



AweSeven Prototype mode: intensified

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This week started off pretty much with the same tasks as last week but in a more intensified manner. Monday was a great day as we got to see the kids in action, playing Prefix Pagoda. We made our observations about the SMALLab in general and about certain aspects of the game as well, which might help us later in development. We then tested two of our prototypes to see how the interactions and mechanisms work in the SMALLab. Initially we faced a few technical issues like dimensions, scaling and interactions with regards to virtual space and physical space, but we were able to debug our program there itself and make things right.

The main goals of this week were to finish up on the remaining two prototypes and then tweak the previous ones if needed. Before we start to build a prototype, we usually precede it with a brainstorming meeting to get the entire teams input and see if everyone is on the same page about the idea. The Magic Spell idea was relatively a smooth and short discussion but the Battleship idea took some thinking. We again split up our 4 programmers into teams of two each to work on one prototype respectively. This time we mixed and matched the teams so that everyone gets a chance of working with each other (*team chemistry +1). Today we will finish building both the prototypes and we plan to work on the previous two over the weekend (nostalgia - this part reminds us of our first semester).



One very interesting thing that we have been waiting to see is our team photo. Our artists have been working hard on the raw images and morphing them to bring our idea to reality. It looks way better than we imagined, everyone is happy with the team photo. Although it doesn't link to the project directly, we think that it represents the characteristics of the team in a fun and jovial way.

We are looking forward to testing our remaining two prototypes the coming Monday and then talking to Dr. K as well as the teachers about them. We also have our first milestone next week as 'Quarters' where we present our work to the faculty. We consider ourselves to be in a good position as of now. It will be interesting to hear everybody's opinion which will ultimately help us decide our further plan of action. Lastly, we would like to thank our super amazing clients who treat us as an integral part of the school (now that we have the school staff t-shirt as well) and help us in every way possible!