

## PIC 16 Final Project: Powell Cat

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Our game “Powell Cat” is based on classic snake game, but with many new and creative rules.  
(YouTube demo: <https://youtu.be/li-Hd-VYLqc>)

### Game background:

The Powell Cat has been a staple to all students that have frequented by the Powell Library at UCLA over the past years, quickly becoming a student favorite. It was adopted by a Powell Librarian and considered as a UCLA mascot, like Bruin Bear.



### Game rules:

- Along the road, the cat can collect books to get points. The more books collect, the higher the points. But the bombs are randomly moving, and collision needs to be avoided.
- The cat has three parts: head, body, and tail. After collecting a book, the length of the cat's body will increase by one, i.e. the score will increase by one.
- In each difficulty level, the speeds of both the cat and the bomb will change. The speed is low in easy mode, mediate in median mode and high in hard mode.
- The player can control the “Cat” to move in four different directions: up, down, left, right. (Note that if the cat goes into the opposite direction of its movement, it will collide this its own body and die.)
- The game will end in the following circumstances: (1) the cat hits an edge; (2) the cat hits his own body; (3) that cat hits a bomb; (4) game player manually quits the game; (5) the cat collects as many books as possible and wins the game.

### Pseudocode:

build a class **Bomb**

#define the initial values

import the background image

set the width of the background image

set the height of the background image

define x position of the bomb

define y position of the bomb

define x speed of the bomb

define y speed of the bomb

set default speed to zero

#define the function set\_speed that takes a parameter speed

set x speed equal to the parameter speed  
set y speed equal to the parameter speed

build a class **CattGUI**

#define the initial values in the **\_\_init\_\_** function

- set the unit length to 20
- set the difficulty to false
- set the pausing test to true
- ##initiate the window
  - define the size of the window
  - define the title of the window
  - import the background image
  - set the width of the background image
  - set the height of the background image
- ##define the initial variables
  - set the initial frequency of the bomb occurrence
  - set the initial speed of the cat
  - set the initial number of bombs
  - declare the new game function
- ##initiate the canvas
  - set the size of the canvas
  - add the background image to the canvas
  - ##initiate the start button
  - add the start button to the canvas

#define the **start** function

- stop the pause of the game
- change the “start” button to the “pause” button
- call the animate function

#define the **pause** function

- change the “start” button to the “resume” button
- pause the game

#define the **popup** function which pops the window of setting difficulty level

- add the “easy” button to the popup window
- add the “medium” button to the popup window
- add the “hard” button to the popup window

#define the **newgame** function which initiates a new game

- ##set the group of coordinates that the food and each cat segment will be in
- ##initiate the start button again when renew the game
  - set the “new game” button back to the “start” button
  - set the score to 0
  - update the score on canvas
- ##set size of each 'step' when the cat moves
- ##set a list of the coordinates of each cat segment to make the food not falling in this list
  - set the coordinate by the x coordinate and y coordinate
  - set the tail variable as the first variable
    - in the coordinate array

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    set the body variable as the second variable in the coordinate array
##initial coordinates of the first cat segment
    set the x coordinate of the first cat segment
    set the y coordinate of the first cat segment
##declare a list of cat segments
##call the load_images function
##form the most initial cat (with only three segments)
    add the tail segment with the tail picture
    add the body segments with the body pictures
    add the head segments with the head pictures
## bind the moving directions with the keys
    bind the up moving buttons
    bind the down moving buttons
    bind the right moving buttons
    bind the left moving buttons
##call set_difficulty_parameters function
##call the food function to create foods
##call the create_bomb function to create bombs
##call the bomb_run() to move bombs

#define the animate function which moves the cat
if the game is not paused:
    record the coordinates of the old head
    change the coordinate of the cat's head to make it move
    ##test the conditions that can make the game end:
        define game over as False
    ##check if the cat collides the bombs
        for bombs:
            get the coordinates of the segments
            get the coordinates of the head
            get the coordinates of the tail
            if the cat body coordinates fall on the bomb
                change game over to True
                break out of the loop
            if the head coordinates fall on the bomb
                or the head gets to the edges:
                    show a popup window with game over and the score
                    change the button to the "new game" button
    ##check if the head coordinates fall in the food:
        add one to the score
        remove the food from the canvas
        call the food function
        delete the last segment
        add the new segment
        update score on canvas
else:
    delete the last segment
    add the new segment
    change the image of the segments

#define the create_bomb function to create bombs

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define a bomb list to store all bomb objects
while length of the bomb list not equal to number of bombs: ## generates new bombs
    create bomb objects from the Bomb class
    if bomb does not collide the cat:
        set the speed of bombs calling set_speed in bomb class
        append a new bomb to the bomb list
        show the bomb on canvas
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#define the bomb_run function which randomly moves bombs
for bomb:
    show the move on canvas
    set the position variable equal to the position on canvas
    if the bomb hits the upper or lower edge:
        change the speed of the y direction
    if the bomb hits right or left edge:
        change the speed of the x direction
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#define the recall function which starts a new game
remove everything from the canvas
add the background image to the canvas
call the newgame function
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#define the food function which generates books
generate the x coordinate of the food
generate the y coordinate of the food
if the food is not in the cat:
    draw the food on the canvas
else:
    call the food function
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#define the up function
change the x direction to 0
change the y direction to positive
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#define the down function
change the x direction to 0
change the y direction to negative
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#define the right function
change the y direction to 0
change the x direction to positive
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#define the left function
change the y direction to 0
change the x direction to negative
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#define the command of the “easy” button: closeandeasy
call the set_difficulty_parameters function as easy mode
destroy the popup window
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#define the command of the “medium” button: closeandmedium
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call the `set_difficulty_parameters` function as medium mode  
destroy the popup window

#define the command of the “hard” button: **closeandhard**  
call the `set_difficulty_parameters` function as hard mode  
destroy the popup window

#define the **set\_difficulty\_parameters** function:

if the variable is easy:  
    set the bomb number  
    set the speed  
    set the difficulty level  
if the variable is medium:  
    set the bomb number  
    set the speed  
    set the difficulty level  
if the variable is hard:  
    set the bomb number  
    set the speed  
    set the difficulty level  
set the set difficulty variable to true

#define the **load\_images** function

##loads images from the disk  
load the body image  
load the head image  
load the tail image  
load the book image  
load the bomb image