## ADVANCED TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES: PAC-MAN GAME

For your next assignment you are going to create Pac-Man, the classic arcade game.

The game play should be similar to the original game whereby the player controls Pac-Man through a maze while collecting (eating) pellets. Once all the pellets are eaten, Pac-Man should be taken to the next level. You will need a minimum of two levels for this game.



Your game will require four (4) enemies that roam the maze trying to catch Pac-Man. You will need to use a Step Event and the Step Towards action in order to make the enemies somewhat intelligent



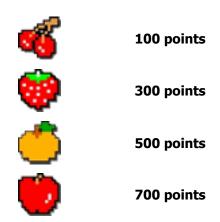
so that they follow Pac-Man. If an enemy touches Pac-Man, a life is lost and Pac-Man dies. When all lives have been lost, the game ends.

#### **POWER PELLETS**

Your game will need to include power pellets, which are four, larger flashing dots near the four corners of the maze. When Pac-Man eats a power pellet, it gains the temporary ability to eat the enemies. The enemies must turn deep blue, run away from Pac-Man and move slower. When an enemy is eaten, its eyes must be the only things that remain visible and must return to the centre box where it is regenerated back to its normal colour. Blue enemies must also flash white to signal that they are about to become dangerous again.

#### **FRUITS**

You will need to have fruits appear directly below the ghost pen. The first bonus fruit appears after 70 dots have been cleared from the maze; the second one appears after 170 dots are cleared. Each fruit is worth a different amount of points:



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#### 1000 points

Whenever a fruit appears, the amount of time it stays on the screen before disappearing should be 10 seconds.

#### **SCORING**

The player can earn points in a variety of ways. Each small pellet that Pac-Man eats earns the player 10 points. Each power pellet is worth 50 points each. As for the ghosts, the first ghost captured after a power pellet is eaten is worth 200 points. Each additional ghost captured from the same power pellet is worth twice as many points as the one before it - i.e. 400, 800, and 1,600 points.

#### HIGH SCORES

Be sure to include a High Scores table that allows the user to record their name and score if they earn a Top 10 score.

#### **SOUNDS**

Finally, you will need to include sound effects and background music for your game. I have included sound files for you which you can find in the shared directory. You are more than welcome to find and use your other sound effects.

#### GAME DESIGN OUTLINE

In addition to creating the game, you will also need to come up with an outline of your game. Your outline should include a brief description of the game that walks us through the main points and objective of the game.

For your game design outline, you will need to use the following Game Design template:

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### **Game Title**

#### SUMMARY

Provide a brief description of the game, including the objective of the game, the gameplay (i.e. how the game works), characters in the game, the scene(s) in which the action takes place, etc.)

#### **GAME OBJECTS**

Describe the objects that you will be using, what these objects will look like, and the purpose these objects will serve in the game.

#### **SOUNDS**

Describe the sounds (and sound effects) you will be using and the purpose the sounds will serve in the game.

#### **CONTROLS**

Explain what the user will be using to control the objects in the game (e.g. left mouse button, a key on the keyboard, etc.).

#### **GAME FLOW**

Describe how the game works, from beginning to end. In other words, describe what happens when the game begins, what the user's options are, what the other objects in the game do, what happens when the user performs certain actions, etc.

#### **LEVELS**

If there is more than one level, describe each level. Even if there is only one level, describe how the difficultly of the game increases as the game progresses.

Be sure to save your project, as well as your Game Design outline, in a folder called **Pac-Man** in your COMPLETED ASSIGNMENTS folder.

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CATEGORY	CRITERIA	< LEVEL 1 0 – 49%	LEVEL 1 50 – 59%	LEVEL 2 60 – 69%	LEVEL 3 70 – 79%	LEVEL 4 80 – 100%	MARK
Knowledge and Understanding	Demonstrates an understanding of how to create a game using some of GameMaker's advanced tools and techniques	Demonstrates no under- standing of how to create a game using GameMaker's advanced tools and techniques	Demonstrates limited under- standing of how to create a game using GameMaker's advanced tools and techniques	Demonstrates some under- standing of how to create a game using GameMaker's advanced tools and techniques	Demonstrates considerable understanding of how to create a game using Game-Maker's advanced tools and techniques	Demonstrates thorough understanding of how to create a game using Game-Maker's advanced tools and techniques	/10
		0-4.9	5.0-5.9	6.0-6.9	7.0-7.9	8.0-10	
Thinking	The game meets all the outlined requirements	The game meets none of the outlined requirements	The game meets a limited number of the outlined requirements	The game meets some of the outlined requirements	The game meets most of the outlined requirements	The game meets all of the outlined requirements	
	Tests and debugs the game to ensure the program meets all the requirements	Tests and debugs the program with no success	Tests and debugs the program with limited success	Tests and debugs the program with some success	Tests and debugs the program with considerable success	Tests and debugs the program with great success	/10
		0-4.9	5.0-5.9	6.0-6.9	7.0-7.9	8.0-10	
Communication	Provides a game design outline that clearly describes the key features and objective of the game	Communicates the key features and objectives of the game with no success	Communicates the key features and objectives of the game with limited success	Communicates the key features and objectives of the game with some success	Communicates the key features and objectives of the game with consider- able success	Communicates the key features and objectives of the game with great success	/10
		0-4.9	5.0-5.9	6.0-6.9	7.0-7.9	8.0-10	
Application	Effectively applies programming knowledge and skills of GameMaker to create a game	Applies programming knowledge and skills of GameMaker with no success	Applies programming knowledge and skills of GameMaker with limited success	Applies programming knowledge and skills of GameMaker with some success	Applies programming knowledge and skills of GameMaker with considerable success	Applies programming knowledge and skills of GameMaker with great success	/10
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#### **CURRICULUM EXPECTATIONS THAT ARE COVERED IN THIS ASSIGNMENT:**

- B1. Describe fundamental programming concepts and constructs.
- B2. Plan and write simple programs using fundamental programming concepts.
- B3. Apply basic code maintenance techniques when writing programs.

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