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Introduction

Using HTML, CSS, PHP, and Vanilla Javascript, Space Frenzy is a space invader/shooter clone where the player controls a spaceship and fights against waves of aliens in space. The game currently consists of two working difficulty-working levels where the player can test his focus and determination by shooting down some aliens.

Pages

Common Elements

Common elements with similar functionality, like the navigation, footer, and play button, are present on the different web pages. The navigation consists of a list of web page links to redirect the user to a specific page, a footer consisting of a list of web page sections, and the social media links of the developer.

The play button's purpose is to redirect the player to the game page. However, it directs the user to the login page if no player is found logged in by checking if the loggedInUser key value is undefined in the session storage.

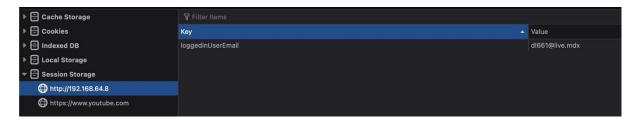


Figure 1 Session Storage

If a user logged in, the session storage loggedInUserKey is updated and will display its username on all web pages. Moreover, depending on this value, the login link will shift in appearance and functionality. When a user is not logged in, it will display a login link which redirects the user to login page. However, when a user is not logged in, it will display a log out link which will logged out the user and delete the loggedInUserKey in the session storage.

Homepage (index.php)

The homepage will introduce the player of the webpage functionality and an introduction of the game. When the user hover on the image next to "What is space frenzy", it will display a play button mentioned above in common elements. A youtube video is displayed to show where inspiration has been taken and it can be played.

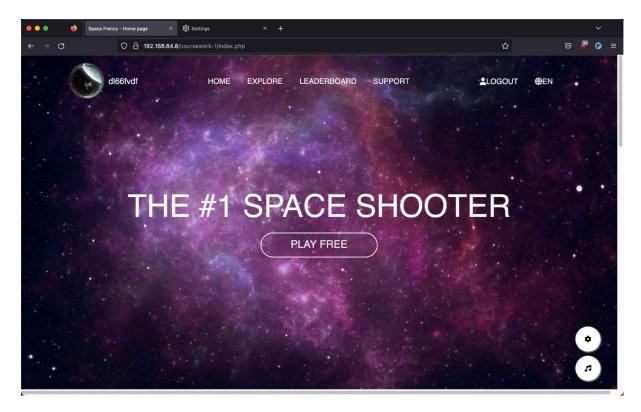


Figure 2 Homepage displaying a log in user

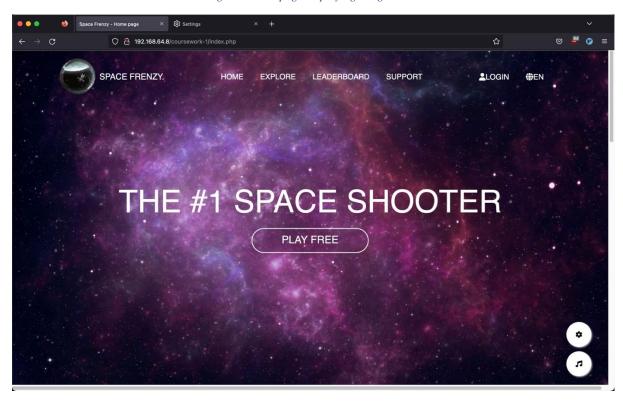


Figure 3 Homepage displaying log out user

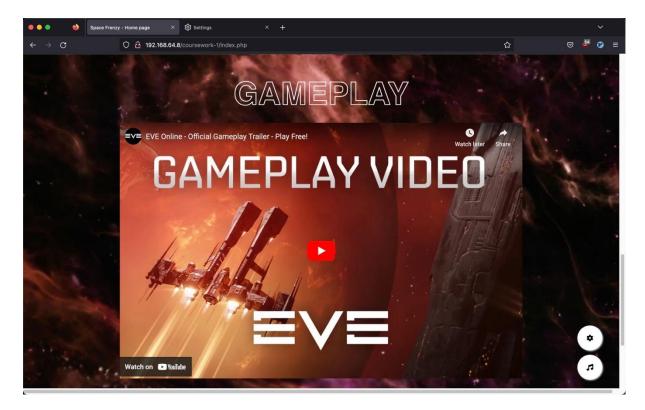


Figure 4 Homepage Youtube Video

Game Page (game.php)

These are the levels:

- Beginner difficulty the player must eliminate every alien without coming in contact with one, or else they will perish. The aliens advance and move toward the player's spaceship each time they make contact with the game's window walls.
- The Normal level uses the same controls as the Beginner level. A large alien boss has entered the waves and needs five bullets to be eliminated.

