

Asteroid(s)*



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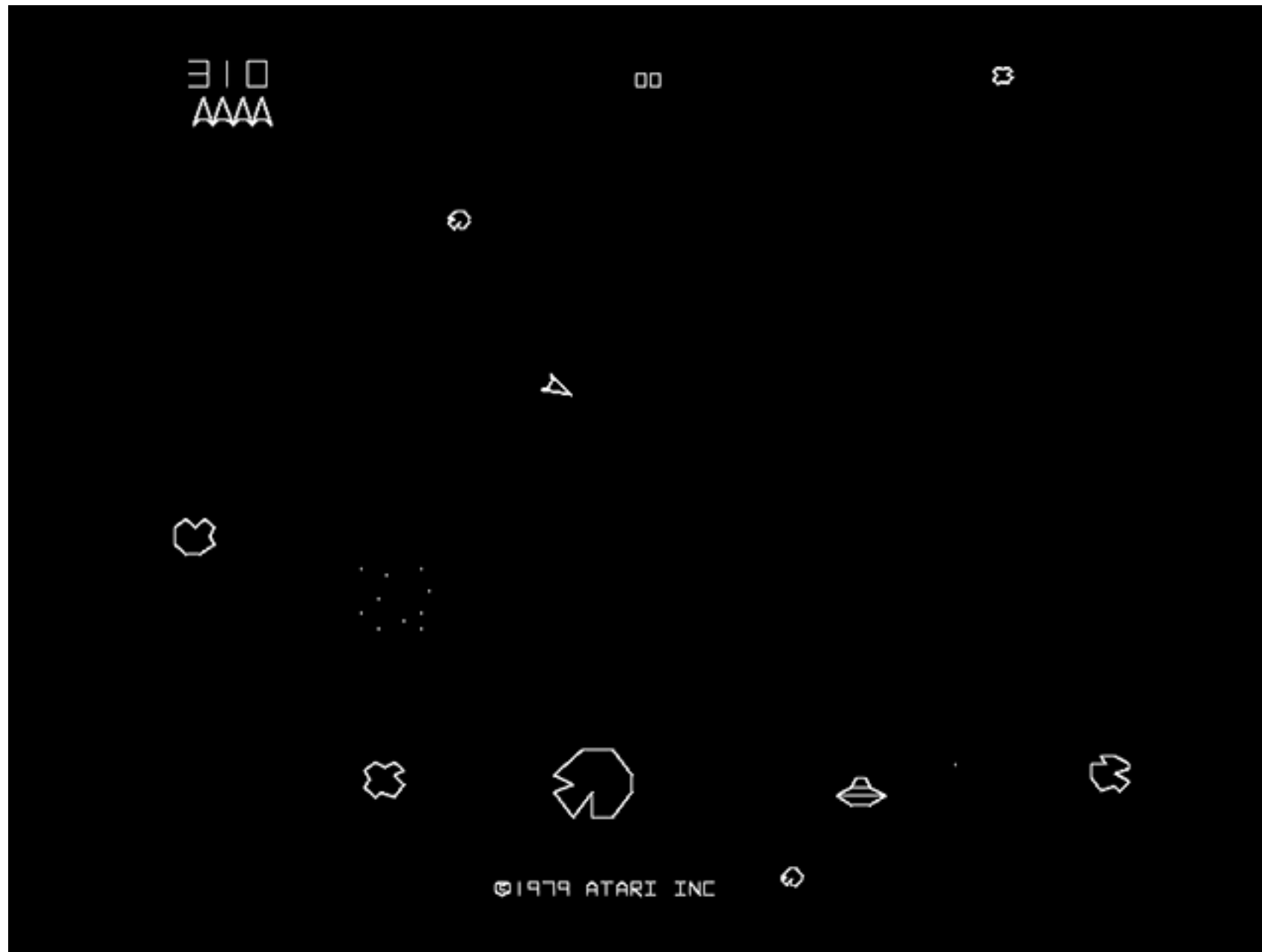
(but I like to play!)

Uhh...
Asteroids?



What's that, then?

Asteroids™

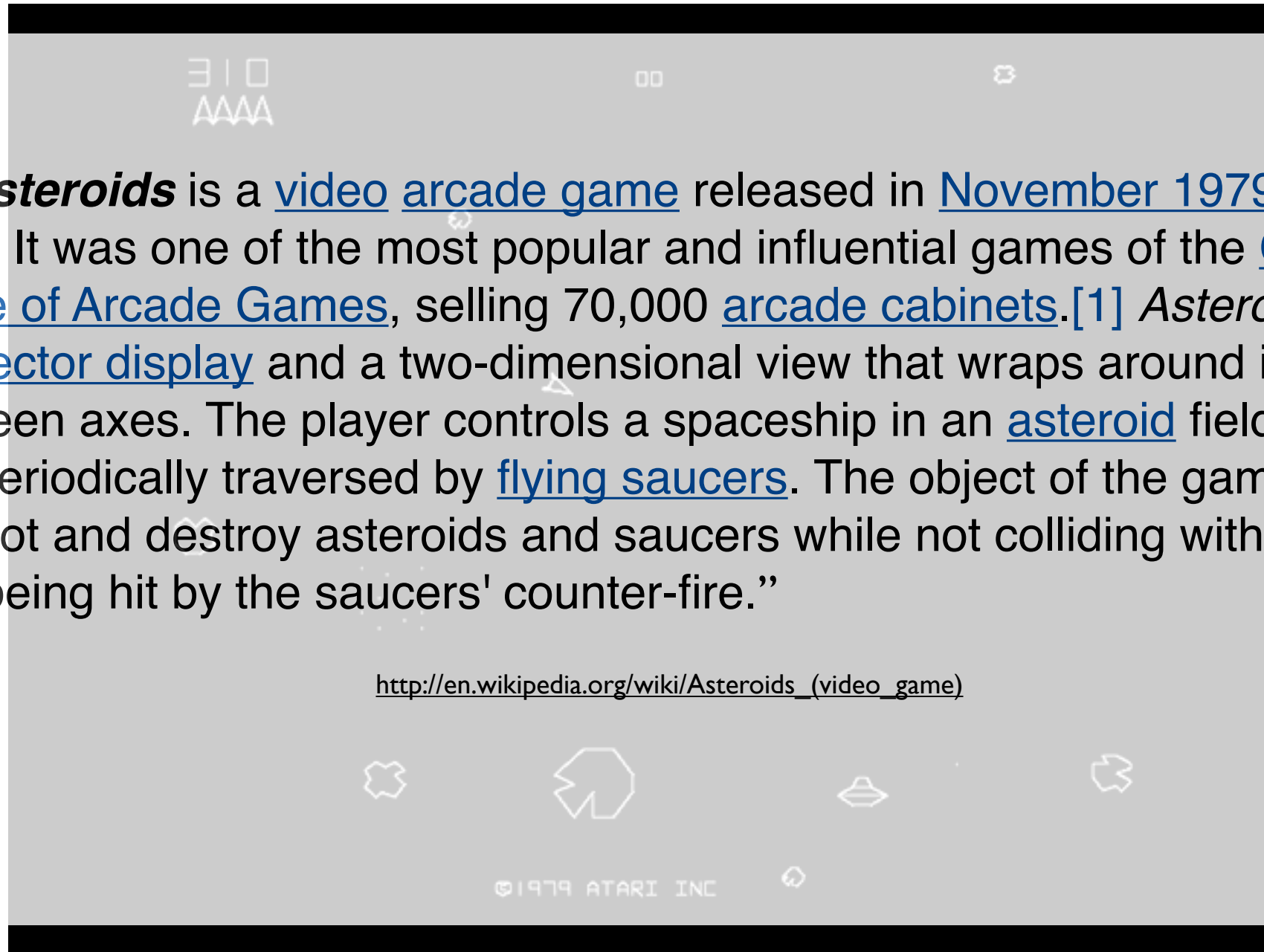


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Asteroids™

“**Asteroids** is a [video arcade game](#) released in [November 1979](#) by [Atari Inc.](#) It was one of the most popular and influential games of the [Golden Age of Arcade Games](#), selling 70,000 [arcade cabinets](#).^[1] *Asteroids* uses a [vector display](#) and a two-dimensional view that wraps around in both screen axes. The player controls a spaceship in an [asteroid](#) field which is periodically traversed by [flying saucers](#). The object of the game is to shoot and destroy asteroids and saucers while not colliding with either, or being hit by the saucers' counter-fire.”

