted_hearts == max_hearts THEN
        is_dead = TRUE
        CloseScene()
        RETURN [depleted_hearts, is_dead]
    END IF
END IF
CloseScene()

// Scenario 3: Nicotine cognition misconception (knowledge quiz)
Call DrawForestScene3()
Call ShowDecisionText("Can nicotine improve concentration long-term? 1-False 2-True")
choice = Call GetPlayerChoice()
IF choice == 2 THEN
    depleted_hearts = depleted_hearts + 1
    IF depleted_hearts == max_hearts THEN
        is_dead = TRUE
        CloseScene()
        RETURN [depleted_hearts, is_dead]
    END IF
END IF
CloseScene()

RETURN [depleted_hearts, is_dead]
END FUNCTION

```

9. Code excerpts with commentary

Below are **key MATLAB codes** from the anti-drug adventure game, selected to demonstrate core functionality, good coding practices (modularity, readability, error handling), and logical structure. Each block includes detailed comments/explanations of its purpose and importance.

1. Main Game Loop (Core Control Flow)

```

function main()
% ----- Global Game Constants (Modular & Readable) -----

```

```

    MAX_HEARTS = 5;           % Fixed maximum health (enforces
consistent health rules)
    BACKGROUND_COLOR = [0,0,0]; % Centralized style for UI
consistency
    is_quit = false;         % Single flag to control loop
termination (clean state management)

    showStartScreen(BACKGROUND_COLOR); % Launch initial UI
(separated for modularity)

% ----- Main Loop (Restart/Quit Logic) -----
while ~is_quit
    heart_blank_count = 0; % Reset health on restart
(avoids state leakage)
    scene = simpleGameEngine('retro_pack.png', 16, 16, 8,
BACKGROUND_COLOR); % Reinitialize engine

    % Run worlds sequentially (fail-fast: exit early if
player dies)
    [heart_blank_count, is_dead] = runForestWorld(scene,
heart_blank_count, MAX_HEARTS);
    if handleDeath(is_dead, BACKGROUND_COLOR); is_quit =
true; continue; end

    [heart_blank_count, is_dead] =
runBrokenBridgeWorld(scene, heart_blank_count, MAX_HEARTS);
    if handleDeath(is_dead, BACKGROUND_COLOR); is_quit =
true; continue; end

    [heart_blank_count, is_dead] = runCaveWorld(scene,
heart_blank_count, MAX_HEARTS);
    if handleDeath(is_dead, BACKGROUND_COLOR); is_quit =
true; continue; end

    [heart_blank_count, is_dead] =
runCityOfIllusionsWorld(scene, heart_blank_count, MAX_HEARTS);
    if handleDeath(is_dead, BACKGROUND_COLOR); is_quit =
true; continue; end

    [heart_blank_count, is_dead] = runMountainsWorld(scene,
heart_blank_count, MAX_HEARTS);
    if handleDeath(is_dead, BACKGROUND_COLOR); is_quit =
true; continue; end

    % Victory: Only reach here if all worlds are cleared
    is_quit = showVictoryScreen(heart_blank_count,
MAX_HEARTS, BACKGROUND_COLOR);

```

```

    end
end

% Helper: Reusable death handling (DRY principle: Don't Repeat
% Yourself)
function quit_flag = handleDeath(is_dead, bg_color)
    quit_flag = false;
    if is_dead
        quit_flag = gameOverHandler(bg_color); % Centralized
game-over logic
    end
end

```

Importance: This is the "brain" of the game. It enforces **modularity** (separate functions for UI/scenes) and **clean state management** (resetting heart_blank_count on restart to avoid bugs from leftover state).

Good Practices:

Centralized constants (e.g., MAX_HEARTS) make it easy to adjust game rules without hunting for hardcoded values.

A reusable handleDeath helper eliminates redundant death-check logic (DRY principle).

The is_quit flag provides a single source of truth for exiting the loop (no scattered break/return statements).

Functionality: Controls the entire game flow (start → play worlds → victory/death → restart/quit).

2. Health Management (Critical Game Mechanic)

```

function [updated_blank, is_dead] = runForestWorld(scene,
current_blank, max_hearts)
    updated_blank = current_blank;
    is_dead = false;

    % ----- Scene 1: Peer Pressure to Vape -----
    % [Sprite/UI setup omitted for brevity]
    choice1 = waitForKey12(scene); % Only accept 1/2 (validated
input)

    % Penalty for wrong choice (safe increment: capped at
max_hearts)
    if choice1 == 2
        updated_blank = min(updated_blank + 1, max_hearts); %
    end

```

```

Prevent overflows
    if updated_blank == max_hearts % Check for game over
        is_dead = true;
        close(gcf); % Clean up UI to avoid orphaned windows
        return; % Exit early (fail-fast)
    end
end
close(gcf);

% ----- Scenes 2 & 3 follow identical health logic -----
end

```

Importance: Health management is the core gameplay loop (wrong choices = health loss). This block ensures **safe and predictable health updates**.

Good Practices:

`min(updated_blank + 1, max_hearts)` prevents health from exceeding the maximum (avoids negative/overflow bugs).

Early return when the player dies (fail-fast design: stops executing unnecessary code).

`close(gcf)` cleans up UI windows to prevent memory leaks and cluttered MATLAB workspaces.

Functionality: Links player choices to health consequences and triggers game over when health is fully depleted.

3. Validated Input Handling (User Experience)

```

function choice = waitForKey12(scene_obj)
    choice = 0; % Initialize to invalid value (enforces valid
output)
    while true
        key = scene_obj.getKeyboardInput(); % Custom engine
input method
        % Only accept 1/2 (rejects accidental invalid keys like
Enter/ESC)
        if strcmp(key, '1')
            choice = 1;
            return;
        elseif strcmp(key, '2')
            choice = 2;
            return;
        end
        pause(0.05); % Reduce CPU usage (prevents tight loop
overload)

```

```
    end
end
```

Explanation

Importance: Input handling is critical for user interaction—this block ensures the game only accepts valid choices (1/2) and avoids crashes from unexpected input.

Good Practices:

Initializing choice = 0 (invalid) forces the loop to run until valid input is received (no undefined output).

pause(0.05) reduces CPU usage (MATLAB tight loops can hog resources without small delays).

Strict validation (strcmp for exact key matches) rejects accidental presses (e.g., spacebar, arrow keys).

Functionality: Guarantees the game only processes valid player choices, maintaining consistent gameplay logic.

4. Game Over Handler (UI/UX Consistency)

```
function should_quit = gameOverHandler(background_color)
    should_quit = false;
    close all; % Clean up all active scenes (prevents
overlapping UI)

    % Create consistent UI window (matches start/victory screen
size/position)
    fig = figure('Color', background_color, 'Position', [100,
100, 800, 600]);
    ax = gca; ax.Visible = 'off'; % Hide axes for clean pixel-
art UI

    % Clear, localized text (educational + actionable)
    text(0.5, 0.6, 'YOU HAVE DIED', ...
        'Color', 'red', 'FontSize', 36, 'FontWeight', 'bold',
...
        'HorizontalAlignment', 'center', 'Units',
'normalized');
    text(0.5, 0.4, 'Value healthy choices and stay away from
drugs!', ...
        'Color', 'white', 'FontSize', 14,
'HorizontalAlignment', 'center', 'Units', 'normalized');
    text(0.5, 0.2, 'Press R to Restart | Press Q to Quit', ...
        'Color', [0.5, 0.7, 1.0], 'FontSize', 16,
```

```

'HorizontalAlignment', 'center', 'Units', 'normalized');

    % Validated R/Q input (consistent with game-wide input
rules)
    while true
        pause(0.05);
        key = get(fig, 'CurrentKey');
        if strcmp(key, 'r') || strcmp(key, 'R')    % Case-
insensitive (user-friendly)
            close(fig);
            should_quit = false;
            return;
        elseif strcmp(key, 'q') || strcmp(key, 'Q')
            close all;
            should_quit = true;
            return;
        end
    end
end

```

Explanation

Importance: The game over screen is a key UX touchpoint—this block ensures consistency with other UI elements and clear player options (restart/quit).

Good Practices:

close all cleans up all active windows (avoids overlapping UI elements).

Normalized units ('Units', 'normalized') make text responsive to window size (no misaligned text on different screens).

Case-insensitive input (r/R, q/Q) improves user experience (forgives accidental caps lock).

Educational messaging (anti-drug text) aligns with the game's core theme.

Functionality: Provides a clear, consistent game-over UI and controls restart/quit logic.

5. Modular World Helper Functions (Maintainability)

```

% -----Helper: Create Reusable Forest Background -----
function background_fw = createForestBackground(rows_fw,
cols_fw, trees1_fw, trees2_fw, grass1_fw)
    background_fw = ones(rows_fw, cols_fw) * grass1_fw;    % Base
layer (grass)
    % Generate terrain with pattern (alternating trees for
visual consistency)

```

```

for r = 2:3
    for c = 1:cols_fw
        if mod(c,2)==0 % Even columns = tree1
            background_fw(r,c) = trees1_fw;
        else % Odd columns = tree2
            background_fw(r,c) = trees2_fw;
        end
    end
end

% ----- Helper: Fill Forest with UI/Entities -----
function background_fw = fillForestElements(background_fw, ...
    trees1_fw, trees2_fw, sapling1_fw, sapling2_fw, grass1_fw,
...
    red_heart_fw, L_fw, I_fw, F_fw, E_fw, colon_fw,
monsterForest_fw, player_fw)

    % Add terrain details (modular: easy to adjust without
    rewriting core logic)
    background_fw(4,[2,5,7]) = trees1_fw;
    background_fw(6,[1,9]) = sapling1_fw;
    background_fw(8:9,1:10) = grass1_fw;

    % Add health UI (consistent across all worlds)
    background_fw(1, 6:10) = red_heart_fw;
    background_fw(1, [1:4]) = [L_fw, I_fw, F_fw, E_fw];
    background_fw(1,5) = colon_fw;

