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Analysis

My game will be a Frogger 3rd Person game. The character will try to get past obstacles like roads and rivers to get home, the aim of the game is to get the maximum number of points, the scores are stored in a text file and higher scores unlock better skins for the frog. The player will have to start again if they hit the water, one of the vehicles or run out of time by staying idle or running down the timer. The scoring is done by 10 points for every tile moved forward, 50 points for each sprite out of 4 reaching homes safely, and 10 points for every half second unused in the timer. The game will either use WASD or arrow keys to move forward backwards or left and right. The bounding boxes for the background represent the edge of the world and the character cannot go outside.

Suitability

The task must be solved computationally since it will generate infinite number of possibilities based on templates which will be generated randomly. Another reason it should be solved computationally since every obstacle should have a specific speed based on the difficulty of the game so OOP is better to use and that can only be used computationally. I will also be using graphical programming so that my game can work better this can only be solved computationally.

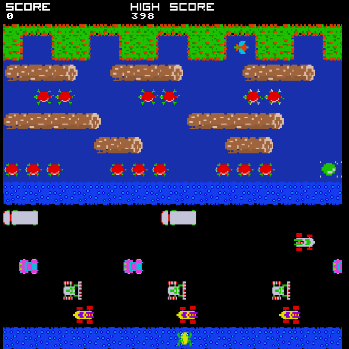
Client and Shareholders

My client Rucheer Erra is 50 years old and wants to relive his younger days of playing frogger in his childhood but with slightly better graphics since computers have gotten more powerful. The levels will be slightly longer since I can have a more powerful version of the game, this will make the game more repayable since it will not be the same every time you have to finish it. This will mean that more people will be more likely to play it for longer and this would make it a better made game

Time Scale

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Existing Solutions

When I searched up frogger on the internet I found a game on the internet for free, it is a web-based version of frogger that can be played with a keyboard instead of the controls in an arcade machine with the joystick, I will use the keyboard controls of the frogger online because I do not have access to a joystick which can be coded into pygame. I also want to keep a similar graphics style to frogger but make it suit what the survey I did says in the results. I will make the game more elaborate than frogger as I believe that for a modern audience the simplicity of the game will be too little and could get boring eventually. I also like the obstacles in frogger and will import the obstacle into my game. I do not like that there is not much customization in the game, and I will add skins to my game to make it more customisable.

The link is https://froggerclassic.appspot.com/



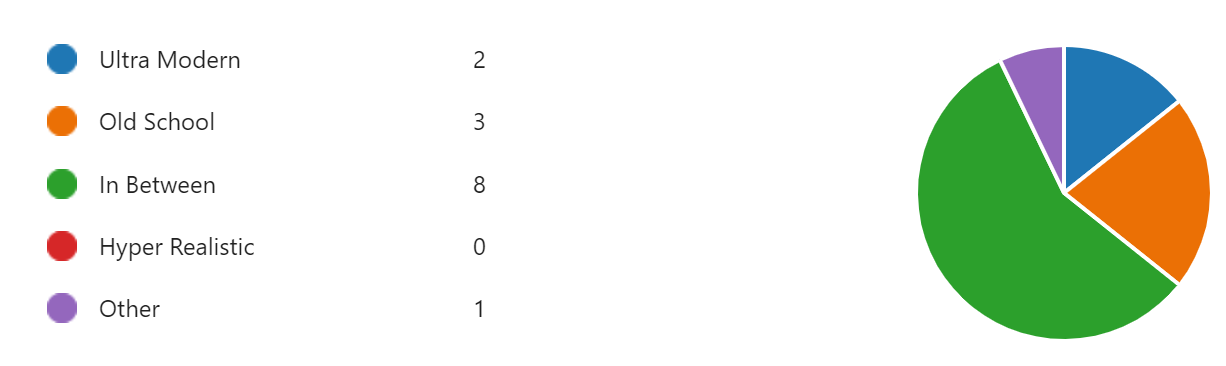
Another inspiration for y game is crossy road which is a more modern version of frogger which is endless and has the objective of getting the most points possible, the controls in the game are worse as you can only tap to go forwards and must swipe left right or backwards so I will be adding keyboard WASD controls as they are better. I will be incorporating the skin system and coins which can be picked up and are randomly generated. They can be used at 100 coins a skin to buy skins and then there are skins which can be achieved from getting new high score and completing achievements. Crossy Road also has more colourful graphics than frogger and what I am going for in my colour scheme. I will also not be making my game 3D like crossy road because of time constraints and my choice of library being pygame where it only uses an x coordinate and y coordinate meaning its 2D and my client not requiring so it will be different to Crossy Road. Crossy road is mobile only and I won’t be making a mobile version to the app.

Questionnaire

Should the graphics be Ultra-Modern or more Old School in Between or Hyper Realistic.

1. Ultra-Modern
2. Old School
3. In Between
4. Hyper Realistic
5. Other

The results show that most people want a mix in in between hyper-realistic, old-school, and ultra-modern and do not want it to be only in one style. One person said it should be text based but most people said it should be in between



Which colour should the frog be

1. Red
2. Green
3. Blue
4. Orange
5. Other

Majority of people said the frog should be green as this is how it is in the original game however this will only be the default skin as there will be multiple different skins that can be purchased and there can be distinctive styles. My client also wants the frog to be green as it is nostalgic for him so I will be making a green frog.



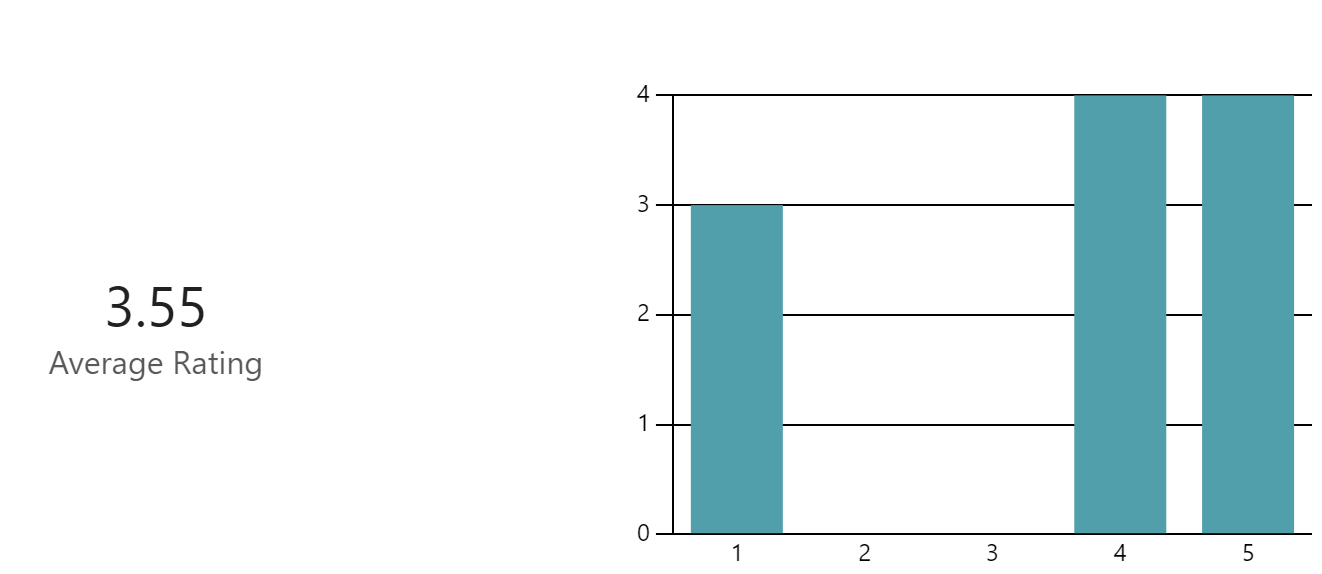
Should there be a login system.

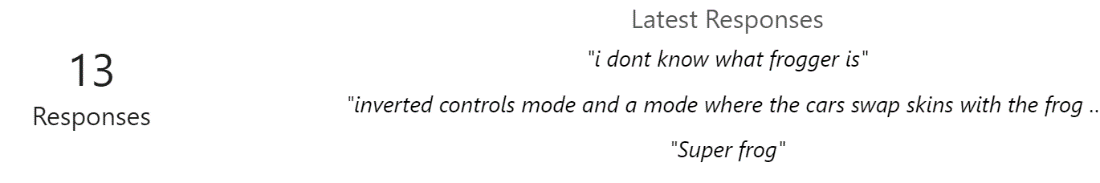
1. Yes
2. No

Most people believe that there should be a login system to save their details and high scores as well as their skins, my client Rucheer also believes this so I will include a login system into the game. A login system will mean that the game can be opened multiple times, I will have an exe file instead of the .py file and that will mean that the file will already be compiled and all you need to do is click on the exe file.



How good is this idea?

