1. **Surreal Gravity, Group 2**
2. The theme is procedurally generated levels. We want the playing experience to be different each time, and therefore the levels will be created with a procedural algorithm.
3. The idea for our game is a first person shooter. The level will consist of blocks (cubes) that the player can walk on. The direction of gravity can be controlled with your gun. If you shoot on a face of a cube, the inward normal of that face will be the next direction of gravity. This means that in total there will be 3 directions of gravity, x, y and z direction gravity. We might add different game modes, such as a race version where the players have to race, or an actual shooter where players need to kill each other.
4. **Components**

**Computer graphics**

* 3D models. ★
* 3D animated models. ★★
* Texture as input. ★★
* Sound effects. ★
* Particle systems. ★
* Lights and shadows. ★
* Start, pause, end screen. ★
* High scores. ★
* Options. ★
* Credits. ★

**Total: 12x**★

**Artificial Intelligence**

* Genetic algorithms, for example to train the procedural generation algorithm to make more viable/fun levels. This can be a lengthy process, hence 4 stars, possibly even 5. ★★★★(★) (Steven)
* Neural networks, for example to train an artificial enemy how to behave. Again this is like a small project on its own, so 4 or 5 stars. ★★★★(★ ) (Roberto)

**Total: 8-10x**★

**Web & Databases**

* Collect playthrough data. For example we can retrieve from the server who won and with how many points or how fast etc. Perhaps we can add usernames where each username has individual scores. This should be a moderate amount of work, hence 2 stars. ★★ (Roberto)
* Store data on web server. For example we can store on the server who won and with how many points or how fast etc. Again we could work with usernames. ★★ (Roberto)
* Visualize data on web server. Find a GUI representation of the stored data. ★★ (Kwok)
* Collect and show highscores from web server. ★★ (Kees)
* Online gamer accounts with avatars. It should be possible either to add personal avatars or to choose from a set of given avatars. Or perhaps even make it possible for users to interact with a certain standard image to customize it into their avatar. Depending on which implementation we choose this might require more or less work. An approximation of the work is 3 stars. ★★★ (Kwok)

**Total: 11x**★

**Programming**

* Procedurally generated levels. Each level should be different and therefore procedurally generated. This should be bound to some restrictions of course, to prevent levels becoming unplayable. Depending on how advanced the procedural algorithm is going to be this could be anything from 2-5 stars. An average of 3 stars is chosen. ★★★ (Steven)
* Moving platforms. For example some of the cubes in the level may disappear after some time or some of the cubes may move in space. Given the fact that the level is procedurally generated this might pose some difficulties, therefore 2 stars. ★★ (Steven)
* Multiplayer. Probably LAN multiplayer via a local server. This can be a very lengthy process, hence 5 stars. ★★★★★ (Kees)
* FPS independent. The game mechanics should always be equal regardless of how fast the computer is. ★ (Roberto)
* Game speed can be changed by player. This should be done in for example an option menu. ★ (Kees)
* Physics. Several things. Artificial gravity that changes direction. Collision detection between bullets, the level, and players. Movement of the player, etc. ★★ (Roberto)

**Total: 14x**★

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1. **10 Nov – 16 Nov:**

* Create the algorithm for procedurally generated levels.
* Have a basic first person view that can be controlled.
* Start with creating the menus.
* Start creating 3D models.
* ***Deliverable: Core Project Document***

**17 Nov – 23 Nov:**

* Finish and test all objectives so far.
* Start creating sound effects.
* Start working on animations for the 3D models.
* Adapt the procedural algorithm to include levels with animation/movement.
* Start working on allowing user to create a custom avatar.

**24 Nov – 30 Nov:**

* Finish and test all objectives so far.
* Enhance 3D models further. Start adding textures.
* Start setting up server, how to add and obtain information from this server.
* Start working on allowing user to give custom texture to use on his/her character.
* Revise vision for our game using newly obtained insights.
* Start thinking about different game modes.
* Write the Game Design Document.
* ***Deliverables: Game Design Document***

**01 Dec – 07 Dec:**

* Finalize interaction with server, collecting, storing and using data from and to the server.
* Allow user to create accounts and link the custom avatars to the account.
* Start putting things together. Start adding models, sounds animations, access to server etc. into one game. Make everything work together smoothly.
* Start thinking about ideas for applying computational intelligence algorithms to artificial enemies and possibly to the procedural generation of the level.
* Start working on the computational intelligence techniques.
* Start working on implementing different game modes.

**08 Dec – 14 Dec:**

* Continue building the game.
* Start adding option menu to the game that allows changing some settings of the game.
* Continue working on the computational intelligence techniques.
* Finish working server and allow access to server.
* Continue working on different game modes.
* Work on allowing LAN multiplayer.
* Fill in the peer reviews.
* ***Deliverables: peer reviews***

**15 Dec – 21 Dec:**

* Continue working on different game modes.
* Work on allowing LAN multiplayer.
* Continue working on the computational intelligence techniques.
* ***Deliverables: early access game***

**05 Jan – 11 Jan:**

* Finish the computational intelligence techniques and adopt them into the game.
* Finish the different game modes and have them working.
* Finish LAN multiplayer.

**12 Jan – 18 Jan:**

* Put everything built so far together.
* Start performing final tests.
* ***Deliverables: beta game***

**19 Jan – 25 Jan:**

* Fix final bugs, tweak the game for optimal play.
* Final testing of game.
* Prepare presentation of game.
* ***Deliverables: peer reviews, and the final game***

1. <https://github.com/kkroep/Surreal_Gravity.git>