

# Simple **2D** Game Language Documentation

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## 1 Overview

Simple 2D Game Language (*SGL2D*) is an external domain specific language aimed towards new or novice programmers interested in created 2D computer games. With *SGL2D*, users can expect to create tile-based or grid-based computer games with basic features such as player movement, object (sprite) interactions, and simple color customization. One key feature of *SGL2D* is that it simplifies the programming aspect for the user, as a result the user avoids the intricacies and complexities of the data structures and frameworks that are necessary for 2D games and only needs to work with *SGL2D*'s basic intuitive syntax. Through working with *SGL2D*, users can learn about basic game development which can serve as an entry point into more advanced game development and gain a basic understanding of writing code.

The current version (1.2) of *SGL2D* is an early version of *SGL2D* and has limited functionality and basic error checking which may be expanded on and improved in future versions.

## 2 Getting Started

*SGL2D* is written in it's own unique syntax and is parsed and interpreted into the Java programming language. As a result Java is required to use *SGL2D*. *SGL2D* has been tested to support Version 8, alternative versions have not been tested. Java can be downloaded and installed at <https://www.java.com/en/download/>.

*SGL2D* can be downloaded [HERE](#) as an executable jar file.  
Alternatively, the source code can be found [HERE](#) and compiled manually.

The file extension for *SGL2D* games is '.sgl2d' which helps with organization and is for compatibility with future versions. However, in the current version of *SGL2D*, plain-text files, '.txt' will work.

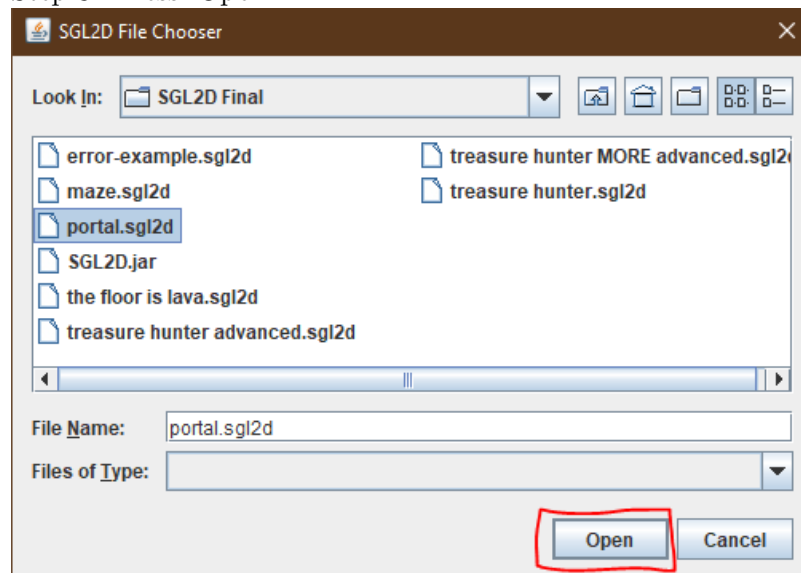
To use **SGL2D.jar**:

Step 1: Double-click on **SGL2D.jar**

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
error-example.sgl2d	2019-11-24 1:46 AM	SGL2D File	1 KB
maze.sgl2d	2019-11-23 9:23 PM	SGL2D File	1 KB
portal.sgl2d	2019-11-23 10:00 ...	SGL2D File	2 KB
SGL2D.jar	2019-11-24 1:44 AM	Executable Jar File	2,379 KB
the floor is lava.sgl2d	2019-11-24 12:53 ...	SGL2D File	1 KB
treasure hunter advanced.sgl2d	2019-11-24 12:00 ...	SGL2D File	1 KB
treasure hunter MORE advanced.sgl2d	2019-11-24 12:48 ...	SGL2D File	1 KB
treasure hunter.sgl2d	2019-11-24 12:00 ...	SGL2D File	1 KB

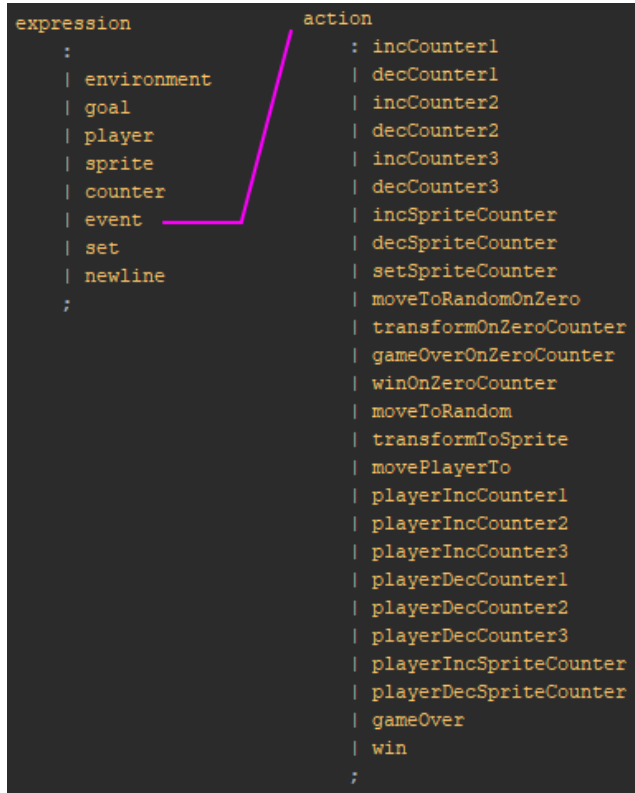
Step 2: Select the file containing the game code

