ACT I: Creating The Context

About Ghoul Garden

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What Glitch Garden Teaches

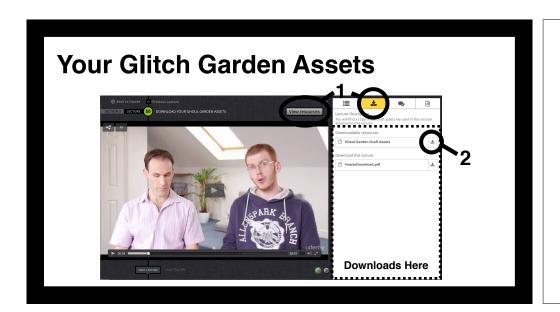
MAJOR: **2D Animation (frame, and rigged)**

Minor A: **Mobile** compatible, no keyboard use.

Minor B: **Components** to make code extendable.

Minor C: **Options Menu** scene & PlayerPrefs.

GDD



Section notes

Testing Our Destruction

	One Zombie	Zombies Bunched	Sequential Zombies
Plant Dies First			
A Zombie Dies First			
All Bunched Zombies Die			

Make A Splash Screen

In this video...

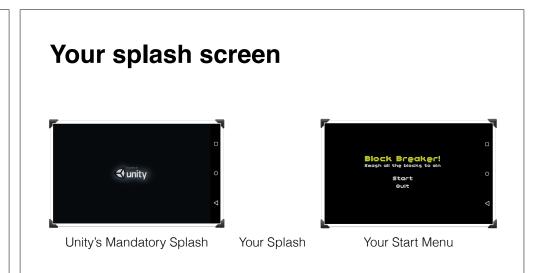
What is a splash screen

Why use a splash screen

Singleton-free music manager

Make you splash-screen

Add music, and make Start Menu auto-load



Singleton-free music manager

Options

Splash Start Level 01 Level 02 Level 03

Win Lose

Some resources

Fonts: www.dafont.com

Music: www.freesound.org

Images: Google images etc.

Also, wallpaper and music from

www.glitchthegame.com/downloads

Make you splash-screen

Add a simple UI > Image*.

Add a short start sound (5s or less).

Import Start Scene from previous project.

Arrange for Start Scene to load after 1-5s

* Don't worry about scaling for now, suggest 16:9

Scaling & Aspect Ratios

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In this video...

We're building for "mobile first" here.

No use of keyboard, just tap & drag.

Mobile device aspect ratios.

Mobile Device Aspect Ratios

Aspect Ratio	Decimal	Example Devices	
4:3	1.3	iPad (1, 2 & 3). Some old Android devices.	
3:2	1.5	iPhone (<= 4S). Some Android devices.	
16:10	1.6	Android phones and tablets.	
17:10	1.7	Android tablets	
16:9	1.8	iPhone 5 / 6. Android devices	

http://rusticode.com/2014/01/11/handling-resolutions-and-aspect-ratio-of-common-mobile-devices-for-web-application-and-game-development

Background Image Options

Stretch: easy but ugly.

Black bars: appropriate in extreme cases.

Crop edges: ok with care about what's lost.

Quiet Zones On Image Sides



Setup Start Scene

Read Unity Docs*

Explore various options

Try and get a satisfactory result

http://docs.unity3d.com/Manual/class-RectTransform.html http://docs.unity3d.com/Manual/script-CanvasScaler.html

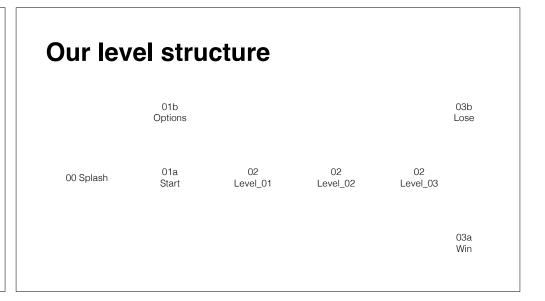
Alternative Music Manager

In this video...