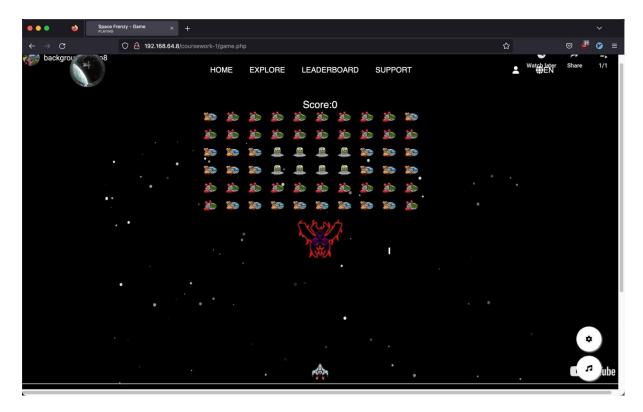


Figure 5 Game Page

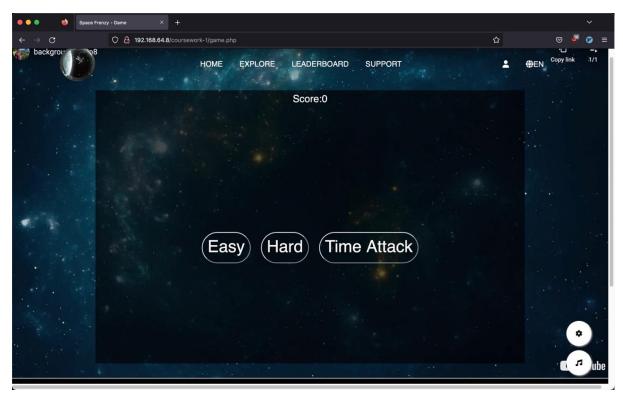


Figure 6Game page menu

Explore Page (explore.php)

The explorer page contains an overview of the different modes and a how-to-play section of the game. The modes' overview is displayed in an image slider using CSS and javascript to slide automatically among the images. When the mouse hovers over the image, a description of the specific mode renders. It follows with a how-to-play section where the user is provided with an instruction list of the available controls.



Figure 7 Explorer Image Slider



Figure 8 Explore Image Slider (Hover On)



Figure 9 Explorer Image Slider in action

Leader board Page (leaderboard.php)

The leaderboard page consists of a sorted table in descending order from the highest scorer player to the lowest. When the leaderboard page finishes loading, a script executes to retrieve an array of user objects using an array of keys returned from the local storage. Local

storage JSON data is parsed to an array of javascript objects and executes a merge sort. A merge sort is basically dividing one large array, dividing and sorting it into smaller paired arrays, and combining them into a large, sorted array. When the merge sort is over, the DOM interface for table HTMLTableElement will render a leaderboard dynamically for the user.

Each time the user visits the leaderboard page, it updates the table following any game played. The local storage updates the player's scores each time the user wins or loses. The scoring system is cumulative and when the user wins a game, his score increments in proportion to the number of aliens killed. However, when it is game over, the score will increment by half the number of points obtained.

