

Prompt: Python simple 4 week project

Idea 6#

## **Snake Game**

- Use pygame.
- Add score tracking, levels, or fun twists (powerups, obstacles).

## 4-Week Snake Game

### Week 1 – Foundations

- Install/setup pygame.
- Make a window with a fixed size
- Draw the snake as a rectangle that moves in one direction.
- basic key input (arrow keys to change direction).

Goal: You can move the snake around the screen.

### Week 2 – Mechanics

- Add food (randomly spawned square).
- Make snake grow when it eats food.
- Keep score in the corner of the screen.
- Game over when snake hits the wall.

Goal: Playable basic snake game (but snake doesn't collide with itself).

## Week 3 – Game Over & Extras

- Add self-collision detection (if snake hits its own body then game over).
- Add restart option after game ends.
- Simple improvement(better colors, background, maybe snake segments with alternating shades).

Goal: Fully functional Snake game.

## Week 4 – Add ons/Final debugging

## Week 1 Goal

**A snake (just a few rectangles) that you can move around the screen with the arrow keys.**

## Step-by-Step Breakdown

### Day 1 – Setup pygame + Window

1. Install pygame (if not yet):

pip install pygame

## Week 1 – Snake Foundations

### 1. Initialize Game

- Import pygame, sys, random.

- Initialize pygame (pygame.init()).
- Set window dimensions (e.g., WIDTH=600, HEIGHT=400).
- Create display (pygame.display.set\_mode).
- Define colors (BLACK, GREEN, RED, etc).
- Set CELL\_SIZE = 20.

## 2. Snake Setup

- Represent snake as a list of coordinate tuples:

## 3. Game Loop

- While game is running:
  - i. Handle **events**:
    1. Quit event → close game.
    2. Arrow keys → update snake's direction (up, down, left, right).
  - ii. Update **snake position**:
    1. Compute new head = current head + direction.
    2. Insert head at front of snake list.
    3. Remove last segment (so snake keeps length).
  - iii. **Render**:
    1. Clear screen.

2. Draw each segment of the snake.
3. Update display.

Control speed (clock.tick(10) for FPS).

End of Week 1: Snake moves around, controllable with arrow keys.

## **Week 2 – Food & Scoring**

### **1. Add Food**

- Spawn food at random grid location:
- Draw food as a red rectangle.

### **2. Check Snake Eating Food**

- If snake's new head == food position:
  - i. Don't pop() tail (snake grows by 1).
  - ii. Increase score by +1.
  - iii. Respawn food at new random location (that doesn't overlap snake).

### **3. Wall Collision**

- If new head goes outside screen boundaries → Game Over.

### **4. Render Score**

- Use `pygame.font` to render text at top-left corner.

✓ End of Week 2: You can play a full snake game with growing snake, score count, and wall collision.

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## **Week 3 – Self Collision + Restart**

### **1. Self-Collision Check**

- After moving snake:

### **2. Game Over State**

- If game over:
  - i. Display “Game Over! Press R to restart” message.
  - ii. Pause movement until player presses R or quits.

### **3. Restart Mechanic**

- On pressing R:
  - i. Reset snake to starting position/length.
  - ii. Reset direction, score, and respawn food.
  - iii. Resume loop.

### **4. Visual Polish**

- Alternate snake body colors (green shades).
- Center “Game Over” text.

End of Week 3: Full snake clone that grows, tracks score, dies when hitting walls or itself, and can restart without quitting.

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- **Week 1:** Snake moves.
- **Week 2:** Add food + scoring + wall collision.
- **Week 3:** Add self-collision + restart system.