

Exercise: Create a Simple “Spaceship Shooting Game” in ReactJS

Prerequisites:

- Basic knowledge of JavaScript, HTML, and CSS.
- Familiarity with ReactJS basics (components, state, props).

Step 1: Setting Up the Project

1. **Install Node.js and npm:** Ensure Node.js and npm are installed on your computer. You can download them from nodejs.org.
2. **Create a New React Project:** Open your terminal and run the following command to create a new React project:

```
npx create-react-app spaceship-game  
cd spaceship-game
```

3. **Start the Development Server:**

```
npm start
```

Step 2: Create the Game Board

1. **Create a Game Component:** In the `src` directory, create a new file called `Game.js` and add the following code:

```
import React from 'react';  
import './Game.css';  
  
const Game = () => {  
  return (  
    <div className="game-board">  
      <h1>Spaceship Shooting Game</h1>  
      <div className="board"></div>  
    </div>  
  );  
};  
  
export default Game;
```

2. **Update the App Component:** In `src/App.js`, import and render the `Game` component:

```
import React from 'react';  
import Game from './Game';  
import './App.css';  
  
function App() {  
  return (  
    <div className="App">
```

```

        <Game />
      </div>
    );
  }

```

```
export default App;
```

3. Add CSS for the Game Board: In `src/Game.css`, add the following styles:

```

.game-board {
  text-align: center;
}

.board {
  width: 800px;
  height: 600px;
  border: 1px solid #000;
  margin: 0 auto;
  position: relative;
  background-color: black;
}

```

Step 3: Create the Spaceship

1. Add Spaceship State: Update `Game.js` to include state for the spaceship:

```

import React, { useState } from 'react';
import './Game.css';

const Game = () => {
  const [spaceship, setSpaceship] = useState({ x: 390, y: 550 });

  return (
    <div className="game-board">
      <h1>Spaceship Shooting Game</h1>
      <div className="board">
        <div
          className="spaceship"
          style={{
            left: `${spaceship.x}px`,
            top: `${spaceship.y}px`,
          }}
        ></div>
      </div>
    </div>
  );
}

```

```

    </div>
  );
};

export default Game;

```

2. Add CSS for the Spaceship: In `src/Game.css`, add the following styles:

```

.spaceship {
  width: 20px;
  height: 20px;
  background-color: blue;
  position: absolute;
}

```

Step 4: Move the Spaceship

1. Handle Key Presses: Update `Game.js` to handle arrow key presses and move the spaceship:

```

import React, { useState, useEffect } from 'react';
import './Game.css';

const Game = () => {
  const [spaceship, setSpaceship] = useState({ x: 390, y: 550 });

  useEffect(() => {
    const handleKeyDown = (event) => {
      setSpaceship((prevPosition) => {
        const newPosition = { ...prevPosition };
        switch (event.key) {
          case 'ArrowLeft':
            newPosition.x = Math.max(0, prevPosition.x - 10);
            break;
          case 'ArrowRight':
            newPosition.x = Math.min(780, prevPosition.x + 10);
            break;
          default:
            break;
        }
        return newPosition;
      });
    };

    document.addEventListener('keydown', handleKeyDown);
  });
}

```

```

    return () => {
      document.removeEventListener('keydown', handleKeyDown);
    };
  }, []);

  return (
    <div className="game-board">
      <h1>Spaceship Shooting Game</h1>
      <div className="board">
        <div
          className="spaceship"
          style={{
            left: `${spaceship.x}px`,
            top: `${spaceship.y}px`,
          }}
        ></div>
      </div>
    </div>
  );
};

export default Game;

```

Step 5: Shoot Projectiles

1. **Add Projectiles State:** Update Game.js to include state for projectiles:

```

import React, { useState, useEffect } from 'react';
import './Game.css';

const Game = () => {
  const [spaceship, setSpaceship] = useState({ x: 390, y: 550 });
  const [projectiles, setProjectiles] = useState([]);

  useEffect(() => {
    const handleKeyDown = (event) => {
      if (event.key === ' ') {
        setProjectiles((prevProjectiles) => [
          ...prevProjectiles,
          { x: spaceship.x + 10, y: spaceship.y - 10 },
        ]);
      }
    };
  });
}

