

John Romero Programming Proverbs

- 8. “Write your code for this game only - not for a future game. You’re going to be writing new code later because you’ll be smarter.”
- John Romero, “The Early Days of Id Software - John Romero @ WeAreDevelopers Conference 2017”

Implementing labels in chisel/txt2pen

- it would be useful to introduce labels in maps
 - could be used for waypoints
 - or to create a taxonomy of objects

- wish to introduce the ability for a bot to get the
 - location of a label
 - doom3 units and also pen units
 - whether a label exists
 - a list of all labels

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- we might expect, eventually, to enhance the bot API by providing methods inside `botlib.py`. For example:

- ```
l = botlib.get_all_labels ()
...
doom_loc = botlib.get_d3_loc (label_name)
...
pen_loc = botlib.get_pen_loc (label_name)
...
if botlib.has_label (label_name):
 ...
```

- some of these can be implemented in Python on the client
  - others will interact with the server
  - all can be cached

## Implementing labels in chisel/txt2pen

- a thought exercise for the reader might be to consider how labels might be automatically generated
  - for example every room number might automatically generate a label
  - each player and bot might also be known by a label
  - every pickup can also be known by a label
- these notes will only address how labels can be manually entered on maps

# Implementing labels in chisel/txt2pen

`$HOME/Sandpit/chisel/map/label.txt`

```
define l room 1
define s worldspawn
define o monster monster_demon_imp
define n monster monster_demon_hellknight
define i light
define a ammo ammo_shells_large 16
define l label the_ammo_loc [a]

#####
l i
#
s 1
#
#
#####
```

## Implementing labels in chisel/txt2pen

- this work is divided into 3 components
  - firstly change  
`$HOME/Sandpit/chisel/python/txt2pen.py` to generate labels inside the `.pen` files
  - secondly change  
`$HOME/Sandpit/chisel/python/pen2map.py` to place labels inside doom3 map files
  - thirdly change `$HOME/Sandpit/git-doom3/pybot-dhewm3/python-bot/botaa.py`
- these notes address the first part only

## Implementing labels in chisel/txt2pen

- making the changes in these notes in `Sandpit/chisel/pythpn/txt2pen.py` **will** break the existing doom3 python bot and also break `pen2map.py`
- so, we will make these changes in a different copy of chisel (stored in `Sandpit/labels`)

```
$ cd
$ cd Sandpit
$ mkdir -p labels
$ cd labels
$ git clone https://github.com/gaiusm/chisel
```

## Changes to Sandpit/labels/chisel/python/txt2pen.py

- add a new field to the roomInfo class

■ `$HOME/Sandpit/labels/chisel/python/txt2pen.py`

```
class roomInfo:
 def __init__ (self, w, d):
 ...
 self.defaultColour = {}
 self.defaultTexture = {}
 self.sounds = []
 self.labels = []
```



## Changes to Sandpit/labels/chisel/python/txt2pen.py

- update the reserved words:

■ `$HOME/Sandpit/labels/chisel/python/txt2pen.py`

```
reservedKeywords = ['ammo', 'ceiling', 'colour', 'default',
 'floor', 'label', 'light', 'looping',
 'mid', 'monster',
 'worldspawn',
 'room', 'sound',
```

## Changes to Sandpit/labels/chisel/python/txt2pen.py

- add the label class

- `$HOME/Sandpit/labels/chisel/python/txt2pen.py`

```
class label:
 def __init__ (self, pos, label_desc):
 self.pos = pos
 self.label_desc = label_desc
 def write (self, f):
 f.write (" LABEL AT ")
 printCoord (self.pos, f)
 f.write (" %s\n" % self.label_desc)
 return f
```

## Changes to Sandpit/labels/chisel/python/txt2pen.py

- add parseLabel

- `$HOME/Sandpit/labels/chisel/python/txt2pen.py`

```

parseLabel := 'label' filename =:

def parseLabel (room, x, y):
 desc = expectString (room, x, y, 'a string after the label keyword')
 l = label ([x, y], desc)
 rooms[room].labels += [l]
```

## Changes to Sandpit/labels/chisel/python/txt2pen.py

- add parseLabelSpawn

- `$HOME/Sandpit/labels/chisel/python/txt2pen.py`

```

parseLabelSpawn := 'label' string =:

def parseLabelSpawn (room, x, y):
 if expecting (['label']):
 expect ('label', room, x, y)
 parseLabel (room, x, y)
 return True
 return False
```

## Changes to Sandpit/labels/chisel/python/txt2pen.py

- we need to make a call to `parseLabelSpawn` from within the function `ebnf`

- `$HOME/Sandpit/labels/chisel/python/txt2pen.py`

```
def ebnf (room, x, y):
 ...
 pass
 elif parseSoundSpawn (room, x, y):
 pass
 elif parseLabelSpawn (room, x, y):
 pass
 else:
 w = tokens.split () [0]
 error ("unexpected token " + w + " in room " +
```

## Changes to Sandpit/labels/chisel/python/txt2pen.py

- finally we need to add a method to print labels (and make sure it is called)

■ `$HOME/Sandpit/labels/chisel/python/txt2pen.py`

```
def printLabels (labels, o):
 if labels != []:
 for l in labels:
 o = l.write (o)
 return o
```

## Changes to Sandpit/labels/chisel/python/txt2pen.py

■ `$HOME/Sandpit/labels/chisel/python/txt2pen.py`

```
def printRoom (r, o):
 o = printSpawnPlayer (rooms[r].worldspawn, o)
 o = printInside (rooms[r].inside, o)
 o = printSounds (rooms[r].sounds, o)
 o = printLabels (rooms[r].labels, o)
 o.write ("END\n\n")
 return o
```