

Architectural Design

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In our project, we are using Model-View-Controller architecture. MVC - three-tier architectural model and it is widely used for many object-oriented designs with user interaction. The view consists of multiple Views that are implemented following the Observer pattern (Observers). The model consists of multiple models and GameState model implemented following the Observer pattern (Observable)

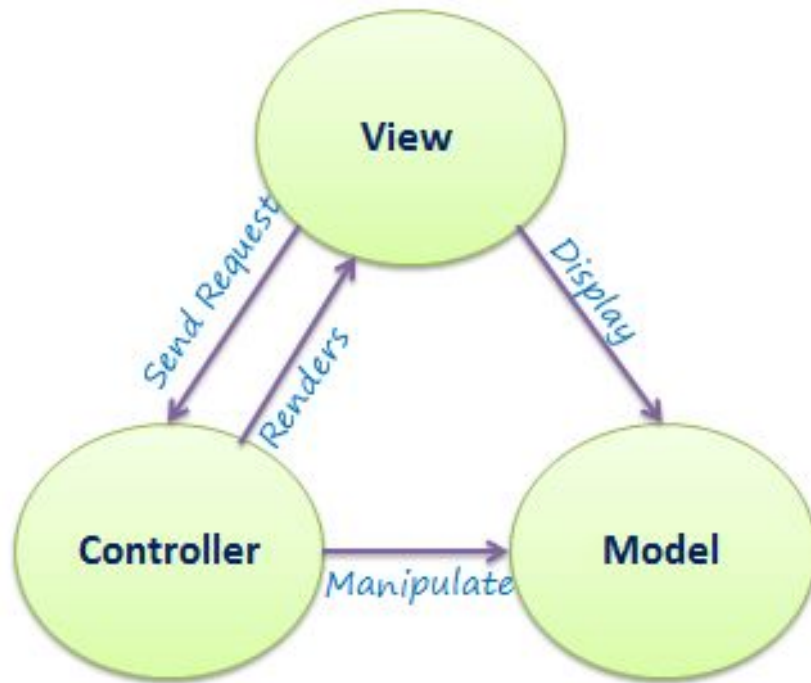


Image 1. MVC.

There are three layers of architecture in this architectural model:

Model - manages the behaviour of data (state) of the game. Model responds to the requests from the user about the state and to the requests to change the state. In our project we have multiple models responsible for the game data, such as map information (e.g. connections between countries, country's current owner), current game state (e.g. which player is the turn now, what phase of the turn is currently going), current amount of armies for each country, number of cards for each player. It provides the needed information to the View so it can be displayed to the user, and changes it if there is a request from the Controller to do so (e.g. change amount of armies). Model is represented by the classes defining the game entities. The GameState model is the main model that stores all game states during the game and implemented as **Observable** for views.

View (game window) - there are multiple views in the project and all of them are implemented as an **Observer** pattern:

- Phase view: displays the name of the phase, current player, information about actions in the current phase. Observer.

- World domination view: displays the percentage of the map controlled by every player, continent controlled by every player (if the player controls any continent), the number of armies of every player. Observer.
- Card exchange view: displays all the card owned by every player. During the reinforcement, phase player can exchange cards for armies according to the game rules. This view is active only during the reinforcement phase. The player can see the view during other phases, but can't exchange cards. Observer.
- Attack panel: contains the choice of the number of dices for the attack, button for the "All in" option.
- Dice panel: dices for the attack.
- Game view: displays the map, countries and connections between them. View requests the state information from the models and updates the information displayed on the interface if needed. User's actions with the game are sent to the Controller that makes calls to the Model. View requests the update from the Model and changes the information on the screen accordingly to the response.

Controller - i.e. driver, contains the main game logic, such as switch turn functionality, next phase, etc. In fact, is committed to coordinating communication between observers (views) and observable (game state model).

Package diagram for the game is represented below.

