

Asteroid(s)*



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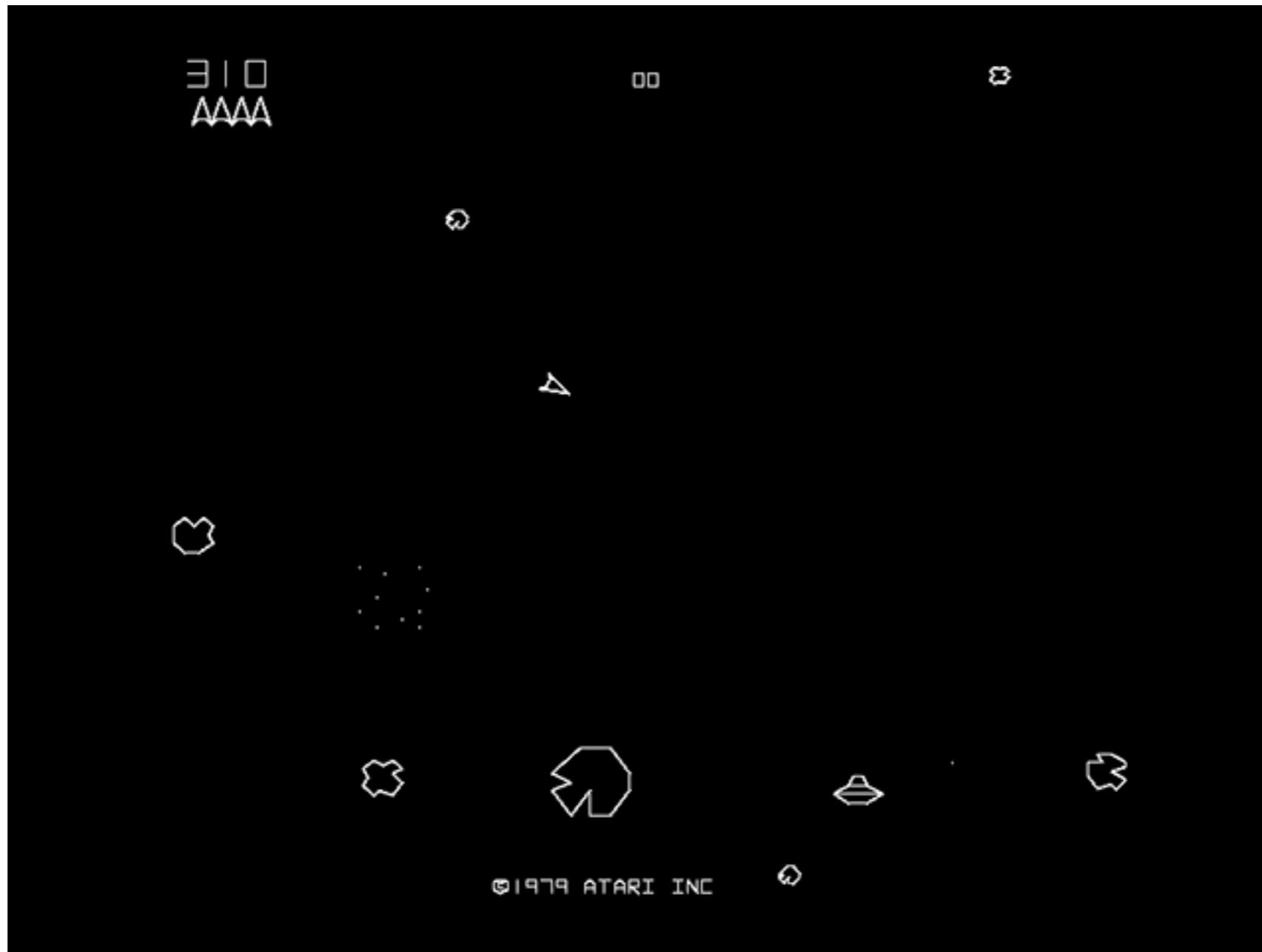
(but I like to play!)

Uhh...
Asteroids?



What's that, then?

Asteroids™



<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Asteroi1.png>

Asteroids™

“ **Asteroids** is a [video arcade game](#) released in [November 1979](#) by [Atari Inc.](#) It was one of the most popular and influential games of the [Golden Age of Arcade Games](#), selling 70,000 [arcade cabinets](#).^[1] Asteroids uses a [vector display](#) and a two-dimensional view that wraps around in both screen axes. The player controls a spaceship in an [asteroid](#) field which is periodically traversed by [flying saucers](#). The object of the game is to shoot and destroy asteroids and saucers while not colliding with either, or being hit by the saucers' counter-fire.”

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asteroids_\(video_game\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asteroids_(video_game))



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Asteroids™

Note that the term “Asteroids” is © Atari when used with a game.
I didn’t know that when I wrote this...
Oops.

Atari:

- I promise I’ll change the name of the game.
- In the meantime, consider this free marketing! :-)

Why DIY Asteroid(s)?

- Yes, it's been done before.
- Yes, I could have used a Game Engine.
- Yes, I could have used open|web GL.
- No, I'm not a “Not Invented Here” guy.

Why not?

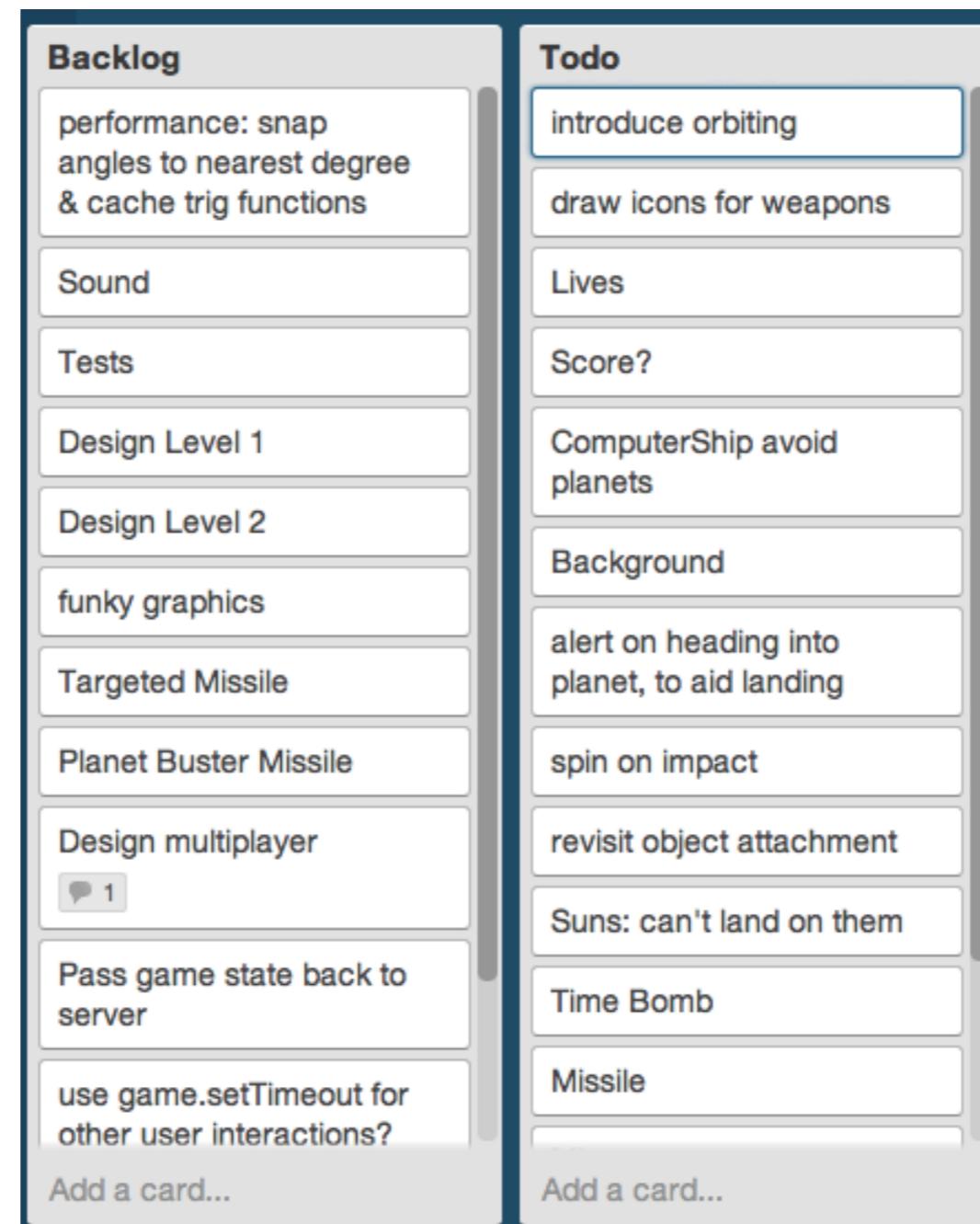
- It's a fun way to learn new tech.
- I learn better by doing.