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asteroids_\(video_game\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asteroids_(video_game))



<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Asteroid.png>

Asteroids™

Note that the term “Asteroids” is © Atari when used with a game.
I didn't know that when I wrote this...
Oops.

Atari:

- I promise I'll change the name of the game.
- In the meantime, consider this free marketing! :-)

Why DIY Asteroid(s)?

- Yes, it's been done before.
- Yes, I could have used a Game Engine.
- Yes, I could have used open|web GL.
- No, I'm not a "Not Invented Here" guy.

Why not?

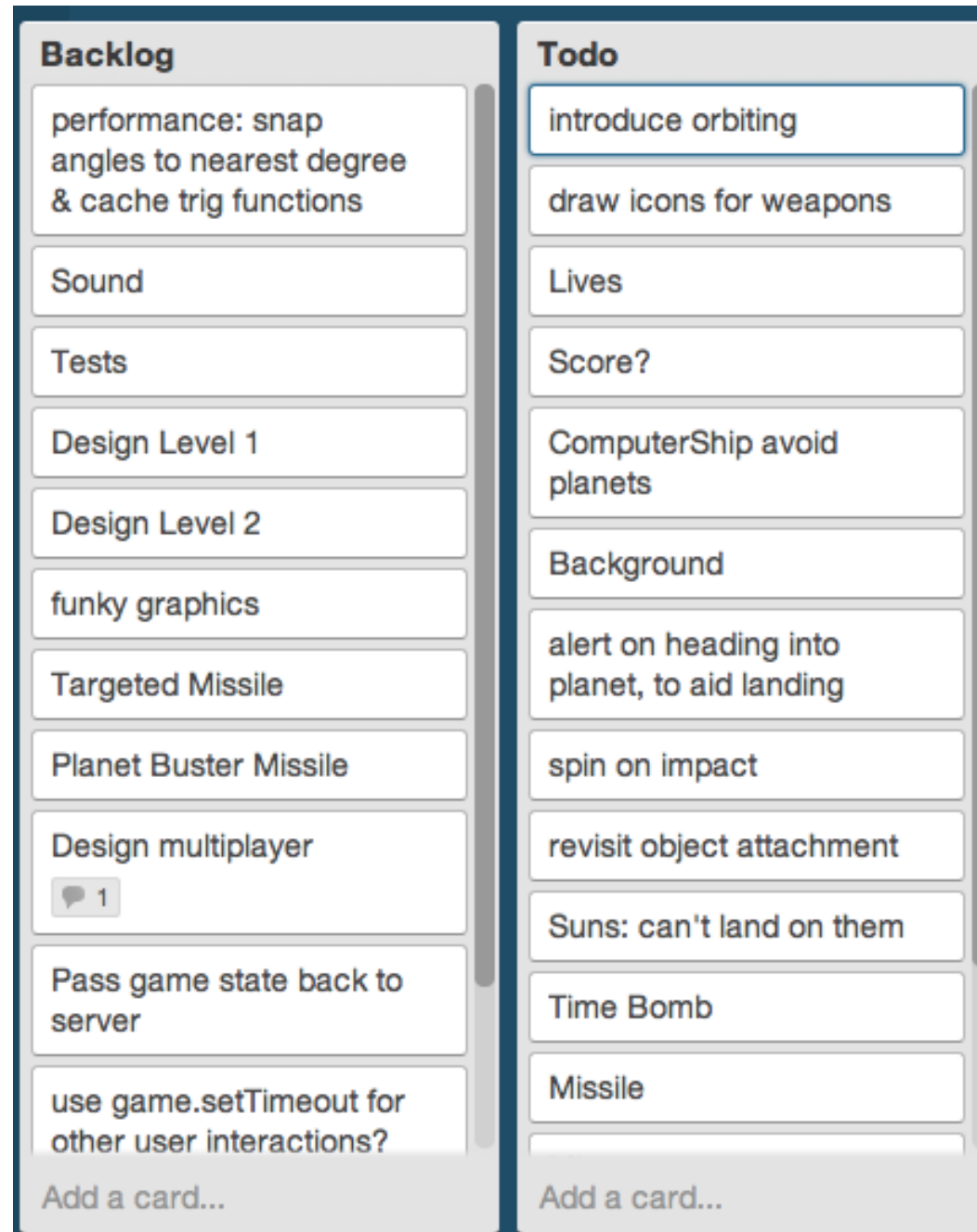
- It's a fun way to learn new tech.
- I learn better by doing.

(ok, so I've secretly wanted to write my own version of asteroids since I was a kid.)

I was learning about HTML5 (yes I know it came out several years ago. I've been busy).
A few years ago, the only way you'd be able to do this is with Flash.

demo

It's not Done...



(but it's playable)

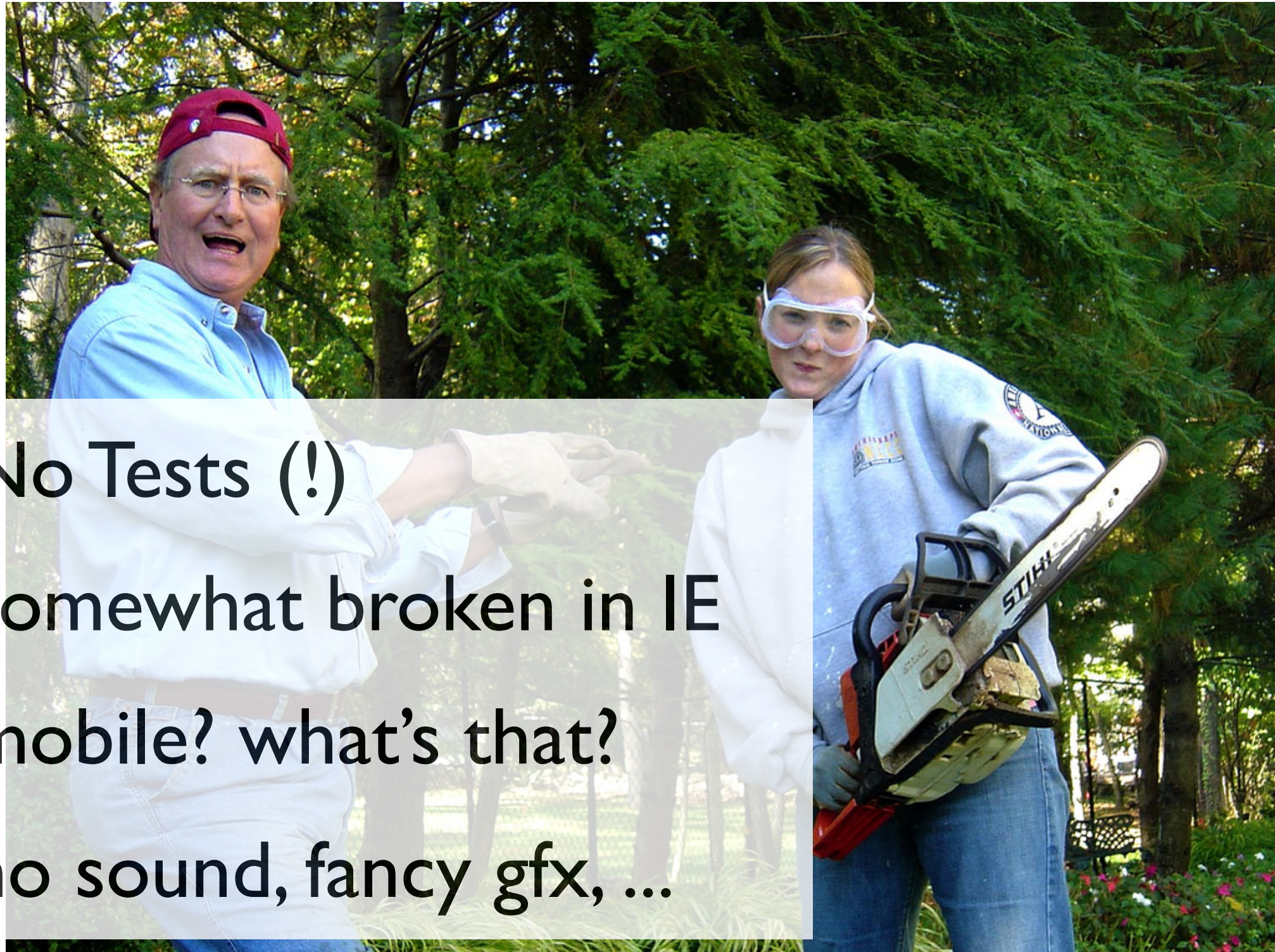
It's a Hack!



