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1.Introduction

The game we decided to develop is Curve Fever which is an arcade game. Curve Fever is a game which can be played with at least 2 people. It is an offline multiplayer type game which can be played in the same computer.

Information about the game is in Overview and Gameplay part but, mainly, there are players, which are points in a map, where these points leaves a solid pattern, a pattern of their color.

The objective of the game is not to cross each others patterns and the boundaries of the map. The winner is also be the last player standing in the game. Also power ups might appear in randomly, which may either do harm or boost the player. The game we do replica is following:

"Curve Fever 2"

http://forum.curvefever.com/play2.php

The game will be a desktop application and will be played using keyboard.

2. Overview and Gameplay

As stated earlier, Curve Fever is an offline-multiplayer arcade game. The game is easy and fun to play. The entertainment you get in this game is directly proportional with the number of players. As the number of players increases, the game becomes more enjoyable.

In this game, the players are considered as points. The players are allowed to choose their color. The important thing here is that, each player shall have a different color than the others. When the game starts, the players are dropped in a map which has a black background. As the game starts, each point, players, starts to move to forward automatically, which gives players control over their left and right movement, and leave a pattern behind themselves while giving some gaps randomly. These gaps can be used for advantage during game. The players can turn left or right by using keyboard buttons.

Another description for the game is as follows:

"To briefly explain, "Curve Fever", is a free, online multiplayer game where players have the ability to turn left or right leaving a permanent, solid line behind them in their colour. If a

player collides with another player's line or the outside boundary, the player loses. Gaps in the line are randomly generated, which players can use to their advantage. The goal of the game is to be "the last player standing" and have the most points!" (Curve Fever Wikia).

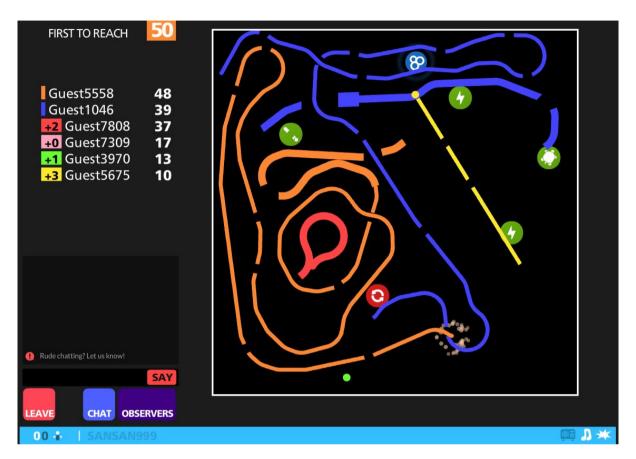


Figure 2.i

An image from the original Curve Fever found in Google Images. The original game is actually online which requires internet connection but in our version, it will be offline.

As seen from the figure above, there are 6 players playing the game. Each of the player has names on the left side of the figure with their colors. The players which can also be told as players leaves a pattern, a solid line behind themselves. From the left part of the figure, where we see number of points gained from the round, we can understand that, during that part of gameplay, orange and blue points continue playing. For example, the yellow point which leaves a yellow line behind it got 3 points, which means that it collided to one of the colors, blue in that case, after third elimination. The power-ups and players are discussed deeper in the subsections 2.1 & 2.2.

2.1.Power-Ups

During the gameplay, power-ups are very crucial. The power-ups pop up during the game within the boundaries from the set of power-ups that are created earlier. The power-ups are very crucial because, they can change win situation in any game. There are two types of power-ups. These differ in terms of their background color. Green power-ups have an effect on the player who touches to it whereas red power-ups have an effect on the other players and it doesn't not affect the player who takes it. There will be different types of power-ups, which will be taken as an example from the original game and implement. Examples of power-ups can be seen from the figure 2.i and from the image below



2.2.Player

Each player or points has a unique name, color and key configurations to play the game with in order to participate and play the game. During the player selection part, each person will have the opportunity to create a player with these specific requirements. Meanwhile, in the game, the players start in an area, which has boundaries colored with color white. Each user can control it's point by using the key configurations they decided in player selection stage. Forward movement will be done automatically. Players can give left and right directions to their point.