(ok, so I've secretly wanted to write my own version of asteroids since I was a kid.)

I was learning about HTML5 (yes I know it came out several years ago. I've been busy). A few years ago, the only way you'd be able to do this is with Flash.

[demo](#)

It's not Done...



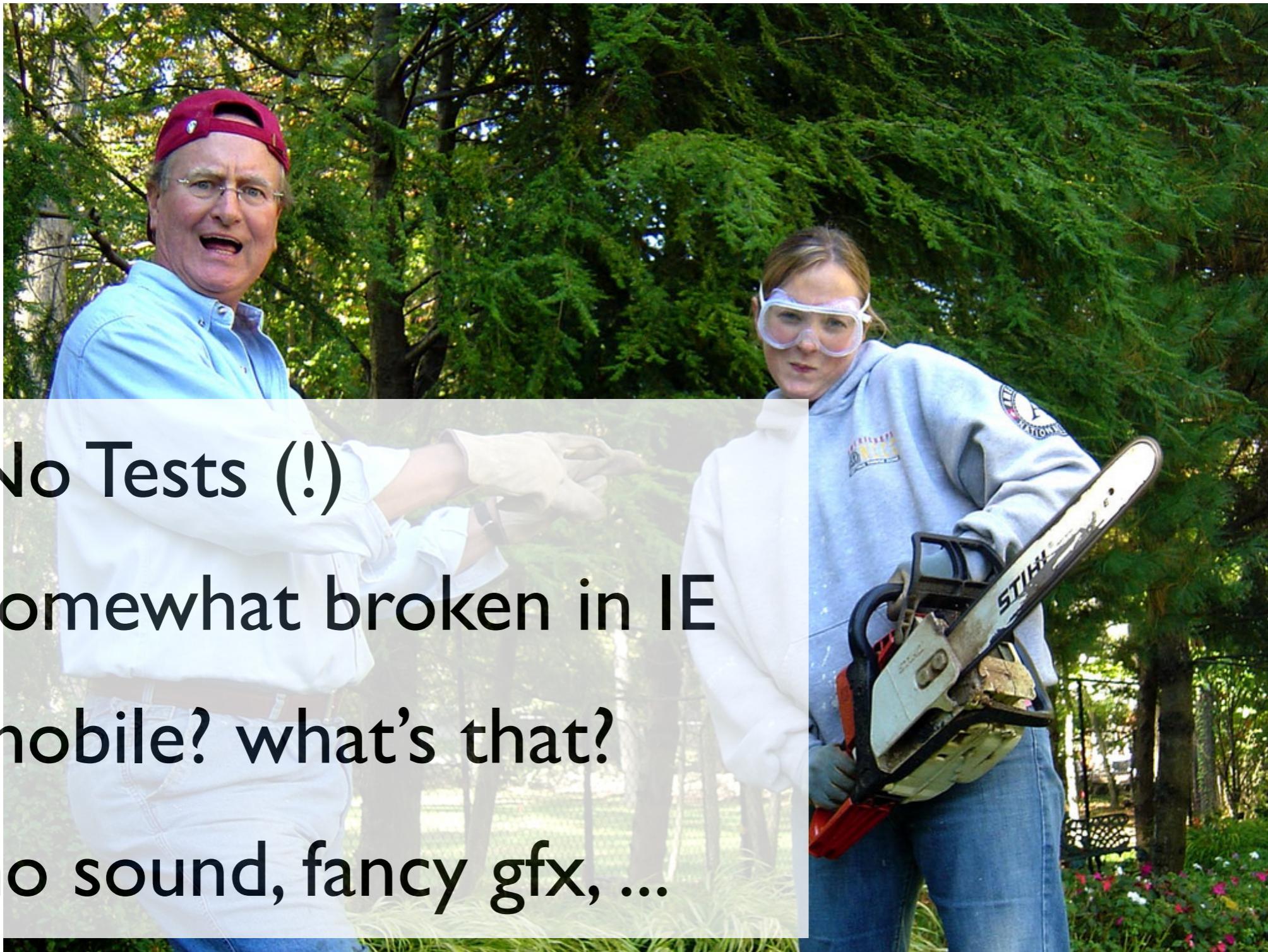
(but it's playable)

It's a Hack!



<http://www.flickr.com/photos/cheesygarlicboy/269419718/>

It's a Hack!



- No Tests (!)
- somewhat broken in IE
- mobile? what's that?
- no sound, fancy gfx, ...

If you see this...



you know what to expect.

What I'll cover...

- Basics of canvas 2D (as I go)
- Overview of how it's put together
- Some game mechanics
- Performance

What's Canvas?

- “New” to HTML5!
- lets you draw 2D graphics:
 - images, text
 - vector graphics (lines, curves, etc)
 - trades performance & control for convenience
- ... and 3D graphics (WebGL)
 - still a draft standard

Drawing a Ship

- Get canvas element
- draw lines that make up the ship

```
<body onload="drawShip()">
  <h1>Canvas:</h1>
  <canvas id="demo" width="300" height="200" style="border: 1px solid black" />
</body>
```

```
function drawShip() {
  var canvas = document.getElementById("demo");
  var ctx = canvas.getContext('2d');

  var center = {x: canvas.width/2, y: canvas.height/2};
  ctx.translate( center.x, center.y );

  ctx.strokeStyle = 'black';
  ctx.beginPath();
  ctx.moveTo(0,0);
  ctx.lineTo(14,7);
  ctx.lineTo(0,14);
  ctx.quadraticCurveTo(7,7, 0,0);
  ctx.closePath();
  ctx.stroke();
}
```

Canvas is an element.
You use one of its 'context' objects to draw to it.