An alternative MusicManager.cs architecture

Customise your Win and Lose scenes.

Test it all looks and sounds good.



Setup Your Menu System

Customise Win and Lose Scenes.

Add a new Options scene (blank for now).

Add two buttons: "Back", "Defaults".

Make Level_01 with "Win" and "Lose" buttons.

Test all the navigation and music works properly.

Menus, Options & Music

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Why We Prefab LevelManager

Need instance to use UI OnClick().

With persistent scripts, isn't in scene at edit time.

Can use a prefab, but then can't properties.

Methods can't be static for use with OnClick().

So prefab "Level Manager", optionally drop in.

Adding Fade Transitions

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In this video...

Adding a nice fade-in to the Start Scene.

Giving-up on spelling lose / lose / whatever.

Add background image to levels.

Check it all flows / scales nicely.

Make Start Scene Fade In

Make the start scene fade-in over a variable time.

Try it your way, it's great learning.

Use Google / think of alternatives.

Hint 1: I'll be using a UI > Panel and it's "alpha".

Hint 2: A good place for the script is this panel.

Scaling Level Backgrounds

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In this video...

Canvas Scaler "Screen Match Mode".

Use a "Raw Image" & grass texture.

Define play space, and quiet zones.

Setup our Level with prefabs.

Screen Match Mode = Shrink

Add Grass To Levels

At least 5 rows and 9 columns at 4:3.

Make it fill the screen for now.

Prefab the Canvas for other levels.

Ensure it scales "properly" with Game window.

Our PlayerPrefsManager.cs

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In this video...

What is PlayerPrefs, and why is it useful?

Limitations of PlayerPrefs

Why we're providing our own wrapper class.

Create PlayerPrefsManager.cs static wrapper.

Limitations of PlayerPrefs

Can be slow to read and write.

Max file size is 1 MB.

Only supports Float, Int, String (no bool etc)

Dont' abuse!

Our Wrapper Class

Centralises all PlayerPrefs read / write.

Static so available from anywhere.

Allows for checking / error handling.

Much safer and clearer.

Write IsLevelUnlocked (int level)

Returns true if the value against the key is 1.

Returns false otherwise.

If level index not in build order...

Log a helpful error.

Return false.

Write Difficulty Wrapper

const string DIFF_KEY = "difficulty"

public static void SetDifficulty (float volume)

public static float GetDifficulty ()

check it all works with Debug.Log

UI Sliders For Options

In this video...

Introducing UI sliders.

Add volume and difficulty sliders.

Create OptionsController.cs.

Ensure sliders work.

Get Difficulty Options Working

Change PlayerPrefsManager.cs check.

Allow values of $1 \le difficulty \le 3$.

Make slider "whole numbers", 1 to 3.

Follow same pattern as volume for load / save.

Test with a Debug.Log from Level_01.

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ACT II: Setting-up Animations

Sprite Sheet Animation

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In this video...

The sprite sheet (AKA sprite atlas).

Comparison to bone-based animation.

Importing & slicing sprite sheets.

Making your first animation.

Bone-Based vs Sprite Sheet / Atlas





Calculating Slice Grid

Grid sheets usually have no padding.

Grid width = image width / columns.

Grid height = image height / rows.

Import Your Sprite Sheet

Calculate the grid width / height.

Slice you sheet and check it looks OK.

Making A 2D Animation

Create an empty GameObject.

Drag one of the sprites a placeholder.

Add an **Animator** (animations being phased-out).

Go into **Animation** window.

[Create New Clip] from drop-down.

Make Your Animation

Make and preview you own animation.

Make sure the frame rate ("Samples") is right.

Don't worry about it fitting in the scene for now.

World Space UI Canvas

In this video...

Change to world space canvas for levels.

Adjust grass tiling (using UV Rect).

Add temporary "Core Game" panel.