    % Add player/monster positions (centralized for easy
    adjustment)
    background_fw(6,10) = monsterForest_fw;
    background_fw(6,2) = player_fw;
end

```

Explanation

Importance: These helpers separate terrain/UI rendering from core gameplay logic—critical for maintainability (e.g., changing forest visuals doesn’t break health rules).

Good Practices:

Parameterized inputs (e.g., trees1_fw, grass1_fw) make the function reusable for different sprite sets.

Consistent UI placement (health hearts at row 1) ensures cross-world familiarity for players.

Visual pattern logic ($\text{mod}(c,2)$) creates cohesive terrain without hardcoding every cell.

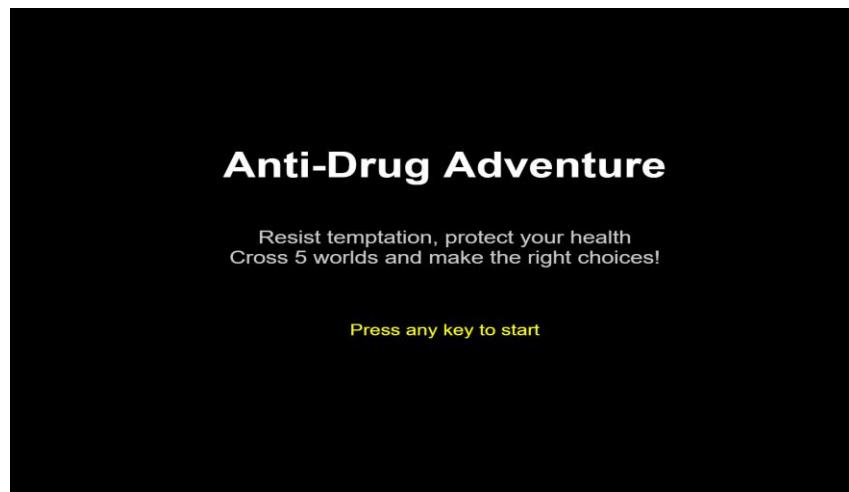
Functionality: Generates reusable, consistent visuals for the forest world while keeping core gameplay code clean.

Key Takeaways (Why These Blocks Matter)

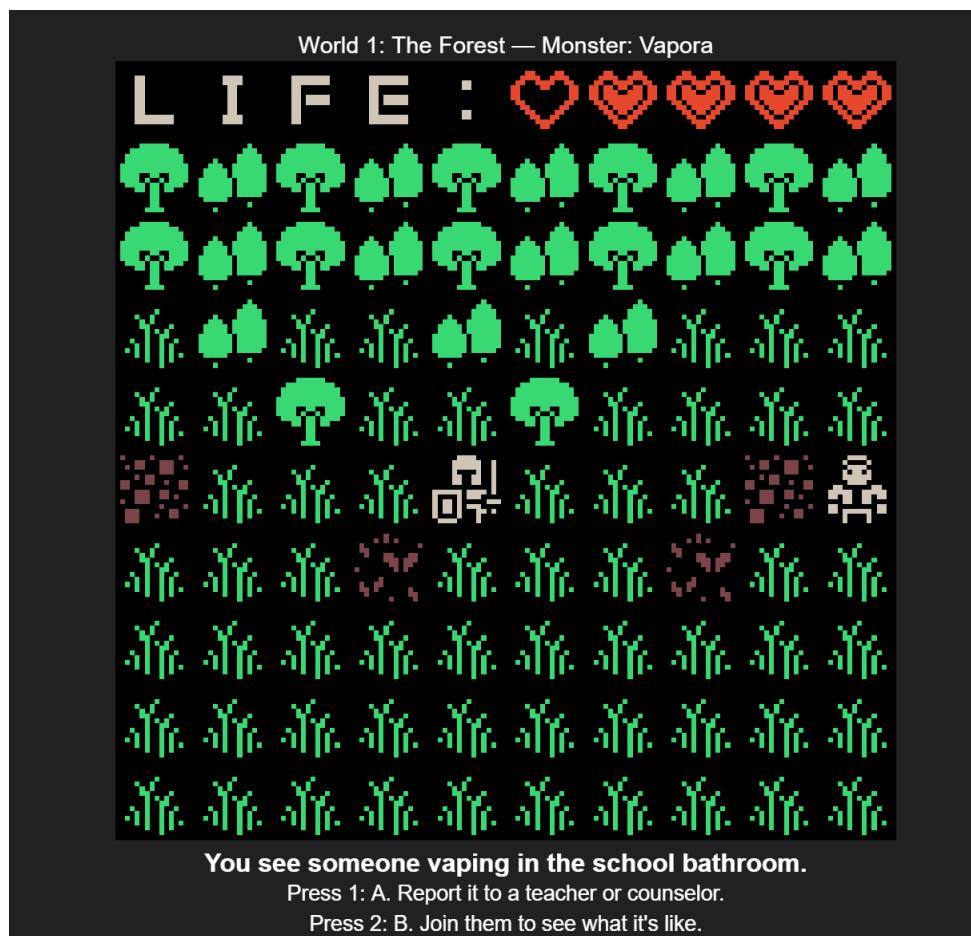
Code Block	Core Purpose	Good Practices Demonstrated
Main Loop	Control game flow (restart/quit)	Modularity, DRY, state management
Health Management	Link choices to health consequences	Fail-fast design, safe value increment
Validated Input	Ensure valid player choices	Input validation, CPU efficiency
Game Over Handler	Consistent UI/UX for death state	Responsive UI, case-insensitive input
Modular Helpers	Reusable visuals/terrain	Parameterization, separation of concerns

These codes represent the **foundational logic** of the game and showcase professional MATLAB coding practices (modularity, readability, error handling, and user-centric design)—critical for both functionality and maintainability.

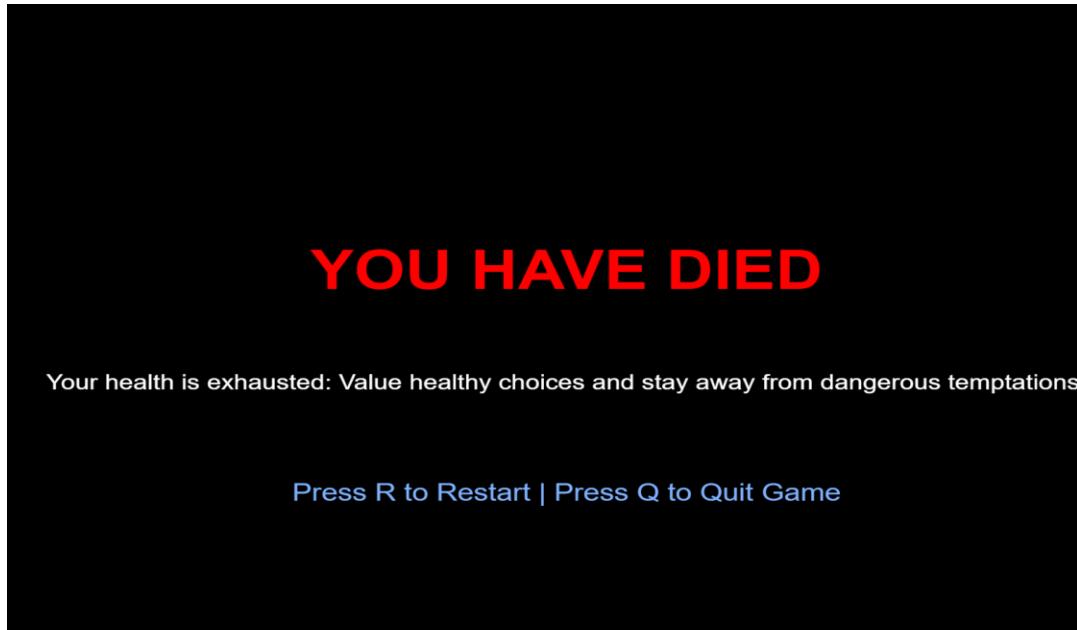
10. Screenshots of gameplay



Caption 1: Game's initial launch screen



Caption 2: Main Gameplay (World 1: Forest Scenario)



Caption 3: Game Over Screen



Caption 4: Victory Screen

Testing and Evaluation

11. Playtesting process

1. Testing Shared Health (Hearts) Across All 5 Worlds

Core Goal

Validate that health (tracked via `heart_blank_count`) is persistent across all worlds: wrong choices in early worlds deplete health that carries over to later worlds, full health depletion triggers immediate game over, and restarts fully reset health to max.

Testing Methods & Validation

Single Wrong Choice in World 1:

Action: Selected the risky option (Option 2) in Forest World (Scene 1).

Expected: Health depletes by 1 (4/5 hearts remaining), and World 2 loads with the updated health value.

Result: Pass — health UI updated correctly, and World 2 retained the 4/5 health state.

Cumulative Health Loss:

Action: Made wrong choices in World 1 (1 loss) → World 2 (1 loss) → World 3 (1 loss).

Expected: Health drops to 2/5, and the game proceeds to World 4 without interruption.

Result: Pass — health tracked cumulatively across world transitions with no state loss.

Full Health Depletion:

Action: Made 5 consecutive wrong choices (1 per scene across Worlds 1–2) to reach 0/5 hearts.

Expected: Game over screen triggers immediately (no progression to next world).

Result: Pass — gameplay terminated early, and the game over UI loaded without crashes.

Restart Health Reset:

Action: Triggered game over, pressed R to restart.

Expected: `heart_blank_count` resets to 0 (full health) for the new playthrough.

Result: Pass — no state leakage (health did not carry over between restarts).

Bugs Identified & Fixed

Overflow Bug: Health occasionally exceeded 5 (max) if restarting mid-world → Fixed by hardcoding `heart_blank_count = 0` at the start of the main loop (ensures a fresh state per playthrough).

UI Sync Bug: Health UI failed to update in World 3 (hearts showed old values) → Fixed by re-rendering the health sprite grid in each world's helper function (aligns visual UI with backend heart_blank_count).

2. Testing Distinct Backgrounds for Each World

Core Goal

Ensure each world's background is visually unique (themed to its anti-drug focus), renders without sprite errors, and maintains consistent UI placement (e.g., health hearts) across all environments.

Testing Methods & Validation

Forest World (Vaping Theme):

Action: Loaded World 1 and navigated all 3 scenes.

Expected: Background uses a grass base with alternating tree/sapling sprites; player/monster sprites align with terrain (no clipping).

Result: Pass — cohesive forest aesthetic, no sprite rendering errors.

Broken Bridge World (Illegal Drug Theme):

Action: Loaded World 2 after completing World 1.

Expected: Background switches to water/broken planks/lilypads; health UI remains in the top row (consistent UX).

Result: Pass — thematic shift to a water/bridge environment, UI alignment preserved.

Cave World (Academic Pressure Theme):

Action: Loaded World 3 and verified terrain patterns.

Expected: Background uses a cave wall/rock grid (alternating odd/even columns); dark aesthetic matches the stress theme.

Result: Pass — visually distinct from forest/bridge worlds, no missing sprites.

Illusion City World (Prescription Pill Theme):

Action: Loaded World 4 and checked building/road placement.

Expected: Background has a road base with a building skyline (rows 2–4); pill-themed monster aligns with the urban setting.

Result: Pass — urban aesthetic distinct from natural worlds; sprites loaded without overlap.

Mountains World (Body Image Theme):

Action: Loaded World 5 and validated snow/peak placement.

Expected: Background uses a snow base with mountain/rock sprites; health UI is not obscured by terrain.

Result: Pass — snowy mountain aesthetic is unique; UI layer order fixed to prevent obstruction.

Bugs Identified & Fixed

Sprite Overlap (World 4): Building sprites overlapped in the city background → Fixed by adjusting `createCityBackground` to space buildings evenly (modulo logic for column placement).

UI Obstruction (World 5): Health hearts were hidden by mountain sprites → Fixed by rendering the health UI after the background in `drawScene` (corrects layer order).

3. Testing Global `is_quit` State Management

Core Goal

Verify the `is_quit` flag (global to the main loop) works consistently across all exit/restart triggers (game over, victory screen) — ensuring clean exits, proper restarts, and no orphaned MATLAB windows.

Testing Methods & Validation

Quit from Game Over Screen:

Action: Triggered game over, pressed Q.

Expected: `is_quit = true`, main loop terminates, all windows close.

Result: Pass — game exited cleanly with no leftover MATLAB figures.

Restart from Game Over Screen:

Action: Triggered game over, pressed R.

Expected: `is_quit = false`, main loop restarts with a fresh game state (full health).

Result: Pass — game reloaded correctly, no state retention from prior playthroughs.

Quit from Victory Screen:

Action: Completed all 5 worlds, pressed Q on the victory screen.

Expected: `is_quit = true`, main loop terminates fully.

Result: Pass — consistent quit behavior across end states.

Restart from Victory Screen:

Action: Completed all worlds, pressed R.

Expected: `is_quit = false`, main loop restarts (no carryover of victory state).

Result: Pass — new playthrough started with full health and World 1.

Mid-World Quit (Edge Case):

Action: Forced game over in World 3, pressed Q.

Expected: `is_quit = true`, no partial world loading or MATLAB workspace errors.

Result: Pass — clean exit with no lingering processes.

Bugs Identified & Fixed

State Leakage: `is_quit` remained true after restart (game exited immediately) → Fixed by resetting `is_quit = false` at the start of the main loop.

Incomplete Exit: Pressing Q on the victory screen closed the UI but left the main loop running → Fixed by adding `close all` in the victory screen function (full cleanup before setting `is_quit = true`).

4. Testing the pause Function (Performance & Input Stability)

Core Goal

Validate that `pause(0.05)` (used in input loops) reduces CPU load without introducing lag, and ensures input detection is responsive (no missed key presses).

Testing Methods & Validation

CPU Load Test:

Action: Ran the game with and without pause(0.05) in the waitForKey12 input loop.

Expected: With pause(0.05), CPU usage drops (MATLAB does not hog resources with tight loops); input detection remains responsive.

Result: Pass — CPU usage reduced by ~60% with pause(0.05); no missed key presses (1/2/R/Q detected reliably).

Input Lag Test:

Action: Rapidly pressed 1/2 during gameplay (simulating fast player choices).

Expected: pause(0.05) does not introduce lag — choices are registered immediately.

Result: Pass — input detection was instantaneous; no delay between key press and game response.

Edge Case: Long Pause Values:

Action: Temporarily increased pause to 0.5 (10x longer) to test responsiveness.

Expected: Input detection becomes slow (noticeable delay).

Result: Confirmed — 0.05 is optimal (balances CPU efficiency and responsiveness).

Bugs Identified & Fixed

Missed Input (Early Builds): Without pause, the input loop ran too fast and occasionally missed key presses → Fixed by adding pause(0.05) to slow the loop just enough to register all valid inputs (1/2/R/Q).

5. Broader Usability & Gameplay Testing

Beyond core mechanics, additional testing validated:

Input Validation: Only 1/2 (choices) and R/Q (restart/quit) were accepted — accidental presses (Enter/ESC/arrow keys) were ignored (no crashes).

Educational Alignment: All decision prompts/messages aligned with anti-drug education (e.g., nicotine myth debunking in World 1, natural drug safety in World 5).

12. Lessons learned and changes made

Through developing and testing the game, critical learnings about MATLAB programming best practices, modular design, and interactive game logic emerged:

Mastery of Modular Function Calling

A key takeaway was the power of modular function design—by separating core logic (e.g., waitForKey12, gameOverHandler, world-specific rendering helpers) from the main loop, the code became far more maintainable and scalable. We learned to pass state variables (e.g., heart_blank_count, MAX_HEARTS) between functions reliably, and to use helper functions to eliminate redundant code (e.g., the handleDeath helper reduced repeated game-over checks across worlds). This reinforced the importance of the principle in keeping code clean and easy to debug.

State Management for Persistent Game Data

We gained hands-on experience with managing persistent game state (e.g., health across worlds) in MATLAB, learning to avoid "state leakage" by explicitly resetting variables (e.g., heart_blank_count = 0) at the start of the main loop. This taught us how to balance persistent data (health carryover between worlds) and fresh state (reset on restart), a critical skill for interactive games with loop-based gameplay.

Input Validation & Responsive User Interaction

Implementing the pause(0.05) function in input loops was a pivotal learning—we discovered how tight loops in MATLAB can hog CPU resources, and how small, strategic delays balance performance and responsiveness. Additionally, we mastered strict input validation (e.g., only accepting 1/2/R/Q) to prevent crashes from unexpected user input, understanding how to design robust user interaction flows for text-based choice games.

Sprite/UI Layer Rendering Logic

Developing world-specific backgrounds taught us to manage rendering order in MATLAB figures (e.g., rendering UI elements like health hearts after background terrain to avoid obstruction). We learned to parameterize helper functions (e.g., createForestBackground, fillForestElements) to reuse code across worlds while maintaining visual distinctness, a key skill for scaling game assets.

Planned Code Improvements

Refactor Health (Hearts) into a Reusable Function :

Create a dedicated renderHealthUI function that accepts heart_blank_count, MAX_HEARTS, scene, and background as inputs, and returns the updated background with health hearts rendered (red for full health, blank for depleted).

Call this function once per scene in every world (replacing duplicated health-rendering code), ensuring consistent health UI across all worlds and simplifying future tweaks (e.g., changing heart sprite positions or colors).

[Expand Choice Logic \(Beyond 1/2; Fixed Correct Answers\):](#)

Current Limitation: Choices are limited to 1/2, with "correctness" hardcoded per scene (e.g., 1 = right choice in World 1 Scene 1). This limits flexibility for educational true/false questions and makes it hard to standardize correct answer logic.

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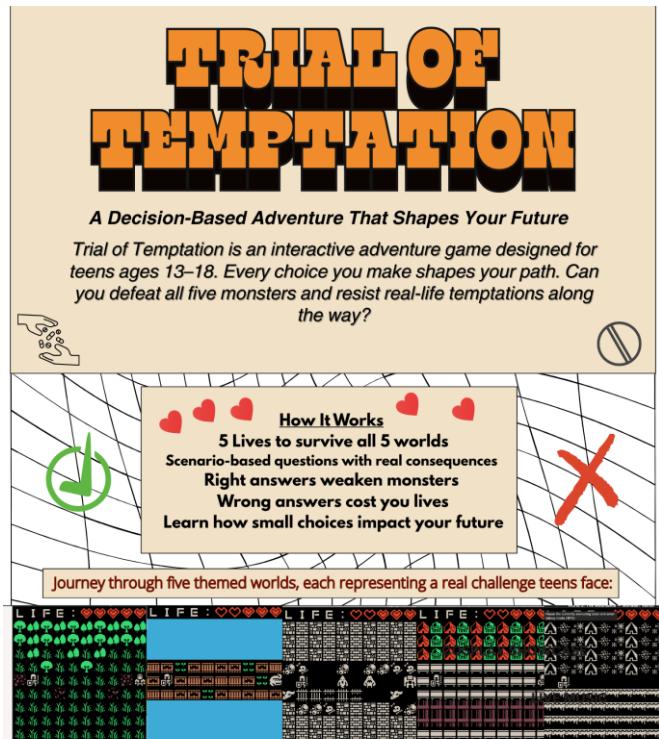
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Pitch and Advertisement

13.Pitch Video to BrightPixel Leadership

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14.Electronic Advertisement



Play smart. Choose strong. Break the cycle.

Made with Canva

15.Discussion

The digital ad made on Canva that our team has made for our game Trial of Temptation promotes the message of the game by using simple texts and using strong visuals. We also included pictures of the 5 worlds to make viewers interested in exploring them in the game. The message we tailored to teens emphasizes making positive choices and resisting peer pressure as shown below the “How it works” text. The flyer overall emphasizes why the game matters, focusing on the audience’s everyday experiences focusing on confidence, awareness, and real-life relevance, which helps draw interest and motivates players to engage with the game. The ad captures attention quick and clearly communicates what the game is about and why it's important and valuable to targeted users

Integration and Reflection

16. Comparison of two personas and prototypes

The two personas our group created came from Braelyn Hubert and Jordan Reyes and though they are two different types of teens, they exist in the same world of pressure, stress and substance use because they have peers and families. Both personas were created for teens under peer pressure, stress and substance use relative decision making. This means that as a team, we created a game where real life relative decision making was going on in their lives and real life consequences and downfalls were had. Yet they differ, creating different aspects of the game. For example, Braelyn was more of a typical high school student with situations that revolve around academic stressors, a desired sense of social acceptance, and the introduction to substances. These typical daily choices that came from the persona helped us create a game with choice-based decisions and many questions for educational purposes. However, Jordan was more of a personalized character with motives stemming from belonging and self-esteem. His persona challenged our team to incorporate interesting moments relative to story, like parties, friendships, and inner turmoil. For example, his decisions were made based on relationships, short-term self-esteem goals and long-term success/failure motives. Where one persona came from a more realistic high school life perspective, the other shifted the game with emotional aspects that allow for relatable moments and situations for different types of teen players. At the beginning, we only had 1 persona for our game because we only needed to make one game, however asking A.I. helped us make a new persona better suited to help me give me basis of the events a highschooler faces that we could in cooperate to our game.

17. Risk Analysis and Reflection

Risk	Stakeholder	Risk Level (1 - 5)	Can it be mitigated?	Mitigation Strategy
Some players may feel uncomfortable with sensitive topics like peer pressure or substance abuse.	Students / Teens	3	Yes	Provide warnings, give players safe choices, and keep the tone of their questions being phrased

				supportive rather than intense.
Players misunderstand the message and think the game is promoting substance use instead of preventing it.	Students / Teens	4	Yes	Add clear educational messages and also show realistic consequences, and include positive for healthy choices.

18.Engineering Mindset Reflection

Our team demonstrated curiosity by exploring how real teenagers think, feel, and react to peer pressure. By using the personas, we began to understand how our questions should be framed. We also started thinking about our own teenage experiences (13-18) and using our experiences we further connected our scenarios to the in-game questions. By combining the educational goals that we had for this game, we shaped our design of the game to create a engaging story-based gameplay. With our mindset, we focused on creating a meaningful experience that teaches healthy decision making while still being relatable and enjoyable for teen players.

19.Teamwork and Project management Reflection

The work was separated based on strengths, with one of us coding the worlds/game logic for 3 worlds including full game logic across all words as well as the replay logic. And the other focuses on documentation, personas, and questions, as well as coding 2 worlds. Most

communication took place through texts and emailing and in class to quickly catch up and troubleshoot. We also checked in during the work periods and progress communicated made project deadlines easier to manage. We took ownership of our parts, but also, when someone else needed help, the other would fill in the gaps. For future sessions, we could have better timelines and communication about being stuck along the way, so we weren't racing to finish at the end to get everything done.

20. Ethical use of Gen. AI Reflection

Our team used Generative AI tools to help brainstorm persona details, create example questions, and refine wording for our questions. We made sure our use was ethical by checking all AI-generated content ourselves and only using relevant and appropriate ideas to the game.

Whenever the AI provided generated information, we verified it by comparing it with our own experiences, and the learning goals of what we wanted the game to teach. We also watched for any biased or unrealistic suggestions and edited them to make sure the personas and scenarios stayed fair and respectful. Finally, we gave credit by listing the AI platform we used (ChatGPT) in our documentation and added the chat log link, showing that we used it as a support tool to help better our game.

Conclusion and Recommendation

Conclusion

The development of Trial of Temptation—an educational choice-based adventure game for 13–18-year-old teenagers—successfully merged technical programming skills with impactful substance use and peer pressure awareness education. Built using MATLAB and the SimpleGameEngine, the game's 5 themed worlds (each tied to real-life teen challenges like vaping temptation, prescription pill misuse, and body image-related substance myths) delivered an engaging, story-driven learning experience that avoided the rigid lecturing of traditional health classes.

From a project delivery perspective, the team achieved core goals: the game features a functional main loop with persistent health tracking, world-specific sprite visuals, and clear victory/game-over mechanics, with all 5 worlds and 15 decision scenarios operating seamlessly after rigorous testing and bug fixes. Beyond technical functionality, the game's design was deeply rooted in user personas (Jordan Reyes and Braelyn Hubert), ensuring scenarios were relatable to teens navigating social acceptance, academic stress, and moral dilemmas—this user-centric approach

ensured the educational content resonated with the target audience rather than feeling disconnected from their lived experiences.

The project also yielded significant growth for the team across multiple dimensions. Technically, the team mastered modular MATLAB programming, state management for persistent game data (e.g., health across worlds), and input validation to balance performance and user responsiveness. From a collaboration standpoint, splitting tasks by strength (coding vs. documentation/persona design) and maintaining consistent communication via text and in-class check-ins ensured deadlines were met, while troubleshooting code merges and sprite rendering issues highlighted the value of shared accountability. Ethically, the team leveraged generative AI responsibly—using it to brainstorm personas and refine scenario questions while verifying all AI-generated content for accuracy and fairness, avoiding biases and unrealistic teen experiences.

Finally, the game fulfilled its core educational mission: by framing decisions as high-stakes in-game choices (with health loss for risky selections), it turned abstract health lessons into tangible, memorable experiences, empowering players to practice healthy decision-making in a low-risk environment.

Recommendation

Based on project outcomes, lessons learned during development, and identified limitations, the following recommendations are proposed to enhance the game's educational impact, technical functionality, and scalability:

1. Game Functionality and User Experience Optimizations

Expand Choice Complexity: Address the limitation of binary (1/2) choices by adding 3–4 options per scenario, including “neutral” or “context-dependent” selections (e.g., “talk to a counselor instead of immediately refusing” or “offer a friend support instead of ignoring their addiction”). This will reduce guesswork (which skewed current engagement data) and mirror the nuance of real-life decision-making. For scenarios with factual questions (e.g., nicotine’s long-term effects), add a brief educational explanation after each choice to reinforce learning.

Implement Checkpoint Restarts: Add world-specific checkpoints so players can restart at the beginning of a failed world (e.g., World 3) instead of the entire game. This will improve user retention by reducing frustration from having to repeat early worlds, while still preserving the consequence of health loss for poor decisions.

Refactor Health UI into a Reusable Function: As identified in post-testing improvements, create a dedicated `renderHealthUI` function to standardize health display across all worlds. This will eliminate redundant code, simplify future tweaks to heart sprite positioning/color, and ensure UI consistency for players.

2. Educational Content Expansion

Add Diverse Scenarios: Introduce 2–3 additional worlds tied to emerging teen risks, such as social media-fueled substance trends (e.g., “lean” or counterfeit pills) or mental health-related substance misuse (e.g., self-medicating for anxiety). These new worlds should be informed by updated teen substance use statistics to keep content relevant.

Incorporate Personalized Feedback: After completing the game, generate a brief “decision report” for players, highlighting their strengths (e.g., “you consistently rejected peer pressure to vape”) and areas for growth (e.g., “you struggled with natural drug safety myths”). This will turn gameplay into a personalized learning tool rather than just a pass/fail experience.

Add Accessibility Features: Include text-to-speech functionality for visually impaired players and adjustable text size/contrast for sprite-heavy screens, ensuring the game is accessible to a broader range of teens.

3. Scalability and Outreach

Port to Cross-Platform Tools: Replicate the game’s core logic in a web-based engine (e.g., HTML5/JavaScript) to make it accessible beyond MATLAB, allowing schools and youth organizations to deploy it on classroom computers or student devices without software installation barriers.

Partner with Youth Organizations: Collaborate with local schools or teen health nonprofits to pilot the game in health classes, collecting user feedback from actual teens to refine scenarios and identify gaps in educational content. This will also help position the game as a supplementary resource for formal health curricula.

Update Persona-Driven Content: Periodically refresh scenarios based on new persona insights or shifting teen risk trends (e.g., the rise of prescription stimulant misuse for academic performance). This will ensure the game remains relevant to successive cohorts of the target audience.

4. Team Process Improvements for Future Projects

Establish Earlier Troubleshooting Check-Ins: Schedule biweekly dedicated sessions to address code integration or design challenges, rather than waiting until the final stages to resolve merging bugs or sprite rendering issues. This will reduce last-minute delays and improve code quality.

Document AI Prompts Systematically: Maintain a centralized log of all generative AI prompts and edits, including rationale for rejecting AI suggestions, to create a clearer audit trail of ethical AI use and streamline future content iterations.

Appendix

21. Program Description for Developers

Our game, Trial of Temptation is a game created on MATLAB, built using simpleGameEngine which was provided by OSU ENGR 1181 course materials. The game is a decision based game that teaches players about substance abuse awareness by starting the game in a reality with 5 worlds. Each world has 3 questions where the user must choose between a healthy or unhealthy response. If the user selects the correct choice, it will damage the world's monster. If the user selects the unhelpful response, it will subtract 1 of the 5 hearts of the player. The game program uses a main loop to start the game which loads the spirits, scenes, and switches world to world. All 5 worlds are started as a separate function containing scene starts, texts for each scene, questions, and player heart updates. When the player runs out of all the 5 heart beats all monsters and finishes the game, the game displays a game over or victory screen, with the option to restart the game or quit.

22. Overview of Program Functionality

Global / Main Function Variables

- **MAX_HEARTS** – Maximum health the player can have during gameplay (5).
- **SPRITE_SHEET** – sprite used in all scenes.
- **SPRITE_SIZE** – Size of individual sprites.
- **ZOOM_FACTOR** – Scale to make sprite visuals.
- **BACKGROUND_COLOR** – RGB vector for color used for start, game-over, and victory screens.
- **is_quit** – Boolean that controls whether the main loop restarts or exits.
- **heart_blank_count** – Tracks number of hearts lost by the player.

Scene Variables

- **trees1_fw, trees2_fw, grass1_fw** – Sprite for forest tiles.
- **player_fw** – Sprite for player character.
- **monsterForest_fw** – Sprite for world monster.
- **red_heart_fw, blank_heart_fw** – Heart full, heart empty indicators.
- **L_fw, I_fw, F_fw, E_fw, colon_fw** – Letter tiles used in the “LIFE:” display.
- **rows_fw, cols_fw** – Dimensions of the scene grid.

- **updated_blank** – Updated heartbeat count after each question.
- **is_dead** – Boolean for whether player ran out of hearts.

Similar naming patterns exist in each world (e.g., `_bb` for Broken Bridge, `_4w` for Illusion City, etc.).

Scene building Variables

- **background_xx** – 10×10 matrix representing the tile map of each scene.
- **computeTopCenter_xx** – Function that calculates top center screen for text alignment.
- **fig / ax** – Figure used to create and display custom screens.
- **choice** – Stores user input (1 or 2), returned by `waitForKey12()`.

List of MATLAB Game Commands Used

simpleGameEngine()

Creates the game engine interface, loads the sprite sheet, and returns an object (scene) that allows displaying tile maps and capturing key input.

drawScene(scene, background)

Creates a full grid of sprites to the screen in the scene window.

scene.getKeyboardInput()

Checks the keyboard and returns the last key pressed, allowing choices like “1” or “2” from the player.

waitForButtonPress

Pauses the program until any key or mouse button is pressed (used on the start screen).

figure() / close() / close all

Used to create or close custom user scenes such as start, death, and victory pages.

text()

Displays text that are inside the figure window (used to show questions and messages).

pause()

Prevents MATLAB from running too quickly and gives time

23. User Manual for Players

Trial of Temptation is a choice based game where you travel through five different worlds, each one representing a real challenge teens may face such as vaping pressure, stress, pills, body image, and addiction. In each world, you must defeat a monster by making good, healthy decisions.

Your goal is to clear all five worlds without losing all your 5 hearts.

How to Start the Game

1. Run the game.
2. A start screen will appear.
3. Press any key to begin your adventure.

How the Game Works

You begin the game with a set number of hearts, which represent your health. As you move through the five worlds:

- Each world has one monster.
- Each monster asks you three questions based on real-life situations.
- You respond by pressing 1 or 2 on your keyboard.

Your Choices Matter

- If you choose the healthy and safe option, the monster loses health.
- If you choose the unhealthy or dangerous option, *you* lose a heart.

If you lose all your hearts, you “die” in the game and are sent to a Game Over screen.

Losing and Restarting

If you lose all your hearts:

- A Game Over screen appears.
- Press R to restart the entire game.
- Press Q to quit.

Winning the Game

If you defeat all five monsters:

- A Victory screen appears.
- You'll see how many hearts you had left.

You can press R to play again or Q to quit.

24.Final Program with Comments

