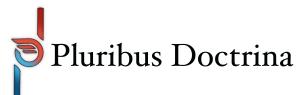


# The Icarus Protocol

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# I. Introduction

1. There is a powerful overlap between games and education, an overlap that innovators have only recently begun to truly explore. The feedback loops and reward models designed and honed to keep people engaged in modes of entertainment can be useful for intriguing students in class work with a reputation for being uninteresting. Our team aims to explore the potential of games as a tool for education by producing a fully featured game designed to teach basic programming skills to students at a middle school or early high school level with no prior programming experience. While games of a similar nature exist, they often fall into one of two traps which our team sees as pitfalls. Some, while employing the surface level appearance of a game, fail to truly embody the game design principles that make games powerful for learning; Others use a proprietary scripting language that has lessened impact in teaching actionable programming skills. In the construction of this project (working title: "Icarus Protocol") we aim to solve this problem by producing a game that is a genuinely fun and interesting experience, while also serving as an effective tool for teaching real Python programming.

*Icarus Protocol* aims to explore the use of games to engage kids in educational settings by placing them into the role of a starship AI on a quest to repair its malfunctioning vessel and discover the source of the damage. In doing this there are several key overarching objectives that define the nature of the project. The first of these is that the game must be *fun*. Many other similar games fall into the pitfall of being coding simulations first, and games second. They ignore many of the feedback systems and incentive structures that make games effective at prompting player learning, and this causes them to lose some of the impact they could otherwise have. *Icarus Protocol* needs to employ these systems in full, existing as equal parts educational tool and game, and using systems like level scoring, completion percentages, secrets, and challenge modes to make the experience exciting and engaging to play.

Additionally, *Icarus Protocol* would be failing in its purpose if it isn't an effective tool for teaching the intended programming skills. While being fun to play, the game must also be demonstrably effective at allowing students to gain transferable and extendable coding skills without needing to be accompanied by traditional lectures or homework assignments. It should be able to operate independently (i.e. without assistance from a teacher) and help students to solve their problems and correct their mistakes.

2. Our primary client is Lincoln Middle School, where Dr. Davis, the school's primary technology teacher, will be our contact liaison. The final project will be predominantly used by LMS as an introductory tool for students to gain experience with the Python programming language.
3. Dr. Edward Davis, Pullman School District, [edavis@psd267.org](mailto:edavis@psd267.org)
4. Dr. Davis is Lincoln Middle School's technology teacher that facilitates students in learning about different STEM fields. He also helps with after school activities that aid students in exploring different technologies.

## II. Team Members & Bios

Collin Nelson is a Junior at Washington State University pursuing a degree in Computer Science, and plans on graduating in the Spring of 2024. Collin had interests with game design and plans to join a major game studio after graduation. Collin has previous experience with game design within his personal projects. Additionally, he has program design experience and technical skills in C# from his internship at Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, where he has been a Software Engineering Intern for the past 4 years. Collin's responsibilities include team management and communication, as well as architecting the game's back-end code.

Anna Ueti is a Senior at Washington State University and will graduate with a degree in Computer Science in the Spring 2023. After graduation, she intends to pursue a full-time junior developer position at Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories. She has interests in web and front-end development, and has experience in these two areas from her three year internship as a Software Engineer Intern at Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories. Anna's technical skills include proficiency in scripting languages such as css and html, and the object-oriented language C#. Anna's responsibilities include team coordination, and UI design and implementation.

## III. Project Requirements Specification

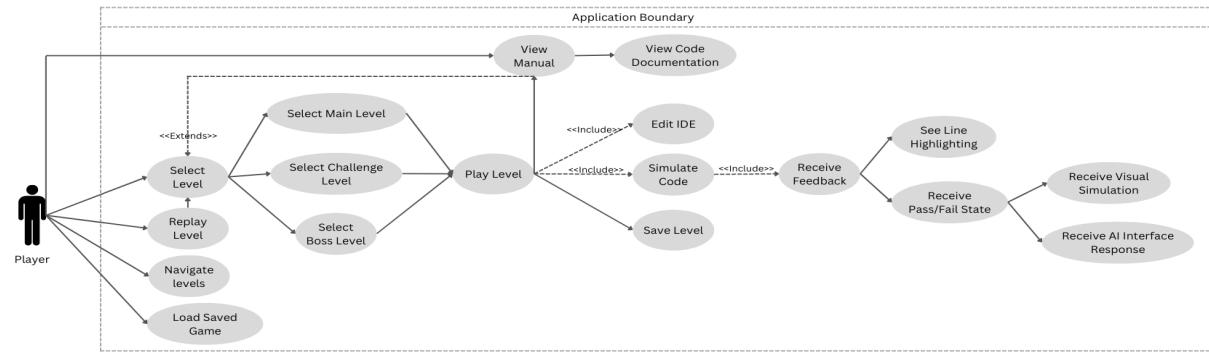
### III.1. Project Stakeholders

There are multiple stakeholders within Pullman School Districts, which include but are not limited to Lincoln Middle School.

Potential clients would include other K-12 educational institutions. To appeal to these institutions, it would be important for the final build of our software project to be easy to download and install. Additionally, it would be greatly beneficial if the curriculum adheres to the CSTA's guidelines for 6-8 grade education. (Ospi, 2018)

Finally, all stakeholders of the project would benefit from clean and well-documented code that is easy to deploy and to extend. The *Icarus Protocol* team will endeavor to treat these needs as prerequisites as we fulfill the preferences identified above. The needs of our primary client (LMS) will be prioritized first, but the needs of other institutions will be considered throughout the design and development process.

## III.2. Use Cases



### Select Level

Pre-condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On level select screen</li> </ul>
Post-condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Level information is displayed</li> <li>- Play button is available</li> </ul>
Basic Path	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Locate level icon in level list</li> <li>2. The user selects a main mission by clicking</li> <li>3. The level name, and progress is displayed</li> </ol>
Alternative Path	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In the 2nd step, the user selects a challenge level. Instead of level progress by phase the complete and incomplete objectives are displayed.</li> </ul>
Related Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Level-Select</li> <li>- Main Levels</li> <li>- Challenge Levels</li> </ul>

### Replay Level

Pre-condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On level select screen</li> </ul>
Post-condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Level information is displayed</li> <li>- Play button is available</li> </ul>
Basic Path	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Locate a completed level icon in level list</li> <li>2. Click on level to show data about level</li> </ol>
Alternative Path	
Related Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Level-Select</li> </ul>

## Navigate Levels

Pre-condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On level select screen</li><li>- Level information for a level is being displayed</li></ul>
Post-condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- New level information is displayed</li><li>- Play button is available</li></ul>
Basic Path	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Locate a different level icon in level list</li><li>2. Click on level to show data about level</li></ol>
Alternative Path	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The user interacts with hotkeys (such as arrow keys) or with menu buttons to navigate to the next level or previous level.</li></ol>
Related Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Level-Select</li></ul>

## Load Saved Game

Pre-condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On main menu screen</li></ul>
Post-condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Previously completed levels are reflected in level list</li></ul>
Basic Path	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Locate the Continue button</li><li>2. Click on the Continue button</li></ol>
Alternative Path	
Related Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Saving and Loading</li><li>- Cloud Save and Load</li></ul>

## View Manual

Pre-condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- On level select screen</li></ul>
Post-condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Manual of code examples is displayed</li></ul>
Basic Path	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Locate manual icon</li><li>2. Click manual icon</li></ol>
Alternative Path	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. At the precondition step, Player is on the Level screen</li></ol>
Related Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Accessible In-Game Python Documentation</li></ul>

## Play Level

Pre-condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Selected level and main level type</li> </ul>
Post-condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Receive level feedback</li> </ul>
Basic Path	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The player enters the level, the screen displays a section for the python IDE, the ship simulation, and the instruction/tip panel.</li> <li>2. The player click on the panel for the python IDE, typing to modify the python code</li> <li>3. The player clicks on Simulate button</li> <li>4. The Python background tests check and determine whether the player's code is successful or not.</li> <li>5. The code is successful, the ship simulation plays an animation for the task being successful</li> <li>6. The level data is saved</li> </ol>
Alternative Path	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- At the 5th step, the code is not successful, the ship simulation plays an animation for the task failing, and the player returns to the 2nd step.</li> </ul>
Related Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Functional Python IDE</li> <li>- Operational IronPython Integration</li> <li>- IDE Syntax Highlighting</li> </ul>

## III.3. Functional Requirements

### 1. User Interface and Python IDE

Functional Python IDE:

Description	The application needs to contain a functional Python IDE for writing and simulating code in-game. This IDE needs to allow the user to write code either freely, or by filling in blanks in a fixed code-block. The resulting code then must be packaged as a python string to be simulated by the engine.
Source	Internal requirements elicitation among members of the team.
Priority	Priority Level 0: Essential and required functionality.

IDE Syntax Highlighting:

Description	The Python IDE should implement some level of basic syntax highlighting. This highlighting should be able to recognize and distinguish between strings, integers, and applicable keywords, highlighting them with different text colors to make programming easier. In addition, background colors or
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	lines in the IDE should be used to indicate the tab index of a block of code, helping to distinguish what is contained within certain code blocks.
Source	Internal requirements elicitation among members of the team.
Priority	<u>Priority Level 1: Desirable Functionality</u>

Level-Select:

Description	The application needs to feature a UI that allows the players to select a level, view level details, and choose to play the level if they wish. This UI needs to accommodate the potential addition of levels outside of a linear mission order, should such levels be added to the game. This UI must also limit players to selecting levels they have unlocked by completing certain prerequisite conditions.
Source	Internal requirements elicitation among members of the team.
Priority	<u>Priority Level 0: Essential and required functionality.</u>

Accessible In-Game Python Documentation:

Description	The game must include a documentation window in its UI, accessible from the menu screens or from within missions. This documentation must include explanations of the concepts introduced in the game, including example code and detailed instructions and tips. These entries should be itemized by concept, and should unlock as the concept is introduced in the game, hiding information that is not yet relevant to the user.
Source	Internal requirements elicitation among members of the team.
Priority	<u>Priority Level 0: Essential and required functionality</u>

## 2. IronPython Integration

Operational IronPython Integration:

Description	The game must contain a successful integration of IronPython, a popular Python to .NET integration, with our C# code. This integration must allow us to run user-generated code, which must be sandboxed to prevent unintended access to the game code or the operating system. Errors must be handled gracefully, with no interruption to the game itself.
Source	Internal requirements elicitation among members of the team.
Priority	<u>Priority Level 0: Essential and required functionality.</u>

### 3. Core Game Systems

Main Levels:

Description	The game must feature a collection of at minimum 5 main “levels”. Each level will consist of multiple phases of escalating complexity, introducing, developing, and synthesizing a distinct concept. Specifically the game must at a minimum introduce the concepts of statements, conditionals, loops, and lists.
Source	Internal requirements elicitation among members of the team.
Priority	<u>Priority Level 0:</u> Essential and required functionality.

Boss Levels:

Description	The game will end with at least one “boss level”. The goal of this level is to synthesize a variety of already-introduced concepts into a single mission. This is distinguished from main missions by the fact that it includes no new concepts, but instead uses multiple phases of increasing difficulty to challenge existing knowledge.
Source	Internal requirements elicitation among members of the team.
Priority	<u>Priority Level 1:</u> Desirable functionality.