Step 3: Press 'Open'



## 3 Language Syntax and Semantics

### 3.1 Introduction to the Syntax



expression	action
:	: incCounter1
environment	decCounter1
goal	incCounter2
player	decCounter2
sprite	incCounter3
counter	decCounter3
event	incSpriteCounter
set	decSpriteCounter
newline	setSpriteCounter
;	moveToRandomOnZero
	transformOnZeroCounter
	gameOverOnZeroCounter
	winOnZeroCounter
	moveToRandom
	transformToSprite
	movePlayerTo
	playerIncCounter1
	playerIncCounter2
	playerIncCounter3
	playerDecCounter1
	playerDecCounter2
	playerDecCounter3
	playerIncSpriteCounter
	playerDecSpriteCounter
	gameOver
	win
	;

The simplified Extended Backus–Naur form is shown above which dictates what language, syntax, or code is allowed for *SGL2D*. *SGL2D* consists of 7 base functions which are used to control all the objects in the environment. The environment is the space in which all objects, called ‘sprites’ are visualized. The goal is the cell on the environment in which the player must go to to win the game, this is non-essential for making a *SGL2D* game. The player is the controllable player in the game. Sprites are the objects in the game that aren’t the player or goal and can take on a large variety of events or actions which will cause a change in the environment when the condition is met. Set is for placing the sprites onto the environment at specific locations.

More information on the specific syntax and usage can be found in **Section 5: Keyword Index**.

### 3.2 Language Features

*SGL2D* has some language features that are useful for beginner programmers such as named keywords, duplicate arguments, default settings, newline separation, automatic whitespace and newline detection, non-case-sensitive, typo-handling, and error feedback.

#### 1. Named Keywords

Named keywords appear in Python as well as in Cascading-Style-Sheets (CSS) and are also used in *SGL2D*. The advantage of named keywords is that the user explicitly defines what value is for which argument. This makes it easier to interpret what each argument to a function is and it removes the need for the user finding and/or memorizing the order of arguments

to functions. For example:

```
Without named keywords: setSize > 5 5
```

```
With named keywords: setSize > x=5 y=5 (or setSize > y=5 x=5)
```

For named keywords, the keyword identifier specifies which variable is being modified or set followed by a '=' and a value. In the above example, the 'x' and 'y' would be the keyword identifier and '5' would be the value to set each of them as.

## 2. Duplicate Arguments

Duplicate arguments allows the passing of the same arguments to a function. This feature is useful because it prevents accidentally duplicating arguments as an error and also for allows users to quickly test modifications without modifying the original value(s). In *SGL2D*, only the last argument to a function is applied unless otherwise specified. For the following example, the color to set 'player' to will be 'green', the 'player' x-position and y-position will be set as '1' and '2' respectively:

```
Player > x=5 y=6 color=red color=blue color=green x=1 y=2
```

## 3. Default Settings

Most of the functions in *SGL2D* (excluding [events](#)) has a default value so if it is not specified by the user, the default values will be used. This features allows users to not have to set common values such as the 'goal' sprite having a 'yellow' color and avoids errors in the case that the user forgets to pass an argument to a function. For the following example, the 'goal' sprite will be positioned at (0,0) and have the color 'yellow'.

```
Goal >
```

## 4. Newline Separation

In *SGL2D*, newlines are used to separate each function call rather than the typical semi-colons in most programming languages. The benefit of this is that code becomes easier to read as newlines prevent multiple functions from being performed on one line and also avoids the common error of forgetting to place semi-colons.

## 5. Automatic Whitespace and Newline Detection

In *SGL2D*, multiple whitespaces between keywords and multiple newlines between functions are automatically detected by the parser and ignored. The benefit is that the user can use newlines to section code for easier management and any accidental whitespace between arguments are ignored which lessens the strictness of the syntax. For the following example, both of the two function will run perfectly fine:

```
Player > x=5 y=5 color=blue
Goal > x=7 y=7 color=yellow
-----
Player    > x=5    y=5          color=blue

Goal    >          x=7 y=7    color=yellow
```

#### 6. Non-Case-Sensitive

*SGL2D* is not case-sensitive so for example if the name of a sprite is called 'Tree', it will be interpreted the same as if it were 'tree' or 'TREE'; this applies to keywords as well. The benefit is that if proper capitalization is not matched, it will still function as expected which can be a common programming error among beginners. This will also make the language easier to read as the user will not have to distinguish between similarly spelled words with different capitalization.

