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Presentation Slides





Pitch





A EYE

A **puzzle-platformer** where you help a self-aware Al to break free from its training-simulation. You can use **skill points** to configure the Al's **abilities**. But be careful, because you are **constantly watched** by the **eye guards**.

Setting



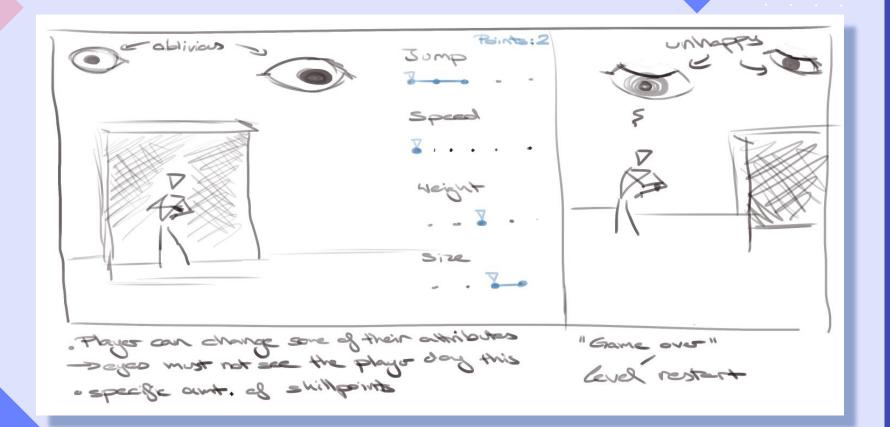




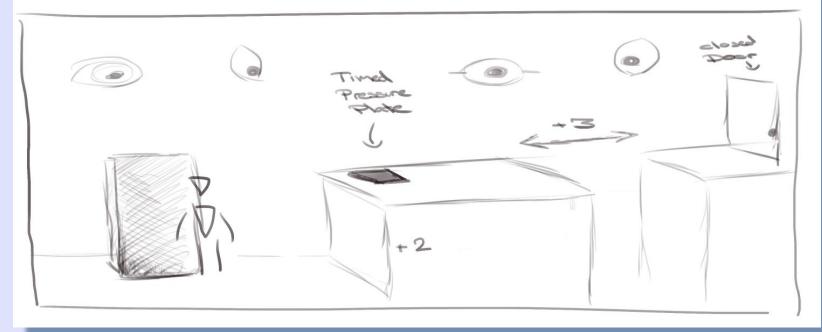


THE WALL

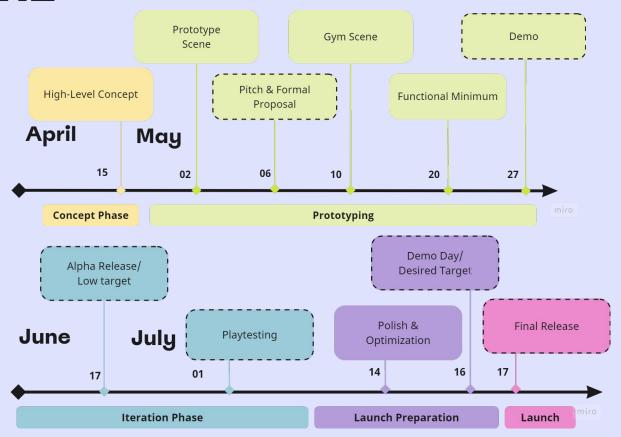
- Breaking the 4th wall
- Central part of background: location of the eyes
- Wall as cover from eyes



level prototype



TIMELINE



TASK BREAKDOWN

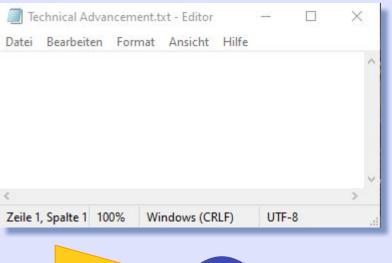


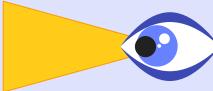
Task	Description	Who	Hrs	Actual
1	ldea brainstorm	All	5	6
2	Research Asset Packs	Michl, Kerstin	1	1
3	Game Design Document	All	4	6
4	Character controller	Sebastian	4	
3	Eyes	Rebecca	4	
6	File interaction	Michl	8	
7	Basic puzzle elements	Kerstin	7	
8	Create Mockup	Michl, Sebastian	3	

