Naive Game Pitch

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"Untitled Generation Ship Game"

Setting

In the near future, players are junior crew of a generation ship traveling through space and reconnecting with other generation ships



Narrative

- Episodic structure that reveals pieces of story on a clear structure with ending goal.
- Classic SF themes with a modern socioecological twist
 - Anticolonialism
 - Ethics of Technology
 - o Exploration/Unknown
- Mechanics
 - o Character dialogue
 - Mission goals
 - Progress follows the Ship if multiple players



Narrative

- Aesthetic: Oases
 - A non dystopian future
 - Ecology meets tech
 - Practical and engaging use of cobotics
 - Planets among stars
 - Ship in space
 - o Player's space on ship

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Tone: Hopeful. Exciting.

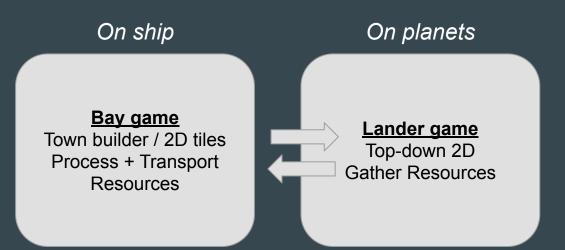
Even though space feels vast and cold, people matter, and our choices matter



Gameplay

High level structure:

- Two Main sections: The Bay and Lander
- Linked by resources that are needed to power the ships.



Bay Game

- Players build up a Bay on the ship
- Core loop:
 - Place building
 - Move materials to building site
 - Get building
 - Building makes new resources, unlocks more buildings etc.
- Change appearance any time





Bay Game

• Cobot Flow:

- All tasks start manual
- Build robots to start moving stuff for you
- Issue high-level commands to robot fleet using radial menu

Programming

- Block-based
- Event-based

Cobotic tension

Player and many robots share space and need to co-operate





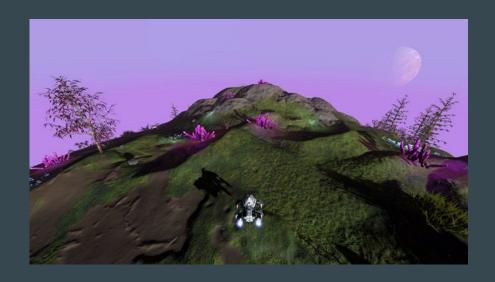
WHEN (CARROT done growing at FARM x)
GO TO (FARM x)
PICK UP (CARROT)
GO TO (WAREHOUSE 9)
DROP OFF (CARROT)

Bay Game

- The world continues to operate in real time whether the player is online or offline
- This includes robots!
 - Automation incentive
 - Short, irregular play sessions OK



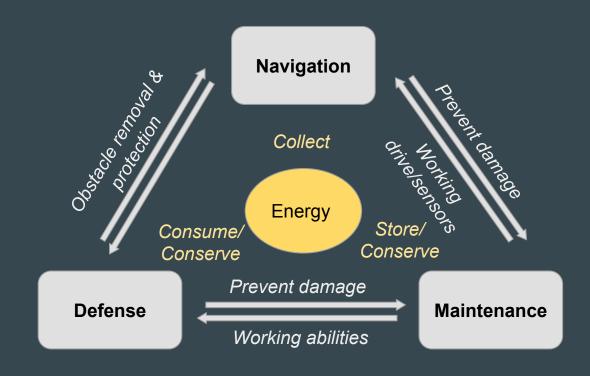
- The ship is not a closed system
- When the ship is near a planet (certain times of real day), players can send a lander out to responsibly collect resources
- When narratively appropriate, also to make contact, etc.



- 3 lander "subsystems"
 - Navigation: Choose course and drive
 - Top-down racer
 - Defense: Direct shields and abilities
 - Top-down shooter
 - Maintenance: Fix wear and damage
 - Kitchen/Diner timer juggler
- Player must juggle all initially
- Later, program cobotic routines
 - Key: Coordinating actions between roles in arcade time!



