

Requirements and Analysis Document for “Frank the Tank”

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This version overrides all previous versions.

1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of application

The project's goal is to create a two-dimensional, wave-based, survival shoot-em-up-game. The player controls a character, "Frank", who is fighting through waves of enemies whose numbers are getting higher and higher for each new wave. The (never ending) goal of the game is to survive the longest time possible.

1.2 General characteristics of application

The application will be a multi-platform (OS X, Windows and Linux) desktop application, controlled with a keyboard, with rich interface design.

When the player starts the game, the character begins on the first wave and he has a set of weapons to use in order to fight the enemies, as well as a special "Portal Gun", which is used for creating portals. Two portals may be created, and with them it will be possible to teleport the character or any other entity to another physical location in the game world. If the enemies get too close to the character, they will start giving damage, and the character's health will incrementally drop. When the health of the character goes down to zero, the game session ends (game over).

Subtle sound effects will be used where appropriate.

1.3 Scope of application

The application will not feature multiplayer in the software prototype.

1.4 Objectives and success criteria of the project

1. A player should be able to start a new game, move around in the game world, fight off at least two waves of enemies, and use the different weapons in the inventory (including the Portal Gun to teleport entities).
2. The game's performance should not prevent normal gameplay, i.e. no lag or glitches should be present in the final prototype when running the software on modern hardware on all specified platforms.

1.5 Definitions, acronyms and abbreviations

- Entity, an object in the game world.
- Character, the entity the player controls in the game.
- Enemy, the entity the character is suppose to fight.
- Spawn, a game entity is created in the game world.
- HUD, "Heads Up Display", interface elements which show status information.
- Wave, a new group of enemies spawned after the player successfully fight off the previous group.
- Java, the programming language used for creating the application.
- FPS - frames per second, the number of times per second that the game is updated. Higher FPS - less lag.

2 Requirements

2.1 Functional requirements

The player should be able to:

1. Start a new game.
2. Move around in the game world.
 - a. The character can collide with objects.
 - b. The character can move in eight different directions (north, north-east, east, south-east, south, south-west, west, north-west).
3. Fire a weapon in his arsenal.
 - a. If it is a projectile weapon, and the projectile hits an enemy, the enemy should loose health. If the current weapon is out of ammo, the weapon can't be used.
 - b. If it is the Portal Gun, two portals should be placed in the game world, and they should let entities pass through either of the portals and appear on the other side.
4. Exit the game.

2.2 Non-functional requirements

2.2.1 Usability

Players should be able to get started very quickly – the application focuses on simplicity and casual gaming. It should be clear for the player when the characters health drops down to zero and the game is over, and the same for when a new wave spawns.

The application should provide support for at least two different languages (Swedish and English to start with).

There should be a settings view for showing and customizing game controls, and a help or description view with a brief explanation of the gameplay.

2.2.2 Reliability

N/A.

2.2.3 Performance

1. The application should never drop below 30 FPS.
2. Any actions initiated by a player should get a seemingly immediate graphical response.

2.2.4 Supportability

The applications architecture should be extensible and easy to build upon. Things such as different levels, weapons and game modes should be easily implemented, with little effort. There should be a clear separation between models and views, i.e. sprites and visual representations of entities should be changeable and don't concern the model.

There should be automated tests verifying possible use cases, actions and effects in the gameplay.

2.2.5 Implementation

The application will require Java and the Java Runtime Environment in order to run properly.

2.2.6 Packaging and installation

2.2.7 Legal

N/A.

2.3 Application models

2.3.1 Use case model

See Appendix I for UML diagram and a list of Use Cases.

2.3.2 Use cases priority

1. *RunGame*
2. *MovePlayer*
3. *FireWeapon*
4. *ExitGame*
5. *FirePortalGun*

2.3.3 Domain model

See Appendix I.

2.3.4 User interface

Text to motivate a picture.

