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CHAPTER 1

PROBLEM DOMAIN

1.1. Problem Domain Description

Digital games have emerged as one of the most prominent, influential, and academically relevant forms of interactive media. Over the years, the domain of gaming has expanded far beyond entertainment, extending into education, simulation, cognitive skill development, and human–computer interaction research. As a result, the study and development of games is no longer limited to the commercial entertainment industry; it has become a multidisciplinary space where computation, design, psychology, and audio–visual engineering converge.

However, transferring retro game concepts into modern web platforms introduces new layers of complexity. Many existing browser-based adaptations fail to maintain the fluidity, responsiveness, and sensory immersion of their original arcade counterparts. Animations may appear choppy, user input may lag, and audio integration may feel disconnected from gameplay. These shortcomings reveal a significant problem domain designing a smooth and engaging retro game experience within the constraints of web technologies.

This project, titled **"StarBlaze: A Retro Space War Game,"** attempts to address this problem domain. It focuses on creating a browser-based 2D space shooter that replicates the excitement of classic interstellar combat games. The goal is to combine nostalgic game mechanics with modern performance optimization, ensuring that the game feels polished, responsive, and immersive — all without relying on heavy external frameworks.
The key problem area revolves around real-time graphics, continuous animation, efficient event handling, responsive scaling, pixel-art design, soundscape production, and seamless integration of these components.

1.1.1 Introduction

The evolution of digital gaming has been marked by continuous technological advancements. Early video game systems relied heavily on hardware-level programming and specialized arcade chips.

Over time, advancements in graphics processing, memory management, and software engineering enabled the creation of visually complex and interactive games. Today, the gaming landscape includes virtual reality, augmented reality, photorealistic 3D simulations, and immersive narratives. Yet, despite these innovations, retro-style 2D games have retained a distinct place in digital culture. Their appeal lies not only in nostalgia but also in clarity: mechanics are easy to understand, visual feedback is immediate, and gameplay is typically fast-paced and skill-driven. These games often embody core principles of good design: **readability**, **responsiveness**, **consistency**, and **challenge**.

StarBlaze attempts to recreate this retro charm in a modern setting by leveraging accessible, widely supported web technologies such as **HTML5 Canvas**, **CSS3**, and **JavaScript ES6**. These technologies make it possible to simulate classic arcade experiences in everyday web browsers, eliminating the need for software installation or specialized hardware.

However, the transition from arcade systems to web browsers is not trivial. Browser environments impose restrictions on memory, CPU usage, frame rendering, and audio playback. The challenge, therefore, is to design a retro-style space shooter that captures the intensity and fluidity of older arcade machines while operating within the constraints of a browser window.

1.1.2 Background and Context

Retro space shooters have historically played a major role in the development of the gaming industry. Games like *Galaga*, *Space Invaders*, *Asteroids*, and *Gradius* pioneered the concept of vertical and horizontal shooters. These games introduced fundamental design principles such as:

- fixed or semi-fixed player movement,
- predictable enemy formation patterns,
- score-based progression,
- increasingly difficult wave systems,
- simple yet effective sound effects.

These principles have become templates for countless modern game designs.

In the context of web development, the introduction of **HTML5 Canvas** has transformed the browser from a static document viewer into a capable rendering platform. The Canvas API allows developers to draw shapes, images, text, and animations directly onto a render surface. Combined with JavaScript's event-driven capabilities, this makes real-time 2D game development feasible in web environments.

Despite these advancements, several challenges persist:

- The browser lacks the raw GPU optimization found in game engines.
- JavaScript is single-threaded (unless using Web Workers), making performance optimization essential.
- Audio APIs vary in support, leading to inconsistent sound playback across devices.
- Mobile browsers impose strict restrictions on autoplay and event-triggered sound.
- Responsive scaling is non-trivial when dealing with pixel-art graphics.

StarBlaze is situated in this environment. The project's context includes learning and applying game design principles, leveraging the power of Canvas for rendering, and establishing a polished and cohesive experience without the use of external tools like Unity, Phaser, or Godot. The project also explores how *handcrafted art assets*, *custom background scores*, and *unique game effects* can be integrated to create an atmosphere reminiscent of retro space combat games while still feeling modern, dynamic, and engaging.

1.1.3 Problem Identification

Although numerous browser-based games exist online, many of them lack the refinement and polish found in dedicated-game-engine creations. Common problems observed in similar projects include the following:

A) Insufficient Animation Fluidity

Games built without proper use of **requestAnimationFrame()** often rely on time intervals or delays, leading to inconsistent frame rates. Choppy animation disrupts player immersion and negatively impacts gameplay, especially in fast-paced shooters.

B) Poor Sound Integration

Browser restrictions and improper audio preloading cause delays in sound effects. Many games fail to synchronize audio feedback with player actions, reducing the sensory impact essential for arcade-style gameplay.

C) Unresponsive Game Design on Variable Screen Sizes

Games may appear stretched, squished, or cropped when opened on mobile devices or monitors of different resolutions. Without proper scaling logic, visuals lose clarity and the user experience deteriorates.

D) Input Lag and Interaction Delay

Inefficient event handling creates noticeable lag between player input and visual response. For

space shooters, where responsiveness is crucial, this becomes a major flaw.

E) Inefficient Resource and Asset Management

Large images, poorly optimized sprites, or non-lazy-loaded assets can cause:

- high memory usage,
- slow startup times,
- stuttering during gameplay.

These issues create barriers to delivering a seamless and enjoyable player experience.

Thus, the **problem domain** of StarBlaze is rooted in overcoming these technical and design challenges to produce a lightweight, responsive, browser-optimized game that feels truly arcade-like.

1.1.4 Scope of the Problem

The problem domain for StarBlaze covers multiple aspects of front-end engineering, real-time graphics, sound engineering, and design architecture.

A) Real-Time Rendering and Animation

Creating smooth animations requires:

- use of the Canvas API for drawing,
- continuous frame updates using requestAnimationFrame(),
- tracking object positions through velocity, acceleration, and game states,
- implementing efficient redrawing strategies to avoid frame drops.

B) Simulating Spatial Movement through Scrolling Backgrounds

The game must create the illusion of high-speed space travel. This involves:

- infinite vertical looping backgrounds,
- seamless transitions between image segments,
- frame-by-frame adjustments to background offset values.

C) Managing Dynamic Entities

The game includes several moving parts:

- Player spaceship
- Enemy spaceships
- Bullets and lasers

- Explosions and particle effects
- Power-ups or upgrades (possible future expansion)

Each entity requires:

- object-oriented or modular structure,
- collision detection mechanisms,
- state tracking (alive, dead, exploding, moving),
- efficient rendering on the canvas.

D) Audio Integration

This includes:

- looping background soundtrack,
- distinct sound effects (shooting, explosion, damage, game over),
- timed playback based on player actions,
- audio preloading to avoid delays.

E) Cross-Device Responsiveness

The canvas must:

- scale dynamically,
- preserve aspect ratio,
- work equivalently on laptops, desktops, and mobile devices.

F) Lightweight Deployment

The game must function without:

- heavy libraries (e.g., React, Pixi.js),
- game engines (Unity, Phaser, Godot),
- additional installations.

All logic and rendering must be handled through vanilla web technologies.

G) Modularity and Maintainability

The project must support future modifications:

- adding new enemy types,
- adjusting difficulty,
- updating sprites,
- expanding gameplay features.

These goals define the boundaries and challenges that the StarBlaze project aims to explore.

1.1.5 Significance of the Problem Domain

This project holds significance across multiple dimensions:

A. Academic and Pedagogical Significance

- Introduces students to real-time rendering, a core concept in graphics programming.
- Demonstrates critical concepts such as game loops, event handling, collision detection, and resource optimization.
- Strengthens understanding of core web technologies rather than relying on external abstractions.
- Encourages analytical thinking in structuring modular, scalable game architecture.

B. Creative and Design Significance

- Offers a platform for creating custom pixel art, showcasing visual creativity.
- Integrates original sound effects and background music, promoting multimedia skills.
- Allows exploration of game feel: how animations, timing, and audio work together to create emotional impact.

C. Practical Engineering Significance

- Teaches optimization techniques crucial for web applications.
- Encourages the development of responsive and cross-platform interfaces.
- Reinforces lightweight development practices suitable for browser environments.
- Prepares developers for future work involving interactive graphics or web-based simulations.

D. Player Experience Significance

- Provides an engaging and nostalgic game experience.
- Enhances reflex development and hand-eye coordination.
- Encourages replayability through simple yet addictive mechanics.

Thus, the StarBlaze problem domain contributes both theoretically and practically to modern computing education.

1.1.6 Problem Statement

The core problem addressed by this project can be summarized as follows:

"To design and develop a lightweight, browser-based retro space war game titled *StarBlaze*, capable of delivering smooth animations, responsive controls, immersive soundscapes, and dynamic gameplay through the use of modern web technologies such as HTML5 Canvas, JavaScript, and CSS."

This statement highlights the constraints, expectations, and technical goals that guide the entire development process.

1.1.7 Summary

The problem domain for *StarBlaze: A Retro Space War Game* stems from the challenges of recreating classic arcade gameplay within the restrictions of modern browser environments. By focusing on animation fluidity, input responsiveness, audio integration, asset optimization, and cross-device compatibility, the project seeks to produce a polished retro gaming experience. This expanded and detailed examination of the problem domain establishes a strong foundation for the subsequent sections of documentation, including system objectives, design methodologies, game architecture, implementation details, testing, and project evaluation.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVERY

1.2 Introduction to the Literature Survery

Game development has grown into a multidisciplinary academic field, intersecting computer science, human-computer interaction (HCI), psychology, digital art, audio engineering, and narrative design. Retro-style video games, particularly 2D space shooters, occupy a unique position within this landscape due to their foundational role in early gaming history and their continued relevance in contemporary digital entertainment.

This literature survey aims to critically analyze academic works, technological resources, and prior game development practices that inform the design of **StarBlaze: A Retro Space War Game**, a browser-based 2D arcade shooter developed using HTML5 Canvas, JavaScript, custom audio production, and responsive web technologies.

The survey examines literature across six domains:

1. Evolution of retro arcade games
2. Graphics and animation rendering techniques
3. Web technologies for game development
4. Game audio, sound design, and music theory for digital games
5. Player interaction models and usability studies
6. Performance optimization, cross-platform compatibility, and web-based deployment

This structured review establishes a comprehensive theoretical and technical foundation for the design decisions, methodologies, and implementation strategies used in StarBlaze.

1.2.1 Evolution of Retro Arcade Games

A.Historical Overview

Research on early game development emphasizes that retro games like *Space Invaders (1978)*, *Galaga (1981)*, and *Asteroids (1979)* shaped core gameplay patterns still used today. According to Kent (2001), these titles introduced mechanics such as wave-based enemy design, projectile combat, and limited lives — mechanics still considered universally appealing due to their simplicity and direct challenge.