2D Context is pretty simple

Walk through ctx calls:

- translate: move "origin" to center of canvas
- moveTo: move without drawing
- lineTo: draw a line
- curve: draw a curve

demo v

[ship.html](#)

Moving it around

```
var canvas, ctx, center, ship;

function drawShipLoop() {
  canvas = document.getElementById("demo");
  ctx = canvas.getContext('2d');
  center = {x: canvas.width/2, y: canvas.height/2};
  ship = {x: center.x, y: center.y, facing: 0};

  setTimeout( updateAndDrawShip, 20 );
}

function updateAndDrawShip() {
  // set a fixed velocity:
  ship.y += 1;
  ship.x += 1;
  ship.facing += Math.PI/360 * 5;

  drawShip();

  if (ship.y < canvas.height-10) {
    setTimeout( updateAndDrawShip, 20 );
  } else {
    drawGameOver();
  }
}
```

Introducing:

- animation loop: updateAndDraw...
- keeping track of an object's co-ords
- velocity & rotation
- clearing the canvas

Don't setInterval – we'll get to that later.
globalComposition – drawing mode, lighter so we can see text in some scenarios.

```
function drawShip() {
  ctx.save();
  ctx.clearRect( 0,0, canvas.width,canvas.height );
  ctx.translate( ship.x, ship.y );
  ctx.rotate( ship.facing );

  ctx.strokeStyle = 'black';
  ctx.beginPath();
  ctx.moveTo(0,0);
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  ctx.lineTo(0,14);
  ctx.quadraticCurveTo(7,7, 0,0);
  ctx.closePath();
  ctx.stroke();

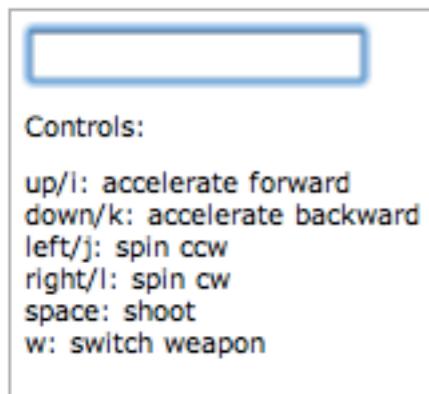
  ctx.restore();
}
```

```
function drawGameOver() {
  ctx.save();
  ctx.globalComposition = "lighter";
  ctx.font = "20px Verdana";
  ctx.fillStyle = "rgba(50,50,50,0.9)";
  ctx.fillText("Game Over", this.canvas.width/2 - 50,
              this.canvas.height/2);
  ctx.restore();
}
```

Controls

Wow!

```
<div id="controlBox">
  <input id="controls" type="text"
    placeholder="click to control" autofocus="autofocus"/>
  <p>Controls:
    <ul class="controlsInfo">
      <li>up/i: accelerate forward</li>
      <li>down/k: accelerate backward</li>
      <li>left/j: spin ccw</li>
      <li>right/l: spin cw</li>
      <li>space: shoot</li>
      <li>w: switch weapon</li>
    </ul>
  </p>
</div>
```



super-high-tech solution:

- use arrow keys to control your ship
- space to fire
- thinking of patenting it :)

```
$( "#controls" ).keydown(function(event) { self.handleKeyEvent(event); });
$( "#controls" ).keyup(function(event) { self.handleKeyEvent(event); });

AsteroidsGame.prototype.handleKeyEvent = function(event) {
  // TODO: send events, get rid of ifs.
  switch (event.which) {
    case 73: // i = up
    case 38: // up = accel
      if (event.type == 'keydown') {
        this.ship.startAccelerate();
      } else { // assume keyup
        this.ship.stopAccelerate();
      }
      event.preventDefault();
      break;
    ...
  }
}
```

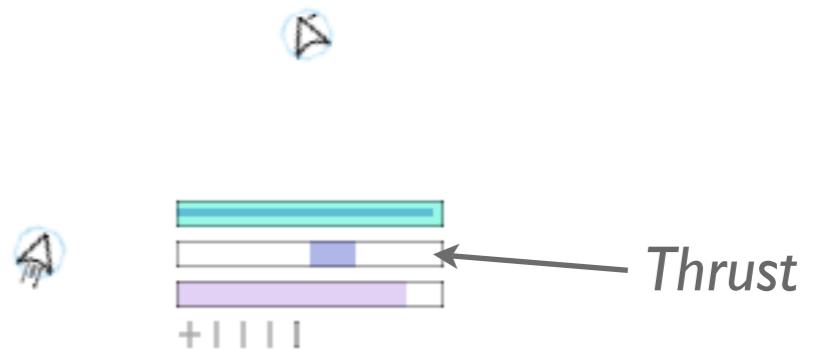


Controls: Feedback

- Lines: thrust forward, backward, or spin
(think exhaust from a jet...)
- Thrust: ‘force’ in status bar.

```
// renderThrustForward
// offset from center of ship
// we translate here before drawing
render.x = -13;
render.y = -3;

ctx.strokeStyle = 'black';
ctx.beginPath();
ctx.moveTo(8,0);
ctx.lineTo(0,0);
ctx.moveTo(8,3);
ctx.lineTo(3,3);
ctx.moveTo(8,6);
ctx.lineTo(0,6);
ctx.closePath();
ctx.stroke();
```



Status bars...

... are tightly-coupled to Ships atm:

```
Ship.prototype.initialize = function(game, spatial) {
    // Status Bars
    // for displaying ship info: health, shield, thrust, ammo
    // TODO: move these into their own objects
    ...
    this.thrustWidth = 100;
    this.thrustHeight = 10;
    this.thrustX = this.healthX;
    this.thrustY = this.healthY + this.healthHeight + 5;
    this.thrustStartX = Math.floor( this.thrustWidth / 2 );
    ...

Ship.prototype.renderThrustBar = function() {
    var render = this.getClearThrustBarCanvas();
    var ctx = render.ctx;

    var thrustPercent = Math.floor(this.thrust/this.maxThrust * 100);
    var fillWidth = Math.floor(thrustPercent * this.thrustWidth / 100 / 2);
    var r = 100;
    var b = 200 + Math.floor(thrustPercent/2);
    var g = 100;
    var fillStyle = 'rgba('+ r +','+ g +','+ b +',0.5)';

    ctx.fillStyle = fillStyle;
    ctx.fillRect(this.thrustStartX, 0, fillWidth, this.thrustHeight);

    ctx.strokeStyle = 'rgba(5,5,5,0.75)';
    ctx.strokeRect(0, 0, this.thrustWidth, this.thrustHeight);

    this.render.thrustBar = render;
}
```



Drawing an Asteroid (or planet)

```
ctx.beginPath();
ctx.arc(this.radius, this.radius, this.radius, 0, deg_to_rad[360], false);
ctx.closePath()
if (this.fillStyle) {
  ctx.fillStyle = this.fillStyle;
  ctx.fill();
} else {
  ctx.strokeStyle = this.strokeStyle;
  ctx.stroke();
}
```

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  ctx.fill();
} else {
  ctx.strokeStyle = this.strokeStyle;
  ctx.stroke();
}

// Using composition as a cookie cutter:
if (this.image != null) {
  this.render = this.createPreRenderCanvas(this.radius*2, this.radius*2);
  var ctx = this.render.ctx;

  // Draw a circle to define what we want to keep:
  ctx.globalCompositeOperation = 'destination-over';
  ctx.beginPath();
  ctx.arc(this.radius, this.radius, this.radius, 0, deg_to_rad[360], false);
  ctx.closePath();
  ctx.fillStyle = 'white';
  ctx.fill();

