

Risk assessment and mitigation

The risks to the project are presented in the table below, with the following information about each one:

- An ID- to identify individual risks
- Category type- helps to read the table quickly and find the specific risks
- Description- details what the risk is
- Potential consequence- explains what could go wrong and why this risk needs solving
- Monitoring- shows whether the risk is happening, indicating if it is of immediate concern
- Likelihood and severity- allows the team to make a judgement about how much of a priority this risk is in solving or preventing
- Mitigation - details the steps that need to be, or are being taken to prevent the risk from happening.
- Owner- shows who is responsible for either solving the problem or arranging for it to be solved

There is significant detail about the risks to the programming and game itself because each item can affect the overall game, and are distinct issues. The likelihood and severity of the risks are also included because this tells us which risk to prioritise in mitigating, and each item has an 'owner' - without one, the responsibility can be unclear, causing the issue to not be solved.

ID	Type	Description	Consequences	Monitoring	Likelihood	Severity
R1	Technology	AI interaction proves infeasible to implement	Opposing ships will behave differently	not currently happening	H	H
R2	Product	NPC targeting of player ship not enough or too challenging	Game may not be enjoyable	unknown - ship combat not implemented until assignment 2	M	M
R3	Technology	AI decision making too slow to be convincing	Game may not be enjoyable	not currently happening	L	M
R4	Technology	Physics engine being unstable	Player and projectiles may not interact with the other elements in the program correctly.	not currently happening	M	M

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R6	Technology	Cost of high res textures cause high loading time	Game may have a large loading time, which may cause the user to think the program is broken	not currently happening	L	L
R7	Technology	Large maps and complex algorithms cause low fps	Game is harder to run on low specification computers	not currently happening	M	H
R8	Technology	Rendering during movement may stutter/lag/flicker	Graphics look slightly worse than they would if you pay close attention	not currently happening	L	L
R11	Technology	Tile map rounding error causing visual artifacts	The game runs without any errors, but a lot of visual artifacts	not currently happening	H	M
R14	Estimation	The team misjudges how long different tasks will take	The deadline is missed or the work is of a lower quality	not currently happening	M	H
R15	People	Bad team communication	Elements of the project may not be done and others duplicated	not currently happening	M	H

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R16	People	Katie has to look after her child	She may not be able to commit to every meeting	Consistent risk	H	L
R17	Technology	GitHub has been known to go down	Work cannot be completed and unsaved work will be lost	not currently happening	M	H
R18	People	Saud is in Dubai	Due to time difference, Saud is running on a different time schedule	For the next few weeks	n/a	L
R19	People	Merging issues causing delays	If people make mistakes causing major bugs in the product, the project may be delayed	Consistent risk	M	M