Mobile App Development Report: The Dungeon Run

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1 Introduction

1.1 Project Description

The app allows a user to create a profile and play trough a game with the profiles attributes being integral. The game its self consists of 30 predetermined assailants(Loaded from a CSV File) that the user must defeat using on screen buttons which represent actions, the Foe will pick an action based on an algorithm which takes into account the Foes properties. Upon completing the game the user is issued the name and there score which is represented by the time elapsed during the play session.

1.2 Project Goal

To create an application that can entertain a user for a short burst of time, through the use of careful planing and execution to insure ample quality.

1.3 Scope

- Use of input from files
- Validation
- A user friendly design/aesthetic.
- Use of multidimensional arrays to store data.
- Displays all relevant information in an obvious manner.

1.4 Boundaries

- The user will have no direct access to Files containing game relevant data.
- The user will be unable to share contents of application to external sources.

2 Software Design

2.1 UML Activity Diagram

A UML(unified Modeling language) activity diagram was created as screen in Figure 1: the diagram shows the actions taken by the user to complete certain tasks for which the application will be used and from this, I learned the tasked to be completed.

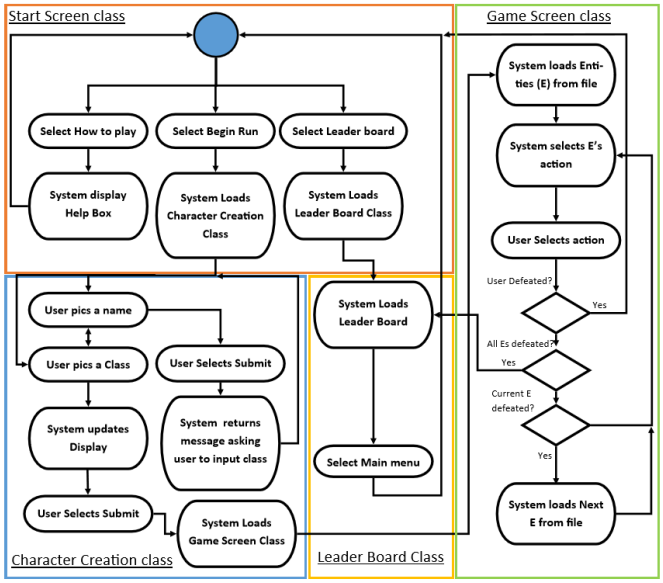


Figure 1: **UML Activity Diagram** UML Diagram of Mobile Application

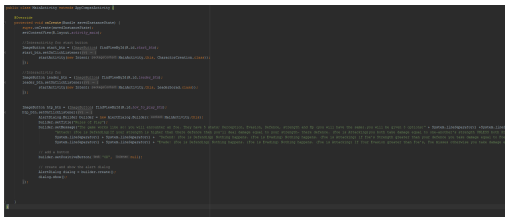
2.2 Pseudocode

Foes AI: EAction is Global variable
EAction = new random number(between 1 and 4)
if *EAction == 4* **then**
    if *Entity's strength is largest Stat* **then**
        Set EAction = 1
    else
        if *Entity's defence is largest stat* **then**
            Set EAction = 2
        else
            Set EAction = 3
        end
    end
end
switch *EAction* **do**
    Case 1 Display Foe is Attacking
    Case 2 Display Foe is Defending
    Case 3 Display Foe is Evading
end

3 Implementation

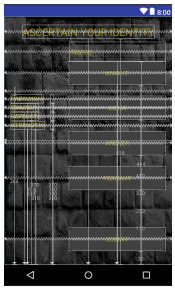
3.1 Main Screen Class

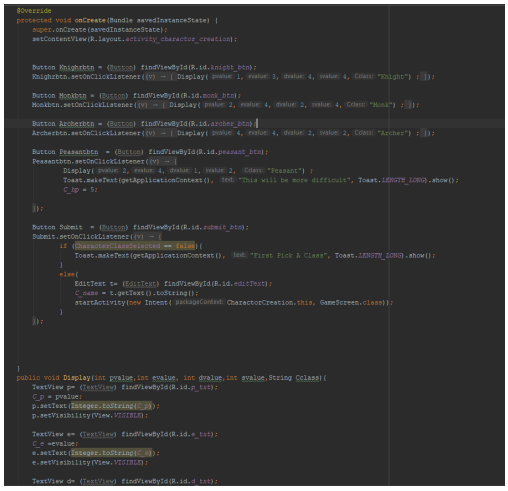
The implementation of the main screen was simple and only took around 2hours all that was needed was some simple XML and code to change to different classes or display a text. box.