  // Overlay the image:
  ctx.globalCompositeOperation = 'source-in';
  ctx.drawImage(this.image, 0, 0, this.radius*2, this.radius*2);
  return;
}
```

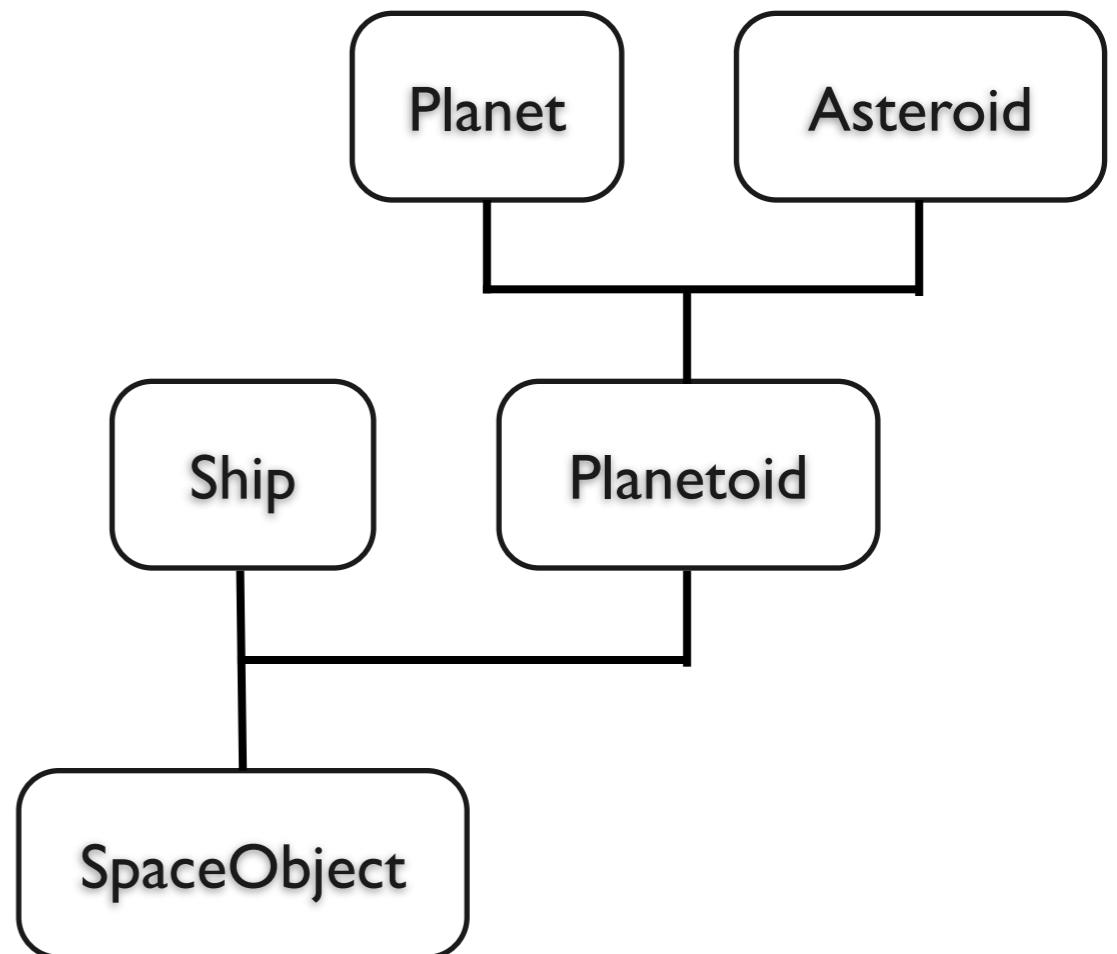
Show: cookie cutter level

[Planets.js](#)

Compositing

Space Objects

- DRY
- Base class for all things spacey.
- Everything is a circle.



Err, why is everything a circle?

- An asteroid is pretty much a circle, right?
- And so are planets...
- And so is a Ship with a shield around it! ;-)
- ok, really:
 - Game physics can get complicated.
 - Keep it simple!



Space Objects

have...

- radius
- coords: x, y
- facing angle
- velocity, spin, thrust
- health, mass, damage
- and a whole lot more...

can...

- draw themselves
- update their positions
- accelerate, spin
- collide with other objects
- apply damage, die
- etc...

Game Mechanics

what makes the game feel right.

Game Mechanics

A photograph of a large, messy pile of colorful, tangled hair or fur (resembling a毛毛虫, or caterpillar) resting on a light-colored, textured stone-tiled floor. The hair is in shades of brown, orange, yellow, and purple. The tiles are rectangular and have some wear and discoloration.

what makes the game feel right.

This is where it gets hairy.

The god class...



- AsteroidsGame does it all!
 - user controls, game loop, 95% of the game mechanics ...
 - Ok, so it's not 5000 lines long (yet), but...
 - it should really be split up!

Game Mechanics

- velocity & spin
- acceleration & drag
- gravity
- collision detection, impact, bounce
- health, damage, life & death
- object attachment & push
- out-of-bounds, viewports & scrolling

Velocity & Spin

```
SpaceObject.prototype.initialize = function(game,  
spatial) {  
...  
  
    this.x = 0;          // starting position on x axis  
    this.y = 0;          // starting position on y axis  
    this.facing = 0; // currently facing angle (rad)  
  
    this.stationary = false; // should move?  
  
    this.vX = spatial.vX || 0; // speed along X axis  
    this.vY = spatial.vY || 0; // speed along Y axis  
    this.maxV = spatial.maxV || 2; // max velocity  
    this.maxVSquared = this.maxV*this.maxV; // cache  
  
    // thrust along facing  
    this.thrust = spatial.initialThrust || 0;  
    this.maxThrust = spatial.maxThrust || 0.5;  
    this.thrustChanged = false;  
  
    this.spin = spatial.spin || 0; // spin in Rad/sec  
    this.maxSpin = deg_to_rad[10];  
}  
  
SpaceObject.prototype.updatePositions = function  
(objects) {  
...  
    if (this.updateFacing(this.spin)) changed = true;  
    if (this.updateX(this.vX)) changed = true;  
    if (this.updateY(this.vY)) changed = true;  
}
```

```
SpaceObject.prototype.updateX = function(dX) {  
    if (this.stationary) return false;  
    if (dX == 0) return false;  
    this.x += dX;  
    return true;  
}  
  
SpaceObject.prototype.updateY = function(dY) {  
    if (this.stationary) return false;  
    if (dY == 0) return false;  
    this.y += dY;  
    return true;  
}  
  
SpaceObject.prototype.updateFacing = function(delta)  
{  
    if (delta == 0) return false;  
    this.facing += delta;  
  
    // limit facing angle to 0 <= facing <= 360  
    if (this.facing >= deg_to_rad[360] ||  
        this.facing <= deg_to_rad[-360]) {  
        this.facing = this.facing % deg_to_rad[360];  
    }  
  
    if (this.facing < 0) {  
        this.facing = deg_to_rad[360] + this.facing;  
    }  
  
    return true;  
}
```

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    if (dX == 0) return false;  
    this.x += dX;  
    return true;  
}  
  
SpaceObject.prototype.updateY = function(dY) {  
    if (this.stationary) return false;  
    if (dY == 0) return false;  
    this.y += dY;  
    return true;  
}  
  
SpaceObject.prototype.updateFacing = function(delta)  
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    if (delta == 0) return false;  
    this.facing += delta;  
  
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    if (this.facing >= deg_to_rad[360] ||  
        this.facing <= deg_to_rad[-360]) {  
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    }  
  
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    }  
  
    return true;  
}
```

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where: time = current frame rate



Acceleration

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    this.thrust = spatial.initialThrust || 0;  
    this.maxThrust = spatial.maxThrust || 0.5;  
    this.thrustChanged = false;  
}  
  
