

SURVIVAL GAME PROTOTYPE

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PROGRAM DESIGN

CHARACTER CLASS

Third person character use in game.

Variables:

Survival status

- Health (float)
- Hydration (float)
- Hunger (float)

Gameplay related

- PausePressed(bool)
- maxHealth (float)
- maxHydration(float)
- maxHunger(float)
- healthDrop(float)
- hungerDrop(float)
- hydroDrop(float)

Item related (AItem*)

- InteractItem
- ItemEquipped
- myInventory (array)
- InvSlotNum(int)

variables are mostly simple as how it is name,

for InteractItem , it is the item player's raycast hits, InvSlotNum is used to check that item held by player do not exist inventory slots available in HUD.

Functions:

- pauseGame : bound with keypress 'P' which change the PausePressed variable read by gamemode to change game state.
- OnOverlapBegin : bound with the collision capsule , which is mostly use to detect end point and pit traps which broadcast gameover event.
- Trace : perform line tracing and return Boolean on whether actor is hit
- CallMyTrace: sets parameters to be use for raycast and call the trace function
- ProcessTraceHit : Handle related implementation base on trace result, in this case, it shows the information of item if hit or returns status of switch if hit.
- Tick: Player has constant hunger and hydration drop and when both reach zero health starts to drop and check for when health equals or lesser then zero game over event is broadcasted.
- Collect: bound to keypress 'C' to collect item player is interacting(raycasting) with to inventory.
- Equip: bound to keypress 'E' and button press in inventory HUD to equip item selected as player tool which can be use or drop.
- UseEquipItem : use the item equipped by the player by calling the useitem function of the item and remove it from the inventory. Also displays related message to player.
- DropItem : drop equipped item nearby and remove it from inventory.
- Consume : bound to keypress 'R' , specifically used for consumable pickup items when interacted to consume directly.
- FlipASwitch : bound to keypress 'F' for flipping switch when nearby to switch which broadcast flipswitch events.

All events will be discussed in separate section.

ITEM CLASS (UE4 ACTOR CLASS, INTERACTABLE INTERFACE)

Interactable items in game.

Variables:

Item properties

- ItemName (FString)
- ItemDesc(FString)
- ItemHowTo(FString)
- isConsumable (bool)
- isUsed(bool)
- gameChar (AAwooCharacter*)

isConsumable checks whether the item can be consume in other words, whether it is a pickup.

isUsed is used to check whether the player reach use condition so that the item can be reused by player again without being removed from inventory after use directly.

gameChar is a reference to game character.

Functions:

Interact_Implementation : called by character collect function so that the item will be hidden in game with its collision disabled.

UseItem : handles item functionality, virtual function to be override by children class.

Dropltem : drop item at location near to player and make item visible and enable collision again.

DOORKEY CLASS (CHILD CLASS OF ITEM CLASS)

Key for unlocking locked switches and doors.

(only additional properties differ from parent class will be mentioned)

Variables:

- LockLoc (FVector)

Used to check whether key is near to its connected switch or door so that the key can only be used when near to it.

Override function:

- UseItem() : check distance between character and the lock, if true then broadcast unlock event and set isUsed to true, if not display message to player on distance too far.

PICKUPITEM CLASS (CHILD CLASS OF ITEM CLASS)

All pickups in game which can be used for altering player stats.

Variables:

- boostValue (float)
- boostType (int)

boostType can be health(0), hunger(1) or hydration(2) of the player while boostValue is the amount to increase or decrease the specified type.

Override function :

UseItem() : check for gameChar reference and boostType then add on boostValue to the boostType of the player.

FLIPSWITCH CLASS (UE4 ACTOR CLASS, INTERACTABLE INTERFACE)

Switch which can be toggle on and off by player key press when nearby.

