

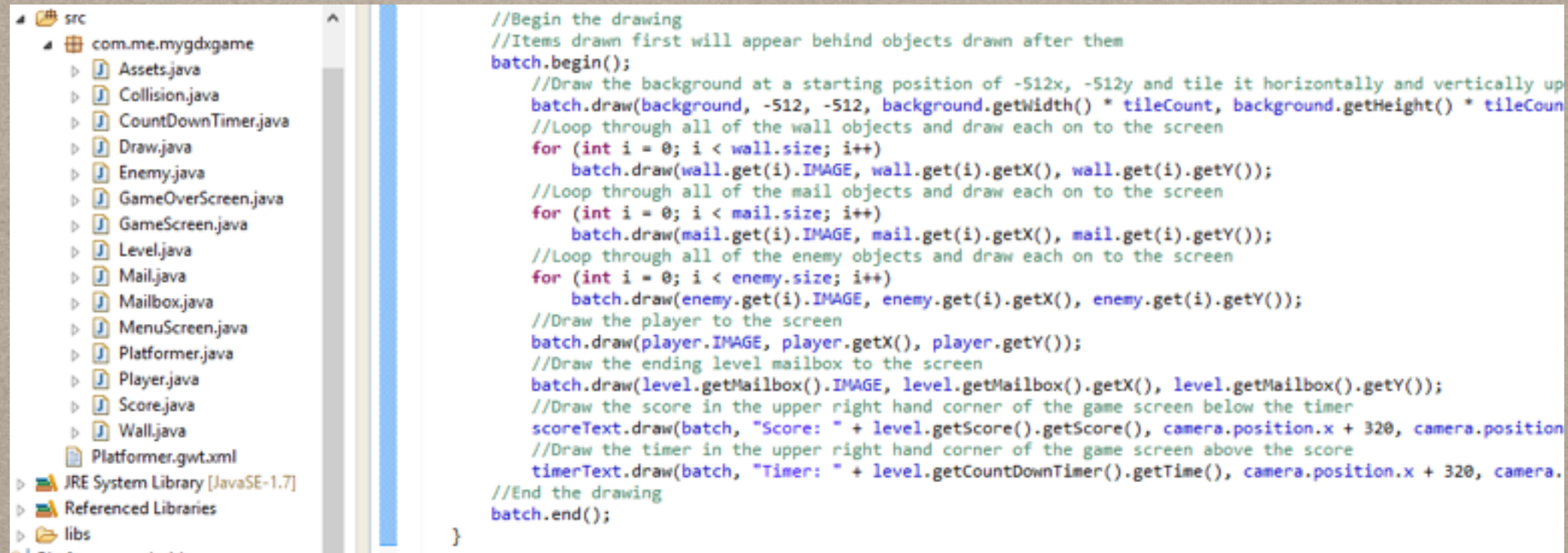
CS 386: TEAM SHADOWFAX

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THE PROJECT: LIBGDX

- A library for making desktop and mobile games in the Java programming language
- Integrates with the Eclipse IDE
- Provides user friendly tools to make complex tasks simple

LIBGDX



The screenshot shows an IDE with a project structure on the left and a code editor on the right. The project structure is for a game named 'com.me.mygdxgame' and includes various Java files like Assets.java, Collision.java, CountdownTimer.java, Draw.java, Enemy.java, GameOverScreen.java, GameScreen.java, Level.java, Mail.java, Mailbox.java, MenuScreen.java, Platformer.java, Player.java, Score.java, and Wall.java. The code editor displays a snippet of Java code for drawing, starting with a comment about drawing order and followed by a series of draw calls for background, walls, mail, enemies, player, mailbox, score, and timer.