<http://www.flickr.com/photos/cheesygarlicboy/269419718/>

It's a Hack!

- No Tests (!)
- somewhat broken in IE
- mobile? what's that?
- no sound, fancy gfx, ...



If you see this...



you know what to expect.

What I'll cover...

- Basics of canvas 2D (as I go)
- Overview of how it's put together
- Some game mechanics
- Performance

What's Canvas?

- “New” to HTML5!
- lets you draw 2D graphics:
 - images, text
 - vector graphics (lines, curves, etc)
 - trades performance & control for convenience
- ... and 3D graphics (WebGL)
 - still a draft standard

Drawing a Ship

- Get canvas element
- draw lines that make up the ship

```
<body onload="drawShip()">
  <h1>Canvas:</h1>
  <canvas id="demo" width="300" height="200" style="border: 1px solid black" />
</body>
```

```
function drawShip() {
  var canvas = document.getElementById("demo");
  var ctx = canvas.getContext('2d');

  var center = {x: canvas.width/2, y: canvas.height/2};
  ctx.translate( center.x, center.y );

  ctx.strokeStyle = 'black';
  ctx.beginPath();
  ctx.moveTo(0,0);
  ctx.lineTo(14,7);
  ctx.lineTo(0,14);
  ctx.quadraticCurveTo(7,7, 0,0);
  ctx.closePath();
  ctx.stroke();
}
```

Canvas is an element.
You use one of its 'context' objects to draw to it.

2D Context is pretty simple

Walk through ctx calls:

- translate: move "origin" to center of canvas
- moveTo: move without drawing
- .lineTo: draw a line
- curve: draw a curve

demo v

Moving it around

```
var canvas, ctx, center, ship;

function drawShipLoop() {
  canvas = document.getElementById("demo");
  ctx = canvas.getContext('2d');
  center = {x: canvas.width/2, y: canvas.height/2};
  ship = {x: center.x, y: center.y, facing: 0};

  setTimeout( updateAndDrawShip, 20 );
}

function updateAndDrawShip() {
  // set a fixed velocity:
  ship.y += 1;
  ship.x += 1;
  ship.facing += Math.PI/360 * 5;

  drawShip();

  if (ship.y < canvas.height-10) {
    setTimeout( updateAndDrawShip, 20 );
  } else {
    drawGameOver();
  }
}
```

Introducing:

- animation loop: updateAndDraw...
- keeping track of an object's co-ords
- velocity & rotation
- clearing the canvas

Don't setInterval – we'll get to that later.
globalComposition – drawing mode, lighter so we can see text in some scenarios.

```
function drawShip() {
  ctx.save();
  ctx.clearRect( 0,0, canvas.width, canvas.height );
  ctx.translate( ship.x, ship.y );
  ctx.rotate( ship.facing );

  ctx.strokeStyle = 'black';
  ctx.beginPath();
  ctx.moveTo(0,0);
  ctx.lineTo(14,7);
  ctx.lineTo(0,14);
  ctx.quadraticCurveTo(7,7, 0,0);
  ctx.closePath();
  ctx.stroke();

  ctx.restore();
}
```

```
function drawGameOver() {
  ctx.save();
  ctx.globalComposition = "lighter";
  ctx.font = "20px Verdana";
  ctx.fillStyle = "rgba(50,50,50,0.9)";
  ctx.fillText("Game Over", this.canvas.width/2 - 50,
               this.canvas.height/2);

  ctx.restore();
}
```

demo -->

Controls

Wow!



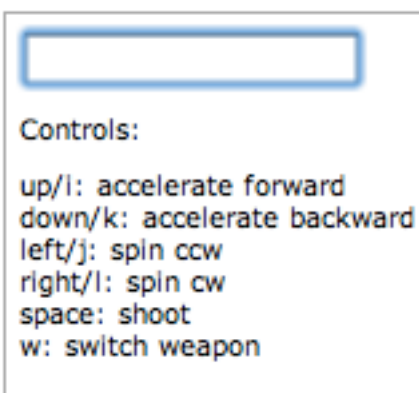
```
<div id="controlBox">
  <input id="controls" type="text"
    placeholder="click to control" autofocus="autofocus"/>
  <p>Controls:
    <ul class="controlsInfo">
      <li>up/i: accelerate forward</li>
      <li>down/k: accelerate backward</li>
      <li>left/j: spin ccw</li>
      <li>right/l: spin cw</li>
      <li>space: shoot</li>
      <li>w: switch weapon</li>
    </ul>
  </p>
</div>
```

super-high-tech solution:

- use arrow keys to control your ship
- space to fire
- thinking of patenting it :)

```
$("#controls").keydown(function(event) {self.handleKeyEvent(event)});
$("#controls").keyup(function(event) {self.handleKeyEvent(event)});

AsteroidsGame.prototype.handleKeyEvent = function(event) {
  // TODO: send events, get rid of ifs.
  switch (event.which) {
    case 73: // i = up
    case 38: // up = accel
      if (event.type == 'keydown') {
        this.ship.startAccelerate();
      } else { // assume keyup
        this.ship.stopAccelerate();
      }
      event.preventDefault();
      break;
    ...
  }
}
```



Controls: Feedback

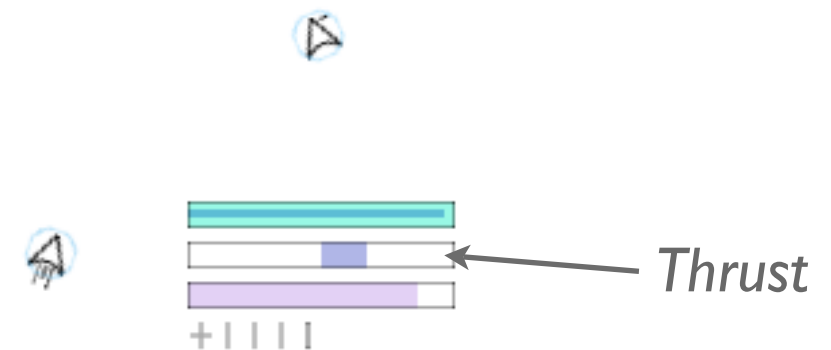
- Lines: thrust forward, backward, or spin

(think exhaust from a jet...)

- Thrust: 'force' in status bar.

```
// renderThrustForward
// offset from center of ship
// we translate here before drawing
render.x = -13;
render.y = -3;

ctx.strokeStyle = 'black';
ctx.beginPath();
ctx.moveTo(8,0);
ctx.lineTo(0,0);
ctx.moveTo(8,3);
ctx.lineTo(3,3);
ctx.moveTo(8,6);
ctx.lineTo(0,6);
ctx.closePath();
ctx.stroke();
```



Status bars...

