

Intermediate Final Draft

The Ludum Dare #41 Keynote

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1. INTRO ✓ 2018-03-04

PHIL stands in front of the home office shelves like usual.

"Compilers:"

PHIL

Hello there ladies, gentlemen, and unicorns. My name is Phil and you might know me from such educational videos as "The theme always sucks!" and "~~Coffee~~: Delicious but deadly"...

(beat)

Or maybe from YouTube.

PHIL

Today it is a great honor for me to welcome you to the upcoming Ludum Dare 41 game jam. Whether you're a seasoned participant or just found out about it, it's great to have you here!

PHIL

A while back, I asked on Twitter about your greatest struggles as Ludum Dare jammers and the biggest challenges are Theme, Inspiration, and Scope.

Screenshot? ○

Mo - Google? |

PHIL

I won't get into the details of Theme because that's a very touchy subject for me.

Quick montage of LD documentaries of PHIL's reaction to the theme. ○

PHIL

I meant to talk about Inspiration, but the sad thing is that I don't have any idea how to get inspired writing a witty keynote on the topic of inspirations for your games...

PHIL

Sorry.

Suddenly FUTURE PHIL donning a Doc Brown outfit walks into the frame. B ○

PHIL

Who the hell are you?

FUTURE PHIL

It is I ... From the future! I've come to show you how to get

"and everyone else" |

PHIL
You don't look much older...
FUTURE PHIL
Moisturizer!

inspired! Come with me and you won't regret it!

Both stare at each other, FUTURE PHIL excitedly, PHIL a bit suspicious.

PHIL
Will there be...

FUTURE PHIL
There'll be coffee!

Holds up a futuristic Starbucks tumbler.

PHIL
(entirely convinced)
Alright!!

FUTURE PHIL laughs maniacally and hits a button on a strange device instantly triggering a scene change.

2. INTER-DIMENSIONAL SPACE I ✓ 2018-03-17

Transitional space

[2A]

PHIL
So... we going to the future, huh?

FUTURE PHIL
Of course not, silly! I'm not risking a time paradox. No, we're visiting the past!

PHIL
~~But...~~ And that's better?

FUTURE PHIL laughs manically again and triggers another scene change with a bright flash.

3. INSPIRATION FROM GAMES ✓ 2018-03-18

PHIL and FUTURE PHIL materialize in a blocky Minecraft environment.

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Test!!!

FUTURE PHIL [A]
Welcome to 2010!

PHIL
Are we... inside Minecraft?

FUTURE PHIL
Of course! You played the crap out of this game and countless times you thought to yourself to make something like it. Just look at that gorgeous sunset! Don't you

[B]
[A]

[C] [D]

think that your favorite games could be a basis for your own jam game?

PHIL
Sure, but we already got so many Minecraft clones.

FUTURE PHIL
Not the whole game, just cherry-pick the most interesting mechanics, *from your favorites*

PHIL
Such as?

FUTURE PHIL
Let's take platforming from Megaman, the pixel look from Chrono Trigger and the ~~upgrade~~ system from Metroid and you got your inspiration!

PHIL
No, you got Symphony of the Night. I don't think that looking at other games helps. Hey, watch out!

PHIL shields his head as a CREEPER creeps up behind FUTURE PHIL.

FUTURE PHIL
(turns around)
Oh, who are you, little guy? Why so serious?

An EXPLOSION sends PHIL and FUTURE PHIL flying into the next dimension.

4. INTER-DIMENSIONAL SPACE II

2018-03-17

FUTURE PHIL adjusts his goggles and extinguishes a little flame on his shoulder as PHIL realizes there is no threat any longer.

FUTURE PHIL
Fine, no games. Let's try something else then.

PHIL
Coffee?

thanks.
FUTURE PHIL
No, The Dimension of Interest!

FUTURE PHIL cackles maniacally again, hits the button and another bright flash engulfs the two.

