

EECS 581 Initial Project Description

Team 25

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Name:

Project Nineveh

Synopsis:

Roguelike video game influenced by ancient civilizations of the Near East.

Description:

The goal of our project is to combine our varied, interdisciplinary interests and create a game set against the backdrop of the ancient Near East and the cultures of the Babylonians, Assyrians, Persians, etc. We hope to fully indulge in our creativity while drawing on inspiration from games such as Hades, Dead Cells, Cuphead as well as other forms of art. While we have an artist/ animator, we do not have a musician, so we are looking to explore generative AI techniques as well as style transfer to produce music before resorting to what we can find in the public domain. As with many modern Roguelikes, we plan to use procedural generation to randomize the content and give the core of the game substantial replayability. The setting and story are inspired by the historical account of Xenophon, the Greek philosopher, historian, and general, and his encounter with the abandoned and forgotten city of Nineveh, the capital city of the largest empire the world had ever seen just 200 years before. Our game will focus on the ‘city gods’ of locations like Babylon and Nineveh, and the player character will fight to reestablish the dominance of a forgotten and jealous god.

Semester 1 Milestones:

- Planning [9/20 - 11/1]
- Research (maps, level design, character/boss design) [9/20 - 11/1]
- Art Development/Concepts [9/27 - 12/10]
- Game Prototyping [9/27 - 12/10]

Semester 2 Milestones:

- Initial development & implementation [1/17 - 2/7]
- Debugging/Reworking [2/7 - 3/7]
- Minimum viable product [3/7 - 4/4]
- Extra development/add-ons [4/4 - 5/6]