... are tightly-coupled to Ships atm:

```
Ship.prototype.initialize = function(game, spatial) {  
  // Status Bars  
  // for displaying ship info: health, shield, thrust, ammo  
  // TODO: move these into their own objects  
  ...  
  this.thrustWidth = 100;  
  this.thrustHeight = 10;  
  this.thrustX = this.healthX;  
  this.thrustY = this.healthY + this.healthHeight + 5;  
  this.thrustStartX = Math.floor( this.thrustWidth / 2 );  
  ...  
  
  Ship.prototype.renderThrustBar = function() {  
    var render = this.getClearThrustBarCanvas();  
    var ctx = render.ctx;  
  
    var thrustPercent = Math.floor(this.thrust/this.maxThrust * 100);  
    var fillWidth = Math.floor(thrustPercent * this.thrustWidth / 100 / 2);  
    var r = 100;  
    var b = 200 + Math.floor(thrustPercent/2);  
    var g = 100;  
    var fillStyle = 'rgba('+ r +',' + g +',' + b +',0.5)';  
  
    ctx.fillStyle = fillStyle;  
    ctx.fillRect(this.thrustStartX, 0, fillWidth, this.thrustHeight);  
  
    ctx.strokeStyle = 'rgba(5,5,5,0.75)';  
    ctx.strokeRect(0, 0, this.thrustWidth, this.thrustHeight);  
  
    this.render.thrustBar = render;  
  }  
}
```



Drawing an Asteroid (or planet)

```
ctx.beginPath();  
ctx.arc(this.radius, this.radius, this.radius, 0, deg_to_rad[360], false);  
ctx.closePath()  
if (this.fillStyle) {  
  ctx.fillStyle = this.fillStyle;  
  ctx.fill();  
} else {  
  ctx.strokeStyle = this.strokeStyle;  
  ctx.stroke();  
}
```

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  ctx.strokeStyle = this.strokeStyle;
  ctx.stroke();
}
```

```
// Using composition as a cookie cutter:
if (this.image != null) {
  this.render = this.createPreRenderCanvas(this.radius*2, this.radius*2);
  var ctx = this.render.ctx;

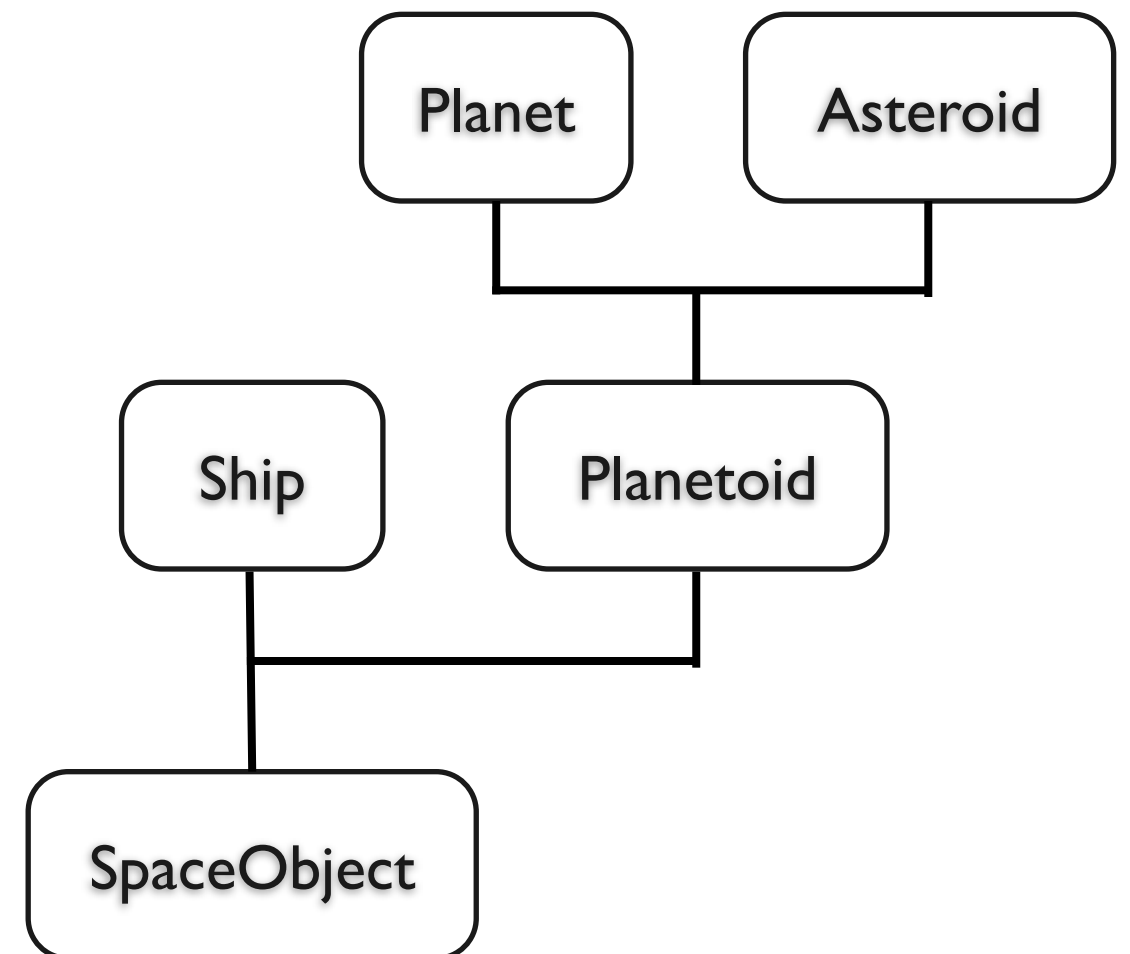
  // Draw a circle to define what we want to keep:
  ctx.globalCompositeOperation = 'destination-over';
  ctx.beginPath();
  ctx.arc(this.radius, this.radius, this.radius, 0, deg_to_rad[360], false);
  ctx.closePath();
  ctx.fillStyle = 'white';
  ctx.fill();

  // Overlay the image:
  ctx.globalCompositeOperation = 'source-in';
  ctx.drawImage(this.image, 0, 0, this.radius*2, this.radius*2);
  return;
}
```

Show: cookie cutter level

Space Objects

- DRY
- Base class for all things spacey.
- Everything is a circle.



Err, why is everything a circle?

- An asteroid is pretty much a circle, right?
- And so are planets...
- And so is a Ship with a shield around it! ;-)
- ok, really:
 - Game physics can get complicated.
 - Keep it simple!



Space Objects

have...

- radius
- coords: x, y
- facing angle
- velocity, spin, thrust
- health, mass, damage
- and a whole lot more...

can...

- draw themselves
- update their positions
- accelerate, spin
- collide with other objects
- apply damage, die
- etc...

Game Mechanics

what makes the game feel right.

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This is where it gets hairy.

The god class...

- **AsteroidsGame does it all!**
 - user controls, game loop, 95% of the game mechanics ...
 - Ok, so it's not 5000 lines long (yet), but...
 - it should really be split up!



Game Mechanics

- velocity & spin
- acceleration & drag
- gravity
- collision detection, impact, bounce
- health, damage, life & death
- object attachment & push
- out-of-bounds, viewports & scrolling

Velocity & Spin

```
SpaceObject.prototype.initialize = function(game,
spatial) {
    ...

    this.x = 0;          // starting position on x axis
    this.y = 0;          // starting position on y axis
    this.facing = 0;     // currently facing angle (rad)

    this.stationary = false; // should move?

    this.vX = spatial.vX || 0; // speed along X axis
    this.vY = spatial.vY || 0; // speed along Y axis
    this.maxV = spatial.maxV || 2; // max velocity
    this.maxVSquared = this.maxV*this.maxV; // cache

    // thrust along facing
    this.thrust = spatial.initialThrust || 0;
    this.maxThrust = spatial.maxThrust || 0.5;
    this.thrustChanged = false;

    this.spin = spatial.spin || 0; // spin in Rad/sec
    this.maxSpin = deg_to_rad[10];
}

SpaceObject.prototype.updatePositions = function
(objects) {
    ...
    if (this.updateFacing(this.spin)) changed = true;
    if (this.updateX(this.vX)) changed = true;
    if (this.updateY(this.vY)) changed = true;
}
```

```
SpaceObject.prototype.updateX = function(dX) {
    if (this.stationary) return false;
    if (dX == 0) return false;
    this.x += dX;
    return true;
}

SpaceObject.prototype.updateY = function(dY) {
    if (this.stationary) return false;
    if (dY == 0) return false;
    this.y += dY;
    return true;
}

SpaceObject.prototype.updateFacing = function(delta)
{
    if (delta == 0) return false;
    this.facing += delta;