3.2 Character Creation Class

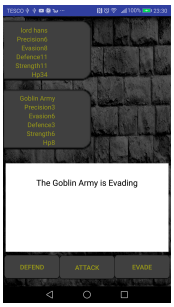
In character creation class require the allocation of global variables and input validation to insure the user didn't enter the game without first selecting a class. Overall the implementation of the character creation class was smooth only taking a few hours to complete, encountered issue with XML re-sizing but fixed the issue by adding additional constraints.

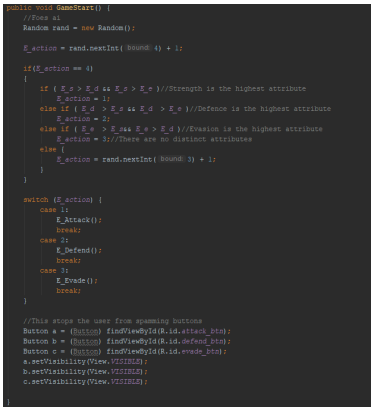




3.3 Game Screen Class

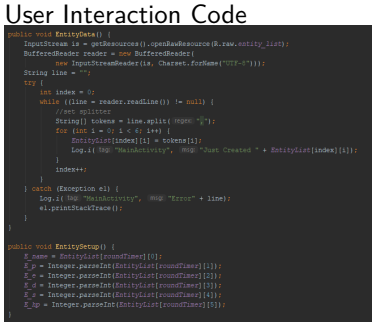
This Class Game gave me the most trouble at first but after the CSV file import section was complete the implementation was rarely impeded. Then the Entity AI was coded following from my Pseudocode this was mainly painless. Both user interaction and the display update were coded with minimal issue. The game checks were implemented as part of the Button listeners and were simple to set up and run. This section of code was the longest section of code and took around 16 hours to complete





Entity AI Code

User Interaction Code

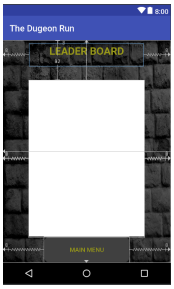


Entity Import Code

Button Listeners

3.4 Leader board Class

The Leader board class was by far the simplest class it displays the leader board and allows the user to return to the main screen.The implementation of this class took around 2hours.



4 Critical Evaluation

4.1 Comparison to Concept

The game runs the way it was designed, all features were implemented and function like intended.

4.2 Comparison to other Applications

The application; functions well in comparison to other applications, is User friendly in design and follows a consistent aesthetic through out which isn't always the case for apps. It doses however lack comparable graphics when compared to bigger apps.

4.3 User Feedback/ Possible Changes

Testers Name	Problems Encountered	Likes
Jillian Cameron	Spelling errors. *fixed	Graphical style
Sal Blades	Lack of explanation of traits system. *fixed Spelling errors. *fixed	Help button. The simplicity of the game. Entities action display.
Jon Gilmour	Spelling errors. *fixed The simplicity of the game.	Comedic tone

From this its reasonable to assume that the game could use more features like; more graphics, more game play elements and a custom stat editor for the character creator class.

5 Personal Evaluation

Considering the factor of not having previous experience working in java or mobile app development I am entirely happy with the outcome BUT if i were to start the app development now with the comparable wealth of knowledge i now have, the outcome would be entirely different. Learning Java from scratch allowed me to grow as an individual and

broadens my understanding of mobile app development and its perils. My performance for the most part was good but i lack discipline in my time keeping ability. Overall i fell that the development of my application was a success.