SpaceObject.prototype.accelerateAlong = function(angle, thrust) {  
    var accel = thrust/this.mass;  
    var dX = Math.cos(angle) * accel;  
    var dY = Math.sin(angle) * accel;  
    this.updateVelocity(dX, dY);  
}
```

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    this.updateVelocity(dX, dY);  
}  
  
Ship.prototype.initialize = function(game, spatial) {  
    ...  
  
    spatial.mass = 10;  
  
    // current state of user action:  
    this.increaseSpin = false;  
    this.decreaseSpin = false;  
    this.accelerate = false;  
    this.decelerate = false;  
    this.firing = false;  
  
    // for moving about:  
    this.thrustIncrement = 0.01;  
    this.spinIncrement = deg_to_rad[0.5];  
    ...  
}
```

```
Ship.prototype.startAccelerate = function() {  
    if (this.accelerate) return;  
    this.accelerate = true;  
    //console.log("thrust++");  
  
    this.clearSlowDownInterval();  
  
    var self = this;  
    this.incThrustIntervalId = setInterval(function(){  
        self.increaseThrust();  
    }, 20); // real time  
};  
  
Ship.prototype.increaseThrust = function() {  
    this.incThrust(this.thrustIncrement);  
    this.accelerateAlong(this.facing, this.thrust);  
}  
  
Ship.prototype.stopAccelerate = function() {  
    //console.log("stop thrust++");  
    if (this.clearIncThrustInterval())  
        this.resetThrust();  
    this.startSlowingDown();  
    this.accelerate = false;  
};  
  
Ship.prototype.clearIncThrustInterval = function()  
    if (!this.incThrustIntervalId) return false;  
    clearInterval(this.incThrustIntervalId);  
    this.incThrustIntervalId = null;  
    return true;  
}
```

acceleration = Δ velocity / time

acceleration = mass / force



Acceleration

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}  
  
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        this.resetThrust();  
    this.startSlowingDown();  
    this.accelerate = false;  
};  
  
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    if (!this.incThrustIntervalId) re  
    clearInterval(this.incThrustIntervalId);  
    this.incThrustIntervalId = null;  
    return true;  
}
```

where: time = real time

(just to confuse things)

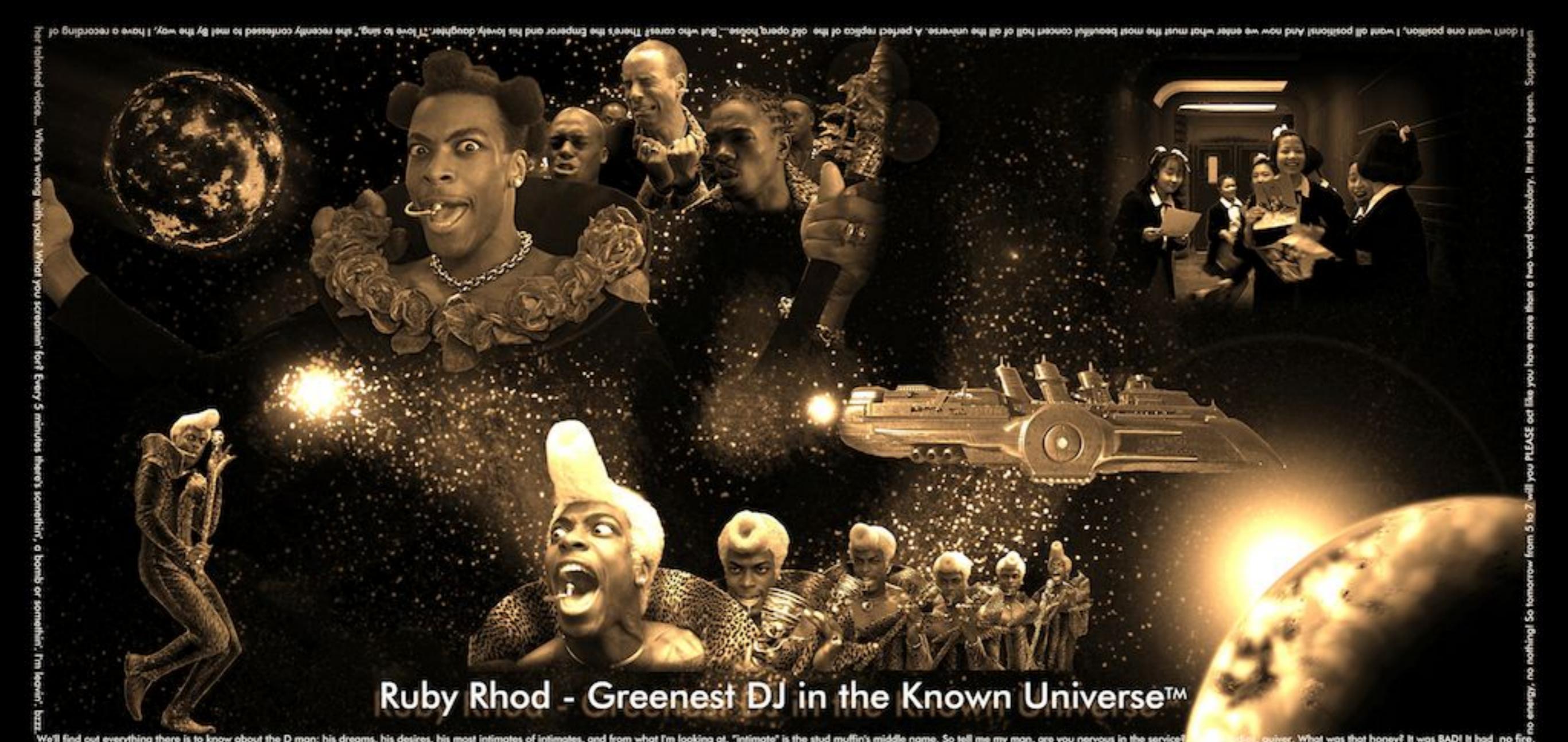


Drag

Yes, yes, there is no drag in outer space. Very clever.

I disagree.

Drag



Ruby Rhod - Greenest DJ in the Known Universe™

We'll find out everything there is to know about the D man: his dreams, his desires, his most intimates of intimates, and from what I'm looking at, "Intimate" is the stud muffin's middle name. So tell me my man, are you nervous in the service? You better not be quiver. What was that honey? It was BAD! It had... no fire,

I disagree.

<http://nerdadjacent.deviantart.com/art/Ruby-Rhod-Supergreen-265156565>

Drag

```
Ship.prototype.startSlowingDown = function() {
  // console.log("slowing down...");
  if (this.slowDownIntervalId) return;

  var self = this;
  this.slowDownIntervalId = setInterval(function(){
    self.slowDown()
  }, 100); // eek! another hard-coded timeout!
}

Ship.prototype.clearSlowDownInterval = function() {
  if (! this.slowDownIntervalId) return false;
  clearInterval(this.slowDownIntervalId);
  this.slowDownIntervalId = null;
  return true;
}

Ship.prototype.slowDown = function() {
  var vDrag = 0.01;
  if (this.vX > 0) {
    this.vX -= vDrag;
  } else if (this.vX < 0) {
    this.vX += vDrag;
  }
  if (this.vY > 0) {
    this.vY -= vDrag;
  } else if (this.vY < 0) {
    this.vY += vDrag;
  }

  if (Math.abs(this.vX) <= vDrag) this.vX = 0;
  if (Math.abs(this.vY) <= vDrag) this.vY = 0;

  if (this.vX == 0 && this.vY == 0) {
    // console.log('done slowing down');
    this.clearSlowDownInterval();
  }
}
```

Demo: accel + drag in blank level

Gravity

