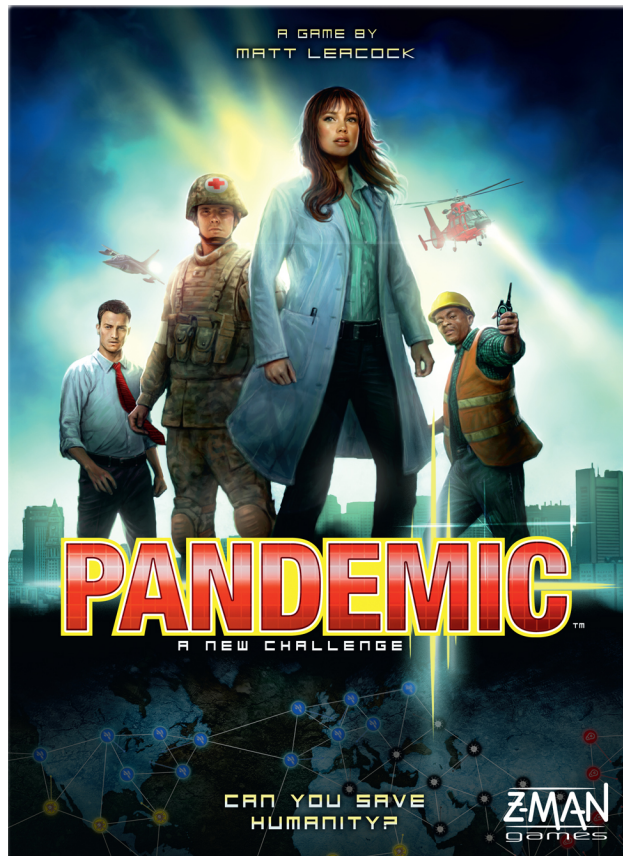


Pandemic in C++



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Objective

This project is based on re-creating the popular board game “PANDEMIC” coded from ground up using the high-level object-oriented programming language, C++. Throughout the lifetime of this project, C++ is used and enhanced for a robust and equally enjoyable game. It is now playable from any computer (Windows and Mac). It is expected to be achieved with a mindset of high cohesion and low coupling.

This is the final build ready for public consumption.

Goals

This final build, can be played from start to finish with all the all actions (please refer to user manual). This version should enable two to four players to play, including-

- Performing 4 different actions
- Once 4 actions are completed, player automatically picks up two player cards from the deck of the board.
- Cities are also automatically infected (cubes placed) depending on the infection cards picked up from the deck.

The actions are recorded and returned with appropriate information using GUI.

Solution

The final build of Pandemic is achieved through multiple classes in a hierarchical style, involving many has-a and is-a relations among those. A variation of MVC (no observer pattern) is implemented for receiving inputs from the user and representing the game. Other design pattern used in the program includes Singleton,_____, Strategy and Decorator.

Project Outline

- Description of the setup
 - Game dynamic
 - Source files and its corresponding header files' name and description
 - Library(s) used
 - Conclusion
 - UML diagram
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GAME SETUP, CLASSES USED AND MORE

- **Start game**

The game is loaded from a .exe file and presented with GUI, implemented using SFML graphics library. This calls the main() method which runs the game. The game is divided into 3 states which drive the game accordingly -

1. MainMenu - Presents the player with main menu for loading or creating a game
2. InGame - Once in game, players perform series of actions
3. Closed - Ending the game and saving the stats

- **Game dynamic**

For the final build the game starts with the default map which resembles the real-life board, containing cities and other indicators such an epidemic marker.

Once the players are in-game, the instances of the player class representing the players are initialized with random role cards. Players also get 7 PlayerCards to use during actions in-compliance with the rules rules. The player can make 4 moves, selected from the sidebar, and eventually end his/her turn by picking up up two Player Cards and infecting two cities with Infection Cards. Then the second player starts a new turn. During the turns, players can see the pawns move (indicating the current location on the map), and see changes on the infection marker and epidemic rate of the game as the game progresses.

- **Exception Handling**

We used try/catch statements to handle invalid input in the Event Card actions, and in the situation of invalid file formats in the Board Builder.