Variables:

- isOn (bool)
- gameChar (AWooCharacter*)
- isMyEventBound(bool)
- defaultRotation(gameChar)

isOn to be access by pit trap bridge to activate itself and deactivate accordingly.

gameChar reference to check whether player is near enough to flip the switch.

isMyEventBound used to ensure binding only happens once when game character reference is established.

defaultRotation used to set rotation so player can see further changes then messages when switch is activated.

Function:

ToggleSwitch : change bool isOn if player is near enough which is bound to flipswitch event of player.

Interact_Implementation : show player whether the lock is on or off in form of display text when interacted.

LOCKEDSWITCH CLASS (UE4 ACTOR CLASS, INTERACTABLE INTERFACE)

It has almost similar variables and functions to FlipSwitch class except a custom variable myKey which points to aDoorKey item class so that the switch can only be unlock by specific key.

There is also a similar class LockedDoor which is made when misunderstanding the assignment brief so that is acts the same as locked switch just that it doesn't connects to a bridge.

Would consider combining them and make a switch parent class if further switches are to be developed in future assignments.

BRIDGE CLASS (UE4 ACTOR CLASS)

Just a simple actor class with a custom variable mySwitch (AActor*) and during tick function, it checks and cast my switch to the type available and moves from its defaultPosition (FVector) to targetPosition(FVector) when switch is on.

ENDPLATFORM CLASS ,MYTRAP CLASS(UE4 ACTOR CLASS)

Endplatform class is a simple basic mesh which rotates stationarily and has the same collision channel with the player character “Trigger”, thus the on overlap function of the player will check when player overlap with this class and broadcast events accordingly.

MyTrap works the same as well by having the same collision channel and being checked by player overlap function.

TORCHLIGHT CLASS (UE4 ACTOR CLASS, INTERACT INTERFACE)

A mesh with point light that is toggle on when match is used by player nearby. The interact_implementation function also hints player to light it up when interacted.

MATCH CLASS(ITEM CHILD CLASS)

An item with light up event that broadcast function bound in torchlight class to light it up when this item is used by player.

BLUEPRINT CLASSES

BP_MyGamemode : mainly used for creating blueprint widgets and adding it to screen

HUDs :

- start screen
- pause screen
- end screen
- inventory screen

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN CLASSES

EVENT DISPATCHERS (DELEGATES)

PLAYER CHARACTER

- FMyEventDispatcher (1 parameter, isWinning(bool))
 - o Event : GameOverEvent
 - o Bound to : EndGameEvent in BP_MYGAMEMODE class which calls out the end screen
 - o Broadcasted when : player character health reaches zero and below, player overlap with pittrap and end platform

- FInfoEventDispatcher (3 parameters, name,desc,howTo (FString))
 - o Event : ShowInfoEvent
 - o Bound to : OnItemInteracted event in BP_MYHUD class which sets the visibility of item information text and content of it based on the inputs when broadcasted.
 - o Broadcasted when : Trace function returns item class actor hit

- FMessageDispatcher (1 parameter, myMessage(FString))
 - o Event : DisplayMessageEvent
 - o Bound to : ShowMessage event in BP_MYHUD class which sets visibility of player message box and set the content to myMessage.
 - o Broadcasted when : Trace function hits switches or item is used by player.

- FFlipEventDispatcher (no parameter)
 - o Event : FlipSwitchEvent
 - o Bound to : ToggleSwitch function in AFLIPSWITCH class
 - o Broadcasted when : player press F when near to FlipSwitch instance

DOOR KEY (ITEM CLASS)

- FKeyEventDispatcher(no parameters)
 - o Event : UnlockEvent
 - o Bound to : OnSwitch function in ALOCKEDSWITCH class
 - o Broadcasted when : player uses the door key (UseItem function) which unlock the locked switch

MATCH (ITEM CLASS)

- FMatchEventDispatcher(no parameters)
 - o Event: LightUpEvent
 - o Bound to : ToggleLight function in ATorchLight class
 - o Broadcasted when : player uses the match (UseItem function) near enough to the torchlight