Challenge Levels:

Description	The game will include a variety of “challenge missions”. These missions are short, but complex levels consisting of a single phase. This phase contains a unique challenge based on knowledge acquired in previous missions, but doesn’t introduce any new concepts. These challenges can be used to develop skills and provide additional completion objectives for motivated users.
Source	Internal requirements elicitation among members of the team.
Priority	<u>Priority Level 2:</u> Extra features or stretch goals.

Saving and Loading:

Description	As the player completes objectives, the game should automatically store their accomplishments, including facets of level completion, level unlocks,
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	and the last simulated code for each level. This saved data should be automatically loaded if the player selects to “continue” from the main menu. This data will be stored locally in an accessible location of the user’s computer.
Source	Internal requirements elicitation among members of the team.
Priority	<u>Priority Level 0:</u> Essential and required functionality.

### III.4. Non-Functional Requirements

Self Containment:

The system shall be fully self contained. In this context what that means is that completing the game and learning the material shouldn’t require any outside Googling, or instructor help. All the resources and help should be provided in-game.

Fun:

The game shall be fun to play. It should be an experience that students enjoy going through, that teaches while engaging the player in a satisfying and enjoyable way. This can be measured through playtest surveys and player metrics.

Effective Teaching:

The system shall be an effective teaching tool. An average student playing through all of the main missions and engaging with an adequate amount of side-content should exit the experience having learned actionable skills in alignment with grade-appropriate standards. (Ospi, 2018)

Actionable Skills:

The system shall teach skills which extend outside of the realm of the game. An average student who completes the game and demonstrates understanding of in-game concepts, should also feel more confident in their understanding of Python, and their ability to use real programming principles.

Efficient Performance:

The system shall perform efficiently enough to be playable on machines available to students at LMS. “Playable” means that the game should generally maintain a framerate of >30 fps without clear stuttering or slowdowns during normal gameplay.

Intuitive Use:

The game should be intuitive to use for most students, and should not require the student to read detailed installation instructions, or operating procedure in order to understand how to play the game and interact with its systems.

Visual Interest:

The system shall be visually interesting and engaging to look at. This means that most actions should result in some kind of visual and/or auditory feedback to the user, and that success and failure should be marked with distinct visual effects.

## IV. Software Design - From Solution Approach

### IV.1. Architecture Design

This section of the document serves as a comprehensive overview of the inter-relational design of the gamified project being developed in collaboration with Lincoln Middle School. It will focus on three main design elements, Architecture, Data, and User Interface. For Architecture, each subsystem within the overarching design of the project will be thoroughly explored and explained, with a focus on the subsystem's concepts, algorithms, and interface properties. For Data, the primary data types and database files will be diagrammed and evaluated. And for User Interface, each page will have a mocked version and a detailed description of components and functions.

The purpose of this section is to create a guideline for the developers to follow throughout the development phase of this project. The developers will be able to perform verification tests during development based on the detailed description of

- i. Subsystems descriptions
- ii. Subsystem relationships
- iii. Data type objects
- iv. Data type and Database relationships
- v. Database schema
- vi. User Interface Mocked pages

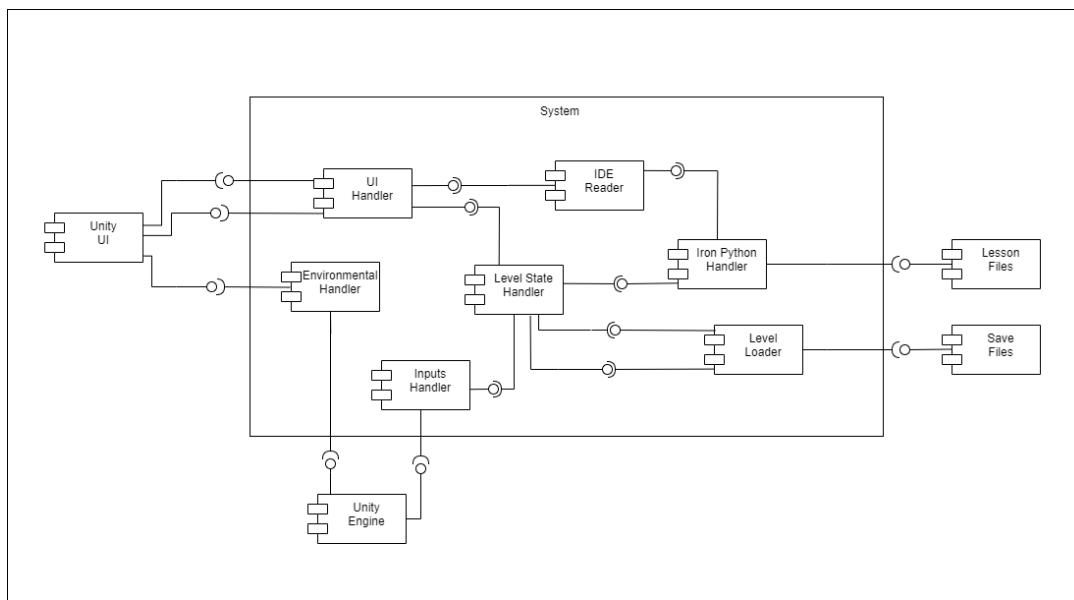
Additionally, another purpose for this design document is for stakeholders. With these designs created and documented within this solution, stakeholders will be able to cross reference the prototype with the intended goals and design outlined here.

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a genuinely fun and interesting experience, while also serving as an effective tool for teaching real Python programming.

## IV1.1. Overview

The Pluribus Doctrina Team has chosen to use an Object Scripting Model (Esposito, 2018) for this project. Since the application is developed in the Unity Engine, the architecture model must conform to the engine specifications. Given these requirements, the team has decided on an engine specific model that will utilize the strengths of the Unity Engine. Within the context of solely working on the game in the Unity engine, the team couldn't see another pattern that would take advantage of the Unity system as well. Below is a component diagram that illustrates the overarching architecture of our game. This diagram's purpose is twofold, one, it serves as a guide for the developers to reference and base development around, and two, it provides a visual representation of the component architecture that is decomposed in the following section. Here is an overview of the components, as seen in the diagram below. The Unity UI will communicate with select system handlers. Such systems would be the UI Handler, which will facilitate any UI element such as page layouts and icons, and the Environmental Handler, which modifies environmental properties such as camera positioning. From the UI Handler, there is a connection to the Level State Handler, which is the main subsystem that handles the levels which the player interacts with. The Level State Handler connects to the IronPython Handler, which facilitates the interpretation and simulation of the user's python code and loads lesson files, the Level Loader, which saves and loads levels as the player progresses, and the Inputs Handler, an abstraction for user input from unity engine. Additional in-depth descriptions of these subsystems will be elaborated on in the following section.



## IV.1.2. Subsystem Decomposition

### 1.1. [UI Handler]

#### 1.1.1. *Description*

The UI Handler subsystem manages any user interaction with the UI elements as well as UI details such as the displayed layout and icons. It handles inputs from the Unity UI external component such as actionable functionality that is tied to UI elements or player code entered into a UI element.

#### 1.1.2. *Concepts and Algorithms Generated*

Similar to many systems designed in Unity, the UI Handler is dispersed across many sub-classes. The most prominent of these sub-classes would be the UI-Layout class that dictates to the Unity UI which layouts should be displayed. The UI Handler also consists of the scripts tied to each UI elements' input events. In alignment with the Unity Engine's design philosophy, each button or UI element may have one or more atomic scripts which handle event actions. For the purposes of simplicity these are all considered to be part of the UI Handler subsystem. These classes will handle the interaction between the Unity UI elements and other subsystems.

#### 1.1.3. *Interface Description*

##### Services Provided:

Service Name	Service Provided To	Description
UpdateLayout	Unity UI, Level State Handler	The UpdateLayout service will allow the Unity UI or the Level State Handler to call for an update to the page layout, this will occur for the transitions between the home page, the level select page, the manual page, and the level page, with any variations due to level phase.
BundlePlayerCode	IDE Reader	The BundlePlayerCode service will package the code written in a UI element into a compiled data object that is passed to the IDE reader, this will happen once the player has selected to simulate.

##### Services Required:

Service Name	Service Provided From
ModifyUI to UI Handler	Unity UI

## **1.2. [Environmental Handler]**

### *1.2.1. Description*

The Environmental Handler system manages all the interaction between the Unity UI and the application system. It also handles the interactions between the internal environmental objects and the Unity Engine. It will handle services pertaining to both the Unity UI and Engine systems, such as camera direction and scope.

### *1.2.2. Concepts and Algorithms Generated*

Following a similar structure to the UI Handler, the Environmental Handler is decomposed into many sub-classes. However the one largest class is the Camera controller class. Given the strengths of working in a Game Engine, the game objects, such as layouts and UI elements, will always be on screen and the camera will display or obscure these objects as needed. Other scripts that are considered to be part of this subsystem could include motion scripts on environment objects or scripts controlling lighting and particle effects.

### *1.2.3. Interface Description*

Services Provided:

Services Required:

Service Name	Service Provided From
ModifyCamera to Environmental Handler	Unity UI
ModifyEvents to Environmental Handler	Unity Engine

## **1.3. [Input Handler]**

### *1.3.1. Description*

The Inputs Handler's responsibility is to abstract the inputs from the Unity Engine for the internal application system environment. It will handle inputs from the Unity Engine and provide a sanitized version to the level State Handler.

### *1.3.2. Concepts and Algorithms Generated*

Following the design philosophy of the Unity Engine, the Inputs Handler will also consist of several smaller classes. These classes will be tied to the script that is paired with game objects. The responsibilities of the Inputs Handler, while on any game object, is to act as a sanitizer for the raw inputs from the Unity Engine. It will then pass the inputs to the Level State Handler.

### *1.3.3. Interface Description*

Services Provided:

Service Name	Service Provided To	Description
GetPlayerInputs	Level State Handler	The GetPlayerInputs service will abstract the interaction process of the player's input and the internal application's properties. This process will take the input from the Unity Engine as a result of player actions and will facilitate and sanitize what is provided to the Level State Handler.

Services Required:

Service Name	Service Provided From
GetPlayerInput to Inputs Handler	Unity Engine

## 1.4. [IDE Reader]

### 1.4.1. *Description*

The IDE Reader, similar to the Inputs Handler, manages packaging the user's input, specifically the input in the Python text editor UI element. The UI Handler will provide the IDE Reader the raw text from the player, which the IDE Reader will package into a compiled object in the internal application system. Afterwards, the IDE Reader will provide this object to the IronPython Handler. This adds a layer of abstraction which allows for sanitization of the user's text so as to avoid unintentional interactions between the code written by the player and the code written by the developers.

### 1.4.2. *Concepts and Algorithms Generated*

The IDE Reader is responsible for the sanitizing and packaging of the player code, written in the UI element for the Python IDE, into a compiled object. Additionally the IDE Reader is responsible for providing this object to the Iron Python Handler for compilation. The IDE Reader will consist of one main class that is tied to the script of the UI element for the Python IDE. While most of this project's architecture compliments that of the Unity Engine, the IDE Reader is only used in an instance of the Python IDE UI element within a level.

