

# Module Interface Specification

## Members

### b2Vec2

b2Vec2 This imports the Box2D Vector and any associated methods.

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 6](#)

### camera\_x

camera\_x This variable keeps track of the horizontal velocity of the camera.

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 40](#)

### camera\_y

camera\_y This variable keeps track of the vertical velocity of the camera.

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 48](#)

### car

car This variable holds the car model

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 32](#)

### carsArray

carsArray This variable array contains the cars in the population cars.

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 112](#)

### currentMember

currentMember This variable integer indicates the current member of the group of cars.

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 126](#)

### diff\_x

diff\_x This variable keeps track of the change in the horizontal displacement of the camera.

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 55](#)

### diff\_y

diff\_y This variable keeps track of the change in the vertical displacement of the camera.

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Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 62](#)

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## MUTATION\_RATE

MUTATION\_RATE This constant indicates the rate at which mutations occur.

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 103](#)

## PARENT\_POOL

PARENT\_POOL This constant indicates the size of the pool from which parents creat offspring.

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 96](#)

## points

points This variable keeps track of points on a car

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 25](#)

## POPULATION\_SIZE

POPULATION\_SIZE This constant indicates the size of the initial population of cars.

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 89](#)

## proc1

proc1 This variable keeps track of the game loop thread.

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 69](#)

## proc2

proc2 This variable keeps track of updateCar thread.

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 76](#)

## topCars

topCars This variable array contains the highest performing cars for the purpose of creating the next generation.

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 119](#)

## Functions

### cameraPos()

This method sets the camera position to the position of the car.

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 645](#)

## Car()

This method establishes the initial values shared by all cars. All cars start with 10 health and have a fitness and carDef of 0.

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 818](#)

## ConnectTile()

This method connects the tiles to each other in a sequential fashion starting from the first tile at the origin.

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 574](#)

## createtile(world, x, y, width, height, angle) → {Body}

This method creates a box with a specified width and height rotated at a specified angle on the screen.

### Parameters:

Name	Type	Description
world	b2World	The Box2D world that the box is created in
x	Integer	The x-coordinate of the upper left corner
y	Integer	The y-coordinate of the upper left corner
width	Integer	The width of the box
height	Integer	The height of the box
angle	Float	The rotation of the box, counterclockwise from the horizontal, in radians

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 542](#)

### Returns:

The box

Type

Body

## crossOverOffsprings(cars, topCars) → {Array.<Cars>}

This method crosses over the chromosomes of the offspring cars.

### Parameters:

Name	Type	Description
cars	Array.<Cars>	The array of cars to crossover
topCars	Integer	The number of cars in the surviving parent generation

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 690](#)

### Returns:

An array of the crossed-over cars

Type

Array.<Cars>

## draw\_world(world, context)

This method draws the world on the screen, before it is updated.

### Parameters:

Name	Type	Description
world	b2World	The world to draw on
context	Canvas	The canvas to draw the world on

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 632](#)

drawCar(world, worldScale, vertex1X, vertex1Y, vertex2X, vertex2Y, vertex3X, vertex3Y, vertex4X, vertex4Y, vertex5X, vertex5Y, vertex6X, vertex6Y, vertex7X, vertex7Y, vertex8X, vertex8Y, frontwheelPos, rearWheelPos) → {b2BodyDef}

This method creates a car to the screen.

### Parameters:

Name	Type	Description
world	b2World	The Box2D world where the car will be placed in
worldScale	Integer	The scaling factor for the Box2D world
vertex1X	Integer	The x-coordinate of the first vertex
vertex1Y	Integer	The y-coordinate of the first vertex
vertex2X	Integer	The x-coordinate of the second vertex
vertex2Y	Integer	The y-coordinate of the second vertex
vertex3X	Integer	The x-coordinate of the third vertex
vertex3Y	Integer	The y-coordinate of the third vertex
vertex4X	Integer	The x-coordinate of the fourth vertex
vertex4Y	Integer	The y-coordinate of the fourth vertex
vertex5X	Integer	The x-coordinate of the fifth vertex
vertex5Y	Integer	The y-coordinate of the fifth vertex
vertex6X	Integer	The x-coordinate of the sixth vertex
vertex6Y	Integer	The y-coordinate of the sixth vertex
vertex7X	Integer	The x-coordinate of the seventh vertex
vertex7Y	Integer	The y-coordinate of the seventh vertex
vertex8X	Integer	The x-coordinate of the eighth vertex
vertex8Y	Integer	The y-coordinate of the eighth vertex
frontwheelPos	Integer	The vertex that the front wheel is attached to
rearWheelPos	Integer	The vertex that the back wheel is attached to