Translate & scale the level canvas.

Adjust & prefab the camera.

About image aspect ratios

1 tile





Still 6.75 tall in 1

6.75/9*16=12 squares wide in 16:9 aspect

9 squares wide in 4:3

Adjust grass tiling (using UV Rect*)

12 grass squares wide in 16:9 aspect.

In both aspects, that's **6.75 grass squares tall.**

There are **2 grass squares per tile.**

Therefore we want W = 12 / 2 = 6 tiles wide overall.

Height therefore H = 6.75 / 2 = 3.375 tiles high.

* http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/UV_mapping

Add temporary "Core Game" panel

Set to 1600 / 4 * 3 = 1200 pixels wide.

Note it covers 9 columns as per GDD.

Adjust to 5 rows high, leaves nice space

Centre on the screen.

This will be our word-space coordinate system.

Translate & scale the level canvas

1 grass square = 1m = 1 World Unit
Width is 1600 pixels, and 12 World Units Wide
"Pixels Per World Unit" = 1600 / 12 = 133.333...
Scale Level Canvas 12 / 1600 = 0.0075 in X & Y

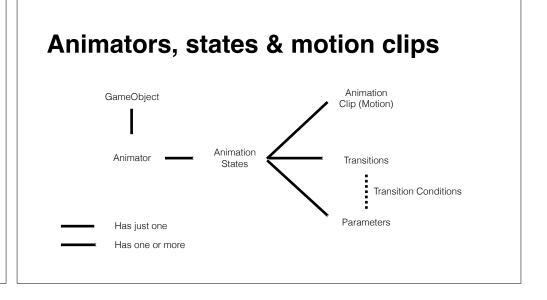
The Animation Controller

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In this video...

How animators, states & motion clips relate Adding multiple animation states & clips. Options for transitioning between them.

Again, only animate one character for now.



Texture Size & Compression

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In this video...

Why my Lizard animation looked fuzzy.

What to do about it.

Max texture size for mobile devices.

A bit about MIP Mapping while we're here.

MIP Mapping

A technique where an original high-resolution texture map is scaled and filtered into multiple resolutions within the texture file.

Takes up 33% more space, but MUCH faster.

Not needed if we're at a fixed distance.

How to prevent fuzzy lizards

Check your sprite sheet size in pixels.

Look at the maximum x or y dimension.

Ensure your texture "Max Size" is larger

OR compact your sprite sheet.

You can leave compression on though.

Useful Resources

http://answers.unity3d.com/questions/563094/mobile-max-texture-size.html

https://www.codeandweb.com/texturepacker http://renderhjs.net/shoebox

http://www.glitchthegame.com/public-domain-game-art

SKIP TO "USING UNITY REMOTE"

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Using Gimp To Slice Images

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In this video...

Introducing "bone based animation".

Using Gimp on Mac or PC to slice images*

How to import and set pivot points.

*Same principles apply to any other image editor.

Slicing images in Gimp

Image > Canvas Size... increase by 2 pixels

Layer > Layer To Image Size for yellow box

Tools > Selection Tools > Rectangle Select

Cut and paste section 2 pixels lower

Save as PNG in Unity Assets folder

Prepare your sprite sheet

Create at least one sprite sheet for bone animation.

Make sure there's a pixel or two gap around limbs.

Export with a transparent background.

Import into Unity as multiple sprite.

Set pivot points appropriately.

2D "Bone-Based" Animation

In this video...

Animating Position, Rotation and Scale.

Challenge: create your bone animation(s).

Create at least one bone animation

Add life to a still sprite (e.g. gravestone or star).

Move or rotate it's transform slightly.

Make it loop this animation continuously.

Give it at least two animation states.

For example idle and attacking / attacked.

Combining Animation Types

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In this video...

Different ways of animating objects.

Different ways of moving transforms.

Options for combining these.

Challenge: You animate everything.