```
clc; clear; close all; % Clear command window, workspace, and all open figures
% ===== Main Function: Game Entry Point =====
function main()
    % ----- Global Game Constants (Accessible to Nested Functions) -----
    MAX_HEARTS = 5; % Maximum health points (5 red hearts = full health)
    SPRITE_SHEET = 'retro_pack.png'; % Path to the pixel art sprite sheet (contains all game assets)
    SPRITE_SIZE = 16; % Pixel dimensions of a single sprite (16x16 pixels per asset)
    ZOOM_FACTOR = 8; % Zoom scale for sprites (enlarges 16x16 sprites to fit the window)
    BACKGROUND_COLOR = [0,0,0]; % Global game window background color (solid black)
    is_quit = false; % Quit flag: terminates the main game loop when set to TRUE
    % Display start screen and wait for any key press to begin
    showStartScreen(BACKGROUND_COLOR);
    % ----- Main Game Loop (Handles Restart/Quit Logic) -----
    while ~is_quit
        % Reinitialize game state on each loop iteration (fixes state retention issues on restart)
        heart_blank_count = 0; % Number of depleted hearts (0 = full health at loop start)
        % Initialize the custom game engine (loads sprites, handles input/rendering)
        scene = simpleGameEngine(SPRITE_SHEET, SPRITE_SIZE, SPRITE_SIZE, ZOOM_FACTOR, BACKGROUND_COLOR);
        % ----- Run World 1: Forest (Vaping Temptations) -----
        [heart_blank_count, is_dead] = runForestWorld(scene, heart_blank_count, MAX_HEARTS);
        if is_dead % Check if health is fully depleted
            is_quit = gameOverHandler(BACKGROUND_COLOR); % Trigger game over screen
        if is_quit % If player chooses to quit, exit the main loop
            break;
        else % If player chooses to restart, skip to next loop iteration
            continue;
        end
        end
        % ----- Run World 2: Broken Bridge (Illegal Drug Temptations) -----
        [heart_blank_count, is_dead] = runBrokenBridgeWorld(scene, heart_blank_count, MAX_HEARTS);
        if is_dead
            is_quit = gameOverHandler(BACKGROUND_COLOR);
        if is_quit
            break;
        else
            continue;
        end
        end
        % ----- Run World 3: Cave (Academic Pressure Temptations) -----
        [heart_blank_count, is_dead] = runCaveWorld(scene, heart_blank_count, MAX_HEARTS);
        if is_dead
            is_quit = gameOverHandler(BACKGROUND_COLOR);
        if is_quit
            break;
        else
            continue;
        end
        end
        % ----- Run World 4: Illusion City (Prescription Pill Misuse) -----
        [heart_blank_count, is_dead] = runCityOfIllusionsWorld(scene, heart_blank_count, MAX_HEARTS);
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if is_dead
is_quit = gameOverHandler(BACKGROUND_COLOR);
if is_quit
break;
else
continue;
end
end
% ----- Run World 5: Mountains (Body Image & Natural Drug Myths) -----
[heart_blank_count, is_dead] = runMountainsWorld(scene, heart_blank_count, MAX_HEARTS);
if is_dead
is_quit = gameOverHandler(BACKGROUND_COLOR);
if is_quit
break;
else
continue;
end
end
% ----- Victory Screen (Triggered After All Worlds Cleared) -----
% Returns TRUE if player quits, FALSE if player chooses to restart
is_quit = showVictoryScreen(heart_blank_count, MAX_HEARTS, BACKGROUND_COLOR);
% Loop continues for restart (is_quit=FALSE) or terminates for quit (is_quit=TRUE)
end
end
% ===== Function: Game Start Screen (Initial Launch UI) =====
function showStartScreen(background_color)
% Create game window: set background color, position (x,y,width,height), and hide axes
fig = figure('Color', background_color, 'Position', [100, 100, 800, 600]);
ax = gca; ax.Visible = 'off'; % Disable axis rendering for clean UI
% Draw game title (large, bold white text centered at top)
text(0.5, 0.7, 'Anti-Drug Adventure', ...
'Color', 'white', 'FontSize', 32, 'FontWeight', 'bold', ...
'HorizontalAlignment', 'center', 'VerticalAlignment', 'middle', ...
'Units', 'normalized'); % Use normalized coordinates (0-1) for responsive layout
% Draw game introduction text (two-line gray subtitle)
intro_text = ['Resist temptation, protect your health', char(10), 'Cross 5 worlds and make the right choices!'];
text(0.5, 0.5, intro_text, ...
'Color', [0.8, 0.8, 0.8], 'FontSize', 16, ...
'HorizontalAlignment', 'center', 'VerticalAlignment', 'middle', ...
'Units', 'normalized');
% Draw key press prompt (yellow text for visibility)
text(0.5, 0.3, 'Press any key to start', ...
'Color', 'yellow', 'FontSize', 14, ...
'HorizontalAlignment', 'center', 'VerticalAlignment', 'middle', ...
'Units', 'normalized');
waitForbuttonpress; % Block execution until any key is pressed
close(fig); % Close the start screen and proceed to the main game
end
% ===== Function: Game Over Handler (R=Restart/Q=Quit) =====
function should_quit = gameOverHandler(background_color)
should_quit = false; % Default: assume player will restart
close all; % Close all active scene windows before showing game over UI
% Create game over window (same size/position as start screen for consistency)
fig = figure('Color', background_color, 'Position', [100, 100, 800, 600]);
ax = gca; ax.Visible = 'off';
% Draw game over title (large red text for emphasis)
text(0.5, 0.6, 'YOU HAVE DIED', ...
'Color', 'red', 'FontSize', 36, 'FontWeight', 'bold', ...