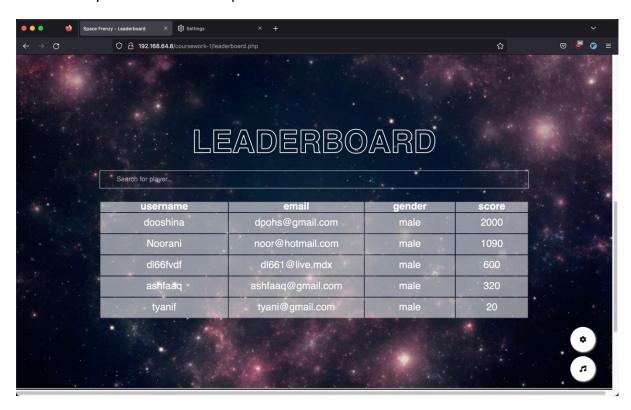


Figure 10 Leaderboard sorted table

Login Page (login.php)

The Login Page is essential to play the game, only log in user is allowed to access game page. When a user has successfully log in, his email address is stored in the session storage as the value of the loggedInKey. This key will be checked multiple times in different aspects of the website to check if any user is logged in. Some validations have been implemented in JavaScript to check the data submitted. If any doesn't match the validation, an error message is popped onclick of the login button.

- 1. Checks if the email address and password fields are empty.
- 2. Checks if any email address or password fields are empty.
- 3. Checks if email address inputted matches any email address found in the local storage, if email address not found the local storage display "undefined" value.

4. Checks if matched email address's password in local storage matches with the password inputted.

If the user has successfully login, he is redirected to explore.php and its username and logoff link are displayed in the navigation.

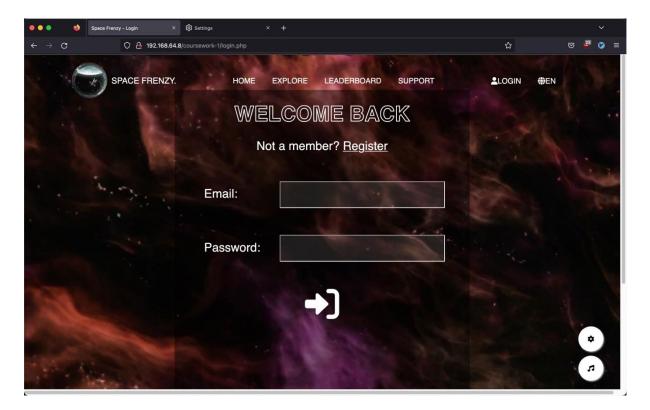


Figure 11 Login Page

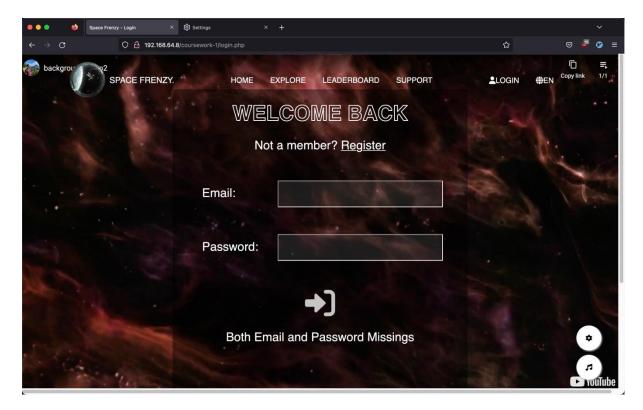


Figure 12 Login page Error message displayed

Registration Page (register.php)

The registration form validation is performed using javascript and regular expressions. Upon validation, the script will return an userObject, stringify it and add it to the local storage by keeping the email address as the key.

The validations are as follows:

- 1. Check if any fields are empty.
- 2. Check username consists of 6-10 characters and contain only alphanumeric characters and underscore.
- 3. Check email address is a string seperated into two parts by @ symbol, a "personal_info" and a domain.
- 4. Check password should have at least one number, one uppercase and lowercase character, one special symbol and be between 6-20 characters long.
- 5. Check Retype Password should match Password entered.
- 6. Check if checkbox has been ticked.

After the form validation, it is stored in an object, converted into JSON and stored in the HTML local storage.