```
var dvX_1 = 0, dvY_1 = 0;
if (! object1.stationary) {
    var accel_1 = object2.cache.G_x_mass / physics.dist_squared;
    if (accel_1 > 1e-5) { // skip if it's too small to notice
        if (accel_1 > this.maxAccel) accel_1 = this.maxAccel;
        var angle_1 = Math.atan2(physics.dX, physics.dY);
        dvX_1 = -Math.sin(angle_1) * accel_1;
        dvY_1 = -Math.cos(angle_1) * accel_1;
        object1.delayUpdateVelocity(dvX_1, dvY_1);
    }
}

var dvX_2 = 0, dvY_2 = 0;
if (! object2.stationary) {
    var accel_2 = object1.cache.G_x_mass / physics.dist_squared;
    if (accel_2 > 1e-5) { // skip if it's too small to notice
        if (accel_2 > this.maxAccel) accel_2 = this.maxAccel;
        // TODO: angle_2 = angle_1 - PI?
        var angle_2 = Math.atan2(-physics.dX, -physics.dY); // note the - signs
        dvX_2 = -Math.sin(angle_2) * accel_2;
        dvY_2 = -Math.cos(angle_2) * accel_2;
        object2.delayUpdateVelocity(dvX_2, dvY_2);
    }
}
```

$$\text{force} = G \cdot \text{mass1} \cdot \text{mass2} / \text{dist}^2$$

$$\text{acceleration1} = \text{force} / \text{mass1}$$

Collision Detection

```
AsteroidsGame.prototype.applyGamePhysicsTo = function(object1, object2) {  
    ...  
    var dX = object1.x - object2.x;  
    var dY = object1.y - object2.y;  
  
    // find dist between center of mass:  
    // avoid sqrt, we don't need dist yet...  
    var dist_squared = dX*dX + dY*dY;  
  
    var total_radius = object1.radius + object2.radius;  
    var total_radius_squared = Math.pow(total_radius, 2);  
  
    // now check if they're touching:  
    if (dist_squared > total_radius_squared) {  
        // nope  
    } else {  
        // yep  
        this.collision( object1, object2, physics );  
    }  
  
    ...  
}
```



<http://www.flickr.com/photos/wsmonty/4299389080/>

Aren't you glad we stuck with circles?

Bounce

Formula:

- *Don't ask.*

A fluffy, multi-colored bird chick with dark blue, yellow, and orange feathers is sitting on a light-colored, textured tile floor. The chick has a large, downy head and appears to be looking towards the camera. The tiles are rectangular and have some wear and discoloration.

bounce

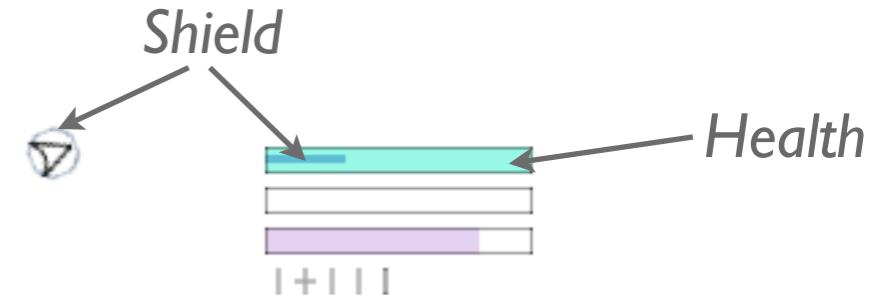
bounce

```
// Thanks Emanuelle! bounce algorithm adapted from:  
// http://www.emanueleferonato.com/2007/08/19/managing-ball-vs-ball-collision-with-flash/  
collision.angle = Math.atan2(collision.dY, collision.dX);  
var magnitude_1 = Math.sqrt(object1.vX*object1.vX + object1.vY*object1.vY);  
var magnitude_2 = Math.sqrt(object2.vX*object2.vX + object2.vY*object2.vY);  
  
var direction_1 = Math.atan2(object1.vY, object1.vX);  
var direction_2 = Math.atan2(object2.vY, object2.vX);  
  
var new_vX_1 = magnitude_1*Math.cos(direction_1-collision.angle);  
var new_vY_1 = magnitude_1*Math.sin(direction_1-collision.angle);  
var new_vX_2 = magnitude_2*Math.cos(direction_2-collision.angle);  
var new_vY_2 = magnitude_2*Math.sin(direction_2-collision.angle);  
  
[snip]  
  
// bounce the objects:  
var final_vX_1 = ( (cache1.delta_mass * new_vX_1 + object2.cache.mass_x_2 * new_vX_2)  
                  / cache1.total_mass * this.elasticity );  
var final_vX_2 = ( (object1.cache.mass_x_2 * new_vX_1 + cache2.delta_mass * new_vX_2)  
                  / cache2.total_mass * this.elasticity );  
var final_vY_1 = new_vY_1 * this.elasticity;  
var final_vY_2 = new_vY_2 * this.elasticity;  
  
var cos_collision_angle = Math.cos(collision.angle);  
var sin_collision_angle = Math.sin(collision.angle);  
var cos_collision_angle_halfPI = Math.cos(collision.angle + halfPI);  
var sin_collision_angle_halfPI = Math.sin(collision.angle + halfPI);  
  
var vX1 = cos_collision_angle*final_vX_1 + cos_collision_angle_halfPI*final_vY_1;  
var vY1 = sin_collision_angle*final_vX_1 + sin_collision_angle_halfPI*final_vY_1;  
object1.delaySetVelocity(vX1, vY1);  
  
var vX2 = cos_collision_angle*final_vX_2 + cos_collision_angle_halfPI*final_vY_2;  
var vY2 = sin_collision_angle*final_vX_2 + sin_collision_angle_halfPI*final_vY_2;  
object2.delaySetVelocity(vX2, vY2);
```

Aren't you *really* glad we stuck with circles?

Making it *hurt*

```
AsteroidsGame.prototype.collision = function(object1, object2, collision) {  
    ...  
    // "collision" already contains a bunch of calcs  
    collision[object1.id] = {  
        cplane: {vX: new_vX_1, vY: new_vY_1}, // relative to collision plane  
        dX: collision.dX,  
        dY: collision.dY,  
        magnitude: magnitude_1  
    }  
    // do the same for object2  
  
    // let the objects fight it out  
    object1.collided(object2, collision);  
    object2.collided(object1, collision);  
}
```



```
SpaceObject.prototype.collided = function(object, collision) {  
    this.colliding[object.id] = object;  
  
    if (this.damage) {  
        var damageDone = this.damage;  
        if (collision.impactSpeed != null) {  
            damageDone = Math.ceil(damageDone * collision.impactSpeed);  
        }  
        object.decHealth( damageDone );  
    }  
}  
  
SpaceObject.prototype.decHealth = function(delta) {  
    this.healthChanged = true;  
    this.health -= delta;  
    if (this.health <= 0) {  
        this.health = -1;  
        this.die();  
    }  
}
```

```
Ship.prototype.decHealth = function(delta) {  
    if (this.shieldActive) {  
        delta = this.decShield(delta);  
    }  
    if (delta) Ship.prototype.parent.decHealth.call(this, delta);  
}
```

When a collision occurs the Game Engine fires off 2 events to the objects in question

- For damage, I opted for a property rather than using mass * impact speed in the general case.

Applying damage is fairly straightforward:

- Objects are responsible for damaging each other
- When damage is done dec Health (for a Ship, shield first)
- If health < 0, an object dies.

Object Lifecycle

```
SpaceObject.prototype.die = function() {
    this.died = true;
    this.update = false;
    this.game.objectDied( this );
}
```

```
AsteroidsGame.prototype.objectDied = function(object) {
    // if (object.is_weapon) {
    //} else if (object.is_asteroid) {
    if (object.is_planet) {
        throw "planet died!?" // not allowed
    } else if (object.is_ship) {
        // TODO: check how many lives they've got
        if (object == this.ship) {
            this.stopGame();
        }
    }
    this.removeObject(object);
}
```

```
AsteroidsGame.prototype.removeObject = function(object) {
    var objects = this.objects;
    var i = objects.indexOf(object);
    if (i >= 0) {
        objects.splice(i,1);
        this.objectUpdated( object );
    }