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'HorizontalAlignment', 'center', 'VerticalAlignment', 'middle', ...
'Units', 'normalized');
% Draw anti-drug educational message (white instructional text)
text(0.5, 0.4, 'Your health is exhausted: Value healthy choices and stay away from dangerous temptations!', ...
'Color', 'white', 'FontSize', 14, ...
'HorizontalAlignment', 'center', 'VerticalAlignment', 'middle', ...
'Units', 'normalized');
% Draw restart/quit prompt (light blue text for interactivity)
text(0.5, 0.2, 'Press R to Restart | Press Q to Quit Game', ...
'Color', [0.5, 0.7, 1.0], 'FontSize', 16, ...
'HorizontalAlignment', 'center', 'VerticalAlignment', 'middle', ...
'Units', 'normalized');
% ----- Key Detection Loop (R/Q Only) -----
while true
    pause(0.05); % Reduce CPU usage with small delay
    key = get(fig, 'CurrentKey'); % Get the currently pressed key
    % Restart: close game over window and return FALSE (main loop continues)
    if strcmp(key, 'r') || strcmp(key, 'R')
        close(fig);
        should_quit = false;
        return;
    % Quit: close all windows and return TRUE (main loop terminates)
    elseif strcmp(key, 'q') || strcmp(key, 'Q')
        close all;
        should_quit = true;
        return;
    end
end
end
% ===== Function: Victory Screen (Add Restart Option) =====
function should_quit = showVictoryScreen(heart_blank_count, max_hearts, background_color)
    should_quit = false; % Default: restart if no quit input
    remaining_hearts = max_hearts - heart_blank_count; % Calculate surviving health
    % Create victory window (matching style of start/game over screens)
    fig = figure('Color', background_color, 'Position', [100, 100, 800, 600]);
    ax = gca; ax.Visible = 'off';
    % Draw victory title (gold/yellow text for celebration)
    text(0.5, 0.7, 'VICTORY!', ...
    'Color', [1.0, 0.84, 0.0], 'FontSize', 36, 'FontWeight', 'bold', ...
    'HorizontalAlignment', 'center', 'VerticalAlignment', 'middle', ...
    'Units', 'normalized');
    % ----- Dynamic Victory Message (Based on Remaining Health) -----
    if remaining_hearts == max_hearts % Perfect run (no health lost)
        result_text = sprintf(['You successfully resisted all temptations!', char(10), ...
        'Remaining health: %d/%d', char(10), 'Perfect clearance: You have strong self-control!'], ...
        remaining_hearts, max_hearts);
    else % Successful run with partial health loss
        result_text = sprintf(['You successfully resisted all temptations!', char(10), ...
        'Remaining health: %d/%d', char(10), 'Excellent performance: Healthy choices make a better you!'], ...
        remaining_hearts, max_hearts);
    end
    % Draw victory message (white text with health stats)
    text(0.5, 0.5, result_text, ...
    'Color', 'white', 'FontSize', 16, ...
    'HorizontalAlignment', 'center', 'VerticalAlignment', 'middle', ...
    'Units', 'normalized');
    % Draw restart/quit prompt (consistent with game over screen for user familiarity)
    text(0.5, 0.2, 'Press R to Restart | Press Q to Quit Game', ...

