Crescendo Encore

Project Crescendo Encore is a SmileGate sponsored ETC project located at the ETC Silicon Valley campus. We are very glad to name ourselves after the previous ETC team who successfully created the project Crescendo in 2011 Fall semester. Crescendo Encore currently consists of five students:

Qiaosi Chen - Programmer
Hyemi Do - 2D/UI artist
Prashanth KP - Programmer
Paulwei Wang - Co-producer
*   Hardware engineer*
Chong Zhang - Co-producer

In the second semester, SmileGate would like to see the potential of having the game be playable on platforms other than PC, especially on consoles like Xbox, PlayStation 3, and Wii. Also, SmileGate would like the team to upgrade the previous game, make it easier and more fun. Fixing the delay problem, creating a more intuitive UI, and making easier controls are the three major things noted by SmileGate.

According to the first client meeting, Team Crescendo Encore is focusing on researching two things this week. First, we have been getting in touch with console manufacturers and investigating the process and the

possibility of converting the game developed last semester, DoReMi Pets, for three major consoles. In the meantime, several team members have also been using their network resources in the industry to get more possible information. Second, the team is looking into the "fun" factors of music/rhythm games. At the suggestion of our client, we have been playing many music/rhythm games from different platforms, such as Rock Band, Easy Piano, Tap Sonic, Beatmania, etc. A game research document has been created to document the analysis and the possible ideas for our own game. We also installed DoReMi Pets, played around with it, looked at the project archive from the previous team to get more familiar with the game that we will be develop upon.

Next week, Team Crescendo Encore will report the findings of the research to SmileGate. We hope to make the decision with the client in week two about whether or not Project Crescendo Encore goes for the multi-platform path.

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