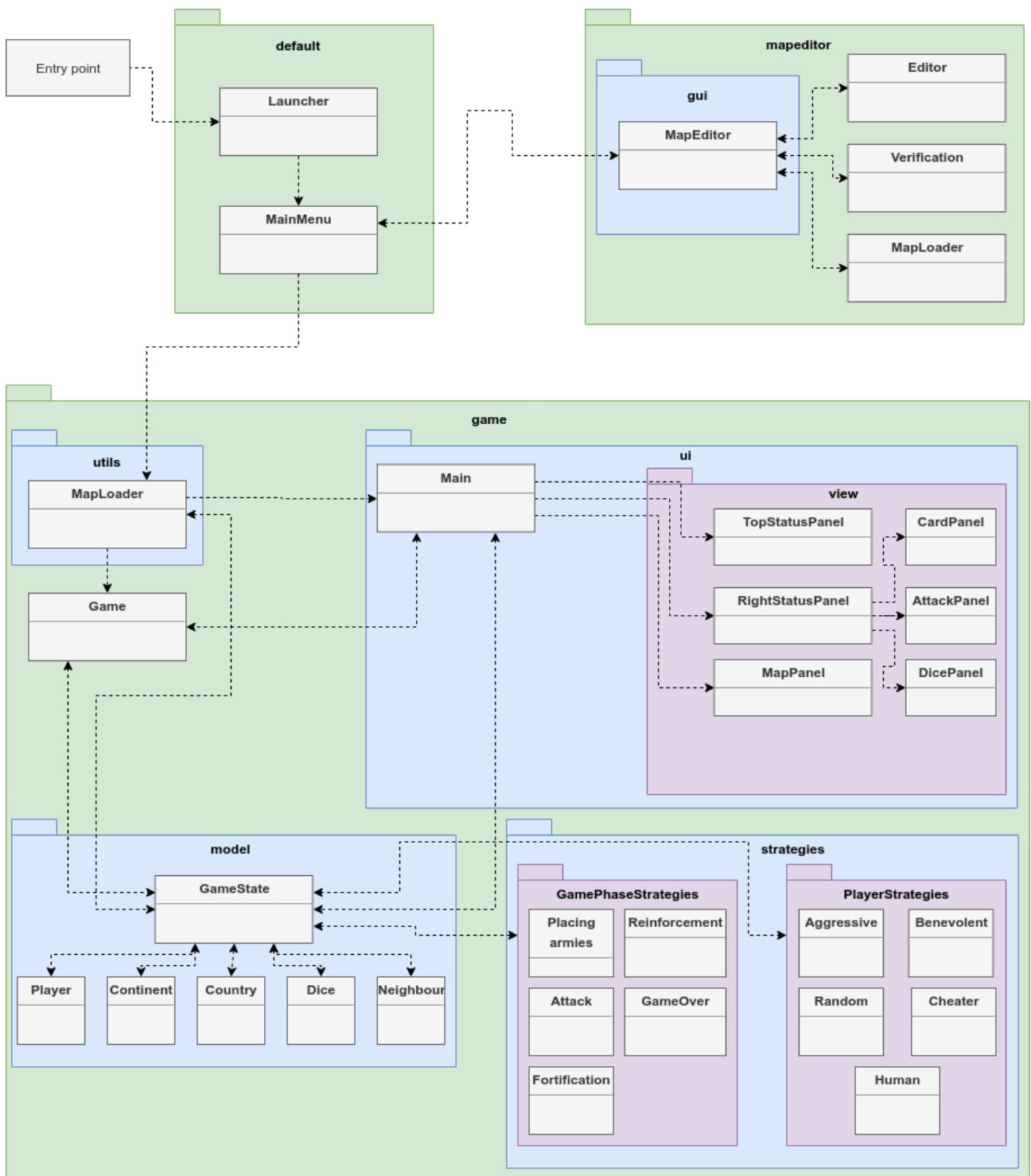


Image 2. Package diagram.

Default package contains the game launcher that can start a new game or open the map editor. The user can choose what he wants to do in the main menu of the launcher.

Map Editor allows to edit the existing map and to create a new map. When creating a new map, the user can specify all the necessary data for the map to be valid. When the

user tried to save the map after the map editing or creation, the map validation process starts. If the map doesn't meet some of the rules, the user gets notified and this map cannot be saved until he solves the problem.

The game package contains all the main files of the game. The game has a separate package ui, in which there are all graphic files, as well as all views (Observers). Model package with model representations (Player, Country, etc.) and main game state file. This file is Observable and is committed to monitoring game states and notifying observers about changes. The strategy package contains all possible game strategies such as Aggressive Ai, Benevolent Ai, Random Ai, Cheater Ai or Human Player.

When a new game is started, the main controlling functionality is contained in the Game class (Controller) and in the GamsState class. It launches the game flow. Generated views, fill the models, set up states and display the game. Controller (game) catches user's interactions with the Views through the game process and working with the GameState model that request data changes accordingly to these interactions. Views update respectfully to these changes showing updated data to the user. In the image 3 the observer pattern presented.

