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Version by YoYo Games Ltd. Welcome to the GameMaker: Studio user manual! This document is divided into three parts with the aim of getting you introduced to the interface and basic workings of GameMaker: Studio before going on to more advanced usage and the functions available through GML (the GameMaker Language).

It is possible to create new resources during the game. Also you can change existing resources. This chapter describes the possibilities. Changing resources easily leads to serious errors in your games!!! You must follow the following rules when changing resources: This will lead to errors! When you save the game during playing, added and changed resources are NOT stored with the save game. So if you load the saved game later, these might not be there anymore. In general, when you manipulate resources you can no longer use the built-in system for loading and saving games. When you restart the game during playing, the changed resources are NOT restored to their original shape. In general, when you manipulate resources you can no longer use the action or function to restart the game. Resource manipulation can be slow. For example, changing sprites or backgrounds is relatively slow. Creating resources during game play in particular sprites and background easily uses huge amount of memory. So be extremely careful with this. Make sure you delete resources you no longer need. Otherwise the system soon runs out of memory. In general, you should not change any resources during game play. Better create and change the resources at the beginning of the game or maybe at the beginning of a room. Information on changing resources can be found in the following pages:

Chapter 2 : GameMaker Studio - Wikipedia

This language we will refer to as GML (the GameMaker Language). In this section we describe the language GML and we give an overview of all the (close to) functions and variables available to control all aspects of your game.

Share on Facebook The Game Maker development suite by YoYo Games is popular for its ability to let novice game developers create their dream games without programming knowledge. This is where the enterprising developer has to write his own. One of those instances is for a game timer that limits the player to a certain amount of time to complete a level. Some games need a timer. Step Create an object by right-clicking on "Objects" and choosing "Create Object. Step Click "Add Event" and "Create. Step Go to the "Control" tab and drag the icon that looks like a square with the word "VAR" in it to the "Actions" panel. Doing this is the "set variable" action and you use it to store information for use elsewhere in the program. This is telling the game you want it to operate at 30 frames per second. This is very important, since Game Maker only remembers the number of frames it shows and not how much time elapses. Video of the Day Step Drag another "set variable" action into the "Actions" panel. Name this variable "seconds" and set it to Step Click the "Main 2" tab and drag the icon that looks like a stopwatch into the "Actions" panel. Now you are setting an alarm to go off after that many frames--in other words, to go off after one second. Step Click "Add Event" and choose "Alarm" to create the coding that will occur every second when the alarm goes off. Step Drag another "set variable" action and set the variable "seconds" to -1 and click the box marked "relative. Step Drag the test variable icon into the "Actions" panel. It looks like the word "VAR" inside an octagon. Set the variable to be tested to "seconds" and set the value to be tested for as "0. It is the red button that looks like a power-off button. This will end the game when the seconds on the timer reach zero. Step Go back to the "Control" tab. This tells Game Maker what to do when the seconds are not zero and we are going to use this to reset the alarm. Go to the "Main 2" tab and drag the set alarm action into the "Actions" panel. Drag the "Draw Variable" button from the "Control" tab and enter "seconds" into the variable box. Step Create a room by right-clicking "rooms" and selecting "create room. Click the green check mark to "save" and click the green arrow to "run" your game. The game should run for 10 seconds, with a timer in the top-left corner of the screen. As soon as the timer hits zero, the game will end.

Chapter 3 : GameMaker Studio 2 Language Reference

GML Overview GameMaker: Studio has its own proprietary programming language called the GameMaker Language (abbreviated to GML).. The GameMaker: Studio programming language, GML, gives you much more flexibility and control than the standard actions that are available through the Drag'n'Drop interface.