    // limit facing angle to 0 <= facing <= 360
    if (this.facing >= deg_to_rad[360] ||
        this.facing <= deg_to_rad[360]) {
        this.facing = this.facing % deg_to_rad[360];
    }

    if (this.facing < 0) {
        this.facing = deg_to_rad[360] + this.facing;
    }

    return true;
}
```

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    this.x += dX;
    return true;
}

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    if (this.stationary) return false;
    if (dY == 0) return false;
    this.y += dY;
    return true;
}

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{
    if (delta == 0) return false;
    this.facing += delta;

    // limit facing angle to 0 <= facing <= 360
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        this.facing <= deg_to_rad[360]) {
        this.facing = this.facing % deg_to_rad[360];
    }

    if (this.facing < 0) {
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    }

    return true;
}
```

velocity = Δ distance / time

spin = angular velocity = Δ angle / time

where: time = current frame rate



Acceleration

```
SpaceObject.prototype.initialize = function(game, spatial) {  
    ...  
    // thrust along facing  
    this.thrust = spatial.initialThrust || 0;  
    this.maxThrust = spatial.maxThrust || 0.5;  
    this.thrustChanged = false;  
}  
  
SpaceObject.prototype.accelerateAlong = function(angle, thrust) {  
    var accel = thrust/this.mass;  
    var dX = Math.cos(angle) * accel;  
    var dY = Math.sin(angle) * accel;  
    this.updateVelocity(dX, dY);  
}
```

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acceleration = mass / force

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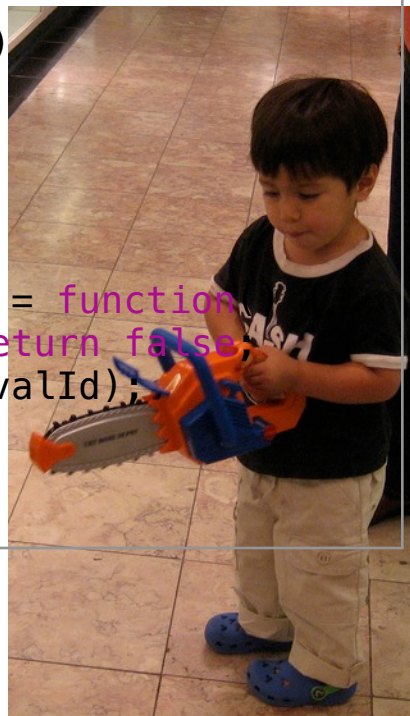
```
Ship.prototype.initialize = function(game, spatial) {  
    ...  
  
    spatial.mass = 10;  
  
    // current state of user action:  
    this.increaseSpin = false;  
    this.decreaseSpin = false;  
    this.accelerate = false;  
    this.decelerate = false;  
    this.firing = false;  
  
    // for moving about:  
    this.thrustIncrement = 0.01;  
    this.spinIncrement = deg_to_rad[0.5];  
    ...  
}
```

```
Ship.prototype.startAccelerate = function() {  
    if (this.accelerate) return;  
    this.accelerate = true;  
    //console.log("thrust++");  
  
    this.clearSlowDownInterval();  
  
    var self = this;  
    this.incThrustIntervalId = setInterval(function(){  
        self.increaseThrust();  
    }, 20); // real time  
};
```

```
Ship.prototype.increaseThrust = function() {  
    this.incThrust(this.thrustIncrement);  
    this.accelerateAlong(this.facing, this.thrust);  
}
```

```
Ship.prototype.stopAccelerate = function() {  
    //console.log("stop thrust++");  
    if (this.clearIncThrustInterval())  
        this.resetThrust();  
    this.startSlowingDown();  
    this.accelerate = false;  
};
```

```
Ship.prototype.clearIncThrustInterval = function()  
    if (! this.incThrustIntervalId) return false;  
    clearInterval(this.incThrustIntervalId);  
    this.incThrustIntervalId = null;  
    return true;  
}
```



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    this.thrustChanged = false;  
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    var dY = Math.sin(angle) * accel;  
    this.updateVelocity(dX, dY);  
}
```

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    spatial.mass = 10;  
  
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    this.decreaseSpin = false;  
    this.accelerate = false;  
    this.decelerate = false;  
    this.firing = false;  
  
    // for moving about:  
    this.thrustIncrement = 0.01;  
    this.spinIncrement = deg_to_rad[0.5];  
    ...  
}
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    this.incThrust(this.thrustIncrement);  
    this.accelerateAlong(this.facing, this.thrust);  
}
```

```
Ship.prototype.stopAccelerate = function() {  
    //console.log("stop thrust++");  
    if (this.clearIncThrustInterval())  
        this.resetThrust();  
    this.startSlowingDown();  
    this.accelerate = false;  
};
```

```
Ship.prototype.clearIncThrustInterval = function() {  
    if (! this.incThrustIntervalId) return true;  
    clearInterval(this.incThrustIntervalId);  
    this.incThrustIntervalId = null;  
    return true;  
}
```

acceleration = Δ velocity / time

acceleration = mass / force

where: time = real time

(just to confuse things)

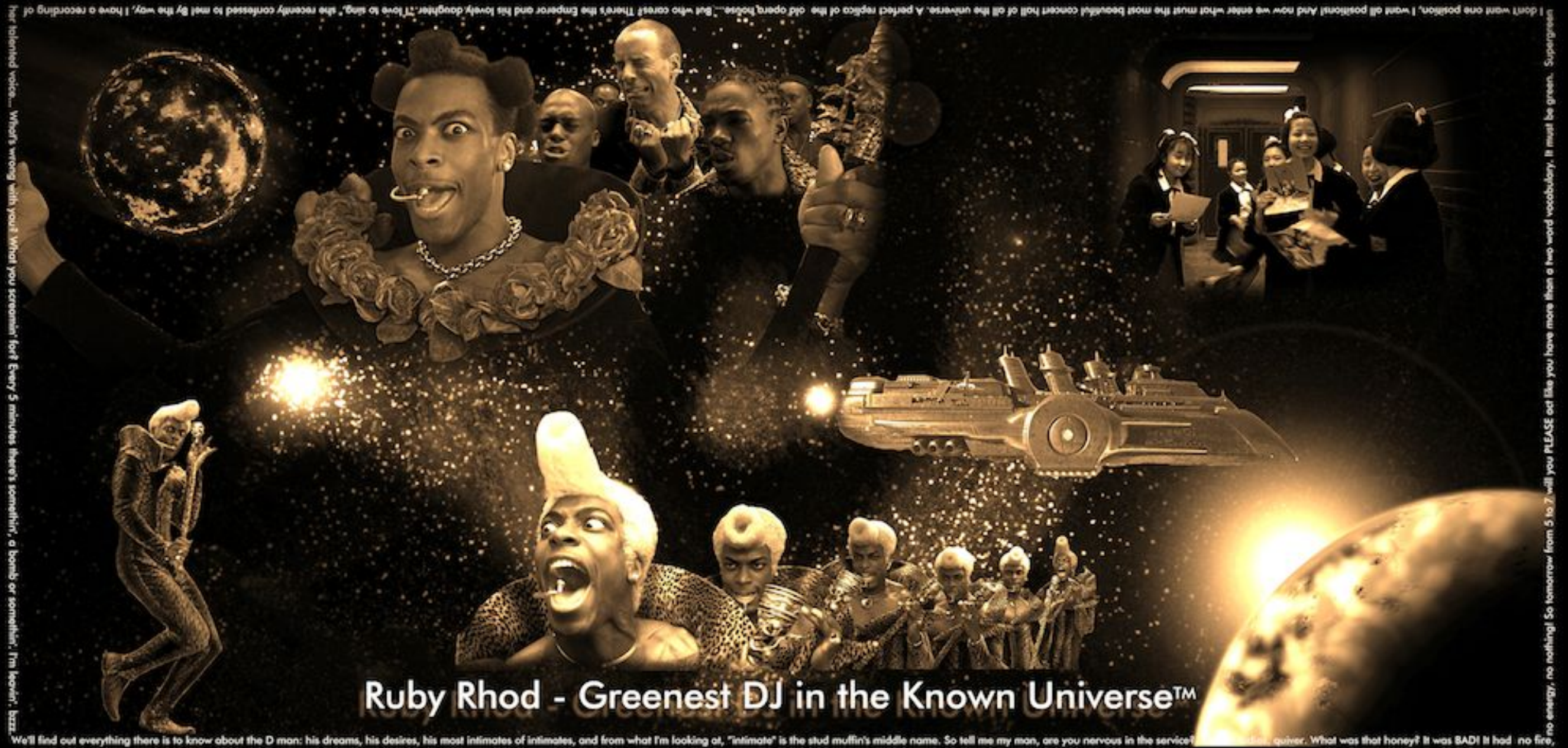


Drag

Yes, yes, there is no drag in outer space. Very clever.

