



Brainstorming

Design

Prototyping

Quarter Milestone

Iteration

Halfway Milestone

Alpha

Beta

Soft Opening

Final / Launch

Legato Newsletter

Hello everyone! We would like to formally introduce ourselves as team Legato! In tandem with team Thunder Egg out in Redwood, California, we will be creating a fun family game for an unannounced Electronic Arts platform. We are very excited to have the opportunity to stand at the forefront of the technology revolution and we will do our best to create an experience that players beyond the "core gamer" demographic can enjoy. We hope you enjoy reading about our development journey.

In these newsletters we will address our progress for the work-week immediately preceding publication. To the left you can find a tentative list of the phases of our development. As we move through them, we will indicate the current phase, for example this week marked the beginning of our brainstorming phase. After meeting with our instructors and our EA point-of-contact, we came up with a plethora of design ideas, and narrowed them down to what we will pitch to EA and our instructors.

We also attended the first in a series of playtesting workshops offered here at the Entertainment Technology Center. The workshop focused on the explorative aspect: techniques to improve the brainstorming process and inspire novel ideas. In addition, we were able to receive



feedback from our ETC colleagues regarding the design ideas we shared with them. The workshop provided several insightful tools (e.g. PLEX cards) that we may be able to use going forward. More information on the workshops and playtesting methods they use is available online at http://playtestingworkshops.com/explore.html.

For the majority of our team, this is our final project as graduate students at the Entertainment Technology Center. This is our swan song, ironically, performed for a nascent platform. It's the beginning of the end for the class of 2015. Soon we will be off breaking into and breaking down the industry. So we will do our best to deliver an experience we can all be proud of, a fitting conclusion to one era, and the launchpad into another in our lives. So let the games begin!