### 1.4.3. *Interface Description*

Services Provided:

Service Name	Service Provided To	Description
CompilePlayerCode	Iron Python Handler	The CompilePlayerCode service will take in the raw text input of the player, and "compile" it into a data object, which is then provided to the

		IronPython Handler. This will occur once the player has selected to simulate.
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Services Required:

Service Name	Service Provided From
BundlePlayerCode to IDE Reader	UI Handler

## 1.5. [IronPython Handler]

### 1.5.1. *Description*

The IronPython Handler is responsible for the interaction between the python code that the player has written and simulation of that code. This component will take input from any instantiation of the IDE Reader, as well as any given lesson file, which will consist of an external python file for the specific lesson. It will then provide the Level State Handler the results of the Python simulation of the player's code.

### 1.5.2. *Concepts and Algorithms Generated*

Unlike many other components in our system, the IronPython handler consists of only one class. This one class will take inputs from two places, the IDE Reader class which will provide a compiled data object to run the Iron Python simulation on, and a lesson file, which will consist of python environmental objects and methods specific for the lesson. The Iron Python Handler will also provide to the Level State Handler the results of the Iron Python Simulation.

### 1.5.3. *Interface Description*

Services Provided:

Service Name	Service Provided To	Description
SimulatePlayerCode	Level State Handler	The SimulatePlayerCode service will simulate the compiled data object from the IDE Reader, and provide the results to the Level State Handler. This occurs after the player selects to simulate.

Services Required:

Service Name	Service Provided From
LoadLesson to IronPython Handler	Lesson Files

CompilePlayerCode to IronPython Handler	IDE Reader
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## 1.6. [Level Loader]

### 1.6.1. *Description*

The Level Loader subsystem is responsible for the loading and creation of save files. An important aspect of this project given the nature of video games is saving and loading. Players should be able to save their progress within the phases of a level and load their previously completed data for levels. The Level Loader is responsible for transposing the internal level data into a JSON file that can be accessed and read at a later time. It is also responsible for the reverse action, whereby given a save file, the Level Loader will read and interpret the file and update the internal level data to reflect the progress in-game.

### 1.6.2. *Concepts and Algorithms Generated*

Similar to the Iron Python Handler, the Level Loader subsystem will consist of a single class. This class will take an input of the internal class data from any instance of the Level State Handler and will transform the given data to a JSON file format as a Save file. Additionally, the Level Loader will take a JSON file input and translate it into data objects that update the internal level representation with previously saved states.

### 1.6.3. *Interface Description*

Provide a description of the subsystem interface. Explain the provided services in detail and give the names of the required services.

#### Services Provided:

Service Name	Service Provided To	Description
SaveFile	Level State Handler	The SaveFile service will take the input of the Level Loader's data objects progression then it will output the data transformed into a JSON file format and save it to a local storage location.
LoadFile	Level State Handler	The LoadFile service will take the input of the JSON file from the Save Files subsystem, then it will transform the JSON data into a compiled data object and provide it to the Level State Handler. Afterwards, the Level State Handler will update its internal data objects based on the compiled JSON object.

#### Services Required:

Service Name	Service Provided From
GetLevelData to Level Loader	Level State Handler

## 1.7. [Level State Handler]

### 1.7.1. *Description*

The Level State Handler is the main gameplay subsystem that is responsible for managing the services from the UI Handler, Iron Python Handler, Level Loader, and Inputs Handler to create a cohesive and fun level. It will manage the other components for displaying the level layout, running the player python code, the simulated results, and saving level progress at key milestones.

### 1.7.2. *Concepts and Algorithms Generated*

The Level State Handler subsystem will consist of a single class attached to the Level UI Component. Similar to the IDE Reader, the Level State Handler will have multiple instances for each Level that the player can play, such as main, challenge, and boss levels. Additionally, it will provide Level data objects to the Level Loader in order to create or update a player's save file, which can be loaded in later.

### 1.7.3. *Interface Description*

#### Services Provided:

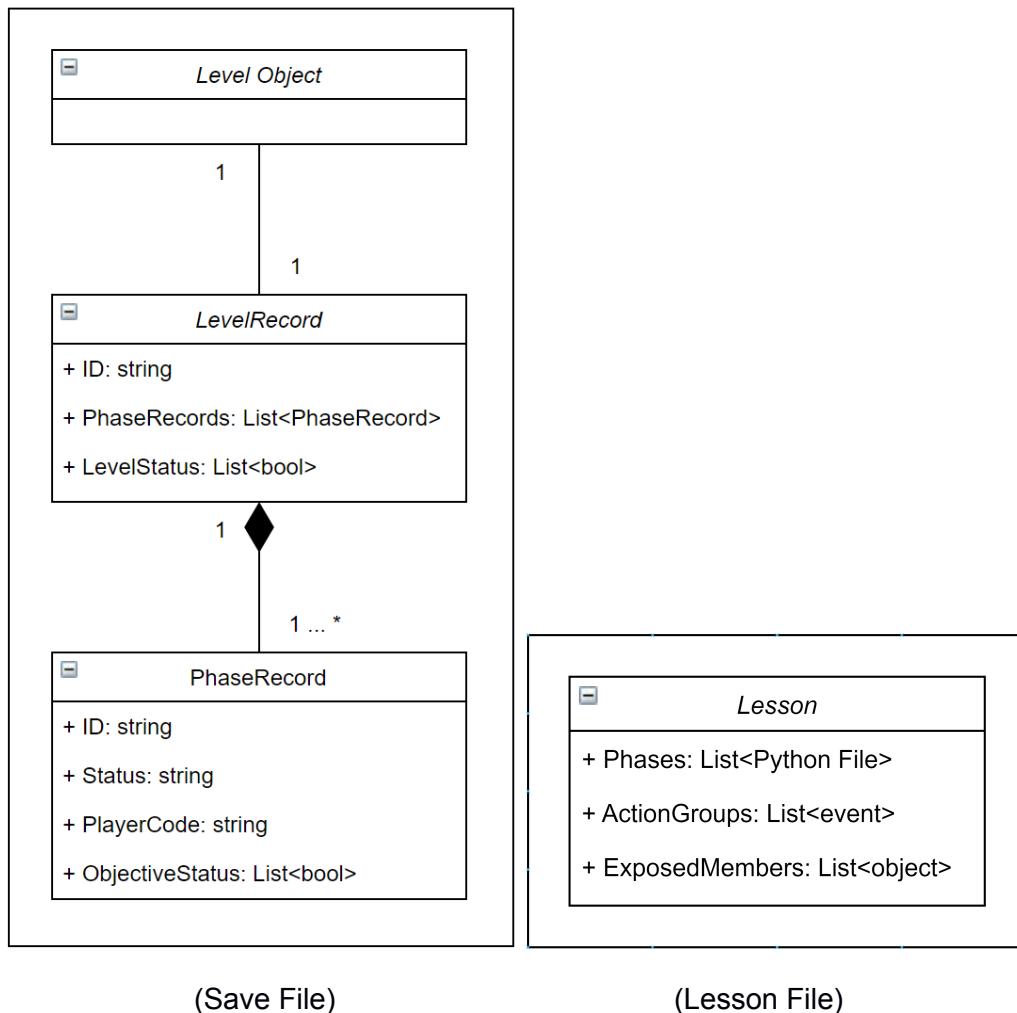
Service Name	Service Provided To	Description
GetLevelData	Level Loader	The GetLevelData service will provide the data objects of the level's progress to the Level Loader. This Level data will then be converted into a JSON file and saved to a local location.

#### Services Required:

Service Name	Service Provided From
UpdateLayout to Level State Handler	UI Handler
GetPlayerInput to Level Loader	Inputs Handler
LoadFile to Level Loader	Level Loader
SimulatePlayerCode to Level Loader	Iron Python Handler

## IV.2 Data Design

For this application, there are two main data structures of concern, both which interact with external subsystems. These two structures pertain to the interaction with Lesson files and Save files. For more information about the internal subsystem interactions see the System Architecture diagram and description above.



For the Save File data structure, there will be a Level Object that functions as an abstraction for the LevelRecord object. This LevelRecord will consist of three main properties: ID, PhaseRecords and LevelStatus. The ID consists of a static identifier that associates this saved record with a particular level in-game. The LevelStatus object will contain a list of boolean values that correspond with the completion of each phase, this will be used to establish how much progress has been completed and which phases have been or need to be completed. The

PhaseRecord object will contain four properties: ID, Status, PlayerCode, ObjectiveStatus. The ID property is very similar to the ID property of the LevelRecord, and will serve to uniquely identify the phase. The Status will be a string or enum that indicates the completion of the phase, this could be incomplete, partially complete, or complete. The PlayerCode will be a string representation of the player's code that was last compiled, this will allow players to continue from the last line of code they wrote at a later time. And lastly, the ObjectiveStatus object will be a list of boolean values, each that correspond to the completion status of the objectives for this phase. Given this structure, the LevelRecord is a composition of the PhaseRecords, where every LevelRecord contains at least one PhaseRecord.

Regarding the Lesson data structure, there are three main elements that it consists of. Firstly, Phases - a List of Python files -, ActionGroups - a List of Events -, and ExposedMembers - a List of Objects. The Phases property contains python files that dictate what functions and variables the player has access to in the UI Python IDE element and can contain additional python files depending on the amount of phases in a lesson. The ActionGroups holds events that trigger modifications in the Unity UI subsystem. And the ExposedMembers list allows control over class members that are exposed to the user to interact with.

## IV.3 User Interface Design

The Pluribus Doctrina Team has created a preliminary UI mockup for the game, with a focus on the main layouts for each page that the player will interact with. For the User Interface Design, the team gave heavy consideration for the nature of the application, a video game, and the audience, middle school students. As development continues, the team has decided to follow a minimalistic format with bold colors to draw attention to important items. From the images in the Appendix, the player is first greeted with the start screen (Image 1). This page displays four items, one of which is the title of the game and the other three will be interactable buttons. These buttons consist of a start button, which will move the player to the Level Select page with no previous progress, and a continue button, which will prompt the player to choose a save file to load. After choosing one, the player will be moved to the Level Select page with the previously saved progress added. Finally it will include a quit button, which will terminate the executable, quitting the game. The second page in the player game loop is the Level Select page (Image 2), this page has two main elements: level selection, and level description. The level selection, positioned on the left, will indicate which level is selected and the level description, positioned on the right, will give a brief description of the level, display level progress, provide a begin or continue button depending on the state of progress made in that level, as well as a restart button, that will reset any progress made. Once a level is selected, the player will then be moved to a Level page (Image 3). This layout will have three main elements: Python IDE, Simulation, AI response. The Python IDE will let the player write code within it and will contain a button to initiate code simulation, the Simulation will provide visual feedback to the player regarding the outcome of the python code they wrote, i.e. if it worked or if it did not, and the AI response will provide instruction, tips, and feedback to the player. The final page is the Manual page, which is accessible in either the Level Select page or the Level page. This page contains two main elements, similar to the Level Select page. While the left positioned element is the same as the Level Select page, the right positioned one, will instead contain information about the lesson selected. This would include a written explanation of the python documentation and examples of what was taught in that lesson. The final image in the Appendix, Image 5, is the overlay screen for the game, the two elements that it contains are a menu button that will

allow the player to choose to quit the game or to save their progress, and a manual button that will open the manual layout.

Some additional aspects to note, this is a partial UI mockup there are still parts of the UI that are undetermined by both the team and the client, one such example is the background imagery. In the partial UI, there is a background of stars, however, this is temporary pending confirmation of the team and client. Additionally, this partial UI mockup doesn't denote any animations for layout change, actionable events, or simulations. However, these aspects will both be handled in the team's video demonstration farther in development.

## V. Test Case Specifications and Results

### V.1. Testing Overview

The objective of tests in this kind of project is generally to gain confidence that the code we've written will successfully and consistently execute the desired behavior and fulfill all requirements at runtime. Automated tests especially serve the additional purpose of serving to safeguard the project against being broken by future updates. Our automated and manual tests will accomplish both of these purposes, helping to ensure that all core features are operating correctly each time that we deploy a new build of the game. We feel this is especially important to have established as we move into the second half of our development process, which will involve directly interacting with users in a series of beta-tests to receive feedback and rapidly iterate on our build. High quality tests now ensure that our iteration later can be more agile and more reliable.

The project being constructed in Unity leads to us needing to adopt some very specific testing technologies. For unit testing we will have to use the Unity Test Framework (Unity Technologies), a special C# unit testing framework designed to work with and within the Unity Engine. We can also use this framework to develop some isolated level of integration testing, although full integration testing will be utterly impossible because most of our code interacts with the external Unity Engine systems that we have no reason to do integration tests on. Where applicable, some integration tests will be used to ensure that closely related components created entirely by us are in fact integrating properly. We will also need to create and document extensive manual testing procedures. Most of our system testing will have to be done manually, due to the lack of automated tools for testing compiled Unity executables. This will have to include manual tests run by ourselves and during the acceptance testing process to ensure that the product performs all expected functionalities as intended when interacted with by a user, as well as procedure for performing formalized playtests with middle schoolers, gauging their engagement, the ease of use, and receiving feedback from them on their experience.

Our testing process will deliver 3 major deliverables. The first is a suite of unit tests covering all non-trivial non-UI scripts produced when creating the functionality of the application. The second is a document containing the testing procedure including operational instructions and expected results for all manual functional tests and playtests, and the final deliverable is a github CI pipeline created using the GameCI framework for running our pull-requests through a tested CI pipeline (GameCI).

It should be noted that the GameCI framework is a third party tool not associated with the Unity Engine. We also have yet to confirm the viability of this as an approach. Unity's built-in CI system is unfortunately a paid feature that we aren't prepared to pay monthly for. GameCI seems promising and professionally developed, but we may encounter problems that make the use of this system untenable. If these types of issues (package conflicts, licensing issues, etc.) occur we may have to opt to not use CI in our project as a result. This would obviously not be ideal, and it isn't our intention to go this route, but Unity-enabled CI is still a problem that is actively being solved, and all existing solutions have their own flaws and concerns.

Project testing will be designed to create full automated tests of all core functionality of the game, running these tests through a CI pipeline for continuous integration. The major components of the core functionality are the IronPython integration, and the Save/Load system. Smaller nonessential or non-core functionality may be tested, but due to time constraints may be allowed to run without automated tests. Because Unity automatically handles many errors during runtime without interrupting the flow of the game, errors in these components will not compromise the overall operation of the finished system. Our specific testing procedure is broken down below into 2 distinct processes. The first process describes how we develop, run and push code tested through automated unit/integration testing, as well as manual FT and acceptance testing. The second process is a preliminary outline of our process for performing unit tests, to be finalized later with the help of Lincoln Middle School as we move into the alpha and beta testing phases of the project.

## **Developer Testing Process**

1. Developer Writes Code: We do not intend to use TDD for this project. As such, we begin by creating and attaching the feature implementation to the Unity Project. Implementation is considered complete once the feature appears to successfully accomplish all required functionality.
2. Determine Test Cases: For each core functionality, we will create at least 2 test cases. One tests the ordinary expected operation of the unit, and the other tests exceptional or invalid behavior. Nonessential or small functionality, if tested, is acceptable if it only includes a test case for its ordinary behavior.
3. Run Tests: The developer should run the tests on the code, running all tests currently in the project, including the ones that they have recently added.
4. Fix Issues: If any of the tests fail in Step 3, the developer should identify the source of the failure and repair the bugs, rerunning tests as needed until all tests pass.
5. Developer Pushes Code To Remote: The developer will push their code to the remote. Assuming that we are successfully able to establish a Unity-compatible CI pipeline, the push will be run through this pipeline and results will be shown. A branch is only eligible for merge if its most recent commits pass all tests run in the CI.
6. Developer Makes a Pull Request Against Main: The developer makes a PR against the main branch, and adds at least one other developer as a review. The branch should not be eligible for merge unless and until the reviewer(s) perform a code review and provide approval.
7. Merge Branch: The branch will be merged into main assuming it passes all previous steps, and the CD pipeline will deploy a new release of the game to github, if applicable.

## **Playtesting Process**

1. Create Playtest Build: A developer will create a build of the game set up for the playtest. This could be a fresh build of the game, or a modified build designed to omit or skip certain content to allow testers to skip relevant playtest material.
2. Deliver Build & Allow Time For Testing: With the build delivered, a time period potentially of several weeks should be allowed for students to test the material.
3. Deploy Feedback Forms: As testers complete the content under test, they should be prompted to fill out a form. This form should ask questions designed to directly and indirectly gauge their interest in the game, the amount of fun they had playing it, the amount they felt that they learned, and whether they are retaining knowledge from the game.
4. Collate Feedback Data: Feedback should be collated into a feedback record document, and results should be analyzed for useful insights into what can be changed or improved for the next iterations.
5. Make Any Necessary Changes: Based on the analyzed feedback, make changes to the content, UI, or player experience to improve the experience for the next iteration of playtesting.

## **Unit Testing**

The team will generally follow traditional unit testing procedures, however where the team's unit testing methodology will diverge in areas that are Unity Engine specific. The team will be using the Unity Test Framework, formerly known as the Unity Test Runner, as the avenue of testing for this project (Unity Technologies). In order to consider the code sufficiently tested, the team will be required to test all core game functionalities. A core game functionality is defined as a game object functionality that would render the game unplayable if non operational, it is non-trivial and a non-UI script. Additionally, the team will evaluate the relevance and impact of all non-essential units. If the developer feels it necessary, more unit tests may be developed. These units under review would be scripts pertaining to game objects that are highly frequented or provide essential user functionality, but are not considered core game features. For this section, we will defer to individual developer discretion when considering the extent of additional unit tests.

## **Integration Testing**

Given the nature of working within the Unity Test Framework, our integration testing will mirror the Unit testing section however with more limitations. Due to requirements of the Unity Engine, our team must diverge from standard integration testing processes, testing isolated code clusters without the ability to fully integrate the application. Additionally, the unique structure of the project may lead to developer discretion in whether or not to attempt to integrate less amenable script structures.

## **System Testing**

1. Functional Testing:

The team's functional testing plan is primarily reliant on manual testing implemented and tested by the developers. For this section, the team will predominantly focus on the previously outlined Requirements and Specifications document, which contains developer and stakeholder expectations for project functionality. Each functional requirement, outlined in the document mentioned above, will be associated with one functional test. This section of the document is subject to revision if there is an update to or restructuring of the project's functional requirements. Given the nature of working with the Unity Engine, these tests will be manually validated by the developers. In the case that a functional test should fail, the developer who is

testing that component will provide a description of the test conditions and request the original developer to reevaluate and solve the error.

## 2. Performance Testing:

Leaning into the strengths and unique qualities of the Unity Engine, our team is opting to use the Unity Profiler tool (Unity Technologies). The tool measures and provides performance information about the application in areas such as the CPU and memory. This is especially important for the Icarus Protocol game given poor performance doesn't reflect well on the gameplay functionality of the application. Additionally, this tool will provide the resources for the developers to monitor the performance of the application under variable loads. In regards to the non-functional requirements specified in the Requirements and Specifications document, our team will manually test the performance of these aspects. Given the non-functional tests rely on qualitative metrics rather than quantitative, developer discretion will be given.

## 3. User Acceptance Testing:

In collaboration with Lincoln Middle School, the team will employ play testing for several iterations before the final release of the game is completed. Our testing strategy for user acceptance testing, will be outlined below with sections for provided resources, instructions for testing groups, and plans for feedback and revision. This outline mirrors the Playtesting Process detailed above, however this description focuses more on the developer view.

### A. Resources

- a. A build of the application (for each testing student)
- b. A google form for feedback (for each testing student)
- c. A google form for teacher feedback (for testing facilitator)

### B. Instructions

- a. A small select group of students will be chosen for this testing iteration.
  - i. Note: a student will only be able to participate in a testing group once.
- b. Each student in the testing group will be provided a working build of the Icarus Protocol game.
- c. A to be determined timeframe will be provided for testing.
- d. After the student finished the game or by the end of the testing time frame, the student will be provided an exit google form for feedback.
- e. After all students have completed the game or the duration of the testing time frame has expired, the facilitator will be provided an exit google form for feedback.

### C. Revision

- a. The team will receive and review all feedback forms
- b. The team will then convene and deliberate on modifications to pursue based on the testing group feedback.
  - i. If a new feature is pursued or a bug is found, the team will provide documentation for the addition or modification and will continue with updating the project accordingly.

\*This outline is intended to be reiterated for testing purposes.

The final iteration of the user acceptance testing will involve positive responses from the students and facilitator, as well as positive skill growth from the beginning of the game to the end and demonstration that all required functionality is functional in the final build.

## V.2. Environment Requirements

Our testing environment is predominantly self-contained with Unity Engine proprietary tools. As mentioned above, both unit and integration testing will use the Unity Test Framework and their testing strategies will generally mirror each other.

However, the team will be using an external component, GameCI if possible, in conjunction with the Github CI pipeline. This framework will provide a testing pipeline that will allow developers to guarantee that tests are run and passed before committing and merging work.

There are no specific hardware requirements.

## V.3. Test Results

### Main Levels

#### Description:

This is a series of manual test cases for selecting a main level.

#### Assumptions:

- The game has been started with a new game (no previous save file data)

Test ID	Expected Inputs	Expected Outputs	Actual Outputs	Pass / Fail
01	Click on Life Support	The Life Support description box opens to the right with no phases highlighted as completed.	The Life Support description box opens to the right with no phases highlighted as completed.	P
02	Click on Navigation	The Navigation description box opens to the right with no phases highlighted as completed.	The Navigation description box opens to the right with no phases highlighted as completed.	P
03	Click on Reactor Core	The Reactor Core description box opens to the right with no phases highlighted as completed.	The Reactor Core description box opens to the right with no phases highlighted as completed.	P
04	Click on Artillery	The Artillery description box opens to the right with no phases highlighted as completed.	The Artillery description box opens to the right with no phases highlighted as completed.	P

05	Click on Shield Generator	The Shield Generator description box opens to the right with no phases highlighted as completed.	The Shield Generator description box opens to the right with no phases highlighted as completed.	P
06	Click on the description of the level	Nothing happens.	Nothing happens.	P
07	Click on background image of the ship	Nothing happens.	Nothing happens.	P
08	Click on the level name in the level select list that was previously clicked	Nothing happens.	Nothing happens.	P
09	Press the 's' keyboard button	The level button that is down the list from the previously clicked level button is now highlighted.	The level button that is down the list from the previously clicked level button is now highlighted.	P
10	Press the 'w' keyboard button	The level button that is up the list from the previously clicked level button is now highlighted.	The level button that is up the list from the previously clicked level button is now highlighted.	P
11	Click the Start button in the level description	The corresponding level's first phase UI layout is transitioned to.	The corresponding level's first phase UI layout is transitioned to.	P

## Manual Page

### Description:

This is a series of manual test cases for selecting a manual entry.