```

```

    setSpaceship((prevPosition) => {
      const newPosition = { ...prevPosition };
      switch (event.key) {
        case 'ArrowLeft':
          newPosition.x = Math.max(0, prevPosition.x - 10);
          break;
        case 'ArrowRight':
          newPosition.x = Math.min(780, prevPosition.x + 10);
          break;
        default:
          break;
      }
      return newPosition;
    });
  };

  document.addEventListener('keydown', handleKeyDown);

  return () => {
    document.removeEventListener('keydown', handleKeyDown);
  };
}, [spaceship]);

useEffect(() => {
  const moveProjectiles = () => {
    setProjectiles((prevProjectiles) =>
      prevProjectiles
        .map((projectile) => ({ ...projectile, y: projectile.y - 10 }))
        .filter((projectile) => projectile.y > 0)
    );
  };

  const intervalId = setInterval(moveProjectiles, 100);
  return () => clearInterval(intervalId);
}, []);

return (
  <div className="game-board">
    <h1>Spaceship Shooting Game</h1>
    <div className="board">
      <div
        className="spaceship"

```

```

        style={{
          left: `${spaceship.x}px`,
          top: `${spaceship.y}px`,
        }}
      ></div>
    {projectiles.map((projectile, index) => (
      <div
        key={index}
        className="projectile"
        style={{
          left: `${projectile.x}px`,
          top: `${projectile.y}px`,
        }}
      ></div>
    ))}
  </div>
</div>
);
};

export default Game;

```

2. **Add CSS for Projectiles:** In `src/Game.css`, add the following styles:

```

.projectile {
  width: 5px;
  height: 10px;
  background-color: red;
  position: absolute;
}

```

Step 6: Add Targets

1. **Add Targets State:** Update `Game.js` to include state for targets:

```

import React, { useState, useEffect } from 'react';
import './Game.css';

const getRandomPosition = () => ({
  x: Math.floor(Math.random() * 780),
  y: Math.floor(Math.random() * 200),
});

const Game = () => {

```

```

const [spaceship, setSpaceship] = useState({ x: 390, y: 550 });
const [projectiles, setProjectiles] = useState([]);
const [targets, setTargets] = useState([getRandomPosition(), getRandomPosition(), getRandomPosition()]);

useEffect(() => {
  const handleKeyDown = (event) => {
    if (event.key === ' ') {
      setProjectiles((prevProjectiles) => [
        ...prevProjectiles,
        { x: spaceship.x + 10, y: spaceship.y - 10 },
      ]);
    }
    setSpaceship((prevPosition) => {
      const newPosition = { ...prevPosition };
      switch (event.key) {
        case 'ArrowLeft':
          newPosition.x = Math.max(0, prevPosition.x - 10);
          break;
        case 'ArrowRight':
          newPosition.x = Math.min(780, prevPosition.x + 10);
          break;
        default:
          break;
      }
      return newPosition;
    });
  };

  document.addEventListener('keydown', handleKeyDown);

  return () => {
    document.removeEventListener('keydown',
      handleKeyDown);
  };
}, [spaceship]);

useEffect(() => {
  const moveProjectiles = () => {
    setProjectiles((prevProjectiles) =>
      prevProjectiles
        .map((projectile) => ({ ...projectile, y: projectile.y - 10 })))

```

```

        .filter((projectile) => projectile.y > 0)
    );
};

const intervalId = setInterval(moveProjectiles, 100);
return () => clearInterval(intervalId);
}, []);

return (
    <div className="game-board">
        <h1>Spaceship Shooting Game</h1>
        <div className="board">
            <div
                className="spaceship"
                style={{
                    left: `${spaceship.x}px`,
                    top: `${spaceship.y}px`,
                }}
            ></div>
            {projectiles.map((projectile, index) => (
                <div
                    key={index}
                    className="projectile"
                    style={{
                        left: `${projectile.x}px`,
                        top: `${projectile.y}px`,
                    }}
                ></div>
            ))}
            {targets.map((target, index) => (
                <div
                    key={index}
                    className="target"
                    style={{
                        left: `${target.x}px`,
                        top: `${target.y}px`,
                    }}
                ></div>
            ))}
        </div>
    </div>
);

