

# Lab 04:

# States, Structs, Pooling, and Text

# **Provided Files**

- main.c
- lab04Lib.c
- lab04Lib.h
- game.c
- game.h
- font.c
- font.h
- text.c

# Files to Edit/Add

- main.c
- text.c
- game.c
- game.h
- Makefile
- .vscode
  - tasks.json

# **Instructions**

In this lab, you will be completing several different TODOs, which will piece by piece, make a simple Space-Invaders-like game. Each TODO represents a component of the game, and is broken down into sub-TODOs. Your code will likely not compile until you complete an entire TODO block, at which point the game should compile with the new component added and working.

After you download and unzip the files, add your Makefile and your tasks.json, and then compile and run it. At this point, you should see just a blank black screen. Complete the TODOs in order, paying close attention to the instructions.

# **TODO 1: State Machine**

For our game to be user-friendly, we need to implement a state machine first. The state machine for this assignment will have the following states:

- → START
  - ◆ Consists of a blank PINK screen (given macro in lab04Lib.h)
  - ◆ The seed for the random number generator increases each frame spent in this state
  - Pressing SELECT takes you to the GAME state, seeds the random number generator, and calls initGame()



# → GAME

- Consists of a blank BLACK background with a game running on top of it (we will add in the game in later TODOs)
- Calls updateGame(), waitForVBlank(), and drawGame() in that order
- ◆ Pressing SELECT takes you to the PAUSE state
- Pressing B takes you to the WIN state (for now)
- Pressing A takes you to the LOSE state

# → PAUSE

- ◆ Consists of a blank BLUE screen (given macro in lab04Lib.h)
- Pressing SELECT takes you to the GAME state without reinitializing the game
- Pressing START takes you back to the START state

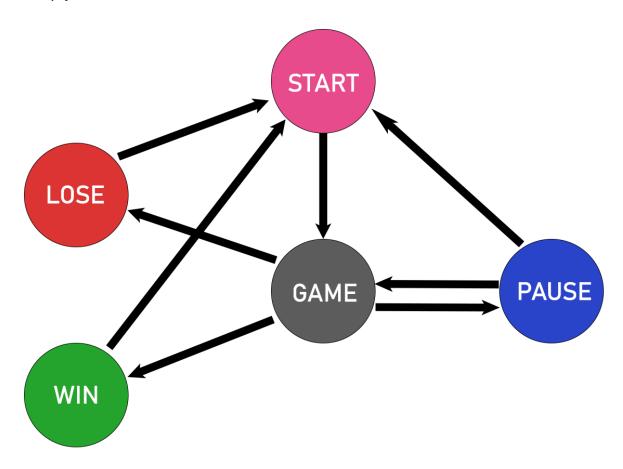
#### → WIN

- Consists of a blank GREEN screen
- Pressing SELECT takes you back to the START state

#### → LOSE

- ◆ Consists of a blank RED screen
- Pressing SELECT takes you back to the START state

To help you visualize, the state machine looks like this:





#### TODO 1.0

• In the main while loop, create the switch-case for the state machine.

#### TODO 1.1

- Below the already-written initialize function, make the functions for all of your states with their respective goTo functions.
  - Hint: Make sure that the states work like the ones described above, and that you don't do things every frame that only need to be done once (like fillScreen)

#### **TODO 1.2**

 Now that you have made these functions, put the prototypes for them at the top of main.c.

#### TODO 1.3

 Call your goToStart function in the initialize function so that when the game starts, the START state is first. If you haven't already done so, call your state functions in the state machine switch-case.

Compile and run. You should be able to travel through all the states by pressing the respective buttons. If not, fix this before going further.

# TODO 2: Text

Now that we have the states made, it's time to add text to each of the screens to label them.

# **TODO 2.0**

- In text.c, complete the drawChar and drawString functions.
- drawString should make use of drawChar, calling it inside of a loop

#### **TODO 2.1**

- In main.c, update your state transition functions to label each state somewhere on the screen (make sure it doesn't clip past boundaries, and that the color is visible!)
  - For START, draw "press SELECT to play" in a color of your choice.
  - o For PAUSE, draw "paused" in a color of your choice.
  - o For WIN, draw "you win!" in a color of your choice.
  - For LOSE, draw "you lose!" in a color of your choice.
- You aren't required to center the text on the screen, but if you're like me you will really want to center it horizontally! To do this, here is a formula: col = (240 - (numberOfCharacters \* 6)) / 2).

# **TODO 3: Cannon**

Now that we have our state machine set up, we can begin adding in the game. We will do this in game.c and game.h, and call those functions in main.c (like we already are with initGame(), updateGame(), and drawGame()). Let's start by getting the cannon working.



#### TODO 3.0

 In game.h, create the struct for the cannon, typedef-ed PLAYER. The cannon should have a row, col, oldRow, oldCol, cdel, height, width, color, and a bulletTimer (we will see the use for this later). All of the cannon members can be of type int except color, which should be a u16.

# **UNCOMMENT 3.0**

Below this, uncomment the line that declares the cannon.

