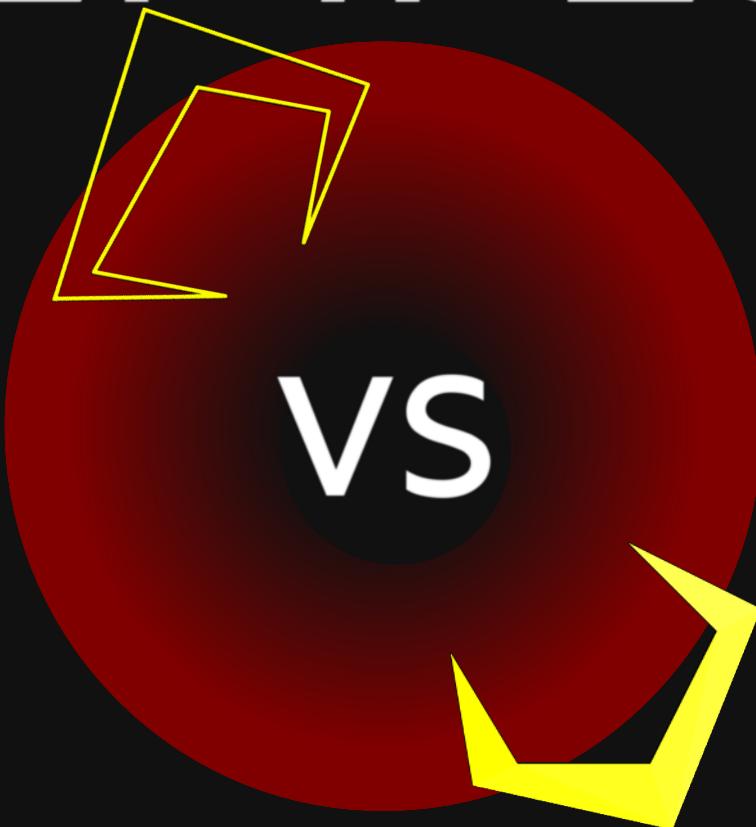


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THE MAKING AND REMAKING  
OF ATARI'S ICONIC VIDEOGAME



# **TEMPEST VS TEMPEST**

**Notes on the Source Code  
of Two Video Games**

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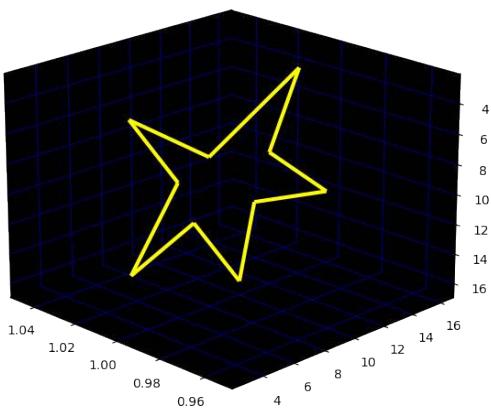
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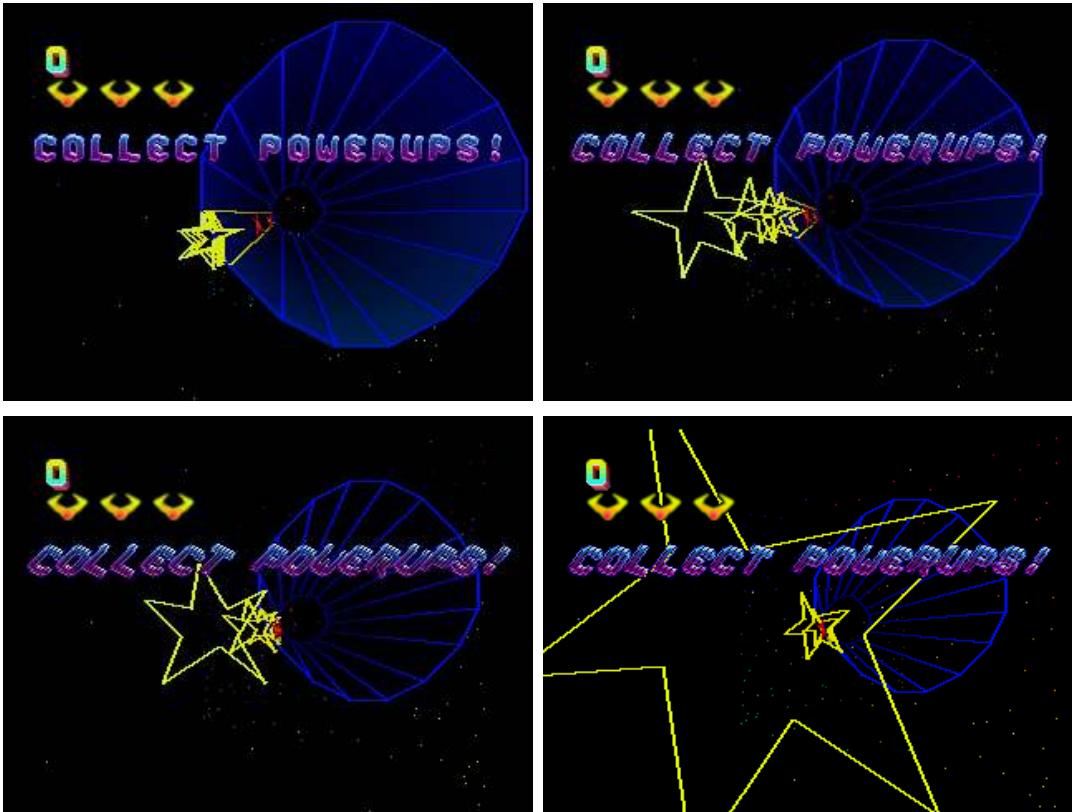
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# ouch