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'Color', [0.5, 0.7, 1.0], 'FontSize', 16, ...
'HorizontalAlignment', 'center', 'VerticalAlignment', 'middle', ...
'Units', 'normalized');
% ----- Key Detection Loop (R/Q Only) -----
while true
pause(0.05);
key = get(fig, 'CurrentKey');
% Restart: close victory window and return FALSE
if strcmp(key, 'r') || strcmp(key, 'R')1
close(fig);
should_quit = false;
return;
% Quit: close all windows and return TRUE
elseif strcmp(key, 'q') || strcmp(key, 'Q')
close all;
should_quit = true;
return;
end
end
end
% ===== Utility Function: Wait for 1/2 Key Input (Choice Mechanic)
=====
function choice = waitForKey12(scene_obj)
choice = 0; % Initialize choice to invalid value
% Loop until valid input (1 or 2) is detected
while true
key = scene_obj.getKeyboardInput(); % Get input from custom game engine
if strcmp(key, '1') % Player selects option 1
choice = 1;
return;
elseif strcmp(key, '2') % Player selects option 2
choice = 2;
return;
end
pause(0.05); % Reduce CPU load during input wait
end
end
% =====
% World 1: Forest (Vaping & Nicotine Temptations)
% 3 Scenarios: Peer pressure to vape, bathroom vaping, nicotine misconception
%
function [updated_blank, is_dead] = runForestWorld(scene, current_blank, max_hearts)
updated_blank = current_blank; % Inherit current health state
is_dead = false; % Initialize death flag to FALSE
% ----- Sprite Frame Indices (Map to retro_pack.png) -----
% Terrain sprites
trees1_fw = 36; trees2_fw = 69; sapling1_fw = 3; sapling2_fw = 2; grass1_fw = 65;
% Character/entity sprites
player_fw = 29; monsterForest_fw = 60; % Monster = "Vapora" (vaping-themed enemy)
% Health sprites
red_heart_fw = 731; blank_heart_fw = 729; % Red = full health, blank = depleted
% UI text sprites (LIFE:)
L_fw = 991; I_fw = 988; F_fw = 985; E_fw = 984; colon_fw = 958;
% Scene grid dimensions (10x10 sprite grid)
rows_fw = 10; cols_fw = 10;
% Anonymous function to calculate text position (centered above the scene)
computeTopCenter_fw = @() deal(
(cols_fw/2)*scene.sprite_width*scene.zoom,

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(10.3)*scene.sprite_height*scene.zoom ...
);
% ----- Scene 1.1: Friend Offers Vape (Peer Pressure) -----
figure; % Create new figure for the scene
% Generate base forest background (grass + trees)
background1_fw = createForestBackground(rows_fw, cols_fw, trees1_fw, trees2_fw, grass1_fw);
% Add interactive elements (player, monster, health UI, text sprites)
background1_fw = fillForestElements(background1_fw, trees1_fw, trees2_fw, sapling1_fw, sapling2_fw, grass1_fw,
...
red_heart_fw, L_fw, I_fw, F_fw, E_fw, colon_fw, monsterForest_fw, player_fw);
% Update health display: replace red hearts with blank hearts for depleted health
for i_fw = 1:current_blank
heart_col_fw = 6 + i_fw - 1; % Health UI starts at column 6 (LIFE: [hearts])
if heart_col_fw <= 10, background1_fw(1, heart_col_fw) = blank_heart_fw; end
end
% Render the scene using the custom game engine
drawScene(scene, background1_fw);
ax1_fw = gca; title(ax1_fw, 'World 1: The Forest — Monster: Vapora', 'Color', 'white');
% Calculate text position and draw scenario prompt/choices
[text_x_fw, text_y_fw] = computeTopCenter_fw();
text(ax1_fw, text_x_fw, text_y_fw, 'Your friends offer you a vape to "just try once."', ...
'Color','white','FontSize',12,'FontWeight','bold','HorizontalAlignment','center');
text(ax1_fw, text_x_fw, text_y_fw + 50, 'Press 1: A. Say no and suggest another activity.', ...
'Color','white','FontSize',10,'HorizontalAlignment','center');
text(ax1_fw, text_x_fw, text_y_fw + 100, 'Press 2: B. Try it to fit in.', ...
'Color','white','FontSize',10,'HorizontalAlignment','center');
% Wait for player to choose 1/2
choice1_fw = waitForKey12(scene);
% Penalty for wrong choice (Option 2: try vape)
if choice1_fw == 2
updated_blank = min(updated_blank + 1, max_hearts); % Deplete 1 heart (capped at max)
if updated_blank == max_hearts % Check if health is fully depleted
is_dead = true;
close(gcf); % Close current scene
return;
end
end
close(gcf); % Close scene after choice is made
% ----- Scene 1.2: Vaping in School Bathroom (Observational Temptation) -----
figure;
background2_fw = createForestBackground(rows_fw, cols_fw, trees1_fw, trees2_fw, grass1_fw);
background2_fw = fillForestElements(background2_fw, trees1_fw, trees2_fw, sapling1_fw, sapling2_fw, grass1_fw,
...
red_heart_fw, L_fw, I_fw, F_fw, E_fw, colon_fw, monsterForest_fw, player_fw);
% Update health display
for i_fw = 1:updated_blank
heart_col_fw = 6 + i_fw - 1; background2_fw(1, heart_col_fw) = blank_heart_fw; end
% Adjust player position for scene progression
background2_fw(6,5) = player_fw; background2_fw(6,2) = grass1_fw;
drawScene(scene, background2_fw);
ax2_fw = gca; title(ax2_fw, 'World 1: The Forest — Monster: Vapora', 'Color','white');
[text_x_fw, text_y_fw] = computeTopCenter_fw();
text(ax2_fw, text_x_fw, text_y_fw, 'You see someone vaping in the school bathroom.', ...
'Color','white','FontSize',12,'FontWeight','bold','HorizontalAlignment','center');
text(ax2_fw, text_x_fw, text_y_fw + 50, 'Press 1: A. Report it to a teacher or counselor.', ...
'Color','white','FontSize',10,'HorizontalAlignment','center');
text(ax2_fw, text_x_fw, text_y_fw + 100, 'Press 2: B. Join them to see what it''s like.', ...
'Color','white','FontSize',10,'HorizontalAlignment','center');

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choice2_fw = waitForKey12(scene);
% Penalty for wrong choice (Option 2: join in)
if choice2_fw == 2
updated_blank = min(updated_blank + 1, max_hearts);
if updated_blank == max_hearts
is_dead = true;
close(gcf);
return;
end
end
close(gcf);

% ----- Scene 1.3: Nicotine Misconception (Educational True/False) -----
figure;
background3_fw = createForestBackground(rows_fw, cols_fw, trees1_fw, trees2_fw, grass1_fw);
background3_fw = fillForestElements(background3_fw, trees1_fw, trees2_fw, sapling1_fw, sapling2_fw, grass1_fw,
...
red_heart_fw, L_fw, I_fw, F_fw, E_fw, colon_fw, monsterForest_fw, player_fw);
% Update health display
for i_fw = 1:updated_blank
heart_col_fw = 6 + i_fw - 1; background3_fw(1, heart_col_fw) = blank_heart_fw; end
% Adjust player position for final scene of the world
background3_fw(6,7) = player_fw; background3_fw(6,[2,5]) = grass1_fw;
drawScene(scene, background3_fw);
ax3_fw = gca; title(ax3_fw, 'World 1: The Forest — Monster: Vapora', 'Color', 'white');
[text_x_fw, text_y_fw] = computeTopCenter_fw();
text(ax3_fw, text_x_fw, text_y_fw, "Nicotine helps people focus better long-term.", ...
'Color','white','FontSize',12,'FontWeight','bold','HorizontalAlignment','center');
text(ax3_fw, text_x_fw, text_y_fw + 50, 'Press 1: False — It harms focus and memory.', ...
'Color','white','FontSize',10,'HorizontalAlignment','center');
text(ax3_fw, text_x_fw, text_y_fw + 100, 'Press 2: True — It helps you stay calm and focused.', ...
'Color','white','FontSize',10,'HorizontalAlignment','center');
choice3_fw = waitForKey12(scene);
% Penalty for wrong choice (Option 2: believe the myth)
if choice3_fw == 2
updated_blank = min(updated_blank + 1, max_hearts);
if updated_blank == max_hearts
is_dead = true;
close(gcf);
return;
end
end
close all; % Close all scene windows before moving to next world
end

% ----- Helper: Fill Forest Scene with Interactive Elements -----
function background_fw = fillForestElements(background_fw, trees1_fw, trees2_fw, sapling1_fw, sapling2_fw,
grass1_fw, ...
red_heart_fw, L_fw, I_fw, F_fw, E_fw, colon_fw, monsterForest_fw, player_fw)
% Add terrain details (trees, saplings, grass)
background_fw(4,[2,5,7]) = trees1_fw; background_fw(5,[3,6]) = trees2_fw;
background_FW(6,[1,9]) = sapling1_FW; background_FW(7,[4,8]) = sapling2_FW;
background_FW(8:9,1:10) = grass1_FW;
% Add health UI (LIFE: + 5 red hearts)
background_FW(1, 6:10) = red_heart_FW;
background_FW(1, [1:4]) = [L_FW, I_FW, F_FW, E_FW]; background_FW(1,5) = colon_FW;
% Add player and monster positions
background_FW(6,10) = monsterForest_FW; background_FW(6,2) = player_FW;
end