Academic discussions (Wolf, 2012; Donovan, 2010) highlight four characteristics that define retro arcade games:

- Minimal visual complexity
- Reflex-driven gameplay loops
- High replayability
- Pixel-based art and low-level animation methods

These traditional elements heavily influence StarBlaze, which intentionally recreates the classic arcade aesthetic while integrating modern enhancements.

B. The Psychology of Retro Aesthetics

Studies in digital nostalgia (Boym, 2001; Grainge, 2002) suggest that retro-style visuals, chiptune-inspired audio, and pixel art evoke emotional engagement by triggering memory, familiarity, and cognitive comfort. Retro games also activate pattern recognition pathways (Juul, 2005), making them cognitively stimulating but still accessible.

StarBlaze uses such findings to maintain:

- Simplified shapes and silhouettes
- High-contrast animations
- Repetitive musical motifs
- Rewarding, easy-to-learn control mechanics

1.2.2 Graphics, Animation, and Rendering Techniques

A. 2D Game Rendering Theory

The literature on game rendering (Hughes et al., 2014; Eberly, 2006) explains that 2D graphics rely on continuous redraw cycles known as the game loop, which manages frame timing, entity updates, and scene rendering. HTML5 Canvas, although not as powerful as native engines like Unity or Godot, offers lightweight raster rendering suitable for arcade-style animation.

Key theoretical components relevant to StarBlaze include:

- Double-buffer rendering
- Delta-time-based frame updates
- Sprite sheet animation
- Parallax scrolling for background motion

B. Background Scrolling Techniques

Research on illusion of movement in 2D spaces (Brock, 2017) reveals that vertical scrolling backgrounds efficiently simulate motion without heavy computations. Classic space shooters relied on tile-based repeating textures. Modern browser-based implementations use:

- Repeated background drawing
- Variable scroll speeds
- Layered parallax
- Canvas drawImage() loops optimized with requestAnimationFrame()

StarBlaze applies these techniques to create smooth downward star-field motion.

1.2.3 Web Technologies for Game Development

A. HTML5 Canvas as a Game Engine Substitute

Extensive documentation (Mozilla Developer Network, W3C drafts) positions Canvas as a viable rendering context for dynamic 2D scenes. Research highlights its strengths:

- Lightweight
- Integrated into browser runtime
- No plugin requirements
- High compatibility
- JavaScript-driven real-time updates

Academic comparisons (Papworth, 2019) argue that Canvas is ideal for retro games where performance needs are moderate and portability is key.

B. JavaScript Game Loops

Game development literature (Nystrom, 2014; Miller, 2011) emphasizes that smooth animation depends on:

- Consistent update-render cycles
- Use of requestAnimationFrame()
- State management
- Collision detection algorithms

The game loop in StarBlaze follows established patterns documented across academic and industry sources.

C. Responsive Web Game Design

Studies in adaptive screen rendering (Marcotte, 2011; Sánchez & Redondo, 2019) show that games must scale across devices without visual distortion. HTML5 and CSS techniques like:

- Aspect-ratio locking
- Dynamic resizing
- Logical coordinate spaces

are necessary to maintain cross-device compatibility, which StarBlaze incorporates through responsive canvas design.

1.2.4 Audio and Sound Design for Games

A. The Role of Sound in Player Immersion

Game sound theory (Collins, 2008) argues that audio affects player emotions, reaction times, and perceived game quality. Music reinforces pace and intensity, while sound effects communicate feedback and world-building.

B. Retro Game Audio Characteristics

Academic analysis of chiptune culture (Giles, 2013) notes core features:

- Square wave leads
- 8-bit noise generators
- Arpeggiated chords
- Loop-based compositions

StarBlaze incorporates modern production while respecting retro tonal aesthetics.

C. Sound Effects in Interaction Design

Research (Norman, 2013; Walker & Kramer, 2004) shows sound enhances:

- Cognitive response timing
- Event feedback
- Player anticipation

StarBlaze uses:

- Tap sounds for UI
- Explosion cues
- Laser effects
- Game-over transitions
- Scrolling background audio texture

Your custom composition aligns with academic best practices in rhythmic looping and spatial placement (panning, layering, EQing).

1.2.5 Player Interaction and Control Systems

A. HCI Principles in Games

Human–computer interaction research (Sharp, Rogers, & Preece, 2019) emphasizes:

- Minimal input complexity
- Clear visual cues
- Immediate response to user actions
- Error tolerance

These principles guide StarBlaze’s movement keys and shooting mechanics.

B. Cognitive Load and Reaction-based Gameplay

Studies (Sweller, 2011; Green & Bavelier, 2003) conclude that games requiring rapid reactions improve visual attention and motor coordination. Retro games, due to their minimalism, maintain low cognitive overload.

StarBlaze applies this through:

- Clean visual hierarchy
- Simple movement controls
- Predictable enemy behaviour

1.2.6 Performance Optimization and Browser Constraints

A. Bottlenecks in Browser-Based Games

Literature identifies major constraints (Serrano et al., 2020):

- Limited frame rates on low-end devices
- Inefficient image loading
- Garbage collection pauses
- High draw-call counts

B. Optimization Techniques

Academic resources recommend:

- Preloading assets
- Using sprites instead of individual images
- Reducing canvas redraw area
- Compressing audio files
- Avoiding synchronous events

StarBlaze's architecture incorporates these strategies to ensure smooth gameplay.

1.2.8 Summary of Research Findings

The literature collectively supports several conclusions:

- Retro games hold cognitive and nostalgic appeal.
- HTML5 Canvas is technically appropriate for lightweight 2D arcade games.
- Real-time rendering and game loops follow standardized patterns.
- Sound significantly influences immersion and player satisfaction.
- Responsive web design is essential for modern game deployment.
- Browser optimization techniques ensure stable performance across devices.

StarBlaze synthesizes these principles, creating a modern yet retro-inspired game that aligns with academic theories and industry practices.

CHAPTER 3

MINI OBJECTIVE & SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

Mini Objective of the Project:

The mini objective of StarBlaze is to design and develop a fully functional retro-style 2D space shooter game that recreates the nostalgic feel of classic arcade games such as Space Invaders and Galaga while utilizing modern web development technologies. The project aims to provide students with practical exposure to real-time game development concepts—specifically game loops, rendering, animation, object-oriented modeling, collision detection, and audio integration—while using only core web tools: HTML5 Canvas, CSS3, and Vanilla JavaScript. The goal is not merely to build a playable game but to:

- Understand the fundamental mechanics of 2D browser-based games, including rendering frames efficiently, updating object positions, handling user inputs, and detecting interactions.
- Apply programming concepts to real-world game scenarios, enhancing the students ' understanding of event handling, logical structuring, memory optimization, animations, and browser-based performance.
- Gain hands-on experience with the complete game development cycle, from ideation and prototyping to implementation, testing, debugging, and feature enhancement.
- Recreate retro visuals and interactions that demonstrate creativity in design, pixel-art styling, and user experience creation.
- Develop teamwork, problem-solving ability, and project management skills by collaborating effectively on a multi-component software product.

Thus, the mini objective is to successfully implement a browser-based arcade game that is simple, engaging, visually appealing, and technically sound—serving as both a learning exercise and a demonstration of skill in web-based interactive system development.

Detailed Scope of the Project

The scope defines the breadth of features, components, technologies, and constraints within which StarBlaze is developed. For academic clarity, the project scope is divided into functional scope, technical scope, design scope, and future scope.

3.1 Functional Scope

The functional coverage of StarBlaze includes all major gameplay elements necessary to deliver a complete arcade shooter experience. The game flow and mechanics are inspired by classic space war games but rebuilt from scratch using web technologies.

A. Player Mechanics

The player controls a spaceship positioned at the bottom of the screen.

- Movement is restricted horizontally using left and right arrow keys.
- Laser bullets can be fired vertically using the spacebar or the up arrow key.
- Limited lives are provided, and the game ends when all lives are lost.
- The goal is to survive as long as possible while achieving the highest score.

B. Enemy Mechanics

- Enemy ships spawn in waves from the top of the screen.
- They gradually move downward, increasing difficulty over time.
- Destroying enemies increases the player's score.
- Enemies may fire bullets or collide with the player, reducing health or ending the game.

C. Bullets and Collision System

- Bullets fired by the player travel upward and are tracked via arrays in JavaScript.
- Collision detection identifies when a player bullet overlaps an enemy, triggering animations, scoring, and removal of objects.
- Similarly, collisions between enemies/enemy bullets and the player reduce lifeline.

D. Scoreboard and Lifeline System

- Real-time scoring is displayed on the game interface.
- Player lives are shown and decrease upon damage.
- High scores are stored using Local Storage, enabling persistent records beyond sessions.

E. Game Loop & User Interface

- The entire game runs inside an HTML5 Canvas.
- requestAnimationFrame() is used to handle smooth updates for each frame.
- The UI includes background visuals, score display, and game-over messages.

These functional elements define the minimum playable version (MVP) of StarBlaze.

3.2 Technical Scope

The technical scope outlines the technologies, frameworks, and architecture used to build the game.

A. Technology Stack

According to the project resources , the stack includes:

- HTML5: Game canvas, game area structure, UI layout.
- CSS3: Retro styling, starry/animated background, transition effects, pixel-art aesthetics.
- JavaScript (Vanilla):
- Game logic & loop
- Player input handling
- Enemy spawning and pathing
- Object manipulation
- Collision detection
- Audio API for shooting and explosion effects
- LocalStorage: Persistent high score management.

B. Game Architecture

The architecture is modular and involves:

1. Player Object Module
    - Positioning, movement, rendering, shooting.

2. Enemy Object Module
    - Generating waves, movement patterns, interaction with bullets.
3. Bullet Management System
    - Array-based tracking
    - Addition/removal of bullets per frame
    - Collision integration
4. Collision Detection Engine
    - Bounding box overlap detection between bullets and enemies.
    - Player–enemy/bullet collision logic.
5. Game Loop System
    - Handles frame-by-frame updates.
    - Redraws all objects on the canvas.
    - Ensures smooth animation via requestAnimationFrame().
6. Audio Integration
    - Laser, explosion, background music.

The technical scope ensures the game is built using fundamental web technologies without external libraries, strengthening conceptual understanding.

3.3 Design Scope

The design scope defines visual, aesthetic, and interaction elements incorporated into the game as highlighted in the PPT.

A**. Visual Style**

- Pixel-art inspired 8-bit graphics.
- Retro color palette including Black, Midnight Blue, Red, Yellow, Blue, White, and Green.
- Use of the “Press Start 2P” retro arcade font from Google Fonts.
- Starry-space parallax background for motion effect.

B. Animations

- Smooth explosion effects using CSS transitions.
- Enemy and player movement animations handled by JavaScript frame updates.

C. User Interface Design

- Simple arcade-style scoreboard at the top.
- Clear indication of player lives.
- Game Over and High Score screens.

The design scope ensures that the game not only functions well technically but also delivers the nostalgic feel expected from retro games.

