

Introductions



- About me
 - Always wanted to build something cool
 - Started programming by building iPhone apps with friends and going to hackathons
 - Currently at Meta as an IC 4 Software Engineer
 - Got Repetitive Strain Injury and have been transitioning to voice coding for the past year. I have actually prepared this presentation without touching my keyboard
- What is a fun activity you have done last week?
- Today we will be building a multiplayer web browser version of the game called Blink

Understanding Blink

- Team formation with 3-4 people
- Explain the rules and terminology (player's hand, stacks)
- Hand out cards
- Play a round with real cards

Modeling the game

- How does our game start?
- How do a player make a move?
- How does one win?

How does our game start?

- Players pick a table and sit 🦌, 🤖
- Players get their cards:
 - { 🦌 : [🤖 1st, 🤖 2nd, 🤖 3d, ... hidden cards]
 - , 🤖 : [🤖, ...] }
 - Pro tip: { key: value } data structure is called Dictionary
 - Chats can be stored with it: { contact name: messages }
- 2 stacks are on the table, they start with one card:
 - Stack 1 : [🤖 random card]
 - Stack 2 : [🤖]
- Individual cards:
 - { shape: ✨, color: ●, shape count: 3 }

How does a player make a move?

- Player 🤖 picks card 3
- Player places it on top of Stack 1
- Others verify that at least one feature between card 3 and Stack 1 top card matches
- Our table now looks like this:
- Player 🤖 : [card 1, card 2, newly revealed card, ... hidden cards]
- Stack 1 : [card 3, random card]

How does one win?

- When a player is out of cards
- Player 🤡 : [] We got a winner 🎉!
 - Pro tip: [] in most languages means an empty List
- Sorry everyone who was rooting for Player 💩. Beware of clowns - always!

Testing the game

- All go to the webpage for our game
- Get a volunteer to play a example game.
- Make sense of server logs. (Make sure the logs include all the steps from the game)
- Everyone plays an example game

Changing the game

- How can we change the game? Would this change go on the client or the server?
 - Display remaining card count of other players.
 - Reveal an additional card
 - Display emoji of the player whose card is on top of the stack
 - If player makes a wrong turn, give them an extra card
- Implement the change
- Let the volunteers play the game

Closing notes

- How did we apply engineering design process today?
 - Research - played the game
 - Imagine, Plan - described in plain english how the game would work
 - Create - implemented the first draft
 - Tested and improved it as a group
 - Had fun!
- Remember to stay curious and try a bunch of things

Q&A

- Presentation link
- Tools used colyseus, react, ngrok
- It took me ~24 hours to prepare this