- Shared resources and effects facilitate and necessitate intent inference between subsystems!
- Energy is a critical resource that the Ship needs; efficient operation should gather and return (and not use up!) as much as possible



- Lander Programming
 - Each subsystem has a different program, with different "nouns" and "verbs" for its function
 - All subsystems use the same block-based, event-based interface as Bay programming
 - Lander programming is done pre-launch in the Bay, not on a mission
 - Starter programs are provided

WHEN (NEAREST OBJECT < 35m)

//Driver is probably trying to ram through a wall

IF (LANDER DISTANCE FRONT < 20m)

ROTATE SHIELD (LANDER HEADING)

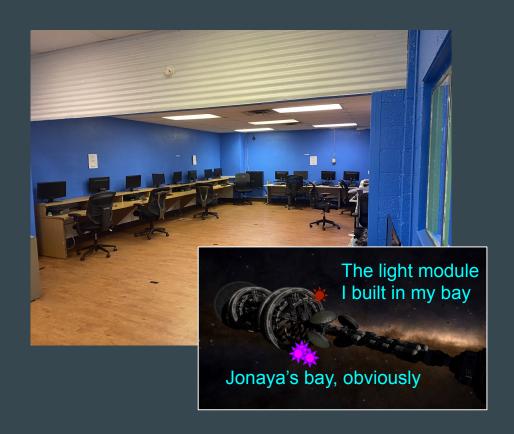
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ROTATE SHIELD (NEAREST ENEMY)

Clubships: For OST Organizations

OST Organizations like BGC can create a common Ship that all players' Bays are aboard.

- Additional building options
- Bays connect in a ring
 - o Visiting
 - Resource donation
 - Share programs
- Ship system upgrades
 - Warp drive: Jump ahead to a planet so players can always get to one during program hours



Additional features and ideas

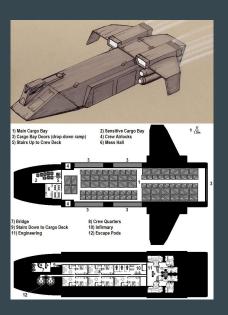
- Seasonal Campaigns
 - Additional story chapters
 - In-game ship specific holiday missions/modules/decorations
- Diplomacy missions
- Departments on board the ship to level up and get themed missions from Senior Members of the crew and the Captain.

Additional Assets

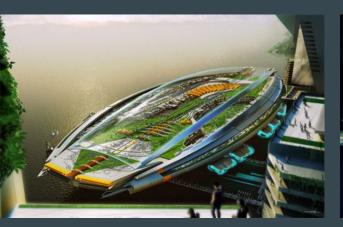
Images (Bay Area)

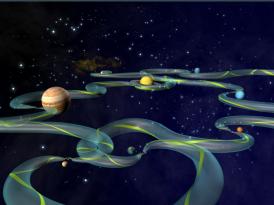


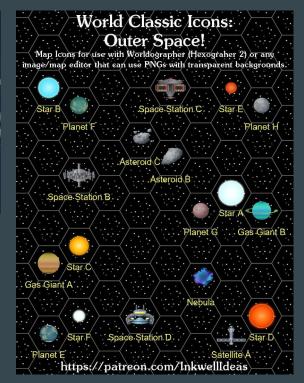




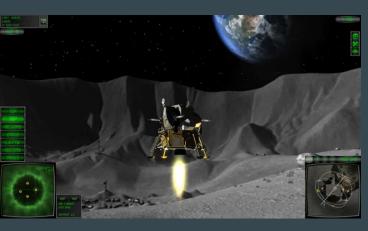
Images - Mother-ship







Lunar Lander





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when right arrow key pressed
change x by 10
 when left arrow key pressed
change x by -10
 when up arrow key pressed
 change y by 10
when down arrows key pressed
change y by -10
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