### Assumptions:

- The game has been started with a new game (no previous save file data)

Test ID	Expected Inputs	Expected Outputs	Actual Outputs	Pass / Fail
01	Click on manual overlay button	Manual layout page is transitioned to, with nine unique manual entries.	Manual layout page is transitioned to, with nine unique manual entries.	P
	Click on a manual entry	The corresponding manual entry is displayed with the entry name and description on the right	The corresponding manual entry is displayed with the entry name and description on the right	P

		side of the screen.	side of the screen.	
	Click on manual overlay button	Previous layout page (level or level select) is transitioned to	Previous layout page (level or level select) is transitioned to	P
Assumption: Test Level is now complete				
	Click on manual overlay button	Manual layout page is transitioned to, with ten unique manual entries.	Manual layout page is transitioned to, with ten unique manual entries.	P

## VI. Projects and Tools Used

Tool/library/framework	Purpose
IronPython	IronPython is used to sandbox the user's programming so that they can't interact with any back end code.
Unity	Unity is the platform that we use to design, build, and deploy the Icarus Protocol game.
JSON.NET	We used JSON.NET to transpose the user's data about level progress into a save file. It also functions to read a user's save file and modify the game to reflect their progress.

Languages Used			
C#	Python	HLSL	

## VII. Description of Final Prototype

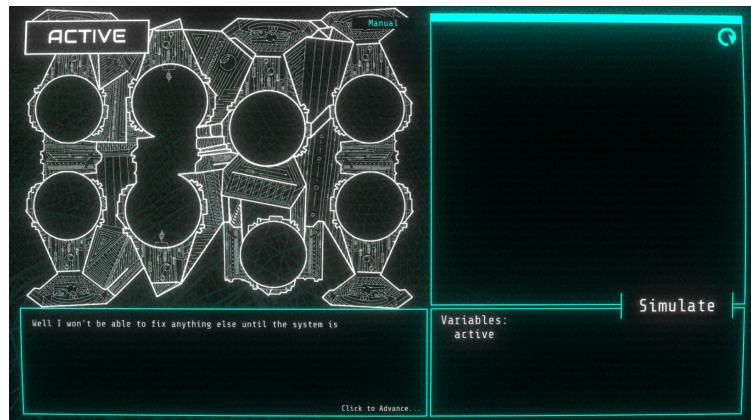
### 1. Final Prototype Summary

- 1.1. The Icarus Protocol is an educational game that aims to teach Middle School students how to program in Python through fun and interactive

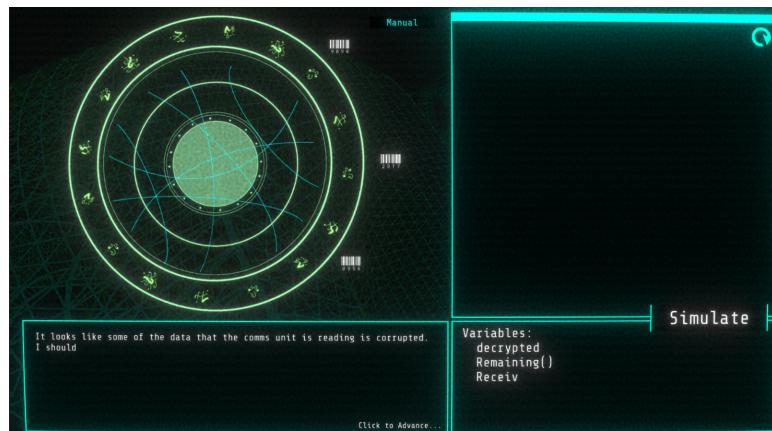
levels. The players are introduced to the game as a newly awoken AI, entitled Icarus, who is tasked with three main objectives:

- i. Ensure the safety of the crew and ship
- ii. Return the ship to the correct course
- iii. Eliminate any threats

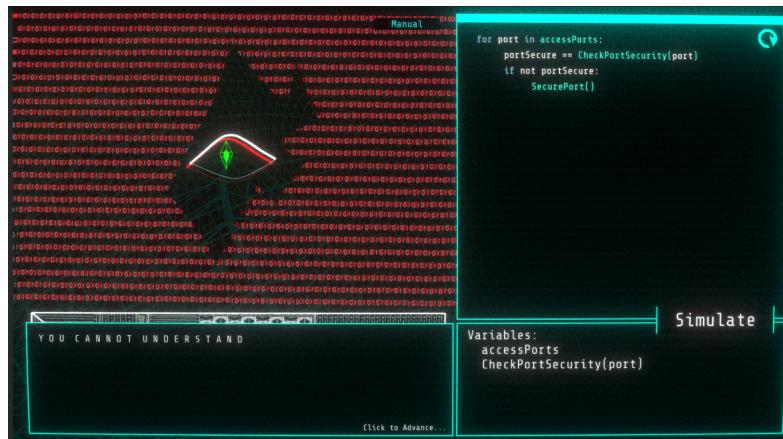
These three levels correspond to the three types of missions in the game: main levels, challenge levels, and boss levels.



The main levels, narratively, focus on restoring functionality to the ship (turning on Life-Support, restarting the Reactor Core, protecting the ship from asteroids). From a technical and teaching perspective, these main levels teach the fundamentals of programming in Python. The five main levels teach how to use Variables, Statements, Function Calls, Conditionals, For Loops, While Loops, and Lists, generally in that order. This aims to provide a solid basis for actionable skills for students to take outside of the classroom.



The second objective refers to the challenge levels, which ask the students to fix some optimization components of the ship. These levels are combinatory and include several concepts from previous main levels that have been completed. There are two challenge levels that are one phase each, which ask for a more complicated solution to certain challenges. These levels are optional and are there for additional content and practice for the students.



The final objective is to eliminate any threats, which narratively, focuses on combating the villain of the story, Daedalus. These levels shift the focus from learning and implementing fundamental concepts of programming in Python to understanding and fixing bugs and errors. The game includes a mini-boss and a boss level, where the students learn more about Daedalus and are introduced to debugging. These levels aim to provide a more holistic basis for students, so that the game encompasses teaching the fundamentals of code and how to read code.



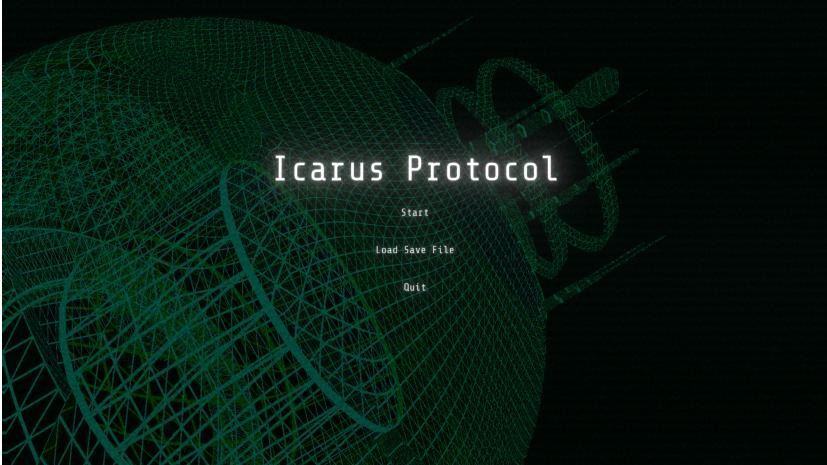
Additionally, the game has a manual that is accessible to the student at any time and provides brief descriptions of concepts and code snippets to

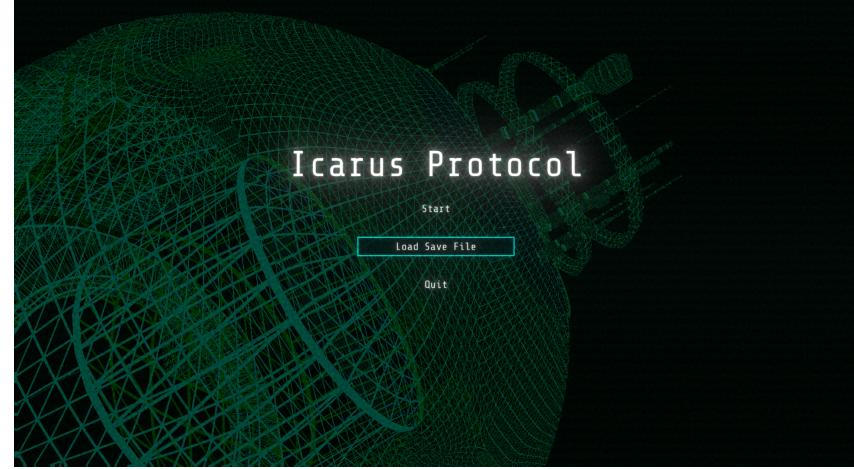
help remind the student about the form and structure. This component aims to provide extra resources for students so they don't need to access external game resources such as Google.

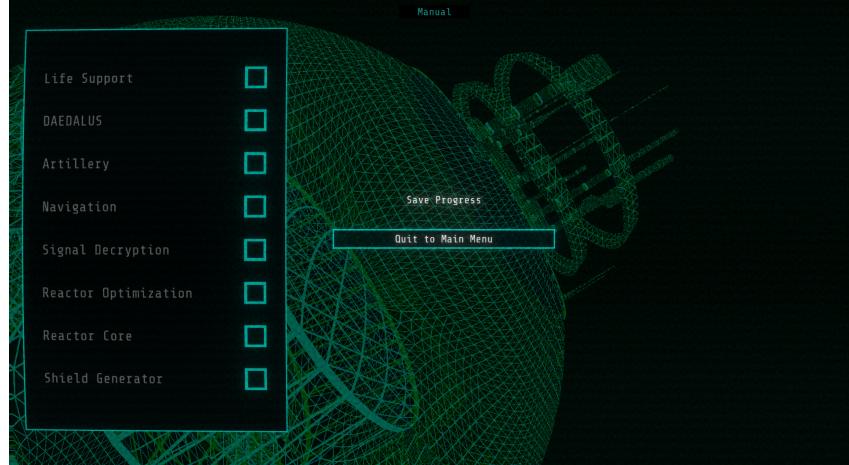
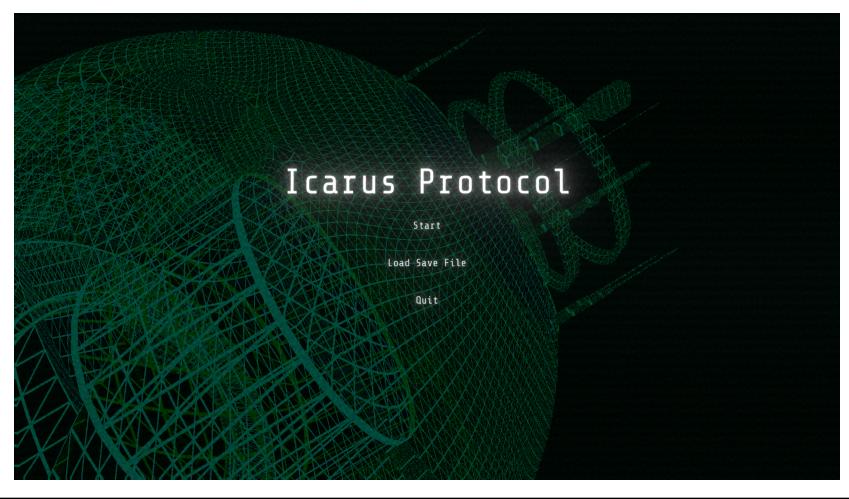
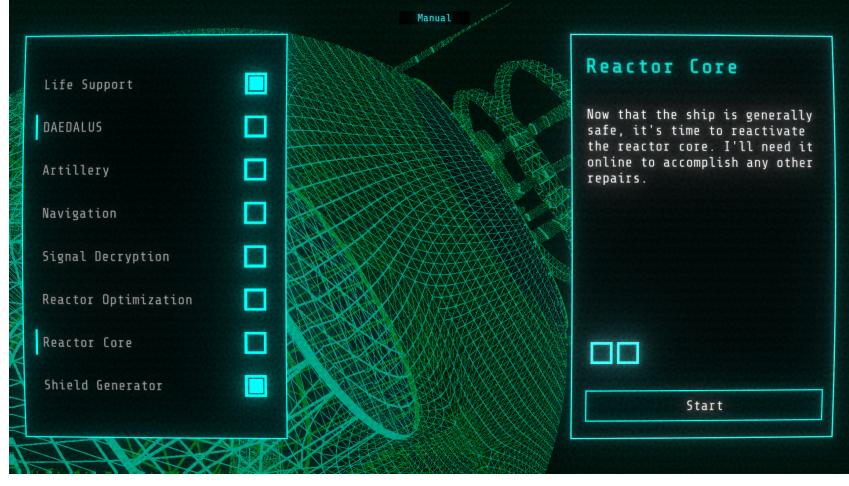
Additionally, the game provides:

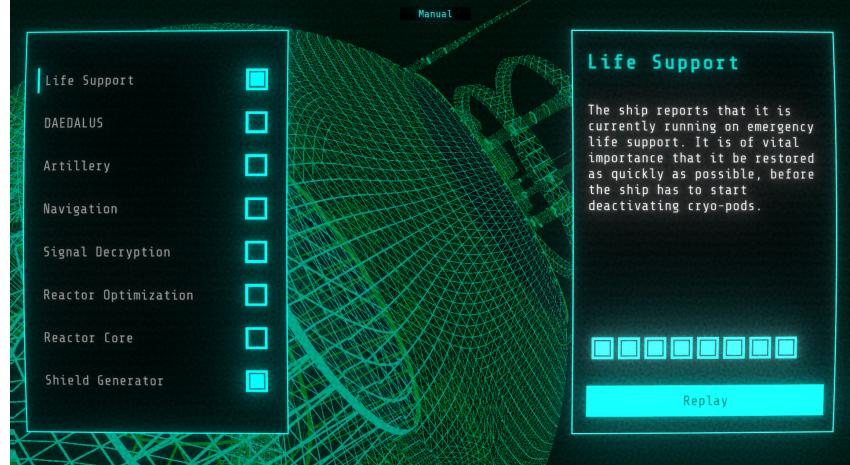
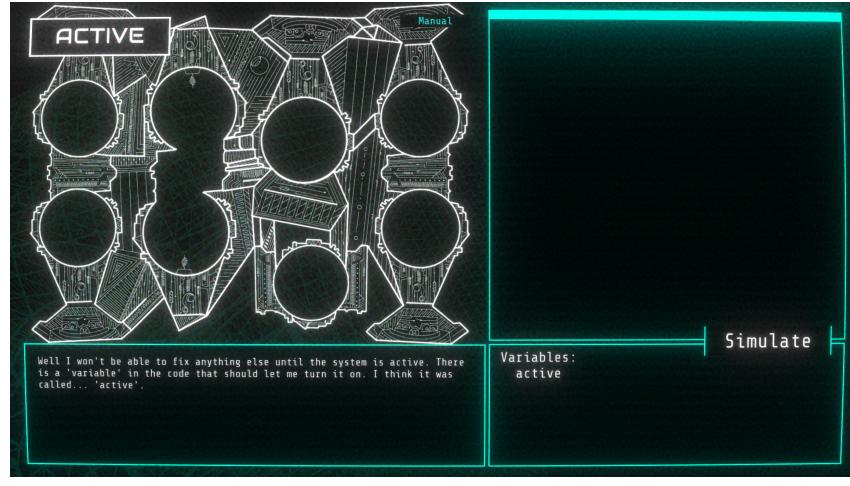
1. Saving and loading previous games
2. Different soundtracks for the starting page, the (level select / main level / challenge level), and boss levels
3. Keyword syntax highlight in the Python IDE
4. Dynamic error responses
5. Cut scenes

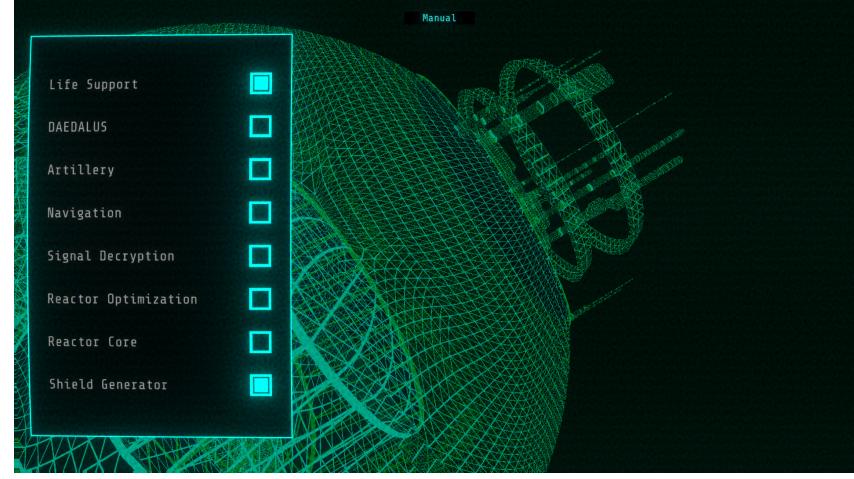
## 2. Major Use Case

	Step	User Interface
1	The player will see the starting screen and click the start option	

1.1	The player could select load save file instead	 <p>The screenshot shows the main menu of the game 'Icarus Protocol'. The title 'Icarus Protocol' is at the top center. Below it are three buttons: 'Start', 'Load Save File', and 'Quit'. The background features a wireframe model of a large spherical object, possibly a planet or a satellite.</p>
1.2	Clicking the load save file directs the player to a game with their previous progress	 <p>The screenshot shows the 'Manual' menu of the game 'Icarus Protocol'. On the left, there is a vertical list of items, each preceded by a checked checkbox. The items are: Life Support, DAEDALUS, Artillery, Navigation, Signal Decryption, Reactor Optimization, Reactor Core, and Shield Generator. The background features a wireframe model of a large spherical object, possibly a planet or a satellite.</p>
2.	Clicking the start option will direct the player to a new game	 <p>The screenshot shows the 'Manual' menu of the game 'Icarus Protocol'. On the left, there is a vertical list of items, each preceded by an unchecked checkbox. The items are: Life Support, DAEDALUS, Artillery, Navigation, Signal Decryption, Reactor Optimization, Reactor Core, and Shield Generator. The background features a wireframe model of a large spherical object, possibly a planet or a satellite.</p>

2.1	The player can press the escape button to open the escape menu	
2.2	The player can return to the main menu	
3	The player selects a level to play	

3.1	The player can replay a level	
4.	The player plays the level	
4.1	The player clicks the esc key	

4.2	The player selects return to level select and sees no new levels or phases are complete.	 <p>A screenshot from a game titled "Manual". On the left, there is a vertical menu with a list of items: Life Support, DAEDALUS, Artillery, Navigation, Signal Decryption, Reactor Optimization, Reactor Core, and Shield Generator. Each item has a small square checkbox next to it, all of which are checked. To the right of the menu is a 3D rendering of a large, textured sphere, possibly a planet or moon, with a complex network of lines and structures overlaid on its surface.</p>
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## VIII. Product Delivery Status

The final project will be delivered either as an executable that is downloadable for the students to run or as a game on the Google Play Store that IT can install on the school computers. The team intends, before play testing begins, to meet with the client, Dr. Davis, and any additional IT personnel to aid in installment of the game on school devices. Dr. Davis has seen the alpha prototype of the game as well as any updates made at the end of each sprint.

### Project Location information:

1. The latest release of the project is available under Releases in the team's GitHub:  
<https://github.com/WSUCptSCapstone-Fall2022Spring2023/psd-gamifiedapp>
2. The main branch of the team's GitHub will contain a stable version of game
3. (Potentially) The game will be available on game platforms like the Google Play Store or Steam

### Set Up Instructions:

Given the nature of the Icarus Protocol project, there will be two installation guides, a developer oriented and a player oriented. The main difference is that for the player oriented option there will only be the executable for the game.

### Prerequisites

#### **Developer:**

A developer will need

Unity 2022 v.1.18

When installing Unity, ensure that Windows(IL2cpp) package is included in installation so that the project will be able to build.

Visual Studio 2022

**Player:**

No prerequisites needed

## Add-Ons

There are no add-ons for either the developer or player.

## Installation Steps

**Developer:**

Clone the project

Open the file MainScene.unity located in psd-gamifiedapp/IcarusProtocol/Assets/Scenes/

**Player:**

Navigate to the Releases page (a link is found on the code tab in github)

Download the newest Release (eg. IcarusProtocol\_v0.0.5.zip)

Unzip the file

Run the executable

# IX. Conclusions and Future Work

## IX.1. Limitations and Recommendations

### 1. Content options

Currently we have 5 main levels with multiple phases, 2 challenge levels with one phase and a boss level with two phases. Given the limitation of time and manpower, with a team of two, we are unable to add more content than what we have outlined earlier. If we had more time, or perhaps in an extension project the team would add more complexity to the following

- a) Challenge levels
- b) Level phases

The framework and content ideas are in place for the addition and extension of these aspects of the game. The limiting factor is the one year time deadline of the capstone project.

### 2. Obscure User Error Cases

Currently, the Icarus Protocol game handles most error cases that could arise from running the player's code. The error is displayed for the player if reached, and in addition for common errors, the game will print pre-written error explanations and suggested solutions. However, due to the nature of running the player's code, there isn't a way that we could preemptively provide aid for all error cases. In light of this, the team plans to track the errors that arise during play testing and create scripted cases for those in addition to the common error scripts already in place.

### 3. Limited Skill Building Options

Similar to the first limitation, the team feels that if given more time to develop this game, we could integrate more skill building options in the later phases of levels and challenge levels. Given more time and manpower, the team would like to implement more skill building and reinforcement options for the game, perhaps in additional content that can be included in the game.

## IX.2. Future Work

The majority of the development of this project is intended to be completed by the end of the second semester of the Capstone project. The team intends to explore the option of publishing the Icarus Protocol on Steam to make the game more accessible to other educators and students. However, extensions for the project would include content extension, in both the levels (standard, challenge, boss) and the story. Additionally, there can be extensions of the game to be distributed among other platforms aside from Steam.

