

Python Final Project: Tag Game

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Project Specification

This project is a game of tag in space with the players being a spaceship and all. It allows the player to move the spaceship around and try not to be 'it' or else he/she will lose. The objective of making this game is to make the user experience the joy of playing the game of tag and to relief their stress or make it worse.

This project was made by using a bunch of modules such as 'pygame', 'time', 'os', etc and there were classes for making the characters. The comments were perfectly fine and very detailed for explaining about the code. The python code for making the project were put in different python files to better organize the code and I put all the variables that's commonly use in one file so I can use the variable by importing the variable file to the other python files. The game mostly function as like how the user play tag in real life but, if I put more effort and implement cool effects and build maps for the game, it might be cool game. The most challenging part I face while making this project is probably making the enemy follow the player but, the annoying part I face is how I kept realizing ways to minimize the code I write by using classes and organize the code by writing them in different files when I was in the process of making the project which made me have to restart all over again in some part of the project.

Solution Design

In this project, I used a bunch of different modules especially the 'pygame' module to make the project and the program usually works if when run it, it will open a screen which is the start menu of the game and the program will keep running until you click the exit button and also, the screen keeps updating 60 FPS since it is almost like making an animation except you can actually move the player. There were some problems that I ran to while making the project such as minimizing the code and make it a little organize and to solve that, I usually use classes to make characters and separate the code to different file to make it more tidier and another one of my problems that I ran to was to make the enemy the player or ran away from them, the problem I come up with was

to calculates the distance and direction to the player using the difference in their coordinates. If the enemy is "it," it moves toward the player; otherwise, it moves away from the player. The movement is proportional to the distance and constrained by a fixed speed. The enemy smoothly rotates to face its movement direction by adjusting its angle incrementally toward the target angle.

Implementation and how it works

A player and an enemy compete in a tag-based challenge in the dynamic Space Tag game, which is implemented with Python and the Pygame library. Its core features include smooth movement of the player and enemy, collision detection using pixel-perfect masks, and real-time game mechanics like timing and scoring. The game architecture is modular, with classes like Player and Enemy encapsulating character behaviors like rotation, movement, and boundary handling; Menu interactions, like starting or ending the game, are managed by the Menu and Box_menu classes, which detect mouse gestures for easy navigation; the game loop coordinates events, updates visuals, and manages state transitions between gameplay, loading screens, and the game-over interface. A timer to enforce a set game duration, distance-based movement logic, and trigonometric computations for smooth rotations are some of the key algorithms. While features like input validation, modularity, and responsive user interface (UI) improve user experience, data structures like classes, masks, and constants guarantee maintainable and effective code. The implementation shows how algorithmic accuracy and visually appealing design can be combined to create a coherent and interactive solution.