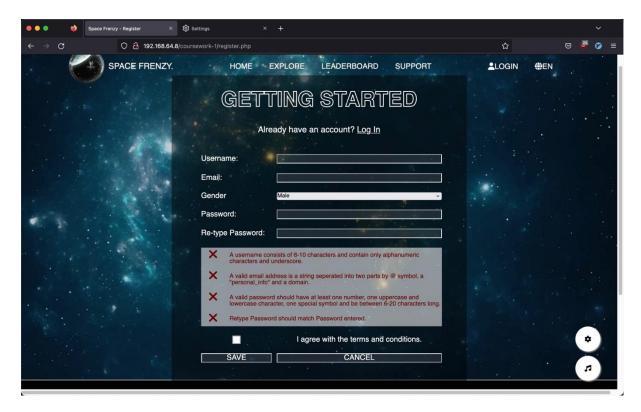


Figure 13 Registration Page Form

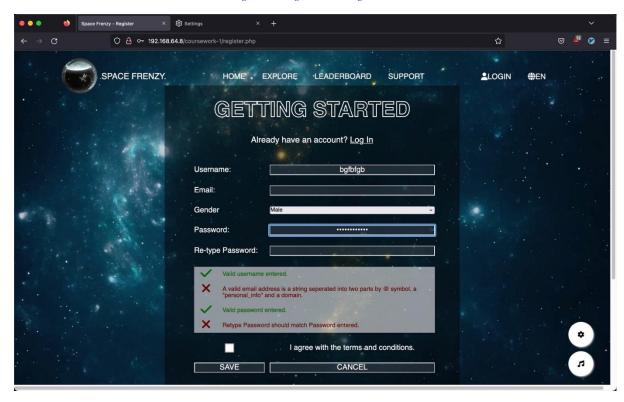


Figure 14 Registration Page Validation Error Message

Support Page (support.php)

It will allow the current registered user to change his current password to a new one. If a user desires to change his password, he will have to pass some validation in pure javascript and if validation fails, a pop up message will displayed on the screen.

- 1. Checks if a user is currently logged in the session storage.
- 2. Checks if the current, new and retype fields are empty.
- 3. Checks if either current, new or type fields are empty.
- 4. Checks if current password matches the user's password in local storage.
- 5. Checks if new password does not match the current user's password in local storage.
- 6. Checks if new password is have at least one number, one uppercase and lowercase character, one special symbol and be between 6-20 characters long through a reg exp check.
- 7. Checks if new password matches retype password to confirm the user has crosschecked his updated password.

If the new password has passed all validation, it will be updated in the local storage and user redirect to explore.php.

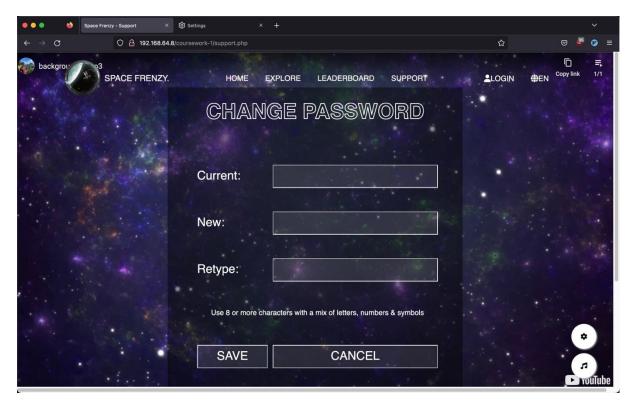


Figure 15 Support Page

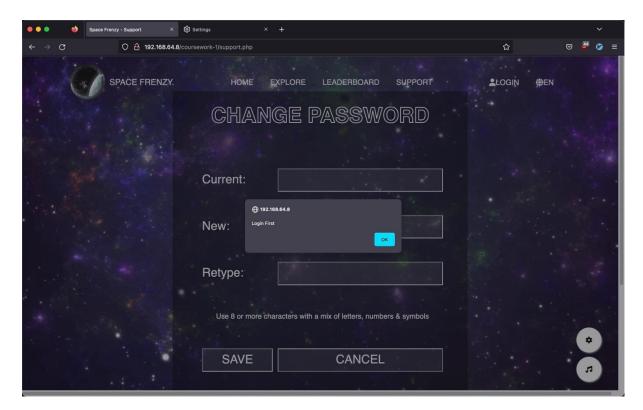


Figure 16 Support Page Validation Error Message

Conclusion

Implementation of javescript using technologies like classes, inheritance, canvas, local storage and session storage was really amazing. And hope that I will learn more in the future.