Different ways of moving objects

	Animation Types	Notes
Attackers	Sprite Sheet Script	Body animation by Sprite Sheet CG movement by Script
Defenders	Sprite Sheet & Bone N/A	Gnome by Sprite Sheet, Star Trophy Bone No defenders CG moves
Defender Projectiles	Bone-based Script	All using Position, Rotation & Scale CG moved by script

Animate position with animator XOR* script

Animate all your characters

All attackers and defenders animated stationary.

Use a mix of sprite and bone-based.

Cycle through each state every 3 seconds.

Put them all in a "showcase scene".

Share this scene on www.GameBucket.io

Projectile Animation

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In this video...

Giving our projectiles rotation in the animator.

Giving them translation from the animator*

Seeing the combined motion.

*We will change translation to script later.

Animate your projectile rotation

Get creative, you can scale too.

Don't spend too much time animating transform.

Have fun, and share on www.GameBucket.io

Unity Remote App

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Using Unity Remote

What's Unity Remote and why's it useful.

Unity Remote 4 on app stores (iOS and Android)

How to use it.

It's limitations.

http://docs.unity3d.com/Manual/UnityRemote4.html

Setting Up Unity

Edit > Project Settings > Editor.

Set "Unity Remote" Device to iOS or Android.

Restart Unity if you're changing this.

Set Game window resolution to that of device.

Make the window at least this large if possible.

Setting Up Android

Enable Developer options (see about 2 mins)...

Stay awake

USB debugging

Allow mock locations

Settings > Storage > USB computer connection

Camera (PTP)

Setting Up iOS

Allow connection on iOS and computer.

Make sure the cable is plugged in!

Try restarting app if it doesn't work.

Also try restarting Unity.

Click Play in editor each time you want to test.

Review & Improvements

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In this video...

Read music volume on load, improve Win & Lose.

Catch 1st order error with autoLoadLevelAfter().

Alternative fade without coding (thank Ryan).

Save our scene of sprites & prefab everything.

Our current project state is attached.

Set volume on Start scene

Background music on Start should obey Options

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ACT III: Scripting The Behaviour

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Moving Attackers From Script

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In this video...

Create an Attacker.cs component.

Why this component model is useful.

Tune our animation to avoid "moon walking".

Find & save walk speeds

Find ideal speed for each attacker.

Save these speed values back to prefabs.

Collision Matrix In Script

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In this video...

Using OnTriggerEnter2D (Collider2D collider).

Why we are using triggers not physics.

Why we won't use the collision matrix this time.

Adding appropriate colliders to all objects.

Why not use collision matrix this time

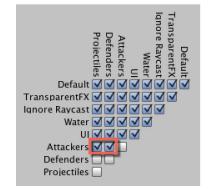
Matrix would look like this.

Must distinguish anyway.

May as well keep all the

decisions in one place.

That place is the script.



Collider interaction matrix (copy)

	Static Collider	Rigidbody Collider	Kinematic Rigidbody Collider	Static Trigger Collider	Rigidbody Trigger Collider	Kinematic Rigidbody Trigger Collider
Static Collider		collision			trigger	trigger
Rigidbody Collider	collision	collision	collision	trigger	trigger	trigger
Kinematic Rigidbody Collider		collision		trigger	trigger	trigger
Static Trigger Collider		trigger	trigger		trigger	trigger
Rigidbody Trigger Collider	trigger	trigger	trigger	trigger	trigger	trigger
Kinematic Rigidbody Trigger Collider	trigger	trigger	trigger	trigger	trigger	trigger

Derived from http://docs.unity3d.com/Manual/CollidersOverview.html

Add appropriate colliders to all

Add 2D colliders (and RigidBody2D) on...

Attackers.

Defenders.

Projectiles.

Test with **Debug.Log** entries, don't filter yet.

Using Animation Events

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In this video...

The "what" and "why" of animation events.

What methods can be called, and what can't.

Modify Attacker.cs to accept speed events.