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 464](#)

### Returns:

The completed car

Type

b2BodyDef

## generateNewCar()

Method that generates new car randomly.

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 832](#)

## getCarDef()

Method that retrieves the definition of a car.

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 994](#)

## getChromosome()

Method that retrieves the specific chromosome of a car.

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 980](#)

## getFitness()

Method that retrieves the fitness of a car.

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 1001](#)

## getHealth()

Method that retrieves the health of a car.

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 987](#)

## getRandomArbitrary(min, max) → {Float}

This method generates a random floating point number between min and max, exclusive.

### Parameters:

Name	Type	Description
min	Integer	The lower bound
max	Integer	The upper bound

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 1028](#)

### Returns:

A floating point number between min and max.

Type

Float

## getRandomArbitraryInteger(min, max) → {Integer}

This method generates a random integer between min and max, exclusive.

### Parameters:

Name	Type	Description

min	Integer	The lower bound
Name	Type	Description
max	Integer	The upper bound

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 1015](#)

### Returns:

A random number between min and max

Type

Integer

### getVertexXArray()

Method that retrieves the array of horizontal vertices of a car.

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 952](#)

### getVertexYArray()

Method that retrieves the array of vertical vertices of a car.

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 959](#)

### getWheelPosArray()

Method that retrieves the array of wheel positions of a car.

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 966](#)

### getWheelRadiusArray()

Method that retrieves the array of wheel radiuses of a car.

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 973](#)

### increaseFitness()

Method that increases the fitness value of a car by 1.

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 859](#)

### init()

This method initializes the Box2D environment, and any objects within the Box2D world.

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 137](#)

### Returns:

The created Box2D world

**makeCarJoints(world, bodyA, bodyB, wheelPosX, wheelPosY)**

→ {b2RevoluteJointDef}

This method creates joints used to connect the wheels to the car chassis.

### Parameters:

Name	Type	Description
world	b2World	The Box2D world where the joint will be placed in
bodyA	b2BodyDef	The first object to connect the joint to
bodyB	b2BodyDef	The second object to connect the joint to
wheelPosX	Integer	The x-coordinate of the wheel
wheelPosY	Integer	The y-coordinate of the wheel

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 411](#)

### Returns:

The joint connecting bodyA to bodyB

Type

b2RevoluteJointDef

**makePolygon(num, vertex1X, vertex1Y, vertex2X, vertex2Y)**

→ {b2FixtureDef}

This method creates a polygon for the car given 4 points on the Cartesian plane. It assumes that one of the points of the polygon will be at the origin.

### Parameters:

Name	Type	Description
num	Integer	The index of the polygon of the car
vertex1X	Integer	The x-coordinate of the first vertex
vertex1Y	Integer	The y-coordinate of the first vertex
vertex2X	Integer	The x-coordinate of the second vertex
vertex2Y	Integer	The y-coordinate of the second vertex

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 237](#)

### Returns:

The polygon created

Type

b2FixtureDef

**makeWheelFixture(world, car, wheelbodyDef, wheelFixture)**

→ {Body}

This method connects the wheel to the car chassis.

### Parameters:

Name	Type	Description
world	b2World	The Box2D world where the wheel will be placed in
car	b2BodyDef	The car to connect the wheels to
wheelbodyDef	b2BodyDef	The body (physics) definition of the wheel
wheelFixture	b2FixtureDef	The shape definition of the wheel

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 432](#)

### Returns:

The wheel

Type

Body

**makeWheelShape(world, worldScale, radius) →**  
**{b2FixtureDef}**

This method creates the shape of a wheel for the car given its radius.