Evidence of Working Program

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main.py X game_start.py characters.py terrain_generator.py variables.py
main.py > ...
1 from pygame import *
2 import os
3 import math
4 from time import sleep
5 import characters
6 from variables import *
7 import game_start as GS
8 import terrain_generator as TG
9 import time as tm
10 import random
11
12
13 init()
14 player_points = 0 # Player's initial score
15 enemy_points = 0 # Enemy's initial score
16 num = None # Random number for determining tag
17
18 start_time = tm.time() # Timer start time
19 timer_duration = 60 # Duration of the timer in seconds
20
21 display.set_caption("Space Tag") # Set game window title
22
23 # Store initial positions of player and enemy
24 player_start_pos = characters.player_rect # Initial player position
25 enemy_start_pos = characters.enemy_rect # Initial enemy position
26
27 is_game_over = False # Game over flag
28 running = True # Main loop flag
29 play_game_over = True # Game over sound flag
30
31 decider_text = 'You Won' # Initial end-game text
32 decider_color = 'blue' # Initial end-game text color
33
34 # Menu class for game UI
35 class Menu:
36     def __init__(self, game_interface, coordinate_mask, size, colors, coordinate_text):
37         self.game_interface = game_interface # Menu text
38         self.coordinate_mask = coordinate_mask # Menu position
39         self.size = size # Menu size
40         self.colors = colors # Menu color
41         self.coordinate_text = coordinate_text # Text position
42         self.menu_bar_rect = None # Menu bar rectangle
43         self.menu_bar_mask = None # Menu bar mask
44
45     def draw_menu(self):
46         # Render menu text and draw menu bar
47         interface_text = menu_pixel_font.render(self.game_interface, True, self.colors)
48         interface_text_rect = interface_text.get_rect(center=self.coordinate_text)
49         menu_bar = Surface(self.size) # Create menu bar surface
50         menu_bar_rect = menu_bar.get_rect(center=(self.coordinate_mask)) # Set menu bar position
51
52 game_start.py > ...
53 1 from pygame import *
54 2 from variables import *
55 3
56 4 # Initialize Pygame
57 5 init()
58 6
59 7 # Frames per second
60 8 FPS = 60
61 9
62 10 # Render the game title text
63 11 GAME_TITLE = title_pixel_font.render('Space Tag', True, 'blue')
64 12
65 13 # Render the "Start" button text in two states (normal and highlighted)
66 14 START_GAME = menu_pixel_font.render('Start', True, 'blue')
67 15 WHITE_START_GAME = menu_pixel_font.render('Start', True, 'white')
68 16
69 17 # Render the "Quit" button text in two states (normal and highlighted)
70 18 EXIT_GAME = menu_pixel_font.render('Quit', True, 'blue')
71 19 WHITE_EXIT_GAME = menu_pixel_font.render('Quit', True, 'white')
72 20
73 21 # Define the positions for the game title and buttons
74 22 game_title_rect = GAME_TITLE.get_rect(center=(WIDTH / 2, HEIGHT / 9))
75 23 start_game_rect = START_GAME.get_rect(center=(WIDTH / 2, HEIGHT - 450))
76 24 exit_game_rect = EXIT_GAME.get_rect(center=(WIDTH / 2, HEIGHT - 290))
77 25
78 26 # Create masks for the "Start" button
79 27 start_mask = mask.from_surface(START_GAME)
80 28 start_image = start_mask.to_surface()
81 29
82 30 # Create a cursor surface for collision detection
83 31 mouse_cursor = Surface((10, 10))
84 32 mouse_cursor_rect = mouse_cursor.get_rect()
85 33 mouse_cursor.fill('white')
86 34 mouse_cursor_mask = mask.from_surface(mouse_cursor)
87 35
88 36 # Initialize button state variables
89 37 start_menu = START_GAME
90 38 exit_menu = EXIT_GAME
91 39
92 40
93 41
94 42 # Class for creating interactive menu boxes
95 43 class Box_menu:
96 44     def __init__(self, size, coordinate, colors):
97 45         self.size = size
98 46         self.coordinate = coordinate
99 47         self.colors = colors
100 48         self.box_mask = None
101 49         self.box_rect = None
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characters.py > ...
1 from pygame import *
2 from variables import *
3 import terrain_generator as TG
4 from math import *
5
6 init()
7
8 # Load images and scale them to the specified size
9 PLAYER = image.load(blue_ship).convert_alpha()
10 PLAYER = transform.scale(PLAYER, (character_width, character_height))
11 PMOVE = image.load(blue_ship_move).convert_alpha()
12 PMOVE = transform.scale(PMOVE, (character_width, character_height))
13
14 ENEMY = image.load(red_ship).convert_alpha()
15 ENEMY = transform.scale(ENEMY, (character_width, character_height))
16 EMOVE = image.load(red_ship_move).convert_alpha()
17 EMOVE = transform.scale(EMOVE, (character_width, character_height))
18
19 # Speed and initial positions
20 player_speed = 5 # Speed at which the player moves
21 enemy_push_speed = 10 # Speed at which the enemy pushes towards the player
22
23 player_rect = PLAYER.get_rect(center=(200, HEIGHT / 2)) # Set initial position of player
24 player_x, player_y = player_rect.x, player_rect.y # Player's coordinates
25
26 player_angle = 0 # Player's initial rotation angle
27 target_angle = 0 # Target rotation angle for smooth rotation
28
29 enemy_angle = 0 # Enemy's initial rotation angle
30
31 enemy_rect = ENEMY.get_rect(center=(WIDTH - 200, HEIGHT / 2)) # Set initial position of enemy
32 enemy_x, enemy_y = enemy_rect.x, enemy_rect.y # Enemy's coordinates
33
34 # Create masks for collision detection
35 player_mask = mask.from_surface(PLAYER)
36 player_image = player_mask.to_surface()
37
38 enemy_mask = mask.from_surface(ENEMY)
39 enemy_image = enemy_mask.to_surface()
40
41 # Set initial character and movement images
42 player_char = PLAYER
43 enemy_char = ENEMY
44 player_move = PMOVE
45 enemy_move = EMOVE
46
47 # Render tags for player and enemy
48 player_tag = font1.render('Player', True, 'white')
49 enemy_tag = font1.render('Enemy', True, 'red')
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terrain_generator.py > ...
1 from pygame import *
2 from variables import *
3
4 init()
5
6 # Class for creating and drawing borders
7 class Border:
8     def __init__(self, size, coordinate, colors):
9         self.size = size # Size of the border (width, height)
10        self.coordinate = coordinate # Position of the border (center of the rectangle)
11        self.colors = colors # Color of the border
12        self.border_mask = None # Initialize mask for border collision detection (if needed)
13        self.border_rect = None # Rectangle representation of the border
14
15    # Method to draw the border
16    def draw_border(self, is_border_draw=True):
17        border = Surface(self.size) # Create a surface for the border with the given size
18        border_rect = border.get_rect(center=(self.coordinate)) # Set the position of the border
19        border.fill(self.colors) # Fill the border surface with the specified color
20        border_mask = mask.from_surface(border) # Create a mask from the surface (used for collision detection)
21        border_image = border_mask.to_surface() # Convert the mask back into a surface
22        self.border_mask = border_mask # Store the mask for future use
23        self.border_rect = border_rect # Store the rectangle for future use
24
25        if is_border_draw: # If the flag is set to True, draw the border to the screen
26            WIN.blit(border_image, border_rect) # Blit (draw) the border image on the window
27
28
29 # Create instances of the Border class for each border (top, bottom, left, right)
30 border_top = Border((100, 5), (WIDTH / 2, 50), 'red') # Top border
31 border_bottom = Border((100, 5), (WIDTH / 2, HEIGHT - 50), 'red') # Bottom border
32 border_left = Border((5, 615), (100, HEIGHT / 2), 'red') # Left border
33 border_right = Border((5, 615), (WIDTH - 100, HEIGHT / 2), 'red') # Right border
34
35
36 # Function to draw the entire terrain (all borders)
37 def terrain():
38     border_top.draw_border() # Draw top border
39     border_bottom.draw_border() # Draw bottom border
40     border_left.draw_border() # Draw left border
41     border_right.draw_border() # Draw right border
42     display.update() # Update the display to show the drawn borders
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