2.4 References

Appendix I

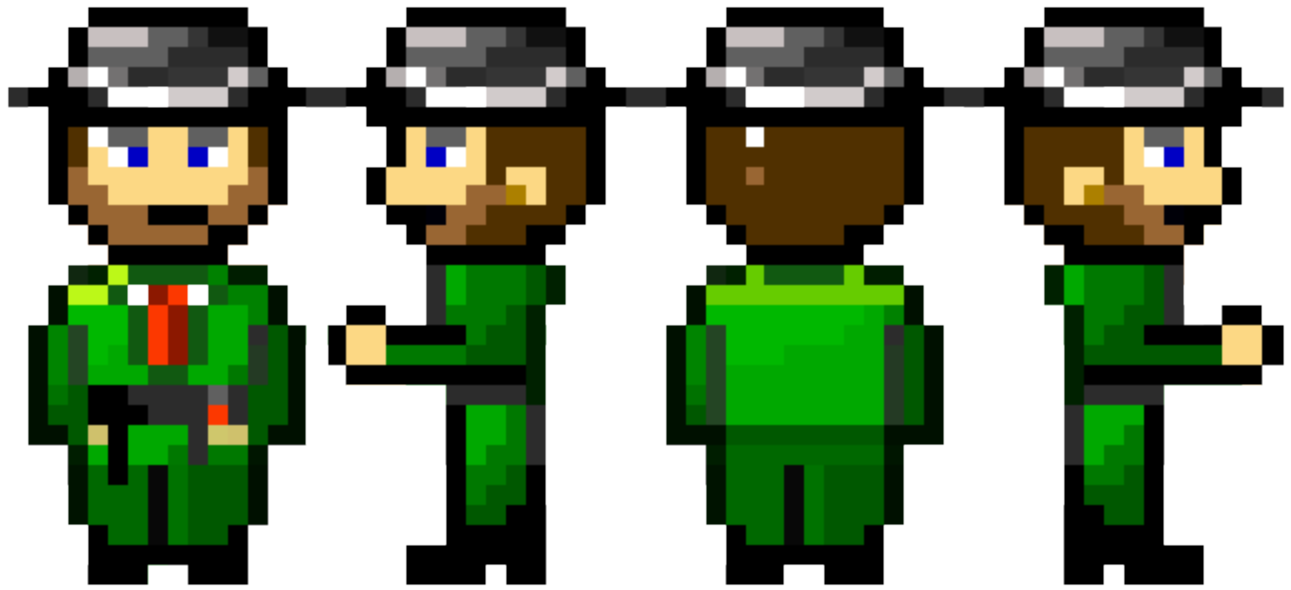
GUI

Draft of main character.

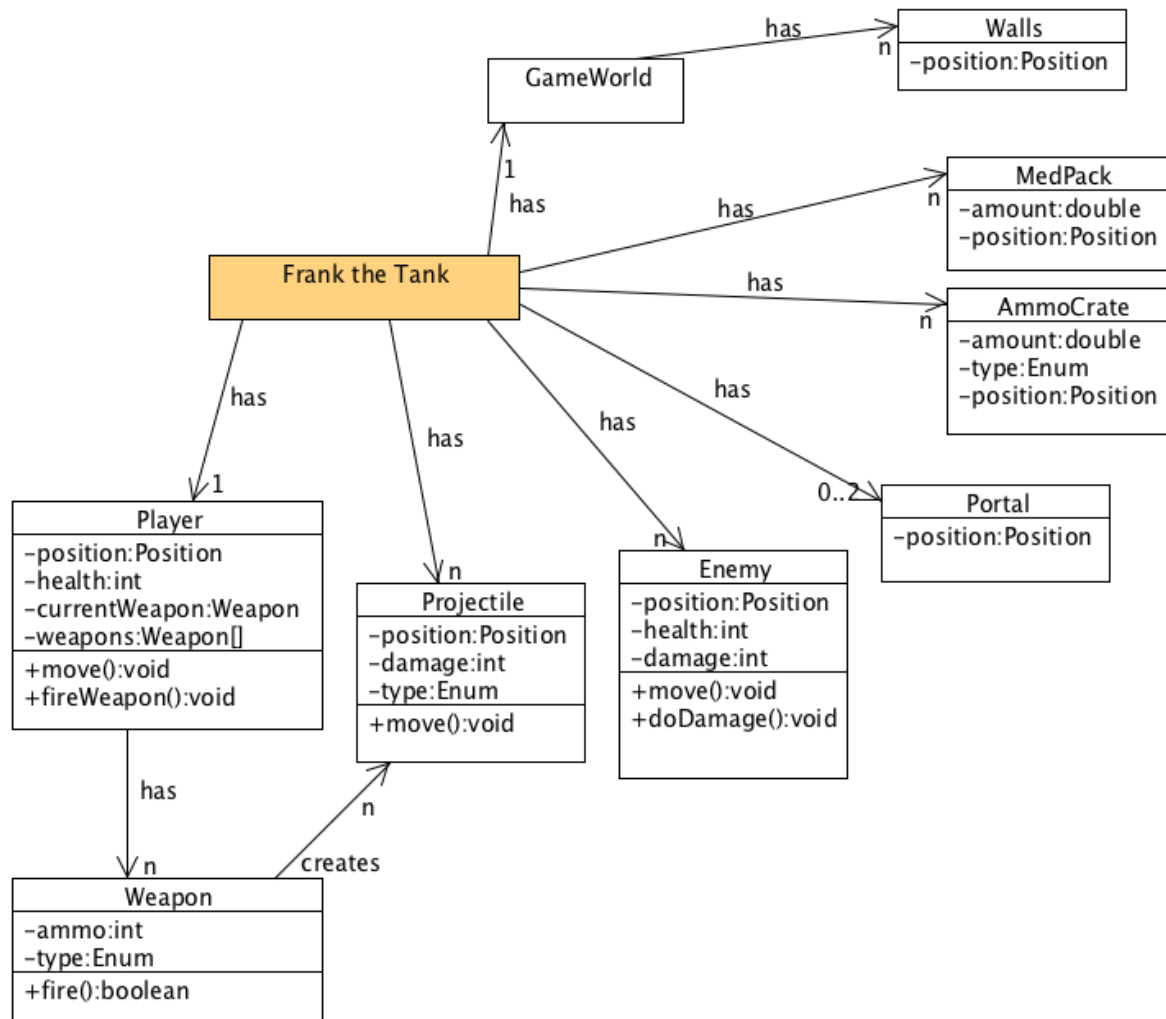
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Domain model



