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Milestone 1 – Snake Squad

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# DESIGN DECISIONS

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The design decisions for this milestone involved creating the classes, interfaces and controllers that were necessary to create the framework for the game. The game at this point is a console-based text implementation.

Since the game follows the protect the castle puzzle template, the only decisions that the user must decide are where do they want to plant their plants on the board. We created the Non-Playable Characters class because the game itself, keeps track of each plant’s and zombie’s attack power and health—including how quickly objects traverse the board itself.

The board of the first level for this milestone is a simple 6x10 array since it is the first level of the game and it is intended to get the user used to the controls and the logic of the game. There is only one zombie that will attack and there is only one row that the user’s plants must defend.

The most complex of the classes of this milestone are the Collision, Move and Game controllers. The reason why we decided to separate the collision and moving detection logic from one another is because many of the plants themselves are stationary but the objects that they shoot are not. Our approach to the entire project was to loosely couple as many classes as possible.

# USER MANUAL

## Running the Game

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The output directory contains the compiled code. It must first be added to your classpath.

make compile will compile the code and put the class file in ./output.

export CLASSPATH=$(pwd)/output will add the output folder to the java classpath for **linux** and **macos** machines

make run will start the game.

Once the console starts running the game, it will showcase this:

starting game

running main thread

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LEVEL: 1, TURN: 0, sunPoints: 10, sf cooldown: 0, ps cooldown: 0

What would you like to do ?

buy sf x y: buy a sunflower for 10

buy ps x y: buy a peashooter for 10

Enter: do nothing

The point of the game is to eliminate all the zombies that get spawned in with the help of plants before they reach the house. The game is situated in a simulated front yard. The front yard is in the shape of a grid, 9x6. The zombies move from the left going towards the right, they only follow the row they get spawned in. The zombies cannot move vertically or diagonally.

The user can collect sun points which are the currency of this game, they let the user buy the plants they desire. There are two ways, so far, to collect sun points. The first is from the sun, the game will generate 10 sun points every 2 turns which is automatically collected into the user’s collection. The second form is from the sun flower plant. The plant generates 25 sun points every 4 turns, which is also collected.

There are two types plants in this version of the game, sunflowers (sf) and pea shooters (ps). Both these plants cost 10 sun points. To plant one of these plants, there are two conditions that must be met:

1. The user must have enough sun points to purchase them.
2. There must be a space where the user can place the plant. No plant can be planted in a spot in the grid if there is already a plant there.

All plants and zombies have total health, if their health reaches 0 or in the negatives it will die. Once dead, the plant will disappear from the game. The only way that a plant can take damage is if a zombie is on the same grid position as the plant. For every turn a zombie is on the same position as a plant, the plant will take damage. They will stop colliding once one of loses all its health and dies. The only way for a zombie to take damage is from a pea that gets spawned in from pea shooters

The pea shooters are the only offensive type plant currently available to defend against the zombies. Once a zombie is spawned in the same row as a pea shooter, the pea shooter will start shooting a pea every \*\*\*\*\*\* turns. The pea will go through the board, until it hits a zombie. When they collide, the pea will inflict its corresponding damage to the zombie and the pea will disappear.

This game is turn base. The player will choose one thing to do on the board and then a full turn will be done. Once a turn is over, there are a few things that happen before the start of the next turn:

1. The timer goes off by one, which indicates the game turn
2. All entities that can move (zombie and the pea), will move depending if they collide with an enemy or not.
3. If a collision occurs, the plant or the zombie will intake damage and the entities will stop moving.
4. If an entity dies, it will be removed from the game.
5. All sun points that can be accumulated will be added to the user’s database

In the game, zombies spawn in randomly, at random rows in the grid. When a turn starts, all the zombies on the board will move by one space if it’s been on the board for more than 5 turns. It doesn’t move forward only if there’s a plant that collides with it. Zombies do a total of 10 damage per turn. Once they reach below 0 health, they will die and be removed from the game.

Example:

buy ps 4 3

buy ps:4,3

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LEVEL: 1, TURN: 10, sunPoints: 40, sf cooldown: 0, ps cooldown: 0

What would you like to do ?

buy sf x y: buy a sunflower for 10

buy ps x y: buy a peashooter for 10

Enter: do nothing

To place a plant onto the playing field, the user must input the following:

buy (plant acronym) x position y position

For example:

buy sf 1 1

buy sf:1,1

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LEVEL: 1, TURN: 1, sunPoints: 0, sf cooldown: 2, ps cooldown: 0

What would you like to do ?

buy sf x y: buy a sunflower for 10

buy ps x y: buy a peashooter for 10

Enter: do nothing

The user placed a sun flower onto position 1, 1 of the field.

Once a plant has been used, a cooldown time for that plant will occur so that the player doesn’t continuously spawn in plants every turn. The player can also decide to not do anything by simply inputting enter.

There is a fail-safe precaution in place for the player. Before zombie reaches the home, a lawn mower is placed in front of it. A lawn mower only has a one-time use. It only activates once a zombie collides with it. Once a lawn mower is collided with an enemy, the lawn will go through the entire row, killing all the zombies in its way. However, if a zombie, reaches the home and there’s no lawn mower, then it will be a game over and the zombies will win.

Example if the lawn mower was used:

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LEVEL: 1, TURN: 6, sunPoints: 20, sf cooldown: 2, ps cooldown: 0

What would you like to do ?

buy sf x y: buy a sunflower for 10

buy ps x y: buy a peashooter for 10

Enter: do nothing

The only way to win is if the player succeeds in eliminating all zombies. Once it’s done the game will end and terminate itself.

In future iterations of the game, there will be an added shovel mechanic which will let the user remove a plant while also regaining a certain amount of lost sun points.

# UML

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