

Horn and Honor

Version #01

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Date	Notes	Modified by
May 30 2020	Basic content	Zihan Xu
June 1, 2020	Corrections	Dobrivskiy Maxim
June 4 2020	Add some details of Kaben and enemies	Zihan Xu
	Change the way to get soul	
	Add descriptions of interruptions and hit	
	recover	
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	Add sketch of 2 levels	
	Add design of dash	
	Add 2 kinds of map objects	
	Add 2 items	
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	Add details of portal and unstable plates	
	Add sketch of congratulation state and	
	tutorial state, update relational graph	
	Add some details when Kaben cannot	
	dash	

I. Game Overview

Horn and Honor is a 2D action platform video game, featuring intense combat and challenging movement through the many platforms of the game. The player controls the hero in efforts to ward off enemies using a sword and a special power called "soul" which grants the hero the ability to shoot magical abilities.

II. Game Play Mechanics (rules of the game)

The hero can move left and right, and can also jump to a higher level or dodge enemies' attack. The hero can melee attack or shoot projectiles at the enemies.

III. Camera

Side view, the camera follows the player.

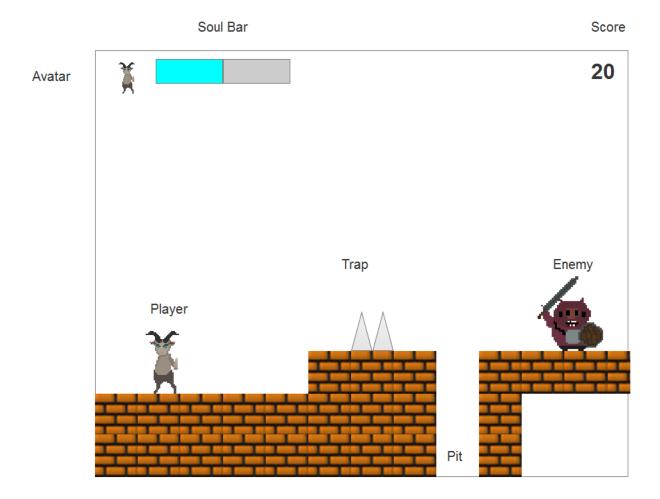
IV. Controls

Keyboard. Use direction keys to control player move and other key to control attack and other action.

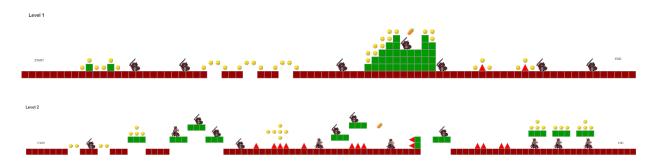
If there's enough time we may add gamepad support

V. Interface Sketch (wireframe)

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Level Sketch



VI. Menu and Screen Descriptions

Menu

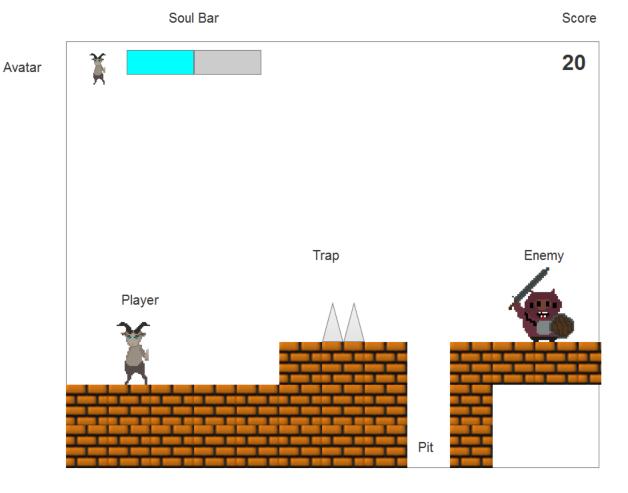
Horn and Honor

Start
Level Select
Tutorial
Quit

Game Title It's an image, not some text

Menu options
The selected one changes text color

Play Screen



End Screen

Lose Screen

YOU DIED

Restart

Main Menu

Pass Level 1 and 2

Stage Clear!

