n8 Game Framework Design Document

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1 Design and Use Patterns

1.1 Command

Object oriented replacement for callbacks that encapsulates a request within an object. Benefits and uses include:

- Allows easy redo/undo functionality if do and undo methods are implemented and some type of history is kept
- Can be made general enough to operate on different entities such as a "jump" command that works for both user controlled and computer controlled entities
- Can become a sandbox if many common operations are included with the base class
- If command is stateless, a single instance of the command may be used for the entire program
- Can be easily mapped to new inputs

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- 12.1 Rendering operations
 - Render single entity
 - \bullet Render single entity with a camera object (Camera: see Section 13)

- 12.2 Static sprite
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- 13 Camera
- 14 Operations on or using entities

AI physics

- 15 Game levels
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- 19.1 Input changes game state
- 19.2 Input changes player state

walking \rightarrow flying

- 19.3 Input moves player
- 19.4 Entity destroyed and animation is played
- 19.5 Timed event activated
- 19.6 Timed event destroyed
- 19.7 Entity collision
- 19.8 AI player must make a decision
- 19.9 Notify an achievement system when 5 enemies are destroyed
- 19.10 Remap an action's key