

CS 4900

Week 3 Writeup

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Details

Changelog:

- 1) Refactored cursor_movement.js class
 - Merritt 2/08/20
- 2) Refactored player and enemy class
 - Merritt 2/08/20
- 3) Created height based terrain generation for plane tiles
 - Ryan 2/09/20
- 4) Scaled heights
 - Ryan 2/09/20
- 5) Replaced Tiles with 3D generation to board creation
 - Ryan 2/09/20
- 6) Added classes for Board and Tile
 - Ryan 2/10/20
- 7) Cleaned up and refactored all board generation code
 - Ryan 2/10/20
- 8) Added Entity, Player, and Cursor classes
 - Alan 2/10/20
- 9) Added Board class and modified Tile class to implement 3D terrain generation from heightmap and tilemap arrays. Disabled water terrain. Modified gap terrain to only scale cubes to 1/10th of the average block height, to better represent a pit.
 - Alan 2/11/20
- 10) Researched A* Looked up and watched Tutorials
 - Kenda 2/7/20
- 11) Researched A*/pathfinder.js and investigating Voxel Paint as a level editing option. Removed superfluous camera code.
 - Kenda 2/9/20
- 12) Created enemy object
 - Merritt 2/10/20
- 13) Added methods to enemy object
 - Merritt 2/10/20

Decisions

- Object oriented design
- Refactor our entire codebase
- Combine multiple entities into an individual file to simplify the codebase
- Use A* for our pathfinding algorithm

What we learned

- A* exists and will help us efficiently find paths for the cursor, player, and enemies.
- Pathfinder.js is a potential option for A* implementation.
- We may have to write our own A* algorithm on account of having a height element to our grid.