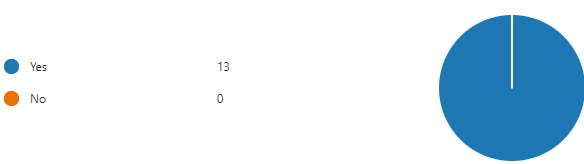
I got an average rating of 3.55 most of the 1-star ratings are because it is not an original idea and it is a copy of frogger, so people did not like the idea of it. However more people did like it than didn’t like it. Frogger is a well-regarded game. My client gave the game a 5 star rating as he quite likes frogger and wants to play the game.

Any other ideas for the game?A screenshot of a computer

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A lot of people gave the idea of making skins in the game which can be used to show progression, I will be incorporating this idea into my game as it seems like a good idea. One other idea was a shop which I will be adding as it links into the skins idea and the skins can be bought using in-game currency which are going to be coins. I will also be adding a login system into the game as that will mean progress can be saved in the account and you won’t lose it if you close the game. There will be sound effects in the game for the different obstacles like cars and the water and the logs. I won’t be adding inverted controls and a mode where the cars swap skins with the frog as that will be too much work for something my client doesn’t care about.

Should the games have skins?

1. Yes
2. No

Everybody chose to have skins into the game as it adds depth which is not in the original frogger. This makes the game more interactive and makes it more fun for a modern audience who have skins in other games that are more recent. A lot of the extra suggestions also said add skins into the game so that is quite a popular idea, and my client also wants this so I will be adding this.

Should there be difficulties e.g. speed of cars?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Yes, but there shouldn't be that big of a jump between levelsA white background with black numbers

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Most people said that there should be difficulty levels and the way I will implement this into the game is that I will make it so that the number of points per tile moved forward is proportional to the difficulty level e.g. you will get 5 points in the hardest level but only 1 in the easiest level. I will also be making it so that there are different high scores for each mode and difficulty and there will also be a main one for all the scores together and these will all be stored on a text file

Coursework Interview

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| Question: Have you ever played Frogger or Crossy Road? | Answer: Yes, I used to play Frogger a lot in my youth when it first came out and was very good at it and I downloaded forger on my phone recently when one of my friends who knew that I loved Frogger told me to download it as it is similar to Frogger. |
| Question: Which parts of Frogger do you prefer and which parts of Crossy Road do you prefer? | Answer: I like the simplicity of frogger compared to modern games as the objective is very easy to understand and I can pick it up anytime I want to play whenever nut I like the skins in Crossy Road and I like the challenge of working towards them because it gives me a larger objective as sometimes Frogger can be a bit too simplistic and there isn’t any progression once you have finished the game as it is finite |
| Question: Do you want skins in the game, Why/Why not? | Answer: Yes, I want skins in the game as they can give the player a sense of achievement and make it easier for me to play longer hours on the game and makes it easier and more enjoyable to grind. |
| Question: Do you want a login system? | Answer: Yes, I would like a login system so that each session that I play the game, I can save my high score and the skins I have, it will allow me to play for longer as losing progress each time the app is closed would be quite discouraging. |
| Question: Do you prefer the retro colour theme or the modern one | Answer: I would prefer the retro colour scheme with a mix of the modern one as I remember the retro style from when I was younger, and I have good memories of the old-style nut I also like the new bright colours in Crossy Road. |
| Question: What colour frog do you like? | Answer: I like the green colour frog as that is how it was in the original Frogger game and that is how I like the frog, but I also want skins so that there are multiple different characters that are unlockable so it will have different colour skins. |
| Question: What Hardware Specifications do you have | Answer: I have an old Intel core i5 5th generation and a GTX 1030 form Nvidia with 8GB Ram and a 256 GB HDD. |

Requirements

* The player should be able to use the keyboard to move around in the game since that is the most common form of input especially on PC/ Laptop
* The game should be opened through and exe file since that will stop the game from being cheated by modifying the source code
* There should be a login window and system that saves the login details in a .db file for later use
* The high scores should be saved in the same .db file as the username and password and each user should have their own high score since that is what my stakeholders said in the survey
* There should be a menu that can be interacted with and buttons that can be clicked to go to different parts of the game since that will make the game more useable and easier to play
* The game should have a mix of retro and modern theme since that is what my stakeholders said in the survey that is shown above
* There should be cars as obstacle that will kill the player if hit since my game is inspired by crossy road which has that feature
* There should be obstacles in the game like stones and rivers that the player can’t get past normally
* A GUI in the game to make it easier to understand and use the application.
* Multiple Levels to make the game more interactive.
* Each Levels giving a different number of points since the difficulty is harder more points are given.

Success Criteria

Below are the success criteria of what I need in the game to make it feasible and playable as well as some limitations and the minimum specification requirements to play the game.

* I will use the checker function in pygame to move when the WASD buttons are clicked
* I will use PyInstaller to compile the game into an exe file that can run
* I will use PyQt to create a GUI that can interact with the user and allow a login page
* I will create a .db file that will use SQL to save high scores which can be retrieved
* I will use PyQt to create a menu window that has start game, exit, skins and settings in it
* I will incorporate graphics from the original frogger game as well as create some newer art
* I will use PyGame to add obstacles which will have a car skin and cause the game to be over if they are touched by the player
* I will code in representations of obstacles and make the game not allow the player to go through
* I will include a menu using PyQt that will have clearly labelled to help the player navigate
* I will add a button in the menu that can help change the speed of the character and the camera to make it harder for the character to get forward
* I will assign a variable called difficult and a 2D list that has columns for levels, speed of player and speed of camera

Limitations

* Can’t make the game multiplayer with 2 players controlling the characters since it will only be on one computer with one keyboard and mouse and most keyboards can only take in a few inputs at a time.
* Making the game 3D as PyGame doesn’t support 3D within the low minimum requirements I gave
* Having the game be accessible on any computer in the world since I don’t want to create a server and do all the network configurations for port forwarding and setting up the server
* Having the game run with great AAA graphics since i don’t have the resources to create a AAA game.
* Can’t run on Mac OS since I don’t have access to a Mac.

Programming Language and Hardware

I will be using Python for this game and will be using the PyGame library for the graphical aspect, I could have used Ursica which is a 3D library for app development however, I would have to learn the library which I don’t have time to do, I could have used C++ because it has libraries that are more efficient than python and easier to use for a variety of use cases but I don’t know the language and don’t have the time to learn it, as is with Java. I would have used JavaScript and made it a website however the frameworks are lacking for making embedded games in JavaScript and I would have had to host the website and buy the domain name which I don’t have the funds to do.

My Hardware requirements would be:

* 256MB of RAM
* 20MB of storage space
* 100MHz clock speed
* Any Windows OS

Design

In the design section I will be decomposing the problem and stating how it will be constructed. This will make it easier to understand how to make the program in an easier way, it will also make it easier for any reader to understand the program better. I will be breaking up the film into 5 parts, the shop, the environment, the login page, the frog character and the menus. I will be using a top-down methodology.

Environment

Login

Menu

Frogger

Skins

Environment

The environment of the game includes the background and the obstacles in the games, I have decided to decompose it into different types of obstacles and the elements of the background, since my game includes parts of frogger and crossy road, I will be using cars, logs, a river and bushes in my game, I will also be including a list to map to each object.

A chart of a company

Description automatically generated with medium confidenceI will be using pseudo code to show the type of code required for this

A green frog on a road

Description automatically generatedFor the scrolling of the screen, I would use a while loop for while game is not over, keep scrolling at a constant rate which will be a variable that will change depending on the level. All the terrain will be preset and randomly generated out of some presets, and this will add randomness to the game, all previous ones would be deleted

This is an example of how the roads in my game could look since the game is meant to be a mix of crossy road and frogger, I would need to determine the width of the grid which would be optimized to the correct width, each group of pixels corresponds to some colours which can be used.

River = [“W”, “W”, “L”, “W”, “W”, “W”, “L”, “W”, “L”, “W”, “W”, “W”, “W”, “W”, “L”, “W”, ” W”]

Road = [“R”, “R”, “R”, “R”, “R”, “C”, “R”, “R”, “R”, “T”, “T”, “R”, “R”, “R”, “R”, “R”, “R”, “R”, “R”]

Land = [“B”, “G”, “G”, “B”, “G”, “G”, “G”, “G”, “G”, “B”, “G”, “G”, “B”, “G”, “G”, “G”, “G”, “B”, “B”]

This is used to randomise which row is next to be crossed by the character and makes the game more exciting, All the strips are the same width and some of the elements move like the logs, cars and trucks, there would be one for the player that would move through each of the strips

I would also have a part of the program that is used to check the player collisions, this would check if the hitbox of player is on or touching any of the ones that can finish the game like Cars.

function checkCollision(playerX, playerY, playerWidth, playerHeight, vehicleX, vehicleY, vehicleWidth, vehicleHeight):

if (playerX < vehicleX + vehicleWidth) and (playerX + playerWidth > vehicleX) and (playerY < vehicleY + vehicleHeight) and (playerY + playerHeight > vehicleY):

return true

while (!gameOver):

input playerInput()

if checkCollision(playerX, playerY, player\_width, player\_height, vehicle.x, vehicle.y, vehicle.width, vehicle.height):

()gameOver = true

A collage of cartoon frogs

Description automatically generatedThis is an example of the code that could be used to check for any collisions, it checks if the position of the player is the same as any of the obstacles and the game gets finished if it is

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These are some ideas for the skins in the game.