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zap:  
dc.b 3,3,1 ; Co-ordinate 1  
dc.b 2,10,0 ; Connect co-ords 2 & 10  
dc.b 8,7,1 ; Co-ordinate 2  
dc.b 3,0 ; Connect to co-ord 3  
dc.b 14,3,1 ; Co-ordinate 3  
dc.b 4,0 ; Connect to co-ord 4  
dc.b 12,8,1 ; Co-ordinate 4  
dc.b 5,0 ; Connect to co-ord 5  
dc.b 16,12,1 ; Co-ordinate 5  
dc.b 6,0 ; Connect to co-ord 6  
dc.b 11,11,1 ; Co-ordinate 6  
dc.b 7,0 ; Connect to co-ord 7  
dc.b 10,16,1 ; Co-ordinate 7  
dc.b 8,0 ; Connect to co-ord 8  
dc.b 7,11,1 ; Co-ordinate 8  
dc.b 9,0 ; Connect to co-ord 9  
dc.b 3,13,1 ; Co-ordinate 9  
dc.b 10,0 ; Connect to co-ord 10  
dc.b 6,8,1 ; Co-ordinate 10  
dc.b 0,0 ; End of Data
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; ****
; ouch
; ****
ouch:
    clr l_soltarg          ; Clear the solid background on the web.
    clr.l 20(a0)            ; Stop the claw moving.
    move.l #zap_player,routine ; Set update routine to 'zap_player'.
    move.l _zap,(a0)          ; Set address of the vector object to draw: _zap.
    clr 36(a0)              ; Set X centre to default.
    bsr clzapa              ; Clear more state.
    clr laser_type           ; Clear laser type.
    clr jenable              ; Disable jumping.
    clr bonum                ; Clear power-ups.
    move.l bshotspeed,shotspeed ; Reset shot speed.
    move #-17,38(a0)          ; Set color of object.
    move #3,44(a0)            ; Configure behaviour on rail.
    move #2,34(a0)            ; Draw routine in draw_vex is 'draw_z'.
    bra zapson               ; Set sound effect and return.
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; ****
; zap_player
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; ****
; zap_player:
bsr rightit          ; Remove any 'roll' from the player's viewpoint.
move.l _claw,a0       ; Point a0 at the claw object..
move.l _zap,(a0)      ; Set address of the vector object to draw: _zap.
move.l 4(a0),vp_xtarg ; Set player's X viewpoint from current X pos.
move.l 8(a0),vp_ytarg ; Set player's Y viewpoint from current X pos.
add #12,28(a0)        ; Roll the object by 12 points.
sub #$80,36(a0)       ; Increase the speed of the explosion moving nearer.
sub.l #$11000,vp_z    ; Move the player viewpoint away from the web.
sub.l #$4000,12(a0)   ; Move the explosion nearer the player.
bpl vp_xform          ; If not reached player yet, update player viewpoint
.
; Otherwise the explosion has reached the player viewpoint,
; so we can switch it off.
clr 34(a0)            ; Turn off the object's drawroutine.
bsr zapson            ; Play sound effect.
bra setsnatch          ; End the player's life.
; Returns