Get animation transitions working for all attackers.

Add "wishful" StrikeCurrentTarget() method.

Set walk speed at start of animation

Add animation event.

Select the appropriate function.

Pass a speed parameter that stops feet slipping.

Test it works in Play mode.

Add StrikeCurrentTarget() method

Add StrikeCurrentTarget (float damage)

Log something helpful for now.

Add 1+ animation events to attackers.

Attacker Animation Transitions

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In this video...

Get our attacker animation transitions working.

Temporary inspector access to attacker state.

Ensure all animations transition smoothly.

Setup enum for attacker state

Use appearing, attacking and walking.

Ensure attackers only move left when walking.

Fix animations for other attackers

Each one to appear in a lane of their own.

Start with appear animation, or at X = 12.

Walk left unless Attacking or Jumping.

Keep walking once finished Attacking or Jumping.

Components "vs" Inheritance

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In this video...

The different approaches to abstraction.

The benefits of a component model.

Get StrikeCurrentTarget() working.

The difference

"Instead of sharing code between two classes by having them inherit from the same class, we do so by having them both own an instance of the same class."

http://gameprogrammingpatterns.com/component.html

Extendable behaviour...

SCRIPTS	Fox	Lizard	Mole	Jumping Mole
Stone	Jump	Attack	Burrow	Jump
Star Trophy	Attack	Attack	Attack	Attack
Cactus	Attack	Attack	Attack	Attack
Land Mine	Attack	Attack	Attack	Attack
Big Sone	Attack	Attack	Burrow	Burrow

Get StrikeCurrentTarget() working

Add fox.cs and lizard.cs for special behaviour.

Arrange for these scripts to talk to attacker.cs.

They can also trigger the animator directly.

Still no need to actually deal the damage yet.

Hint: OnTriggerEnter2D on fox.cs and lizard.cs.

Using A Health Component

In this video...

Why a separate component makes sense.

Create & attach **Health.cs** component.

Test destruction, and initial play tuning.

Create & attach Health.cs

Create the script, with public float health;

Attach to all defenders and attackers.

Wire into Attacker.cs.

Test in inspector that attackers deal damage.

Bonus: Destroy defender when health == 0.

Animating Defenders & Projectiles

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In this video...

Three approaches to 2D projectile animation.

Separate defenders from their projectiles.

Animate projectile using script **and** animator.

Fix-up defender animation states.

Three different approaches

Imagine you want a boomerang...

Different animation for each start column.

Create / modify animation from script.

Do all translation from script.

... we're going with option 3 for now.

Sort out your defender animations

They sit in idle state unless **isAttacking** is set.

When you tick is Attacking they fire continuously.

Don't worry about detection of enemies in lane.

May need separate attacking and firing states.

Enjoy!

Animator Firing Projectiles

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In this video...

Why fire by animation events.

Create **Shooter.cs** for shooting defenders.

Create FireGun() method in Shooter class.

Attach a gun gameObject to spawn projectiles.

Arrange for animator to fire projectiles.

Get firing from animator working

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Separate Attack & Fire States

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In this video...

Why our Gnome fires too fast.

Possible solutions to this type of issue.

Why we choose to create a "fire" state.

Fine-tune projectile size & spawn position.

Create fire state

Create new state called "fire".

Transition into it after X loops of attack.

Use attack motion in fire state for now.

Move your Fire() event to fire state.

Test it works.

Handling Projectile Damage

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Code for projectile damage

Make projectiles damage Attacker with Health.

Setup a play space, and start tuning.

Tweak damage and health levels.

We'll play tune again later.

"Tower" Selector Buttons

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In this video...

Setting up buttons for defender (tower) selection.

Initially they just toggle sprite colour.

Setup **DefenderSelector.selectedDefender** static

Test that static is set at start, and on button press.

Get sprite color toggling working

Start with no defenders selected (all black)

Clicking toggles to clicked defender.

All unselected defenders blacked-out.

