

Exercise 1: Your first simple game

Introduction

In this exercise, you'll create a simple timing-based minigame in which a frog tries to catch falling food with its tongue. The main objects of the game are:

- The frog
The frog contains two sub-objects
 - The body
Just sits there. Contains a `SpriteRenderer` component to draw the picture of the frog
 - The Tongue
Reaches out toward the food and detects when it touches the candy. Controlled the the **Tongue** component, which is defined in `Tongue.cs` in the Code folder. Also contains a trigger collider to detect when the food hits the tongue. It also defines an event called **YummyCaught** that the sound and score systems subscribe to, that it calls when the tongue grabs some food. The tongue also contains some other components for drawing and rendering the tongue.
- Yummies
The falling pieces of food. Contains the **Yummy** component, which is defined, not surprisingly, in the `Yummy.cs` file (again, in the Code folder).
- The spawner
Contains a **YummySpawner** component (defined in `YummySpawner.cs`) and another trigger collider. `YummySpawner` does two things:
 - It periodically drops pieces of food, gradually accelerating the rate at which it drops.
 - It notices when food falls of the bottom of the screen, destroying it and notifying the rest of the game by signaling the **YummyMissed** event. The collider is used to detect when food falls off the bottom of the screen.

The game also contains the following game objects that you can mostly ignore:

- Main camera
Contains the `Camera` component that renders the scene. Don't worry about this.
- Sound
Contains an `AudioSource` component (a built-in Unity type) and a `SoundController` component (defined in `SoundController.cs`). Subscribes to the `YummyCaught` and `YummyMissed` events.
- Canvas
This is used by Unity's GUI system. It's used here only to display the score. The only relevant thing is the `Text` object inside it that contains a **ScoreDisplay** component (defined in `ScoreDisplay.cs`). It subscribes to the `YummyCaught` and `YummyMissed` events to keep the score up to date.

What you should do

For this assignment, you'll just be filling in functionality in the methods of the components we've already created. Fill in the following methods in the following files:

- **Yummy.cs**
This is a warmup: fill in the **Update()** to make the yummy spin at the rate specified in the field **RotateSpeed** (in degrees per second). Compute the number of degrees you need to rotate relative to the previous frame. Then call the **Rotate** method of the game object's transform component.¹ **Rotate** takes the arguments: the amount to rotate around the X, Y, and Z axes. Since this is a 2D game, you'll want to rotate only around the Z axis, so leave the first two arguments zero.
- **YummySpawner.cs**
This needs to keep track of whether it's time to spawn a yummy, and if so do so. To do that, it keeps a variable called **nextTime** that holds the time at which the next yummy will spawn. It also has a field **SpawnRate** to keep track of the number of seconds between spawns. And to make sure the game gets more challenging, it decreases **SpawnRate** each time it spawns. The field **SpawnAcceleration** is how many seconds to decrease **SpawnRate** by each time you spawn..
 - **Update()**
This should call **SpawnYummy** whenever **Time.time > nextTime**.
 - **SpawnYummy()**
This should instantiate a new copy of the prefab stored in the field **YummyPrefab**, then update **SpawnRate** and **nextTime**.
 - **OnTriggerEnter2D(yummy)**
Called when a yummy hits the spawner's trigger zone (at the bottom of the screen). Should destroy the yummy, and signal the **YummyMissed** event (i.e. just call **YummyMissed()**).
- **Tongue.cs**
 - **Update()**
For this, you want to see if the player has just pressed the spacebar, and if so, start the tongue animation. The tongue animation is controlled by the **Animator** component packaged alongside the **Tongue** component. So you need to get that component, and then call its **SetTrigger("Licking")** method.
 - **OnTriggerEnter2D(yummy)**
This will be called whenever the tongue hits an object. Since the only objects to hit are yummies, you know said object is a yummy, so destroy it and signal the **CaughtYummy()** event.

That's it! Now try out your game!

¹ Remember that every Component has a field named **transform** that Unity automatically sets to be the Transform of the component's game object. So you can just say **transform.Rotate(arguments ...)**.

Turning it in

For this assignment, you should just turn in the source files you modified: Yummy.cs, YummySpawner.cs, and Tongue.cs. Make a zip file containing just those files, and upload it to Canvas.