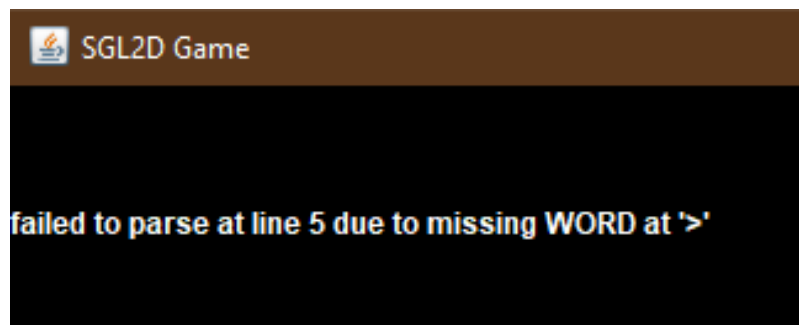
#### 7. Typo-Handling

*SGL2D* will detect typos in the syntax and if there is a typo within the keyword arguments, the parser will end parsing prior to the typo. If the typos are at the end of the keyword argument, it will ignore it when parsing the correct keyword argument and end parsing after that. For the first example, the parsing stops after '>' and the color of 'goal' will be set to the default 'yellow' and in the second example, the counter is set to 10 and parsing will stop after that argument:

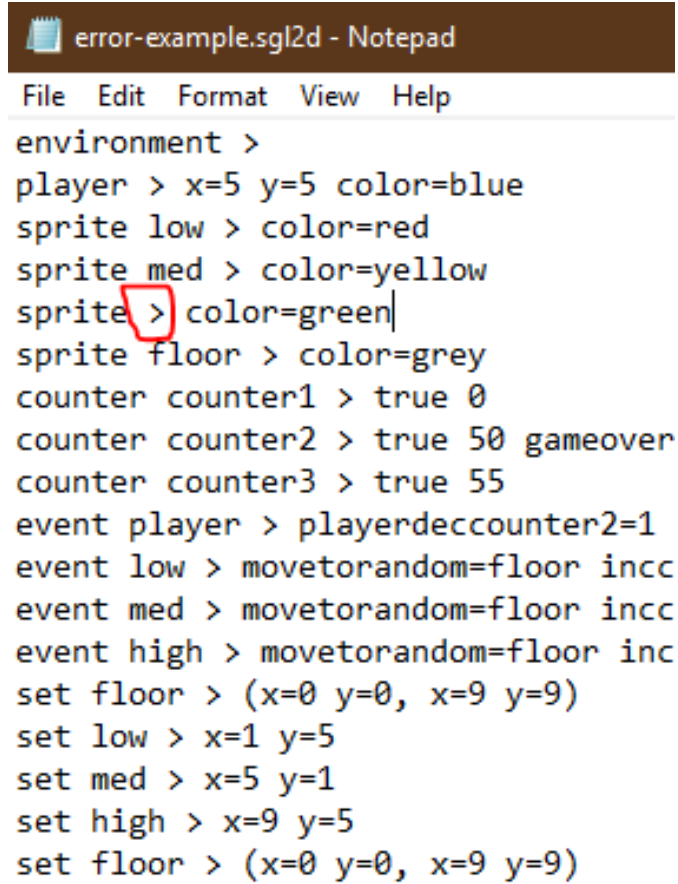
```
Goal > color=gren
Counter counter1 > 10p true
```

#### 8. Error feedback

*SGL2D* can provide users with error feedback when their code produces some problems with parsing which is invaluable when it comes to debugging code. The error message indicates the line number where the problem occurred, the character(s) that are causing the problem, and what the expected value(s) was supposed to be. In the following example, the error is on line 5, the character(s) causing the problems is before '>', and the parser expected a 'WORD':



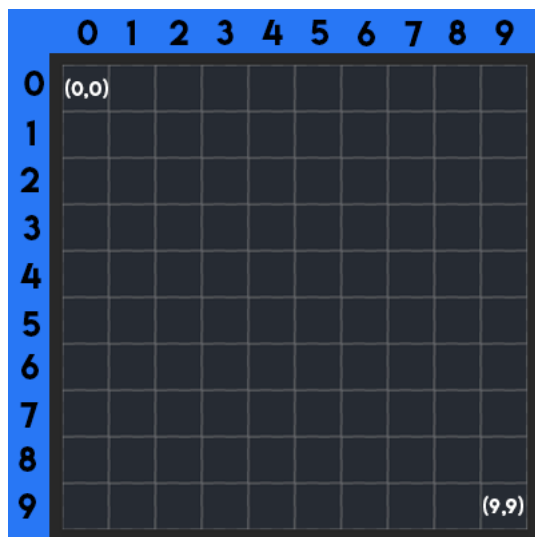




```
error-example.sgl2d - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
environment >
player > x=5 y=5 color=blue
sprite low > color=red
sprite med > color=yellow
sprite } color=green|
sprite floor > color=grey
counter counter1 > true 0
counter counter2 > true 50 gameover
counter counter3 > true 55
event player > playerdeccounter2=1
event low > movetorandom=floor incc
event med > movetorandom=floor incc
event high > movetorandom=floor inc
set floor > (x=0 y=0, x=9 y=9)
set low > x=1 y=5
set med > x=5 y=1
set high > x=9 y=5
set floor > (x=0 y=0, x=9 y=9)
```

## 4 Basics

### 4.1 The Environment Grid



The **environment** in the current version of *SGL2D* is represented by a 10-by-10 grid using 0-based indexing with the top left corner being represented by (0,0) and the bottom right corner being represented by (9,9). Each sprite can take up one cell in this grid and they are placed onto it with the **Set** function. The **player** and **goal** sprites are placed on the upper-most level so if a **sprite** and a **player** or **goal** are on top of each other, the **player** or **goal** would appear in the **environment**. A default **sprite** is initially placed in every grid cell which has the color black and is not solid (traversable). All sprites and player movements are also automatically bounded by the environment so they cannot leave the environment.