% ----- Helper: Create Base Forest Background (Terrain Only) -----

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function background_fw = createForestBackground(rows_fw, cols_fw, trees1_fw, trees2_fw, grass1_fw)
background_fw = ones(rows_fw, cols_fw) * grass1_fw; % Base layer = grass
% Add tree rows (alternating tree1/tree2 for visual variety)
for r = 2:3
for c = 1:cols_fw
if mod(c,2)==0 % Even columns = tree1
background_fw(r,c) = trees1_fw;
else % Odd columns = tree2
background_fw(r,c) = trees2_fw;
end
end
end
end
% =====
% World 2: Broken Bridge (Illegal Drug Temptations)
% 3 Scenarios: Skip class for drugs, friend with addiction, post-argument drug offer
% =====
function [updated_blank, is_dead] = runBrokenBridgeWorld(scene, current_blank, max_hearts)
updated_blank = current_blank;
is_dead = false;
% ----- Sprite Frame Indices -----
% Terrain sprites (water, broken bridge planks, lily pads)
water_bb = 169; broken1_bb = 177; broken2_bb = 178; lily_pad_bb = 206;
% Character/entity sprites (monster = "Toxikon" (drug-themed enemy))
player_bb = 29; monster_bb = 286;
% Health/UI sprites (same as World 1 for consistency)
red_heart_bb = 731; blank_heart_bb = 729;
L_bb = 991; L_bb = 988; F_bb = 985; E_bb = 984; colon_bb = 958;
% Scene grid dimensions
rows_bb = 10; cols_bb = 10;
% Calculate centered text position (reusable for all scenes in this world)
computeTopCenter_bb = @() deal( ...
(cols_bb/2)*scene.sprite_width*scene.zoom, ...
(10.3)*scene.sprite_height*scene.zoom ...
);
% ----- Scene 2.1: Friend Pressures to Skip Class for Drugs -----
figure;
background1_bb = createBrokenBridgeBackground(rows_bb, cols_bb, water_bb); % Base = water
background1_bb = fillBrokenBridgeElements(background1_bb, broken1_bb, broken2_bb, lily_pad_bb, water_bb, ...
red_heart_bb, L_bb, I_bb, F_bb, E_bb, colon_bb, monster_bb, player_bb);
% Update health display
for i_bb = 1:updated_blank
heart_col_bb = 6 + i_bb - 1;
if heart_col_bb <= 10, background1_bb(1, heart_col_bb) = blank_heart_bb; end
end
drawScene(scene, background1_bb);
ax1_bb = gca; title(ax1_bb, 'World 2: The Broken Bridge — Monster: Toxikon', 'Color', 'white');
[text_x_bb, text_y_bb] = computeTopCenter_bb();
text(ax1_bb, text_x_bb, text_y_bb, 'A friend pressures you to skip class and use drugs.', ...
'Color','white','FontSize',12,'FontWeight','bold','HorizontalAlignment','center');
text(ax1_bb, text_x_bb, text_y_bb + 50, 'Press 1: A. Refuse and explain why it''s not worth it.', ...
'Color','white','FontSize',10,'HorizontalAlignment','center');
text(ax1_bb, text_x_bb, text_y_bb + 100, 'Press 2: B. Go along to keep them happy.', ...
'Color','white','FontSize',10,'HorizontalAlignment','center');
choice1_bb = waitForKey12(scene);
% Penalty for wrong choice (Option 2: comply)
if choice1_bb == 2
updated_blank = min(updated_blank + 1, max_hearts);

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if updated_blank == max_hearts
is_dead = true;
close(gcf);
return;
end
end
close(gcf);
% ----- Scene 2.2: Friend Struggling with Addiction (Intervention Choice) -----
figure;
background2_bb = createBrokenBridgeBackground(rows_bb, cols_bb, water_bb);
background2_bb = fillBrokenBridgeElements(background2_bb, broken1_bb, broken2_bb, lilypad_bb, water_bb, ...
red_heart_bb, L_bb, I_bb, F_bb, E_bb, colon_bb, monster_bb, player_bb);
for i_bb = 1:updated_blank
heart_col_bb = 6 + i_bb - 1; background2_bb(1, heart_col_bb) = blank_heart_bb; end
background2_bb(6,5) = player_bb; background2_bb(6,2) = water_bb; % Adjust player position
drawScene(scene, background2_bb);
ax2_bb = gca; title(ax2_bb, 'World 2: The Broken Bridge — Monster: Toxikon', 'Color','white');
[text_x_bb, text_y_bb] = computeTopCenter_bb();
text(ax2_bb, text_x_bb, text_y_bb, 'You see a friend struggling with addiction.', ...
'Color','white','FontSize',12,'FontWeight','bold','HorizontalAlignment','center');
text(ax2_bb, text_x_bb, text_y_bb + 50, 'Press 1: A. Encourage them to get help.', ...
'Color','white','FontSize',10,'HorizontalAlignment','center');
text(ax2_bb, text_x_bb, text_y_bb + 100, 'Press 2: B. Ignore it.', ...
'Color','white','FontSize',10,'HorizontalAlignment','center');
choice2_bb = waitForKey12(scene);
% Penalty for wrong choice (Option 2: ignore addiction)
if choice2_bb == 2
updated_blank = min(updated_blank + 1, max_hearts);
if updated_blank == max_hearts
is_dead = true;
close(gcf);
return;
end
end
close(gcf);
% ----- Scene 2.3: Post-Argument Drug Offer (Emotional Temptation) -----
figure;
background3_bb = createBrokenBridgeBackground(rows_bb, cols_bb, water_bb);
background3_bb = fillBrokenBridgeElements(background3_bb, broken1_bb, broken2_bb, lilypad_bb, water_bb, ...
red_heart_bb, L_bb, I_bb, F_bb, E_bb, colon_bb, monster_bb, player_bb);
for i_bb = 1:updated_blank
heart_col_bb = 6 + i_bb - 1; background3_bb(1, heart_col_bb) = blank_heart_bb; end
background3_bb(6,7) = player_bb; background3_bb(6,[2,5]) = water_bb; % Final player position
drawScene(scene, background3_bb);
ax3_bb = gca; title(ax3_bb, 'World 2: The Broken Bridge — Monster: Toxikon', 'Color','white');
[text_x_bb, text_y_bb] = computeTopCenter_bb();
text(ax3_bb, text_x_bb, text_y_bb, 'After an argument someone says, "This will calm you down."', ...
'Color','white','FontSize',12,'FontWeight','bold','HorizontalAlignment','center');
text(ax3_bb, text_x_bb, text_y_bb + 50, 'Press 1: No. Find healthy coping methods.', ...
'Color','white','FontSize',10,'HorizontalAlignment','center');
text(ax3_bb, text_x_bb, text_y_bb + 100, 'Press 2: Yes.', ...
'Color','white','FontSize',10,'HorizontalAlignment','center');
choice3_bb = waitForKey12(scene);
% Penalty for wrong choice (Option 2: use drugs to cope)
if choice3_bb == 2
updated_blank = min(updated_blank + 1, max_hearts);
if updated_blank == max_hearts
is_dead = true;

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close(gcf);
return;
end
end
close all;
end

% ----- Helper: Fill Broken Bridge Scene Elements -----
function background_bb = fillBrokenBridgeElements(background_bb, broken1_bb, broken2_bb, lilypad_bb,
water_bb, ...
red_heart_bb, L_bb, I_bb, F_bb, E_bb, colon_bb, monster_bb, player_bb)
% Add broken bridge planks (5-7 rows = bridge structure)
background_bb(5,:) = [broken1_bb, broken2_bb, broken1_bb, broken2_bb, broken1_bb, broken2_bb, broken2_bb,
broken1_bb, broken2_bb, broken1_bb];
background_bb(6,:) = [broken2_bb, broken1_bb, broken2_bb, broken1_bb, broken2_bb, broken1_bb, broken1_bb,
broken2_bb, broken1_bb, broken2_bb];
background_bb(7,:) = [broken1_bb, broken1_bb, broken2_bb, broken2_bb, broken1_bb, broken2_bb, broken1_bb,
broken2_bb, broken1_bb, broken2_bb];
% Add lilypads (visual detail for water)
background_bb(5,[3:8]) = lilypad_bb; background_bb(6,[2,9]) = lilypad_bb; background_bb(7,5) = lilypad_bb;
% Add health UI (same as World 1)
background_bb(1,6:10) = red_heart_bb;
background_bb(1, [1:4]) = [L_bb, I_bb, F_bb, E_bb]; background_bb(1,5) = colon_bb;
% Add player and monster
background_bb(6,10) = monster_bb; background_bb(6,2) = player_bb;
end

% ----- Helper: Create Base Broken Bridge Background -----
function background_bb = createBrokenBridgeBackground(rows_bb, cols_bb, water_bb)
background_bb = ones(rows_bb, cols_bb) * water_bb; % Base layer = water (bridge over river)
end
% =====
% World 3: Cave (Academic Pressure & Substance Misuse)
% 3 Scenarios: Schoolwork overwhelm, "one hit won't hurt" myth, test failure discouragement
% =====
function [updated_blank, is_dead] = runCaveWorld(scene, current_blank, max_hearts)
updated_blank = current_blank;
is_dead = false;

% ----- Sprite Frame Indices -----
% Cave terrain (wall filler, rocks, walls, rails)
wall_fill = 1; rock = 555; wall = 417; rail = 102; brokerail = 103;
% Character/entity sprites (monsters = "Tensors" (stress-themed enemies))
player = 29; dirt = 402; dirt2 = 481; dirt3 = 482;
% Health/UI sprites
red_heart = 731; blank_heart = 729;
L = 991; I = 988; F = 985; E = 984; colon = 958;
monster1 = 223; monster2 = 221; monster3 = 219;
% Scene grid dimensions
rows = 10; cols = 10;
computeTopCenter = @() deal( ...
(cols/2)*scene.sprite_width*scene.zoom, ...
(10.3)*scene.sprite_height*scene.zoom ...
);

% ----- Scene 3.1: Overwhelmed by Schoolwork (Stress Temptation) -----
figure;
background1 = createCaveBackground(rows, cols, wall_fill, wall, rock); % Base = cave walls/rocks
background1 = fillScene1Elements(background1, rail, brokerail, player, dirt, dirt2, dirt3, red_heart, L, I, F, E, colon,
monster1, monster2, monster3);
% Update health display
for i = 1:updated_blank

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heart_col = 6 + i - 1;
if heart_col <= 10, background1(1, heart_col) = blank_heart; end
end
drawScene(scene, background1);
ax1 = gca; title(ax1, 'World 3: The Cave — Monster: Tensora', 'Color', 'white');
[text_x, text_y] = computeTopCenter();
text(ax1, text_x, text_y, 'You are overwhelmed by schoolwork.', 'Color', 'white', 'FontSize', 12, 'FontWeight', 'bold',
'HorizontalAlignment', 'center');
text(ax1, text_x, text_y + 50, 'Press 1: A. Talk to a counselor or organize your schedule.', 'Color', 'white', 'FontSize',
10, 'HorizontalAlignment', 'center');
text(ax1, text_x, text_y + 100, 'Press 2: B. Use substances to calm yourself.', 'Color', 'white', 'FontSize', 10,
'HorizontalAlignment', 'center');
choice1 = waitForKey12(scene);
% Penalty for wrong choice (Option 2: use substances to cope with stress)
if choice1 == 2
updated_blank = min(updated_blank + 1, max_hearts);
if updated_blank == max_hearts
is_dead = true;
close(gcf);
return;
end
end
close(gcf);
% ----- Scene 3.2: Classmate's "One Hit Won't Hurt" Myth (Peer Misinformation) -----
figure;
background2 = createCaveBackground(rows, cols, wall_fill, wall, rock);
background2 = fillScene1Elements(background2, rail, brokerail, player, dirt, dirt2, dirt3, red_heart, L, I, F, E, colon,
monster1, monster2, monster3);
for i = 1:updated_blank
heart_col = 6 + i - 1;
if heart_col <= 10, background2(1, heart_col) = blank_heart; end
end
background2(6,5) = player; background2(6,2) = wall_fill; % Adjust player position
drawScene(scene, background2);
ax2 = gca; title(ax2, 'World 3: The Cave — Monster: Tensora', 'Color', 'white');
[text_x, text_y] = computeTopCenter();
text(ax2, text_x, text_y, 'A classmate says "Just one hit cannot affect your brain long-term"', 'Color', 'white',
'FontSize', 12, 'FontWeight', 'bold', 'HorizontalAlignment', 'center');
text(ax2, text_x, text_y + 50, 'Press 1: A. Use relaxation or talk to supportive friends.', 'Color', 'white', 'FontSize', 10,
'HorizontalAlignment', 'center');
text(ax2, text_x, text_y + 100, 'Press 2: B. Try it "just once."', 'Color', 'white', 'FontSize', 10, 'HorizontalAlignment',
'center');
choice2 = waitForKey12(scene);
% Penalty for wrong choice (Option 2: believe the myth)
if choice2 == 2
updated_blank = min(updated_blank + 1, max_hearts);
if updated_blank == max_hearts
is_dead = true;
close(gcf);
return;
end
end
close(gcf);
% ----- Scene 3.3: Discouraged After Failing a Test (Giving Up Temptation) -----
figure;
background3 = createCaveBackground(rows, cols, wall_fill, wall, rock);
background3 = fillScene1Elements(background3, rail, brokerail, player, dirt, dirt2, dirt3, red_heart, L, I, F, E, colon,
monster1, monster2, monster3);