In the GM interface, these libraries are displayed as tabs containing icons called actions. Each action is a GML script or function that user can use in the game. Game Maker comes with a default set of libraries that contain the common actions used by most games; it is also possible to create libraries using the Library builder provided separately from Game Maker. There are many libraries that a Game Maker user may download to avoid using GML to achieve certain tasks. GML makes a difference between statements and expressions. Also, variable assignment is always a statement in GM, and cannot be used in an expression. Game Maker does not allow?: GML statements can be separated by semicolon, but Game Maker does not force this. The programmer can also create scripts which are called in the same way functions are. GM also has built-in functions for calling external DLLs. Variables Normally, GML does not require that variables be declared as with many other programming languages. GM has many built in variables and constants. Each instance in the game has a set of built-in local variables such as "x" and "y". There are also some built-in global variables such as "score" which exist independent of individual instances. User-defined variables can be either local or global. Local variables are the default; they are primarily used by the instance to which they are assigned. In order for another instance to use them, they must use the appropriate prefix, such as " Global variables use a "global. In certain cases this prefix may be dispensed with: Arrays may also be declared in GML and may be 1 or 2 dimensional. Arrays may contain a mix of strings and real values, but not arrays themselves. Arrays may not be passed to a function and may not be returned from a function in GML. GM also has built in limits on index sizes. Indexes may not be bigger than 32, and any single array may not contain more than total of 1,, values. GML also features functions used to create and edit six simple data structures. These functions are only available to users who have the Pro version of Game Maker. Types For the sake of simplicity GML only has two variable types. Every variable may hold each type of data without any type declarations. Because GM prefixes string sizes to the strings as a 4-byte integer, strings may not be longer than 4,,, characters. If a string exceeds this limit, 4,,, characters are cut from the beginning until the string is under the limit. However, most situations will use far shorter strings, so this limitation is rarely encountered. Real values are signed floating point numbers. In version 6 real value handling had a bug which limited real value accuracy to be smaller than intended which caused inaccurate results when calculating with large real values. The issue still exists in GM7, but it has been mitigated with greater precision. Because GML has no boolean values, statements that require boolean values, such as "if" will evaluate any value larger than 0. The constants "true" and "false" may be used in place of 1 and 0 in GML. Scope In GML, there are two types of variable locality: Being local to an instance means that a variable is tied to that particular instance and can be called only with a prefix identifying the instance; being local to a script means that a variable can only be referenced within that script and expires when the script finishes processing , since scripts do not have identifiers that are accessible to the user. When the term "local" is used without further specification, it usually refers to instance locality. By default, a variable is local to an instance but not local to the script in which it is used. To make a variable accessible for all instances, it can either be accessed through the global namespace global. With the former route, the variable must always be referenced with the global. To make a variable local to the script in which it is used, the keyword var is used, as in var foo, bar;. Variables that are local to an instance can be accessed outside of that instances actions by prefixing the variable name with an instance identifier instanceReference. If multiple scripts are on the processing stack at the same time, there is no way to access script-local variables in one script from another, unless the variable is passed on to the other script as an argument. The current instance namespace can be changed using the "with" construct. For example, the following piece of code, placed in a collision event, could be used to destroy the other instance involved. In generating a collision event, Game Maker automatically creates the variable "other" as a reference to the other object involved. For example, the

following code would work correctly even though the variable foo is not defined for someOtherInstance. For example, one can create a variable as an integer, and change its type to a string in two lines: When an instance is destroyed or a script finishes processing, however, any variables local to that instance or script are released. Hence, to conserve memory, it is advisable that one use variables local to either instances or scripts to store information rather than global variables. For storing and manipulating larger amounts of data more efficiently, Game Maker has some built in data structures, such as stacks , queues , lists , maps, priority queues and grids. These structures are created, modified, and destroyed through built-in functions. There are also functions for sorting these structures, respective to each structure type. This can be particularly beneficial for speed optimization since the pre-compiled functions avoid the need to cycle through many loops of interpreted code. Instances and resources Game Maker does not support pointers to reference locations in memory. Thus, each resource and instance in Game Maker has a unique ID number, which is used to reference that particular resource or instance. This ID number can be used by scripts and functions to reference a particular instance or resource. Upon creation of a resource in GM the name of the resource is defined as a constant which references that resource for objects the first instance is referenced. The ID of a particular instance of an object can be found using the variable "id". When creating resources or instances at runtime, its unique ID is returned and may then be passed to other variables and functions. The standard action library does not cover 3D programming, so users must either use GML code or download additional libraries. Code examples Here is a simple piece of code that would display "Hello World! Note that by default Game Maker redraws the background continuously, so using the default setting this code would need to be attached to the draw event for drawing to work properly. A temporary variable will be released at the end of a script. You can also use "begin" as with Pascal. The alarm variable will automatically count down to 0, and when it hits 0, the alarm0 event will be triggered. As a demonstration, the previous example could also be written like this: Using this, the player can walk over hills and bumpy terrain. Criticism Common criticism towards Game Maker is its odd typing system, where variables can only be strings or real numbers, yet also be indexed like arrays. There is no way to make a variable hold an array, the name of the array implicitly accesses the first element. As such, there is no way to pass an array as a script argument. The other data structures are not very well integrated into the language, requiring a type unsafe index handle to the data structure, and requiring explicit deallocation which has the potential for memory leaks. As well, they are only available to registered users. The loose syntax of GML makes it easier to program in to an extent, but has the potential to cause very hard to read source code. The following is an example of what is possible: This facilitates decompiling, and causes much slower start up times than necessary.

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Welcome to the GameMaker Studio 2 user manual! This document is divided into three parts with the aim of getting you introduced to the interface and basic workings of GameMaker Studio 2 before going on to more advanced usage and the functions available through our propriety scripting language GML or our visual scripting tool Drag and Drop.

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Chapter 8 : GameMaker Studio Book â€“ Learn GML Programming â€“ Home & Schools

GameMaker Studio 2 Language Reference This section of the manual is a reference guide for the GameMaker Studio 2 Language (GML). You can find all the available functions documented here along with the required arguments and examples of code to show how they can be used.

Chapter 9 : GameMaker Studio 2 Manual

GameMaker Studio 2 is the latest and greatest incarnation of GameMaker! It has everything you need to take your idea from concept to finished game. With no barriers to entry and powerful functionality, GameMaker Studio 2 is the ultimate 2D development environment!