MEGALODON

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This week Team Megalodon finished working on our prototypes and on Tuesday presented our games to Chief Creative Officer, Rich Hilleman. Rich was very impressed with both of the prototypes, but ultimately awarded victory to team Red because navigating the world felt more natural and the action came much faster.

After this, we gave a presentation to Mr. Hilleman to outline our direction for the next 14 weeks. Our goal was to create a persistent and immersive 3D browser game that combined the best features of the browser MMO, Realm of the Mad God, and browser-based space combat game, Moonbreakers.

The game would feature:
1. Jump-in synchronus multiplayer
2. 3rd person perspective
3. Bullet Hell Gameplay
4. Physical Zones of Difficulty
5. Classes of spaceships
6. Perma-death
7. Leaderboards and Rankings
8. Radar
9. A 'Safe Zone' Space Station

Mr. Hilleman gave us a great deal of feedback on these features that will help us better solidify our ideas.

The following day, we planned out what goals we wanted to achieve in the next two weeks and began assigning tasks to team members.

Firstly, we moved to transfer the best of our code from the prototypes to our new project, while paying attention to new agreed upon coding standards.

However, on Friday afternoon we were given a surprise. The OCCO informed us that we would be diverted to working on a different project. The project, which has been in prototype development for 6 months, is a player vs player tower defense game for XBLA. Our task would be to bring this game to the WebGL platform built by the OCCO.

There are some distinct advangtages that come with this. There is already a functional code base complete with gameplay behaviors and AI. There is also a library of 3D assets at our disposal.

While the change is surprising, this project is in some ways even more exciting than what we had been working on before.

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