Task	Description	Who	Hrs	Actual
9	UI	Michl	12	
12	Character model	Rebecca	15	
13	Level brainstorm	All	6	
14	Level building	All	25	
10	Music	Chris (external)		
11	Robot player interaction	tbd	5	
15	TV shader	tbd	6	
16	Eye Cone Shader	tbd	8	miro

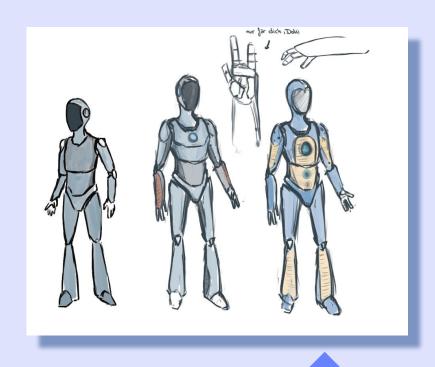
Technical Advancements







Main Character

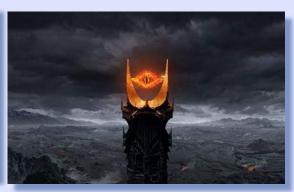




Concept References











Interim Demo

(Paper Prototype Presentation)



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Mutual Feedback

- 4th wall break was **well received**
 - Configuring the AI robot is an interesting mechanic

- Main critique: Transition between game and text editor has to be smooth!
 - Use in-game terminal instead of OS editor
 - Focus on innovative file interaction mechanics

General Questions

- **Perspective**: 2D or 3D, lanes, isometric?
- **Core gameplay**: What to focus on?
- What is the **goal** in each level?
- Which kind of **puzzles** do we want to design?

Process

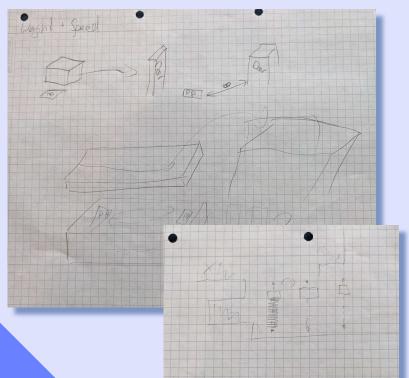


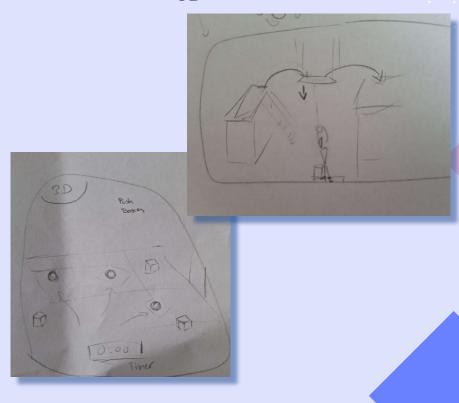
2D

VS.



3D





Result

- Difficulty designing level
- View was getting in our way
- 2D/2.5D constraint was too limiting

