

Introduction to Mobile App Development

MODULE 7: Star Explorer Game

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Understand Game Implementation
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Game Design

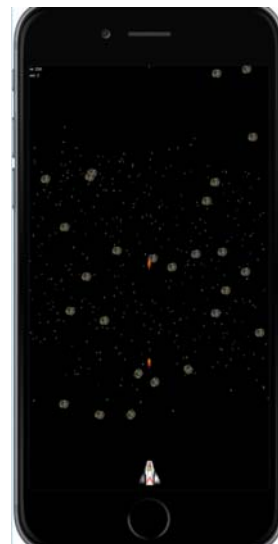
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Physics

Game Engine

- Objects:
 - Space Fighter
 - Asteroids
 - Shots
- Actions:
 - Update score
 - Load asteroids
 - Random animations
 - Fire shots
 - etc.

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Group Activity: Understand Game Implementation

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Group Activity

Understand Game Implementation

```
-- Hide status bar
display.setStatusBar(display.HiddenStatusBar)
system.activate("multitouch")

-- Setup and start physics
local physics = require("physics")
physics.start()
physics.setGravity(0,0)

-- Initialize variables
local background = display.newImage("images/bg1.png", true)
background.x = display.contentWidth / 2
background.y = display.contentHeight / 2
local lives = 3
local score = 0
local numShot = 0
local shotTable = {}
local asteroidsTable = {}
local numAsteroids = 0
local maxShotAge = 1000
local tick = 200 -- time between game loops in milliseconds
local died = false
local explosion = audio.loadSound("sounds/explosion.wav")
local fire = audio.loadSound("sounds/fire.wav")

-- Display lives and score
local function newText()
  textLives = display.newText("Lives: "..lives, 10, 30, nil, 12)
  textScore = display.newText("Score: "..score, 10, 10, nil, 12)
  textLives:setTextColor(255,255,255)
  textScore:setTextColor(255,255,255)
end
```

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```

local function updateText()
    textLives.text = "Lives: "..lives
    textScore.text = "Score: "..score
end

local function loadAsteroid()
    numAsteroids = numAsteroids + 1
    asteroidsTable[numAsteroids] = display.newImage("images/asteroids1-1a.png")
    physics.addBody(asteroidsTable[numAsteroids], {density=1, friction=0.4, bounce=1})
    local whereFrom = math.random(3)
    asteroidsTable[numAsteroids].myName = "asteroid"

    if (whereFrom == 1) then
        asteroidsTable[numAsteroids].x = -50
        asteroidsTable[numAsteroids].y = (math.random(display.contentHeight * .75))
        transition.to(asteroidsTable[numAsteroids], {x= (display.contentWidth + 100),
        y=(math.random(display.contentHeight)), time =(math.random(5000, 10000))})
    elseif (whereFrom == 2) then
        asteroidsTable[numAsteroids].x = (math.random(display.contentWidth))
        asteroidsTable[numAsteroids].y = -30
        transition.to(asteroidsTable[numAsteroids], {x= (math.random(display.contentWidth)),
        y=(display.contentHeight+100), time =(math.random(5000, 10000))})
    elseif (whereFrom == 3) then
        asteroidsTable[numAsteroids].x = display.contentWidth+50
        asteroidsTable[numAsteroids].y = (math.random(display.contentHeight * .75))
        transition.to(asteroidsTable[numAsteroids], {x= -100,
        y=(math.random(display.contentHeight)), time =(math.random(5000, 10000))})
    end
end
end

