Gesture Based UI Development Project

A Unity Application developed using the Kinect V2 that incorporates the unique use of various Gestures and Speech Patterns into two separate games linked together by a gesture-controlled UI

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# <https://github.com/farisNassif/FourthYear_GestureBasedUIDevelopment>

# Purpose of Application

The purpose of this application is to explore and experiment with the capabilities of the Kinect v2 and the development components that come along with it such as the Visual Gesture Builder. At the end of development our goal is to have an application that

* Naturally incorporates practical gestures into various components that contribute to the fluidity of the overall application
* Is fully context aware
* Provides a high rate of accuracy in relation to gesture recognition
* Uses those highly accurate gestures as a base for seamless navigation and to provide an additional layer of engagement and fun that wouldn’t otherwise be found in a traditional game-based application
* Provides continuous feedback to the user
* Contains input definitions that are simple to perform and non-cumbersome
* Has Interactions that are simple, easy to learn, recognize and master

The gesture-based games we chose to implement were:

* **A Multiplayer Balloon Popping Game**

- *Controlled solely by the user’s hands*

* **An Endless Flyer**

- *Controlled by the tilt of the user that also incorporates voice commands*

Both games would be linked together by an easy to navigate UI that may be traversed with voice commands or gestures.

*Gifs of these games running are available in the README or alternatively a video is available showcasing the full project in the* [*Documentation*](http://www.github.com/farisNassif/FourthYear_GestureBasedUIDevelopment/tree/master/Documentation/Video) *folder in the Repository.*

# Gestures Identification and Rationale

Before we began to consider any gestures, we looked at the scope of the project and brought together a list of design goals that we would adhere to while developing the project.

* The application should be context aware
* There should be continuous feedback to the user
* The defined input should be simple to perform and non-cumbersome
* Interactions should be simple, easy to learn, recognize and master

With those goals in mind we began to look at the following types of gestures:

# Continuous Gestures

While researching the various types of gestures essential to the development of a successful gesture-based game we identified the

Identifying what gestures to include and why drummed up a lot of discussion. We knew we wanted to create two gesture centered games and have them linked together by an interactive UI but weren’t sure what the best course to take was.

Our first game would be essentially a practice run for us, allowing us to get a feel for the Kinect and its components. We knew we wanted the crux of the game to center around the movement of the Player’s hands and have the Left/Right hand joints translate into trackable game objects that interacted with other game objects.

# Application Interface

# Menu/UI System

The Menu and User Interface incorporate several features for ease of use for the User. It includes:

* A visual representation of the Kinects body image
* Voice Recognition for navigation
* Swiping gestures for navigation
* Score page for High Scores and clearing Scores
* Buttons for navigation if the User is not using gestures

# Research

Our main source of research blah blah blah

You looked at the stuff in the Library, that’s some good research boyo. A lot of the research was just done while trying to find people that actually used the Kinect for this stuff. We used Unity because of something. The voice recog crap was really easy to implement with Unity, and the Kinect was done in a lab? I can’t remember.

# Resources

Some images maybe of some similar games don’t know, and maybe some gesture diagrams or something??

YouTube videos would be good here too, Brackeys and Alexander Kalashnikov. Birb game was thought of cause we like Airplanes.

# Application Design

# Design Goals?

Voice navigation, swipe, user experience, interactions, everything is constant time back to the user, types of gestures, continuous/discrete etc.

Our goals were to implement as many gestures as possible into our game so that it had to be controlled as little as possible with your hands. Pretty much the whole game can be done without actually touching the computer, pretty cool.

# Divided Workload :

Faris Nassif :

* Kinect Gesture Database
* Motion Control for Games
* Menu Navigation using Swipe Gesture
* Scoring Systems
* Game Mechanics

Alex Cherry :

* Voice Recognition
* Menus and Navigation
* Sprite Animations
* Game Mechanics

The workload was divided accordingly as to who had the hardware for the application. Multiple opinions were required to assess the Game Mechanics for the two games designed. A database creation was required for the Kinect V2 which was designed by Faris, requiring several inputs of repeated gestures to read properly. Voice recognition systems were designed by Alex to take only certain keywords in certain areas or scenes in Unity for accuracy and consistency.

# Hardware

Talk about the Myo/Kinect/Leap motion thing here, this part is written in past tense, so we haven’t done the project yet, we ‘wrote’ all the research stuff before

# Architecture

Diagram describing software architecture or something

# Libraries/Game Engine/Talk more about architecture diagram

# Testing

Used my brother for testing because sure he may as well have

# Strategy/Methodology

Integration testing, Regression testing, system testing, always testing along while getting functions working (regression testing). Test other functions once other function has been added (integration testing) and I guess this is system testing too.

# Who tested it?

Alex’s brother and Faris’ dogs.

# Acceptance/Beta tests

# Methodology

# Results

We added or changed this thing because we tested it and yea

# Conclusion

The project is pretty awesome, turns out flappy bird is a fun game when anime music is put into it. Balloon game gives me nightmares of PC crashes but other than that its pretty noice.

# What we learned

We learned that the Kinect is pretty cool, and that you can make pretty much any Gesture you want by using the Kinect V2s built in Gesture Database system with Unity. It requires immense repeated testing but is very accurate once fully functional.

# What we would do differently

Not get Coronavirus lul