

Two Sentence Pitch:

Imagine "Contra" meets "John Wick," but with a twist—it's a pixel-adventure platformer involving one angry zookeeper, his raccoon best-friend and dangerous smugglers.

Two Minute Pitch:

Welcome to "Raccoon Reckoning," where you step into the shoes of Robert, a passionate zookeeper at the Toronto Zoo who shares a unique bond with Rascal, the world's cutest raccoon. Robert and Rascal have been inseparable companions for years, drawing visitors from all over to witness their remarkable friendship.

However, their peaceful life takes a dark turn when Rascal is mysteriously kidnapped from the zoo by a notorious smuggling ring operating in Toronto, led by the enigmatic "Black Mask." Determined to rescue his beloved friend, Robert embarks on a high-stakes platformer adventure that takes him through iconic city streets with the majestic skyline of Toronto. Armed with a trusty slingshot, you'll form an unlikely alliance with Toronto's raccoon population, who share a deep respect for Rascal.

Together, you and your raccoon companions will navigate urban streets, parks, hidden alleyways, and rooftops, uncovering secrets, solving puzzles, and battling the criminal organization that took Rascal away. "Raccoon Reckoning" is a tale of unbreakable bonds, bravery, unity, and the enduring power of love for our raccoon friends

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1.HIGH CONCEPT

2D Platformer that takes a fearless zookeeper through the city of Toronto in search for his raccoon friend who was kidnapped by poachers. Our protagonist will have his slingshot at hand to fight through this adventure.

1.1 Why "Raccoon Rampage" will be an amazing and unforgettable gaming experience:

- Unique Concept: "Raccoon Rampage" combines the charm of raccoons with high-stakes action in a way that's never been done before, offering players a fresh and captivating concept.
- Heartfelt Narrative: The game's emotionally-driven storyline of rescuing your kidnapped raccoon friend, Rascal, adds depth and meaning to the adventure.
- Dynamic Gameplay: Enjoy thrilling platformer-style gameplay that tests your reflexes, strategy, and problem-solving skills as you navigate the urban jungle.
- Adorable Companions: Form a lovable bond with a variety of raccoon companions, each with their own unique abilities, making for engaging and strategic gameplay.
- Stunning Pixel Art: The game's charming pixel art style brings the concrete wilderness to life with colorful and whimsical characters and environments.
- Realistic Soundscapes: Immerse yourself in the game's atmospheric soundtrack and sound effects that enhance your gaming experience.
- Iconic Setting: Explore an open-world representation of Toronto's streets and skyline, making the game feel both authentic and visually striking.
- Intuitive Controls: Whether playing on a PC with a keyboard or a controller, the intuitive control scheme ensures that players of all skill levels can enjoy the game.

2.Gameplay Overview

In 'Raccoon Rampage,' the gameplay experience is both dynamic and strategic, offering a blend of inventive combat mechanics and engaging player interactions. As Robert, armed with his trusty slingshot and an unbreakable bond with Rascal, you'll navigate the treacherous urban terrain of Toronto. The core gameplay revolves around three key elements: Robert's versatile slingshot, the alliance with Toronto's raccoon population, and the innovative vacuum mechanic for collecting ammo and valuable items. These gameplay features harmonize to create an adventure that seamlessly combines action, puzzle-solving, and heartwarming companionship in the heart of the city.



2.1 Gameplay features

- Trusty Slingshot:
 - Robert's primary weapon is a trusty slingshot that can launch various types of non-food projectiles.
 - Projectiles include stones, marbles, and other small objects for different effects.
- Death Loops:
 - Reset to the farthest level that you have progressed to
 - Keep your score intact!
- Use the environment:
 - Use the environment to dodge the tricky level design!

2.2. Control Mapping

"Navigating the bustling streets of 'Raccoon Rampage' with precision and finesse is essential to your success in this action-packed adventure. To ensure an immersive and intuitive gaming experience, we've meticulously designed control mappings for PC keyboard users. Our control scheme has been optimized to provide seamless gameplay, allowing you to focus on the heart-pounding action and heartwarming moments that await in the urban jungle of Toronto."

Action	PC Keyboard Controls
Move	Arrow keys / AD
Aim	Mouse movement
Shoot	Left Mouse Button
Jump	Spacebar
Interact/Pickup	W
Pause/Menu	Esc
Navigate Menu	Mouse

Overview

The Black Mask's Criminal Organization:

"Deep within the shadowy underbelly of Toronto's concrete jungle, an enigmatic and malevolent figure known as the 'Black Mask' rules with an iron fist. This notorious criminal organization, shrouded in secrecy and whispered about in hushed tones, has plunged the city into a state of perpetual turmoil. Led by the cunning and elusive Black Mask, this ruthless syndicate orchestrates a web of illicit operations, from smuggling and extortion to grand-scale heists.