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Description automatically generatedLogin

For the login screen I will be implementing a sign up button, hashing and a login screen

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My hashing program will be simple in nature but will provide adequate security for the app

Create empty list 'ulist'

For each character 'i' in 'username':

Add 'i' to 'ulist'

For each character 'i' in 'ulist':

Get ASCII value of 'i' Double the ASCII value

Calculate the modulus (value % 65) and store it

Create empty list 'plist'

For each character 'i' in 'password':

Add 'i' to 'plist'

Prompt the user to enter 'username' and 'password'

Create empty list 'usernamelist'

For each character 'i' in the input 'usernam':

Add 'i' to 'usernamelist'

For each character 'i' in 'usernamelist':

Get ASCII value of 'i'

Double the ASCII value

Calculate the modulus (value % 65) and store it

If stored username hash equals entered username hash AND stored password hash equals entered password hash:

Print 'Welcome' + username Else:

Print 'Access Denied, Wrong Username or Password'

I will also store this in a text file with linked lists

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Description automatically generatedI will also store high scores associated with each account and then each account high scores ranked in order.

Skins

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skins system

open skins menu

load user's current coin balance and unlocked skins

display all skins:

#show unlocked skins as selectable

#show locked skins as unavailable

wait for user to select a skin

if selected skin is already unlocked then

apply skin to player's profile

show confirmation message: "skin selected"

else if selected skin is locked then

if user has enough coins then

subtract coins from user balance

unlock selected skin

apply skin to player's profile

save changes to database

show message: "skin unlocked and applied"

else

show error message: "not enough coins"

end if

end if

return to main menu

Menu

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main menu system

display menu window with four options:

- start game

- skins

- settings

- exit

wait for user to click a button

if user clicks "start game" then

load saved user data (e.g., skin, high score)

launch the game window

end if

if user clicks "skins" then

open the skins menu

display available and locked skins

if user selects a skin and it is unlocked then

save selected skin for future use

else if user selects a locked skin then

show message: "not enough coins"

end if

end if

if user clicks "settings" then

open settings menu

allow user to change:

- difficulty level

- sound preferences

save settings

end if

if user clicks "exit" then

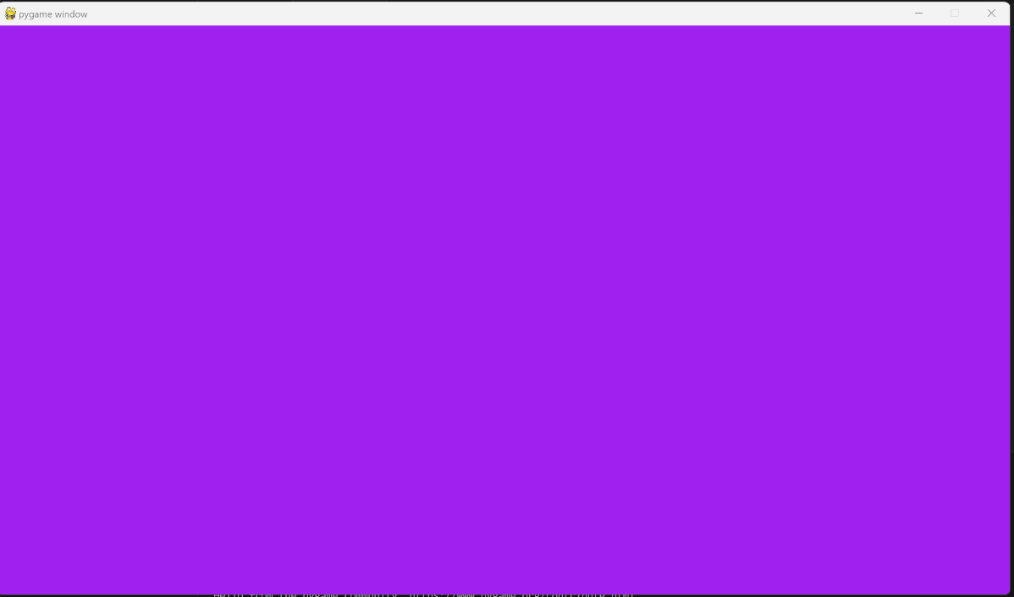
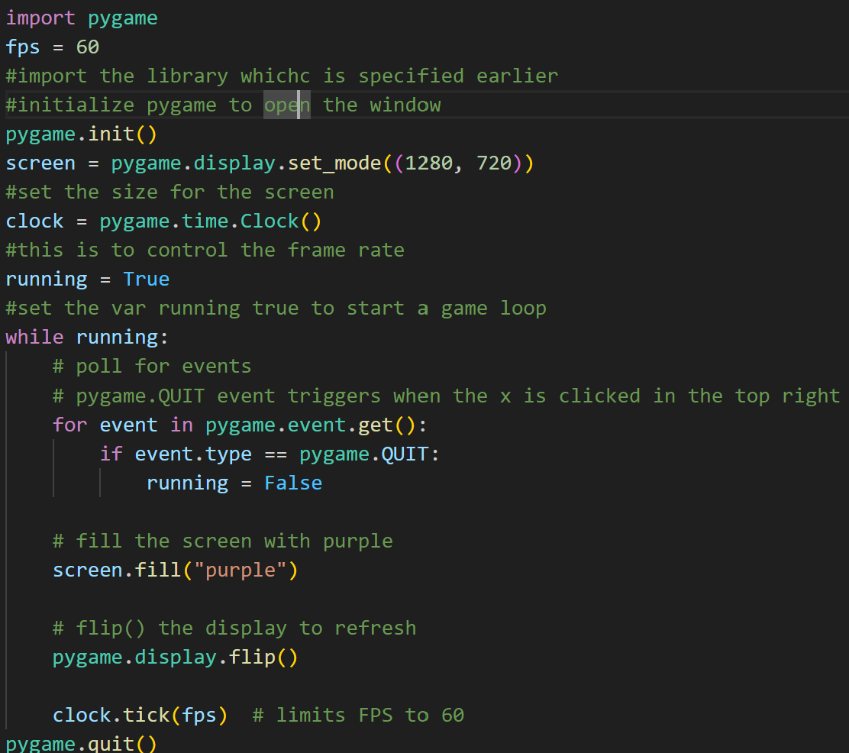
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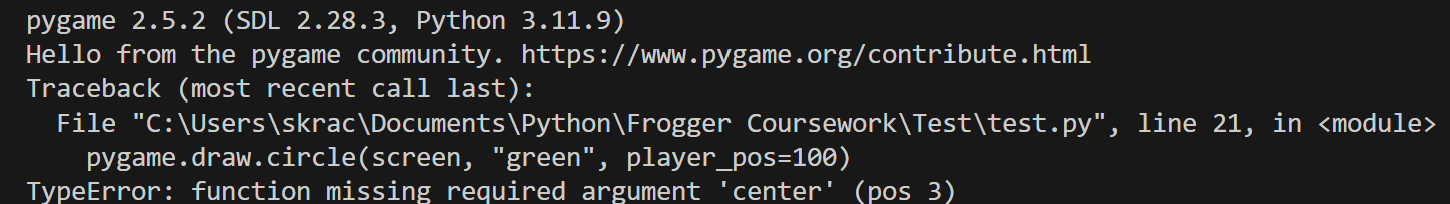
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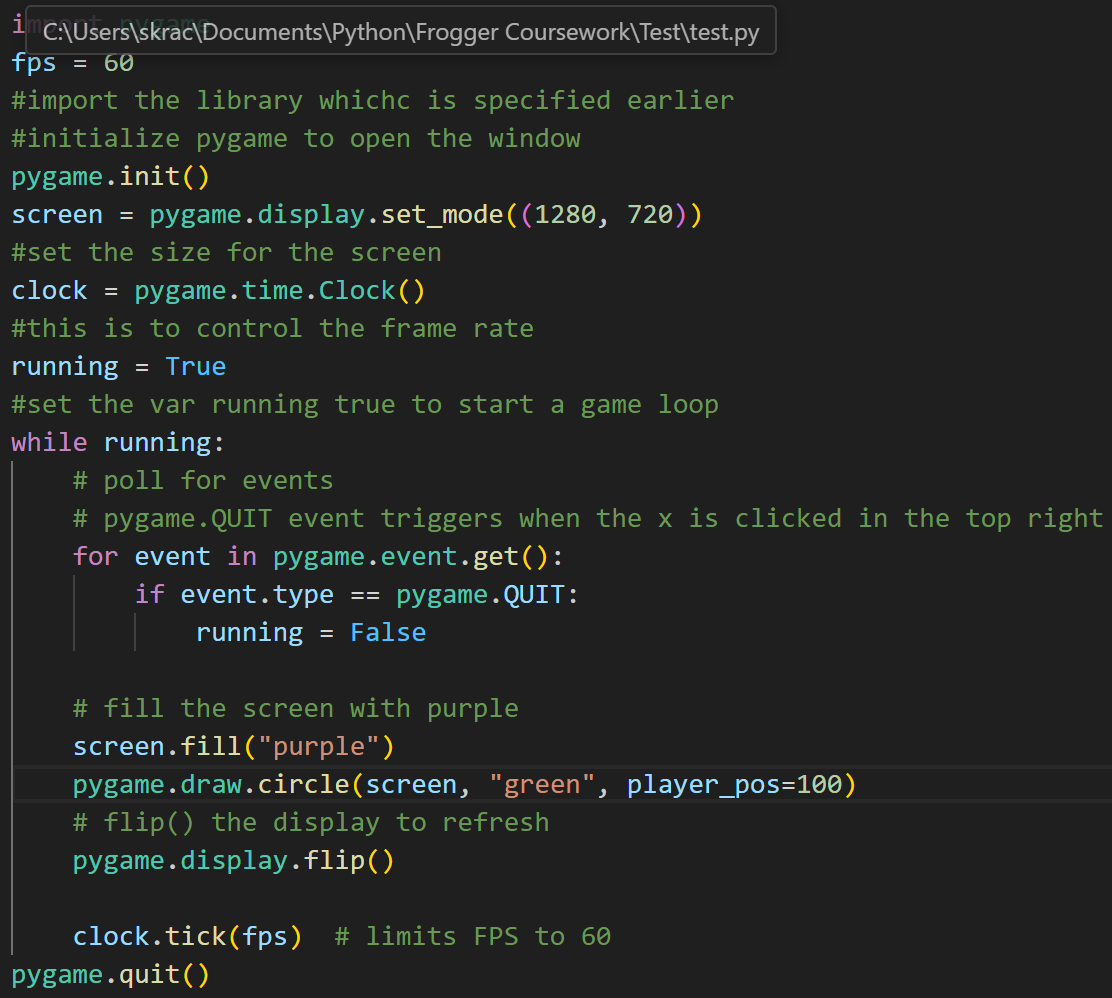
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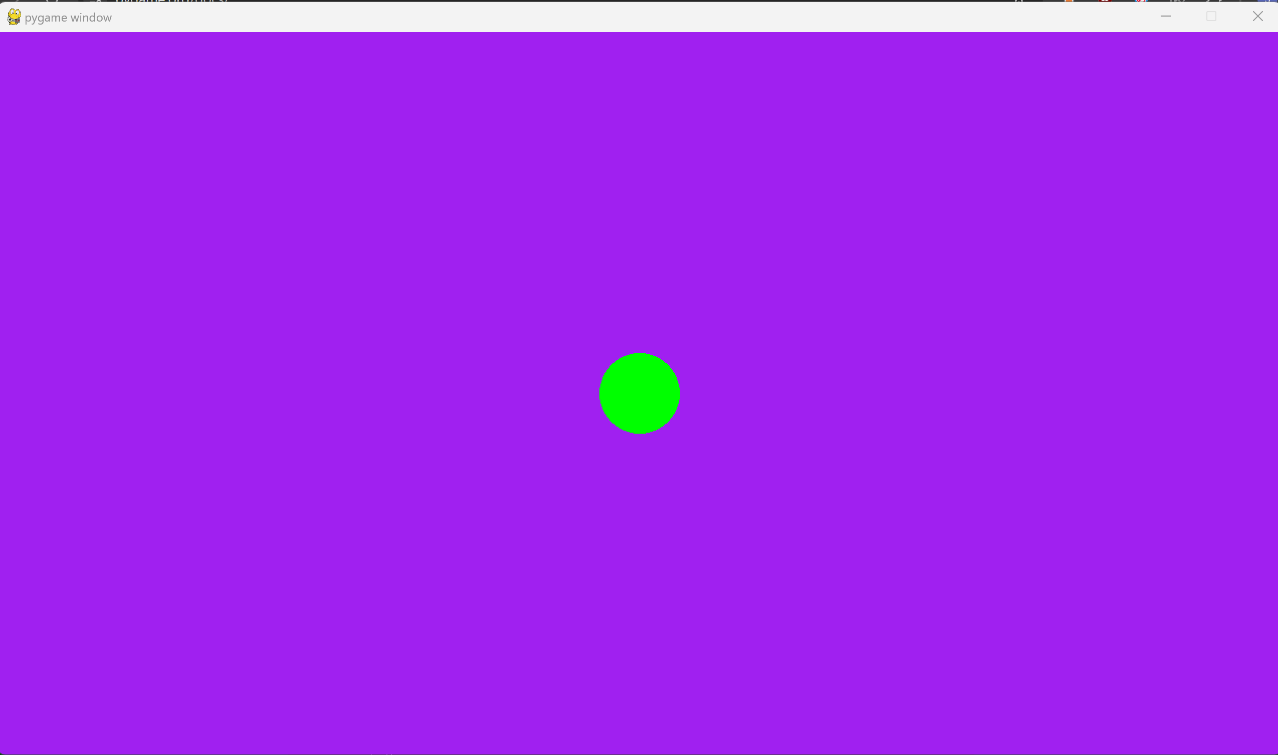
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| Variable Name | Variable Type | Function |
| Width | Integer | Width of the screen |
| Height | integer | Height of the screen |
| Screen | Pygame Surface Object | Is the surface on which the rest of the objects can be placed upon |
| Green | tuple | Colour stored in a tuple |
| Blue | tuple | Colour stored in a tuple |
| Grey | tuple | Colour stored in a tuple |
| Yellow | tuple | Colour stored in a tuple |
| camera\_speed\_y | integer | Speed of the camera |
| camera\_y | Integer | Position of the camera |
| obstacle\_types |  |  |
| skin\_path | string | Path of the skin relative to the main game |
| skin\_name | string | Name of the skin |
| terrain\_list | List | Where the next obstacles are stored |
| add\_new\_rows | Function | Adds the rows that are from the txt file |
| app |  |  |
| load\_level\_data | Function | Loads the data that is stored in the txt file |
| add\_initial\_rows | Function | Adds in the initial rows for when the game starts |
| level\_data | list | Stores the data from the text file about obstacles |
| handle\_events | function | Contains a while loop to see of the x in the top right has been pressed and closes the window |
| Keys | Boolean | Checks if a key has been pressed for event handling |
| Left | integer | x-coordinate on the left-hand side of the window |
| Right | Integer | x-coordinate on the right-hand side of the window |
| Top | integer | y-coordinate at the top of the screen |
| Bottom | integer | Y-coordinate at the bottom of the screen |
| dash\_length | integer | Length of each movement based on the direction of the key |
| log\_image | surface | Loads the log image to render |
| clock | object | Controls the clock function that dictates the fps |
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| Test | How to test it | Expected Outcome |
| Only the back cause game over | Move the sprite to all 4 edges and see if any of the other edges except the back cause the game to end | Only touching the back causes the game to end |
| Choosing Skins | Go to the skin’s sections and check if the player id able to choose any of the skins by starting the game | The player can choose any available skin he wants |
| Logging In |  |  |
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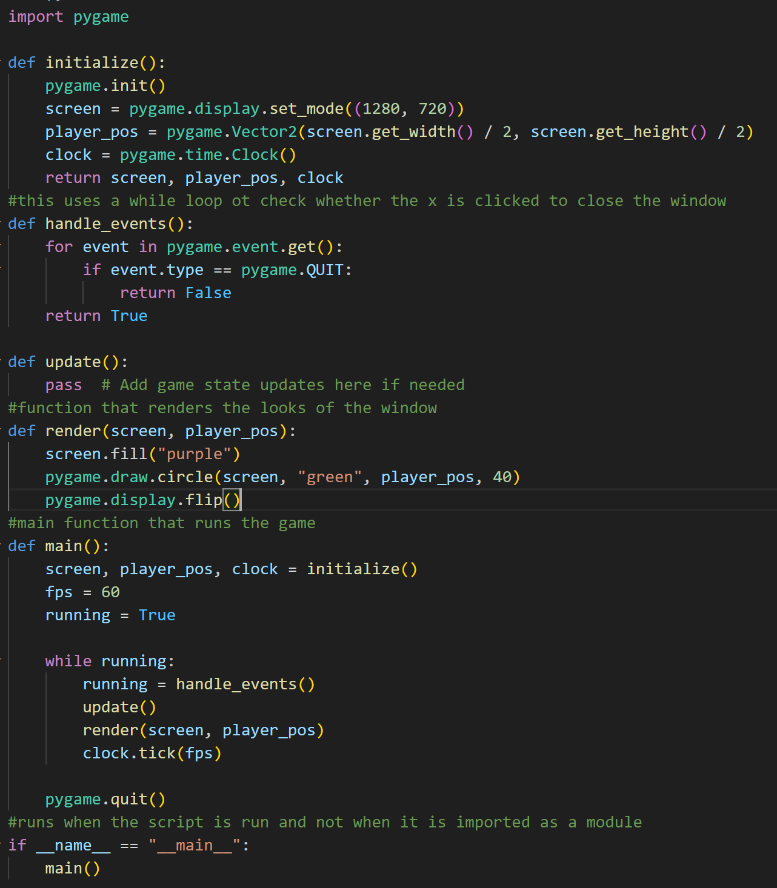
I wrote my code with pygame to draw a background, it uses the variable screen to act a surface that other sprites and objects can be laid over, this means that I can overlay my background or my obstacles over the screen making it easier since I don’t need to draw everything separately, this, I also set the frame rate to 60 fps however it is better to set it using a variable so you just need to change the variable rather than going into the line of code. There is also an event handler that sets the default to true while the pygame window is running, it is always checking to see if the x in the top right corner is clicked, and it sets running to true and closes the window. The pygame.display.flip() refreshes the window at the required rate to make it work. 

I first created a blank background with the colour purple just to set the surface on which each of the elements will be based, this gives a rudimentary view of how the background is and provides an abstracted view of how the game appears when all details have been stripped, this also uses decomposition as it breaks down the problem of making the game into making the smaller steps that are shown, one of these steps is the creating of the surface, this will be the bottom layer with more detail being added like the sprite of the frog being added on top, this makes it easier for me to start the program and makes it more manageable since the vision for the programs development is more robust and clear and I can have it ready months in advance rather than doing it as I go along, the use of the waterfall cycle mixed with the agile methodology means the development lifecycle of the program is easier to keep a track of and reaches the satisfaction of the customer, I incorporated agile by having a weekly stand-up meeting with my client Rucheer, this ensures that I have his feedback on any iterative changes made to my code and program as well as improving the UI to make it better for him to use. This balances out the downsides of the water fall cycle where all of one part is done at once which gives less weight to customer satisfaction and isn’t perfect on its own.



The above code sets the fps to 60, it then initializes the pygame library and then sets the screen size, it then assigns the clock function to the variable clock, and then sets the Boolean running to true and uses a while loop to check if the x in the top right has been clicked, and fills the screen as purple and draws a circle in the specified locations, this is meant to abstract as the sprite since it is easier to represent the sprite as a circle in early stages of development than to draw out the whole frog.

I drew the green circle using the pygame.draw.circle function, this is to abstract away the difficulty of adding in the picture of the frog and just render in the sprite representation of the frog, Next, I would also add in a movement feature of the using the key.get\_pressed() function. Since the circle is a representation of the frog, I will also be adding in a skin for the frog in place and add a hitbox using the circle and the collide checker function



I also used functions and put everything in functions, this makes the program more modular, and this means I can see any problems by isolating the problematic functions and using print functions to check for errors, this also means I can more easily use error handling if one part start I can use try and except and a different print statement for each module to see which module isn't working.

I also used object-oriented programming since this makes it easier to call functions and the inheritance feature is very useful when i want a function to have some parameters that previous function had

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I am going to generate the environment in advance and cache it so that it can be loaded into the game just by using lists as each of the next obstacles, above I created a list of just water to test out the generation of the obstacles by just generating water.

A computer screen shot of text

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I defined a dictionary that show what each of the characters correspond to, and then created a program to randomly choose between each of the 4 options an generate a list with them



The screenshot above shows the output that I got from running the program and how it is randomly generated

A screen shot of a computer

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When I tried printing the list randoms with the dictionary converting to the actual names, I tried doing this in the print function itself, this gave me a syntax error saying the dictionary isn’t callable that way, to remedy this i just made it print the list randoms since it isn’t required anywhere in my specification that the list is needed to print the actual names especially when this is just to generate the obstacles and won’t be seen by the user.

A computer screen shot of text

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I created a separate file to which the randomly generated lists all get printed one after the other to make it easier to cache and refer to when the game is being rendered, this can reduce the CPU load that is required when the game is being played and this can help keep the program within the required minimum specs but it will be hard since pygame is not the most efficient

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When I ran the program like this, the rangen.write was om the wrong loop which meant that the write function was repeating the same line all 200 times, this means the same obstacle would be generated every time and would defeat the purpose of the game.

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changed the program by modifying the loop to make it more nested so that every time the iteration happens, it will generate a new random list that can be printed into the text file so that they are actually all different, below are the results before, i tried debugging the program by limiting the range function with the variable i to having 2 characters, this helped me isolate that the problem wasn’t coming from the top range function and that helped me look lower to find the actual problem with the nesting of the loops. Another problem i encountered was the strings being appended infinite times and iterating without stop despite the limit being in the range function unless i stopped the program manually. The problem was caused

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For the next part of my program I mocked up a window using PyQt5 to create a login window which is a part of my specification, I chose to use PyQt quite late in the project since I was initially going to use Pygame however saw how unnecessarily complicated that would be since PyGame doesn’t have native support for any of the required features, I was going to use TKinter but saw PyQt when researching and thought it a better solution, the library has a lot of in built functions that are useful like the setEchoMode function that will obscure the inputted text to make it more secure, along with the window, I will be using rudimentary hashing along with databases to secure my game and implement a login system. I chose not to use OOP here since most of the code is in the library meaning there isn’t much reason for OOP especially when each of the function isn’t going to be repeated in the program multiple times, I will be using a function to run the program from this file, so this file only needs to be on its own.

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I added the username part below, but I put it in the wrong order so that the password was above, This is the rudimentary version with just the input boxes and has no styling

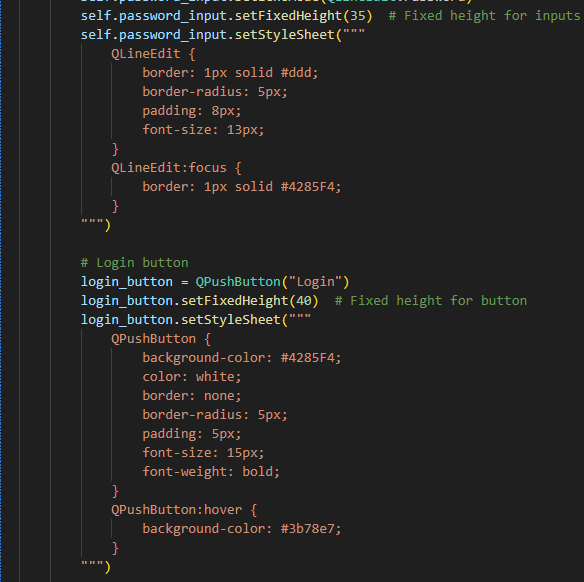
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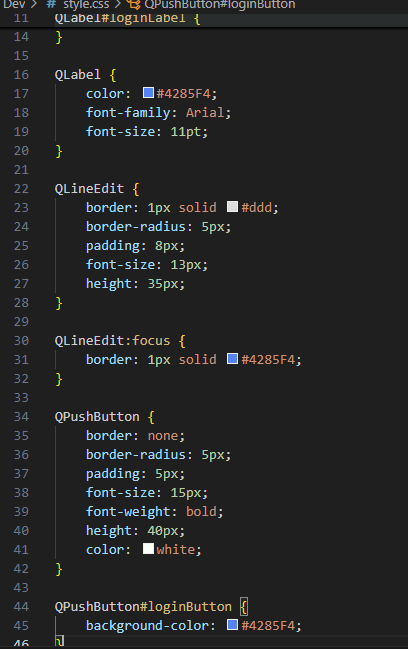
A screenshot of a login screen

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This is the finished version of the login window, I made it identical to the mock-up I showed in the design section of the document, I used css stylesheets instead of inline styling to increase modularity and separation, the use of import in python means that I can keep multiple different files e.g, one for the database, one for the sql querying, one for the actual game and one for the menu, this means if I make a change to one of the files, then the change only happens in the specific place where it is required, it stops things like variable names being used multiple times and means that not everything has to be coded in the same paradigm since even though the game might be better with OOP, the login page doesn’t require anything like that.



Above I used inline styling but to get to the required design of the window, I had to use too much and it looked ugly inside the python file, the lack of visual cues like what colour I had chosen made it harder than if I did it inside a CSS file since I have an extension that can show the colours, the inline styling also can’t be used in conjunction with IntelliSense which is an extension that does things like suggesting the possible colours without needing an RGB code and closing brackets that are opened.