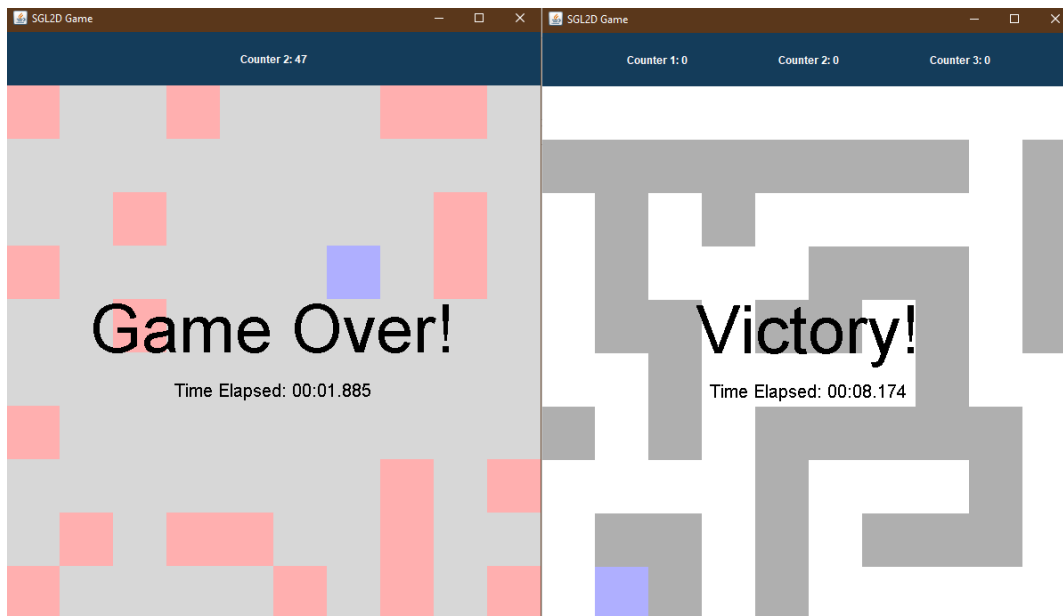
### 4.2 Updating the Game

Most, if not all *SGL2D* games will require a **player** to be instantiated which can be done with the **player** function. In *SGL2D*, all updates to the environment are triggered by **player** movements. All **sprites** are initially static and will not respond to **player** movements however several **events** can be applied to the **sprites** to give them certain effects, some of which will allow them to change the **environment** depending on whether the **player** moves on top of them, or if the **player** makes any moves at all. More details can be found in Section 5.6: **Event**.

### 4.3 Player Controls

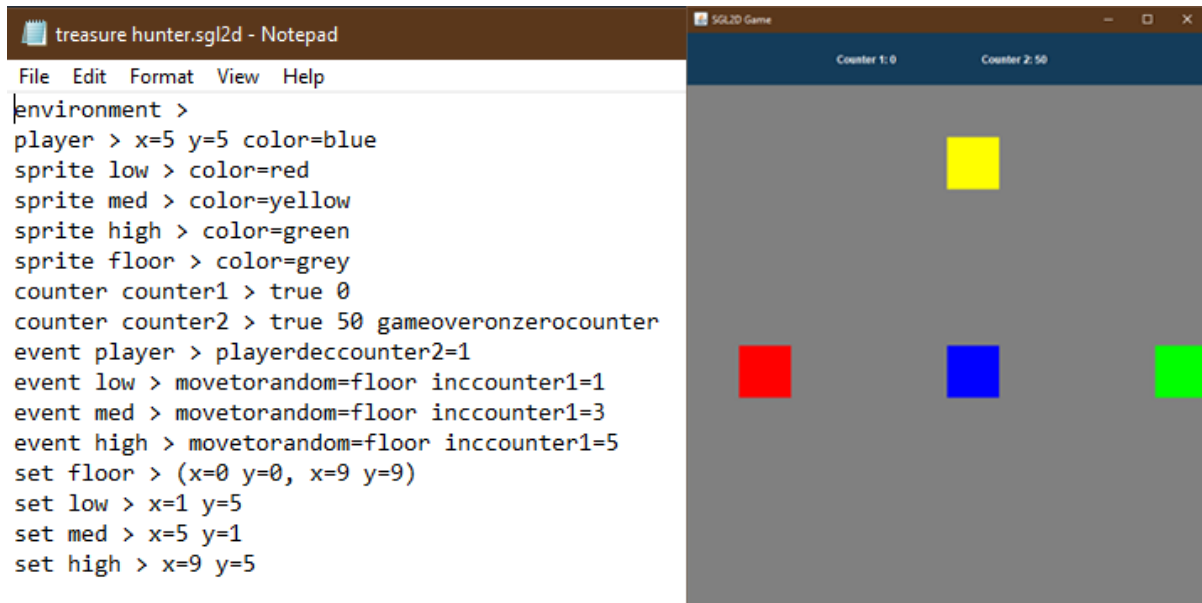
Currently there are only 5 keyboard inputs to a *SGL2D* game. The **player** is moved with the arrow keys UP, DOWN, LEFT, RIGHT and ESC can be used to close the game. **Player** movement is locked when the game ends. This will be expanded on in future versions of *SGL2D* to allow more interactivity as well as a replay input.

