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UNIVE	Creating Gameplay with	
	XNA	
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XNA	A Recap	
• XN	IA is a framework for writing games	
	s provided as a library of classes that your programs eract with to make games work	
	ur games can run on Xbox 360, PC or Windows Phone	
	A games are developed using Visual Studio 2010	
- (Games are created as new project types	
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XNA	A and Pong	
• Las	st time we got a ball to move down the screen	
	w we need to make the ball bounce around the screen	
• No	w we need to discover how we can create paddles and atrol them using a gamepad or keyboard	
	en we can start building a game	
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Controlling Ball Movement

```
int ballXSpeed = 3;
int ballYSpeed = 3;
```

- To manage the speed of the ball we can use a pair of member variables in our game class
 - One for the X speed and one for the Y speed
- Each time Update is called these are used to update the values of the X and Y position of the draw rectangle
- In a proper game we would calculate these values to make sure the game plays at the same speed on all displays

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Moving the Ball

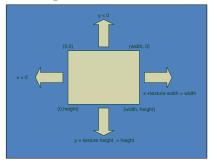
```
protected override void Update(GameTime gameTime)
{
    ballRectangle.X = ballRectangle.X + ballXSpeed;
    ballRectangle.Y = ballRectangle.Y + ballYSpeed;;
    base.Update(gameTime);
}
```

- The Update method is where the speed values are used to update the rectangle position for the ball
- The next call of Draw will draw the ball in the new position

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Going off the Edge



Making the Ball Bounce

```
ballRectangle.X += ballXSpeed;
if (ballRectangle.X < 0 ||
    ballRectangle.X + ballRectangle.Width >
    GraphicsDevice.Viewport.Width)
{
    ballXSpeed = -ballXSpeed;
}
```

- When the ball reaches the edge of the screen it must change direction
- We can do this by reversing the sign of the speed value to reverse the effect of the update

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Making a Paddle

- The paddle is made from a texture, just like the ball
- This time I've made a slightly more interesting one which uses transparency
- The paddle is loaded as a texture resource, just as the ball is



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Loading GameTextures

- When the game starts the LoadContent method is called to load textures and other game assets
- · We now have three textures in the game

Scaling GameTextures

```
ballRectangle = new Rectangle(
50, 50,
Window.ClientBounds.Width / 20,
Window.ClientBounds.Width / 20);
```

- Each game element will be drawn in a rectangle on the screen
- We need to scale the rectangle so that the element is a sensible size
 - This must allow for different sized screens

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Drawing GameTextures

```
protected override void Draw(GameTime gameTime)
{
   graphics.GraphicsDevice.Clear(Color.CornflowerBlue);
   spriteBatch.Begin();
   spriteBatch.Draw(ballTexture, ballRectangle, Color.White);
   spriteBatch.Draw(lPaddleTexture, lPaddleRectangle, Color.White);
   spriteBatch.Draw(rPaddleTexture, rPaddleRectangle, Color.White);
   spriteBatch.End();
   spriteBatch.End();
   base.Draw(gameTime);
}
```

• The Draw method draws all the objects in the game

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Representing GamePad state in XNA

- The state of a gamepad is represented by an instance of the GamePadState class
- You can ask XNA to create an instance for any gamepad
- You can then read information from this instance to tell you about that gamepad



Reading the Gamepad

- This code links the gamepad for player 1 to the left hand paddle
- · If the pad is not connected the paddle tracks the ball

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Reading the Keyboard

- · The keyboard is read in just the same way
- · However, there is only one keyboard on the system
- You can plug a USB keyboard into an Xbox 360 if you wish
- · An XNA game can check if keys are being held down
- This includes shift and control keys

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Reading the Keyboard

- · This code links the keyboard to the left hand paddle
 - In this version you press the A key to move the paddle up the screen
- Note that there is no way of telling whether or not the keyboard is present

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Detecting Collisions	
• We need to make the ball bounce off the paddles when the two collide	
• In the console version of the game we tested to see if ball and paddle occupied the same part of the screen	
In the case of XNA we need to see if the rectangles which control the position of the ball and paddle intersect	
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Rectangle Intersection	
<pre>if (ballRectangle.Intersects(1PaddleRectangle)) { ballXSpeed = -ballXSpeed;</pre>	
}	
 The Rectangle structure provides a method called Intersects which can be used to detect if two rectangles intersect 	
If the paddle and ball rectangles intersect we must reverse the X direction of movement of the ball to have it bounce	
off the paddle	
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Completing the Game	

- A finished game must also detect when the ball reaches the edges of the screen
- This is when a point has been scored
- I will leave you to create this code
- However, you will also need to draw text on the screen to display messages to the players
- This turns out to be very easy



Adding a SpriteFont



- A SpriteFont is a content item that lets you draw text on the screen
- It provides a set of character designs of a particular size

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SpriteFont XML



- · The font used and the size are set in an XML file
- · You can edit this to get different sizes and styles

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Loading a Font

```
SpriteFont font;
protected override void LoadContent()
{
    // Load the bat and ball textures
    font = Content.Load<SpriteFont>("MessageFont");
}
```

- The Content Manager will fetch the font
- The font can be stored in a variable which a member of the game class
- · You can use multiple fonts if you want different text styles

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Using a Font

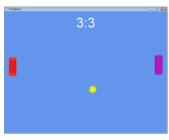
```
protected override void Draw( GameTime gameTime) {
   graphics.GraphicsDevice.Clear(Color.CornflowerBlue);
   spriteBatch.Begin();
   spriteBatch.DrawString(
        font,
        "Hello world",
        new Vector2(100, 100),
        Color.White);
   // Draw the other textures here
   spriteBatch.End();
   base.Draw(gameTime);
}
```

• The DrawString method renders a string using the font that has been loaded

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My Pong Game



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Summary

- · XNA is a Framework of classes that are used to write games
- You load textures into your game and use $\,$ them to draw the display
- Texture drawing is controlled by rectangles, which give the position and size of the drawn item
- User input is obtained from objects that hold a snapshot of the state of an input device
- You can add font items to the game content that allow text to be drawn