3.4 Project Management Scope

For academic purposes, the project's execution scope includes:

A. Team Roles and Collaboration

With a four-member team, responsibilities are split across:

- Coding (logic, events, collision)
- Designing (UI, graphics, styling)
- Testing and debugging
- Documentation and presentation

B. Development Process

The project follows a simplified SDLC model:

1. Requirement analysis
2. Game design planning
3. Prototype development
4. Core game coding
5. Testing phase

6. Feature enhancement (optional)
7. Final documentation and presentation

This aligns with academic expectations of structured project work.

3.5 Limitations

The game's scope intentionally excludes:

- Complex enemy AI
- Advanced physics
- 3D graphics
- Large-scale backend server architecture
- Professional-level game engine features

These limitations are reasonable for a minor project relying solely on HTML5, CSS, and JavaScript.

3.6 Future Scope

The various future upgrades that expand the project's capability beyond the current version :

- Addition of boss fights with unique attack patterns.
- Power-ups such as shields, faster firing, spread shots.
- Mobile-friendly touch controls for smartphone gameplay.
- Multiplayer mode using Web Sockets for real-time interaction.
- Advanced enemy waves, diverse patterns, and difficulty scaling.
- Improved sprites, soundtracks, and visual polish.

These extensions indicate the project's potential to evolve into a more elaborate and highly interactive browser game.

CHAPTER 4

PROBLEM ANALYSIS &REQUIREMENTSPECIFICATION

Problem Analysis:

4.1 Background of the Problem

Classic arcade shooter games like Space Invaders and Galaga have historical value in gaming culture and continue to influence modern game design. However, many modern games focus heavily on complex graphics, large engines, and high processing requirements. This creates a demand for lightweight games that:

- Run directly in the browser
- Require no installation
- Offer nostalgic, intuitive, and quick gameplay
- Are accessible to anyone with a basic device and browser

The problem arises when trying to balance simplicity, performance, and engaging gameplay using only core web technologies (HTML, CSS, JavaScript) without depending on game engines.

4.2 Problem Definition

The problem is to design and implement a retro space shooter game that:

- Simulates a fast-paced arcade-style environment.
- Allows smooth player control using keyboard events.
- Handles enemy waves, collision detection, scoring, and game-over situations.
- Incorporates retro visuals, pixel-art, sound effects, and consistent animations.
- Functions entirely on a browser using HTML5 Canvas and JavaScript.
- Stores and retrieves scores persistently without a backend server.

Thus, the project must translate interactive game mechanics into efficient browser-rendered logic while maintaining nostalgia and usability**.**

4.3 Problem Complexity

The challenge consists of several technical constraints:

A. Real-Time Rendering

- The game must render 60 frames per second using requestAnimationFrame().
- All game objects must update positions every frame.

B. Collision Detection

- Efficient detection between:
- Player bullets ↔ enemy ships
- Enemy bullets ↔ player ship
- Player ship ↔ enemy ship

C. Performance Optimization

- Managing arrays of bullets and enemies without memory leaks.
- Avoiding lag during wave spawning or animations.

D. User Interaction

- Smooth rendering to avoid delays in movement/shooting.
- Responsive input handling for action-based gameplay.

E. Retro Visual Design

- Must use CSS, pixel-art assets, and parallax scrolling without heavy libraries.

These factors make the problem a meaningful exercise in game logic, UI/UX, browser rendering, and software design.

4.4 Problem Justification

The project is academically relevant because it enhances student skills in:

- Event-driven programming
- Dynamic rendering using HTML5 Canvas
- Array manipulation and object modeling
- Algorithm development (collision checks, movement patterns)
- Performance handling in browser environments
- Designing user interfaces with consistent styles
- Applying software design principles and modular structure

The project delivers both a functional game and deep conceptual learning.

Requirement Specification (SRS)

The following are the SRS Software Requirement Specification for the project:

2.1 Functional Requirements

FR-01: Player Movement

- The player must be able to move left/right using arrow keys.
- Movement must be smooth and bounded within the canvas area.

FR-02: Shooting Mechanism

- Pressing spacebar or the ↑ key fires a bullet.
- Bullets travel upward and disappear off-screen.

FR-03: Enemy Spawning

- Enemies spawn at the top in waves.
- They move downward gradually.

FR-04: Collision System

- Detect collision between bullets and enemies.
- Detect collision between enemy bullets and player.
- Trigger explosions and update score.

FR-05: Scoring System

- Each destroyed enemy increases the player's score.
- Scoreboard must be visible during gameplay.

FR-06: Lifeline System

- The player starts with limited lives.
- Collisions reduce lives.
- Game ends when lives reach zero.

FR-07: Game Loop

- Always update movement, positions, rendering, and events.
- Uses requestAnimationFrame() for smooth animation.

FR-08: High Score Management

- High scores stored using browser LocalStorage.

FR-09: Sound Effects

- Shooting, explosion, and background music should play during gameplay.

2.2 Non-Functional Requirements

NFR-01: Performance

- Game must run at or near 60 FPS.
- No frame lag with at least 20+ enemies onscreen.

NFR-02: Usability

- Controls must be intuitive and responsive.
- UI must be readable and retro-styled.

NFR-03: Portability

- Must run on all modern browsers (Chrome, Firefox, Edge, Safari).

NFR-04: Memory Efficiency

- Bullet & enemy objects must be removed when out of view.

NFR-05: Reliability

- No unexpected crashes during gameplay loop.

NFR-06: Maintainability

- Code should be modular and well-commented.

2.3 Hardware Requirements

Minimum

- Any modern device with basic CPU.
- Keyboard support for controls.
- 256 MB RAM browser usage.

Recommended

- Desktop/laptop for better experience.
- 4 GB RAM for smoother multitasking.

2.4 Software Requirements

- Browser with HTML5 Canvas support.
- JavaScript runtime (built into browsers).
- Local Storage for score persistence.
- OS: Windows/Linux/Mac/Android/iOS.

2.5 User Characteristics

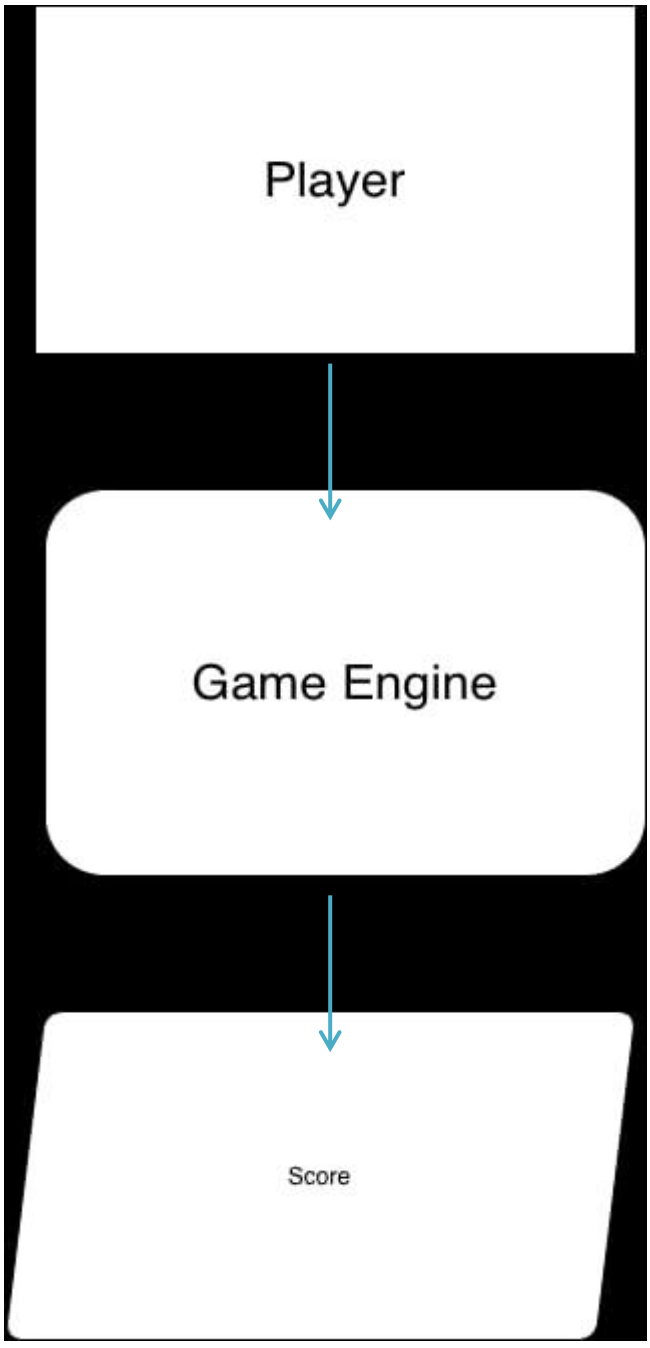
- Casual players and students.
- No prior gaming experience required.
- Must understand keyboard controls.

CHAPTER 5

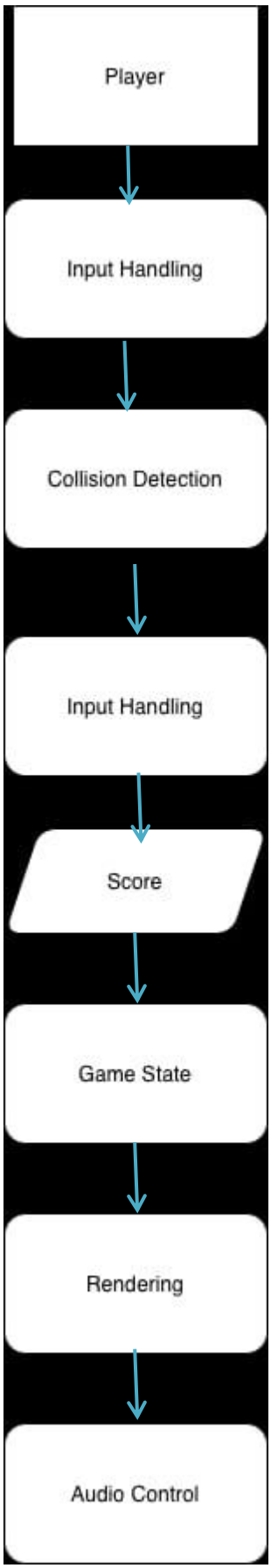
DETAILED DESIGN (MODELING & ERD/DFD)

DETAILED DESIGN DFD (DATA FLOW DIAGRAM):

DATA FLOW DIAGRAM LEVEL 0:



DATA FLOW DIAGRAM LEVEL 1:



ENTITY RELATIONSHIP DIAGRAM:

CHAPTER 6

Hardware/Software Platform Environment

Hardware/Software Platform Environment:

The development, execution, and testing of *StarBlaze: A Retro Space War Game* rely on a well-defined combination of hardware and software components. This section outlines the complete technological ecosystem required for the entire lifecycle of the project: design, development, implementation, deployment, and execution.

The environment described here ensures scalability, accessibility, cross-platform compatibility, and optimal performance — especially because the game is intended to run smoothly within modern web browsers using HTML5 Canvas and JavaScript.