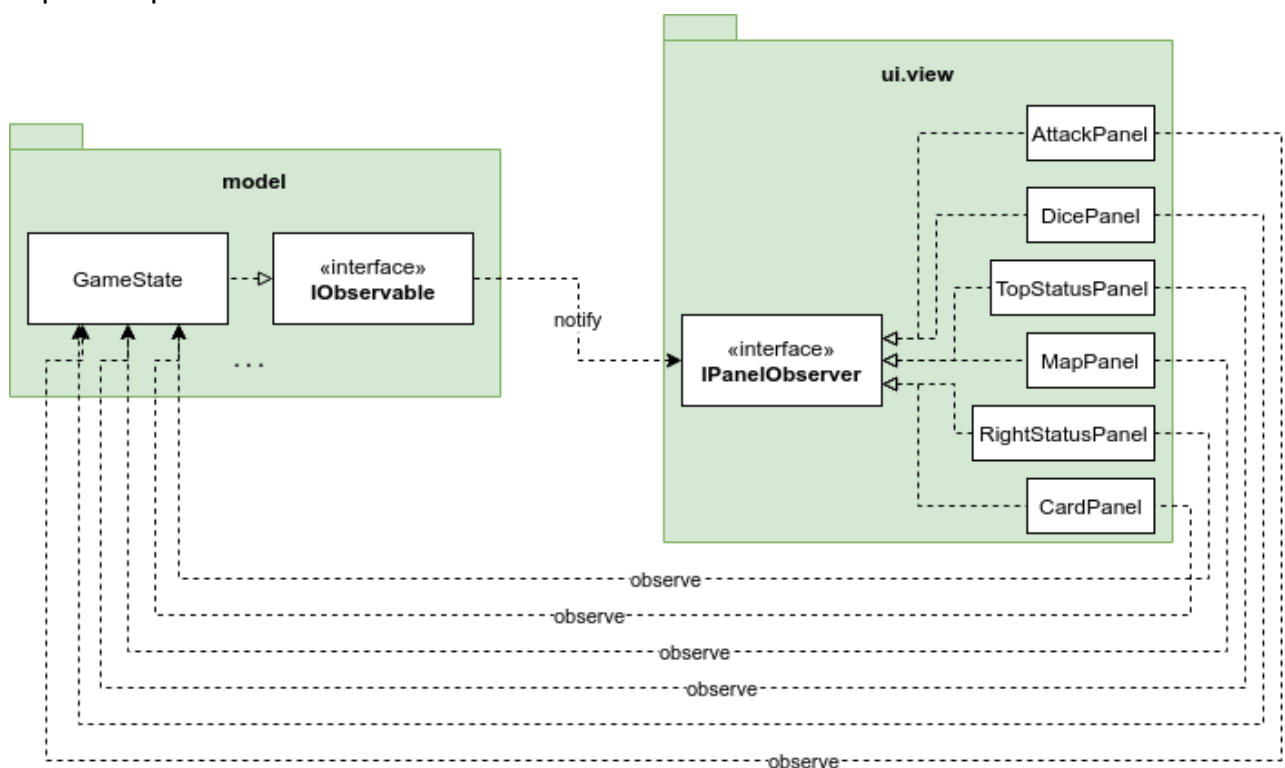


Image 3. Observer pattern.

The game strategies implemented following the strategy pattern. The diagram of this pattern presented in image 4.