I disagree.

Drag



I disagree.

<http://nerdadjacent.deviantart.com/art/Ruby-Rhod-Supergreen-265156565>

Drag

```
Ship.prototype.startSlowingDown = function() {  
  // console.log("slowing down...");  
  if (this.slowDownIntervalId) return;  
  
  var self = this;  
  this.slowDownIntervalId = setInterval(function(){  
    self.slowDown()  
  }, 100); // eek! another hard-coded timeout!  
}  
  
Ship.prototype.clearSlowDownInterval = function() {  
  if (! this.slowDownIntervalId) return false;  
  clearInterval(this.slowDownIntervalId);  
  this.slowDownIntervalId = null;  
  return true;  
}
```

```
Ship.prototype.slowDown = function() {  
  var vDrag = 0.01;  
  if (this.vX > 0) {  
    this.vX -= vDrag;  
  } else if (this.vX < 0) {  
    this.vX += vDrag;  
  }  
  if (this.vY > 0) {  
    this.vY -= vDrag;  
  } else if (this.vY < 0) {  
    this.vY += vDrag;  
  }  
  
  if (Math.abs(this.vX) <= vDrag) this.vX = 0;  
  if (Math.abs(this.vY) <= vDrag) this.vY = 0;  
  
  if (this.vX == 0 && this.vY == 0) {  
    // console.log('done slowing down');  
    this.clearSlowDownInterval();  
  }  
}
```

Demo: accel + drag in blank level

Gravity

```
var dvX_1 = 0, dvY_1 = 0;
if (! object1.stationary) {
    var accel_1 = object2.cache.G_x_mass / physics.dist_squared;
    if (accel_1 > 1e-5) { // skip if it's too small to notice
        if (accel_1 > this.maxAccel) accel_1 = this.maxAccel;
        var angle_1 = Math.atan2(physics.dX, physics.dY);
        dvX_1 = -Math.sin(angle_1) * accel_1;
        dvY_1 = -Math.cos(angle_1) * accel_1;
        object1.delayUpdateVelocity(dvX_1, dvY_1);
    }
}

var dvX_2 = 0, dvY_2 = 0;
if (! object2.stationary) {
    var accel_2 = object1.cache.G_x_mass / physics.dist_squared;
    if (accel_2 > 1e-5) { // skip if it's too small to notice
        if (accel_2 > this.maxAccel) accel_2 = this.maxAccel;
        // TODO: angle_2 = angle_1 - PI?
        var angle_2 = Math.atan2(-physics.dX, -physics.dY); // note the - signs
        dvX_2 = -Math.sin(angle_2) * accel_2;
        dvY_2 = -Math.cos(angle_2) * accel_2;
        object2.delayUpdateVelocity(dvX_2, dvY_2);
    }
}
```

$\text{force} = G \cdot \text{mass}_1 \cdot \text{mass}_2 / \text{dist}^2$

$\text{acceleration}_1 = \text{force} / \text{mass}_1$

Collision Detection

```
AsteroidsGame.prototype.applyGamePhysicsTo = function(object1, object2) {  
    ...  
    var dX = object1.x - object2.x;  
    var dY = object1.y - object2.y;  
  
    // find dist between center of mass:  
    // avoid sqrt, we don't need dist yet...  
    var dist_squared = dX*dX + dY*dY;  
  
    var total_radius = object1.radius + object2.radius;  
    var total_radius_squared = Math.pow(total_radius, 2);  
  
    // now check if they're touching:  
    if (dist_squared > total_radius_squared) {  
        // nope  
    } else {  
        // yep  
        this.collision( object1, object2, physics );  
    }  
  
    ...  
}
```



<http://www.flickr.com/photos/wsmonty/4299389080/>

Aren't you glad we stuck with circles?

Bounce

Formula:

- *Don't ask.*

bounce



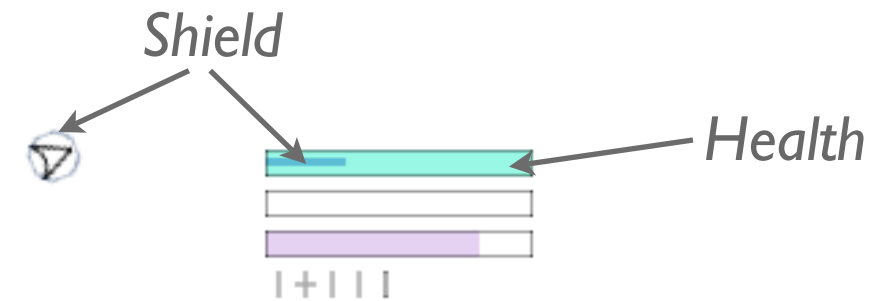
bounce

```
// Thanks Emanuelle! bounce algorithm adapted from:  
// http://www.emanueleferonato.com/2007/08/19/managing-ball-vs-ball-collision-with-flash/  
collision.angle = Math.atan2(collision.dY, collision.dX);  
var magnitude_1 = Math.sqrt(object1.vX*object1.vX + object1.vY*object1.vY);  
var magnitude_2 = Math.sqrt(object2.vX*object2.vX + object2.vY*object2.vY);  
  
var direction_1 = Math.atan2(object1.vY, object1.vX);  
var direction_2 = Math.atan2(object2.vY, object2.vX);  
  
var new_vX_1 = magnitude_1*Math.cos(direction_1-collision.angle);  
var new_vY_1 = magnitude_1*Math.sin(direction_1-collision.angle);  
var new_vX_2 = magnitude_2*Math.cos(direction_2-collision.angle);  
var new_vY_2 = magnitude_2*Math.sin(direction_2-collision.angle);  
  
[snip]  
  
// bounce the objects:  
var final_vX_1 = ( (cache1.delta_mass * new_vX_1 + object2.cache.mass_x_2 * new_vX_2)  
                  / cache1.total_mass * this.elasticity );  
var final_vX_2 = ( (object1.cache.mass_x_2 * new_vX_1 + cache2.delta_mass * new_vX_2)  
                  / cache2.total_mass * this.elasticity );  
var final_vY_1 = new_vY_1 * this.elasticity;  
var final_vY_2 = new_vY_2 * this.elasticity;  
  
var cos_collision_angle = Math.cos(collision.angle);  
var sin_collision_angle = Math.sin(collision.angle);  
var cos_collision_angle_halfPI = Math.cos(collision.angle + halfPI);  
var sin_collision_angle_halfPI = Math.sin(collision.angle + halfPI);  
  
var vX1 = cos_collision_angle*final_vX_1 + cos_collision_angle_halfPI*final_vY_1;  
var vY1 = sin_collision_angle*final_vX_1 + sin_collision_angle_halfPI*final_vY_1;  
object1.delaySetVelocity(vX1, vY1);  
  
var vX2 = cos_collision_angle*final_vX_2 + cos_collision_angle_halfPI*final_vY_2;  
var vY2 = sin_collision_angle*final_vX_2 + sin_collision_angle_halfPI*final_vY_2;  
object2.delaySetVelocity(vX2, vY2);
```

Aren't you *really* glad we stuck with circles?