1.4.1 Overview of the Platform Ecosystem

StarBlaze is fundamentally a **browser-based 2D game**, meaning it does not require dedicated game engines such as Unity or Unreal Engine. Instead, it utilizes:

- **Standard hardware devices** (laptops, desktops, smartphones)
- **Web browsers** supporting HTML5
- **Lightweight local development tools**
- **Minimal storage and processing power**

This lightweight ecosystem aligns with the project's objective of making the game highly accessible and easy to play on all devices without installation or dependency overhead.

1.4.2 Hardware Environment

Although StarBlaze is designed to work on a wide range of hardware, this section categorizes the environment into **development hardware** and **execution hardware**.

1.4.2.1 Development Hardware Requirements

The development team used a combination of machines for code editing, music production, graphic design, and testing. The minimum and recommended configurations are as follows:

A. Minimum Hardware for Development

- **Processor:** Intel Core i3 (7th gen or later) / AMD Ryzen 3
- **RAM:** 4 GB
- **Storage:** 2 GB free space
- **Graphics:** Integrated graphics (Intel UHD or similar)
- **Display:** 1280×720 resolution
- **Input:** Keyboard + mouse

Even such modest systems can run a code editor, browser developer tools, and a graphical pixel art editor without significant performance degradation.

B. Recommended Hardware for Comfortable Development

- **Processor:** Intel Core i5/i7 or Apple M1/M2
- **RAM:** 8–16 GB
- **Storage:** SSD with 10 GB free space
- **Graphics:** Integrated or dedicated GPU (not necessary but helpful)
- **Display:** Full HD (1920×1080) or Retina Display
- **Additional peripherals:**
- MIDI keyboard (optional, for sound production)
- Apple Pencil with iPad (optional, for advanced pixel art creation)

- Headphones (for mixing and mastering audio)

Most development was performed on **MacBook laptops running macOS**, which provide excellent native tools for music creation (GarageBand), code editing (VS Code), and graphics (Pixel-art editors).

1.4.2.2 Execution Hardware Requirements

The game is designed to run inside a browser, therefore hardware requirements for players are extremely light.

A. Desktop/Laptop Requirements

- **Processor:** Any dual-core CPU
- **RAM:** 2 GB minimum
- **Browser:** Any HTML5-compliant browser
- **OS Compatibility:**
  - Windows 7+
  - macOS 10.13+
  - Linux (all distros with modern browsers)

B. Mobile Requirements

Since StarBlaze is responsive and uses Canvas API, the game runs on:

- **iPhones (iOS 12+)**
- **Android devices (Android 7+)**
- **Tablets of all sizes**

Minimum specs:

- **1 GB RAM**
- **Dual-core processor**
- **Mobile browser supporting HTML5**

The hardware demands are purposely minimal to maximize accessibility.

1.4.3 Software Environment

The software environment is divided into:

- **Development Software Stack**
- **Design & Multimedia Tools**
- **Execution Environment (Browser)**
- **Version Control & Documentation Tools**

1.4.3.1 Development Software Stack

A. HtML5 + CSS3

These are used to structure and style the game interface.
Specific uses:

- Defining the canvas element
- Positioning UI components (scoreboard, health meter, start screen)
- Applying minimal styling for layout consistency

B. JavaScript (Vanilla JS)

The core logic of StarBlaze is implemented entirely in vanilla JavaScript, which includes:

- Real-time animation loops via `requestAnimationFrame()`
- Background movement simulation
- Enemy spawn logic
- Collision detection
- Score calculation
- Event handling for keyboard or touch inputs

The advantage:
No heavy frameworks, meaning faster load times and greater portability.

C. HTML5 Canvas API

This API is the backbone of the game's rendering layer. It enables:

- Drawing sprites and pixel art
- Smooth scrolling backgrounds
- Projectile and explosion animations
- Layer-based rendering
- High FPS animations without lag

D. Code Editor

The development team used the following editors:

- **Visual Studio Code (VS Code)** — primary editor
- **Sublime Text** (alternative editor)

VS Code extensions used:

- Live Server

- Prettier
- HTML CSS Support
- ES7+ JavaScript Snippets

E. Browser Developer Tools

Integrated tools in Chrome/Safari/Firefox were essential for:

- Performance profiling
- Memory usage checking
- Fixing Canvas rendering issues
- Monitoring FPS
- Inspecting events

1.4.3.2 Design & Multimedia Tools

A. Pixel Art Graphics Tools

Custom pixel graphics were created manually using:

- **Piskel.app (Web-based)**
- **Aseprite (optional)**
- **Pixlr / Figma (for UI elements)**

All sprites (spaceship, enemies, bullets, explosion frames) were hand-crafted to maintain a retro aesthetic.

B. Audio Production Tools

The complete soundtrack and sound effects (tap sound, explosion, game over audio, ambient intro music) were produced using:

- **GarageBand (macOS)**
- Custom MIDI instruments
- Layered drum kits
- Synth textures
- Mixing & mastering tools

This elevated the game from a simple browser project to an extremely polished multimedia experience.

1.4.3.3 Execution Environment

The game requires nothing more than a **modern browser**, such as:

- **Google Chrome**
- **Safari**
- **Mozilla Firefox**
- **Edge**
- **Opera**

HTML5 compatibility ensures:

- Smooth animations
- Responsive scaling
- Audio playback
- Input handling

No plugins or installations are required.

1.4.3.4 Version Control Tools

Although the project is lightweight, version control is important in group work.

Used tools:

- **Git**
- **GitHub** repository
- **Feature branching workflow**
- Issue tracking
- Collaboration using pull requests

1.4.3.5 Documentation Tools

Academic documentation was created using:

- Microsoft Word
- Google Docs
- LaTeX (optional)
- Draw.io for diagrams
- Figma for layout demonstration

These tools helped maintain a structured, 50-page-long professional document.

1.4.4 Compatibility Considerations

To ensure universal accessibility, the environment was carefully designed to meet:

✓ Cross-Browser Compatibility

✓ Cross-Device Responsiveness

✓ Performance Optimization

✓ Low Memory Footprint

✓ Fast Load Times

Canvas rendering ensures smooth performance even on low-end devices.

1.4.5 Summary of the Hardware/Software Environment

The StarBlaze development environment is intentionally minimal and modern:

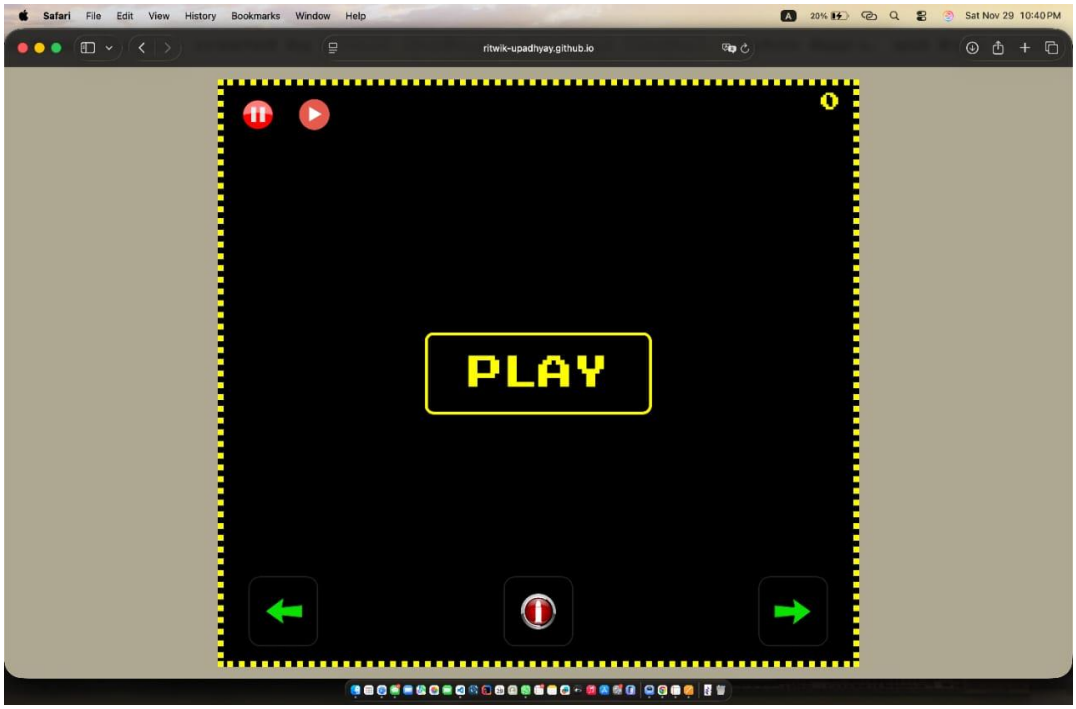
- **Hardware needs are extremely low**
- **Software stack is simple and web-native**
- **Browser execution ensures instant playability**
- **Design & audio tools enhance overall quality**

This allows the game to run anywhere — from desktops to mobile phones — making it ideal for academic demonstration, scalability, and widespread accessibility.

CHAPTER 7

SNAPSHOTS OF INPUT AND OUTPUT

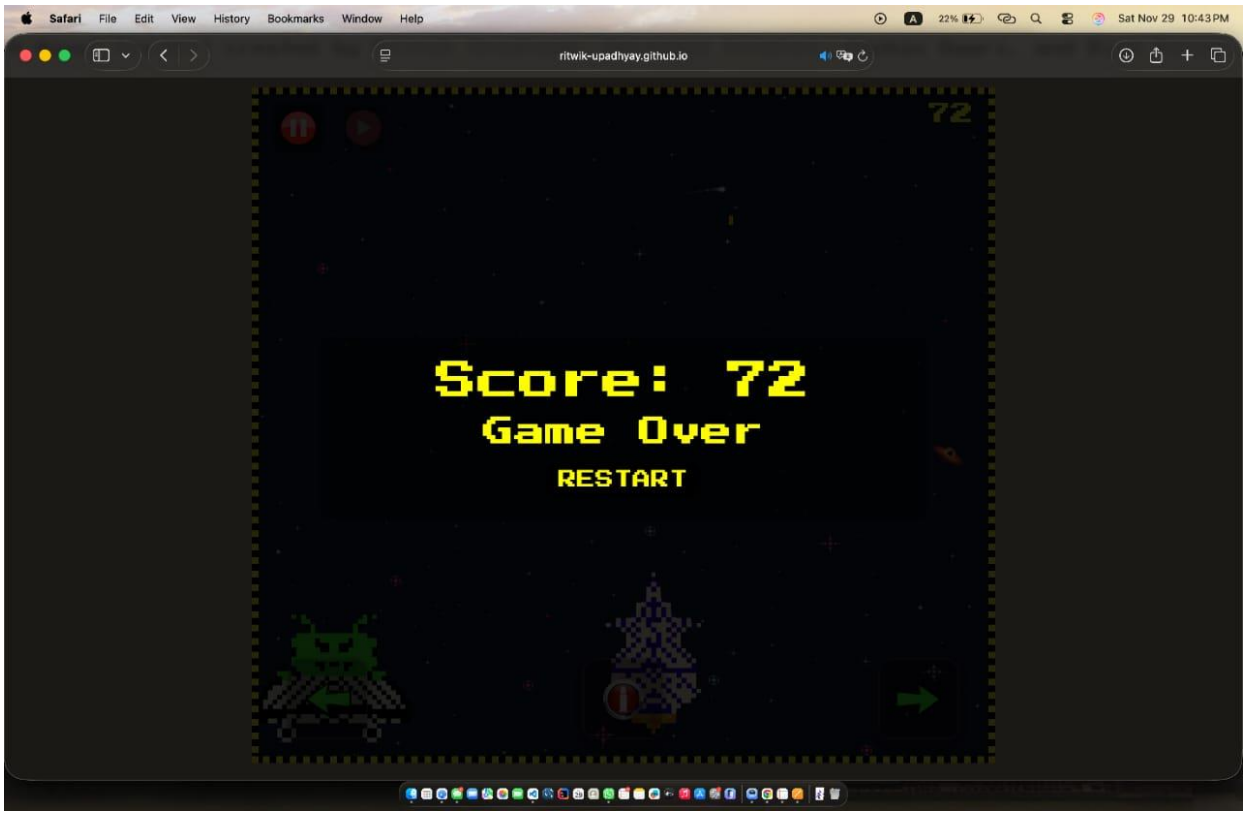
INPUT:



OPERATIONS:

:

OUTPUT:


Safari File Edit View History Bookmarks Window Help
Sat Nov 29 10:43 PM
ritwik-upadhyay.github.io
72
Score: 72
Game Over
RESTART

CHAPTER 8

CODING

index.html file

```
<!DOCTYPE html>

<html lang="en">


<head>

  <meta charset="utf-8" />

  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width,initial-scale=1" />

  <title>StarBlaze</title>


  <!-- Google Fonts: Retro arcade-style font -->

  <link rel="preconnect" href="https://fonts.googleapis.com">

  <link rel="preconnect" href="https://fonts.gstatic.com" crossorigin>

  <link
href="https://fonts.googleapis.com/css2?family=Press+Start+2P&display=swap"
rel="stylesheet">


  <!-- External stylesheet -->

  <link rel="stylesheet" href="style.css" />

</head>
```

```
<body>


  <!-- HEADER SECTION: Game Title + Team Credits -->

  <header>

    <hr>

    <h1>StarBlaze</h1>

    <hr>

    <h2>A Retro Space War Game</h2>

    <hr>

    <p>A Minor Project created by Ritwik Upadhyay, Sarvagya Singhal, Sachin Bagri, and Riya Palod.</p>

    <hr>

  </header>


  <!-- MAIN GAME AREA -->

  <div id="gameWrapper">


    <!-- MAIN CANVAS: All gameplay (movement, bullets, collisions) happens here -->

    <canvas id="gameCanvas" width="390" height="600"></canvas>


    <!-- LIVE SCORE (updates in real-time on top of game screen) -->

    <div id="liveScore">0</div>
```

```
<!-- PLAYER SHIP -->
<div class="player" id="player">
  <img src="p_ship.png" alt="player">
</div>

<!-- ENEMY SHIP (single alien for now) -->
<div class="alien" id="alien">
  <img src="e_ship.png" alt="alien">
</div>

<!-- TOUCH CONTROLS (Left, Shoot, Right) — positioned below canvas -->
<div id="controls">

  <!-- LEFT BUTTON -->
  <div class="left-area">
    <button id="leftBtn"><img src="leftt.png" class="btnImg" alt="left"></button>
  </div>

  <!-- SHOOT BUTTON -->
  <div class="center-area">
    <button id="shootBtn" class="shoot">
```

```
      <img src="shoot.png" class="btnImg" alt="shoot">
    </button>
  </div>

  <!-- RIGHT BUTTON -->
  <div class="right-area">
    <button id="rightBtn"><img src="right.png" class="btnImg"
alt="right"></button>
  </div>

</div>

<!-- PAUSE + PLAY BUTTONS (top-right corner) -->
<div id="pauseControls">
  <button id="pauseBtn"><img src="pause.png" class="pauseImg"
alt="pause"></button>
  <button id="playBtn"><img src="play.png" class="pauseImg"
alt="play"></button>
</div>

<!-- COUNTDOWN OVERLAY BEFORE GAME START (3 → 2 → 1 → GO) -->
<div id="countdownScreen">
  <h1 id="countdownText">3</h1>
```

```
</div>

<!-- PAUSE OVERLAY (big PLAY button in center when paused) -->
<div id="pauseOverlay" aria-hidden="true">
  <button id="resumeBigBtn" aria-label="Resume game">PLAY</button>
</div>

<!-- GAME OVER MODAL -->
<div id="result">
  <div class="content">
    <!-- Final score -->
    <p id="score">Score: 0</p>

    <h1>Game Over</h1>

    <!-- Restart button -->

    <button id="btn">RESTART</button>
  </div>
</div>

</div>
```

```
<!-- FOOTER SECTION -->
<footer>
 <hr>

 <!-- Documentation Button (PDF link to be attached later) -->
 <button id="link">
  <a href="">
   Click here to access the Documentation for StarBlaze: A Retro Space War Game
  </a>
 </button>

 <hr>

 <!-- Copyright -->
 <p class="copyright">
  © 2025 StarBlaze | Built by Ritwik, Sarvagya, Sachin, and Riya.
 </p>

 <hr>
</footer>
```

```
  <!-- BACKGROUND MUSIC (loops forever) -->
  <audio id="bgMusic"
       src="StarBlaze_Score.mp3"
       loop preload="auto">
  </audio>

  <!-- MAIN SCRIPT -->
  <script src="script.js"></script>

</body>

</html>
```

Style.css file

```
/* Reset */
*{margin:0;padding:0;box-sizing:border-box}

/* Body */
body{
  display:flex;
  flex-direction:column;
  align-items:center;
```

```
  min-height:100vh;
  background:#AEA893;
  font-family:'Press Start 2P',monospace;
  color:#000;
  text-align:center;
  /* base font scales with viewport but remains readable */
  font-size:clamp(12px, 1.6vw, 18px);
}

hr {
  margin: 10px;
}

p {
  font-size: 16px;
}

p.copyright {
  font-size: 7px;
}
/* wrapper */
/* game container: responsive, preserves aspect ratio */
```

```
#gameWrapper{
  /* allow the game to grow on large screens but remain usable on small ones */
  width: min(96vw, 900px);
  aspect-ratio: 13 / 20; /* matches original 390x600 (≈0.65) */
  position:relative;
  border: clamp(3px, 0.6vw, 8px) dotted yellow;
  overflow:hidden;
  margin:2vh 0;
  background:#000;
  max-height:96vh;
  display:block;
}

/* canvas fits */
#gameCanvas{width:100%;height:100%;display:block}

/* player - positioned relative to wrapper using percentages */
.player{
  position:absolute;
  bottom:3%;
  left:0; /* initial left will be set by script to a pixel value for consistent movement */
  width:18%; /* scales with wrapper width */
```

```
  max-width:140px;
  z-index:20;
}
.player img{width:100%;height:auto;display:block}

/* alien (single) */
.alien{
  position:absolute;
  top:4%;
  left:0;
  z-index:15;
  /* slightly larger enemy ship for better visibility */
  width:22%;
  max-width:180px;
  text-align:center;
}
.alien img{ width: 100%; height:auto; display:block }

/* bullet default (unused for dynamic bullets) */
.bullet{ position:absolute }

/* live score */
```

```
/* live score - responsive sizing */
#liveScore{
  position:absolute;
  top:1.2%;
  right:2%;
  font-size:clamp(14px,1.8vw,26px);
  font-weight:bold;
  color:yellow;
  z-index:30;
}

/* countdown overlay */
/* full-screen countdown overlay */
#countdownScreen{
  position:fixed; left:0; top:0; right:0; bottom:0; display:none; align-items:center; justify-content:center;
  background:rgba(0,0,0,0.85); z-index:1000; font-family:'Press Start 2P'; color:#fff;
  font-size:clamp(36px,8vw,120px);
  padding:2vh;
  box-sizing:border-box;
}

/* pause overlay that shows a large play button in the middle when paused */
```

```
#pauseOverlay{
  position:absolute;
  left:0; top:0; right:0; bottom:0;
  display:none; /* shown by JS when paused */
  z-index:950;
  align-items:center;
  justify-content:center;
  pointer-events:auto;
}

#pauseOverlay button#resumeBigBtn{
  font-family:'Press Start 2P', monospace;
  font-size:clamp(18px,6vw,48px);
  color:yellow;
  background:transparent;
  border: 4px solid yellow;
  padding: clamp(12px,3vw,28px) clamp(24px,6vw,56px);
  border-radius:12px;
  cursor:pointer;
  text-transform:uppercase;
  box-shadow: 0 8px 20px rgba(0,0,0,0.6);
}
```

```
#pauseOverlay button#resumeBigBtn:active{ transform: translateY(2px) scale(0.98); }

/* countdown text styling */
#countdownText{
  color:yellow;
  text-shadow: 0 6px 18px rgba(0,0,0,0.65);
  margin:0;
  line-height:1;
}

/* controls (inside wrapper) */
#controls{
  position:absolute; left:0; right:0; bottom:2.5%; display:flex; justify-content:space-between;
  align-items:center; padding:0 4%; z-index:120; pointer-events:none;
}
#controls .left-area, #controls .center-area, #controls .right-area{
  display:flex; gap:12px; align-items:center; pointer-events:auto;
}
/* control buttons scale with container */
#controls button{
  background:rgba(0,0,0,0.35);
```

```
  border:2px solid rgba(255,255,255,0.12);

  width:clamp(48px,7.5vw,96px);

  height:clamp(48px,7.5vw,96px);

  border-radius:16px;

  display:inline-flex; align-items:center; justify-content:center; box-shadow:0 6px 14px rgba(0,0,0,0.35); cursor: pointer;

}

#controls button:active{ transform:translateY(2px) scale(0.98) }

.btnImg{ width:60%; height:60%; pointer-events:none; object-fit:contain }


/* shoot button bigger */

#shootBtn{ width:clamp(64px,10vw,120px); height:clamp(64px,10vw,120px); border-radius:24px; background:linear-gradient(180deg,#ff5050,#dc1414); border:0; box-shadow:0 8px 20px rgba(220,20,20,0.35) }


/* pause/play top right */

#pauseControls{ position:absolute; top:1.2%; left:2%; display:flex; gap:1.2vw; z-index:130; pointer-events:auto }

#pauseBtn,#playBtn{ width:clamp(36px,5.2vw,60px); height:clamp(36px,5.2vw,60px); border-radius:10px; background:rgba(0,0,0,0.35); border:none; display:inline-flex; align-items:center; justify-content:center; cursor: pointer; }

.pauseImg{ width:70%; height:70%; object-fit:contain }


/* result modal - full-screen overlay */
```

```
#result{
  position:fixed;
  left:0;
  top:0;
  right:0;
  bottom:0;
  display:none;
  z-index:1005;
  background:rgba(0,0,0,0.85);
  font-family:'Press Start 2P',monospace;
  color:yellow;
  display:flex;
  align-items:center;
  justify-content:center;
  padding:2vh;
  box-sizing:border-box;
}

#result .content{
  /* center via absolute positioning to avoid any ancestor transform or layout from
     changing how fixed/flex behave — this guarantees center-middle placement */
  position: absolute;
```

```
  top: 50%;
  left: 50%;
  transform: translate(-50%, -50%);

  width: min(92%, clamp(260px,60vw,720px));
  max-width:720px;
  background: rgba(0,0,0,0.55);
  border-radius: 12px;
  padding: clamp(12px,3vw,28px);

  display:flex;
  flex-direction:column;
  align-items:center;
  gap: clamp(12px,2.2vw,18px);

  /* allow internal scrolling for very short viewports while keeping the box centered */
  max-height: 90vh;
  overflow: auto;
}
#result h1{ margin:0; color:yellow; font-size:clamp(18px,4vw,36px); }
#result #score{ font-size:clamp(22px,6vw,48px); font-weight:bold; color:yellow; margin:0 }
```

```
#btn{ padding:.6rem 1rem; border-radius:16px; border:none; background:#000; color:yellow; font-size:clamp(14px,3vw,22px); cursor:pointer; font-family:'Press Start 2P',monospace; }

#btn:active{ transform:translateY(2px) }

/* canvas fits */

#gameCanvas{width:100%;height:100%;display:block}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.player{

 position:absolute;

 bottom:3%;

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  font-size:clamp(14px,1.8vw,26px);
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  color:yellow;
  z-index:30;
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```
/* countdown overlay */

/* full-screen countdown overlay */

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justify-content:center;

  background:rgba(0,0,0,0.85); z-index:1000; font-family:'Press Start 2P'; color:#fff;

  font-size:clamp(36px,8vw,120px);

  padding:2vh;

  box-sizing:border-box;

}


/* countdown text styling */

#countdownText{

  color:yellow;

  text-shadow: 0 6px 18px rgba(0,0,0,0.65);

  margin:0;

  line-height:1;

}


/* controls (inside wrapper) */

#controls{
```

```
  position:absolute; left:0; right:0; bottom:2.5%; display:flex; justify-content:space-between;
  align-items:center; padding:0 4%; z-index:120; pointer-events:none;
}
#controls .left-area, #controls .center-area, #controls .right-area{
  display:flex; gap:12px; align-items:center; pointer-events:auto;
}
/* control buttons scale with container */
#controls button{
  background:rgba(0,0,0,0.35);
  border:2px solid rgba(255,255,255,0.12);
  width:clamp(48px,7.5vw,96px);
  height:clamp(48px,7.5vw,96px);
  border-radius:16px;
  display:inline-flex; align-items:center; justify-content:center; box-shadow:0 6px 14px rgba(0,0,0,0.35); cursor: pointer;
}
#controls button:active{ transform:translateY(2px) scale(0.98) }
.btnImg{ width:60%; height:60%; pointer-events:none; object-fit:contain }

/* shoot button bigger */
#shootBtn{ width:clamp(64px,10vw,120px); height:clamp(64px,10vw,120px); border-radius:24px; background:linear-gradient(180deg,#ff5050,#dc1414); border:0; box-shadow:0 8px 20px rgba(220,20,20,0.35) }
```

```
/* pause/play top right */

#pauseControls{ position:absolute; top:1.2%; left:2%; display:flex; gap:1.2vw; z-index:130; pointer-events:auto }

#pauseBtn,#playBtn{ width:clamp(36px,5.2vw,60px); height:clamp(36px,5.2vw,60px); border-radius:10px; background:rgba(0,0,0,0.35); border:none; display:inline-flex; align-items:center; justify-content:center; cursor: pointer; }

.pauseImg{ width:70%; height:70%; object-fit:contain }


#link {

  padding: 5px;

  background-color: transparent;



}


#link:hover {

  background: black;

  border: 1px solid black;

}


a {

  color: black;

  font-family:'Press Start 2P',monospace;
```

```
  font-size: 13px;


}


a:hover {
  color: #AEA893;
}


/* responsive */
/* small tweaks for very narrow viewports */
@media (max-width:420px){
  #gameWrapper{ width: min(98vw, 420px); }
  .player{ width:22%; }
}


/* landscape phones / small tablets - allow more horizontal space */
@media (min-width:421px) and (max-width:900px){
  #gameWrapper{ width: min(92vw, 700px); }
}


/* large screens: provide a pleasant max width so UI doesn't become huge */
@media (min-width:901px){
```

```
  #gameWrapper{ width: min(60vw, 900px); }
}
```