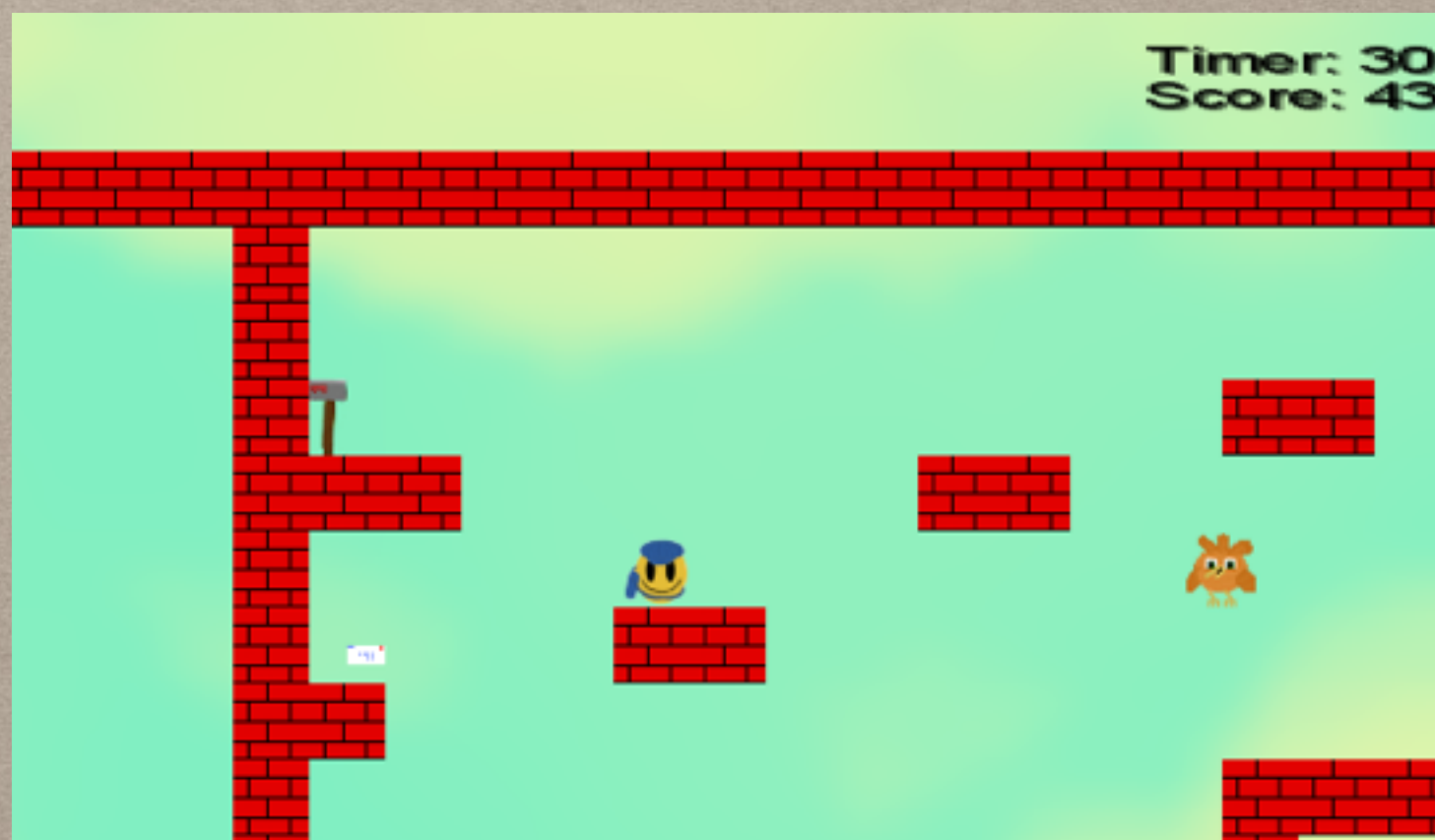
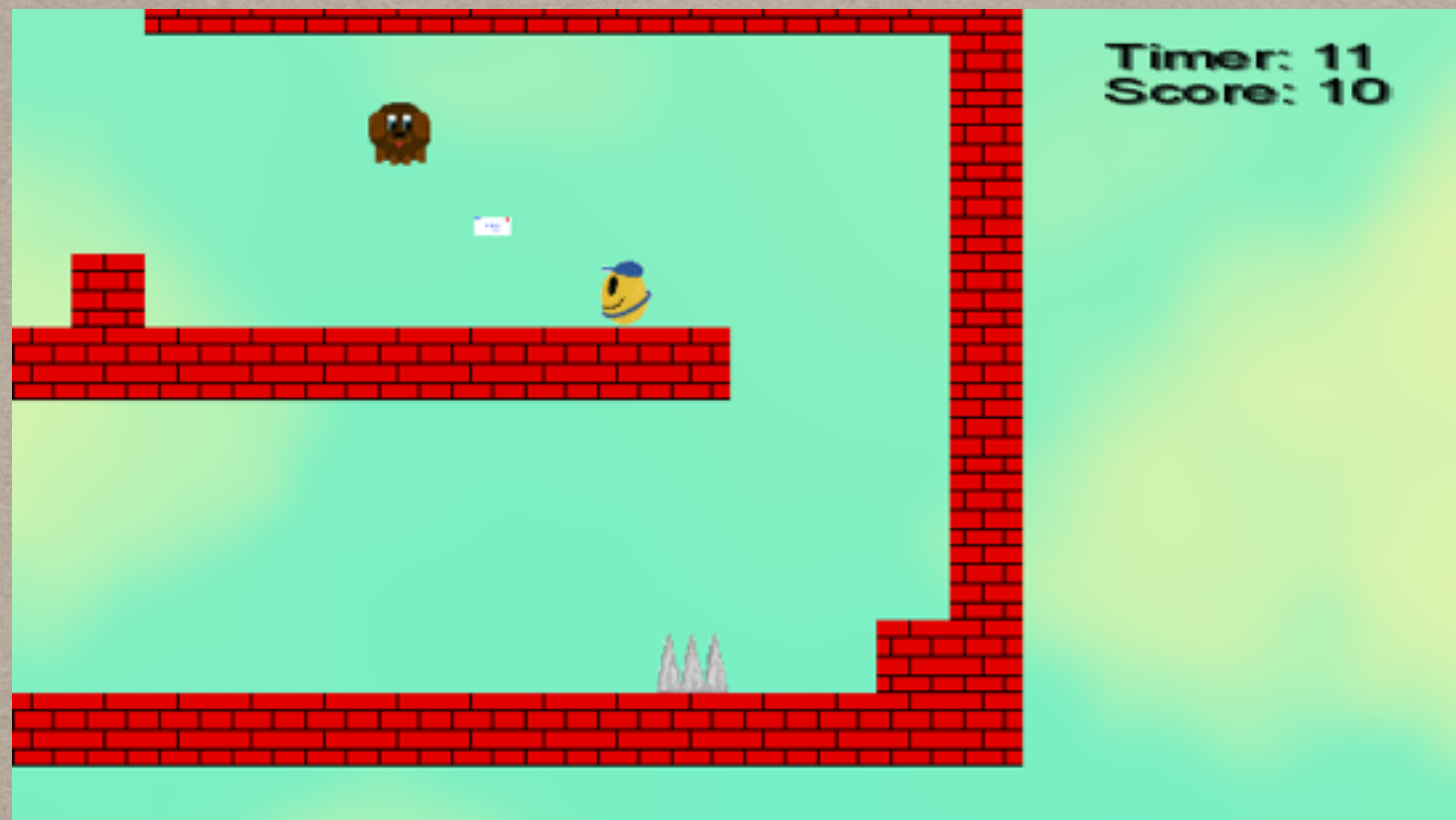
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//Begin the drawing
//Items drawn first will appear behind objects drawn after them
batch.begin();
//Draw the background at a starting position of -512x, -512y and tile it horizontally and vertically up
batch.draw(background, -512, -512, background.getWidth() * tileCount, background.getHeight() * tileCount);
//Loop through all of the wall objects and draw each on to the screen
for (int i = 0; i < wall.size; i++)
    batch.draw(wall.get(i).IMAGE, wall.get(i).getX(), wall.get(i).getY());
//Loop through all of the mail objects and draw each on to the screen
for (int i = 0; i < mail.size; i++)
    batch.draw(mail.get(i).IMAGE, mail.get(i).getX(), mail.get(i).getY());
//Loop through all of the enemy objects and draw each on to the screen
for (int i = 0; i < enemy.size; i++)
    batch.draw(enemy.get(i).IMAGE, enemy.get(i).getX(), enemy.get(i).getY());
//Draw the player to the screen
batch.draw(player.IMAGE, player.getX(), player.getY());
//Draw the ending level mailbox to the screen
batch.draw(level.getMailbox().IMAGE, level.getMailbox().getX(), level.getMailbox().getY());
//Draw the score in the upper right hand corner of the game screen below the timer
scoreText.draw(batch, "Score: " + level.getScore().getScore(), camera.position.x + 320, camera.position.y - 100);
//Draw the timer in the upper right hand corner of the game screen above the score
timerText.draw(batch, "Timer: " + level.getCountDownTimer().getTime(), camera.position.x + 320, camera.position.y + 100);
//End the drawing
batch.end();
}
```


CONTRIBUTION

- We were unable on our own to find a suitable enhancement to add to the project's code base
- Decided to ask the development community for suggestions
- Asked to develop a demo
- Built a game using the LibGDX library to act as a demo project for new users

IMPLEMENTATION

- Simple platform runner game
- Exemplifies how to use LibGDX's tools
- Written so that is an easy starting point for people new to LibGDX



CHALLENGES

- Biggest challenge was finding something to work on
- Spent first two weeks trying to identify a contribution
- Once we figured out what to work on, implementation was easy and straightforward

LESSONS LEARNED

- We learned that walking into a developed project with no previous involvement is incredibly difficult
- Documentation is great for learning a system, but working with it is the only way to really understand it