Aetherquill

Functional Flow Overview
Where Imagination Takes Flight

App Initialization

This diagram illustrates the initial steps taken when the Aetherquill application starts, from setting up the user interface to rendering the main menu.

```
graph LR
   subgraph App Initialization
        A[app.py: main] --> B(setup_ui_theme);
        B --> C(initialize_game_state);
        C --> D(render_hero_section);
        D --> E(render_main_menu);
   end
```

Main Menu

The Main Menu flow details the user's options: starting a new game, loading an existing one, or adjusting settings. ![bg right:30% landing.png]

```
graph LR
   subgraph Main Menu
        E --> F{Play button clicked?};
        F -- Yes --> G[pages/02_Active_Quest.py];
        F -- No --> H{Load button clicked?};
        H -- Yes --> I[Load Game State - Not Implemented];
        H -- No --> J{Settings button clicked?};
        J -- Yes --> K[pages/03_Settings.py];
        J -- No --> L[Display Main Menu];
end
```



Currently, the 'Load Game State' functionality is under development. This feature will allow players to load previously saved adventures.

```
graph LR
subgraph Main Menu
style H fill:#707070, stroke:#333, stroke-width:2px;
H -- Yes --> I[Load Game State - Not Implemented];
end
```



Users can access the Settings Menu to customize their experience. This includes options for audio, graphics, and keybindings.

```
graph LR
    subgraph Main Menu
    J -- Yes --> K[pages/03_Settings.py];
    end
```



The Active Quest flow outlines the steps taken when a player enters the main gameplay screen and begins their adventure. ![bg right:50% questing.png]

```
graph LR
    subgraph Active Quest
        G --> M{Character in st.session_state?};
        M -- No --> N[create_character];
    end
```

Character Creation

This flow illustrates the character creation process, where players define their hero's attributes and background. ![bg right:50% characterCreator.png]

```
graph LR
    subgraph Active Quest
        N --> O{Form Submit: Create Character};
        O -- Yes --> P[Validate Input];
        P -- Valid --> Q[Store character data in st.session_state];
end
```



After character creation, the system generates a unique background story using AI, providing a personalized narrative starting point. ![bg right:50% assets/logoWithoutName.png]

```
graph LR
    subgraph Active Quest
        Q --> R[Character created flag = True];
        R --> S{Generate Background Story?};
        S -- Yes --> T[character_service.generate_background_story];
    end
```

Initial Scene Setup

The initial scene is set up, game state is initialized with the generated background story, and the game is saved, ensuring progress is not lost.

```
graph LR
    subgraph Active Quest
        T --> U[Store AI Description in st.session_state];
        U --> V[Initialize game state];
        V --> W[Set initial scene and game data in st.session_state];
        V --> X[Save Game State];
    end
```

Active Quest Interface

The main gameplay screen displays the character sheet and the active quest interface, providing players with the information they need to navigate their adventure.

![bg right:50% questing.png]

```
graph LR
    subgraph Active Quest
        AA[Character Sheet Display];
        AA --> DD[Active Quest Interface];
    end
```



The Character Sheet, a key component of the Active Quest Interface, displays the player's stats, abilities, and equipment.

```
graph LR
    subgraph Active Quest
        M -- Yes --> AA[Character Sheet Display];
    end
```

Settings Interface

The Settings Interface allows users to customize their game settings, ensuring a comfortable and personalized gameplay experience.

```
graph LR
    subgraph Settings
        K --> 00[Display Settings Interface];
        00 --> PP{Save Settings Button?};
    end
```

Database Interactions

Game data, including character information, quest progress, and world state, is stored and retrieved from a SQLite database, providing persistence to the player's actions.

```
graph LR
    subgraph Database Interactions
        X --> 10["sqlite3: game_data.db"];
        HH --> 10;
    end
```

AI Interactions

The game leverages Al for background story generation, creating unique and engaging starting points for each player's adventure.

```
graph LR
    subgraph AI Interactions
        N --> T;
        T --> 20[AIService.generate_response];
end
```

Summary

Aetherquill blends a compelling gameplay loop with dynamic story generation, persistent data storage, and engaging AI interactions, creating a unique and immersive RPG experience.