Script.js file

```
const SOUND_PATHS = {
  shoot: "Shoot.mp3",
  move:  "Tap.mp3",
  hit:   "Hit.mp3",
  gameOver: "Game_Over.mp3",
  bgMusic: "StarBlaze_Score.mp3"
};

// ----------------- SOUND OBJECTS -----------------
const shootSound = new Audio(SOUND_PATHS.shoot);
const moveSound  = new Audio(SOUND_PATHS.move);
const hitSound   = new Audio(SOUND_PATHS.hit);
const gameOverSound = new Audio(SOUND_PATHS.gameOver);

// volumes (tweak)
// target volumes (tweak)
const BGM_TARGET_VOLUME = 0.6;
shootSound.volume = 0.6;
moveSound.volume = 0.3;
```

```
hitSound.volume = 0.5;

gameOverSound.volume = 0.6;


// ---------------- DOM & CANVAS ----------------

const canvas = document.getElementById("gameCanvas");

const ctx = canvas && canvas.getContext ? canvas.getContext("2d") : null;

const gameWrapper = document.getElementById("gameWrapper");

const player = document.getElementById("player");

const alien = document.getElementById("alien");


const resultPanel = document.getElementById("result");

const resultScore = document.getElementById("score");

const liveScore = document.getElementById("liveScore");

const pauseOverlay = document.getElementById('pauseOverlay');

const resumeBigBtn = document.getElementById('resumeBigBtn');


const countdownScreen = document.getElementById("countdownScreen");

const countdownText = document.getElementById("countdownText");


const leftBtn  = document.getElementById("leftBtn");

const rightBtn = document.getElementById("rightBtn");

const shootBtn = document.getElementById("shootBtn");
```

```
const pauseBtn = document.getElementById("pauseBtn");

const playBtn  = document.getElementById("playBtn");


let bgMusic = document.getElementById("bgMusic");

if (!bgMusic) {

  bgMusic = document.createElement("audio");

  bgMusic.id = "bgMusic";

  bgMusic.src = SOUND_PATHS.bgMusic;

  bgMusic.loop = true;

  document.body.appendChild(bgMusic);

}

// initialize at target volume (will be controlled/faded when starting)

bgMusic.volume = BGM_TARGET_VOLUME;


// fade control

let bgFadeInterval = null;


// ----------------- BACKGROUND SCROLL -----------------

const bg = new Image();

bg.src = "field.png";

let bgY = 0;

let bgSpeed = 7;
```

```
let bgRAF = null; // requestAnimationFrame id (null when stopped)

let _bgSavedSpeed = null; // used to freeze/unfreeze the background without stopping RAF


function _bgDrawFrame(){

  if (!ctx) return;

  bgY += bgSpeed;

  // use logical (CSS) height so movement and wrapping are consistent

  if (bgY >= logicalH) bgY = 0;

  ctx.clearRect(0,0,logicalW,logicalH);

  ctx.drawImage(bg,0,bgY,logicalW,logicalH);

  ctx.drawImage(bg,0,bgY-logicalH,logicalW,logicalH);

  bgRAF = requestAnimationFrame(_bgDrawFrame);

}


function startBackgroundAnimation(){

  if (bgRAF) return; // already running

  // ensure logical sizes are up to date before starting

  try{ resizeCanvasToWrapper(); }catch(e){}

  // start loop

  bgRAF = requestAnimationFrame(_bgDrawFrame);

}
```

```
function stopBackgroundAnimation(){
  if (!bgRAF) return;
  cancelAnimationFrame(bgRAF);
  bgRAF = null;
}

// ----------------- STATE -----------------
let isGameOver = false;
let gameStarted = false;
let paused = false;
let score = 0;
let alienHidden = false;
let alienFallInterval = null;
let alienMoveInterval = null;

let moveLeft = false;
let moveRight = false;

// responsive canvas / logical size helpers
let DPR = window.devicePixelRatio || 1;
let logicalW = canvas ? (canvas.clientWidth || 390) : 390;
let logicalH = canvas ? (canvas.clientHeight || 600) : 600;
```

```
function resizeCanvasToWrapper(){
 if (!canvas || !ctx || !gameWrapper) return;
 DPR = window.devicePixelRatio || 1;
 // logical (CSS) size
 logicalW = gameWrapper.clientWidth || 390;
 logicalH = gameWrapper.clientHeight || 600;
 // set internal pixel size for sharp rendering
 canvas.width = Math.max(1, Math.floor(logicalW * DPR));
 canvas.height = Math.max(1, Math.floor(logicalH * DPR));
 // ensure CSS size fills wrapper
 canvas.style.width = "100%";
 canvas.style.height = "100%";
 // map drawing operations to CSS pixels
 ctx.setTransform(DPR, 0, 0, DPR, 0, 0);

 // also update player / alien pixel widths to match CSS percentages
 try{
  if (player){
    const pW = Math.min(Math.round(logicalW * 0.18), 140);
    player.style.width = pW + 'px';
    // center player at bottom when game hasn't started yet
```

```
    if (!gameStarted) {
      player.style.left = Math.round((logicalW - pW) / 2) + 'px';
    }
    // ensure no leftover CSS transform interferes with pixel positioning
    player.style.transform = 'none';
  }
  if (alien){
    // increase enemy ship size to be more prominent (22% of wrapper, capped)
    const aW = Math.min(Math.round(logicalW * 0.22), 180);
    alien.style.width = aW + 'px';
  }
 }catch(e){}
}

// run on resize/orientation changes
window.addEventListener('resize', ()=>{ resizeCanvasToWrapper(); });
window.addEventListener('orientationchange', ()=>{
setTimeout(resizeCanvasToWrapper,120); });

// ----------------- helpers -----------------
function getNumStyle(el, prop, fallback=0){
 if (!el) return fallback;
 const v = window.getComputedStyle(el).getPropertyValue(prop);
```

```
  return parseInt(v) || fallback;
}

// ---------------- reset & spawn ----------------
function resetAlien(){
  if (!alien) return;
  alien.style.top = "0px";
  const maxLeft = Math.max((gameWrapper.clientWidth || logicalW || 390) -
(alien.clientWidth || 100), 0);
  alien.style.left = Math.floor(Math.random() * (maxLeft + 1)) + "px";
  alien.style.display = "block";
  alienHidden = false;
}

function resetGame(){
  isGameOver = false;
  paused = false;
  score = 0;
  if (liveScore) liveScore.innerText = score;
  if (resultPanel) resultPanel.style.display = "none";
  if (player) {
    player.style.left = ((gameWrapper.clientWidth||logicalW||390)/2 -
(player.clientWidth||130)/2) + "px";
```

```
    // remove any transform to keep left positioning accurate
    player.style.transform = 'none';
  }
  resetAlien();
}

function _hideShips(){
  try{
    if (player){ player._prevDisplay = player.style.display || ''; player.style.display = 'none'; }
    if (alien){ alien._prevDisplay = alien.style.display || ''; alien.style.display = 'none'; }
  }catch(e){}
}

function _showShips(){
  try{
    if (player){ player.style.display = (player._prevDisplay !== undefined ? player._prevDisplay : 'block'); }
    if (alien){ alien.style.display = (alien._prevDisplay !== undefined ? alien._prevDisplay : 'block'); }
  }catch(e){}
}
```

```
// ---------------- music utils ----------------
function playBgMusic(){ try{ bgMusic.play(); }catch(e){} }
function stopBgMusic(){
  try{
    bgMusic.pause();
  }catch(e){}
  try{
    if (bgFadeInterval){ clearInterval(bgFadeInterval); bgFadeInterval = null; }
  }catch(e){}
}

// ---------------- game over ----------------
function gameOver(){
  if (isGameOver) return;
  isGameOver = true;
  paused = true;
  clearInterval(alienFallInterval);
  clearInterval(alienMoveInterval);
  // stop background movement when the game ends
  try{ stopBackgroundAnimation(); }catch(e){}
  // stop background music and reset to start for next play
  stopBgMusic();
```

```
  try{ bgMusic.currentTime = 0; }catch(e){}
  try{ gameOverSound.currentTime = 0; gameOverSound.play(); }catch(e){}
  if (resultPanel) resultPanel.style.display = "block";
  if (resultScore) resultScore.innerText = `Score: ${score}`;
}

// ----------------- start game -----------------
function startGame(){
  resetGame();
  gameStarted = true;
  paused = false;
  clearInterval(alienFallInterval);
  clearInterval(alienMoveInterval);

  // start the background movement when the game starts
  try{ startBackgroundAnimation(); }catch(e){}

  alienFallInterval = setInterval(()=>{
    if (paused || isGameOver || alienHidden) return;
    const top = getNumStyle(alien,"top",0);
    // change speed here by increasing +4 -> +N
    alien.style.top = (top + 6) + "px"; // faster default (you can tweak)
```

```
  const gameOverThreshold = (gameWrapper.clientHeight || 600) - 200;
  if (top > gameOverThreshold && !isGameOver) gameOver();
 }, 28);

 alienMoveInterval = setInterval(()=>{
  if (paused || isGameOver || alienHidden) return;
  const maxLeft = Math.max((gameWrapper.clientWidth || 390) - (alien.clientWidth || 100), 0);
  alien.style.left = Math.floor(Math.random() * (maxLeft + 1)) + "px";
 }, 2900); // slowed: previously 900ms, increased by ~2000ms so enemies reposition less often
}

// ---------- countdown ----------
function startCountdown(seconds=5){
 if (!countdownScreen || !countdownText){ startGame(); return; }
 countdownScreen.style.display = "flex";
 let c = seconds;
 countdownText.innerText = c;
 // start background music so its intro coincides with the countdown
 try{
  // reset playback to the start of the track
  bgMusic.currentTime = 0;
```

```
    // start with volume 0 and fade in to target
    bgMusic.volume = 0;
    playBgMusic();
    // fade-in over 1500ms
    const fadeDuration = 1500;
    const stepMs = 50;
    const steps = Math.max(1, Math.floor(fadeDuration / stepMs));
