P2: Exercise 7

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Presenting Ludo to client

- Game - Ludo
- How to design this game?
- Identify component
- Conform with client
- Implement the components
- Present to client
Software Prototyping

- To assess the set of requirements
- To test the feasibility without building the whole system
- To make end user involved in the design phase
Prototyping Dimension

- Representation
  - How is the design represented?
  - Can be just textual description, sketches or physical prototypes?

- Scope

- Executability
  - Can prototype be “run”?

- Maturation
  - Are we going to throw the prototype or use for further iterations?
“A sketch is a rapidly executed freehand drawing that is not usually intended as a finished work.”

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sketch_%28drawing%29

Figure from the slides on “Sketching User Experiences: The Workbook”
Sketching

- Sketching helps you to
  - express
  - develop, and
  - communicate design ideas

- Force yourself to visualize how things come together

Adapted from the slides on “Sketching User Experiences: The Workbook”
Sketching a game
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- turret can be placed on a planet
- supply box (items come from here)
- rockets
- upgrade your laser

Adrian Blumer, Rudolf M. Schreier, Daniel Zimmermann; Game Programming Lab Project Presentation, ETH Zürich, 2012
Sketching

- Brainstorming
  - Come up with as many ideas as possible
  - It is about design, not function

- Quick to make, disposable, plentiful

Adapted from the slides on “Sketching User Experiences: The Workbook”
Sketching

- Focus on high-level design notions
- No so good for illustrating flow and the details
Physical prototyping

- A physical prototype consists of
  - A set of objects and sketches that resemble the intended user interface
  - A set of rules (how can a player move? What actions are allowed in what state?)

- and lets you
  - Simulate the user experience by executing rules and moving the elements on the board

- Should focus on the core elements

- Can be developed iteratively to refine the design

Based on: https://graphics.ethz.ch/teaching/gamelab11/course_material/lecture03/Prototyping.pdf
Paper Prototype
Resources

- Slides on “Sketching User Experiences: The Workbook”
  
  http://sketchbook.cpsc.ucalgary.ca/?page_id=64

- Adrian Blumer, Rudolf M. Schreier, Daniel Zimmermann; Game Programming Lab Project Presentation, ETH Zürich, 2012

  Space Trouble ! Example referred
  
  https://twiki.graphics.ethz.ch/GameClass/Team2
Exercise 7

- Ludo interfaces
  - Pen & Paper
  - No programming required

- Create a simple paper prototype
  - Demonstrate user experience

- Complete your revisions and pending exercises