



ft\_boardgame

Reinforcing Object Oriented Programming

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*Summary: This project is about creating a boardgame utilizing basic Object Oriented Programming concepts and class interactions*

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# Chapter I

## Foreword

Have you ever wondered what to do if your game fails?

More interesting information about video games. We'll be using Ragnarok Online, one of the most popular 2.5d MMORPG. Yes, this is the same development team Gravity that had some of the core member move to IMC to make Tree of Saviors (if you read the foreword in the previous project). Why would we use Ragnarok Online as an example for a failed game if the game was so successful?



Main reason is how they wanted to extend the legacy of Ragnarok Online by making a sequel MMORPG, called Ragnarok Online 2. Shortened for RO2 it was a very difficult game compared to RO1 (Ragnarok Online, the successful one) since it went from a 2.5d MMORPG to a full fledged 3d MMORPG.

First, because the game was so successful the level of hype was incredible. Everyone was expecting a MMO to blow every other competitor out of the water. Second, it still had the same core team as the previous RO1 so people were hoping for what made RO1 special to be present in RO2. Lastly, the third point is they had promised alot of unique mechanics that no other MMORPG had implemented. This was all RO1 MMORPG players dreamt of. A successful sequel that held the charm of the first game and introduced new mechanics that no other game could match.

As you could guess they did succeed in implementing these new mechanics they promised. A combat system no other MMORPG ever made, a unique world and leveling progression. Weapon and armor system was completely new, including how quest and rewards were handed out. So if this was the case, why did it fail so hard? The

overly ambitious developers wanted to work so hard on creating a new experience they forgot the most important factor of Ragnarok Online 2: Gates of the New World (RO2's full name), and that it was NOTHING like Ragnarok Online 1. This left many fans dissatisfied in the world, the game and everything about it. The backlash was so harsh that they had to make drastic changes. This including scrapping the ENTIRE GAME, replacing MOST of the developers and creating a new Ragnarok Online 2 called Legend of the Second.

Needless to say, RO2: Legend of the Second is still alive today but it's just a generic MMORPG clone that focused more on bringing in the Ragnarok Online 1 theme. The game is nowhere as successful as RO1 and most of the developer went to work on Tree of Saviors which is also nowhere as successful as RO1. In this case, the developers replaced their team and even remade the game to try and appease fans. It's quite a difficult time for Ragnarok Online fans like myself because the odds of these talented developers ever making a true Ragnarok MMORPG sequel may never happen because of their first time experience.

Hopefully you learned a bit more about MMORPG games and how people have handled it. There are more information about this out there, but being a Ragnarok Online 1 fan, I followed everything on the RO2 development very closely. Needless to say the only thing that could fill that empty fanboy void is Tree of Savior, or playing Ragnarok Online 1 again. Sadly, RO2 is not worth it and does not live up to anyone's expectation. (I personally enjoyed the first Ragnarok Online 2: Gates of the New World MUCH MORE than the remade version).



Another interesting fact, if you want to see another example of what happens when a game fails but succeeded in fixing it, check out the history behind Final Fantasy 14 MMORPG.

# Chapter II

## Introduction

The goal of this project is to create a boardgame with some simple mechanics for you and your friends to play. One of the main thing you will be doing is continuing to improve on your object oriented skills, and working on reinforcing those concepts as well as learning about new concepts to help you make this project even better. We will explore a bit more about entities/containers, modules and extending clas methods which Python and Ruby both utilizes in their object oriented programming.



If you are using python or another language approved by hack high school make sure to research into python equivalent concepts on your own. This project can be completed in any approve project language, however the tutorial and video guides will be in Ruby.

So let's talk about how to make a boardgame. First, you need to create the spaces/tiles on the boardgame. Second, you need to setup how you will display your board. Third, you need to work on a win condition. Afterwards, you will have to setup the players and any unique mechanics. In this project, you will be making cards/event cards for players to utilize as they progress around the board trying to win. Won't be as easy as the previous project, but you can do it!

# Chapter III

## Goals

The goal of ft\_ahboardgame is to help you reinforce your object oriented programming. By the end of this project you should know how to:

- Extend class method
- Utilize containers/entities
- Utilize modules
- Create multiple interactions between objects and classes
- Be awesome

You will be exploring a fundamental topic of object oriented programming so take advantage of all the resources including the video, your neighbor and google. There are many tutorials on classes and inheritance.

# Chapter IV

## General instructions

- This project will only be corrected by actual human beings. You are therefore free to organize and name your files as you wish, although you must respect some requirements listed below
- You must have a parent class and a children class (they do not need to be named parent/children, but it should be easy to see which is the children and which is the parent)
- A container/entity class is required for your project



It will help you a lot to practice writing your entity/container first since they help you store multiple instances of object/classes. Create a container, store your classes inside and practice creating the behaviors inside.

- Your project must be written in a language approved by the hack high school program
- All children classes must be unique from one another
- You must have a menu/selection screen with proper loop handling
- You must allow the ability for people to create a player for the boardgame
- You can decide what variables you need for your boardgame
- You must display your boardgame in a GUI
- Your game must support at least two players
- Ask your peers, mentor, slack or anywhere else if you need any help, and make sure to have fun

# Chapter V

## Mandatory part



The image example on this PDF are only examples, not what you need to replicate. You can design your output, your menu, etc. however you would like to design it. If you need help with design please visit the tutorial video guides as there is a demo there for you to see how the project should behave

- The goal of this project is to create a simple boardgame project
- At the beginning of the program the users should be able to create a character or see a menu to do so
- Containers is required to hold your multiple classes
- Container must be able to store your objects/classes, delete them as well as access them
- Your boardgame should be made up of tiles/spaces that are children classes of a parent class. Your tiles/spaces should be anything from doing nothing, to giving players some kind of event or item (ex. move forward X amount of space, or give a player a card where they can steal points)
- The players must be given an option to roll their dice, or play their item/card that they earned from the boardgame
- You can choose to end the game immediately after someone wins, or have players keep playing
- You must display the boardgame in some sort of GUI. This means you can decide on what graphic library you want to use for this. Below is an example of a simple terminal GUI output





- You can design the player class freely as you'd like
- You must have the player class equip/hold/contain the items/cards/etc. that they can earn through the game
- When a player uses an item/card/etc. you must delete that item/card/etc. instance from your player or container
- To really emphasize class interaction you will be required to do the following:
  - A minimum of three items/cards/etc. that players can earn from playing
  - All cards/items/etc. are unique children classes that inherits from the same parent class
  - A minimum of three unique tiles/spaces that does some sort of event
  - All tiles/spaces are unique children classes that inherits from the same parent class
  - A container that holds all instances of your classes



Below is a sketch of what you should considering trying out if you are stuck and unsure of how to implement your classes in your container. You do not need to follow this outline, this is just here as a guide.



- You should try to make the user experience as enjoyable as possible. For this reason the GUI should be easy to understand
- You must handle any kind of user error to the best of your ability.

# Chapter VI

## Bonus part

This is a boardgame so you have many opportunities to earn bonus points. Make this games yours, be creative and come up with any crazy ideas you have! Below are bonuses suggestions, you can do any bonus you think is cool too! However, one part of the bonus will be reserved for use of modules and class method extensions

- Sound effects
- More event/items
- Cool effects on the GUI
- Additional mechanics, or randomness to the game
- Any other cool features you can come up with to enhance your boardgame!

# Chapter VII

## Turn-in and peer-evaluation

Turn your work in using your **GiT** repository, as usual. Only work present on your repository will be graded in defense.

Good luck and remember to have fun!