Next Level

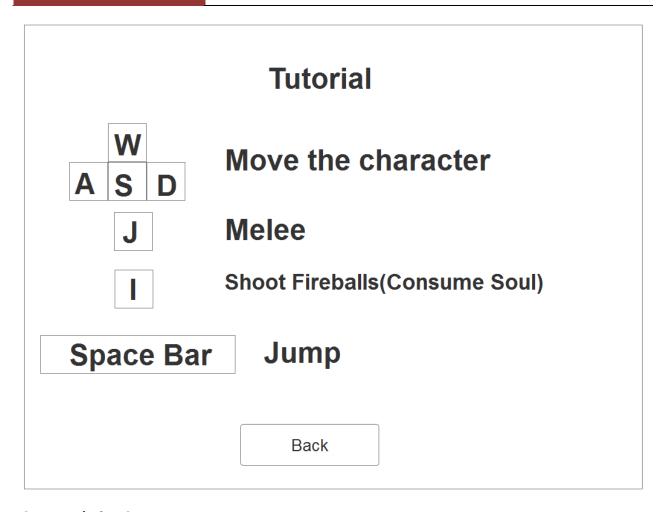
Main Menu

Pass Level 3

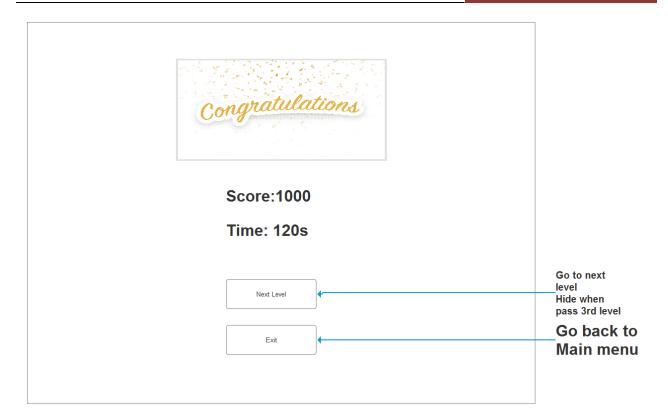
Mission All Over!

Main Menu

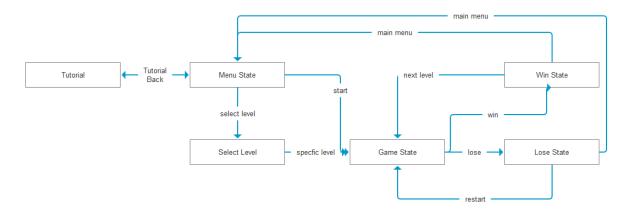
Tutorial



Congratulation State



Diagrams



VII. Levels

The current version of the game includes 3 levels. A level is completed upon the character reaching the end of the level.

VIII. Characters

Kaben



①Move

Press A and D buttons propel the character's movement left and right. The character stops moving when the key is released.

There is inertia to the character's movement, a transient process of changing speed at the beginning and end of a movement. The hero movement contains an acceleration and deceleration process during the initial key press and key release, his speed levels out when the key is held. Play sound when Kaben is running.



When the forward direction is blocked, the hero stops moving, but the animation keeps playing.

The hero could pass through enemies and won't collided with them, when they overlap, the hero's image is overlaid on top of the enemy.

2 Attack

Press J to melee attack (wave the sword) and K to shoot ranged magic attacks.

When the hero melee attacks, they will attack the enemies in front of them with a range of about the half length of the player model and play sound of melee. The attack will decrease enemies' health and push them away from the character a short distance. The hero cannot attack until the end of the last attack.

When the hero shoots a fireball attack, he will consume "soul" and create a fireball in front of him and keep flying towards the direction the player faces. The fireball will be destroyed when it hits enemy, map object or flies out of the screen. The attack will decrease enemies' health, enemies that take damage will also step back a little. There is a short cool down time between shooting fireballs.

Shooting fireballs requires certain amount of "soul", but when the hero doesn't have enough "soul", they will consume all of the "soul" but have 1-point left. The animation of creating fireballs will play when the key is held, a fireball will be created in front of Kaben after the animation is over.

Kaben's attack will interrupt enemies' action, they can't do anything for some time after being attacked.

The damage the hero deals is attack minus enemies' defence. Normal attack and fireball damage need to be set separately.

The hero gets soul points when he attacks an enemy with melee. The soul decreases when the hero is hit or when the hero shoots fireballs.

Play sound when Kaben uses melee attack, play another sound if he hits enemies. Fireball creation and explosions have corresponding sound effects as well.

3Jump

Press the Spacebar to jump. The player jumps to the height of a brick. If the hero jumps as he moves, he will move at the same speed on the X-axis until he lands, which means that the player cannot change the direction when Kaben is midair. Play sound when Kaben jumps and lands.

If Kaben is attacked when he is midair, he will fall down.

4 Death

When the hero's soul drops to zero or lower, play death animation, the game is over. Switch to Lose Screen after a few seconds.

⑤Be attacked

Kaben will be interrupted when attacked and can't do anything for a while. If Kaben is creating a fireball, the fireball will not be created but soul will not be returned.

(6) Dash

Press U to dash. Kaben will interrupts what he is doing and sprint forward about two blocks in length. The gravity would be ignored during dashing.

Kaben can attack or shoot fireball during dashing without interrupting it. If Kaben is attacked when he is dashing, the dash would be interrupted.