## 4.4 Game Over and Victory States



There are two ways to properly end a game in *SGL2D*, the ‘game over’ state and the ‘win’ state. At the end of a game, the total time elapsed will be displayed. There are several ways in *SGL2D* to trigger the end state such as having the **player** reach the **goal** sprite, having a **sprite**’s internal counter reach zero with the flag `GameOverOnZeroCounter` or `WinOnZeroCounter` enabled, touching a **sprite** with the flag `GameOver` or `Win`, or having one of the three **counters** reach zero with the the flags `GameOverOnZero` or `WinOnZero` enabled. Once the game ends, all **player** movement will be locked. There is currently no way to reset the game without closing and reopening the game and counter values and the time elapsed is not saved. This will be added in future implementations of *SGL2D*. For more information on the flags see Section 5.6: [Event](#).

## 4.5 Writing the Code



*SGL2D* ‘reads’ the code from the first line to the last line unless an error occurs in which case it stops parsing at the error. Therefore, in order to use any kind of **sprites**, they must be defined prior to usage. The recommended ordering of writing the code for any *SGL2D* game is:

1. Environment
2. Player, Goal, Sprites, Counters
3. Events
4. Set

The first thing to define in any *SGL2D* game is the **environment** which is where all **sprites** will exist. This corresponds to the first line in the sample game ‘Treasure Hunter’. The following 7 lines correspond to the definition of the **player**, specifying it’s position and color as well as the ‘low’, ‘med’, ‘high’ **sprites**, and **counters** used in the game. Afterwards, the next 4 lines corresponds to **events** that are added to the **player** and **sprites** to give them interactability. Finally the last 4 lines sets all the **sprites** positioning on the **environment**. In *SGL2D*, each grid cell only is allowed to hold one **sprite** excluding the **player** and **goal** sprites so there cannot be any overlap in **sprites**. To use this to our advantage, the **environment** should be set from the background to the foreground. In the sample code, the floor first covers the entire grid and **sprites** corresponding to the treasure objects are added later which replaces the floor **sprite**. This allows less code to be written as we no don’t need to use multiple ranges to place the floor around specific grid cells. For more examples and sample games, see **Section 6: Sample SGL2D Games**.

## 5 Keyword Index

### 5.1 Environment

```
environment : ENVIRONMENT ARROW (XINT | YINT)*;
```

The **environment** keyword initializes and defines the environment to be of a fixed size given by ‘x=*columns*’ and ‘y=*rows*’. When no corresponding arguments are given, the default settings are ‘x=10’ and ‘y=10’.

\*Note: The current version of *SGL2D* does not support customizable grid sizes so this is not required for a functional *SGL2D* game. It is however recommended to be added for future compatibility.

```
Environment >  
Environment > x=12 y=12
```

### 5.2 Goal

```
goal : GOAL ARROW (XINT | YINT | COLOR)*;
```

The **goal** keyword initializes and defines a sprite which is a goal in the environment. The goal implicitly has the **win** event applied to it. When no corresponding arguments are given, the default settings are ‘x=0’, ‘y=0’, and ‘color=yellow’.

XINT: x-position

YINT: y-position

COLOR: color, see **Section 5.8.1 : Color**

```
Goal >  
Goal > color=green  
Goal > x=1 y=2 color=red
```

### 5.3 Player

```
player : PLAYER ARROW (XINT | YINT | COLOR)*;
```

The **player** keyword initializes and defines a sprite which is the player in the environment. The player is controllable via arrow keys and can trigger **events** with **sprites**. When no corresponding arguments are given, the default settings are ‘x=0’, ‘y=0’, and ‘color=blue’.

XINT: x-position

YINT: y-position

COLOR: color, see **Section 5.8.1 : Color**

```
Player >  
Player > color=green  
Player > x=1 y=2 color=red
```

## 5.4 Sprite

```
sprite : SPRITE WORD ARROW (COLOR | SOLID)*;
```

The **sprite** keyword initializes and defines a **sprites** named as the given ‘WORD’. The **sprites** has settings for whether it is solid or not and can be set to a give color. If the **sprites** is set to be solid, the **player** will not be able to move onto the **sprites**. When no corresponding arguments are given, the default settings are ‘color=yellow’ and ‘solid=false’.

COLOR: color, see **Section 5.8.1 : Color**

SOLID: whether the **sprite** is traversable or not

```
Sprite Snow >
Sprite Grass > color=green
Sprite Wall > color=black solid=true
```

## 5.5 Counter

```
counter : COUNTER COUNTERINDEX ARROW (BOOLEAN | INT | WINONZERO | GAMEOVERONZERO)*;
```

The **counter** keyword initializes and defines one of the three counters in the Counter Panel. Counter 1 is located at the top left, Counter 2 is located in the middle and Counter 3 is located at the top right. If only one counter is enabled, it will be centered in the Counter Panel. Additional flags are allowed to be given to trigger certain end game states when the counter reaches exactly 0. The counter value is able to go negative. When no corresponding arguments are given the default settings are ‘false’ and ‘0’.

COUNTERINDEX: specifies the counter to modify (1, 2, or 3) BOOLEAN: whether the **counter** is enabled or disabled

INT: value to set the initial **counter** value to

WINONZERO: sets the game to a win state when the specified counter reaches 0

GAMEOVERONZERO: sets the game to a game over state when the specified counter reaches 0

```
Counter 1 >
Counter 2 > false 10
Counter 3 > true 30 WinOnZero
```

## 5.6 Event

```
event : EVENT (PLAYER | WORD) ARROW action*;
```

Applies the given event listener(s) to a initialized sprite or goal. For the list of available **actions**, see below.