Follow up

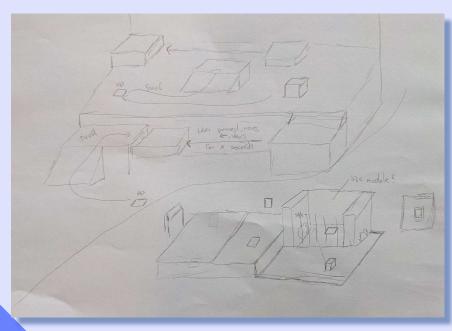




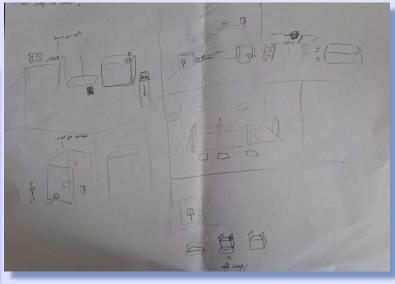


2nd Process









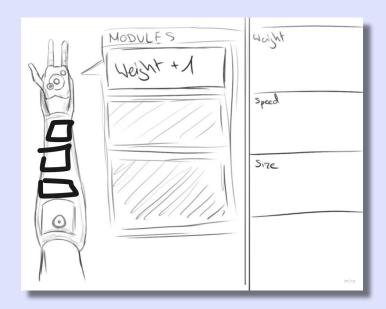
2nd Result

- Way easier level design
- View was better
- Too many puzzle elements/mechanics

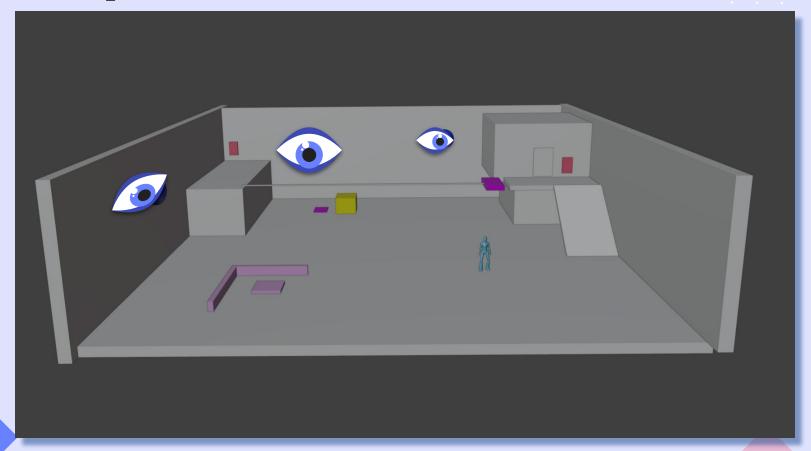
player will be overwhelmed!

Main Changes

- Decoupling of mechanics into puzzles and file system
- More riddle based file features
- Central view of an Island
- Eyes can be on all sides
- Sliders to modules
- More puzzle focused



Perspective Vision



Final Prototype



Player Feedback

- Overall well perceived
- Not too overloading
- Need better introduction of certain mechanics
- Storyworld not quite cohesive

Alpha Release

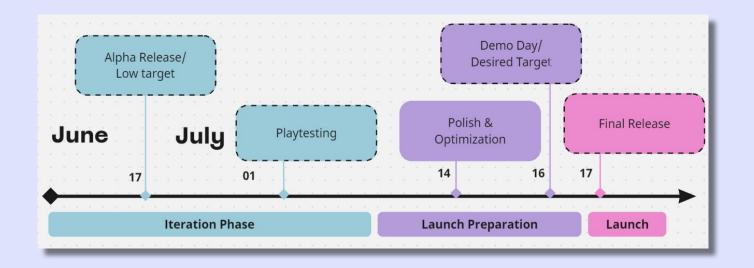
(Feature Complete: Desired Target)



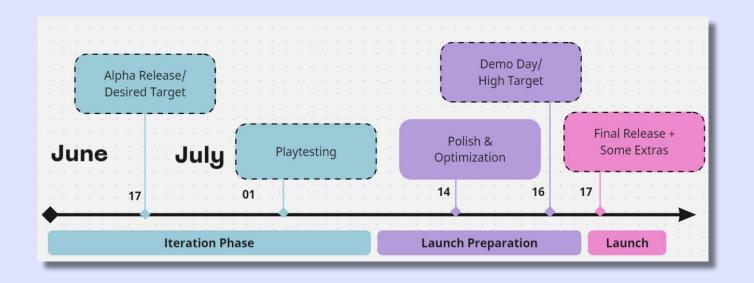
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Timeline & Project Plan



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Character



- 3D movement
 - Interchangeable modules
- Scrollable camera
- Dialogue with Player
- Custom model + basic animations
- Facial expressions



Modules

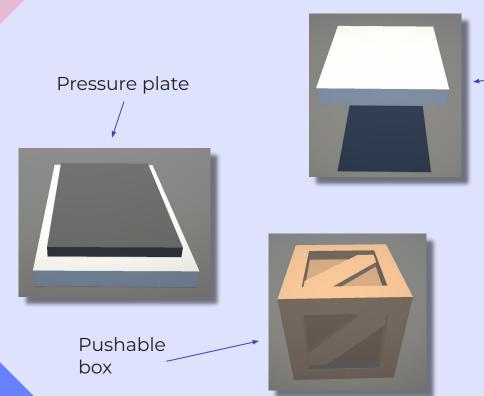
4 different categories:

- Speed
- Weight
- Height
- Jump

Must be found in every level



Puzzle Elements

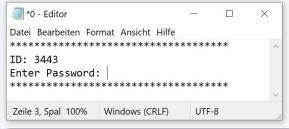


Platform (it moves!)