Kaben's horn turns red when Kaben cannot dash(in cool down time), and turn grey when he can.

IX. Enemies

For now, there are 2 different type of enemies, one can melee while the other one can shoot fireballs. Friendly fire will be turned off for enemies and melee and ranged attacks by enemies will simply pass through enemy units.

(1) Swordman



A boar that moves back and forth in an area. When the hero enters the area, Swordman will move towards the player and attack if the hero is in its attack range. Swordman's attack range is the same as the hero's melee attack range, which is about the half length of the body. There is cool down time between attacks.

Swordmen dies when his health drops to zero or lower, play death animation, the image becomes translucent for around 1 second and vanishes.

⁽²⁾Archer



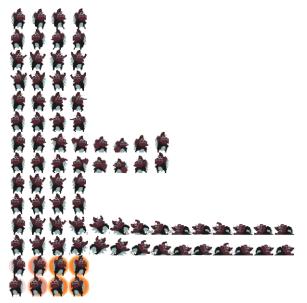
A boar who uses a bow, moves back and forth in its area. When the player enters the area, it will stop and shoot arrows towards player. There will be a cool down before the enemy can attack again.

If the hero is too close to himself, he will move away from the player unless he cannot. When the attack cool down ends, he will stop whatever he is doing and shoot a fireball at the player.

The damage enemies deal is their attack minus hero's defence. Enemies die when their health drops to 0 or lower.

③Wizard(boss)

Level 3 is the level for boss, the camera locks which means it cannot move.



A wizard using dangerous necromancy magic. The wizard has three different phases, each with a different pattern of action.

I. Phase 1

The wizard shoots fireballs towards Kaben every 3 second. If the hero is too close to himself, he will move away from the player unless he cannot. When the attack cool down ends, he will stop whatever he is doing and shoot a fireball at the player. When his health drops to a certain value, he turns into phase 2.

II.phase 2

The wizard shoots fireballs towards Kaben every 3 second. If the hero is too close to himself, he will move away from the player unless he cannot. When the attack cool down ends, he will stop whatever he is doing and shoot a fireball at the player. (As same as phase 1)

The wizard gathers power for 2 second, selects 8 sequential plates and conjures fireballs hitting straight into these 8 plates. The fireballs are fired at an interval of 0.2 seconds. Cool down time of this skill is 15s, starting counting when the last fireball is shot. When his health drops to a certain value, he turns into phase 2.

III.Phase 3

The wizard flies to the center of screen and conjures 3 swordman in random location on ground. He falls when all of 3 swordmen are killed, remains invincible midair. Wizard gets dizzy for 5 seconds after falling to the ground, and flies again after recovering.

The wizard dies when his health drops to zero or lower, play death animation, the image becomes translucent for around 1 second and vanishes. The game should enter Congratulation state 3 seconds after defeating the wizard.

The wizard's action will not be interrupted.

X. Map Objects

(1)Plates



Normal plates, the hero and enemies could stand and move on it, but they cannot go through it.

Some plates could move horizontally or vertically.

2 Spike



The hero and enemies will decrease health(soul) when touching it. They cannot stand on it as well.

It can be rotated and attached to a wall.

Some spikes could move horizontally or vertically.

③Pit

The hero and enemies could fall into pits, when they fall out of the screen, they die no matter how much health or soul they have.

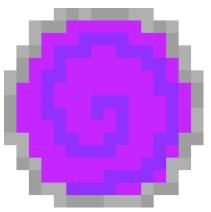
4 Flaming trap

A trap that periodically fires a fireball upward (or other direction after being rotated).

Kaben and enemies could stand and move on it, but cannot go through it, just like bricks.

Fireballs shot by it can attack Kaben only, it will never check collision with enemies.

(5)Portal



When Kaben reaches the portal he passes the level, the game will change into Congratulation State. Portal doesn't interact with enemies.

There's only one portal in every level.

©Unstable plate



Similar to normal plate, but broken 2 seconds after someone stands on it. Shake when someone stands on it, play animation of smashing when broken.

XI. Scoring

The player scores by killing enemies. He or she gets one score every time kill an enemy or collect a coin.

XII. Items

(1)Coins

Kaben can collect coins when collided with coins and gets 1 point every time collect a coin.

2 Soul enhancer

Kaben will go into a "Soul outbreak" mode after collecting a soul enhancer. That mode will last a while(set as 10s tentatively), during this time Kaben could shoot fireballs without consuming soul. Kaben sparkles when he's in this mode(like super Saiyan).

XIII. Sound Index

See the details in assets list

XIV. Art / Multimedia Index

See the details in assets list

XV. Design Notes

(Include additional design notes here)

XVI. Future Features

More enemies like bosses.

More weapons like bombs.

More unique power of player like dash or double jump.