The use of styling in a css file and importing the stylesheet meant that I could more easily change the code since it gave visual cues like the colour and by clicking on the colour square, I was also able to change the colour by clicking on the colour wheel rather than changing the HEX code. It also increased the modularity meaning if I wanted a certain type of button to be styled in a certain way across the whole file rather than having to individually change each one.

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The QWidget attribute has 3 possible fonts that it can cycle through if one isn’t available then it goes to the others, I set the font-weight to bold so that it is more visible by people with visually impaired, this makes the game more accessible, I also used bright colours that contrast well to make the game easier to see when someone’s vision isn’t as good

A screenshot of a login screen

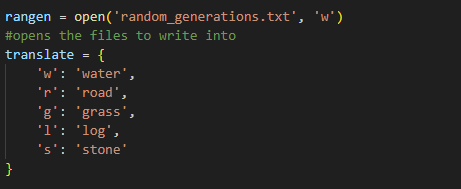
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For generator.py I used an if statement to make the generator only generate rocks with grass and logs only with water. I also added a road option because it will make the game more challenging to have a road option

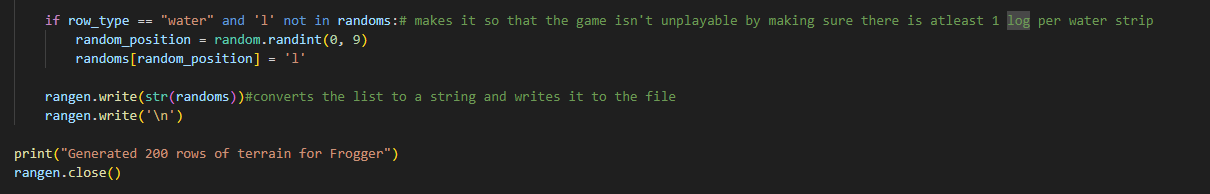
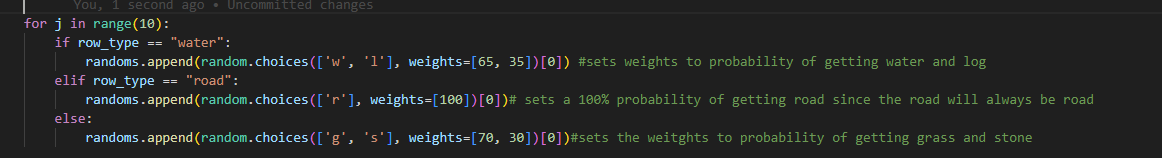
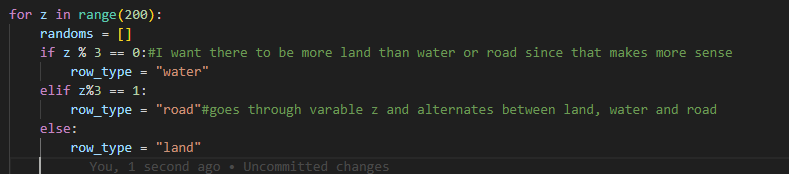
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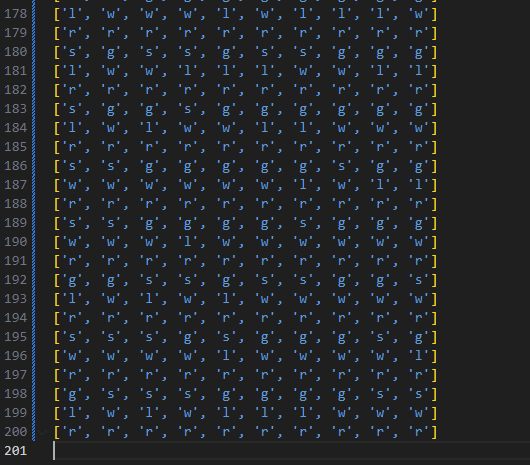
I changed the run function to have the camera\_update method inside which changes the



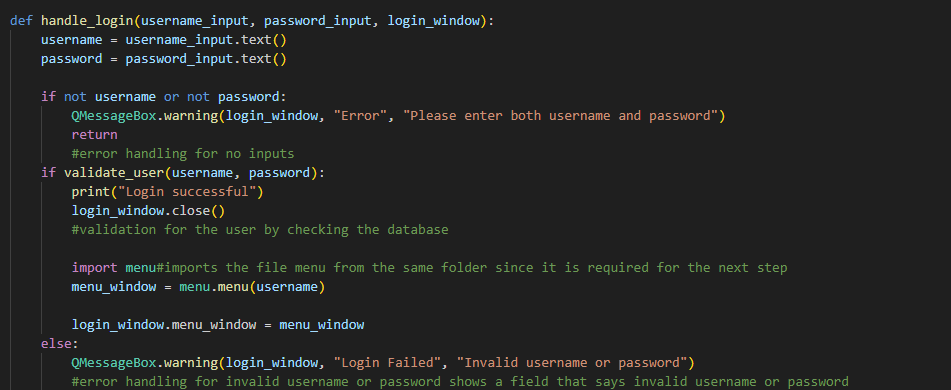
The code opens the file that will be used to store all the random generations for the game, the dictionary translates, give the value to the key to the acronym for each like w meaning water and r meaning road



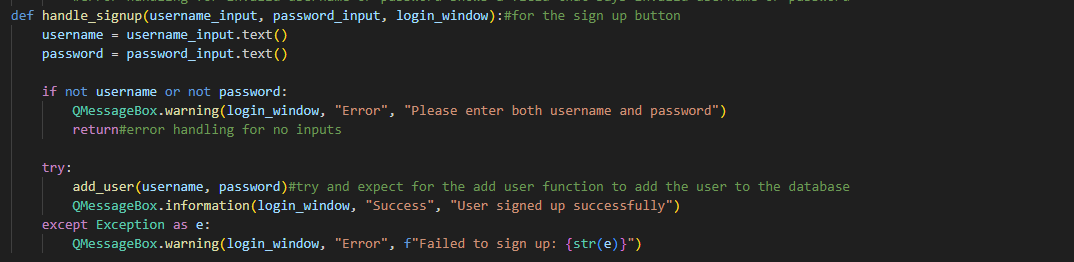
The code counts from 1 to 200 and at constant intervals makes sure that each of the obstacle layers are different types like making and equal number of water and road and more land since that is how the game should be set out, it uses the MOD function to decide based on the result, the code also makes it so that you can only get logs when you have a water layer and you can only have stone when the layer is land, this stops illogical layers like having water with land and stone with water, it also makes sure that there is at least 1 log per water layer since that keeps the game unplayable which would defeat the purpose of the game. I also set weights to each of the obstacles possible in each layer because there should always be more land/ water than logs and stone. The program then converts everything to a string just to make sure and then appends it to the previously opened file, it then prints a message saying the process has been completed, closes the file to save memory and finishes the program



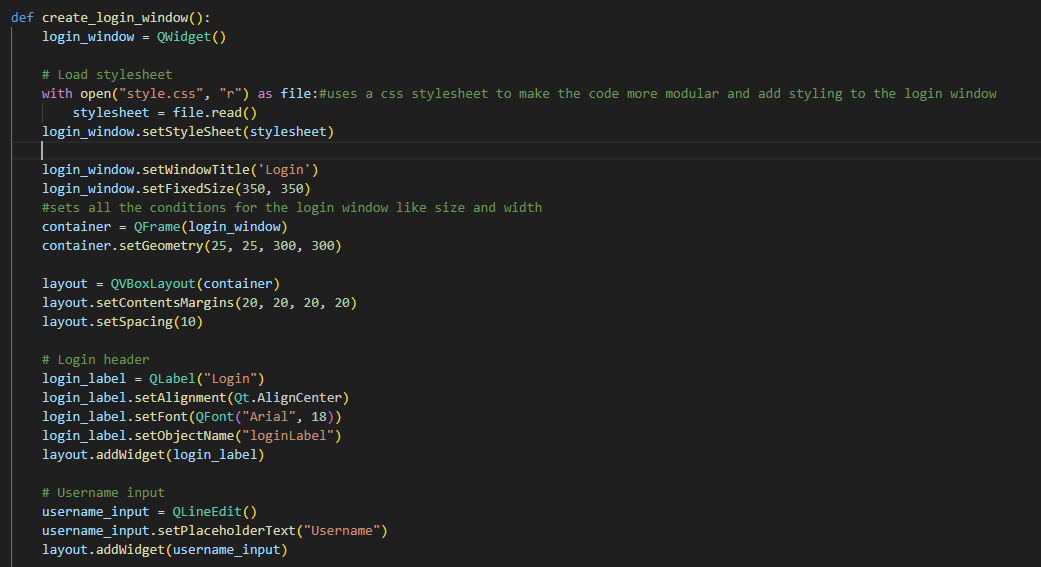
This shows the results of the random generation in the above program, it also shows how the above program regularly generates each of the obstacle layers and this means there a certain number of each one of the layer types.