2.3.Key Configurations

Key configurations allow control on points. These configurations will be selected in player selection stage. For the sake of offline multiplayer, only keyboard keys are allowed for the key configuration selection. The players will have to choose two keys. One key for giving left movement, the other for right movement in the game.



3. Requirement Specification

3.1 Functional Requirements

3.1.1 Play Game

- In order to move the curve some certain functions must be added to the game
 to get inputs from the keyboard. With these inputs the players should be
 allowed to move their curve to the left or right direction.
- To detect collisions between two curves or with the borders, some functions
 must be added. We are planning to detect collisions with checking the color of
 the position right in front of the curves head. If the color of that position
 matches with another curve's color, that would mean a collision.
- In order to make the game more exciting and challenging power-ups must be added. Therefore, some functions should spawn power-up's randomly and at random locations

3.1.2 Pause Game

- During the game, players might want to pause or exit the game. In order to add such a capability to the game, a pause button which directs the players to a pause menu must be added. This button should be a button from the keyboard, for example the escape or 'p' button.
- In the pause menu, the players should be capable of pausing or exiting the game with two different buttons. These buttons should be GUI elements.
- When a player hits the pause button, the game should stop and no further progress should happen. The curves must stop their movement and power-ups should stop spawning.

3.1.3 View Help

- To make the game user-friendly and useful a help menu must be added to the game in order to guide the players. This menu should be reachable from the main menu of the program via a GUI button.
- In the help system, there must be some guidelines about the GUI elements, how to play the game, and overall the program.

3.2 Non-Functional Requirements

3.2.1 Performance

Since, the game will have some dynamic movements, to make the players feel more flawless and satisfactory experience when playing the game, the performance of the game should be pleseant. In order to do so, there should be no issues in the code.

3.2.2 Arcade & Last One Standing Themed

In order to make the game more entertaining the GUI elements of the game and the designs of the curves must be matching. Since the players who cross the line or boundaries lose the game, the player that remains in the map wins the round and gets (# of players - 1) points.

3.2.3 Offline Multiplayer

Today most of the multiplayer games are online and thus, do not have the side-by-side challange and entertainment. With our prject game, it is desired to bring these pleasures back. To do so, this game is planned to be an offline multiplayer game which players can play the game using only one keyboard and one computer.

3.2.4 User-Friendly Interface

To make the game more understandable the GUI elements should be designed and positioned accurately to create an user-friendly interface. However this is not an essential process, it is very important to create the scene correctly in order to make the game enjoyable.

3.2.5 Color Selection

The players should be able to select the color of their curves in order to distinguish theirs from others. Therefore, a color selection option must be added to the game whenever a new player is added to the game.

3.3. Constraints

3.3.1.English Language

In terms of game development and marketing, developers should choose a language which is widely used. This way, accessibility of a game increases. For the sake of this purpose, we are constraining ourselves to use English language as our game's user interface.

3.3.2.Java

Java is our second constraint in this project. For the project developers and programmers, Java is a language which has big familiarity in the world of software. Java programs don't require to be installed and Java is famous for being portable. Also, encountering some errors such as buffering, overflow and segmentation fault in C/C++ are not included to Java. Because of these reasons, we are forcing ourselves to use Java programming language.

3.3.3. Game Start

There is no point for a player to play the game on your own. Therefore, the game can be played only if there are 2 or more players. A practice feature may be implemented if the time allows it.

4.System Models

4.1.Scenarios

4.1.1.Play Game Success Scenario

In the "Main Menu, one of the players clicks on "Play Game". It results with a "Player Selection" stage in which the players can add or remove players. Since in order to play a game at least two players are needed, the players need to add two players at minimum. Players go through name, color and key configuration stages. After each user adds his player to the game, they click on the "Play" button. Within a countdown by three, the first round starts.

