

Project Title: *Soul Keeper*

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Work Done

Characters: All characters have health/damage/combat implemented. The player's controls are all done (walk, run, attack, jump, etc.). The enemies are controlled by a state machine which is mostly finished.

Interactables: Certain objects can be interacted with. This includes checkpoints, which update the player's spawn position. Doors are also implemented, with many configurables.

UI: All major UI components have been implemented for functionality, this includes menus, health bars, and more.

FX: Scripts to control effects have been finished. This really just consists of the timed destruction of whatever objects are FX. They are instantiated by whatever object is 'making' the effect. IE a sword makes a 'sword hit' effect on contact, which consists of an audio clip and small particle effect.

Save and Load: Persistent data is implemented through serialization of data into JSON files. There are both 'UserSettings' which control things between any save game such as volume and quality, as well as 'PlayerSettings' which are individual save games.

Changes/Issues Encountered

Player Rolling: Originally the 'roll' action was implemented using the same movement as the player, but changing the animation. This led to a really bad experience, where rolling would not actually make you cover more ground than normal and you could change direction during it. This was fixed by making the roll take control from the player during the duration of it, so when you hit the button, it sends you rolling a certain speed for an amount of time, and you cannot change direction or use other controls for that time.

Enemies Seeing Through Walls: Originally, enemies would just check for the direction and range of the player, to see if they should start chasing or attacking. This meant they could see through walls and would aggro if the player was on the other side of one. This was fixed by using raycasts to check for environment objects from the enemies eyes to the player.

Patterns

MVC:

Model - Player, PlayerController

View - GameObject in Scene

Controller - PlayerController

User interacts with PlayerController (controller) through PlayerInput, which updates Player/PlayerController/Animator etc. values (model), which then get reflected in the game scene (view).

State:

A state machine (EnemyStateMachine, EnemyState) is being used to control the behavior of enemies.

Interface:

Implemented by several classes, including Interactable, Attack, and Character. They each provide a range of methods & data designed to be final, extended, or overridden.

Singleton:

Used by several different classes which we want to ensure only one of throughout the lifetime of the application. Most notably these are the GameManagers (PauseManager, MainMenuManager, FadeToBlack, etc.).

Abstract Factory:

Different concrete 'AreaSpawners' may spawn different groups of enemies. In the pizza factory analogy, the enemies are the ingredients, and the group as a whole is the pizza.

DAO:

The 'JSONSave' class provides an interface for interacting with the game's persistent data. It provides simple 'save' and 'load' operations so other classes do not need to know the details.

Plan for Project 7

By the Project 7 deliverable we plan to have a working demo of a game. We will have all the assets and the level built. The interface will be standard for a game. Over the next week we plan to apply the scripts to our objects, build the level, and fix any bugs that come up. For the last week, we plan to do playtesting and apply any finishing touches and bug fixes that come up.