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```

local function onCollision(event)
    if (event.object1.myName == "starfighter" or event.object2.myName == "starfighter") then
        if (died == false) then
            died = true
            if (lives == 1) then
                audio.play(explosion)
                event.object1:removeSelf()
                event.object2:removeSelf()
                lives = lives - 1
                local lose = display.newText("You Have Failed.", 30, 150, nil, 36)
                lose:setTextColor(255, 255, 255)
            else
                audio.play(explosion)
                starfighter.alpha = 0
                lives = lives - 1
                cleanup()
                timer.performWithDelay(2000, weDied, 1)
            end
        end
    end

    if ((event.object1.myName == "asteroid" and event.object2.myName == "shot") or
    (event.object1.myName == "shot" and event.object2.myName == "asteroid")) then
        media.playEventSound("sounds/explosion.wav")
        event.object1:removeSelf()
        event.object1.myName = nil
        event.object2:removeSelf()
        event.object2.myName = nil
        score = score + 100
    end
end
end

```

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```
function weDied()
    -- fade in the new starfighter
    starfighter.x=display.contentWidth/2
    starfighter.y=display.contentHeight -50
    transition.to(starfighter, {alpha=1, timer=2000})
    died=false
end

function cleanup()
    for i=1,table.getn(asteroidsTable) do
        if(asteroidsTable[i].myName~= nil) then
            asteroidsTable[i]:removeSelf()
            asteroidsTable[i].myName=nil
        end
    end
    for i=1,table.getn(shotTable) do
        if(shotTable[i].myName~= nil) then
            shotTable[i]:removeSelf()
            shotTable[i].myName=nil
        end
    end
end

local function spawnShip()
    starfighter = display.newImage("images/starfighter1.png")
    starfighter.x = display.contentWidth/2
    starfighter.y = display.contentHeight - 50
    physics.addBody (starfighter, {density=1.0, friction = 0.3, bounce=1.0})
    starfighter.myName="starfighter"
end
```

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```
-- basic dragging physics
local function startDrag( event )
    local t = event.target

    local phase = event.phase
    if "began" == phase then
        display.getCurrentStage():setFocus(t)
        t.isFocus = true

        --Store initial position
        tx0 = event.x - tx
        ty0 = event.y - ty

        -- make the body type 'kinematic' to avoid gravity problems
        event.target.bodyType = "kinematic"

        -- stop current motion
        event.target:setLinearVelocity( 0,0)
        event.target.angularVelocity = 0

    elseif t.isFocus then
        if "moved" == phase then
            tx = event.x - tx0
            ty = event.y - ty0
        elseif "ended" == phase or "cancelled" == phase then
            display.getCurrentStage():setFocus(nil)
            t.isFocus = false

            -- switch body type back to "dynamic"
            if (not event.target.isPlatform) then
                event.target.bodyType = "dynamic"
            end
        end
    end
end
return true
end

local function fireshot(event)
    numShot = numShot+1
    shotTable[numShot] = display.newImage("images/shot.png")
    physics.addBody(shotTable[numShot], {density=1, friction=0})
    shotTable[numShot].isBullet = true
    shotTable[numShot].x=starfighter.x
    shotTable[numShot].y=starfighter.y -60
    transition.to(shotTable[numShot], {y=-80, time=700})
    audio.play(fire)
    shotTable[numShot].myName="shot"
    shotTable[numShot].age=0
end
```

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```
local function gameLoop()
    updateText()
    loadAsteroid()
    --remove old shots fired so they don't stack
    for i = 1, table.getn(shotTable) do
        if (shotTable[i].myName ~= nil and shotTable[i].age <
maxShotAge) then
            shotTable[i].age = shotTable[i].age + tick
        elseif (shotTable[i].myName ~= nil) then
            shotTable[i]:removeSelf()
            shotTable[i].myName=nil
        end
    end
end

--Start the game
spawnShip()
newText()

starfighter:addEventListener("touch", startDrag)
starfighter:addEventListener("tap", fireShot)
Runtime:addEventListener("collision", onCollision)

timer.performWithDelay(tick, gameLoop,0)
```

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Group Activity

Understand Game Implementation

- Task #1:
 - Understand Game Flow
- Task #2:
 - Draw Flowchart

Flowchart Presentations

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End of Module 7