Use case texts

Use case: *MovePlayer*

Short description

When the player moves in any direction.

Priority (high, mid, low)

High

Extends or Includes (other use case)

N/A

Participating actors

- Player (P)

Normal flow of events

Player (=P)	System
P presses any directional key(s)	
	Player character moves in given direction.
P releases the given key(s)	
	Player stops moving.

Alternate flow: special tile

- If the player collides with an ammo tile, ammo is added to player's current ammo reserve.
- If the player collides with a portal it turns up at the other portal (given that there is another one).

Exceptional flow

- Player can't walk through wall nor zombie.

Use case: *RunGame***Short description**

Starts a new game

Priority (high, mid, low)

High

Extends or Includes (other use case)

Includes UC: MovePlayer, UC: FireWeapon, UC: SelectWeapon

Participating actors

- Player

Normal flow of events

Player (P)	System
P starts the game	
	A new game is started

Use case: *ExitGame***Short description**

Quit to desktop.

Priority (high, mid, low)

High

Extends or Includes (other use case)

N/A.

Participating actors

- Player

Normal flow of events

Player (P)	System
P presses exit	
	System quits

Use case: *FireWeapon*

Short description

When the player fires a weapon.

Priority (high, mid, low)

High

Extends or Includes (other use case)

N/A.

Participating actors

- Player (P)

Normal flow of events

Player (=P)	System
P presses action key	
	The currently selected weapon fires and a projectile spawns. It continues to move until it collides with a wall or zombie. If collision with zombie the zombie loses health and the projectile disappears.
P releases the given key(s)	

	Player stops firing selected weapon.
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Alternate flow: special tile

- If the projectile collides with a portal it turns up at the other portal (given that there is another one) and its direction continues.

Exceptional flow

- Weapon can't be fired if player is out of ammo.

Use case: *FirePortalGun***Short description**

When the player fires the portal gun.

Priority (high, mid, low)

Mid

Extends or Includes (other use case)

Extends UC: FireWeapon

Participating actors

- Player (P)

Normal flow of events

Player (=P)	System
P presses and releases action key with portal gun chosen	
	The portal gun fires a single portal of type A or type B, depending on which type is selected from the weapon menu.

Exceptional flow

- If player shoots a portal on another active portal, nothing happens.
- If player shoots portal facing a wall (or other solid object), the player will be bumped away one tile and the portal will take the space.