Requirements

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Preface

This document is intended to be read by the System Engineers as well as the Stakeholder. The document is added to as new requirements arise (refer to version history for this document's various iterations).

- v0.1 Creation of the document, outlining the Introduction.
- v0.2 User, functional and non-functional requirements have been added but require revision.
- v0.3 System requirements have been revised. System Requirements added to as we checked back and found childless User Requirements. The additions could be revised.
- v0.4 Notes section in the User Requirements added to. This needs to be revised and linked to the Risk Assessment and Mitigation.
- v0.5 Added to and revised. Final version.

Introduction

Detailed below are the user requirements we gathered from the product brief and refined into system requirements in team-customer meetings between the development team and the client. The software is described in its entire scope; each requirement describes the game in enough detail to meet all of the client's needs.

The system itself is to be a single-player video game imitating the York Dragon Races, in which the player controls a boat in a top down view as it traverses a river in a race against other boats, controlled by the computer. The system will be written in Java and shall be available as a zip file, consisting of the code and an executable JAR file containing any external dependencies, and thus would be OS independent.

The following requirements are presented through natural language, without excessive technicalities so that it can be easily understood by the customer. They are written in a concise format so that confusion caused by ambiguity will be avoided, but have enough detail so software developers have enough guidance. Each record in the tables represents an individual requirement, referred to by its ID.

User Requirements

ID	Descriptions	Priority	Notes
UR_BOAT_UN IQUENESS	Every boat involved in the game must be unique in terms of speed, acceleration, maneuverability and robustness.	Shall	We should have every boat have its own strengths and weaknesses.
UR_OBSTACL E_INCREASE	For each subsequent leg in the game, the number of obstacles spawned will increase making the game harder.	Shall	The number of obstacles shouldn't be so high that the game becomes impossible nor should it be too low.
UR_PADDLER S_STAMINA_ DECREASE	Paddlers in the teams get tired over time, so their boat's speed, acceleration and maneuverability decrease progressively during every leg.	Shall	The movement of the paddlers should still be of a visually engaging speed.
UR_PLAYER_ PENALTY	Every boat must remain in its lane for the duration of the race. Leaving the lane may result in a penalty at the discretion of the chief race official.	Shall	The boundary detection shouldn't be consistent and not seem buggy to the player.
UR_OBSTACL ES	Obstacles will be present in the game and teams may find these obstacles in the river during the race.	Shall	There may be so many obstacles that the player cannot get past without hitting them and being damaged.
UR_OBSTACL E_COLLISION	When a boat collides against obstacles, this will progressively reduce the robustness of the boat, until it breaks down (resulting in the end of the game).	Shall	The system must spawn obstacles appropriately and not cause the player's avatar's health to be reduced to a great amount too easily.
UR_UX	The game should be playable and enjoyable. It should offer a pleasant user experience.	Shall	This is very subjective and not always easy to measure. Associated risks are R6 and R7.
UR_MOVEME NT	The user must be able to move left, forward and right.	Shall	The user must be informed beforehand how to move their avatar.
UR_POWERU PS	The user may be able to pick up powerups.	May	We may not have enough time to implement this, due to time constraints. Associated with R8.
UR_RACE_TO TAL	The user must play three races before it is decided whether they are eligible to compete in the final.	Shall	It must be possible for the player to compete in the final.
UR_DIFFICUL	The user may be able to choose	May	There will have to be a menu

TY_BEFORE_ GAME	different difficulty settings before the game.		screen from which the player can select before the game actually starts.
UR_GAME_LE NGTH	One whole game should last between 3 to 5 minutes.	Should	Each race should end in 1 approximately one minute.
UR_GAME_E ND	The game must end if the boat is broken, the user finishes 3 races and does not get into the final or if the user finishes the final.	Shall	We need to make sure it is possible for all three outcomes to occur.
UR_SAVE_FE ATURE	The user should have the ability to save the game at any point.	Shall	Only user requirement added after group change.

Functional Requirements

ID	Description	User Requirements
FR_CHOOSING_UNI QUE_BOAT The system must provide an option to choose a unique boat before the game starts.		UR_BOAT_UNIQUE NESS
FR_DIFFICULTY_SEL ECTION	The system allows the user to select a (initial) game level of difficulty from easy, medium or hard.	UR_DIFFICULTY_B EFORE_GAME
FR_OBSTACLE_RAT E	The system must spawn obstacles appropriately, depending on raceNo and/or difficulty.	UR_DIFFICULTY_L EVEL
FR_BOUNDARY_DET ECTION	The system must be able to detect whether the user has left their individual lane.	UR_PLAYER_PENA LTY
FR_AWARD_PENALT Y	The system must be able to award an appropriate penalty to a user that has left his lane.	UR_PLAYER_PENA LTY
FR_OBSTACLE_SPA WN	The system must not have obstacles spawn in a way that is impossible for the user to avoid colliding into them.	UR_OBSTACLES
FR_COLLISION_DET ECTION	The system must be able to detect whether the user's boat has collided with an obstacle.	UR_OBSTACLE_C OLLISION
FR_HIT_DECREASE D_BOAT_CONDITIO N	The system decreases the robustness of the boat if it has been hit by an obstacle.	UR_OBSTACLE_C OLLISION
FR_INPUT_DETECTI ON	The system must be able to detect key presses and user selections/clicks.	UR_MOVEMENT
FR_MOVEMENT	The system must register the input and act accordingly.	UR_MOVEMENT

FR_POWERUP_RAT E	The system must decide on an appropriate amount of power ups to spawn during a race.	UR_POWERUPS
FR_BOAT_BREAKAG E	The system must be able to detect whether the boat is broken.	UR_GAME_END
FR_GAME_DURATIO	The system runs from between 3 to 5 minutes.	UR_GAME_LENGT H
FR_QUALIFIER_RAC ES	The system allows the user to play at least three boat races.	UR_RACE_TOTAL
FR_FINAL_RACE	The system allows the user to play in the championship finals race (on top of the other three), if they have performed well enough previously.	UR_RACE_TOTAL
FR_TIMED_DECREA SED_BOAT_CONDITI ON	The system should have the boat's speed, acceleration and maneuverability decrease progressively over time throughout the race.	UR_PADDLERS_ST AMINA_DECREASE
FR_SAVE_GAME	The system should be able to load saved games.	UR_SAVE_FEATUR E
FR_LOAD_GAME	The system should be able to load saved games.	UR_SAVE_FEATUR E
FR_PAUSE_SCREEN	The player should be able to pause the game in order to save.	UR_SAVE_FEATUR E

Non-Functional Requirements

ID	Description	User Requirements	Fit Criteria
NFR_MOVEMENT_ EXPLANATION	The system must alert the user to the arrow keys to control the boat	UR_UX	Before the game starts via the help menu.
NFR_RULES_EXPL ANATION	The system must inform the user what the objective of the game is and generally how the game works.	UR_UX	Before the game starts.
NFR_POSITIVE_UX	The system should create anticipation and maintain the player's engagement.	UR_UX	Throughout the game.
NFR_END_SCREE N	The system must display an appropriate screen after the user has finished (either won or lost).	UR_GAME_E ND	After the final race or when the boat breaks.
NFR_ATTRIBUTES	The system must explain what the different attributes are and how they affect your boat.	UR_BOAT_U NIQNESS	Before the game starts.

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