    // avoid memory bloat: remove references to this object
    // from other objects' caches:
    var oid = object.id;
    for (var i=0; i < objects.length; i++) {
        delete objects[i].cache[oid];
    }
}
```

```
Asteroid.prototype.die = function() {
    this.parent.die.call( this );
    if (this.spawn <= 0) return;
    for (var i=0; i < this.spawn; i++) {
        var mass = Math.floor(this.mass / this.spawn * 1000)/1000;
        var radius = getRandomInt(2, this.radius);
        var asteroid = new Asteroid(this.game, {
            mass: mass,
            x: this.x + i/10, // don't overlap
            y: this.y + i/10,
            vX: this.vX * Math.random(),
            vY: this.vY * Math.random(),
            radius: radius,
            health: getRandomInt(0, this.maxSpawnHealth),
            spawn: getRandomInt(0, this.spawn-1),
            image: getRandomInt(0, 5) > 0 ? this.image : null,
            // let physics engine handle movement
        });
        this.game.addObject( asteroid );
    }
}
```

```
AsteroidsGame.prototype.addObject = function(object) {
    //console.log('adding ' + object);
    this.objects.push( object );
    this.objectUpdated( object );
    object.preRender();
    this.cachePhysicsFor(object);
}
```

Attachment

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 - then apply special physics
- Why?



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Prevent the same collision from recurring.

+

Allows ships to land.

+

Poor man’s Orbit.

Push!

- When objects get too close
 - push them apart!
 - otherwise they overlap...

(and the game physics gets weird)



demo: what happens when you disable `applyPushAway()`

Out-of-bounds

When you have a map that is *not* wrapped...

- Simple strategy:
- kill most objects that stray
 - push back important things like ships

```
AsteroidsGame.prototype.applyOutOfBounds = function(object) {
    if (object.stationary) return;

    var level = this.level;
    var die_if_out_of_bounds =
        !(object.is_ship || object.is_planet);

    if (object.x < 0) {
        if (level.wrapX) {
            object.setX(level maxX + object.x);
        } else {
            if (die_if_out_of_bounds && object.vX < 0) {
                return object.die();
            }
            object.updateVelocity(0.1, 0);
        }
    } else if (object.x > level.maxX) {
        if (level.wrapX) {
            object.setX(object.x - level.maxX);
        } else {
            if (die_if_out_of_bounds && object.vX > 0) {
                return object.die();
            }
            object.updateVelocity(-0.1, 0);
        }
    }
}
```

...

```
    if (object.y < 0) {
        if (level.wrapY) {
            object.setY(level maxY + object.y);
        } else {
            if (die_if_out_of_bounds && object.vY < 0) {
                return object.die();
            }
            // push back into bounds
            object.updateVelocity(0, 0.1);
        }
    } else if (object.y > level.maxY) {
        if (level.wrapY) {
            object.setY(object.y - level.maxY);
        } else {
            if (die_if_out_of_bounds && object.vY > 0) {
                return object.die();
            }
            // push back into bounds
            object.updateVelocity(0, -0.1);
        }
    }
}
```

...

Viewport + Scrolling

When the dimensions of your map exceed those of your canvas...

```
AsteroidsGame.prototype.updateViewOffset = function() {
    var canvas = this.ctx.canvas;
    var offset = this.viewOffset;
    var dX = Math.round(this.ship.x - offset.x - canvas.width/2);
    var dY = Math.round(this.ship.y - offset.y - canvas.height/2);

    // keep the ship centered in the current view, but don't let the view
    // go out of bounds
    offset.x += dX;
    if (offset.x < 0) offset.x = 0;
    if (offset.x > this.level maxX - canvas.width) offset.x = this.level maxX - canvas.width;

    offset.y += dY;
    if (offset.y < 0) offset.y = 0;
    if (offset.y > this.level maxY - canvas.height) offset.y = this.level maxY - canvas.height;
}
```

Let browser manage complexity: if you draw to canvas outside of current width/height, browser doesn't draw it.

```
AsteroidsGame.prototype.redrawCanvas = function() {
    ...
    // shift view to compensate for current offset
    var offset = this.viewOffset;
    ctx.save();
    ctx.translate(-offset.x, -offset.y);
```

Putting it all together

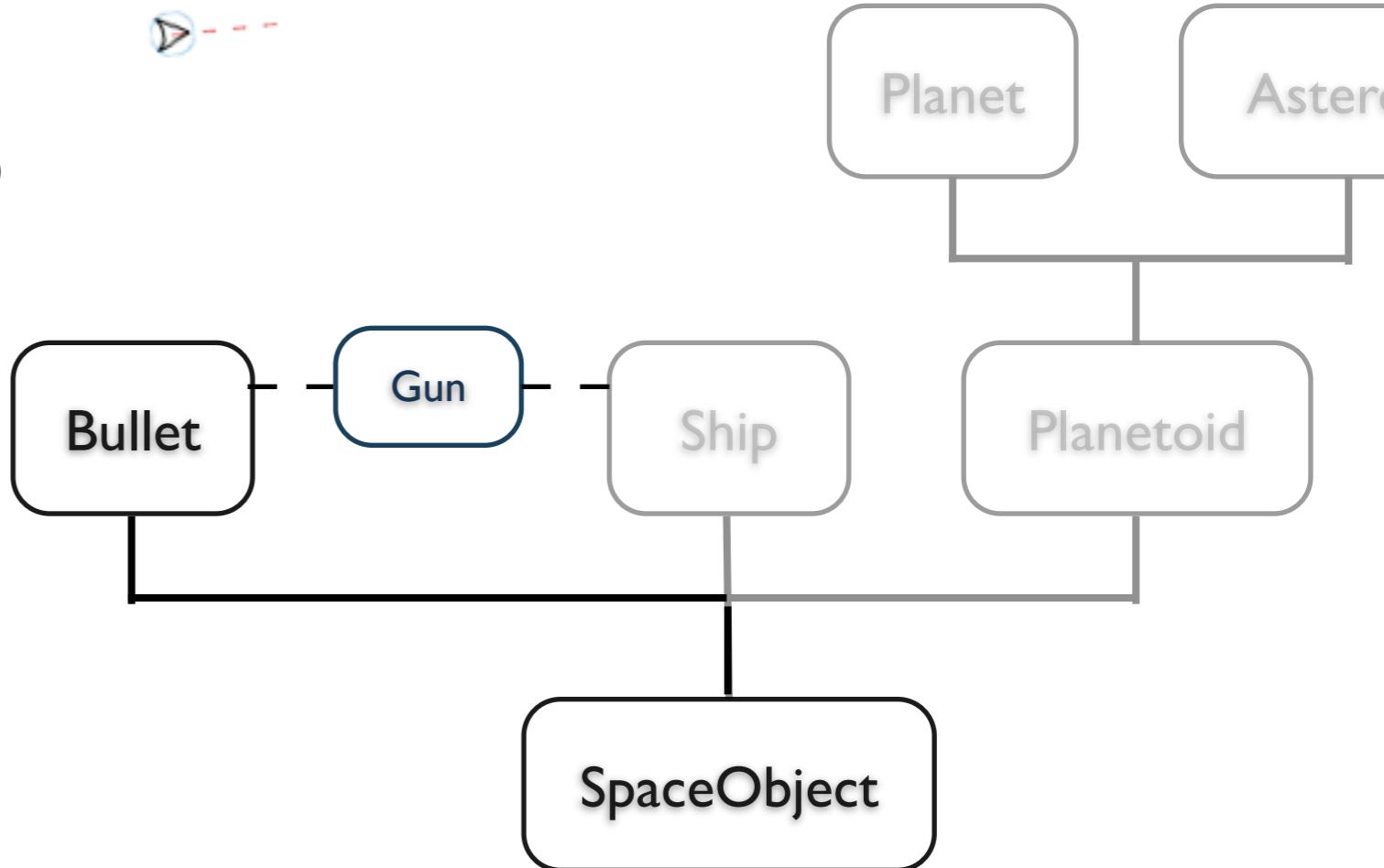
Demo: hairballs & chainsaws level.

Weapons



Gun + Bullet

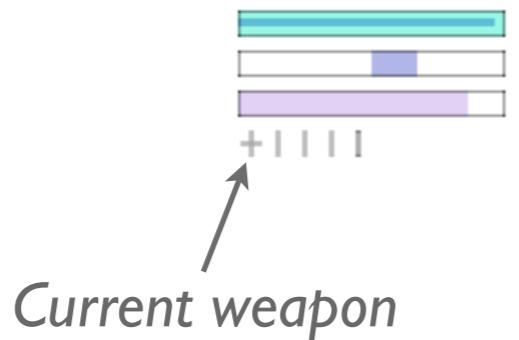
- Gun
 - Fires Bullets
 - Has ammo
 - Belongs to a Ship



When you shoot, bullets inherit the Ship's velocity.
Each weapon has a different recharge rate (measured in real time).

Other Weapons

- Gun
- SprayGun
- Cannon
- GrenadeCannon
- GravBenda™



(back in my day, we used to read books!)



Enemies.



A basic enemy...