```



```
};
```

```
export default Game;
```

2. Add CSS for Targets: In `src/Game.css`, add the following styles:

```
.target {  
  width: 20px;  
  height: 20px;  
  background-color: green;  
  position: absolute;  
}
```

Step 7: Collision Detection

1. Detect Collisions: Update `Game.js` to check for collisions between projectiles and targets:

```
import React, { useState, useEffect } from 'react';  
import './Game.css';  
  
const getRandomPosition = () => ({  
  x: Math.floor(Math.random() * 780),  
  y: Math.floor(Math.random() * 200),  
});  
  
const Game = () => {  
  const [spaceship, setSpaceship] = useState({ x: 390, y: 550 });  
  const [projectiles, setProjectiles] = useState([]);  
  const [targets, setTargets] = useState([getRandomPosition(), getRandomPosition(), getRandomPosition()]);  
  
  useEffect(() => {  
    const handleKeyDown = (event) => {  
      if (event.key === ' ') {  
        setProjectiles((prevProjectiles) => [  
          ...prevProjectiles,  
          { x: spaceship.x + 10, y: spaceship.y - 10 },  
        ]);  
      }  
      setSpaceship((prevPosition) => {  
        const newPosition = { ...prevPosition };  
        switch (event.key) {  
          case 'ArrowLeft':  
            newPosition.x = Math.max(0, prevPosition.x - 10);  
            break;  

```

```

        case 'ArrowRight':
            newPosition.x = Math.min(780, prevPosition.x + 10);
            break;
        default:
            break;
    }
    return newPosition;
});

document.addEventListener('keydown', handleKeyDown);

return () => {
    document.removeEventListener('keydown', handleKeyDown);
};
}, [spaceship]);

useEffect(() => {
    const moveProjectiles = () => {
        setProjectiles((prevProjectiles) =>
            prevProjectiles
                .map((projectile) => ({ ...projectile, y: projectile.y - 10 }))
                .filter((projectile) => projectile.y > 0)
    );
};

    const intervalId = setInterval(moveProjectiles, 100);
    return () => clearInterval(intervalId);
}, []);

useEffect(() => {
    const detectCollisions = () => {
        setProjectiles((prevProjectiles) => {
            return prevProjectiles.filter((projectile) => {
                return !targets.some((target, targetIndex) => {
                    const isHit = projectile.x >= target.x && projectile.x <= target.x + 20 &&
                        projectile.y >= target.y && projectile.y <= target.y + 20;
                    if (isHit) {
                        setTargets((prevTargets) => prevTargets.filter((_, index) => index !== targetIndex));
                        return true;
                    }
                })
            }
            return false;
        });
    };
});

```

```

    });
  });
});

const intervalId = setInterval(detectCollisions, 50);
return () => clearInterval(intervalId);
}, [targets]);

return (
  <div className="game-board">
    <h1>Spaceship Shooting Game</h1>
    <div className="board">
      <div
        className="spaceship"
        style={{
          left: `${spaceship.x}px`,
          top: `${spaceship.y}px`,
        }}
      ></div>
      {projectiles.map((projectile, index) => (
        <div
          key={index}
          className="projectile"
          style={{
            left: `${projectile.x}px`,
            top: `${projectile.y}px`,
          }}
        ></div>
      ))}
      {targets.map((target, index) => (
        <div
          key={index}
          className="target"
          style={{
            left: `${target.x}px`,
            top: `${target.y}px`,
          }}
        ></div>
      ))}
    </div>
  </div>
);

```

```
    );  
};  
  
export default Game;
```

Bonus Challenges

1. **Add More Targets:**
 - Add more targets to the game and make them move randomly.
2. **Add Scoring:**
 - Add a score counter that increments every time a target is hit.
3. **Game Over Condition:**
 - Add a game-over condition if the spaceship collides with a target.
4. **Improve Graphics:**
 - Use images for the spaceship, projectiles, and targets to make the game more visually appealing.