### 5.6.1 IncCounter[1,2,3]

```
incCounter# : INCCOUNTER# (INT)*;
```

The **IncCounter#** keyword sets the flag for an event on a **sprite** which increments the corresponding counter based on the given value when a player moves onto the **sprite**. All arguments must be specified, there is no default value.

INCCOUNTER#: specifies the **counter** to be incremented when a **player** moves onto the **sprite** (ex. IncCounter1)

INT: the value which to increment the **counter** by when a **player** moves onto the redsprite

Event Treasure > IncCounter1=10

### 5.6.2 **DecCounter[1,2,3]**

**decCounter#** : DECCOUNTER# (INT)\*;

The **DecCounter#** keyword sets the flag for an event on a **sprite** which decrements the corresponding counter based on the given value when a player moves onto the **sprite**. All arguments must be specified, there is no default value.

DECCOUNTER#: specifies the **counter** to be decremented when a **player** moves onto the **sprite** (ex. DecCounter1)

INT: the value which to decrement the **counter** by when a **player** moves onto the **sprite**

Event TaxCollector > DecCounter1=100

### 5.6.3 **IncSpriteCounter**

**incSpriteCounter** : INCSPRITECOUNTER (INT)\*;

The **IncSpriteCounter** keyword sets the flag for an event on a **sprite** which increments its internal counter based on the given value when a player moves onto the **sprite**. All arguments must be specified, there is no default value.

INCSPRITECOUNTER: default **action** keyword

INT: the value which to increment the **sprite**'s internal counter by when a **player** moves onto the redsprite

Event Treasure > IncSpriteCounter=5

### 5.6.4 **DecSpriteCounter**

**decSpriteCounter** : DECSPRITECOUNTER (INT)\*;

The **DecSpriteCounter** keyword sets the flag for an event on a **sprite** which decrements its internal counter based on the given value when a player moves onto the **sprite**. All arguments must be specified, there is no default value.

DECSPRITECOUNTER: default **action** keyword

INT: the value which to decrement the **sprite**'s internal counter by when a **player** moves onto the redsprite

Event Treasure > DecSpriteCounter=5
-------------------------------------

### 5.6.5 **SetSpriteCounter**

`setSpriteCounter : SETSPRITECOUNTER (INT)*;`

The **SetSpriteCounter** keyword sets the **sprite**'s internal counter to the given value. All arguments must be specified, there is no default value.

SETSPRITECOUNTER: default **action** keyword

INT: the value which to set the **sprite**'s internal counter to

Event FoodSupply > SetSpriteCounter=10
--

### 5.6.6 **MoveToRandomOnZero**

`moveToRandomOnZero : MOVETORANDOMONZERO;`

The **MoveToRandomOnZero** keyword sets the flag for an event on a **sprite** to move to a random location when its internal counter reaches 0. All arguments must be specified, there is no default value.

MOVETORANDOMONZERO: default **action** keyword, takes the name of the **sprite** to set the old location to after moving

Event Magician > MoveToRandomOnZero=Floor
---

### 5.6.7 **TransformOnZeroCounter**

`transformOnZeroCounter : TRANSFORMONZERO;`

The **TransformOnZeroCounter** keyword sets the flag for an event on a **sprite** to transform it into the given sprite when its internal counter reaches 0. All arguments must be specified, there is no default value.

TRANSFORMONZERO: default **action** keyword, takes the name of the **sprite** to set the old location to after moving

Event Bomb > TransforOnZeroCounter=Fire
---



### 5.6.8 **GameOverOnZeroCounter**

```
gameOverOnZeroCounter : GAMEOVERONZERO;
```

The **GameOverOnZeroCounter** keyword sets the flag for an event on a **sprite** to set the game to ‘game over’ when its internal counter reaches 0. There are no arguments for it.

GAMEOVERONZERO: default **action** keyword

Event Money > GameOverOnZeroCounter
-------------------------------------

### 5.6.9 **WinOnZeroCounter**

```
winOnZeroCounter : WINONZERO;
```

The **WinOnZeroCounter** keyword sets the flag for an event on a **sprite** to set the game to ‘victory’ when its internal counter reaches 0. There are no arguments for it.

WINONZERO: default **action** keyword

Event Debt > WinOnZeroCounter
-------------------------------

### 5.6.10 **MoveToRandom**

```
moveToRandom : MOVETORANDOM;
```

The **MoveToRandom** keyword sets the flag for an event on a **sprite** to move it to a random location when a **player** moves onto the **sprite**. The old location is replaced by the give sprite. All arguments must be specified, there is no default value.

MOVETORANDOM: default **action** keyword, takes the name of the **sprite** to set the old location to after moving

Event Wizard > MoveToRandom=Grass
-----------------------------------

### 5.6.11 **TransformToSprite**

```
transformToSprite : TRANSFORMTOSPRITE;
```

The **TransformToSprite** keyword sets the flag for an event on a **sprite** to transform it to a given **sprite** when a **player** moves onto it. All arguments must be specified, there is no default value.