### Parameters:

Name	Type	Description
world	b2World	The Box2D world where the wheel will be placed in
worldScale	Integer	The scaling factor
radius	Float	The radius of the wheel

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 390](#)

### Returns:

The shape of the wheel created

Type

b2FixtureDef

**mutateOffsprings(cars, numberOfParents, mutationFactor) →**  
**{Array.<Cars>}**

This method mutates the genes in the offspring's chromosomes.

### Parameters:

Name	Type	Description
cars	Array.<Cars>	The array of cars to crossover
numberOfParents	Integer	The number of parents in the cars array
mutationFactor	Float	The likelihood of mutation

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 731](#)

### Returns:

An array of the mutated cars

Type

Array.<Cars>

### nextCar()

This method selects the next car to be simulated.

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 206](#)



## removeHealth()

Method that reduces the health value of a car by 1.

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 866](#)

## resetCamera(world, context)

This method resets the camera for the next simulation.

### Parameters:

Name	Type	Description
world	b2World	The world on which the camera is reset.
context	Canvas	The canvas to draw the world on

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 617](#)

## resetWorld(world)

This method resets the world for the next simulation.

### Parameters:

Name	Type	Description
world	b2World	The world to be reset.

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 605](#)

## selectNextGeneration(cars, n) → {Array.<Cars>}

This method selects for the next generation of cars.

### Parameters:

Name	Type	Description
cars	Array.<Cars>	The array of cars to choose from.
n	Integer	The number of cars to select for.

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 664](#)

### Returns:

An array of the top n cars.

Type

Array.<Cars>

## setCarDef(carDef)

Method that sets the definition of a car.

### Parameters:

Name	Type	Description
carDef	Float	The set value of the ar's definition.

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 934](#)

## setChromosome(chromosome)

Method that sets the chromosome of a car

### Parameters:

Name	Type	Description
chromosome	Array.<Chromosome>	The chromosome to be altered.

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 942](#)

## setVertexX(vertexXArray, i)

Method that sets a specific vertex in an array of the horizontal vertices to a specific value.

### Parameters:

Name	Type	Description
vertexXArray	Array. <vertexXArray>	The array of vertices where the vertex is present.
i	Integer	The identify of the specific vertex in the array that is to be altered.

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 883](#)

## setVertexXArray(vertexXArray)

Method that sets the array of vertices in the horizontal.

### Parameters:

Name	Type	Description
vertexXArray	Array.<vertexXArray>	The array of vertices to be set.

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 874](#)

## setVertexY(vertexYArray, i)

Method that sets a specific vertex in an array of the vertical vertices to a specific value.

### Parameters:

Name	Type	Description
vertexYArray	Array. <vertexXArray>	The array of vertices where the vertex is present.
i	Integer	The identify of the specific vertex in the array that is to be altered.

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 900](#)

## setVertexYArray(vertexYArray)

Method that sets the array of vertices in the vertical.

### Parameters:

Name	Type	Description
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Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 891](#)

## setWheelPos(wheelPos, i)

Method that sets the position of a specific wheel to a specific location.

### Parameters:

Name	Type	Description
wheelPos	Array. <wheelPosArray>	The array that conatins the locations of the wheels.
i	Integer	The identify of the specific wheel position to be set in the array.

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 909](#)

## setWheelRadius(wheelRadius, i)

Method that sets the radius of a specific wheel.

### Parameters:

Name	Type	Description
wheelRadius	Array. <wheelRadius>	The array that conatins the radiuses of the wheels.
i	Integer	The identify of the specific wheel radius to be set in the array.

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 918](#)

## setWheelRadiusArray(wheelRadiusArray)

Method that sets array of wheel radiuses to a specific array.

### Parameters:

Name	Type	Description
wheelRadiusArray	Array. <wheelRadius>	The array that conatins the locations of the wheels.

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 926](#)

## update()

This method updates the screen.

Source: [gratebox\\_documentation.js, line 187](#)