3.1

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D close up?
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F2
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3.2
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O

I+J

2A

O

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5 INTERESTS BESIDE GAMING

PHIL and FUTURE PHIL arrive in the LIVING ROOM with OTHER PHIL (Yes, that's three Phils... oh boy!) sitting on the couch, reading a book.

PHIL
Wait, is this me again? — B

OTHER PHIL
Yes, but in a different dimension.

FUTURE PHIL walks over to OTHER PHIL on the couch, as PHIL remains standing.

FUTURE PHIL
Hey Phil. What are you doing? That has nothing to do with games!

OTHER PHIL
I can't come up with a good idea so I just take a break and read Lovecraft.

FUTURE PHIL
So you like reading then?

OTHER PHIL
Yeah.

FUTURE PHIL
I bet there are countless concepts and ideas in there no one ever attempted making game out of.

5.01 PHIL
Well, there's Call of Cthulhu: Dark Corners of the Earth from 2006...

FUTURE PHIL
Okay, but...

5.02 PHIL
And Call of Cthulhu: The Official Videogame coming out this year.

FUTURE PHIL
Right, I mean your game can just be inspired by...

5.03 Like PHIL
Bloodbourne...

FUTURE PHIL
Granted, ...

5.04 W PHIL
Alone in the Dark...

} A O

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] D

] E

] D

E

F O

G

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G

F O

FUTURE PHIL
Okay, there...

G

5.05 PHIL
Amnesia: The Dark Descent...

F

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FUTURE PHIL
(shouts at PHIL)
Alright!

G

5.06 PHIL
(mutters under his
breath)
Quake...

F

O

FUTURE PHIL
Fine, so there there have been a
few Lovecraftian games. *sigh*

G

FUTURE PHIL
(turns to OTHER PHIL)
Got any other hobbies then?

7

C

OTHER PHIL
Gaming.

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FUTURE PHIL
(annoyed)
Besides gaming.

↓

E?

OTHER PHIL
Hmmm. Sometimes I enjoy just
driving around.

D

FUTURE PHIL
Good! What you find so compelling
about driving around?

E

OTHER PHIL
I don't know. Taking in the
landscape, exploring, finding new
shortcuts.

D

FUTURE PHIL
Sounds like an interesting concept
for a new game.

G

5.07 PHIL
It already exists. You may have
heard of it; it's called The Legend
of Zelda.

F

O

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OTHER PHIL
I also like playing guitar.

D

PHIL

7.

5.08 PHIL F
Guitar Hero.

OTHER PHIL D
 No, real guitar.

5.09 PHIL F
Rocksmith.

OTHER PHIL D
 Doing paperwork?

5.10 PHIL F
Papers, Please.

OTHER PHIL D
 Collecting...

5.11 PHIL F
Pokémon!

FUTURE PHIL H
 Abort! Abort!

FUTURE PHIL hits a button on his device again, ending the scene in a flash.

⑥ INTER-DIMENSIONAL SPACE III ✓ 2018-03-17

2A

FUTURE PHIL
 (facepalms)
 Okay. Let's go someplace else.

PHIL
 Starbucks?

FUTURE PHIL
 No, silly. First-Hand-Land!

PHIL
 What?

FUTURE PHIL
 The dimension with anything you experienced yourself first hand. Nothing you saw in a movie, read in a book or played in a game is ~~there~~.

PHIL
~~Such as time travel?~~
You mean things like time travel?

FUTURE PHIL
 Exactly!

In yet another flash, the duo transitions to a new location.

Change settings?

7. SOMETHING YOU EXPERIENCED FIRSTHAND

We're at the Fire Station Bruck/Mur where OTHER PHIL is cleaning something pointless.

PHIL

(looks around)

Oh. Oh no. This looks uncomfortably familiar. Is this... oh god. Are we in the basement of the fire station I was carrying out my civil service?

A

F

B/H

FUTURE PHIL

Precisely! "Your lost year", as you call it.

A

walk forward

FUTURE PHIL turns to OTHER PHIL in his fire brigade outfit, on the floor scrubbing.