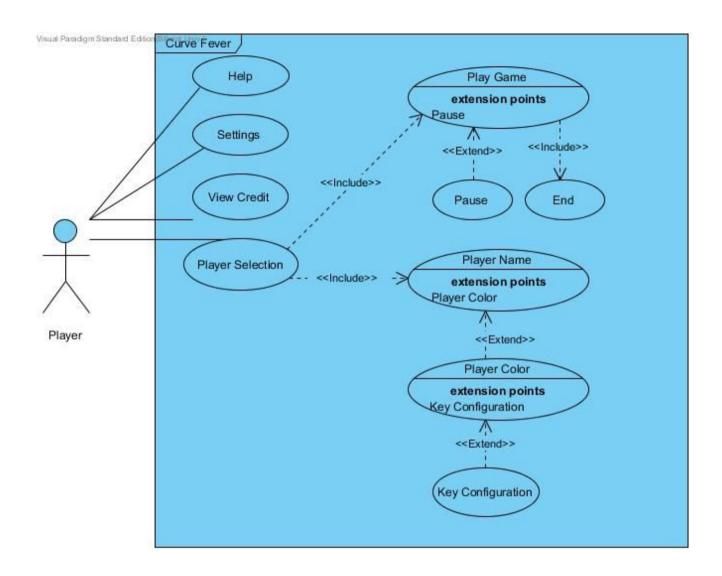
4.1.2. Help Success Scenario

User clicks on the "Help" button in "Main Menu" and reads the manual. After finishing the manual, user clicks on "Back" button to return to the "Main Menu".

4.1.3. View Credits Scenario

User clicks on the "Credits" button in "Main Menu". System displays contact information of the developers of the game. User clicks on "Back" button to return to the "Main Menu".

4.2.Use Case Model



4.2.1. Play Game

Use Case Name: Play Game

Primary Actor: Player

Entry Condition: Players are selected in appropriate way in terms of name, color

and key configuration

Player selects "Play Game" button from Main Menu.

Exit Condition: Player selects "Exit" button from the main menu

Player selects "Return to Main Menu" from Pause Menu.

Flow of event: Player selects Player Name.

Player selects Color.

Player selects Key Configuration.

After identification, Player click "Play" button.

Each player try to keep going on playing field without touching to other player's/players' pattern.

The Player who is first eliminated gets "0" point. The other player/players win one more point than previous player in each time until one player wins the round. The player who gets the 20 points in total means the one wins the "Play".

For each round, loser player/players wait for completion of round.

After completion the play, just winner gets one point and the other player/players get zero.

Scores are recorded to players' total score list.

System, returns to Main Menu.

4.2.2. View Help

Use case name: ViewHelp

Participating actors: Users

Entry condition(s): Users can select this option from the main menu

Flow of events: The gameplay guide will be appeared.

Back button provides to close "Help" window and turn back

main manu

Exit condition(s): Click to back button

Postcondition(s): To be in main menu

4.2.3. View Credit

Use case name: View Credit

Participating actors: Users

Entry condition(s): Users can select this option from the main menu

Flow of events: User selects the View Credit button.

There are two options:

1. Load: Load the suggestions and complaints

2. Back: User turns back to Main Menu without

saving any suggestions and complaints.

Exit condition(s): Click to back button

Postcondition(s): To be in Main Menu

4.2.4. Pause

Use case name: Pause

Participating actors: Player

Entry condition(s): Users cilick to Pause button while the play is continuing.

Flow of event: When the play is continuing, player selects Pause button.

There are 2 options:

1. Continue: Continue to Play

2.Exit: Return the Main Menu

Exit condition(s): User click to "Continue" button to continue to Play.

Postcondition(s): Play is continuing.

5. Glossary & References

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