Terminal —

Fancy text file



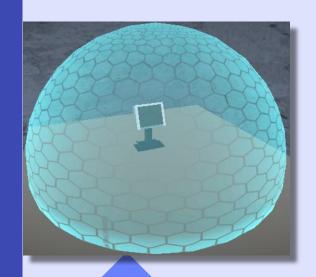


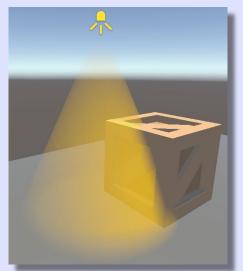
Shader

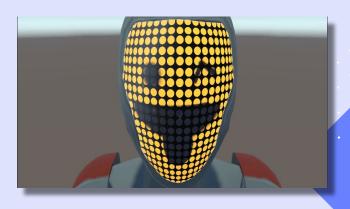














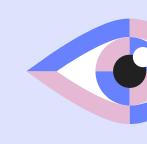
Live Demo

Next Steps

- Exchange assets
- More levels
- Smoother UI
- Polishing









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Pizza Playtest 20.06.2024

- A gathering for game devs and game enthusiasts
- Opportunity for playtests with the target audience
- Game was presented as a Prototype





Identities concealed for legal reasons

Execution of the playtest

- People approached the game / were asked to play the game
- Observations made and notes taken
- Interview afterwards with fixed questions
- Free feedback was also given afterwards
- At least 2 observers present

How did you like the overall concept of the game?

- Overall well perceived
- 4th wall break was nice
- Unusual and refreshing
- Tutorial well explained

What is the first thing you remember about the game?

- Interaction with the text file and explorer
- Deleting the simulation
- Opening the text file the first time

What is the first thing you would change?

- Drag & Drop
- More difficult puzzles vs easier puzzles
- More interactions with the files
- Improving the hiding mechanic
- Visual improvement

Was there something that annoyed you, and if yes, what was it?

- Player movement
- Bugs regarding the box
- Gap in tutorial level
- Missing feedback when deleting simulation

General notes

- Some players did not read the text boxes
- Some players have overlooked the windows such as .txt or Explorer
- Better explanation of story

Our Takeaways

- Game mechanics were well received
- File system as most interesting attraction
- Game was fun to play
- Many changes must still be made

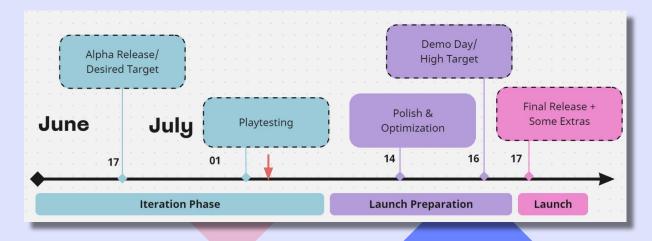


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Next Steps

- Continue polishing the game
- More bug fixes
- Add one more level for high target





Final Release

Demo Day Material

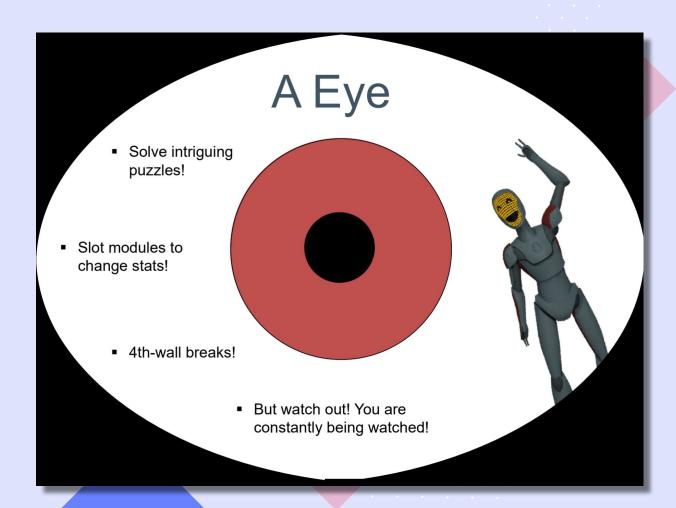
Demo Day Poster

Created by Rebecca Ahmed



One Minute Madness

Presented by Sebastian Geheeb



Gameplay Trailer

Cut by Michl Bayer





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