But there's more to their sinister machinations than meets the eye. The organization's members, driven by a relentless pursuit of profit and power, saw an extraordinary opportunity in the world's cutest raccoon, Rascal. The bond between Rascal and Robert, the devoted zookeeper, made him a prime target for the illicit exotic pet trade—a valuable asset that could fetch a fortune. Thus, Rascal's abduction became a symbol of the organization's unscrupulous ambitions.

As Robert ventures deeper into the heart of the city, the sinister influence of the Black Mask's organization becomes increasingly palpable. Each encounter with its members reveals a new layer of their malevolence and the urgency of rescuing Rascal. The enigma surrounding the Black Mask's true identity and motivations drives the narrative, setting the stage for a thrilling showdown between justice and greed."

- Encounter two types of enemies:
 - Short-range (melee) enemies: These foes approach Robert for close combat, challenging his agility and reflexes.
 - Medium/Long-range enemies with guns: Armed with various firearms, these enemies attack from a distance, requiring strategic positioning and evasion.

2.4. Environment and Level Design Overview

"Step into the intricate and immersive world of 'Raccoon Reckoning,' where every pixel tells a story. Our approach to environment and level design is a journey of discovery and wonder. From the bustling streets of Toronto to hidden urban oases, our team's meticulous craftsmanship ensures that each level is a rich tapestry of challenges, secrets, and unforgettable moments. In this section, we delve into our design philosophy, highlighting the thought and care that goes into crafting the settings where Robert's adventure unfolds. Join us as we explore the intricate urban landscapes, dynamic level design, and the interactive elements that breathe life into the concrete wilderness of 'Raccoon Reckoning.'"

Toronto Streets and Skyline:

- Levels are inspired by real Toronto streets and iconic locations, with the majestic skyline as a backdrop. Dynamic environments feature realistic weather and day-night cycles, affecting gameplay and providing new platforming challenges.

- City Streets Chaos:
 - Navigate through bustling urban streets filled with pedestrians and bustling traffic.
- Underground Lair
 - Solve environmental puzzles involving levers, switches, and hidden pathways.
- Industrial Alleyways:
 - Venture into gritty industrial areas filled with conveyor belts and machinery.
 - Use timing and agility to progress while avoiding hazardous machinery.



Scoring mechanics:

- 1. Points for Enemy Defeat:
 - A fundamental part of the scoring system is rewarding players for their combat prowess. Every enemy defeated grants points, creating an incentive for players to engage in thrilling battles and demonstrate their skill in combat.
 - Different types of enemies will have varying point values, motivating players to strategize and prioritize their targets.
 - Collecting these items provides a substantial point boost, catering to players who love to uncover every secret the game has to offer.

- 2. Secrets and Hidden Challenges:
 - The city of Toronto hides many secrets, and we've incorporated secret areas and hidden challenges into the level design. Exploring these areas and completing their unique challenges yields substantial score rewards.
 - This feature not only rewards curious players but also adds depth to the gameplay experience.

2.5. Art Direction Documentation

"At the heart of 'Raccoon Rampage' lies a visual masterpiece crafted by our talented artists who harness the power of GameMaker to breathe life into the game's enchanting pixel art. Every pixel, every character, and every vibrant cityscape is a testament to their dedication and artistic prowess. Through GameMaker's versatile tools and pixel-perfect precision, our artists have meticulously designed a captivating world where Toronto's urban sprawl springs to life with charming detail. As you step into this pixelated adventure, you'll witness the magic of pixel art in its finest form, transporting you to a visually stunning realm that captures the essence of the concrete wilderness."

- Visual Style:
 - "Raccoon Rampage" boasts a captivating pixel art style that pays meticulous attention to detail. Our pixel artists craft every character, raccoon companion, and environment with care, ensuring a delightful visual experience. This style is not only aesthetically pleasing but also allows for smooth animations and character expressions that convey emotions, making the characters and world come alive.



- Enchanting Environments:
 - The game's environments are a visual treat, drawing inspiration from the real streets and landmarks of Toronto. Each location, from

bustling city streets to serene parks and hidden alleyways, is designed with an eye for authenticity and whimsy.

