To everyone's surprise hyper-casual mobile apps became a thing around 2020.

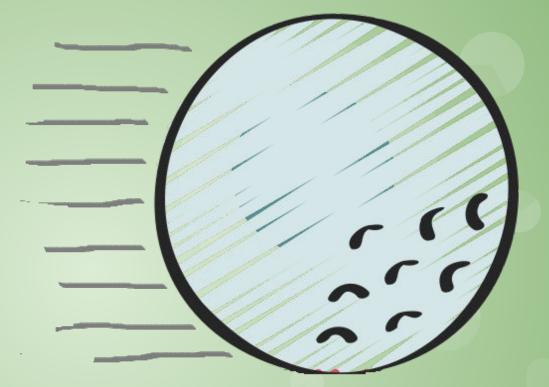
By 2022 they accounted for "29 percent of all [mobile] downloads worldwide."

https://www.pocketgamer.biz/hypercasual-led-the-dow nload-charts-in-2022-while-rpgs-dominated-consumer -spend/

Today it's closer to 40% but falling, turns out popping virtual bubble wrap gets boring after a while.

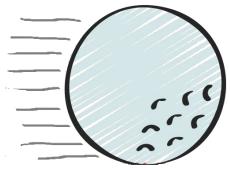
Enter HYBRID-Casual.

The next trend in mobile gaming.



"Hybrid-casual games take the mass appeal and accessible mechanics of hyper-casual games and combine them with deeper gameplay loops and balanced economies of casual games."

https://unity.com/blog/the-shift-from-hyper-to-hybrid-games-and-why-it-mat ters-for-everyone



Home Base: Harwich, MA

Founder's Previous Employers: Delphi Internet, Thomson Financial Services, Fidelity Capital Markets, iBelong, Lightbridge, Carefx, Quality Health Ideas.

Worked Remote Since: 2005

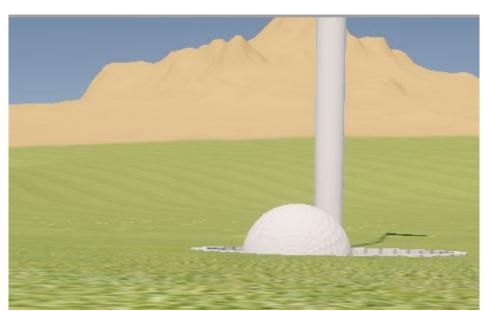
University: Brown

Company: Just Relaxing

Founder: John Nilson

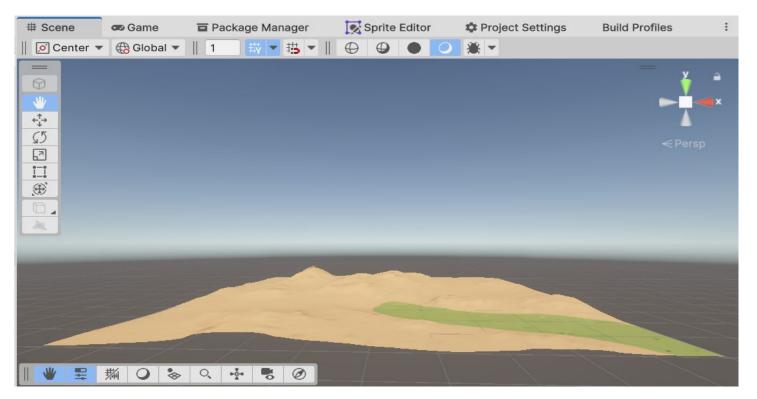
Target Sector: Hybrid-Casual Mobile Gaming

MVP: Just Putting



Pitch Deck Created: November 2024

Hybrid-casual like its hyper cousin is unconventional and for good reason. Amid record layoffs in the Video Game industry the casual gaming sector has thrived. To prove the point we're going to make a hybrid-casual app right here in this pitch deck to show how easy it is.



Let's add some terrain, make it a desert scene so we don't need trees, saving money and time.

Not Bad For No Money

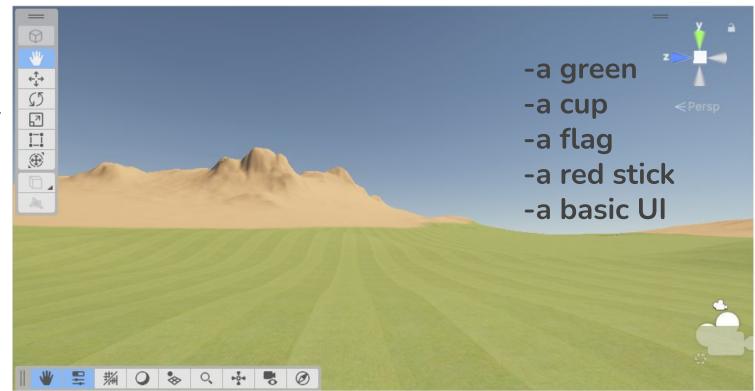
We'll need:

Looks good.

Let's go even simpler though.

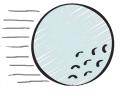
Forget the entire golf course.

Let's just do putting.



Place Red Aiming Stick Where You Want The Ball To Go Slider: Power

Joystick(lower left) = Look Around



= Putt The Ball



And the result...

MVP: JustPutting

I added some arrows to show the terrain more clearly so players can learn to read a green.

The concept is sound, people spend **billions** feeding their addiction to this one activity.

The top 5 mobile golf apps made a total of ~8 million in Q1 2024.

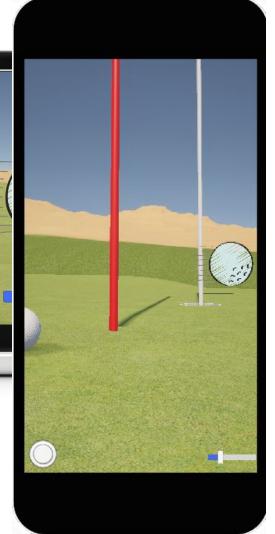
https://sensortower.com/blog/2024-q1-android-top-5-golf

Motto: Do Less Work For More Money.

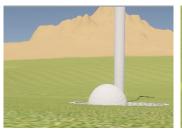
Value Proposition: **Any sport can be simplified**, reduced to its essential element, and sold as a HYBRID-casual game.

Proof of Concept playable here: https://jnnilson.github.io/JustPutting/











JustPutting

It actually took about a month and it's not published yet but with a little more work it's a game that could sell ads. No app lets you just practice putting. Golf is addictive and people want Anti-Stress apps. This isn't complicated.



JustPitching?

No one has ever made a baseball game that uses a pitching machine. Why not? Because that would be too hyper-casual? Add an AI batter and it's a shippable game that can make money. Upsell the player if they want a human opponent instead of AI?

JustPitching?

- -Set the dials on a pitching machine
- -Recreate any pitch in baseball
- -People spend billions watching baseballs pitched every year
- -Casual but not too casual.
- -HYBRID-Casual?

Follow Through

Hybrid-Casual Lawn Bowling, Cric Could be a start.

Remember that Motion Editor app

Here's a screenshot targeted towa potential, could translate to any hi funny walks etc, it'd be like an anii real time physics.

And no one does it, could be first t profits!

https://youtu.be/Uhi3R3U3Gvo