FUTURE PHIL

Hey, how's it going?

X/I

OTHER PHIL

I'm scrubbing the same floor I scrubbed for the past 6 months and will be scrubbing the next 6 months, so how do you think it's going?

C/P/J

FUTURE PHIL

That sounds like some horrible mismanagement.

F | L

OTHER PHIL

There are so many things going hilariously wrong here, it's a travesty. There's a certain cruel comedy in the futility of it all.

D | K

FUTURE PHIL

"That could be" Sounds like an unusual setting for an adventure game.

E | L

OTHER PHIL

Guess you're right...

D | K

PHIL

7.7

You mean like Bureaucracy, the text adventure?

F O | E

FUTURE PHIL

(to OTHER PHIL)

Got any other first hand experiences?

E | L

OTHER PHIL

I helped my mom gardening when I

D | K

was little...

7.2 PHIL
Stardew Valley.

F O

OTHER PHIL
Not at home, it was on the
graveyard.

D | K

7.3 PHIL
Plants vs. Zombies.

F O

FUTURE PHIL
We should go.

E | L | I

FUTURE PHIL hits button, flash, back in the inter-dimensional space.

8 INTER-DIMENSIONAL SPACE IV

2018-03-17

2A

"got to"

FUTURE PHIL
Maybe we ~~should~~ go back in time
much further.

PHIL
I'm beginning to suspect there
won't be any coffee either...

FUTURE PHIL laughs maniacally, button, flash, the usual.

9. GAMES YOU LIKED AS A KID

2018-03-16

YOUNG PHIL sits quietly the carpet with a GameBoy in his hands.

PHIL
Oh boy...

FUTURE PHIL
Precisely! That's you -us!- as a
kid. Before the vast knowledge of
games polluted your originality.

FUTURE PHIL walks up to YOUNG PHIL and takes a seat besides him.

FUTURE PHIL
Hey there, buddy. What kind of game
would you love to play?

YOUNG PHIL
Super Mario Land.

FUTURE PHIL
Yeah, I know, I see that's what

} A

} B

you're playing. But apart from that. Anything that doesn't exist yet?

YOUNG PHIL
Super Mario Land 2.

FUTURE PHIL
Okay, right, we're in 1991 here. I mean something that doesn't exist by 2018.

YOUNG PHIL
How should I know? I'm just a kid.

FUTURE PHIL
(looks at PHIL)
Were we really that snotty as a kid?

PHIL shrugs.

PHIL
He has a point, though.

FUTURE PHIL stands up with a groan and joins PHIL.

FUTURE PHIL
Let's go back even further, before you got that damn GameBoy!

19.2

FUTURE PHIL hits the button, flash, same situation but this time, YOUNG PHIL is playing with Lego instead.

FUTURE PHIL
Ah, that's much better. Wholesome, open-ended, unstructured play.
(to YOUNG PHIL)
You like playing with Legos?

YOUNG PHIL
(without looking up)
Yes.

FUTURE PHIL
Is that you in your house?

YOUNG PHIL
Yes.

FUTURE PHIL
And that is...?

YOUNG PHIL
Zombie.

FUTURE PHIL
And you're fighting the zombie?

B
] C
] B
] A
] A
B
4
B

YOUNG PHIL

Yes.

FUTURE PHIL

So you like to build your own blocky little house, fight blocky little zombies, and go on blocky little adventures, is that right?

B

YOUNG PHIL

Yes.

FUTURE PHIL

(looks triumphantly at PHIL)

That sounds like a great inspiration to me.

PHIL

9.3

Minecraft. We've been there already.

"literally just"

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FUTURE PHIL

(blank stare of realization)

Crap.

Look at Young Phil, back at Phil, beat, "crap!"

B

FUTURE PHIL shakes it off and pulls out the device with the button

FUTURE PHIL

(to himself)

Maybe I'm doing this all wrong.

A

Button, Flash, etc.