#### **UNCOMMENT 3.1**

In game.c, uncomment the line that declares the cannon here.

# **UNCOMMENT 3.2**

 Below the drawBar function, uncomment initCannon(), updateCannon(), and drawCannon().

# **UNCOMMENT 3.3**

Now that we have these cannon functions, uncomment the prototypes in game.h

# **UNCOMMENT 3.4**

Uncomment initCannon() in initGame()

#### **UNCOMMENT 3.5**

Uncomment updateCannon() in updateGame()

#### **UNCOMMENT 3.6**

Uncomment drawCannon() and drawBar() in drawGame()

Compile and run. When you enter the game state, you should see the cannon under the blue/green bar, and move the cannon left and right. If not, fix this before going further.

# **TODO 4: Bullets**

Now that the cannon is moving, let's give it a pool of bullets to shoot.

# **UNCOMMENT 4.0**

• In game.c, uncomment the line that declares the pool of bullets here.

# **UNCOMMENT 4.1**

 Below the drawCannon function, uncomment initBullet(), fireBullet(), updateBullet(), and drawBullet().

#### **TODO 4.0**

- Complete initBullets() by initializing all the bullets with the following values:
  - height: 2
  - o width: 1
  - row: negative the bullet's height
  - o col: 0
  - oldRow: the cannon's row



oldCol: the cannon's col

o rdel: -3

rdel is the bullet's vertical velocity

color: whiteactive: 0

# **TODO 4.1**

• Complete the updateBullet() function. This takes in a pointer to a bullet. If the bullet is *inactive*, the function does nothing. If it is *active*, it moves the bullet up the screen. If the bullet goes off the top of the screen, make it inactive.

Hint: the bullet's vertical velocity is rdel!

# **UNCOMMENT 4.2**

Now that we have these bullet functions, uncomment the prototypes in game.h

# **UNCOMMENT 4.3**

Uncomment initBullets() in initGame()

## **TODO 4.2**

In updateGame(), call updateBullet() for each of your bullets.

## **TODO 4.3**

• Complete fireBullet(). This should iterate through the bullets to find the first inactive bullet in the pool and initialize it. When you are finished initializing, break out of the loop. Initialize the bullet like so:

o row: the cannon's row

col: cannon col + (cannon width / 2) + (bullet width / 2)

■ This is the center of the cannon's top

active: 1erased: 0

#### **UNCOMMENT 4.4**

In updateCannon(), uncomment fireBullet() so that they actually fire

#### **TODO 4.4**

• Since pressing B fires a bullet, it should not also win the game every time you press it. So, back in main.c, comment out the fact that pressing B wins the game.

# **TODO 4.5**

In drawGame(), call drawBullet() for all of the bullets.

Compile and run. When you enter the game state, you should be able to fire bullets by pressing B. You should be able to see multiple at once if you fire quickly enough. If not, fix this before going further

# TODO 5: Balls

Now that the cannon is moving and shooting, let's give it something to shoot at.



#### **TODO 5.0**

 Most of the code to make the balls work has already been written for you, so in updateGame(), call updateBall() for each of your balls.

## **TODO 5.1**

• In drawGame(), call drawBall() for all of the balls.

Compile and run. When you enter the game state, you should be able to see several balls bouncing around. When you pause and unpause, they shouldn't have moved. If not, fix this before going further. Every time you re-run the game, the starting positions of the balls should be different. The positions may change only slightly, or may look to be the same if you idle in the START state for the same duration of time each run. Ensure srand() is working correctly by entering the GAME state immediately upon starting your game (i.e. running your Project.gba file), and by entering the GAME state 30 seconds after starting your game. If the starting position of the balls differ, you're fine. If not, you aren't using srand() correctly.

# **TODO 6: Collision**

Having all those balls bounce around isn't very fun yet. Make it so that shooting all of them allows you to win the game.

# **TODO 6.0**

 In updateBall(), loop through all of the bullets. If an active bullet is colliding with this ball, make both the bullet and the ball inactive, then decrement ballsRemaining.

# **TODO 6.1**

 In order for the cannon to be able to win the game, you need to go back into main.c, and, in the game state function, transition to the WIN state if ballsRemaining is 0.

Compile and run. When you enter the game state, you should be able to shoot the balls. If a bullet hits a ball, they both disappear. If you shoot all the balls, the win state should begin. If not, fix this.

At this point, you should be able to travel to all of the states, play the game, and win the game. If so, then you are done.

# **Tips**

- → Review lecture and recitation material for how to implement a state machine, pooling, drawChar, and drawString.
- → Follow each TODO in order, and only move forward if everything is correct!



Ensure that **cleaning** and building/running your project still gives the expected results. **Please reference previous assignments for instructions on how to perform a** "clean" command.

Zip up your entire project folder, including all source files, the Makefile, and everything produced during compilation (including the .gba file). Submit this on Canvas. Name your submission Lab04 LastnameFirstname, for example:

"Lab04\_BooKing.zip"

It is your responsibility to ensure that all the appropriate files have been submitted, and that your submitted zip can be opened and everything cleans, builds, and runs as expected.