    const volStep = BGM_TARGET_VOLUME / steps;
    if (bgFadeInterval) clearInterval(bgFadeInterval);
    bgFadeInterval = setInterval(()=>{
      try{
        const v = Math.min(BGM_TARGET_VOLUME, bgMusic.volume + volStep);
        bgMusic.volume = v;
        if (v >= BGM_TARGET_VOLUME){ clearInterval(bgFadeInterval);
bgFadeInterval = null; }
      }catch(e){ clearInterval(bgFadeInterval); bgFadeInterval = null; }
    }, stepMs);
  }catch(e){}
  const id = setInterval(()=>{
    c--;
    if (c > 0) countdownText.innerText = c;
    else if (c === 0) countdownText.innerText = "START!";
    else {
```

```
    clearInterval(id);
    countdownScreen.style.display = "none";
    startGame();
   }
  },1000);
}

// ----------------- spawn bullet (dynamic) -----------------
function spawnBullet(){
  if (!gameStarted || paused || isGameOver || !player) return;
  // create bullet
  const canon = document.createElement("div");
  canon.className = "bullet";
  canon.style.position = "absolute";
  canon.style.zIndex = 60;
  // image
  const img = document.createElement("img");
  img.src = "lazer.png";
  img.className = "bulletImg";
  img.style.width = "40px"; img.style.height = "20px";
  canon.appendChild(img);
  // position above player
```

```
const pRect = player.getBoundingClientRect();
const gRect = gameWrapper.getBoundingClientRect();
const left = (pRect.left - gRect.left) + ((player.clientWidth||130)/2) - 20;
const top  = (pRect.top - gRect.top) - 10;
canon.style.left = left + "px";
canon.style.top = top + "px";
gameWrapper.appendChild(canon);
// sound
try{ shootSound.currentTime = 0; shootSound.play(); }catch(e){}
// move bullet
const id = setInterval(()=>{
  if (paused || isGameOver) return;
  const bTop = getNumStyle(canon,"top",0);
  canon.style.top = (bTop - 12) + "px";
  if (bTop < -40){ clearInterval(id); canon.remove(); return; }
  // collision with alien
  const aTop = getNumStyle(alien,"top",0);
  const aLeft = getNumStyle(alien,"left",0);
  const aW = alien.clientWidth || 100;
  const aH = alien.clientHeight || 80;
  const bLeft = getNumStyle(canon,"left",0);
  const bW = canon.clientWidth || 40;
```

```
    const bH = canon.clientHeight || 20;

    if (!(bLeft + bW < aLeft || bLeft > aLeft + aW || bTop + bH < aTop || bTop > aTop + aH)){

      // hit

      try{ hitSound.currentTime = 0; hitSound.play(); }catch(e){}

      clearInterval(id);

      canon.remove();

      alienHidden = true;

      alien.style.display = "none";

      score++;

      if (liveScore) liveScore.innerText = score;

      setTimeout(resetAlien, 300);

    }

  },20);

}



// ----------------- button & keyboard hooks -----------------

if (leftBtn){

  leftBtn.addEventListener("touchstart",(e)=>{ e.preventDefault(); moveLeft=true; try{ moveSound.currentTime=0; moveSound.play(); }catch(e){} },{passive:false});

  leftBtn.addEventListener("touchend",()=>{ moveLeft=false },{passive:false});

  leftBtn.addEventListener("mousedown", ()=>{ moveLeft=true; try{ moveSound.currentTime=0; moveSound.play(); }catch(e){} });
```

```
  leftBtn.addEventListener("mouseup", ()=> moveLeft=false);

}

if (rightBtn){

  rightBtn.addEventListener("touchstart",(e)=>{ e.preventDefault(); moveRight=true;
try{ moveSound.currentTime=0; moveSound.play(); }catch(e){} },{passive:false});

  rightBtn.addEventListener("touchend",()=>{ moveRight=false },{passive:false});

  rightBtn.addEventListener("mousedown", ()=>{ moveRight=true; try{
moveSound.currentTime=0; moveSound.play(); }catch(e){} });

  rightBtn.addEventListener("mouseup", ()=> moveRight=false);

}

if (shootBtn){

  shootBtn.addEventListener("touchstart",(e)=>{ e.preventDefault(); spawnBullet();
},{passive:false});

  shootBtn.addEventListener("mousedown", ()=> spawnBullet());

}

if (pauseBtn){

  pauseBtn.addEventListener("click", ()=>{

    if (!gameStarted || isGameOver) return;

    paused = true;

      // stop audio and freeze background movement (keep the last frame visible)

      try{ stopBgMusic(); }catch(e){}

      try{ if (_bgSavedSpeed === null) _bgSavedSpeed = bgSpeed; bgSpeed = 0;
}catch(e){}

    pauseBtn.style.opacity = 0.5; playBtn && (playBtn.style.opacity = 1);
```

```
    // show the centered large play button overlay and hide ships
    try{ if (pauseOverlay) pauseOverlay.style.display = 'flex'; }catch(e){}
    _hideShips();
  });
}
if (playBtn){
  // unified handler for click and touchstart so mobile gestures count as user interaction
  function handlePlayPress(e){
    if (e && e.preventDefault) e.preventDefault();
    if (isGameOver) return;
    // if game hasn't started yet, begin the countdown which will start the game
    if (!gameStarted){
      try{
        // ensure playback is initiated on the user gesture (important on some mobile browsers)
        bgMusic.currentTime = 0;
        bgMusic.volume = 0; // will fade in from 0
        const p = bgMusic.play();
        if (p && p.catch) p.catch(()=>{});
      }catch(e){}
      startCountdown(5);
      playBtn.style.opacity = 0.5;
      pauseBtn && (pauseBtn.style.opacity = 1);
```

```
    try{ playBtn.blur(); }catch(e){}
    return;
  }
  // otherwise just resume
  paused = false;
  // resume audio and restore background movement (if it was frozen)
  try{ playBgMusic(); }catch(e){}
  try{ if (_bgSavedSpeed !== null) { bgSpeed = _bgSavedSpeed; _bgSavedSpeed = null; } else { startBackgroundAnimation(); } }catch(e){}
   playBtn.style.opacity = 0.5; pauseBtn && (pauseBtn.style.opacity = 1);
   // hide pause overlay and show ships again
   try{ if (pauseOverlay) pauseOverlay.style.display = 'none'; }catch(e){}
   _showShips();
  }

  // helper for initiating the countdown from a direct user gesture (used by big-play overlay)
  function startFromUserGesture(){
   try{ if (pauseOverlay) pauseOverlay.style.display = 'none'; }catch(e){}
   try{ bgMusic.currentTime = 0; bgMusic.volume = 0; const p = bgMusic.play(); if (p && p.catch) p.catch(()=>{}); }catch(e){}
   try{ playBtn.style.opacity = 0.5; pauseBtn && (pauseBtn.style.opacity = 1); }catch(e){}
   _showShips();
```

```
    startCountdown(5);
  }


  playBtn.addEventListener("click", handlePlayPress);
  playBtn.addEventListener("touchstart", handlePlayPress, {passive:false});
}


// Restart button inside the result overlay: hide overlay, reset game and start countdown
const restartBtn = document.getElementById('btn');
if (restartBtn){
  restartBtn.addEventListener('click', ()=>{
    try{ resultPanel.style.display = 'none'; }catch(e){}
    resetGame();
    startCountdown(5);
  });
}


// big resume button in center overlay: same resume behavior as play button
if (resumeBigBtn){
  resumeBigBtn.addEventListener('click', ()=>{
    if (isGameOver) return;
    if (!gameStarted){
```

```
    startFromUserGesture();
    return;
   }
   paused = false;
   try{ playBgMusic(); }catch(e){}
   try{ if (_bgSavedSpeed !== null) { bgSpeed = _bgSavedSpeed; _bgSavedSpeed = null; } else { startBackgroundAnimation(); } }catch(e){}
   try{ if (pauseOverlay) pauseOverlay.style.display = 'none'; }catch(e){}
   _showShips();
   playBtn && (playBtn.style.opacity = 0.5);
   pauseBtn && (pauseBtn.style.opacity = 1);
  });
  resumeBigBtn.addEventListener('touchstart', (e)=>{ e.preventDefault(); resumeBigBtn.click(); }, {passive:false});
}

document.addEventListener("keydown",(e)=>{
  if (e.code === "ArrowLeft") { moveLeft = true; try{ moveSound.currentTime=0; moveSound.play(); }catch(e){} }
  if (e.code === "ArrowRight") { moveRight = true; try{ moveSound.currentTime=0; moveSound.play(); }catch(e){} }
  if (e.code === "Space") spawnBullet();
  if (e.code === "KeyP") {
   if (!gameStarted || isGameOver) return;
```

```
  paused = !paused;
  if (paused) {
    try{ stopBgMusic(); }catch(e){}
    try{ if (_bgSavedSpeed === null) _bgSavedSpeed = bgSpeed; bgSpeed = 0; }catch(e){}
  } else {
    try{ playBgMusic(); }catch(e){}
    try{ if (_bgSavedSpeed !== null) { bgSpeed = _bgSavedSpeed; _bgSavedSpeed = null; } else { startBackgroundAnimation(); } }catch(e){}
  }
 }
});
document.addEventListener("keyup",(e)=>{
 if (e.code === "ArrowLeft") moveLeft = false;
 if (e.code === "ArrowRight") moveRight = false;
});

// continuous player movement (hold)
setInterval(()=>{
 if (!gameStarted || paused || isGameOver) return;
 const left = getNumStyle(player,"left",0);
 const wrapper = gameWrapper.clientWidth || 390;
 const pW = player.clientWidth || 130;
```

```
  if (moveLeft && left > 5) player.style.left = Math.max(0,left - 12) + "px";
  if (moveRight && left < wrapper - pW - 5) player.style.left = Math.min(wrapper - pW, left + 12) + "px";
},25);

// init
window.addEventListener("load", ()=>{
  if (liveScore) liveScore.innerText = score;
  // ensure canvas & UI are sized correctly before starting
  resizeCanvasToWrapper();
  resetGame();
  // show the big PLAY overlay before countdown so user has a clear starting CTA
  try{ if (pauseOverlay) { pauseOverlay.style.display = 'flex'; } }catch(e){}
  try{ _hideShips(); }catch(e){}
  // countdown will start when the player presses the big PLAY button or the small Play
});
```