10. INTER-DIMENSIONAL SPACE V

2018-03-27

PHIL

(blinks his eyes)

I'll get

~~I'm getting~~ pink eye if this keeps up.

2A

FUTURE PHIL

Maybe I'm too self-centered. ~~Let's~~ involve other people. Let's hit the Social Zone!

We should

PHIL

Where there's cake and coffee?

FUTURE PHIL

(excited to push the button)

Absolutely not!

PHIL
Of course.

Maniacal laugh, button, flash.

11. MAKE A GAME FOR A LOVED ONE ✓ 2028-03-26

They arrive in the living room with CONNY sitting on the table, working.

FUTURE PHIL
Don't always think about making a game for yourself or an imagined audience but instead for a very special person in mind. A

FUTURE PHIL gestures PHIL to go ahead. PHIL takes a seat next to CONNY.

PHIL
Hey, Conny! C

CONNY
Hey.

PHIL
So you're not happy with most of the games out there, right?

CONNY
Yeah, they suck. E

PHIL
Then I'll make something just for you! What kind of game would you just love to play? D

11.01 CONNY
Well, I love big open worlds like in Breath of the Wild... O E

PHIL
Okay... D

11.02 CONNY
...then intricate puzzles like in the older Zelda games... O E

PHIL
(increasingly worried)
Okay... D

11.03 CONNY
...and massively multiplayer cause I like the social aspect of that. O E

PHIL
Okay. So you want me to make you a
big Zelda-MMO?

CONNY
Yup. Pretty much.

PHIL
(cheerful)
Okay, then I'll get right to it!

CONNY
Neat!

CONNY turns her attention back to her tablet PHIL
gets up and with a terrified face and looks at
FUTURE PHIL.

PHIL
(whispers)
~~I can't do this!~~ She's going to be
so disappointed!

FUTURE PHIL
(whispers)
Yes...

FUTURE PHIL pushes the button and a flash ends the
scene.

12. INTER-DIMENSIONAL SPACE VI

2010-03-17

2A

PHIL
Thanks and all, but this is not
working. It's impossible to have an
original inspiration...

FUTURE PHIL
(thinking) *watch out! (Tardis)*
Maybe you just need something else...

PHIL
I think I just need coffee.

Button, flash, etc.

13. OFFLINE RANDOM WORD GENERATORS

2018-03-19

PHIL
Where are we now? Or rather... when
are we?

FUTURE PHIL
Oh, we're in your present. Just in
the living room.

How's the ^{CONNRY} game coming along?] B

14.

Shot of CONNY briefly looking up from working at her computer a couple of steps away.

PHIL
~~then~~ Couldn't we just have walked?

FUTURE PHIL
(holds up device)
Do you know how expensive this thing was? I welcome any opportunity to use it.

PHIL
We already tried getting inspired by books.

FUTURE PHIL
But not randomly.

PHIL
Randomly?

FUTURE PHIL
Pick a book. Any book.

PHIL shrugs and picks a book.

FUTURE PHIL
Now roll these!

FUTURE PHIL hands PHIL a pair of dice.

FUTURE PHIL
Very good. Now open the book at that page and roll again.

PHIL rolls again.

FUTURE PHIL
First die specified lines from the top, the second die is the number of the word within that line.

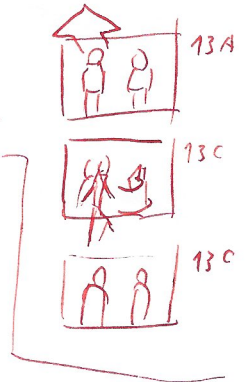
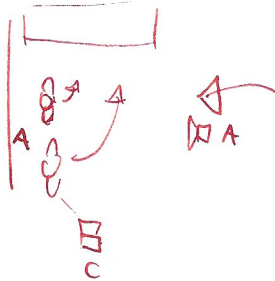
PHIL
"of"?

FUTURE PHIL
Then pick the next word.

PHIL
"The"?

FUTURE PHIL
Keep going.

PHIL
"Genital"?



"Sit."

