

REQ 2 Design Rationale

The diagram represents the second requirement/part of an object-oriented system for a text-based “rogue-like” game inspired by Elden Ring. We have two design goals for this requirement: implementing runes and implementing the trader and trading actions.

We intend to implement a different mechanism to pick up runes compared to other items. For example, when picking up runes, the runes' value would just add on to an existing runes object's value inside the player's inventory, rather than just adding new rune objects to the player's inventory everytime they pick up runes. Hence why we decided to create a new RetrieveRuneAction. Moreover, we extended RetrieveRuneAction from PickupAction rather than PickupItemAction because we want to avoid modifying the parent's methods completely (OCP). The same applies for DropRuneAction.

We tried avoid repetition between the classes by having a single class but failed because when a purchase action is executed, the actor loses some of his runes and also have the weapon added to their inventory. However, these two functions exists in different classes hence this implementation couldn't be possible.

Therefore, we introduced seperate classes for purchasing and selling each individual weapon rather than a single class for purchasing/selling all kinds of weapon (e.g. PurchaseWeaponAction/SellWeaponAction). We also did this to avoid having the PurchaseAction and SellAction classes from having too many responsibilities/god class (SRP), but at the cost of repeating code.

If more purchasable weapons were to be added into the game, the weapon would extend the WeaponItem class and implement the Purchasable interface. If it is sellable, then it would also implement the Sellable interface. They would also need to create PurchaseAction and SellAction classes and add the purchase actions to the Trader class and sell actions to the weapon's tick function.

We then also package all the classes and interfaces into their respective package for organization, modularity, and encapsulation.