Selected defender has different sprite colour.

Set selectedDefender static

When a defender is selected, set the static.

Test by logging from another method's **Update()**

No need to place defenders yet.

Creating When Needed

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In this video...

The problem with the Projectiles placeholder.

Useful blog article on best practices*

A pattern for checking and creating.

http://www.glenstevens.ca/unity3d-best-practices

Write code following this pattern...

```
myObject = FindMyObjectInScene();

if (myObjet == null)
{
   myObject = SpawnMyObject();
}
```

Tip #10 from here...

http://devmag.org.za/2012/07/12/50-tips-for-working-with-unity-best-practices

Spawn Defenders To Grid

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In this video...

Ensure existing defenders' colliders mask square.

Calculate the world-units position of a click.

Calculate the nearest play-space grid centre.

Spawn the currently selected defender there.

Calculating world-units of click

Input.mousePosition returns pixel coordinates.

camera.ScreenToWorldPoint() translates.

Orthographic camera (no perspective)

Distance from camera unimportant.

CalculateWorldPointOfMouseClick()

Write the method.

Test it works!

Vector2 SnapToGrid (Vector2 rawWorldPos)

Write the method with this signature.

Round to nearest whole-number world position.

Hint: Consider Mathf.RoundToInt ()

Enemy Spawning & Flow

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In this video...

Place enemy spawners.

Decide how spawning is controlled.

A word about the Flow Channel*

Write script(s) to control spawning.

http://indiedevstories.com/2011/08/10/game-theory-applied-the-

flow-channel

Options for controlling spawning

Method	Pros	Cons	
Manually planned	Gives most design control.	Can be very time consuming. May miss interesting ideas.	
Random / Procedural At design-time	Gives consistent experience. Can give best results.	Takes more time than run-time.	
Random / Procedural At run-time	Very quick to setup. Can help re-playability.	Can lead to impossible play. Harder to play tune. Less consistent / "unfair"	
Adaptive	Keeps the player in the flow.	Harder to implement.	

Write Spawn() method

void Spawn (GameObject myGameObject).

Remember to parent to this spawner.

Test it works.

Write isTimeToSpawn()

bool isTimeToSpawn (GameObject attacker).

Return true to spawn this frame.

Return false if not.

Bonus: log warning based on "frame-rate cap".

Random.value probability distribution

Equally likely to get any value.

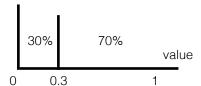
Chance Random.value < 0.3 is 30%.

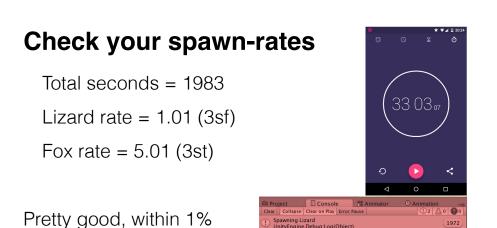
0.3 is the threshold.

Gives control over

frequency of triggers.

Probably of getting value





Shooters Detect Attackers

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In this video...

Find a way of defenders detecting attackers.

Only shoot at attackers if ahead in lane.

Modify **Shooter.cs** to make this work.

Test that defender enter and leave "attack" state.

Write code to find lane spawner

void setMyLaneSpawner ()

Looks through all the **Spawners**

Finds the with your y-position

Sets the private Spawner myLaneSpawner

Returns an error if you can't

Write attacker detection code

Signature: bool isAttackerInLane ()

Check they enter attack state.

Check they leave when no enemies.

Using Stars As Currency

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In this video...

Add a sun scoreboard to the game space.

Star Trophy animation calls script to add sun.

Write **StarDisplay.cs** class to update scoreboard.

Write defender.AddStars(int amount) method.

Wire these scripts together.

Write StarDisplay.cs Class

Require a UnityEngine.UI Text component.

Find this text component on **Start()**.

Write AddStars (int amount) method.