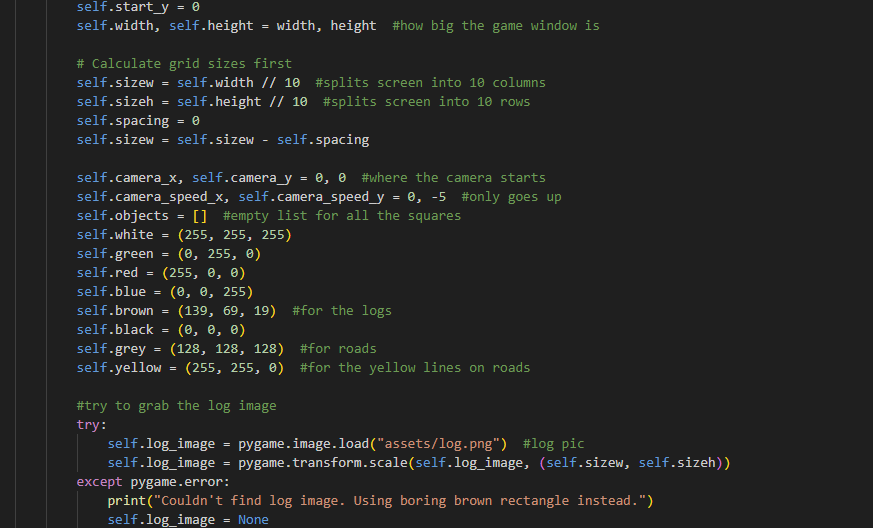


The above function assigns the variables username and password to whatever has been entered into the text box and checks if the user has entered both a username and password and gives an error message if they haven’t, it then enters the variable username and password into the function validate\_user which checks to see if the username and password are both the same as any in the SQL database.

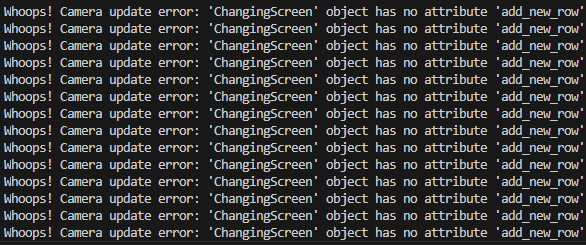


The program opens the css file and the creates a window with the size 350 by 350 pixels, it then creates two text input boxes for username and password, it makes the password look like circles so that it doesn’t show the actual password





The game uses OOP to set variables to set the colours that can be used and sets the rgb values to what they should show up, the game also uses log.png which is an image file that I created to show up in as the representation for the logs, it uses a try and except file to check if the image file exists and then uses a brown rectangle instead and sets the image variable to nothing.



When I was writing code using the function add\_new\_rows, I accidentally misspelled the function name and took away the s at the end, this cause an error to pop up that was caught by my try and except and this stopped the game from crashing and made the bug easier to diagnose since it just printed it there in the console.

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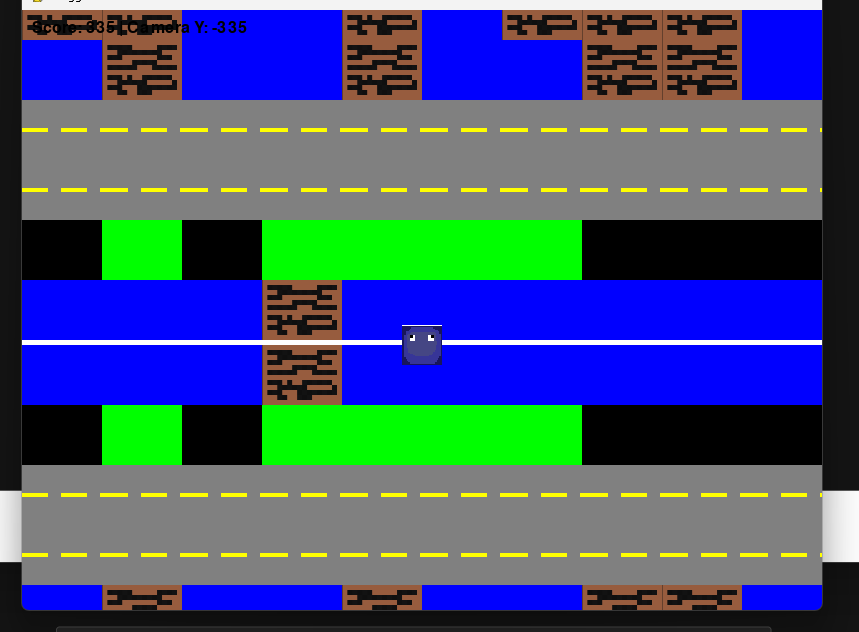
The Strips keep repeating for the length of the window each time a new one had to be generated so I changed the code to try and make it so that only 1 strip was generating each time, but this caused the game to crash before anything was rendered since there were too many iterations of the game refreshing which pygame can’t handle, so i change the code to change the order in which the logs were rendered to increase the time they had to be rendered

A screenshot of a video game

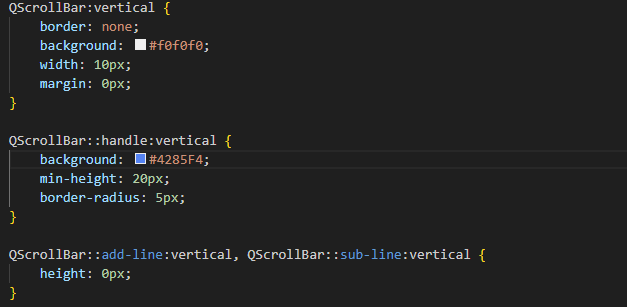
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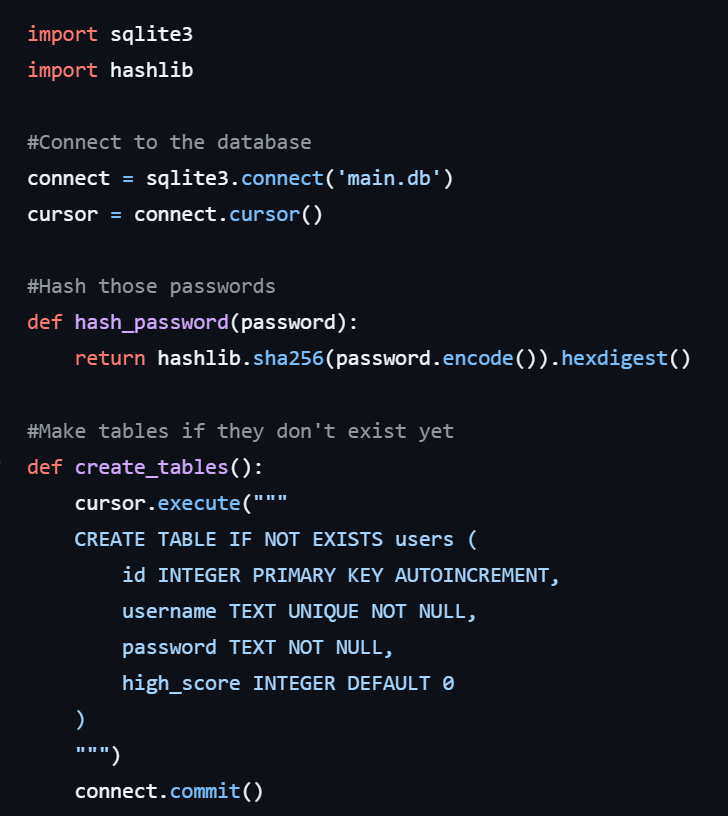
I managed to create skins using pixel art that can be used in the game, however due to time constraints I am unable to make any more skins so the 3 that I have are a bee, squid and of course a frog since the game is inspired by frogger. Below is the bee skin, I also managed to make the logs (the brown tiles with the black lines) fit the whole square by using the pygame.transform.scale() function which will help to make it fit the space.

I also changed the order in which the calculations were made to increase the time that is given to make the log get drawn since that is a more intensive task. This means it can concurrently load the log in faster meaning there is time left at the end of each cycle for everything which is less resource intensive.