- Character Design:
 - Our talented character artist infuses personality into every raccoon, enemy, and companion. Rascal, with his endearing charm, steals the spotlight, but the diverse cast of characters, from Robert to the enigmatic "Black Mask," are equally compelling. Each character is designed to be instantly recognizable, making the game's world feel rich and memorable.
- Color Palette:
 - "Raccoon Rampage" employs a vibrant and rich color palette that compliments the game's playful and adventurous tone. A wide spectrum of colors is used to distinguish various areas, characters, and elements, ensuring visual diversity and enhancing gameplay clarity. The primary ones being:
 - Earthy Greens: A range of greens for the lush parks, trees, and urban foliage, conveying a sense of nature and tranquility.
 - Warm Browns: For the wooden elements, such as park benches and tree trunks, to create a cozy and rustic feel.
 - Urban Grays: Neutral grays and silvers for the city's concrete buildings, streets, and structures.
 - Skyline Blues: Blues for the sky, creating a backdrop against which the urban landscape and action stand out.
 - Bright Accents: Vibrant, eye-catching colors for collectibles, interactive objects, and special effects to add excitement and visual interest.
 - Nighttime Blacks: For night scenes, adding a mysterious and moody atmosphere.
 - Raccoon Mask Black: The Black Mask's color to symbolize the enigmatic antagonist.
 - Sunset Oranges and Reds: To convey dynamic weather changes and create a striking sunset or sunrise effect.
 - Museum Reds and Golds: Warm, rich colors for the museum levels, evoking an atmosphere of culture and art.
 - Dark Purples: For nighttime and underground levels, adding depth and a sense of mystery.
- Visual Feedback:

- Visual effects are carefully crafted to provide feedback to players. Impactful animations, such as the vacuuming of collectibles, convey a sense of accomplishment, while enemy encounters are punctuated with engaging visual cues. The pixel art style allows for clear and intuitive communication with the player, ensuring that every action is both satisfying and informative.
- Consistency and Immersion:
 - Consistency in art style and attention to detail contribute to player immersion. Every aspect of the game, from the smallest collectible to the towering skyscrapers in the background, contributes to a cohesive and captivating world.

The art direction in "Raccoon Rampage" is not merely a visual element but a crucial storytelling tool that enhances player engagement and immersion in the thrilling adventure of Robert and Rascal through the urban jungle of Toronto.



3. Raccoon Rescue - Post Mortem

The Wild Ride

Challenges:

Tech Trouble: Had some hiccups optimizing Raccoon Rescue for everyday PCs.

Juggling Act: Tight schedules forced us into resource-ninja mode.

Wins:

Art: Giving everything that we wanted to, a life. From animated cars, poisonous oil tanks to Black Mask himself, the art made us want to keep innovating the gameplay. And we did.

Talking Points: Our raccoons, world building and ranged enemies that track player movement. We really wanted to challenge the player's capabilities on movement, timing and aim.

What We Figured Out:

Tool Tango: Learned the hard way about controller mapping and the difficulty that came along with' compatibility quirks.

Play-Test Fest: Player feedback rocked—taught us it's never too early for playtesting. We discovered a ton of bugs including animation glitches, instantiation problems and dialogue progress.

Scoring Simplified: Our scoring metric got a facelift; now it's all about enemies defeated. With a secret *wink* time elapsed metric that might lead to a new ending.

Art at the Helm: The art design took center stage, stealing hearts and defining our game's soul. We really wanted to bring life to the world that we sought to create.

What's Next?

More Adventures: Brace yourself for regular Windows updates, new levels, and craziness.

In a Nutshell:

SpyMaskStudios is grateful for the Raccoon Rescue journey!

[Spies Out! 🤞]

4.Team-Bio and Expected contribution fields

SpyMask Studios - The Visionaries Behind "Raccoon Reckoning":

Meet the dynamic and passionate team that defied the odds and united to bring the captivating platformer, "Raccoon Reckoning," to life. Comprising individuals from diverse backgrounds, this motley crew shares a deep-rooted love for gaming and a relentless determination to turn their vision into a reality. Each member brings a unique set of skills and expertise to the table, contributing their invaluable talents to craft an unforgettable gaming experience.

4.1 Meet the Team:

Game Designer: **Somesh Harshavardhan Gopi Krishna**

As the visionary game designer, Somesh takes the helm in defining the game's concept and mechanics. With an unwavering commitment to innovation, he steers the team towards creating a compelling gameplay experience. His role extends to crafting design documents, identifying core gameplay features, and ensuring that the game's vision comes to life.

Concept Artist: **Luis Zaragoza**

Luis is the creative force behind "Raccoon Reckoning," translating ideas into visual concepts that breathe life into the game world. With a keen eye for detail and a talent for crafting captivating designs, he brings initial design sketches and visual concepts to the forefront, setting the stage for the game's immersive aesthetics.

Game Developer: **Zavier Booker**

Zavier is the technical backbone of the team, providing crucial insights into the feasibility of design ideas. His expertise in game development is invaluable in ensuring that the game not only dazzles with its concepts but also functions

seamlessly. His role involves evaluating the technical aspects of core gameplay features and lending his expertise to make them a reality.

Together, this dedicated trio is poised to make their mark in the gaming world with "Raccoon Reckoning." United by their shared passion, creativity, and an unrelenting pursuit of excellence, they have embarked on an extraordinary journey—a journey that reaffirms the notion that sometimes, the most remarkable adventures begin with the most unexpected encounters. Get ready to join them in the adventure of a lifetime!"