

Oceanus 4

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The goal of Oceanus 4 is to finish the Sumi Twitter and Safe Spot interactive experiences in time for installation at the Expo 2012 in Yeosu, Korea. Oceanus and Oceanus 2 made designs and prototypes. Oceanus 3 completed working builds of the experiences. As the Oceanus 4 team, we are responsible for improving the current builds of the experiences, and handing them off for installation.

Debriefing

Stephen, who had previously worked on the Oceanus 3 team, showed us the final presentation on the work that was completed last semester. He explained where the assets, technology, and overall experiences were in their development. We also learned that the client, GL Associates, wanted to switch the experiences from Unity to OpenGL.

Team

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This Week

Over the course of the week, the team held several meetings to discuss Sumi Twitter and Safe Spot, and potential changes and improvements that could be made to both. We also brainstormed ideas for new interactions that would use the Safe Spot assets and maintain the arctic theme.

As the programmers, Kai-Hsin and Pei-Lin prepared materials to explain to the client why a switch to OpenGL would not be a viable option at this stage of the project, and reasons for remaining with Unity. The artists, Stephen and Jennifer, prepared storyboards for explaining the new interaction ideas to the client.

On Friday, the team met with John, Shirley, and Cooper to discuss the current state of the project and the decisions to make while moving forward. We learned that the deadline for our final deliverable is April 1st, which means that our schedule is significantly condensed. Pittsburgh will be working on the code and sound for Sumi Twitter, and provide support and resources as needed.

For the coming week, the Osaka artists will focus on making more assets and animations for Sumi Twitter, and the programmers will focus on improving the Safe Spot code.

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