

Practical 10

Space Invaders (Part 13)

Step 1

Now, the program has to determine which invader should fire and when. To do so, you have to follow the following steps:

For each iteration of the main loop:

- Generate a random number between 0 and 2,047.
- If the random number is greater than or equal to the total number of invaders (INVADER_COUNT), no shot should be connected to an invader.
- If the random number is lower than the total number of invaders, this number should be used as an index in order to determine the address of an invader (e.g. the 0-indexed invader is located at the address `Invaders`, the 1-indexed invader is located at the address `Invaders+SIZE_OF_SPRITE`, etc.), and if this invader is displayed, connect it to an available shot (by calling **ConnectInvaderShot**).

Use the following subroutine in order to generate the random number (do not try to understand it):

```

Random      move.l  \old,d0
            muls.w #16807,d0
            and.l  #$7fffffff,d0
            move.l d0,\old
            lsr.l  #4,d0
            and.l  #$7ff,d0
            rts
\old        dc.l   425625
  
```

Write down the **NewInvaderShot** subroutine that follows the above steps and call it in the main loop of your source code.

```

Main        jsr    InitInvaders
            jsr    InitInvaderShots

\loop       jsr    PrintShip
            jsr    PrintShipShot
            jsr    PrintInvaders
            jsr    BufferToScreen

            jsr    DestroyInvaders

            jsr    MoveShip
            jsr    MoveInvaders
            jsr    MoveShipShot

            jsr    NewShipShot
            jsr    NewInvaderShot

            jsr    SpeedInvaderUp

            bra   \loop
  
```

Step 2

Using the **PrintInvaders** subroutine as a model, write the **PrintInvaderShots** subroutine that displays all the invader shots.

Then, call this subroutine in your main loop:

```

Main          jsr    InitInvaders
              jsr    InitInvaderShots

\loop
              jsr    PrintShip
              jsr    PrintShipShot
              jsr    PrintInvaders
              jsr    PrintInvaderShots
              jsr    BufferToScreen

              jsr    DestroyInvaders

              jsr    MoveShip
              jsr    MoveInvaders
              jsr    MoveShipShot

              jsr    NewShipShot
              jsr    NewInvaderShot

              jsr    SpeedInvaderUp

              bra   \loop

```

Run your main program and check that five shots are displayed. For the time being, they are frozen. We will set them in motion in the next step.

Step 3

In this step, we are going to set the invader shots in motion. To begin with, let us define a constant that holds the step increment of a shot (as we did for the ship and the invaders).

```

              ; Step increment in pixels
              ; -----
SHIP_STEP     equ     4                ; Ship step increment
SHIP_SHOT_STEP equ     4                ; Ship shot step increment
INVADER_SHOT_STEP equ 1                ; Invader shot step increment
; ...

```

Use the **MoveShipShot** subroutine (which handles the displacement of the ship shot) as a model to help you write the **MoveInvaderShots** subroutine that moves the invader shots. Obviously, when a shot has reached the bottom of the screen, it becomes invisible and so available. Be careful, **MoveShipShot** handles one sprite only (the ship shot), but **MoveInvaderShots** handles several sprites (all the invader shots located from the InvaderShots address).

Tips:

- In order to move a sprite, you can call the **MoveSprite** subroutine that was written in a previous step.
- So far, the animation of the sprites (swapping bitmaps 1 and 2) has not been required. We will do this in the next step. So, only the bitmap 1 will be displayed.

Finally, call this subroutine in your main loop and test it.

```
Main      jsr      InitInvaders
          jsr      InitInvaderShots

\loop     jsr      PrintShip
          jsr      PrintShipShot
          jsr      PrintInvaders
          jsr      PrintInvaderShots
          jsr      BufferToScreen

          jsr      DestroyInvaders

          jsr      MoveShip
          jsr      MoveInvaders
          jsr      MoveShipShot
          jsr      MoveInvaderShots

          jsr      NewShipShot
          jsr      NewInvaderShot

          jsr      SpeedInvaderUp

          bra     \loop
```