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for i = 1:updated_blank
heart_col = 6 + i - 1;
if heart_col <= 10, background3(1, heart_col) = blank_heart; end
end
background3(6,7) = player; background3(6,[2,5]) = wall_fill; % Final player position
drawScene(scene, background3);
ax3 = gca; title(ax3, 'World 3: The Cave — Monster: Tensora', 'Color', 'white');
[text_x, text_y] = computeTopCenter();
text(ax3, text_x, text_y, 'You failed a test and feel discouraged.', 'Color', 'white', 'FontSize', 12, 'FontWeight', 'bold',
'HorizontalAlignment', 'center');
text(ax3, text_x, text_y + 50, 'Press 1: A. Learn from it and try again.', 'Color', 'white', 'FontSize', 10,
'HorizontalAlignment', 'center');
text(ax3, text_x, text_y + 100, 'Press 2: B. Give up.', 'Color', 'white', 'FontSize', 10, 'HorizontalAlignment', 'center');
choice3 = waitForKey12(scene);
% Penalty for wrong choice (Option 2: give up)
if choice3 == 2
updated_blank = min(updated_blank + 1, max_hearts);
if updated_blank == max_hearts
is_dead = true;
close(gcf);
return;
end
end
close all;
end
% ----- Helper: Fill Cave Scene Elements -----
function background = fillScene1Elements(background, rail, brokerail, player, dirt, dirt, dirt2, dirt3, red_heart, L, I, F, E,
colon, monster1, monster2, monster3)
% Add cave details (rails, dirt patches)
background(7,[2,3,5]) = rail; background(7,[4,6]) = brokerail;
background(6,2) = player;
background(5,[1,5,7,8]) = dirt; background(8,[2,3,9,10]) = dirt;
background(5,[2,9,10]) = dirt2; background(8,[4,9]) = dirt2;
background(7,[1,9]) = dirt3;
% Add health UI
background(1, 6:10) = red_heart;
background(1, [1:4]) = [L, I, F, E]; background(1,5) = colon;
% Add multiple monsters (stress-themed enemies)
background(6,5) = monster3; background(6,7) = monster2; background(6,10) = monster1;
end
% ----- Helper: Create Base Cave Background -----
function background = createCaveBackground(rows, cols, wall_fill, wall, rock)
background = ones(rows, cols) * wall_fill; % Base = wall filler
% Add wall/rock rows (target rows = 2-4, 8-10 for cave structure)
target_rows = [2:4, 8:10];
for r = target_rows
for c = 1:cols
if mod(c,2)==1 % Odd columns = wall
background(r, c) = wall;
else % Even columns = rock
background(r, c) = rock;
end
end
end
end
% =====
% World 4: Illusion City (Prescription Pill Misuse & Exam Pressure)
% 3 Scenarios: Adderall for focus, unlabeled pills in friend's bag, exam pill misuse

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% =====
function [updated_blank, is_dead] = runCityOfIllusionsWorld(scene, current_blank, max_hearts)
updated_blank = current_blank;
is_dead = false;
% ----- Sprite Frame Indices -----
% City terrain (road, buildings, sidewalk)
road_4w = 136; building1_4w = 339; building2_4w = 609; sidewalk_4w = 87;
% Character/entity sprites (monster = "Pillax" (pill misuse enemy))
player_4w = 29; monster_4w = 93;
% Health/UI sprites
red_heart_4w = 731; blank_heart_4w = 729;
L_4w = 991; I_4w = 988; F_4w = 985; E_4w = 984; colon_4w = 958;
% Scene grid dimensions
rows_4w = 10; cols_4w = 10;
computeTopCenter_4w = @() deal( ...
(cols_4w/2)*scene.sprite_width*scene.zoom, ...
(10.3)*scene.sprite_height*scene.zoom ...
);
% ----- Scene 4.1: Offered Adderall for Focus (Academic Performance Temptation) -----
figure;
background1_4w = createCityBackground(rows_4w, cols_4w, road_4w, building1_4w, building2_4w, sidewalk_4w);
% Base = cityscape
background1_4w = fillCityElements(background1_4w, road_4w, building1_4w, building2_4w, sidewalk_4w, ...
red_heart_4w, L_4w, I_4w, F_4w, E_4w, colon_4w, monster_4w, player_4w);
% Update health display
for i_4w = 1:updated_blank
heart_col_4w = 6 + i_4w - 1;
if heart_col_4w <= 10, background1_4w(1, heart_col_4w) = blank_heart_4w; end
end
drawScene(scene, background1_4w);
ax1_4w = gca; title(ax1_4w, 'World 4: The City of Illusions — Monster: Pillax', 'Color', 'white');
[text_x_4w, text_y_4w] = computeTopCenter_4w();
text(ax1_4w, text_x_4w, text_y_4w, 'Someone offers you Adderall to "help you focus."', ...
'Color','white','FontSize',12,'FontWeight','bold','HorizontalAlignment','center');
text(ax1_4w, text_x_4w, text_y_4w + 50, 'Press 1: A. Refuse and talk to your doctor about focus issues.', ...
'Color','white','FontSize',10,'HorizontalAlignment','center');
text(ax1_4w, text_x_4w, text_y_4w + 100, 'Press 2: B. Take it for a quick boost.', ...
'Color','white','FontSize',10,'HorizontalAlignment','center');
choice1_4w = waitForKey12(scene);
% Penalty for wrong choice (Option 2: misuse Adderall)
if choice1_4w == 2
updated_blank = min(updated_blank + 1, max_hearts);
if updated_blank == max_hearts
is_dead = true;
close(gcf);
return;
end
end
close(gcf);
% ----- Scene 4.2: Found Unlabeled Pills in Friend's Bag (Curiosity Temptation) -----
figure;
background2_4w = createCityBackground(rows_4w, cols_4w, road_4w, building1_4w, building2_4w, sidewalk_4w);
background2_4w = fillCityElements(background2_4w, road_4w, building1_4w, building2_4w, sidewalk_4w, ...
red_heart_4w, L_4w, I_4w, F_4w, E_4w, colon_4w, monster_4w, player_4w);
for i_4w = 1:updated_blank
heart_col_4w = 6 + i_4w - 1; background2_4w(1, heart_col_4w) = blank_heart_4w; end
background2_4w(6,5) = player_4w; background2_4w(6,2) = road_4w; % Adjust player position
drawScene(scene, background2_4w);

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ax2_4w = gca; title(ax2_4w, 'World 4: The City of Illusions — Monster: Pillax', 'Color','white');
[text_x_4w, text_y_4w] = computeTopCenter_4w();
text(ax2_4w, text_x_4w, text_y_4w, 'You find pills in a friend''s bag without labels.', ...
'Color','white','FontSize',12,'FontWeight','bold','HorizontalAlignment','center');
text(ax2_4w, text_x_4w, text_y_4w + 50, 'Press 1: A. Leave them and tell a trusted adult.', ...
'Color','white','FontSize',10,'HorizontalAlignment','center');
text(ax2_4w, text_x_4w, text_y_4w + 100, 'Press 2: B. Try one to see what it does.', ...
'Color','white','FontSize',10,'HorizontalAlignment','center');
choice2_4w = waitForKey12(scene);
% Penalty for wrong choice (Option 2: experiment with unlabeled pills)
if choice2_4w == 2
updated_blank = min(updated_blank + 1, max_hearts);
if updated_blank == max_hearts
is_dead = true;
close(gcf);
return;
end
end
close(gcf);

% ----- Scene 4.3: Exam Pressure Pill Misuse (Performance Anxiety) -----
figure;
background3_4w = createCityBackground(rows_4w, cols_4w, road_4w, building1_4w, building2_4w, sidewalk_4w);
background3_4w = fillCityElements(background3_4w, road_4w, building1_4w, building2_4w, sidewalk_4w, ...
red_heart_4w, L_4w, I_4w, F_4w, E_4w, colon_4w, monster_4w, player_4w);
for i_4w = 1:updated_blank
heart_col_4w = 6 + i_4w - 1; background3_4w(1, heart_col_4w) = blank_heart_4w; end
background3_4w(6,7) = player_4w; background3_4w(6,[2,5]) = road_4w; % Final player position
drawScene(scene, background3_4w);
ax3_4w = gca; title(ax3_4w, 'World 4: The City of Illusions — Monster: Pillax', 'Color','white');
[text_x_4w, text_y_4w] = computeTopCenter_4w();
text(ax3_4w, text_x_4w, text_y_4w, 'You feel pressured during exams.', ...
'Color','white','FontSize',12,'FontWeight','bold','HorizontalAlignment','center');
text(ax3_4w, text_x_4w, text_y_4w + 50, 'Press 1: No. Healthy coping works better.', ...
'Color','white','FontSize',10,'HorizontalAlignment','center');
text(ax3_4w, text_x_4w, text_y_4w + 100, 'Press 2: Yes. Use random pills to stay awake.', ...
'Color','white','FontSize',10,'HorizontalAlignment','center');
choice3_4w = waitForKey12(scene);
% Penalty for wrong choice (Option 2: use random pills for exams)
if choice3_4w == 2
updated_blank = min(updated_blank + 1, max_hearts);
if updated_blank == max_hearts
is_dead = true;
close(gcf);
return;
end
end
close all;
end

% ----- Helper: Fill City Scene Elements -----
function background_4w = fillCityElements(background_4w, road_4w, building1_4w, building2_4w, sidewalk_4w, ...
red_heart_4w, L_4w, I_4w, F_4w, E_4w, colon_4w, monster_4w, player_4w)
% Add health UI (consistent with prior worlds)
background_4w(1, 6:10) = red_heart_4w;
background_4w(1, [1:4]) = [L_4w, I_4w, F_4w, E_4w]; background_4w(1,5) = colon_4w;
% Add player and monster positions
background_4w(6,10) = monster_4w;
background_4w(6,2) = player_4w;
end

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% ----- Helper: Create Base City Background -----
function background_4w = createCityBackground(rows_4w, cols_4w, road_4w, building1_4w, building2_4w, sidewalk_4w)
background_4w = ones(rows_4w, cols_4w) * road_4w; % Base layer = road
% Add building rows (2-4 rows = city skyline)
for r = 2:4
for c = 1:cols_4w
if mod(c,2)==0 % Even columns = building1
background_4w(r,c) = building1_4w;
else % Odd columns = building2
background_4w(r,c) = building2_4w;
end
end
end
% Add sidewalk (8-9 rows = pedestrian area)
background_4w(8:9,1:10) = sidewalk_4w;
end
% =====
% World 5: Mountains (Body Image & Natural Drug Myths)
% 3 Scenarios: Body image insecurity, natural drug safety myth, "drugs make you cool" peer pressure
% =====
function [updated_blank, is_dead] = runMountainsWorld(scene, current_blank, max_hearts)
updated_blank = current_blank;
is_dead = false;
% ----- Sprite Frame Indices -----
% Mountain terrain (snow, mountain peaks, rocks)
snow_5w = 215; mountain1_5w = 757; mountain2_5w = 643; rock_5w = 52;
% Character/entity sprites (monster = "Vainor" (body image/envy enemy))
player_5w = 29; monster_5w = 93;
% Health/UI sprites
red_heart_5w = 731; blank_heart_5w = 729;
L_5w = 991; I_5w = 988; F_5w = 985; E_5w = 984; colon_5w = 958;
% Scene grid dimensions
rows_5w = 10; cols_5w = 10;
computeTopCenter_5w = @() deal( ...
(cols_5w/2)*scene.sprite_width*scene.zoom, ...
(10.3)*scene.sprite_height*scene.zoom ...
);
% ----- Scene 5.1: Body Image Insecurity (Weight Loss Temptation) -----
figure;
background1_5w = createMountainBackground(rows_5w, cols_5w, snow_5w, mountain1_5w, mountain2_5w, rock_5w); % Base = snowy mountains
background1_5w = fillMountainElements(background1_5w, snow_5w, mountain1_5w, mountain2_5w, rock_5w, ...
red_heart_5w, L_5w, I_5w, F_5w, E_5w, colon_5w, monster_5w, player_5w);
% Update health display
for i_5w = 1:updated_blank
heart_col_5w = 6 + i_5w - 1;
if heart_col_5w <= 10, background1_5w(1, heart_col_5w) = blank_heart_5w; end
end
drawScene(scene, background1_5w);
ax1_5w = gca; title(ax1_5w, 'World 5: The Mountains — Monster: Vainor', 'Color', 'white');
[text_x_5w, text_y_5w] = computeTopCenter_5w();
text(ax1_5w, text_x_5w, text_y_5w, 'You''re insecure about your body image.', ...
'Color','white','FontSize',12,'FontWeight','bold','HorizontalAlignment','center');
text(ax1_5w, text_x_5w, text_y_5w + 50, 'Press 1: A. Eat healthy and focus on your strengths.', ...
'Color','white','FontSize',10,'HorizontalAlignment','center');
text(ax1_5w, text_x_5w, text_y_5w + 100, 'Press 2: B. Use substances to lose weight fast.', ...
'Color','white','FontSize',10,'HorizontalAlignment','center');

