

Student Instructions

The Game Project 4 – Side scrolling

Midterm assignment

1. Make a copy of your code from part 3b

2. Make an array of tree positions

- Declare a variable called `trees_x`
- In `setup`, initialise it with an array of numbers.
- Each number should represent the x-position at which a tree will be drawn on the canvas.

3. Draw the trees

- In the `draw` function create a for loop to traverse the `trees_x` array.
HINT: you need to use `trees_x.length` to make sure you loop over every item in the array.
- Copy your tree drawing code from part 2a into the body of the for loop
- Now modify your code so that each tree is drawn using the corresponding x position from `trees_x`.

HINT: If your for loop uses a variable called `i` you can get the x position by using `trees_x[i]`

- You should end up with lots of trees in different positions.

4. Make an array of clouds

- In `setup`, declare and initialise a `clouds` variable with an array containing some cloud objects (e.g. at least 3).

HINT: you can copy the one from part 3 but vary the x and y positions of each object.

5. Draw the clouds

- In the `draw` function create a for loop to traverse the `clouds` array.
- Copy your cloud drawing code from part 3 into the body of the for loop.
- Now modify your code so that each cloud is drawn with the position and size determined by the corresponding object in the array

6. And now for the mountains

- Repeat stages 4 and 5 for the mountains

7. Implement scrolling

- To create an expansive game world we need to make a virtual camera which follows the game character as they move about the game world

- We're going to do this by making the background scenery scroll in the opposite direction when the game character moves left or right.

- We can achieve this by using p5's [`translate()`](<https://p5js.org/reference/#/p5/translate>) function in combination with [`push()`](<https://p5js.org/reference/#/p5/push>) and [`pop()`](<https://p5js.org/reference/#/p5/pop>)
- Make sure you've read about how these work before attempting the following steps
- Declare a variable called `cameraPosX` and initialise it to 0
- Make sure that all of code which draws all of your game scenery appears consecutively within your draw loop directly BEFORE the code which draws your game character.
- Just *After* the code which draws the ground and just *Before* your first item of game scenery, add the command `push()` followed by the command `translate(-cameraPosX, 0)`
- Just *After* the code which draws the game character add the command `pop()`
- Now `cameraPosX` controls the left most position of where the camera is within the game world.
- At the start of the draw loop, write a line of code to continually change the value of `cameraPosX` so that the game character always appears in the center of the screen but the background moves behind them.
- Test that your canyon and collectable still interact as expected

8. Code Presentation

Make sure you produce readable code:

- Use correct indentation
- Remove unnecessary whitespace
- Remove any unused commented-out code
- Remove old and redundant variable declarations
- Make sure all variables are declared
- Include brief, descriptive comments for each section

9. Submission format

- Before submitting make sure that your code runs and that all the necessary files are included in the sketch folder
- Zip the sketch folder. Make sure that it is only zipped at one level and that the file extension is a .zip

10. Original sections of code

- Please upload your code in text format (not screenshots) in a PDF file here. Please. clearly label with start and end comments exactly which sections of code you personally wrote without assistance.

11. Exceptional work

- Projects that meet a minimum of 80% of basic requirements will be considered for additional points under exceptional work. To demonstrate excellence and exceptional work, please describe in up to 100 words which components of the project go beyond the material taught on the course. The descriptions should clearly relate to the concepts and techniques from weekly lectures and highlight how the project develops these.

Grading criteria - 50 marks

Character Interaction & Rendering (5)

Collectable Interaction (3)

Canyon Interaction (5)

Anchoring of objects (5)

Initialisation of data structures (5)

Traversal using for loops (5)

Scrolling Implementation (3)

Code indentation & whitespace (3)

Use of variables (3)

Use of comments (2)

Submission organisation (1)

PDF of sketch.js code

identifying original sections (2)

Exceptional work (8)