D

F

FUTURE PHIL

Whoa! Okay, start over! Different book, same procedure.

FUTURE PHIL takes the book from PHIL and we briefly see the title, something funny.

In the meantime PHIL rolls again and picks a word.

PHIL

13.1 "~~Canary~~". *Bird* 1

FUTURE PHIL

A noun. That's the setting or player character. Roll for another word. *p. 15*

PHIL

13.2 "Cheerful". *p. 165*

FUTURE PHIL

Ah, an adjective. That's going to describe your art-style or setting. Roll again. *mad* 1

PHIL

13.3 "Flap*ping*". *p. 205*

FUTURE PHIL

A verb. And that's your mechanic. Put it all together and you got enough inspiration for your imagination to spread its wings and fly.

PHIL

13.4 All I got is Flappy Bird.

FUTURE PHIL

That's... *sigh* that's very unfortunate. Wanna roll again, but with a picture book or something?

PHIL

No, I don't think this is helping me finding original inspirations either.

PHIL gets up and is about to walk out of the room. 1

FUTURE PHIL

Where are you going?

PHIL

To the kitchen and then do the closing monologue.

FUTURE PHIL



No, we travel with style!

PHIL

But there's coffee in the kitchen!

FUTURE PHIL

Coffee? Where we're going, we don't need coffee...

PHIL

But you said...

PHIL sighs as FUTURE PHIL laughs again and pushes the button to teleport them back to the home office.

14. WRAP-UP *2020-02-09*

PHIL and FUTURE PHIL are back in the home office in front of the shelf.

*hey,
thanks and everything but
I think that was all
just a waste of time...*

PHIL

(rubs his eyes)

~~I hope I'm not blind when this is over...~~

(annoyed)



FUTURE PHIL

~~Alright, I give up.~~

I'm sorry I couldn't help you with getting inspired!

PHIL

I guess every game I'd feel inspired to make now has already been made...



FUTURE PHIL

You're right.



PHIL

...only better. So what's the point?

FUTURE PHIL

They have been made, sure, but not by someone like you with your unique interests, experiences, and cultural background.

PHIL

Huh. Never thought about it that way.

FUTURE PHIL

Maybe you should put that into your keynote. If there still is time.

Both stare at each other. Suddenly FUTURE PHIL's device beeps.

A

FUTURE PHIL

Oh shit!

PHIL

What's the matter?

FUTURE PHIL

I gotta go!

PHIL

Where to?

FUTURE PHIL

Back to the future! I am participating in Ludum Dare 128 and I still need to attempt to compile my game for the first time.

PHIL

What?! So you were just procrastinating?

(B)

FUTURE PHIL

Just a little bit. Still got 20 minutes till submission hour, it's gonna be fine. Toodles!

(C)

FUTURE PHIL vanishes in a flash of lightning, leaving PHIL a bit dazzled.

A

PHIL

(turns to the camera)

I think I gotta talk about time management next.

PHIL

Where was I? Oh right.

PHIL

So when the theme is announced, don't worry. Don't worry about originality, don't worry about a bad idea. Put your personal spin on things, make something only you would make and love to play.

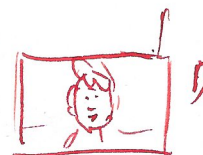
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PHIL

Your very own game hasn't been done yet. No one's has. Your game is whatever you make it. So make it a good one.

unstable

BTTF



PHIL

I wish you all the best, lots of fun, and a great time doing what you love.

A

PHIL

Just don't wait until submission
hour to compile your game.

PHIL

I gotta setup the camera to shoot
another Ludum Dare documentary for
my channel. I just wish I had some...

A brightly shining portal opens next to PHIL and
FUTURE PHIL's hand sticks out, holding the
futuristic Starbucks tumbler.

G
O

FUTURE PHIL (O.S.)

...coffee?

PHIL

(baffled, accepts coffee)
...inspiration.

ALT: Thanks...

CUT
~~FADE TO~~
BLACK.