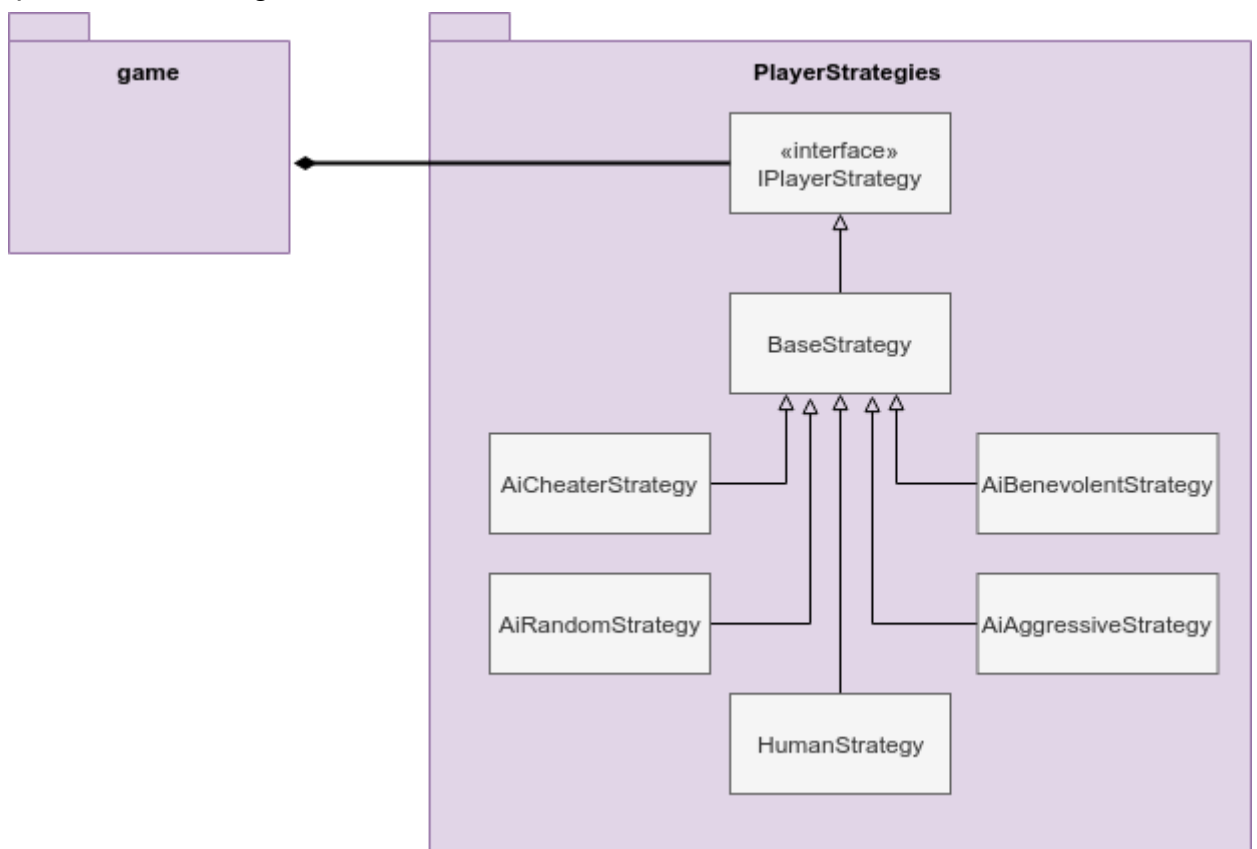
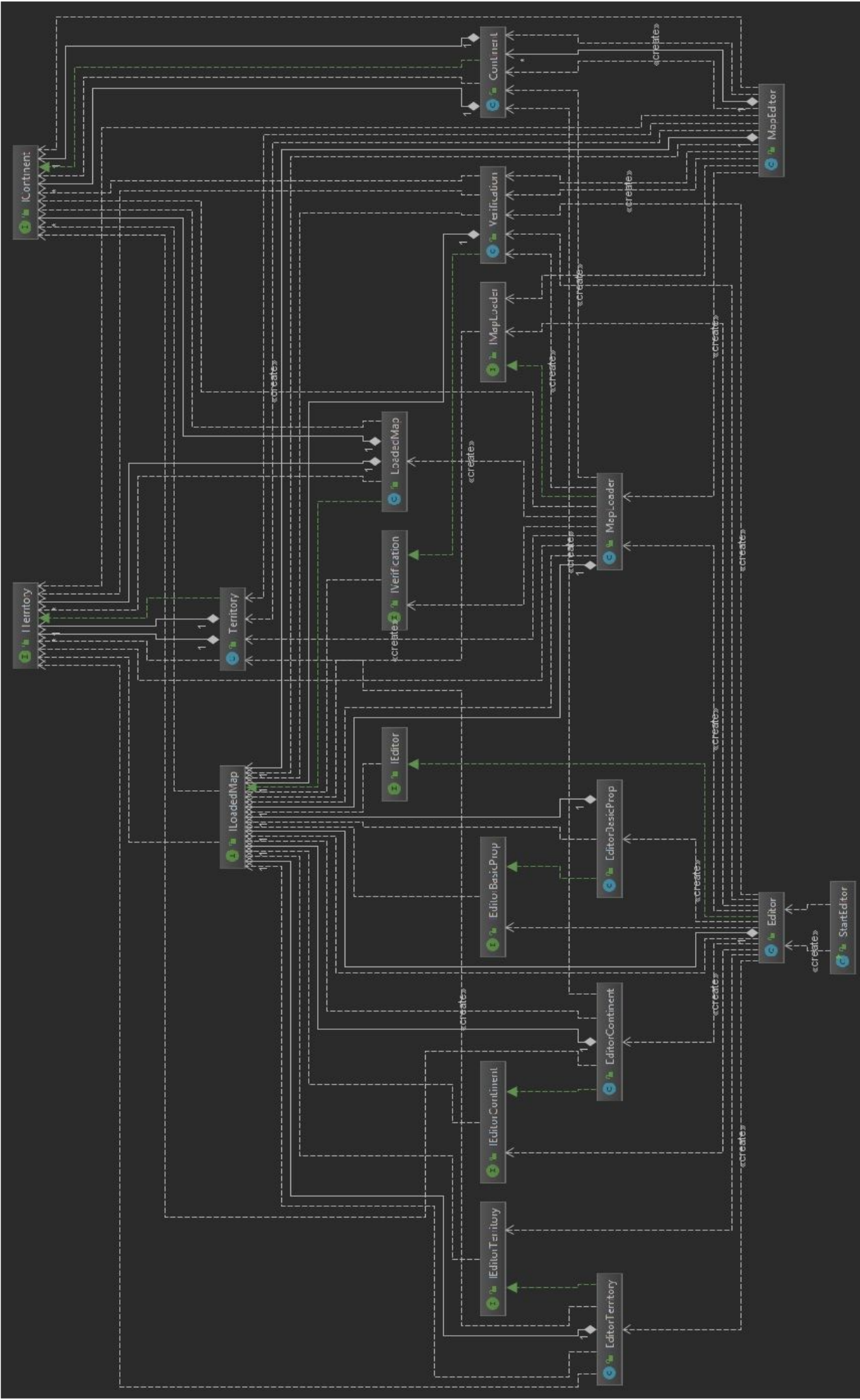