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`draw_z` draws four instances of an object, each one getting closer to the viewpoint of the player.

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; ****
; draw_z
; Draw with a number of incrementally coloured layers.
; Used for vector objects in the activeobjects list.
; Called during the draw_objects sequence as a member of the draw_vex list.
; ****
draw_z:
bsr draw               ; Draw the original object
move 40(a6),-(a7)      ; Save the original color of the object.
move #2,d0              ; Z images counter
move 36(a6),d1          ; delta z
ext.l d1                ; Extend
asl.l #8,d1             ; Convert to 16:16
move 38(a6),d2          ; Delta for colour
move.l 12(a6),d3         ; Z position

dr_z:
add d2,40(a6)           ; Add the delta to the colour
add.l d1,d3              ; Add the z delta to the z position.
movem.l d0-d3,-(a7)      ; Stash the difference between z positions.

move.l (a6),a1           ; Get object header
lea in_buf+4,a0           ; Get GPU buffer
move.l 4(a6),d0             ; Get the X pos
sub.l vp_x,d0              ; Subtract the viewpoint
move.l d0,(a0)+            ; Add to GPU buffer
move.l 8(a6),d0             ; Get the Y pos
sub.l vp_y,d0              ; Subtract the viewpoint
move.l d0,(a0)+            ; Add to GPU buffer
move.l d3,d0                ; Get the z position

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bsr dra          ; Run the GPU routine to draw the vectors.
movem.l (a7)+,d0-d3 ; Retrieve the difference between z positions
dbra d0,dr_z      ; Loop until we're done for all differences.

move (a7)+,40(a6) ; Get old colour back
rts

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; ****
; Draw a vector without the above header information.
; ****
dra:   sub.l vp_z,d0           ; Subtract the camera viewpoint.
       move.l d0,(a0)+        ; Add to the GPU buffer.
drag:  lea fastvector,a2       ; Load the GPU module in 'llama.gas'.
draaa: move 28(a6),d0         ; Get the XZ orientation
druuu: and.l #$ff,d0         ; Only first byte.
       move.l d0,24(a1)       ; Copy to XY orientation
       move 30(a6),d0         ; Get Y rotation of object.
       and.l #$ff,d0         ; Only first byte.
       move.l d0,28(a1)       ; Copy to XZ orientation
       move 32(a6),d0         ; Get Z rotation
       and.l #$ff,d0         ; Only first byte.
       move.l d0,32(a1)       ; Copy to YZ orientation

; Copy the first 48 bytes of object to GPU buffer.
move #11,d0          ; Copy 48 bytes (12 * 4).
xhead: move.l (a1)+,(a0)+ ; Copy 4 bytes to GPU input ram
dbra d0,xhead        ; Keep looping until 48 bytes copied.

move 40(a6),d0         ; Get the colour
and.l #$ff,d0          ; Only first byte
move.l d0,(a0)+        ; Add to the GPU buffer.
move 42(a6),d0          ; Get the scale factor.
ext.l d0               ; Make it a long.
move.l d0,scaler        ; Move to scaler.
move.l a1,oopss+4       ; Stash the updated object.
move.l (a6),oopss+8     ; Stash the original object.
godraa: move.l #2,gpu_mode ; Op 2 is vect3d in llama.gas.
       move.l a2,a0          ; Load the GPU shader in llama.gas.
       jsr gpurun            ; Run the selected gpu routine: vect3d.
       jsr gpuwait            ; Wait until finished.
       rts

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