TRANSFORMTOSPRITE: default **action** keyword, takes the name of the **sprite** to set sprite to when a **player** moves onto it

Event Flowers > TransformToSprite=Dirt
--

### 5.6.12 MovePlayerTo

```
movePlayerTo : MOVEPLAYERTO (XINT | YINT)*;
```

The **MovePlayerTo** keyword sets the flag for an event on a **sprite** which will teleport the **player** to the given location when a **player** moves onto it. All arguments must be specified, there is no default value.

MOVEPLAYERTO: default **action** keyword

XINT: x-position to move **player** to

YINT: y-position to move **player** to

Event Portal > MovePlayerTo= x=5 y=4

### 5.6.13 PlayerIncCounter[1,2,3]

```
playerIncCounter# : PLAYERINCCOUNTER# (INT)*;
```

The **PlayerIncCounter#** keyword sets the flag for an event on the **player** which increments the corresponding counter based on the given value when a player moves. All arguments must be specified, there is no default value.

PLAYERINCCOUNTER#: specifies the **counter** to be incremented when a **player** moves (ex. PlayerIncCounter1)

INT: the value which to increment the **counter** by when the **player** moves

Event Player > PlayerIncCounter1=10

### 5.6.14 PlayerDecCounter[1,2,3]

```
playerDecCounter# : PLAYERDECCOUNTER# (INT)*;
```

The **PlayerDecCounter#** keyword sets the flag for an event on the **player** which decrements the corresponding counter based on the given value when a player moves. All arguments must be specified, there is no default value.

PLAYERDECCOUNTER#: specifies the **counter** to be decremented when a **player** moves (ex. PlayerDecCounter1)

INT: the value which to decrement the **counter** by when the **player** moves

Event Player > PlayerDecCounter1=10

### 5.6.15 PlayerIncSpriteCounter

```
playerIncSpriteCounter : PLAYERINCSPRITECOUNTER (INT)*;
```

The **PlayerIncSpriteCounter** keyword sets the flag for an event on a **sprite** which increments its internal counter by the given value when a player moves. All arguments must be specified, there is no default value.

PLAYERINCSPRITECOUNTER: default **action** keyword

INT: the value which to increment the **sprite**'s internal counter by when the **player** moves

Event Grass > PlayerIncSpriteCounter=1

#### 5.6.16 **PlayerDecSpriteCounter**

```
playerDecSpriteCounter : PLAYERDECSpriteCounter (INT)*;
```

The **PlayerDecSpriteCounter** keyword sets the flag for an event on a **sprite** which decrements its internal counter by the given value when a player moves. All arguments must be specified, there is no default value.

PLAYERDECSpriteCounter: default **action** keyword

INT: the value which to decrement the **sprite**'s internal counter by when the **player** moves

Event Icecube > PlayerDecSpriteCounter=1

#### 5.6.17 **GameOver**

```
gameOver : GAMEOVER;
```

The **GameOver** keyword sets the flag for an event on a **sprite** sets the game to 'game over' when a player moves onto it. There are no arguments for it.

GAMEOVER: default **action** keyword

Event Hole > GameOver

#### 5.6.18 **Win**

```
win : WIN;
```

The **Win** keyword sets the flag for an event on a **sprite** sets the game to 'victory' when a player moves onto it. There are no arguments for it.

WIN: default **action** keyword

Event Home > Win

## 5.7 Set

```
set : SET WORD ARROW (position | range | NEWLINE)*;
```

The **set** keyword is used to specify and place **sprites** onto the grid in the environment. Unlike every other function mentioned so far, **set** allows newline separation between positions and ranges to help with better organization of the code. Multiple positions and ranges can be specified on a single line, however it is recommended to use newlines when lines get too long for readability. If no arguments are specified, nothing happens.

POSITION: see **Section 5.8.2 : Position**

RANGE: see **Section 5.8.3 : Range**

NEWLINE: a newline

```
Set Tree >
Set Tree > x=5 y=5
Set Tree > (x=5 y=5, x=9 y=9)
Set Tree > x=5 y=5 x=1 y=1 (x=1 y=1, x=3 y=3) x=2 y=2
Set Tree > x=5 y=5
x=1 y=1
(x=1 y=1, x=3 y=3)
x=2 y=2
```

## 5.8 Attributes

### 5.8.1 Color

```
fragment ROYGBIV      : (R E D |
                        O R A N G E |
                        Y E L L O W |
                        G R E E N |
                        B L U E |
                        I N D I G O |
                        V I O L E T |
                        B L A C K |
                        W H I T E |
                        G R E Y |
                        G R A Y);
COLOR : C O L O R EQUALS ROYGBIV;
```

The **Color** keyword sets the color for all types of **sprites**. *SGL2D* uses the **ROYGBIV** color scheme which allows the colors ‘red’, ‘orange’, ‘yellow’, ‘green’, ‘blue’, ‘indigo’, ‘violet’, ‘black’, ‘white’, and ‘grey’ or ‘grey’.

```
Player > color=red color=orange color=yellow color=green color=blue
Goal > color=indigo color=violet color=black color=white color=grey
```

### 5.8.2 Position

```
position
  : XINT YINT
  | YINT XINT
  ;
```

The **Position** keyword sets the position for **sprites**. Unlike the usual ‘XINT’ and ‘YINT’ arguments which are optionally specified, the **position** keyword requires exactly one of each where order doesn’t matter.

```
Set Floor > x=5 y=5
Set Wall > y=3 x=3
```

