# Design Rationale

## Zombie Attacks

**Zombies should be able to bite. Give the Zombie a bite attack as well, with a 50% probability of**

**using this instead of their normal attack. The bite attack should have a lower chance of hitting**

**than the punch attack, but do more damage – experiment with combinations of hit probability and damage that make the game fun and challenging. (You can experiment with the bite probability too, if you like.)**

This will be implemented in the AttackAction class and the bite attack will be executed if weapon is set to a certain weapon (eg. teeth). If actor is a zombie object, then at the start of the execute method, rand.nextBoolean() will be executed to determine whether weapon will be set for a normal attack or a bite attack (50/50 chance). The probability of the attack missing will be determined by checking rand.nextDouble() <= X, meaning there will be a (X\*100)% chance of missing and X will be determined on what weapon is. If weapon is for a normal attack (ie. fists or a weapon), then X=0.5, meaning a miss probability of 50%. If weapon is for a bite attack (ie. teeth), then X=0.7, meaning a miss probability of 70%.

Creating a new class for the bite attack was not chosen to be the best design as it would be similar to the AttackAction class and therefore require duplicated code which goes against the “Don’t repeat yourself” principle.

A successful bite attack restores 5 health points to the Zombie

The health restore will be done in the AttackAction class after the bite attack has been executed in the execute method. As the actor object is already passed as a parameter in the execute method, the health restore can be done with actor.heal(5).

If there is a weapon at the Zombie’s location when its turn starts, the Zombie should pick it up.

This means that the Zombie will use that weapon instead of its intrinsic punch attack (e.g. it might

“slash” or “hit” depending on the weapon)

A new class called ScanvengeBehaviour will be created which implements Behaviour. It will contain a getAction method that inspects the items at the actor’s location and picks up items that are a weapon. A ScanvengeBehaviour object will be the first element in the behaviours array in the Zombie class so that it will be executed at the start of its turn.

Creating a new class has been decided as the best design as it will group attributes and methods that depends on each other, following the “Group elements that must depend on each other together inside an encapsulation boundary” principle.

Every turn, each Zombie should have a 10% chance of saying “Braaaaains” (or something similarly Zombie-like)

This will be implemented in the Zombie class at the start of the playTurn method as this event is specific to only Zombie objects. A rand.nextDouble() <= 0.1 condition will be checked and if successful, the zombie will say “Braaaaains”.

## Beating up the Zombies

**Any attack on a Zombie that causes damage has a chance to knock at least one of its limbs off (I**

**suggest 25% but feel free to experiment with the probabilities to make it more fun)**

Within the AttackAction class, if a Zombie is dealt damage, then a rand.nextDouble() <= 0.25 condition will be checked and if successful, will knock least one of its limbs off. The number of limbs will be determined by x=rand.nextDouble, if x >= 0.15 then one limb will be knocked off, else if 0.05 <= x < 0.15 it will be two limbs, 0.01 <= x < 0.05 for three limbs and x < 0.01 for four limbs.

**On creation, a Zombie has two arms and two legs. It cannot lose more than these.**

There will be two extra attributes in the Zombie class to keep track on the number of arms and legs a Zombie has – armCount, legCount. These attributes will be set to 2 by default to represent two arms and two legs. There will be a condition that these attributes can only be an integer between 0 and 2 inclusive.

These attributes are stored in the Zombie class to keep it easily assessible when retrieving them and to ensure validity, following the “Classes should be responsible for their own properties” principle.

**If a Zombie loses one arm, its probability of punching (rather than biting) is halved and it has a**

**50% chance of dropping any weapon it is holding. If it loses both arms, it definitely drops any**

**weapon it was holding.**

In the AttackAction class, the probability that a normal attack will be executed for a Zombie will be determined by checking the Zombie’s armCount. If armCount is 2, then it’ll have the normal probability of 50%. If armCount is 1, then the probability will be halved to 25%. Else if armCount is 0, then the probability will be 0%. The probability of a bite attack is the remaining percent to make 100%.

It is assumed that the weapon a Zombie is holding is the first Weapon in its inventory. If a Zombie loses an arm, then a rand.nextBoolean() will be checked and if successful then the Zombie will drop the first Weapon in its inventory. If a Zombie loses both arms, then it will drop the first Weapon in its inventory.

**If it loses one leg, its movement speed is halved – that is, it can only move every second turn,**

**although it can still perform other actions such as biting and punching (assuming it’s still got at**

**least one arm)**

This will be implemented in the Zombie class. Zombie will have a Boolean attribute movedLastTurn that indicates whether the Zombie moved last turn. If Zombie only has one leg, then movedLastTurn is checked. If the one-legged Zombie has moved last turn, then HuntBehaviour and WanderBehaviour will not be used in the playTurn method.

**If it loses both legs, it cannot move at all, although it can still bite and punch**

Like above, however movedLastTurn will not be checked. HuntBehaviour and WanderBehaviour will not be used in the playTurn method if the Zombie has no legs.

**Lost limbs drop to the ground, either at the Zombie’s location or at an adjacent location (whichever you feel is more fun and interesting)**

The lost limbs will be dropped at an adjacent location to give the Zombie the option to move and pick up the weapon or to chase/attack a human. If the limb was dropped at the Zombie’s location, then the Zombie’s next turn is already determined as the Zombie will pick it up and end its turn.

**Cast-off Zombie limbs can be wielded as simple clubs – you decide on the amount of damage they**

**can do**

When the zombie loses a limb, the limb will be treated as a WeaponItem.