Making it *hurt*

```
AsteroidsGame.prototype.collison = function(object1, object2, collision) {  
    ...  
    // "collision" already contains a bunch of calcs  
    collision[object1.id] = {  
        cplane: {vX: new_vX_1, vY: new_vY_1}, // relative to collision plane  
        dX: collision.dX,  
        dY: collision.dY,  
        magnitude: magnitude_1  
    }  
    // do the same for object2  
  
    // let the objects fight it out  
    object1.collided(object2, collision);  
    object2.collided(object1, collision);  
}
```



```
SpaceObject.prototype.collided = function(object, collision) {  
    this.colliding[object.id] = object;  
  
    if (this.damage) {  
        var damageDone = this.damage;  
        if (collision.impactSpeed != null) {  
            damageDone = Math.ceil(damageDone * collision.impactSpeed);  
        }  
        object.decHealth( damageDone );  
    }  
}
```

```
SpaceObject.prototype.decHealth = function(delta) {  
    this.healthChanged = true;  
    this.health -= delta;  
    if (this.health <= 0) {  
        this.health = -1;  
        this.die();  
    }  
}
```

```
Ship.prototype.decHealth = function(delta) {  
    if (this.shieldActive) {  
        delta = this.decShield(delta);  
    }  
    if (delta) Ship.prototype.parent.decHealth.call(this, delta);  
}
```

When a collision occurs the Game Engine fires off 2 events to the objects in question

- For damage, I opted for a property rather than using mass * impact speed in the general case.

Applying damage is fairly straightforward:

- Objects are responsible for damaging each other
- When damage is done dec Health (for a Ship, shield first)
- If health < 0, an object dies.

Object Lifecycle

```
SpaceObject.prototype.die = function() {  
    this.died = true;  
    this.update = false;  
    this.game.objectDied( this );  
}
```

```
AsteroidsGame.prototype.objectDied = function(object) {  
    // if (object.is_weapon) {  
    //} else if (object.is_asteroid) {  
    if (object.is_planet) {  
        throw "planet died!"; // not allowed  
    } else if (object.is_ship) {  
        // TODO: check how many lives they've got  
        if (object == this.ship) {  
            this.stopGame();  
        }  
    }  
    this.removeObject(object);  
}  
  
AsteroidsGame.prototype.removeObject = function(object) {  
    var objects = this.objects;  
    var i = objects.indexOf(object);  
    if (i >= 0) {  
        objects.splice(i,1);  
        this.objectUpdated( object );  
    }  
  
    // avoid memory bloat: remove references to this object  
    // from other objects' caches:  
    var oid = object.id;  
    for (var i=0; i < objects.length; i++) {  
        delete objects[i].cache[oid];  
    }  
}
```

```
Asteroid.prototype.die = function() {  
    this.parent.die.call( this );  
    if (this.spawn <= 0) return;  
    for (var i=0; i < this.spawn; i++) {  
        var mass = Math.floor(this.mass / this.spawn * 1000)/1000;  
        var radius = getRandomInt(2, this.radius);  
        var asteroid = new Asteroid(this.game, {  
            mass: mass,  
            x: this.x + i/10, // don't overlap  
            y: this.y + i/10,  
            vX: this.vX * Math.random(),  
            vY: this.vY * Math.random(),  
            radius: radius,  
            health: getRandomInt(0, this.maxSpawnHealth),  
            spawn: getRandomInt(0, this.spawn-1),  
            image: getRandomInt(0, 5) > 0 ? this.image : null,  
            // let physics engine handle movement  
        });  
        this.game.addObject( asteroid );  
    }  
}
```

```
AsteroidsGame.prototype.addObject = function(object) {  
    //console.log('adding ' + object);  
    this.objects.push( object );  
    this.objectUpdated( object );  
    object.preRender();  
    this.cachePhysicsFor(object);  
}
```

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- Why?



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Prevent the same collision from recurring.

+

Allows ships to land.

+

Poor man's Orbit.

Push!

- When objects get too close
 - push them apart!
 - otherwise they overlap...

(and the game physics gets weird)



demo: what happens when you disable **applyPushAway()**

Out-of-bounds

When you have a map that is *not* wrapped...

Simple strategy:

- kill most objects that stray
- push back important things like ships

```
AsteroidsGame.prototype.applyOutOfBounds = function(object) {  
  if (object.stationary) return;  
  
  var level = this.level;  
  var die_if_out_of_bounds =  
    !(object.is_ship || object.is_planet);  
  
  if (object.x < 0) {  
    if (level.wrapX) {  
      object.setX(level.maxX + object.x);  
    } else {  
      if (die_if_out_of_bounds && object.vX < 0) {  
        return object.die();  
      }  
      object.updateVelocity(0.1, 0);  
    }  
  } else if (object.x > level.maxX) {  
    if (level.wrapX) {  
      object.setX(object.x - level.maxX);  
    } else {  
      if (die_if_out_of_bounds && object.vX > 0) {  
        return object.die();  
      }  
      object.updateVelocity(-0.1, 0);  
    }  
  }  
}
```

```
...  
  
if (object.y < 0) {  
  if (level.wrapY) {  
    object.setY(level.maxY + object.y);  
  } else {  
    if (die_if_out_of_bounds && object.vY < 0) {  
      return object.die();  
    }  
    // push back into bounds  
    object.updateVelocity(0, 0.1);  
  }  
} else if (object.y > level.maxY) {  
  if (level.wrapY) {  
    object.setY(object.y - level.maxY);  
  } else {  
    if (die_if_out_of_bounds && object.vY > 0) {  
      return object.die();  
    }  
    // push back into bounds  
    object.updateVelocity(0, -0.1);  
  }  
}
```

Viewport + Scrolling

When the dimensions of your map exceed those of your canvas...

```
AsteroidsGame.prototype.updateViewOffset = function() {  
    var canvas = this.ctx.canvas;  
    var offset = this.viewOffset;  
    var dX = Math.round(this.ship.x - offset.x - canvas.width/2);  
    var dY = Math.round(this.ship.y - offset.y - canvas.height/2);  
  
    // keep the ship centered in the current view, but don't let the view  
    // go out of bounds  
    offset.x += dX;  
    if (offset.x < 0) offset.x = 0;  
    if (offset.x > this.level.maxX-canvas.width) offset.x = this.level.maxX-canvas.width;  
  
    offset.y += dY;  
    if (offset.y < 0) offset.y = 0;  
    if (offset.y > this.level.maxY-canvas.height) offset.y = this.level.maxY-canvas.height;  
}
```

Let browser manage complexity: if you draw to canvas outside of current width/height, browser doesn't draw it.

```
AsteroidsGame.prototype.redrawCanvas = function() {  
    ...  
    // shift view to compensate for current offset  
    var offset = this.viewOffset;  
    ctx.save();  
    ctx.translate(-offset.x, -offset.y);
```

