Welcome back my friends ☺ It seems to me you like what I do otherwise you would not have returned.

This game project is like simple shooter. The player has health and can move anywhere it wants to go. It fires flashy bullets and the goal is to destroy all enemies that are spawned.

Now if you did all previous workshops you should know a lot of scripting already. No need to go over it all again so I will only explain the new stuff that is important.

Let’s see we have a spawning object that creates enemy bots. These bots will follow the player and on hit they will take health of the player. Now have a look at the code.

***Line 399 - 442***

action enemy\_1() <<< the name of our enemy action

var run\_percentage;<<<< variable for the running animation.

my.group=1;<<<<<make it part of group 1

set(my,BRIGHT | POLYGON | METAL | SHADOW);<<<<< polygon metal and shadow setting

my.emask |= (ENABLE\_ENTITY |ENABLE\_IMPACT | ENABLE\_SCAN); <<<< collide with entity and have impact + scan

my.event = remove\_enemy; <<<<<< when impact use remove\_enemy function

my.eflags |= FAT | NARROW;<<<<< better collision

vec\_set(my.min\_x,vector(-20,-20,-20));<<<<set box

vec\_set(my.max\_x,vector(20,20,20));<<<<set box

VECTOR temp;<<<< create a vector

while (!powerloader) {wait (1);}<<<<<< wait till the player Powerloader pointer is loaded.

while (1)

if (vec\_dist(powerloader.x, my.x) > 1500) <<<< if distance is bigger then 1500

enemy\_stands(); <<<<< use the enemy\_stands function

else <<<<< If above is not happening then…..

if (vec\_dist (powerloader.x, my.x) > 10) <<<< if distance is bigger then 10

vec\_set(temp, powerloader.x);

vec\_sub(temp, my.x);

vec\_to\_angle(my.pan, temp);<<<<<< set all vecs (remember ?)

ent\_animate(my, "walk", run\_percentage, ANM\_CYCLE); <<<<then play the "run" animation

c\_ignore(1);<<<<<< ignora all group 1 members

c\_move (my, vector(15 \* time\_step, 0, 0), nullvector, IGNORE\_PASSABLE | GLIDE);<<<<movement

run\_percentage += 2 \* time\_step; <<<<<6 = "run" animation speed

if(enable\_shooting ==1) <<<<< when this variable is equal to 1

ent\_remove(me);<<<<<< remove the model

break;<<<<<< stop the action !

else <<<< if above is not working then

enemy\_stands(); <<<< play and use animation function stands.

So these bots will follow player until it hits the player. I created a nice simple enemy spawning here is the script :

***Line 447 - 475***

action enemy\_spawner()<<<< name of the action

set(my,PASSABLE | INVISIBLE); <<< make passable and invisible

var spawn\_timer = 160; <<<<set time to spawn

VECTOR temp1; <<<<<set vector for particle emitting

while(1)

my.pan += 10\* time\_step; <<<< rotate pan

my.roll += 10\*time\_step; <<<<< make it roll

vec\_for\_vertex(temp1, my, 1330); <<<< set particle on this vertec

effect(my\_effect2, 1, temp1.x, nullvector); <<<<start the effect

spawn\_timer -=1\* time\_step;<<<<<make variable count down to 0

if(spawn\_timer <=0) <<<<<< when 0 is hit

snd\_play(created\_snd,100,0); <<<< play a sound

ent\_create("magic23+8.png", vector(my.x,my.y,my.z+50), sprite\_played);<<<<create sprite and animation

ent\_create("powerloadere.mdl", vector(my.x+20,my.y,my.z),enemy\_1);<<<< create enemy with enemy\_1 action

wait(-2);<<<< wait 2 secs

spawn\_timer =random (150);<<<<pic a new variable number it chooses random out of 150

if(enable\_shooting ==1) <<<< if this variable is 1

ent\_remove(me);<<<<<<< remove the spawner

break;<<<<<stop action

Cool aint it ☺ Now you know how to make enemies spawn and if you paid close attention in the previous space shooter workshop, you should be able to make enemies fire at you.

When you rund the game you see that the spawning object have a nice particle effect to it. Here is the code it uses. Thanks to Malice who have made an awesome series about scripting particles :

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLV6SWUMWCdyCm3UJ7ex5lGfgQSeIjx_I5>

***Line 12- 16***

function p\_alphafade(PARTICLE \*p) <<<< fade the particles

p.alpha = random(100); <<<<< set random alpha

if (p.alpha <= 10) p.lifespan = 0; <<<<<< when alpha is smaller or equal to 10 set life span to 0

***Line 27- 35***

BMAP\* effect\_tga = "spark.tga"; <<<< use spark.tga as particle

function my\_effect(PARTICLE \*p)<<<<< name of the function

p.lifespan = 0.1;<<<< lifespawn set on 0.1

p.alpha = 60;<<<<< alpha on 60

p.bmap = effect\_tga; <<<<<the sprite that is used

p.size = random(40); <<<<<< set random pick number under 40

p.flags |= (MOVE|BRIGHT ); <<<<<set it to move and be bright

p.event = p\_alphafade; <<<< use the event/function

The final part that needs a little explanation is the players health. Let’s do it.

***Line 167- 184***

#define health skill20 <<<< we use defining a skill to set health and to be able to change it.

function health\_indicator()<<<<name of the function

ENTITY\* ent\_owner = you;<<<<<<<< health is the player (you)

set (my, BRIGHT |PASSABLE);<<<<you know this by know

while (ent\_owner)<<<<< when above is done it should

vec\_set (my.x, ent\_owner.x); <<<<there is that vec set again

my.z += 10; <<<<<distance from z

my.x +=50;<<<<<<distance from x

my.tilt =-90;<<<<tilt otherwise you won’t see it from top down ☺

my.scale\_x = ent\_owner.health \* 0.05; <<<<< use 0.05 to scale up the health graphic

So now all we need is to create and use this in the player action.

We do this by adding some simple lines to the player code.

**Line 207**

my.skill20 = 10; <<<<set skill20 to 10 so the health is 10

**Line 216**

ent\_create ("health.pcx", nullvector, health\_indicator); <<< create the health and set it so it will stick to the player, it uses the health\_indicator function.

**Line 259**

if(my.skill20 <=0){ <<<<when health is lower or equal to 0 game over function starts.

**Line 187-191**

function remove\_player() <<<every time player has impact it uses this function

my.skill20 -=1; <<< and takes one of the players health

And there you have it all to create a simple shooter ☺ toy with this and experiment. Make new ammo settings, stronger or faster bots, add a timer, create bigger health all is there for you to use.

You can also give each spawned bot its own health

I still have some ideas to expand this game or use another way of controlling it ☺ Curious ? well keep visiting my place and hopefully part II will be up soon.

I’ll hope you enjoy all I created till now.

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