

Game Contoller

1. Controller

- **Definition:** Assign responsibility to a controller class that represents the overall system or a use case scenario.
- **In Code:** GameController is clearly a **Controller** in GRASP—it coordinates the flow of the game, manages game state, and handles major game use cases like starting/stopping the game, updating game state, rendering, and managing entities (towers, enemies, projectiles).
- **Examples:**
 - `startGame()`, `stopGame()`, `startNextWave()`, `update()` — all handle system events and delegate work accordingly.
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2. Creator

- **Definition:** Assign the responsibility of creating an object to a class that aggregates, contains, or closely uses the created objects.
- **In Code:** GameController creates and manages Enemy, Tower, and Projectile instances.
- **Examples:**
 - `addTestEnemy()`, `startNextWave()` — both demonstrate creation of enemy instances.
 - The controller also manages collections like `List<Enemy>`, `List<Tower>`, `List<Projectile>`.

3. Information Expert

- **Definition:** Assign responsibility to the class that has the necessary information to fulfill it.
- **In Code:**
 - Tower is responsible for deciding when to shoot (`update()`), because it has access to range, cooldown, etc.
 - Projectile determines if it has hit its target, and applies AoE damage if applicable.
 - Enemy manages its own health and rendering.

- These responsibilities are **delegated appropriately** to the classes that have the required data.

4. High Cohesion

- **Definition:** Keep objects focused, manageable, and understandable by assigning closely related responsibilities.
- **In Code:**
 - GameController is cohesive in that it manages game flow and delegates specialized tasks to other classes (e.g., Enemy.update(), Tower.render()).
 - Rendering is split appropriately: render() method in GameController calls render() on map, towers, enemies, and projectiles.

5. Low Coupling

- **Definition:** Minimize dependencies between classes to improve reuse and maintainability.
- **In Code:**
 - GameController uses interfaces like WaveCompleteListener for event handling instead of hardcoded callbacks.
 - Each class (Enemy, Tower, Projectile) is responsible for its own state and behavior, so the controller doesn't manage their internals directly.

6. Polymorphism

- **Definition:** When behavior varies by type, assign responsibility for the behavior using polymorphic operations.
- **In Code:**
 - Enemy is a base class, and Goblin, Knight are polymorphic subclasses.
 - The controller calls enemy.update(deltaTime) or enemy.render(gc) without knowing the exact enemy type.

7. Indirection

- **Definition:** Assign a responsibility to an intermediate object to mediate between other components to reduce direct coupling.
- **In Code:**
 - The WaveCompletedListener interface acts as an **indirection layer** between the game loop and UI components that may listen to wave-completion events.

8. Pure Fabrication (*potentially applicable depending on other parts of your codebase*)

- **Definition:** Assign a responsibility to a class that doesn't represent a concept in the problem domain but is created to achieve design goals like reuse or separation of concerns.
- **Possibly:** GameSettings is an example if it's used purely to centralize configuration rather than being part of the game world model.

Game Settings

1. Singleton

- **Definition:** Ensures a class has only one instance and provides a global point of access to it.
- **Where in Code:**

private static GameSettings instance;

public static synchronized GameSettings getInstance()

- The constructor is private.
- A static instance is lazily initialized.
- Global access is through getInstance().

2. Information Expert

- **Definition:** Assign responsibility to the class that has the necessary information to fulfill it.
- **Where in Code:**

- All the getter methods for tower stats, enemy stats, and settings:

public int getArcherTowerDamage()

public int getGoblinHealth()

public int getDifficulty()

- GameSettings is the “expert” because it holds the data and provides access to it.

3. Creator

- **Definition:** Assign the responsibility of creating an object to a class that has the information needed to create it.
- **Where in Code:**

private static GameSettings loadSettings()

- GameSettings is responsible for creating (or loading) its own instance from a file.

4. Controller

- **Definition:** Assign responsibility for handling system events to a controller object representing a use-case scenario.
- **Where in Code:**
 - While not a typical UI controller, GameSettings acts like a "**controller**" of **configuration state**:
 - It manages persistence (saveSettings() and loadSettings()).
 - It handles events like resetting defaults and applying difficulty settings.

5. High Cohesion

- **Definition:** Keep objects focused, manageable, and understandable. Each class should have a single, focused purpose.
- **Where in Code:**
 - GameSettings is cohesive in that it manages **only** game-related configuration, with no unrelated logic.

Tower

1. Creator

Definition: Assign the responsibility of creating an object to a class that aggregates, contains, or closely uses the object.

- **Where:** Tower creates Projectile objects in the update() method via createProjectile(target).
- **Explanation:** Since a tower "owns" the logic of firing projectiles, it makes sense that it is responsible for creating them.

2. Information Expert

Definition: Assign a responsibility to the class that has the necessary information to fulfill it.

- **Where:**
 - findBestTarget() determines which enemy to target based on range and path progress.
 - isInRange() computes distance using the tower and enemy's positions.
 - getSellRefund() calculates the refund based on cost.
- **Explanation:** Tower has all the information it needs (position, range, fire rate, damage, etc.) to perform these tasks.

3. Controller

Definition: Assign the responsibility of handling input system events to a controller class that represents the overall system or a use-case scenario.

- **Where:** The update() method acts like a mini-controller by handling timing and triggering projectile creation.
- **Explanation:** While Tower isn't a system-level controller, within the domain of combat logic, it acts as a controller of its own firing behavior.

4. Polymorphism

Definition: Assign responsibility for behavior based on type to the types for which the behavior varies.

- **Where:** createProjectile() is an abstract method implemented differently in each concrete Tower subclass.
- **Explanation:** Each tower type may fire a different kind of projectile, so polymorphism allows this variation.

5. Low Coupling

Definition: Design classes to have low dependencies on each other.

- **Where:**
 - Tower uses interfaces or abstract types like Enemy, Projectile, and DamageType without depending on their internal implementation.
- **Explanation:** The Tower class interacts with external classes in a loosely coupled manner, allowing flexibility and reuse.

6. High Cohesion

Definition: Keep objects focused, manageable, and understandable by assigning closely related responsibilities.

- **Where:** All methods in the Tower class relate to targeting, rendering, and managing firing behavior.
- **Explanation:** The class has a focused set of responsibilities related to combat towers.

From a general point of view, the identified GRASP patterns used in this Project:

Information Experts

- The GameController class is an expert in managing game state, handling game loop, and coordinating game entities
- The Map class is an expert in managing map data and tile information
- The Player class is an expert in managing player-specific data like gold and hit points

Creators

- The ScreenFactory class is responsible for creating different types of screens (MainMenuScreen, GameScreen, etc.)
- The WaveFactory class creates wave configurations and group compositions
- The GameController creates game sessions and manages game entities

Controllers

- The GameController acts as a controller for the game logic and flow
- The MapEditorController handles map editing operations
- The OptionsController manages game options and settings

Low Couplings

- The project uses interfaces like Updateable to reduce coupling between components
- The ResourceManager provides a centralized way to access resources, reducing direct dependencies
- The FileManager abstracts file operations, reducing coupling to specific file system implementations

High Cohesions

- The Tile class has a single responsibility of managing tile properties
- The Tower class and its subclasses (ArcherTower, ArtilleryTower, MageTower) have focused responsibilities
- The Enemy class and its subclasses handle enemy-specific behavior

Polymorphisms

- Different types of towers (ArcherTower, ArtilleryTower, MageTower) implement polymorphic behavior
- Different types of projectiles (Arrow, ArtilleryShell, Spell) demonstrate polymorphic behavior

- Different types of enemies (Goblin, Knight) show polymorphic characteristics