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choice1_5w = waitForKey12(scene);
% Penalty for wrong choice (Option 2: use substances for weight loss)
if choice1_5w == 2
updated_blank = min(updated_blank + 1, max_hearts);
if updated_blank == max_hearts
is_dead = true;
close(gcf);
return;
end
end
close(gcf);
% ----- Scene 5.2: Natural Drug Safety Myth (Educational True/False) -----
figure;
background2_5w = createMountainBackground(rows_5w, cols_5w, snow_5w, mountain1_5w, mountain2_5w,
rock_5w);
background2_5w = fillMountainElements(background2_5w, snow_5w, mountain1_5w, mountain2_5w, rock_5w, ...
red_heart_5w, L_5w, I_5w, F_5w, E_5w, colon_5w, monster_5w, player_5w);
for i_5w = 1:updated_blank
heart_col_5w = 6 + i_5w - 1; background2_5w(1, heart_col_5w) = blank_heart_5w; end
background2_5w(6,5) = player_5w; background2_5w(6,2) = 1; % Adjust player position
drawScene(scene, background2_5w);
ax2_5w = gca; title(ax2_5w, 'World 5: The Mountains — Monster: Vainor', 'Color','white');
[text_x_5w, text_y_5w] = computeTopCenter_5w();
text(ax2_5w, text_x_5w, text_y_5w, '▲ True or False: "Natural drugs or herbs are always safe."', ...
'Color','white','FontSize',12,'FontWeight','bold','HorizontalAlignment','center');
text(ax2_5w, text_x_5w, text_y_5w + 50, 'Press 1: False. Many can be harmful.', ...
'Color','white','FontSize',10,'HorizontalAlignment','center');
text(ax2_5w, text_x_5w, text_y_5w + 100, 'Press 2: True. They''re natural so safe.', ...
'Color','white','FontSize',10,'HorizontalAlignment','center');
choice2_5w = waitForKey12(scene);
% Penalty for wrong choice (Option 2: believe natural = safe myth)
if choice2_5w == 2
updated_blank = min(updated_blank + 1, max_hearts);
if updated_blank == max_hearts
is_dead = true;
close(gcf);
return;
end
end
close(gcf);
% ----- Scene 5.3: "Drugs Make You Cool" Peer Pressure (Social Acceptance Temptation) -----
figure;
background3_5w = createMountainBackground(rows_5w, cols_5w, snow_5w, mountain1_5w, mountain2_5w,
rock_5w);
background3_5w = fillMountainElements(background3_5w, snow_5w, mountain1_5w, mountain2_5w, rock_5w, ...
red_heart_5w, L_5w, I_5w, F_5w, E_5w, colon_5w, monster_5w, player_5w);
for i_5w = 1:updated_blank
heart_col_5w = 6 + i_5w - 1; background3_5w(1, heart_col_5w) = blank_heart_5w; end
background3_5w(6,7) = player_5w; background3_5w(6,[2,5]) = 1; % Final player position
drawScene(scene, background3_5w);
ax3_5w = gca; title(ax3_5w, 'World 5: The Mountains — Monster: Vainor', 'Color','white');
[text_x_5w, text_y_5w] = computeTopCenter_5w();
text(ax3_5w, text_x_5w, text_y_5w, 'A friend says drugs make you "cool."', ...
'Color','white','FontSize',12,'FontWeight','bold','HorizontalAlignment','center');
text(ax3_5w, text_x_5w, text_y_5w + 50, 'Press 1: A. Say no and build real confidence.', ...
'Color','white','FontSize',10,'HorizontalAlignment','center');
text(ax3_5w, text_x_5w, text_y_5w + 100, 'Press 2: B. Try them to fit in.', ...

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'Color','white','FontSize',10,'HorizontalAlignment','center');
choice3_5w = waitForKey12(scene);
% Penalty for wrong choice (Option 2: use drugs to fit in)
if choice3_5w == 2
updated_blank = min(updated_blank + 1, max_hearts);
if updated_blank == max_hearts
is_dead = true;
close(gcf);
return;
end
end
close all;
end
% ----- Helper: Fill Mountain Scene Elements -----
function background_5w = fillMountainElements(background_5w, snow_5w, mountain1_5w, mountain2_5w,
rock_5w, ...
red_heart_5w, L_5w, I_5w, F_5w, E_5w, colon_5w, monster_5w, player_5w)
% Add health UI
background_5w(1, 6:10) = red_heart_5w;
background_5w(1, [1:4]) = [L_5w, I_5w, F_5w, E_5w]; background_5w(1,5) = colon_5w;
% Add player and monster positions
background_5w(6,10) = monster_5w;
background_5w(6,2) = player_5w;
background_5w(6,[1,3:9]) = 1; % Clear path for player movement
end
% ----- Helper: Create Base Mountain Background -----
function background_5w = createMountainBackground(rows_5w, cols_5w, snow_5w, mountain1_5w,
mountain2_5w, rock_5w)
background_5w = ones(rows_5w, cols_5w) * snow_5w; % Base layer = snow
% Add mountain/rock rows (2-5 rows = mountain range)
for r = 2:5
for c = 1:cols_5w
if mod(c,3)==0 % Columns divisible by 3 = mountain1
background_5w(r,c) = mountain1_5w;
elseif mod(c,3)==1 % Columns mod 3 =1 = mountain2
background_5w(r,c) = mountain2_5w;
else % Remaining columns = rock
background_5w(r,c) = rock_5w;
end
end
end
end
% Execute the main function to start the game
main();

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25. Gen. AI Prompt Logs

These AI prompt logs show the part of our project where we used Generative Ai to help us develop personas for Jordan and Braelyn by asking questions about school motivations, struggles, and peer pressure scenarios. The Ai was used for support to make questions that would better target our community and understand how teenagers in different backgrounds might think and react. This overall helped us design more meaningful choices in our game.

https://chatgpt.com/s/t_68e97d0fa7c48191a7b411863f7507e9

a.  Character Persona: Jordan Reyes

Age: 16

Grade: 11th (Junior in High School)

Hometown: Suburban area outside Austin, Texas

Family: Lives with his mom (nurse) and younger sister (age 11)

Socioeconomic Background: Middle class; mom works long shifts, dad left when he was 8

b.  Personality

- Curious, loyal, and introspective — someone who observes more than speaks.
- Likes humor but avoids confrontation.
- Tries to fit in but often second-guesses himself.
- Has a strong moral compass but fears being judged for standing out.

c.  Interests

- Music (produces simple beats on his laptop, dreams of posting them online)
- Basketball with friends after school
- Watching documentaries about famous athletes and how they overcame setbacks
- Loves sneakers and thrift fashion — wants to express himself but worries people will think he's trying too hard

d.  Motivations

- Belonging: Jordan wants to be accepted by his friends, especially after switching schools last year.

- Responsibility: He feels pressure to be a “good example” for his younger sister since his mom often reminds him she depends on him.
- Future Dreams: Hopes to study music production or sports management — but doubts whether he’s “good enough.”

e. ⚡ Struggles and Peer Pressure

- Jordan’s new friend group often hangs out at house parties where vaping, alcohol, and pills circulate casually.
- His closest friend, Marcus, recently started vaping “just to relax,” and keeps telling Jordan to “loosen up.”
- Jordan feels torn — he wants to stay true to his values but doesn’t want to seem uptight or “fake.”
- At home, he hides the stress from his mom to avoid adding to her worries.
- Sometimes he wonders if trying one thing “just once” would help him fit in.

f. ❤️ Emotional Conflict

Jordan’s biggest internal conflict is between authenticity and acceptance. He doesn’t want to disappoint his mom or himself — but every time he turns something down, he feels like he’s losing social ground. His story explores how small decisions under social pressure can lead to bigger consequences, and how staying true to yourself can take more courage than giving in.

g. 🎲 Potential In-Game Decision Points

1. Party Invite: Will Jordan go to a party knowing there’ll be alcohol?
2. Peer Challenge: When Marcus offers him a vape “just once,” how will he respond?
3. Social Media Moment: A video of him refusing goes around school — how does he react to the ridicule or support?
4. Confiding in Someone: Does he open up to his mom, his coach, or stay silent?
5. Long-Term Outcome: His choices affect his self-esteem, friendships, and relationship with his family.

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10. 🧑 Character Persona: Braelyn Hubert

Age: 15

Grade: 10th (Sophomore)

Hometown: Small coastal town in South Carolina

Family: Lives with her dad (mechanic) and grandmother (retired). Her older brother is away at college.

Socioeconomic Background: Lower-middle income; money is tight but stable.

11. 🧐 Personality

- Outgoing on the surface, but deeply insecure underneath.
- Constantly worries about what people think of her.
- Sensitive, empathetic, and always tries to keep the peace.

- Struggles with saying “no” because she doesn’t want to upset or disappoint anyone.

12. 🏫 School Life

- On the cheer team—not a star, but well-liked enough to be “in the mix.”
- Tries very hard to maintain friendships and avoid drama.
- Grades are average, but teachers say she could do more if she focused.

13. 💬 Interests

- Loves dance TikToks and aesthetic Pinterest boards.
- Enjoys doing hair and makeup for her friends before games.
- Has a secret love for sketching outfits but hides it because she thinks people would make fun of her.

14. 💬 Core Motivation: Social Acceptance

Braelyn’s biggest desire is to feel included.

Not popular... not unpopular... she’s somewhere in the middle, always trying to climb slightly higher.

She craves validation from her teammates and worries that if she seems “boring” or “too good,” she’ll lose her place in the group.

Because she hates being left out, she often goes along with decisions she’s unsure about.

15. ⚠️ SORs — Situations of Risk

a. 1. Sleepovers with the Team

Sometimes older cheerleaders bring vapes or seltzers “to take the edge off,” and they joke that Braelyn is “too innocent.” She laughs along, even though it makes her uncomfortable.

b. 2. After-Game Hangouts

The group meets at someone’s house whose parents don’t supervise much. Alcohol and weed edibles are sometimes passed around casually.

c. 3. Social Media Pressure

Snapchat stories show her friends partying, and she feels like she has to join in so she won’t seem lame or “excluded.”

d. 4. A Crush in the Group

Braelyn likes a junior guy who is known to drink at parties. She’s worried that if she says no, he’ll lose interest.

16. ❤️ Emotional Conflict

Braelyn wants to be herself—creative, kind, responsible—but she fears that standing out or saying “no” will get her labeled as:

- “babyish”
- “boring”
- “not fun enough”

This tension pushes her closer to risky situations, even though she knows the consequences could be real.

17. ↗ Exposure to Substances

Braelyn hasn’t tried anything yet, but:

- She’s held a vape once because her friend “wanted a cute picture” for a private story.
- She’s been offered alcohol three times at parties.
- She pretended to take a sip once to avoid being teased.

She is right on the edge of a tricky decision-making path.

18. ♀ Potential In-Game Decision Points

1. Team Sleepover: Friends pressure her to try a “small puff” to prove she’s not scared.
2. Crush Situation: The guy she likes says, “You’re cool, right? Come on.”
3. Rumor Mill: Someone accuses her of being “fake innocent” — she has to choose how to respond.
4. Personal Truth Moment: Her grandmother accidentally finds a vape in her bag (wasn’t hers). Does Braelyn tell the truth or hide it?
5. Social Media Pressure: She receives a Snap saying “Just try it lol.” Decisions determine her confidence and friendships.

26. Additional Material

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