## X. Acknowledgements

For this section the team would like to make a few acknowledgements. First, we would like to thank our client, Dr. Ed Davis, a long-standing Middle School teacher who first introduced Collin and Anna to programming in 7th grade. He has been instrumental in the refinement of the content to better teach middle schoolers. Secondly, to our project mentor, Ananth Jillepalli, who was always ready to meet with us and help advocate for what we could do with this project. Thirdly, to our long-standing mentor, Josh Powers, who taught two high schoolers the fun of programming and continues to teach us new things.

## XI. Glossary

**Alpha-test:** The preliminary testing stage that validates that the Icarus Protocol performs as expected.

**Beta-test:** The final testing stages that ensure the Icarus Protocol is qualified for final release.

**Building-blocks Programming Language:** A method of scripting or programming behavior that involves connecting predefined behavior blocks. While it may utilize coding logic, it requires little to no handwritten code on the part of the user.

**CI/CD:** Continuous Integration/ Continuous Deployment. This provides the team a method to ensure tests are passing as software is updated by developers.

**Feedback Loops:** A term in game design which refers to using the player's success or failure to adapt and adjust the output of other systems. This could mean adjusting up the difficulty of challenges if the player appears to be succeeding too easily, or providing hints only when the player shows signs of struggling.

**Functional requirements:** The requirements for the Icarus Protocol that can be tied to a software functionality implemented by the team.

**Gamified:** Incorporating certain aspects of game design, such as lives, points, levels, or skill trees in an attempt to make ordinarily non-entertainment activities more engaging or rewarding to perform.

**HUD:** Heads Up Display. A user interface element that displays information visually to a player.

**IDE:** Integrated Development Environment: A software or part of a software which can be used to develop other applications. In our case the IDE is the component of our game that allows you to develop functional Python code.

**Level:** A self-contained stage of the game, consisting of one or more phases, and teaching a complete and distinct concept. Analogous to a lesson for the purposes of education.

**Non-functional requirements:** The requirements for the Icarus Protocol that are general, often qualitative, and not related to a specific functionality.

**Non-trivial:** This refers to methods that have core game functionality that the game requires for completion.

**Object Scripting Model:** A niche software architecture pattern defined by the attachment of atomic scripts to objects primarily managed by another system (i.e. the Unity Engine).

**Player:** Player is a term referring to our primary application user.

**Reward Models:** A game's reward model is the structure and array of visual, auditory, and mechanical rewards that are given to the player to incentivize success, as well as the specific situations in which rewards are given to incentivize the desired behavior.

**Scripting Language:** A programming language, usually an interpreted language, which can be integrated in with a compiled executable to allow for the adjustment or extension of existing features or content without recompilation of the primary executable or exposure of its source code.

**TDD:** Test Driven Development. A type of software development characterized by writing tests first.

**UI:** User Interface. The space where the user and the game system interact and communicate.

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### XIII. Appendix A - Team Information



Team Members: Anna Ueti (left) and Collin Nelson (right)

### XIV. Appendix B - Example Testing Strategy Reporting

For the testing section of this project, the team decided to take two approaches: a more conventional methodology of testing with System and Acceptance testing, and a playtesting

method in collaboration with Lincoln Middle School. To date, we have completed the first round of playtesting with 4 middle school students.

## **Requirements Being Tested**

Self Containment, Fun, Effective Teaching, Actionable Skills, Visual Interest, IronPython

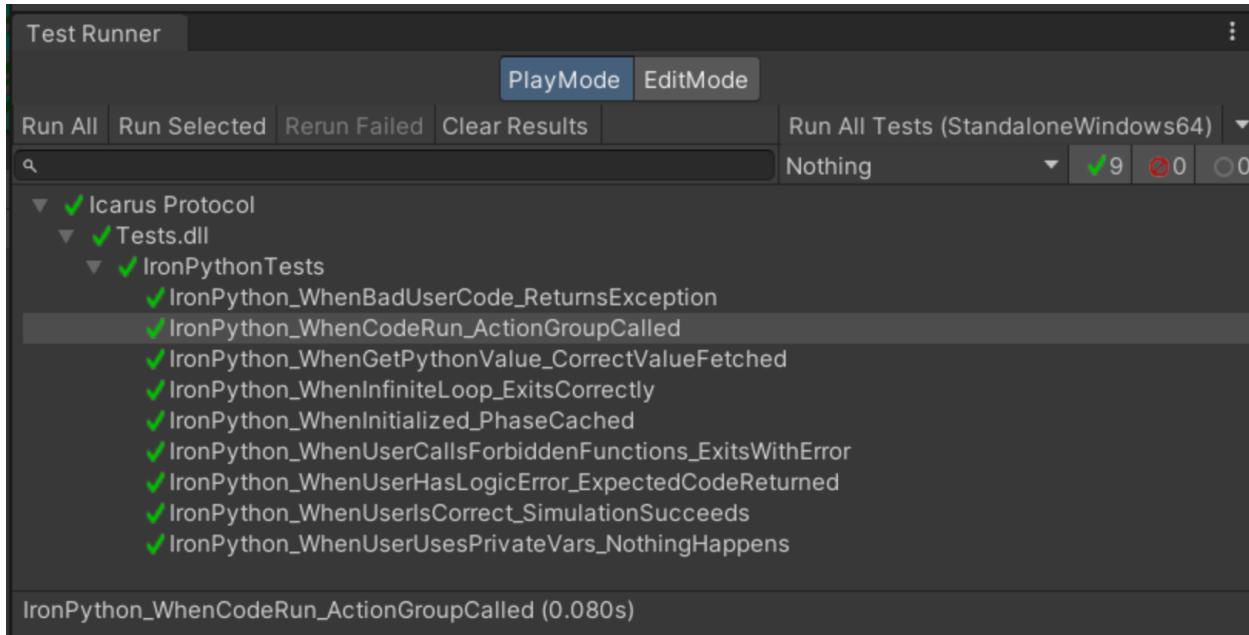
## **Automated Testing**

### **Methodology:**

While the decentralized scripting nature of the Unity Engine doesn't lend well to automated testing, the team elected to focus on testing the architecture of various backend components, specifically IronPython. The IronPython package is the most crucial unit to test since it is the most complicated and integral element of the game, facilitating the interaction between user written code and our backend architecture. Given the critical nature of this component and that it is predominantly divorced from the Unity Engine system, the team heavily focused on testing its functionality.

### **Results:**

The following image shows the tests that were created to evaluate the functionality of the IronPython package. The tests cover expected behavior and edge cases, such cases include if a user creates an infinite loop, or if a user attempts to access forbidden functions. These passing test cases help the team have confidence that this package has been implemented correctly, and that the user is safely sandboxed.



## Play Testing

### Methodology:

Given the nature of this project being a gamification of teach programming designed for middle school students, the team is incredibly grateful that Pullman School District's Lincoln Middle School has offered the option of playtesting the game with some interested students. Play testing is designed to give the current stable build of the game to the students to play with while under observation and guidance from their teacher, Dr. Davis, and the team. This testing strategy better helps the team understand where confusions arise for new programmers, and helps guide the team in making the game more digestible and fun to play. On top of that, the students also have the opportunity to find bugs, which the team will investigate and fix post play testing session. Play testing also gives the team a great chance to test non-functional requirements, such as the game being fun, the game being self contained (no need for Dr. Davis or a team member to walk them to the correct solution), the game should teach them new skills they can use.

### Results:

The following image depicts a log file that was created for a play tester. The logs contain information about level and phase access and completion time, types of errors encountered, and manual access. This information helps the team see what are common errors and any associated with error types and levels. Which will help inform the team about how to refine the content of the game to better explain and engage with students.

1	LEVEL_START	28.63743	Level1-Statements	
2	PHASE_FAILURE	93.394	01-1-setVariables	1
3	MANUAL_ACCESS	134.0397		
4	MANUAL_ACCESS	185.512		
5	PHASE_FAILURE	171.186	01-1-setVariables	-1 SyntaxError("unexpected token 'True'; (None; 1; 5; \"= True\")")
6	MANUAL_ACCESS	226.1895		
7	MANUAL_EXIT	232.201		
8	PHASE_FAILURE	257.5485	01-1-setVariables	1
9	PHASE_FAILURE	286.3182	01-1-setVariables	1
10	PHASE_SUCCESS	310.9505	01-1-setVariables	
11	PHASE_SUCCESS	434.3648	01-1a-moreVariables	
12	PHASE_FAILURE	536.9217	01-2-callFunction	-1 NameError("name 'Mingases' is not defined")
13	PHASE_FAILURE	547.113	01-2-callFunction	2
14	PHASE_FAILURE	571.113	01-2-callFunction	-1 SyntaxError("unexpected token 'oxygen'; (None; 1; 4; '8 oxygen\\n')")
15	PHASE_FAILURE	602.4492	01-2-callFunction	2
16	PHASE_SUCCESS	645.5893	01-2-callFunction	
17	PHASE_FAILURE	691.572	01-2a-moreFunctions	-1 NameError("global name 'true' is not defined")
18	PHASE_FAILURE	818.5151	01-2a-moreFunctions	-1 SyntaxError("unexpected token 'True'; (None; 1; 12; 'Compress(i) True\\n')")
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22	PHASE_FAILURE	1122.05	01-2a-moreFunctions	-1 NameError("global name 'true' is not defined")
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24	PHASE_FAILURE	1180.866	01-2a-moreFunctions	-1 NameError("global name 'true' is not defined")
25	PHASE_FAILURE	1189.95	01-2a-moreFunctions	-1 NameError("global name 'true' is not defined")
26	PHASE_FAILURE	1200.152	01-2a-moreFunctions	-1 NameError("global name 'true' is not defined")
27	PHASE_FAILURE	1216.9	01-2a-moreFunctions	-1 NameError("global name 'true' is not defined")
28	PHASE_FAILURE	1237.316	01-2a-moreFunctions	-1 NameError("global name 'true' is not defined")
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34	PHASE_FAILURE	1406.419	01-2a-moreFunctions	-1 NameError("global name 'true' is not defined")
35	PHASE_SUCCESS	1575.105	01-2a-moreFunctions	-1 NameError("global name 'true' is not defined")
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37	PHASE_FAILURE	1484.665	01-1-useVariable	2
38	PHASE_SUCCESS	1505.484	01-1-useVariable	
39	PHASE_FAILURE	1696.332	01-4-parameters	3
40	PHASE_SUCCESS	1710.185	01-4-parameters	
41	PHASE_SUCCESS	1790.318	01-4-moreParameters	
42	PHASE_FAILURE	1900.08	01-5-advancedFunction	-1 ValueError("Index was out of range. Must be non-negative and less than the size of the collection.\\nParameter name: index")
43	PHASE_FAILURE	2021.169	01-5-advancedFunction	-1 TypeError("GetPower() takes no arguments (1 given)")
44	PHASE_FAILURE	2049.663	01-5-advancedFunction	-1 ValueError("Index was out of range. Must be non-negative and less than the size of the collection.\\nParameter name: index")
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46	PHASE_SUCCESS	2120.214	01-5-advancedFunction	
47	LEVEL_EXIT	2125.519		
48	LEVEL_START	2152.831	Level2-Conditionals	
49	PHASE_FAILURE	2287.35	02-1-ifCase	2
50	PHASE_FAILURE	2299.771	02-1-ifCase	3
51	PHASE_FAILURE	2413.479	02-1-ifCase	2
52	PHASE_SUCCESS	2433.658	02-2-ifCase	
53	PHASE_FAILURE	2524.69	02-1a-nestedIf	2
54	PHASE_SUCCESS	2574.879	02-1a-nestedIf	
55	PHASE_FAILURE	2713.401	02-2-ifElse	5
56	PHASE_SUCCESS	2720.453	02-2-ifElse	
57	PHASE_FAILURE	3074.674	02-2a-multipleIfElse	-1 SyntaxError("expected an indented block"; (None; 2; 1; 'if shieldStrain > 50; then set outputPower to quantumStretch * 11; else set outputPower to quantumStretch * 3'))
58	MANUAL_ACCESS	3205.22		
59	MANUAL_EXIT	3217.208		
60	MANUAL_ACCESS	3232.26		
61	MANUAL_EXIT	3260.716		
62	PHASE_FAILURE	3392.578	02-2a-multipleIfElse	-1 SyntaxError("unexpected token 'quantumStretch'; (None; 2; 6; 'tset quantumStretch to 83. Else; set it to 49\\n')")
63	PHASE_FAILURE	3507.348	02-2a-multipleIfElse	-1 SyntaxError("unexpected token '\"'; (None; 5; 21; 'if shieldstrain > 50; then set outputPower quantumStretch * 11; else set outputPower to quantumStretch * 3')")
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66	PHASE_FAILURE	3655.703	02-2a-multipleIfElse	-1 SyntaxError("unexpected token 'to'; (None; 6; 14; 'toutputPower to quantumStretch * 11\\n')")
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## XV. Appendix C - Project Management