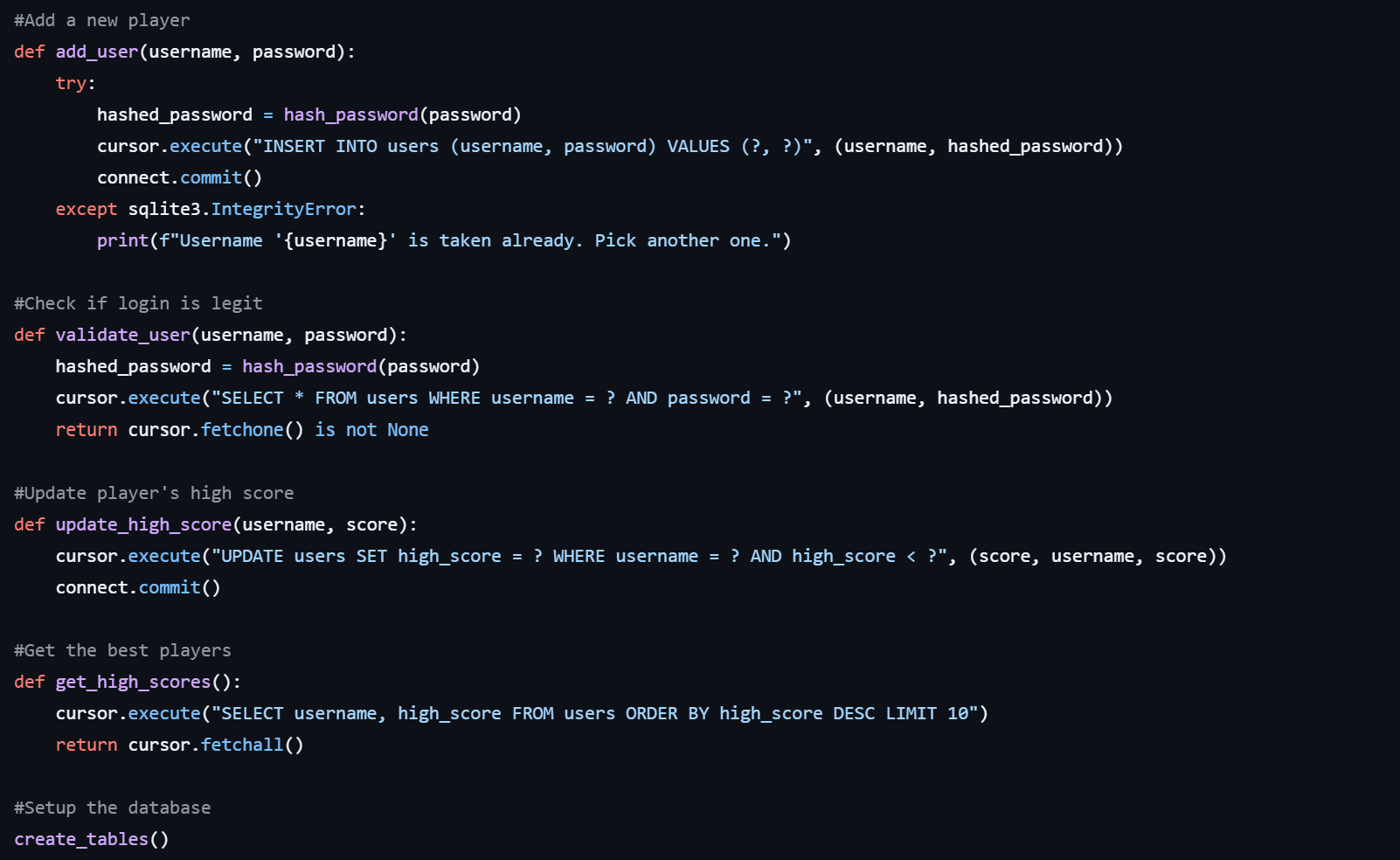
This is a picture of the squid skin in the game, since i was unable to cut off the top, there is a bit of white left which isn’t meant to be part of the skin however I rendered the skin onto the surface of the sprite







The code use the library hashlib to hash the inputs that are put in for the password when the signing up, this means that if someone accesses the database, they can’t see the passwords since they aren’t stored plaintext, I found this to be more secure than creating my own hashing algorithm that would use MOD 65 and would also stop multiple passwords having the same space. When I was writing the code for this file, I accidentally installed the wrong library so when I was trying to use the functions in the documentation the functions kept showing up as not existing.



The function add\_user() uses a try and except to check if the user already exists and gives an error if there is an error to the integrity of the data in the database, otherwise, it hashes the password and inserts the username and password into the database. The function validate\_user() checks if the username and password entered pyqt.py are the same as the details in the database, it does this by checking the hashed version of the password in the database and hashing the password entered. The function update\_high\_score()

<https://youtu.be/PSyTE-NfdWA> Initial Game being played

<https://youtu.be/7le0ezm4LtQ> The Login window and menu working

<https://youtu.be/qBkg2Pj0O0w> The Sprite no longer being stuck to the camera and having to be moved backwards

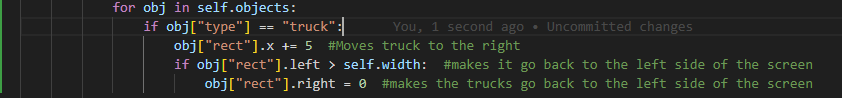
<https://youtu.be/s5U8wL90Q08> The Obstacles generate one of each at a time rather than 10 of the same in a row.



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The next step in the implementation is adding the trucks in, I added a truck representation into the obstacle\_types dictionary, this means that it will have all the data required, stored in one place.



I then added in a for loop that would iterate moving the truck until it gets to the end of the screen at which point it would be moved back to its starting position. A screen shot of a computer screen

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The game uses a conditional to check if the player is hitting the truck and if they are then the game ends and the boolean changes, otherwise, nothing changes and the game keeps going on.



The code draws the truck into the space using the “color” attribute

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The code checks if the surface that is being rendered is a road and if it is, it has a 20% chance of a truck being rendered onto the road , it is represented by a red square for now, the truck is wider than 1 tile as it needs to be bigger.

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This piece of code moves the truck to the right iteratively and keeps checking if the truck has reached the other side of the screen, if it has, then the truck will be moved back to the starting position on the other side of the screen by using the 5th line to set the position horizontally to 0.



This checks to see if the trucks have collided with the player at the start of the game and if it has, then it will remove the truck from the map, but this only works at the start of the game since we want a grace period when the player has to get oriented.

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<https://youtu.be/7XDr7859Q4M> This video show the truck causing the game to end before the player is ready to play the game, this is caused by the trucks being spawned in too early right when the whole game is rendered, this shuts down the game and makes it unplayable, the way I will improve upon this is add a grace period and zone where there are no trucks.

To do this I will add a condition that checks whether we are at the start of the gameA screen shot of a computer code

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The second line calculates the number of columns in the window, this means the game can be scaled for any resolution. The third line iterates over the terrain variable and col variable, then It checks if the terrain is valid by checking if the letters in the generated list exist in the dictionary at the top. A rectangle is created and then coloured with the respective colour based on the terrain and then a type is given, the if statement checks if the terrain being generated is a road by using the type to check, it then looks to see the coordinate of the top of the camera and either draws the truck if the camera is far enough along otherwise the condition isn’t met and nothing happens. The self.objects.append() function adds the trucks into the self.objects() list

Testing

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| 1 |  | The Character can get to the side without causing game over and game over happens only when the back is hit |
| 2 | <https://youtu.be/CC1IVGawJGc> | I can choose whichever skin I want out of the options |
| 3 | <https://youtu.be/CC1IVGawJGc> | I can login to the game with my own username and it is stored in the .db file |
| 4 |  | The .db file has the passwords hashed so that they can’t be read in plaintext if the file is accessed |
| 5 | <https://youtu.be/QH3O5aKE6XQ> | The Player dies when they hit the back of the screen |
| 6 | <https://youtu.be/IxuTC-HhF4A> | The sprite is visible with the correct skin selected |
| 7 |  | The sprites stop when they hit the obstacles |
| 8 | <https://youtu.be/xsU4usPzlJA> | The game ends when the player hits a truck |
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Evaluation

One of the ways I could have improved my games would have been to make it in C and use a lightweight library to create the game, this would have kept me well within the limits of the spec that I gave myself for the system resources that can be used and would have made the game more accessible. The best library for the job would have been SDL which can make 2D games easier.

Specification

These were my specifications at the start of the project:

* WASD being used to move the character because the survey chose this as being the best way of movement. I will use the checker in pygame to move when the WASD buttons are clicked
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* There should be high scores saved so that you can look at what your best score and beat it each time. I will create a .db file that will use SQL to save high scores which can be retrieved
* There should a menu that can be interacted with so that the player can use it. I will use PyQt to create a menu window that has start game, exit, skins and settings in it
* A mix of a retro theme and a modern theme since the form that the stakeholders submitted said they wanted a mix. I will incorporate graphics from the original frogger game as well as create some newer art
* Cars as obstacles since I want it to be inspired by Crossy Road. I will use PyGame to add obstacles which will have a car skin and cause the game to be over if they are touched by the player
* Obstacles that stop movements to make the game a bit harder so you can’t cross anywhere, I will code in representations of obstacles and make the game not allow the player to go through
* A GUI in the game to make it easier to understand and use the application. I will include a menu using PyQt that will have clearly labelled to help the player navigate
* Multiple Levels to make the game more interactive, I will add a button in the menu that can help change the speed of the character and the camera to make it harder for the character to get forward
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