

HD Research Project Initial Plan

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Overview of my project

My idea for the HD research project for the unit COS20007 is concentrated on the application of OOP principles in one of the most popular and powerful Game Engines in the world, which is Unity.

The aim of this project is to demonstrate, discuss, and evaluate the benefits (and potential constraints) of using OOP principles, including the four keyword: abstraction, inheritance, encapsulation, and polymorphism, as well as SOLID principles and other OO aspects, in a famous game engine of Unity. The project will not only involve in the OO default components of Unity, but also look at an example of my 2D top-down game (prototype) using OOP to in the codebase. After finishing this research project, I expect to understand more about the advantages, as well as improve the skills of using OOP principles in game development, especially in Unity projects.

Reflection in the unit's learning outcomes.

1. This project is to discuss how OOP's principles such as abstraction, inheritance, encapsulation, and polymorphism apply in game development, specially in Unity game engine, and also how they can be used to improve the codebase's readability, efficiency, reusability, and maintainability.
2. In my program used for this project, obviously I have used a high-level Object-oriented programming language – C#, which helps me to present OOP's principles in my codebase more easily.
3. With the debug system of the Unity game engine, it is possible for me to design, develop, test programs using OOP principles.
4. Of course, the diagrams and illustrations are necessary for all object-oriented programs or projects, including my example Unity programs, and will be presented in this research project
5. Conducting this project may requires me to describe and explain the factors that contribute to a good OOP solution, reflecting on my own experiences, skills and drawing upon accepted good practices, which are illustrated through my Unity program. This helps me meet the intended learning outcomes of the unit.

Some screenshots of my Unity prototype program:



