CS 2500, Spring 2012 Problem Set 7

Due date: Monday, February 27 @ 11:59 pm

Programming Language: Beginning Student Language with List Abbreviations

For Problem Set 3 and later, homework is submitted via the <u>automated homework server</u>. *Note: Hardcopy submissions not accepted*.

You must work on this problem set in pairs. Homework partners have been chosen randomly and posted on the Piazza discussion board. You must submit the homework with your partner. There will be a penalty for submitting without your partner.

You must follow the design recipe in your solutions: graders will look for data definitions, contracts, purpose statements, examples/tests, and properly organized function definitions. For the latter, you must design templates, but be sure to comment them out.

Task:

Develop the Frogger game. Here is a link to a free version of Frogger for those unfamiliar with the game: http://www.happyhopper.org. In this game, the player is a frog who tries to move from the bottom of the screen to the top of the screen. The screen is divided into rows. The player starts in the bottom row, crosses five rows of traffic, and wins if they reach the top row.

In the traffic rows, the player must not collide with any of the vehicles present in these rows. The traffic alternates direction and includes 4 vehicles per road. If the player hits a vehicle, the player loses and the game ends. When a vehicle passes off the edge of the screen, a new entity of the same type is created on the opposite edge, so that there are always the same number of vehicles, and they are all evenly spaced.

The player can move his character in four ways: up, down, left and right. Develop your own data definitions and structures for frogs, and vehicles (and any auxiliary ones you might need, like worlds).

The following data definitions may or may not be useful (and indicative of the kind of operations you might want to develop) for writing this program:

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;; A Set of Vehicles (VSet) is one of:
;; - empty
;; - (cons Vehicle VSet)

;; A World is a (make-world Player VSet)
;; The VSet represents the set of vehicles moving across the screen
(define-struct world (player vehicles))
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You should think about how you will determine whether the player has been hit by a vehicle. You may want to use something like the following functions:

Some advice:

While it is possible to write Frogger to operate over a grid, it makes the cars and river entities move in a somewhat clunky manner. You might be better off subdividing the screen vertically into rows, but leaving the horizontal positioning to simply pixels.

Don't include images in your assignment. You can represent players and vehicles using image functions such as circle, triangle, square, overlay, etc.

You may implement other features, if you like (e.g., multiple lives, vehicles of varying lengths, and/or a river). However, extra features won't save you from points taken off if your code has bugs or isn't well written. You will not receive 100% credit simply for having code that works. For full credit, your code must work and be well written. So you should put your effort into writing clean, readable, bug-free code.

You will be upgrading the game to full Frogger in a future assignment. So effort expended in making sure that your code is clean and well-written will be rewarded when you have to extend it later – it is quite difficult to modify and extend code that is a snarled-up, confused pile of chaos.

As always, you should use the Design Recipe help get your code written.

Start early. It will take you time to work out the assignment.