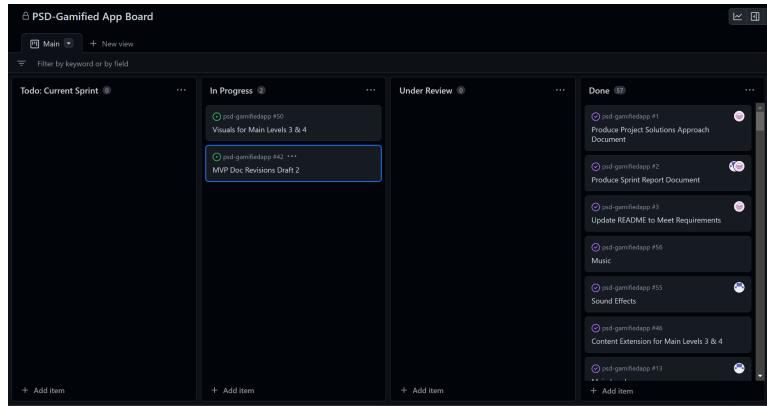
The team's weekly schedule includes weekly meetings with the team to discuss what needs to be completed for the upcoming week and what we should expect to need to do for the week afterwards. Every other week, the team meets with the client, Dr. Davis, to provide an update demo to him displaying the team's progress and get his feedback. Additionally, the team meets with their mentor, Ananth Jillepalli, to check in on the progress of the project and discuss any concerns.

### Team meetings:

The team meets and reviews the upcoming issues for the sprint. Discusses which issues which teammate should pursue and what timeline should be established for the issue. Each week there is a check in on the progress and throughout the week there is communication about any issues that arise during development. These meetings are done in-person. The team uses issues to track what needs to be done (image 1), and a KanBan board to track what needs to be done, is currently being worked on, and in review during a sprint (image 2).

<input type="checkbox"/> Saving and Loading	2 Points	enhancement	Priority 0
#6 by WSLUCollinNelson was closed on Nov 7, 2022	0 tasks done	↳ Sprint 2	<span style="color: #ccc;">11.1</span>
<input type="checkbox"/> Challenge Levels	1 Point	enhancement	Priority 2
#15 by WSLUCollinNelson was closed on Dec 8, 2022	0 tasks done	↳ Sprint 3	<span style="color: #ccc;">11.1</span>
<input type="checkbox"/> Boss Levels	1 Point	enhancement	Priority 1
#14 by WSLUCollinNelson was closed on Dec 6, 2022	2 tasks done	↳ Sprint 3	<span style="color: #ccc;">11.1</span>
<input type="checkbox"/> Main Levels	3 Points	enhancement	Priority 0
#13 by WSLUCollinNelson was closed on Dec 6, 2022	0 tasks done	↳ Sprint 3	<span style="color: #ccc;">11.1</span>
<input type="checkbox"/> Accessible In-Game Python Documentation	2 Points	enhancement	Priority 0
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#10 by WSLUCollinNelson was closed on Jan 20, 2023	1 task done	↳ Sprint 4	<span style="color: #ccc;">11.1</span>
<input type="checkbox"/> Functional Python IDE	3 Points	enhancement	Priority 0
#9 by WSLUCollinNelson was closed on Nov 5, 2022	0 tasks done	↳ Sprint 2	<span style="color: #ccc;">11.1</span>
<input type="checkbox"/> Produce Sprint Report Document	1 Point	documentation	Priority 0
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<input type="checkbox"/> Produce Testing and Acceptance Plan Document	2 Points	documentation	Priority 0
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(image 1)



(image 2)

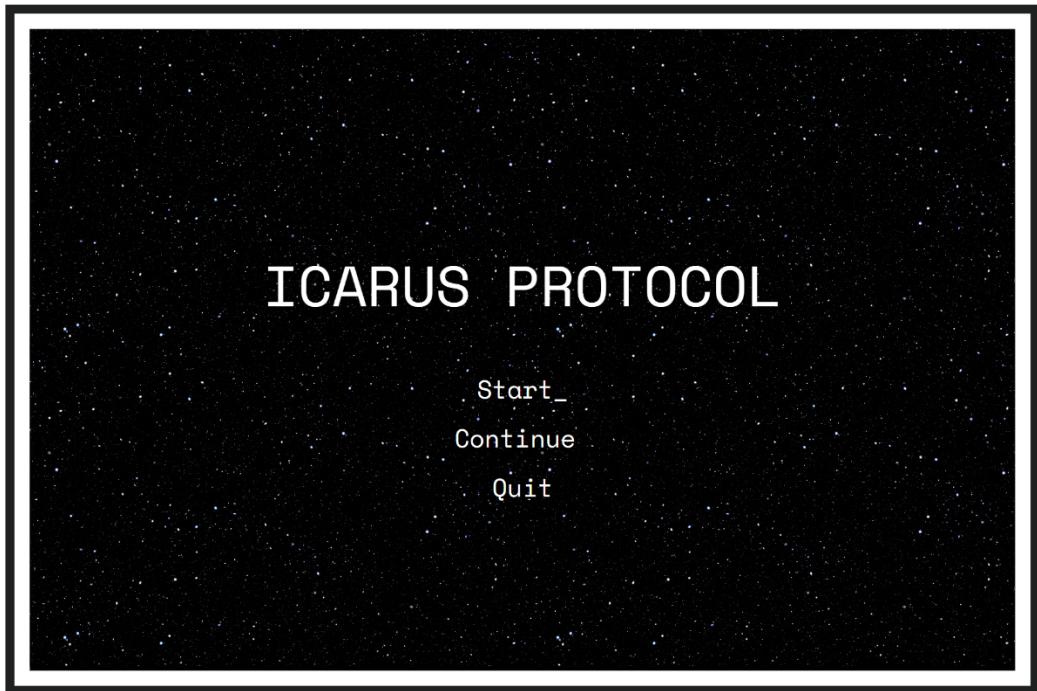
## Client meetings:

Every two weeks the team meets with Dr. Ed Davis to discuss the game's progress. Moving into the playtesting with middle school students section, the focus of these meetings will have an addition of his feedback about what he observed with the students. These meetings are conducted over Zoom communicated by Email.

## Mentor meetings:

Every month the team meets with Ananth Jillepalli to discuss the progress of the project and documentation. These meetings are conducted over Zoom.

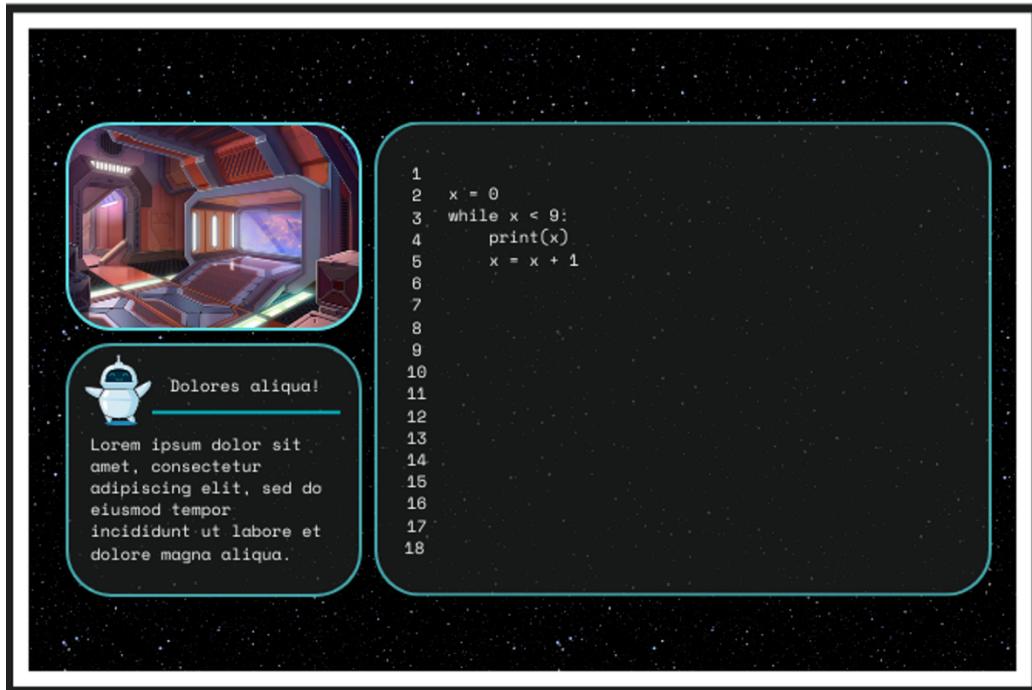
## XVI. Appendix D - UI Mockups



(Image 1)



(Image 2)



(Image 3)

A screenshot of a mobile application interface with a dark background and a starry space theme. On the left, there is a vertical navigation menu with rounded corners containing the following items: "Statements", "Conditionals", "Intro to Loops" (which is highlighted in blue), "Advanced Loops", and "Data Structures". On the right, there is a main content area with a rounded rectangle containing the title "Intro to Loops" and a block of placeholder text: "Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit, sed do eiusmod tempor incididunt ut labore et dolore magna aliqua. Ut enim ad minim veniam, quis nostrud exercitation ullamco laboris nisi ut aliquip ex ea commodo consequat. Duis aute irure dolor in reprehend". Below the text is a block of Python code.

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Conditionals  
**Intro to Loops**  
Advanced Loops  
Data Structures

**Intro to Loops**

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x = 0
while x < 9:
    print(x)
    x = x + 1
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(Image 4)



(Image 5)