Write **UseStars** (int amount) method.

Update the Text component when above called.

Spending Star Currency

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In this video...

Assign a star cost to every defender.

Prevent placement until you can afford it.

Spend stars when defenders are placed.

Use an **enum**eration to pass meaning.

Rough play tuning to create a challenge.

Update DefenderSpawner.cs

Spawn and use stars if can afford.

Otherwise **Debug.Log** ("Insufficient stars")

Test this works properly.

Handle Lose Condition

In this video...

Remove lose test button.

Create a lose collider.

Setup lose triggering & transition.

Improve lose screen.

Write LoseCollider.cs Class

Find the LevelManager.

Use OnTriggerEnter2D to detect loss.

Call LevelManager.LoadLevel ("03b Lose");

UI Slider Level Timer

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In this video...

Create a UI slider to visually show level progress.

Make the slider to "count down" to level end.

When time runs out...

Show "You Survived" text, and play a sound.

Auto-load next level.

Write GameTimer.cs Class

Manage the level time (start and remaining).

Move the slider every frame.

Play music, display message and load level.

Review & Tidy Up

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In this video...

Tidy Spawner.cs > isTimeToSpawn()

Adjust colliders so attackers hit defenders.

Fix the gravestone animation transitions.

Creates prefabs of our work.

Write Stone.cs script

Attacker colliding sets under Attack trigger.

Ensure that projectiles don't trigger.

Check animation transitions happen as expected.

Hint: Use **OnTriggerStay2D** ()

Play Testing & Tuning

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In this video...

Display the defender cost on buttons.

Tweak the spawn frequency of attackers.

Adjust the health of attackers & defenders.

Choose amount of damage for projectiles.

Play and make sure it's a challenge.

Modify button.cs for defender cost

Read **starCost** from relevant defender.

Display the cost on the button in small text.

Log a warning if you can't find the cost text.

Play tune your game

Choose parameters that create challenge.

Make each level introduce a new game mechanic.

Also make each level a little harder.

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End of Section QUIZ

ACT IV: Mobile Deployment

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Installing Android Studio

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In this video...

Downloading & installing Android Studio.

How to solve common issues.

Check Android Studio loads.

Get Android Studio running

Download from http://developer.android.com/sdk

Be ready to install / un-install Java.

Search for the exact error message.

Persist, Google is your friend.

It'll be worth it in the end!

Building To Android

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In this video...

Setting up Build Settings for Android.

Deploying to Android device*

Play testing on the device.

* You'll need a device connected with a USB cable.

Deploy to Android and share

Get it running on your device.

Excitedly show somebody... anybody!

Capture a screenshot.

Share in the discussions / Facebook group*

* https://www.facebook.com/groups/completeunitydeveloper

Build To iOS Simulator

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In this video...

Setup Build Settings in Unity.

Build to iOS simulator (Mac "needed").

To build to physical device you "need" a dev kit.

Briefly play-test, and note improvements.

Share your creation with the world.

Deploy to iOS and share

Get it running on your iOS simulator / device.

Excitedly show somebody... anybody!

Capture a screenshot.

Share in the discussions / Facebook group*

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User Testing Tweaks

In this video...

Simplify by removing **SetStartVolume.cs***

Destroy tagged game objects on Win condition.

... this also solves the "You Win" issue.

Add a simple STOP button to game.

* Thanks to Marko for suggesting this.

Write DestroyAllTaggedObjects()

Finds all objects with **destroyOnWin** tag.

Be very careful with tag spelling.

Test by setting all but one defender type.

Tag all defenders, attackers & projectile prefabs.

Test by playing to end of a level.

Add a simple STOP button

Somewhere along the bottom maybe.

Take them back to the Start scene.

Extra credit: Pop-up allowing continue.

Making Unity 5 Compatible

In this video...

Testing after upgrading to Unity 5.

Fixing Quit button opacity / depth.

Try new Rigidbody constraints