### 5.8.3 Range

```
range : '('position ',' position')';
```

The **Range** keyword sets the range of positions for **sprites**. The first **position** is the top left starting grid position and the second **position** is the bottom right ending grid position.

```
Set Floor > (x=0 y=0, x=9 y=9)
Set Wall > (x=0 y=3, x=8 y=3)
```

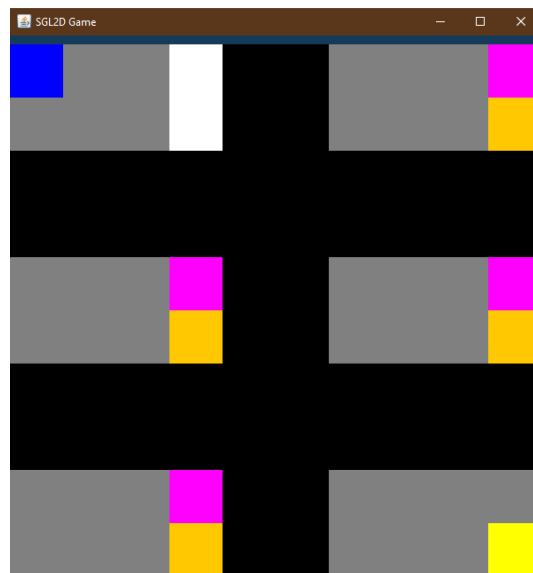
## 6 Sample SGL2D Games

### 6.1 Maze



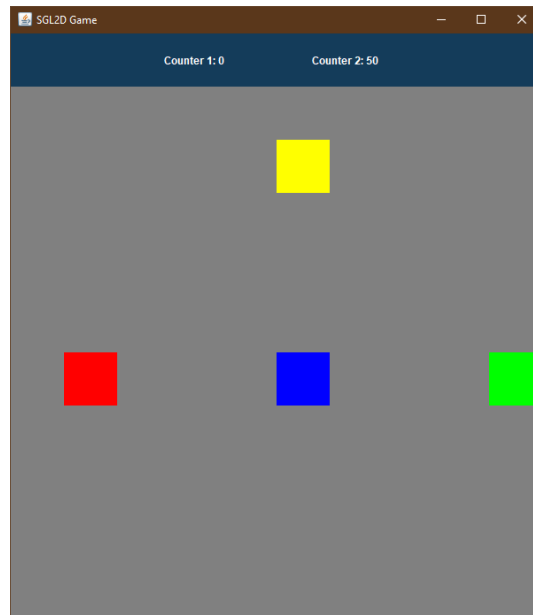
**Maze** is a typical maze game where you, the player, must get to the goal cell. The *SGL2D* code for **Maze** can be found [HERE](#).

### 6.2 Portal



**Portal** is a teleporting puzzle game where you, the player, must get to the goal cell by travelling through multiple portals where some may take you backwards. The *SGL2D* code for **Portal** can be found [HERE](#).

### 6.3 Treasure Hunter



**Treasure Hunter** is a point-based game where you, the player, must earn points by collecting the colored blocks. The goal is to collect as many points as possible within the set moves. Red blocks are worth 1 point, yellow blocks are worth 3 points and green blocks are worth 5 points.

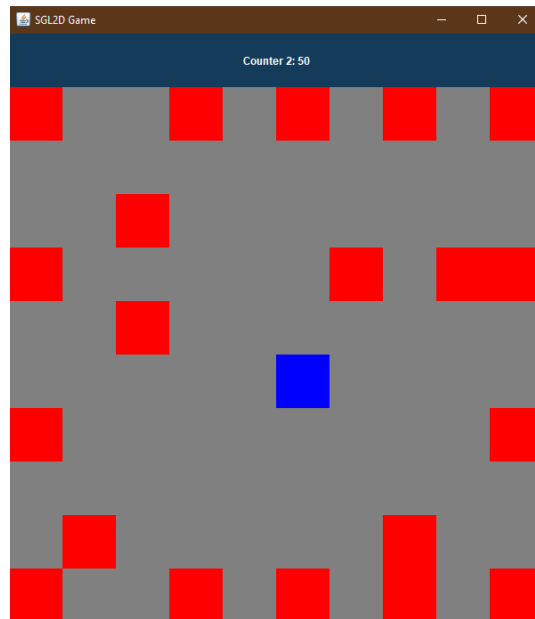
The *SGL2D* code for **Treasure Hunter** can be found [HERE](#).

Alternative and more difficult versions (Included above):

**Treasure Hunter Advanced** is modified so that the blocks will move after the player makes a certain number of moves. Red blocks move after 15 moves, yellow blocks move after 10 moves, and green blocks move after 5 moves.

**Treasure Hunter MORE Advanced** is further modified where now red blocks are worth -3 points. Yellow blocks are still worth 3 points and will move after 12 moves. Green blocks are still worth 5 points and will move after 8 moves. The number of moves is increased to 75.

## 6.4 The Floor Is Lava



**The Floor Is Lava** is a survival game where you, the player, must make 50 moves without touching the lava. The two lava cells will move after the player make a move and the goal is to make all 50 moves as fast as possible.

The *SGL2D* code for **The Floor Is Lava** can be found [HERE](#).