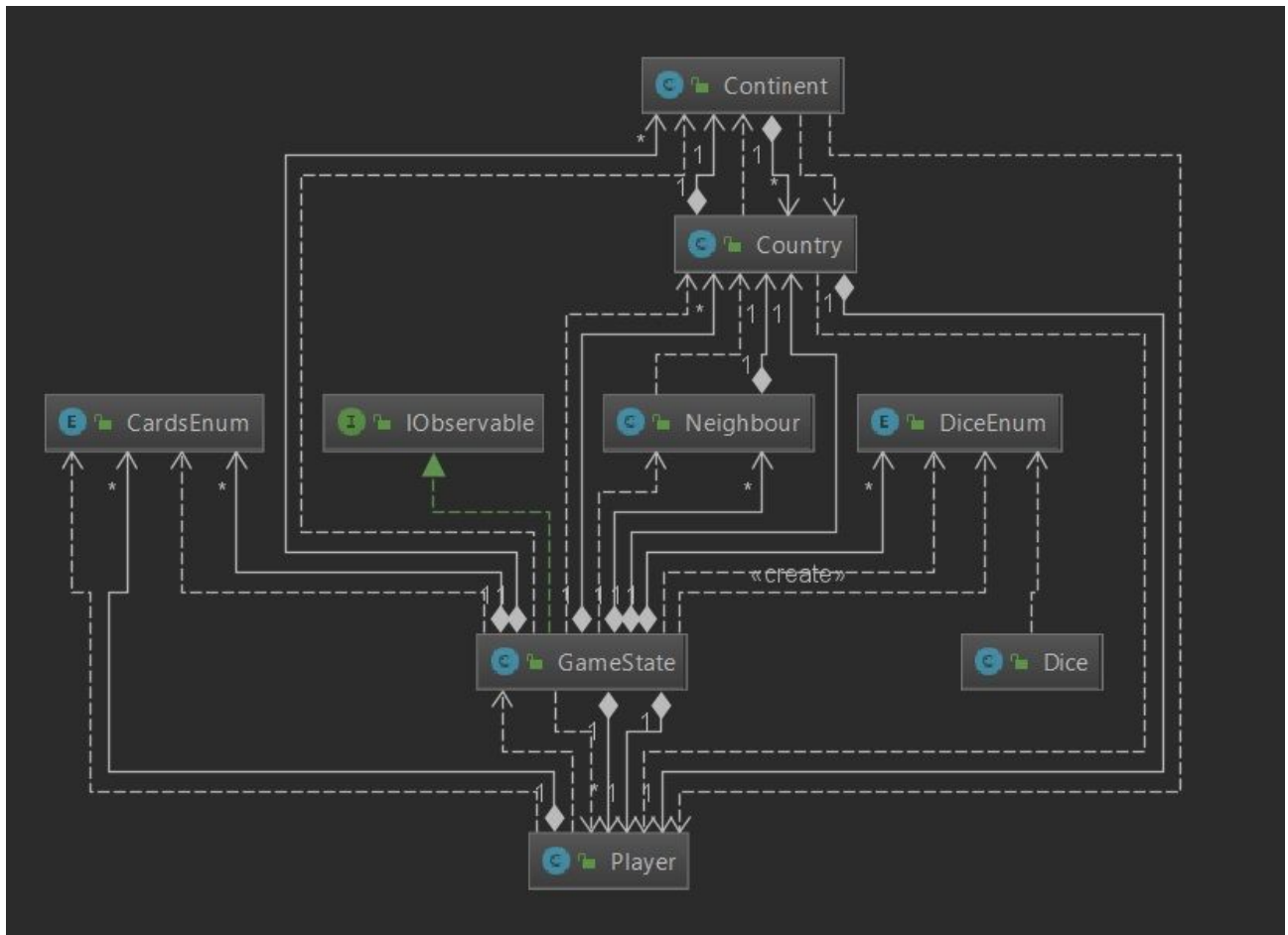
Image 4. Strategy pattern.