CHAPTER 9

PROJECT LIMITATION AND FUTURE SCOPE

1.7 Project Limitations and Future Scope

The development of *StarBlaze: A Retro Space War Game* represents a significant step toward creating a lightweight, browser-based gaming experience using standard web technologies. Despite its achievements in animation, responsiveness, and multimedia integration, the project—as with all software products—has certain limitations that are inherent to its technical choices, resource constraints, and the simplified nature of a minor academic project.

This section provides a comprehensive analysis of the limitations encountered during development and outlines the potential directions and opportunities for expanding StarBlaze into a more advanced, robust, and feature-rich gaming environment in the future.

1.7.1 Project Limitations

Although StarBlaze successfully fulfills its core objectives, several limitations arise from design decisions, technical constraints, and the scope of the current implementation. These limitations can be categorized into technical, design, performance, and project-management constraints.

1.7.1.1 Technical Limitations

A. Limited Graphics Rendering Capabilities

The game uses the HTML5 Canvas 2D API, which, while efficient for simple 2D rendering, lacks many advanced graphical capabilities offered by engines like Unity, Unreal, or WebGL. Canvas 2D does not support:

- Hardware-accelerated particle effects
- Native sprite batching
- Advanced lighting or shading

- Dynamic post-processing effects

As a result, visual complexity such as glow, bloom, motion blur, or high-resolution shaders cannot be implemented at scale without compromising performance.

B. Absence of a Physics Engine

StarBlaze uses basic axis-aligned bounding box (AABB) collision detection. This delivers functional gameplay but restricts:

- Realistic movement
- Advanced hit detection
- Acceleration, inertia, or force-based physics
- Complex projectile behavior

Without a physics library, the gameplay remains simplistic and may not scale well for more complex enemy patterns.

C. Limited Sound Engine Features

JavaScript's `Audio` API and basic mixing strategies were used, but these have limitations:

- Delay or desync in continuous sound playback
- No professional-level DSP (Digital Signal Processing)
- Difficulty managing multiple overlapping audio layers
- No built-in reverb, equalizer, or spatial audio effects

Browser audio systems also vary in support and latency across devices.

D. Browser-Dependent Performance

Performance varies depending on:

- Browser type
- Browser version
- Device operating system
- Hardware acceleration settings

On older phones or low-end laptops, FPS may drop during moments with many enemies or particle effects.

E. No Offline Caching or Installation Support

Currently the game:

- Requires an internet connection
- Does not support Progressive Web App (PWA) installation
- Has no offline caching mechanisms

Thus, users cannot save the game to their device or play without a network.

1.7.1.2 Design Limitations

A. Limited Game Mechanics

The current version focuses on:

- Player movement
- Shooting
- Enemy spawn
- Collision detection

However, it does **not yet include**:

- Power-ups

- Boss battles
- Multiple levels with difficulty scaling
- Story progression
- Player health regeneration
- Pause/Resume functionality

This limits long-term engagement and gameplay depth.

B. Basic User Interface

The UI is intentionally minimal to maintain a retro aesthetic, but it lacks:

- Animated menus
- In-game pause menu
- Custom player settings
- High-score leaderboard
- HUD customization

These features significantly enhance player satisfaction but were excluded for scope reasons.

C. Limited Asset Variety

Because of the simplicity of pixel art creation within project constraints, the following limitations exist:

- Only a limited number of enemy sprites
- Simple projectile and explosion effects
- Static background graphic

Expanding asset diversity would improve visual richness and game variety.

1.7.1.3 Performance Limitations

A. Frame Rate Drops During Heavy Rendering

With increasing enemies on screen, FPS may temporarily drop due to:

- Canvas not supporting multithreading
- JavaScript being single-threaded
- Multiple draw calls per frame

This limits the scale of the battlefield that can be simulated in real time.

B. Memory Management Constraints

Browsers impose strict memory rules.
Large sprites or too many objects can cause:

- Render lag
- Stuttering animations
- Sudden crashes on mobile devices

The current implementation uses lightweight assets, but scaling up would require optimization techniques such as sprite sheets, offscreen canvases, and object pooling.

1.7.1.4 Project Management & Resource Limitations

A. Time Constraints

Being a minor academic project:

- Development time was highly limited
- Only essential features were implemented
- Team members had multiple course commitments

This naturally restricted the complexity of mechanics and polish.

B. Limited Team Roles

Most team members handled multiple responsibilities to compensate for:

- Lack of dedicated sound engineer
- Limited number of graphic designers
- No full-time QA tester

Future expansions would benefit from more specialized roles.

1.7.2 Future Scope

Despite the limitations, StarBlaze has significant potential for expansion and enhancement. This section outlines multiple directions in which the game can evolve — from technical advancements to gameplay enrichment.

1.7.2.1 Technical Enhancements

A. Migration to WebGL or Pixi.js

To overcome Canvas 2D performance limits, the game could incorporate:

- **WebGL rendering** for improved FPS
- **Pixi.js** for fast sprite rendering
- **Phaser.js** for structured game development

This would allow:

- Advanced visual effects
- Particle systems
- Faster rendering on mobile
- Support for thousands of sprite objects

B. Progressive Web App (PWA) Version

Future development can convert StarBlaze into a PWA, enabling:

- Offline play
- Add-to-home-screen installation
- Caching of assets
- Reduced network dependency

This enhances accessibility and improves player retention.

C. Improved Sound Engine Using Web Audio API

The Web Audio API enables:

- Reverb, filters, gain control
- Smoothly layered audio
- 3D positional sound
- Real-time modification of audio nodes

This would drastically improve immersion.

D. Multiplayer Mode Using WebSockets

A major future milestone would be:

- Online cooperative gameplay
- PvP battles
- Synchronized enemy waves
- Chat or team communication

This requires:

- Real-time networking

- State synchronization
- Server infrastructure

But would massively enhance replayability.

1.7.2.2 Gameplay & Design Improvements

A. Level-Based Progression

The game can introduce:

- Multiple planets or galaxies
- Increasing difficulty
- Boss fights with special mechanics
- Checkpoints and story moments

This creates structure and narrative.

B. Expanded Enemy Types

Additional enemy behavior patterns, such as:

- Kamikaze ships
- Shielded enemies
- Sniper enemies
- Cloaked enemies
- Enemies with rotating satellites

This keeps gameplay interesting and challenging.

C. Power-ups & Weapons System

Future updates can include:

- Shield boosters
- Triple-shot upgrades
- Laser beams
- Temporary invincibility
- Magnet for item collection

Weapons progression incentivizes long-term play.

D. High Score System with Cloud Storage

Players can:

- Submit scores globally
- Compare with friends
- Maintain local best scores

This enhances competitive engagement.

1.7.2.3 Visual & UI/UX Improvements

A. Dynamic Backgrounds

Instead of a single static background, future versions may include:

- Parallax scrolling layers
- Nebula animations
- Shooting stars
- Random meteors
- Changing color palettes

This deepens immersion and gives each playthrough a unique aesthetic.

B. Enhanced Menus & Interface

Future improvements to UI include:

- Animated start screen
- Settings menu (audio, controls, difficulty)
- Character or ship selection
- Tutorials and tooltips

A visually compelling UI greatly improves first impression.

C. Character Customization

Players may select:

- Different ship models
- Color variations
- Special abilities

Cosmetic upgrades encourage personalization.

1.7.2.4 Quality Assurance & Deployment Improvements

A. Automated Testing

Future enhancements may use:

- Unit testing for game logic
- Performance benchmarks
- UI testing frameworks such as Cypress

This ensures better maintenance and fewer bugs.

B. Cloud Deployment

Hosting the game on:

- GitHub Pages
- Netlify
- Vercel
- AWS Amplify

allows global reach, fast load times, and CDN-based content delivery.

C. Analytics Integration

Using tools like Firebase Analytics to:

- Track user behavior
- Understand popular levels
- Analyze drop-off points
- Measure difficulty patterns

This helps refine gameplay during future updates.

1.7.3 Summary

The current version of StarBlaze is a functional and engaging retro-style browser game, but it is intentionally minimal in scope. Limitations stem mainly from the lightweight stack, time constraints, and the academic nature of the project. However, these limitations create **massive opportunities** for future expansion, including gameplay evolution, technical upgrades, richer graphics, improved sound design, and even multiplayer capabilities.

The outlined future scope ensures that StarBlaze can grow into a more powerful, feature-rich, and globally accessible gaming experience if further development is pursued.

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