

XTREME RACING - GAME DEVELOPMENT PROJECT REPORT

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1. Introduction

Xtreme Racing is a 3D racing game developed using **Unreal Engine 5**. The project aims to deliver an immersive gaming experience featuring high-quality visuals, dynamic racing mechanics, and intuitive user interface components. It was developed as a group project showcasing core competencies in game design, development, and visual effects.

2. Tools and Technologies

- Unreal Engine 5: Main development engine.
- **Blender:** For modeling custom car assets.
- **Epic Games Launcher:** For installing and updating UE5.
- **Blueprint System:** Visual scripting system for logic without manual coding.

3. Game Overview

The game includes:

- Realistic car physics and terrain interaction.
- Checkpoint-based gameplay with lap timing.
- Polished UI system including HUD and menus.

4. Game Development Phases

Design Phase

- Environment Setup: Used UE5's "Vehicle Template" for basic mechanics. Included terrain, trees, and shadows.
- Asset Development:
 - Cars: Modeled in Blender with proper collision settings.
 - Tracks & Props: Imported from UE5 marketplace.
- UI Design: Built with UE5 Widgets.
 - Main Menu: Start, Options, Quit.
 - In-Game HUD: Timer, checkpoint alerts, win/lose messages.
- Game Mechanics:
 - Game mode blueprint to control game states.
 - Checkpoint logic, collision handling, and player respawn system.
- **Design Flowchart:** Detailed the logical structure of the game's mechanics.

Execution Phase

- Core Gameplay: Implemented controls for acceleration, braking, and steering using Blueprint.
- Checkpoint System: Used collision boxes to register checkpoint progress and respawn points.
- Camera Effects:
 - Lag and Shake: Enhanced visual feedback during gameplay.
 - Managed using Timeline nodes in Blueprints.
- **Respawn Mechanism:** Triggered on crash or off-track event, returning the player to last checkpoint.
- Troubleshooting:
 - Solved texture and lighting issues through asset reimport and level streaming adjustments.

5. Key Features

- Main Menu: Animated with options like Start, Options, and Quit.
- **HUD:** Displays race information in real-time.
- Game World: Trees, road textures, dynamic lighting.
- Vehicle Models: Multiple car models available.
- Game Over Screen: Displays result and restart option.

6. Future Improvements

- Multiplayer Support: Enable online and LAN-based racing.
- New Tracks & Vehicles: Enhance game variety.
- **Sound Design:** Add sound effects for environment and UI.
- Leaderboards: Introduce ranking systems for competitive play.

7. Conclusion

Learning Outcomes

- Gained hands-on experience with **Unreal Engine 5** and **Blueprints**.
- Learned to integrate design, development, and testing in a 3D game project.