

# Space Ways High Concept



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## High Concept Statement

Every five years the races of the Detono galaxy take part in the Interstellar Space Ways Cup to determine which race will hold the seat of power for the next five years. Choose your character and race through the galaxy. Only the most quick thinking and skilled racers can navigate the trap filled gauntlets and win the cup!

## Vision

Space Ways is modern take of a puzzle racing game based on the 1993 shareware title Skyroads from Blue Moon interactive. Space Ways aims to recreate the fun players had playing as kids in a more modern setting.

The tracks themselves will be full of drops and obstacles, and different race surfaces will react in different ways. With three levels of difficulty in the form of beginner, normal and advanced tracks, all players will find something to challenge their skill and dexterity. Space ways will also feature bright, colourful and lovable characters that will engage players in the experience.

Each track will consist of three paths laid out in front of the player. The puzzle element lies in that there is only one safe path to the end, and the player must switch between the three paths to find the best course to the end and win the race.

**A Screenshot of the original Skyroads game.**



## Features

- Eight playable characters each with their own choice of space cars.
- Colourful tracks and environments.
- Three difficulty levels to test skill and dexterity.
- Hazards and traps as well as different road types will provide varied gameplay.
- An interesting story to help progress the game in a fun way.
- Unique characters, each with their own backstory.
- Online scoreboards to rank completion times.
- Achievements for progression and skill.

## **Player Motivation**

Players will begin the game and be introduced to the characters and the story. They are informed that the planets of the Detono system are ready to compete in the Interstellar Space Ways Cup, which occurs every five years. The purpose of the tournament is to decide which race will govern all of the others for the next five years, until the next tournament. Each planet enters their best racer for the cup.

The player must then select both a character and a space car, with which to complete each track. The tracks will be presented on screen in a front on tunnel like view, with the player's car at the start. As the car begins to move forward more of the track appears in front of them. This game will also play in a 3D plane, with drops and rises in the track, rather than just a horizontal view.

As the tracks progress, more obstacles will be presented to the player and they must discover how best to overcome them. There will be achievements for the player to unlock, such as successfully passing a certain number of obstacles.

The winner of each race is determined by their time through each track, and at the end of each group of races, the contestant in last place is disqualified.

## **Genre**

Sports – Racing/ Puzzle

## **Target Customer**

Casual phone gamers, puzzle lovers and racing enthusiasts.

## **Target Hardware**

Space Ways is designed to be played on handheld devices, such as phones and tablets and on a PC in a web browser.

## **Competition**

There is a Flash Player remake of the original SkyRoads game available. This game aims to take the original racing mechanic and add depth and story to provide a more complete gaming experience.

## **Unique Selling points**

- Interesting characters to choose from, each with a story behind them.
- Character based environments, each in a unique style.
- Beat friend's scores in online leaderboards.
- Interesting blend of puzzle and racing game.

## **Design Goals**

**Fun to play:** The blend of puzzle and racing genres is not often seen. Space Ways aims to ease the player into the puzzles gently, allowing them to get to grips with every feature.

**Interesting Story:** Space Ways will feature a narrative story to aid progression through the games levels.

**Player Choice:** With eight characters to choose from, each with their own backstory and choice of space cars, Space Ways will have an abundance of choices to be made by the player, giving the feeling of new experiences.

**Smooth difficulty curve:** The levels will fall into difficulty categories, with the easiest setting aimed at casual players

## Characters

### LGD



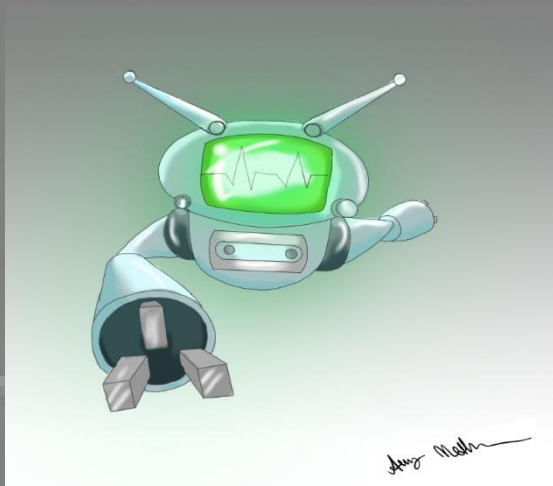
Little Green Dude (or LGD for short) is a resident of the planet Yostor. He is determined to be the winner of this year's tournament and take the seat of power from the planet of his arch nemesis, Ruffhauser.

### Missy Green Dudette



Missy Green Dudette is also a resident of Yostor. She is not overly interested in the outcome of the tournament, she just feels she was born to race.

### Glitch



Glitch is from the planet Cogopolis, a planet where all its inhabitants are mechanical. He feels with their logical nature, the Cogopolans are the best suited to rule the galaxy and volunteered to be the racer that procured the seat of power.

## Globulon



Globulon is from the lava covered planet of Chibasco. The other races of the galaxy see the Chibascans as the lowest form of life in Detono. Globulon plans to win the tournament to prove otherwise.

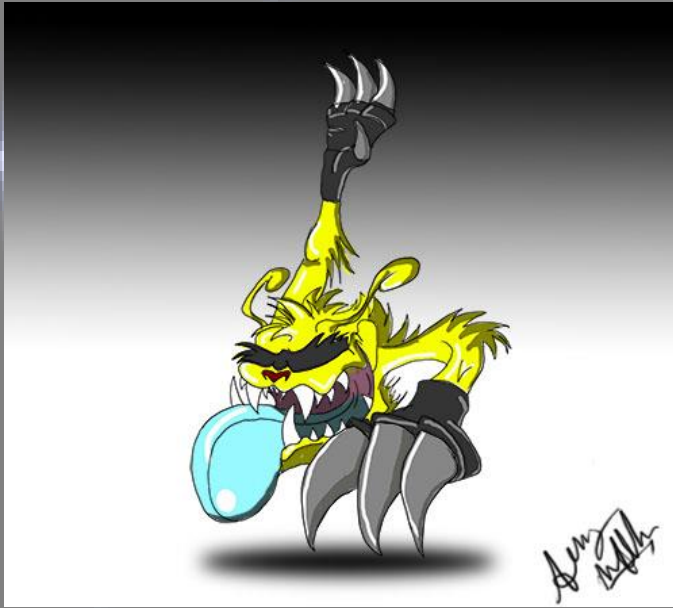
## Leafiticus



Leafiticus hails from the planet Woformia. A lush green planet, it has recently come under attack from Caninia, who wish to strip it for resources. Leafiticus intends to win the tournament and the seat of power in order to stop this from happening.



## Ruffhauser



Ruffhauser is from the planet Caninia. Caninia currently hold the seat of power and have become hated throughout the galaxy. Caninia procured the seat in the last tournament when Ruffhauser sabotaged the Spacecar of LGD, who was his best friend at the time. The two racers have hated each other ever since.

## Bowleo



Bowleo is a citizen of Retaw a planet whose surface is completely covered in water. He requires a special suit in order to take part in the tournament. He is the racing champion of Retaw and wants nothing more than fame and fortune.

## Squaliam



From the planet Avaiana, Squaliam is determined to win the cup for his race. The Avaians are keen observers of the rest of the galaxy and always keep a close eye on the goings on. Squaliam feels that his race should rule as they will bring level headedness and prosperity to the galaxy.

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