```
ComputerShip.prototype.findAndDestroyClosestEnemy = function() {  
    var enemy = this.findClosestEnemy();  
    if (enemy == null) return;  
  
    // Note: this is a basic algorithm, it doesn't take a lot of things  
    // into account (enemy trajectory & facing, other objects, etc)  
  
    // navigate towards enemy  
    // shoot at the enemy  
}
```

Demo: Level Lone enemy.
Show: ComputerShip class...

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of course, it's a bit more involved...

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Levels

- Define:
 - map dimensions
 - space objects
 - spawning
 - general properties of the canvas - color, etc

```

*****  

* TrainingLevel: big planet out of field of view with falling asteroids.  

*/  
  

function TrainingLevel(game) {  

    if (game) return this.initialize(game);  

    return this;  

}  
  

TrainingLevel.inheritsFrom( Level );  

TrainingLevel.description = "Training Level - learn how to fly!";  

TrainingLevel.images = [ "planet.png", "planet-80px-green.png" ];  
  

gameLevels.push(TrainingLevel);  
  

TrainingLevel.prototype.initialize = function(game) {  

    TrainingLevel.prototype.parent.initialize.call(this, game);  

    this.wrapX = false;  

    this.wrapY = false;  
  

    var maxX = this.maxX;  

    var maxY = this.maxY;  
  

    var canvas = this.game.ctx.canvas;  

    this.planets.push(  

        {x: 1/2*maxX, y: 1/2*maxY, mass: 100, radius: 50, damage: 5, stationary: true, image_src: "planet.png"}  

        , {x: 40, y: 40, mass: 5, radius: 20, vX: 2, vY: 0, image_src:"planet-80px-green.png"}  

        , {x: maxX-40, y: maxY-40, mass: 5, radius: 20, vX: -2, vY: 0, image_src:"planet-80px-green.png"}  

    );  
  

    this.ships.push(  

        {x: 4/5*canvas.width, y: 1/3*canvas.height}  

    );  
  

    this.asteroids.push(  

        {x: 1/10*maxX, y: 6/10*maxY, mass: 0.5, radius: 14, vX: 0, vY: 0, spawn: 1, health: 1},  

        {x: 1/10*maxX, y: 2/10*maxY, mass: 1, radius: 5, vX: 0, vY: -0.1, spawn: 3 },  

        {x: 5/10*maxX, y: 1/10*maxY, mass: 2, radius: 6, vX: -0.2, vY: 0.25, spawn: 4 },  

        {x: 5/10*maxX, y: 2/10*maxY, mass: 3, radius: 8, vX: -0.22, vY: 0.2, spawn: 7 }  

    );  

}

```

As usual, I had grandiose plans of an interactive level editor... This was all I had time for.

Performance

“Premature optimisation is the root of all evil.”

<http://c2.com/cgi/wiki?PrematureOptimization>

Use requestAnimationFrame

Paul Irish knows why:

- don't animate if your canvas is not visible
- adjust your frame rate based on actual performance
- lets the browser manage your app better

Profile your code

- profile in different browsers
- identify the slow stuff
- ask yourself: “*do we really need to do this?*”
- optimise it?
 - cache slow operations
 - change algorithm?
 - simplify?

Examples...

```
// see if we can use cached values first:  
var g_cache1 = physics.cache1.last_G;  
var g_cache2 = physics.cache2.last_G;  
  
if (g_cache1) {  
    var delta_dist_sq = Math.abs( physics.dist_squared - g_cache1.last_dist_squared);  
    var percent_diff = delta_dist_sq / physics.dist_squared;  
    // set threshold @ 5%  
    if (percent_diff < 0.05) {  
        // we haven't moved much, use last G values  
        //console.log("using G cache");  
        object1.delayUpdateVelocity(g_cache1.dvX, g_cache1.dvY);  
        object2.delayUpdateVelocity(g_cache2.dvX, g_cache2.dvY);  
        return;  
    }  
}
```

```
// avoid overhead of update calculations & associated checks: batch together  
SpaceObject.prototype.delayUpdateVelocity = function(dvX, dvY) {  
    if (this._updates == null) this.init_updates();  
    this._updates.dvX += dvX;  
    this._updates.dvY += dvY;  
}
```

```
var dist_squared = dX*dX + dY*dY; // avoid sqrt, we don't need dist yet
```

```
// put any calculations we can avoid repeating here  
AsteroidsGame.prototype.cachePhysicsFor = function(object1) {  
    for (var i=0; i < this.objects.length; i++) {  
        var object2 = this.objects[i];  
        if (object1 == object2) continue;  
  
        // shared calcs  
        var total_radius = object1.radius + object2.radius;  
        var total_radius_squared = Math.pow(total_radius, 2);  
        var total_mass = object1.mass + object2.mass;  
  
        // create separate caches from perspective of objects:  
        object1.cache[object2.id] = {  
            total_radius: total_radius,  
            total_radius_squared: total_radius_squared,  
            total_mass: total_mass,  
            delta_mass: object1.mass - object2.mass  
        }  
  
        object2.cache[object1.id] = {  
            total_radius: total_radius,  
            total_radius_squared: total_radius_squared,  
            total_mass: total_mass,  
            delta_mass: object2.mass - object1.mass  
        }  
    }  
}
```

```
this.maxVSquared = this.maxV*this.maxV; // cache for speed
```

```
if (accel_1 > 1e-5) { // skip if it's too small to notice
```

...

Performance

Great Ideas from [Boris Smus](#):

- Only redraw changes
- Pre-render to another canvas
- Draw background in another canvas / element
- Don't use floating point co-ords

... and more ...

Can I Play?

<http://www.spurkis.org/asteroids/>

See Also...

Learning / examples:

- https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Canvas_tutorial
- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canvas_element
- <http://www.html5rocks.com/en/tutorials/canvas/performance/>
- <http://www.canvasdemos.com>
- <http://billmill.org/static/canvastutorial/>
- <http://paulirish.com/2011/requestanimationframe-for-smart-animating/>

Specs:

- <http://dev.w3.org/html5/spec/>
- <http://www.khronos.org/registry/webgl/specs/latest/>

Questions?