Built-in tools in the IDE allow you to create some charts that we put below.

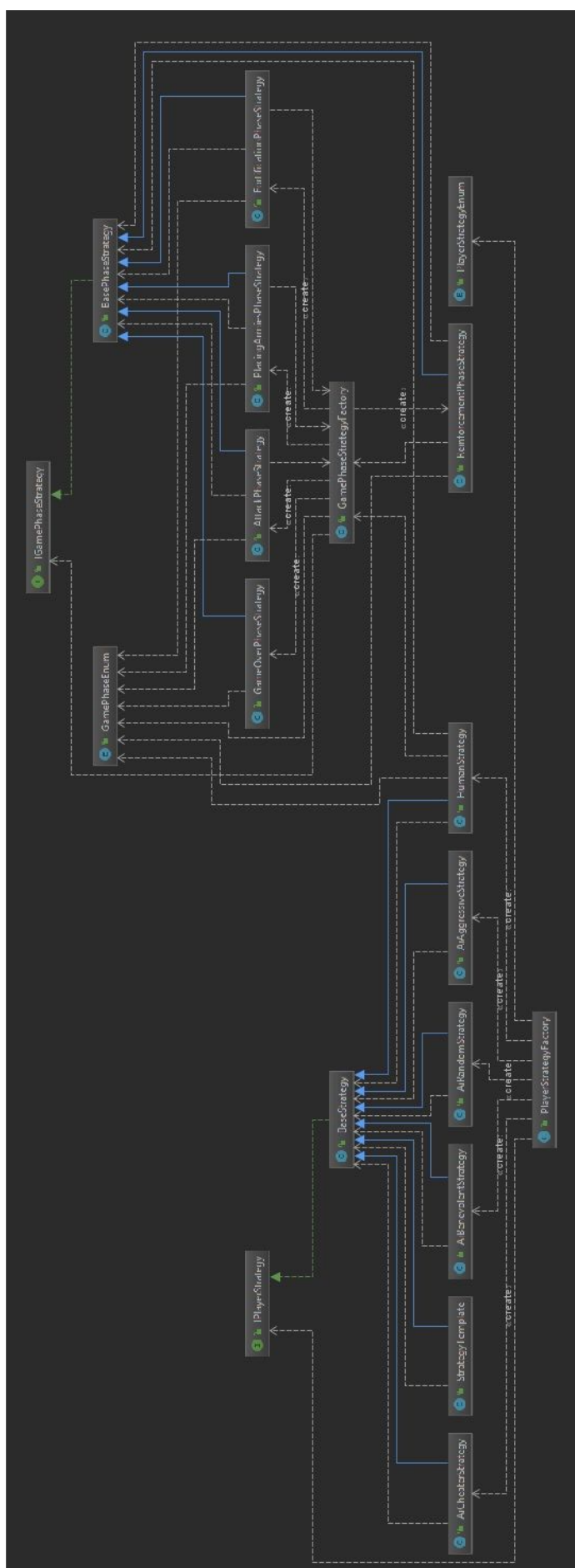
Class diagram.



Models.



Strategy.



UI diagram.