Putting it all together

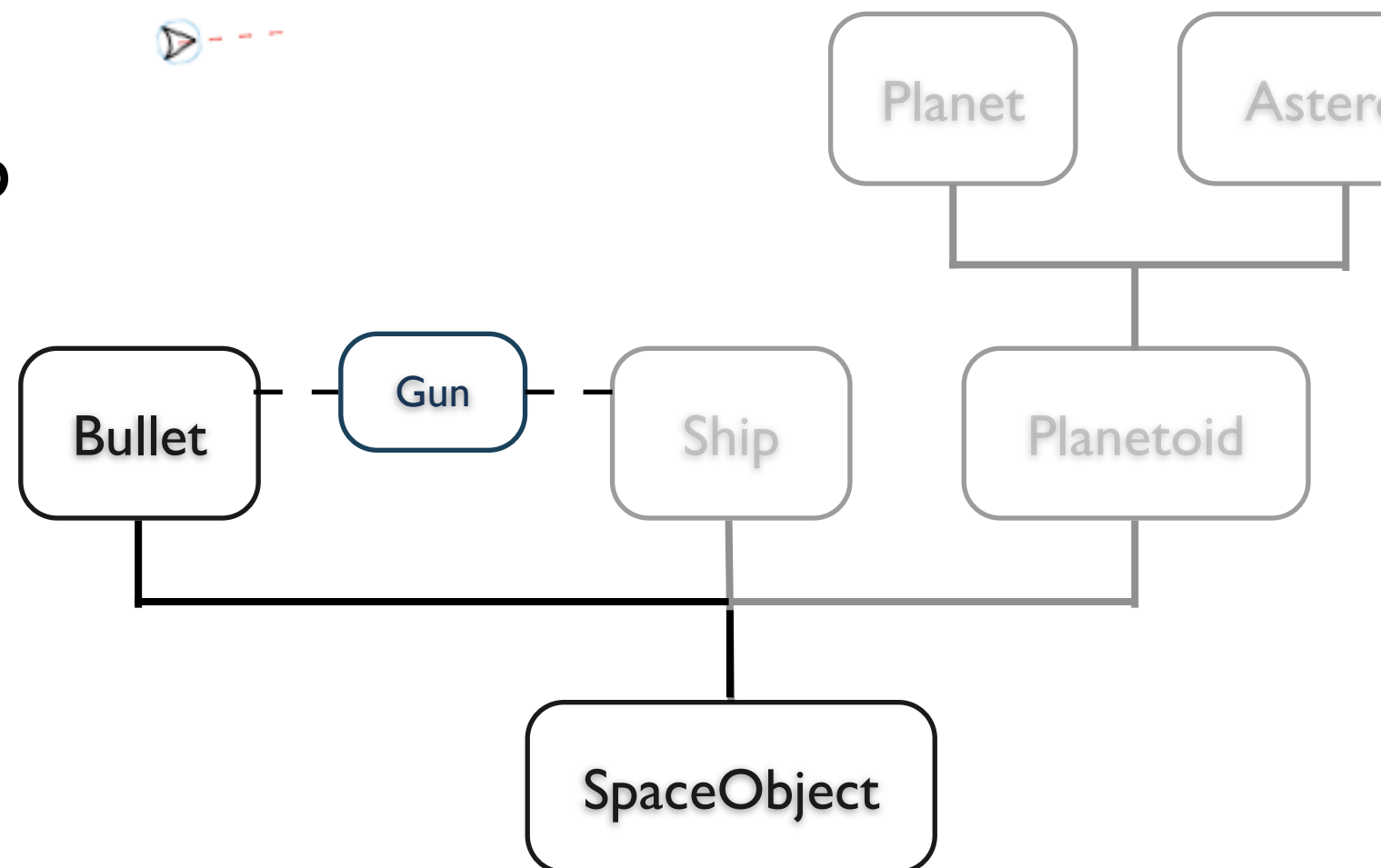
Demo: hairballs & chainsaws level.

Weapons



Gun + Bullet

- Gun
 - Fires Bullets
 - Has ammo
 - Belongs to a Ship



When you shoot, bullets inherit the Ship's velocity.
Each weapon has a different recharge rate (measured in real time).

Other Weapons

- Gun
- SprayGun
- Cannon
- GrenadeCannon
- GravBendaTM



Current weapon

(back in my day, we
used to read books!)



Enemies.



A basic enemy...

```
ComputerShip.prototype.findAndDestroyClosestEnemy = function() {  
    var enemy = this.findClosestEnemy();  
    if (enemy == null) return;  
  
    // Note: this is a basic algorithm, it doesn't take a lot of things  
    // into account (enemy trajectory & facing, other objects, etc)  
  
    // navigate towards enemy  
    // shoot at the enemy  
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of course, it's a bit more involved...

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Levels

- Define:
 - map dimensions
 - space objects
 - spawning
 - general properties of the canvas - color, etc

```

/*****
 * TrainingLevel: big planet out of field of view with falling asteroids.
 */

function TrainingLevel(game) {
    if (game) return this.initialize(game);
    return this;
}

TrainingLevel.inheritsFrom( Level );
TrainingLevel.description = "Training Level - learn how to fly!";
TrainingLevel.images = [ "planet.png", "planet-80px-green.png" ];

gameLevels.push(TrainingLevel);

TrainingLevel.prototype.initialize = function(game) {
    TrainingLevel.prototype.parent.initialize.call(this, game);
    this.wrapX = false;
    this.wrapY = false;

    var maxX = this.maxX;
    var maxY = this.maxY;

    var canvas = this.game.ctx.canvas;
    this.planets.push(
        {x: 1/2*maxX, y: 1/2*maxY, mass: 100, radius: 50, damage: 5, stationary: true, image_src: "planet.png" },
        {x: 40, y: 40, mass: 5, radius: 20, vX: 2, vY: 0, image_src: "planet-80px-green.png"},
        {x: maxX-40, y: maxY-40, mass: 5, radius: 20, vX: -2, vY: 0, image_src: "planet-80px-green.png"}
    );

    this.ships.push(
        {x: 4/5*canvas.width, y: 1/3*canvas.height}
    );

    this.asteroids.push(
        {x: 1/10*maxX, y: 6/10*maxY, mass: 0.5, radius: 14, vX: 0, vY: 0, spawn: 1, health: 1},
        {x: 1/10*maxX, y: 2/10*maxY, mass: 1, radius: 5, vX: 0, vY: -0.1, spawn: 3 },
        {x: 5/10*maxX, y: 1/10*maxY, mass: 2, radius: 6, vX: -0.2, vY: 0.25, spawn: 4 },
        {x: 5/10*maxX, y: 2/10*maxY, mass: 3, radius: 8, vX: -0.22, vY: 0.2, spawn: 7 }
    );
}

```

As usual, I had grandiose plans of an interactive level editor... This was all I had time for.

Performance

“Premature optimisation is the root of all evil.”

<http://c2.com/cgi/wiki?PrematureOptimization>

Use requestAnimationFrame

Paul Irish knows why:

- don't animate if your canvas is not visible
- adjust your frame rate based on actual performance
- lets the browser manage your app better

Profile your code

- profile in different browsers
- identify the slow stuff
- ask yourself: “*do we really need to do this?*”
- optimise it?
 - cache slow operations
 - change algorithm?
 - simplify?

Examples...

```
// see if we can use cached values first:
var g_cache1 = physics.cache1.last_G;
var g_cache2 = physics.cache2.last_G;

if (g_cache1) {
  var delta_dist_sq = Math.abs( physics.dist_squared - g_cache1.last_dist_squared);
  var percent_diff = delta_dist_sq / physics.dist_squared;
  // set threshold @ 5%
  if (percent_diff < 0.05) {
    // we haven't moved much, use last G values
    //console.log("using G cache");
    object1.delayUpdateVelocity(g_cache1.dvX, g_cache1.dvY);
    object2.delayUpdateVelocity(g_cache2.dvX, g_cache2.dvY);
    return;
  }
}
```

```
// avoid overhead of update calculations & associated checks: batch together
SpaceObject.prototype.delayUpdateVelocity = function(dvX, dvY) {
  if (this._updates == null) this.init_updates();
  this._updates.dvX += dvX;
  this._updates.dvY += dvY;
}
```

```
var dist_squared = dX*dX + dY*dY; // avoid sqrt, we don't need dist yet
```

```
this.maxVSquared = this.maxV*this.maxV; // cache for speed
```

```
if (accel_1 > 1e-5) { // skip if it's too small to notice
```

...

```
// put any calculations we can avoid repeating here
AsteroidsGame.prototype.cachePhysicsFor = function(object1) {
  for (var i=0; i < this.objects.length; i++) {
    var object2 = this.objects[i];
    if (object1 == object2) continue;

    // shared calcs
    var total_radius = object1.radius + object2.radius;
    var total_radius_squared = Math.pow(total_radius, 2);
    var total_mass = object1.mass + object2.mass;

    // create separate caches from perspective of objects:
    object1.cache[object2.id] = {
      total_radius: total_radius,
      total_radius_squared: total_radius_squared,
      total_mass: total_mass,
      delta_mass: object1.mass - object2.mass
    }

    object2.cache[object1.id] = {
      total_radius: total_radius,
      total_radius_squared: total_radius_squared,
      total_mass: total_mass,
      delta_mass: object2.mass - object1.mass
    }
  }
}
```

Performance

Great Ideas from [Boris Smus](#):

- Only redraw changes
- Pre-render to another canvas
- Draw background in another canvas / element
- Don't use floating point co-ords

... and more ...

Can I Play?

<http://www.spurkis.org/asteroids/>

See Also...

Learning / examples:

- https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Canvas_tutorial
- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canvas_element
- <http://www.html5rocks.com/en/tutorials/canvas/performance/>
- <http://www.canvasdemos.com>
- <http://billmill.org/static/canvastutorial/>
- <http://paulirish.com/2011/requestanimationframe-for-smart-animating/>

Specs:

- <http://dev.w3.org/html5/spec/>
- <http://www.khronos.org/registry/webgl/specs/latest/>

Questions?