- **Source files and its corresponding files**

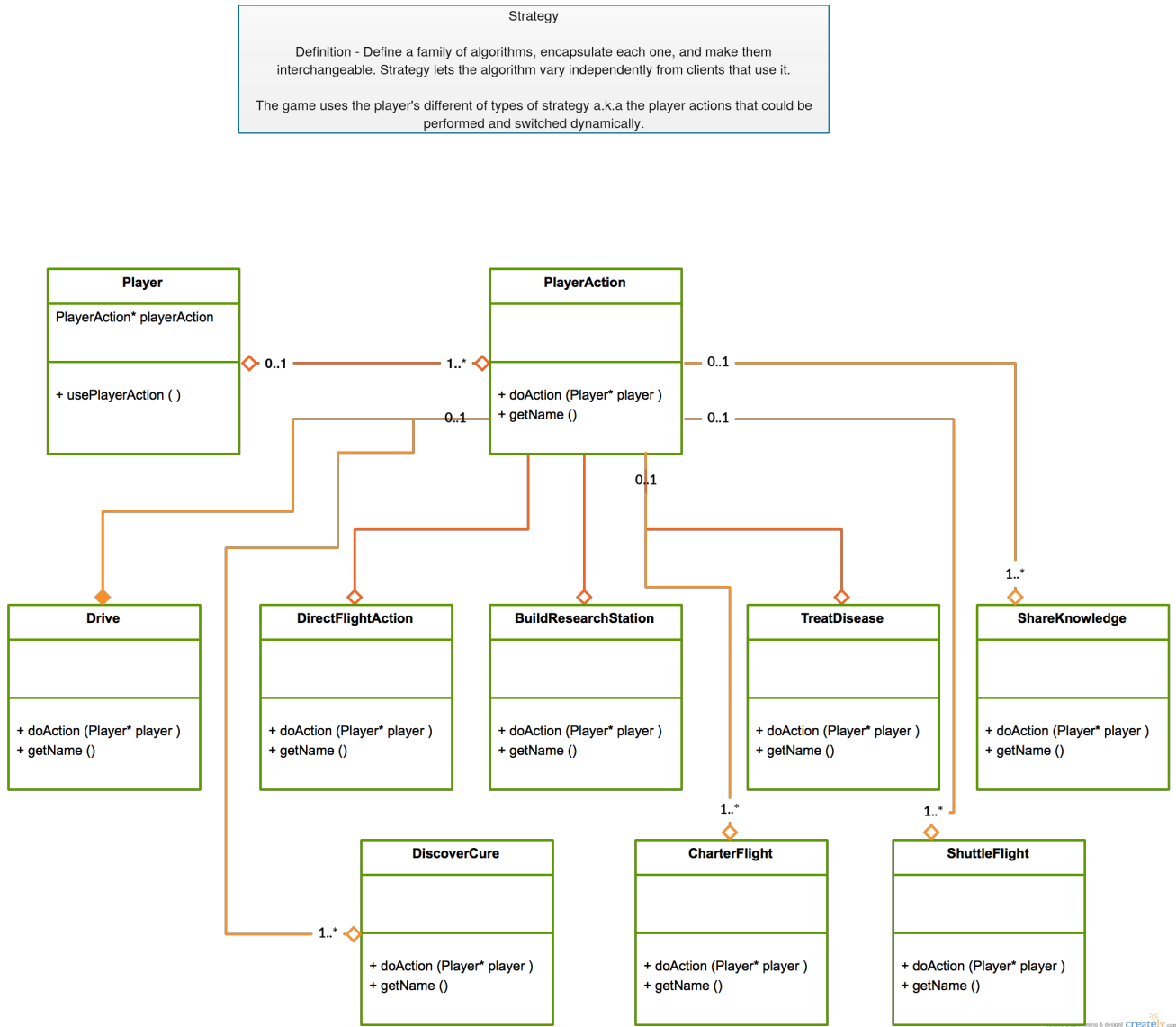
To make the program easier to manage and build, starting with build 1, software architectural model MVC is implemented. Below are the some of the rather more important classes used to build the game and are discussed with compliance to MVC model rules -

PART OF MVC	NOTABLE SOURCE FILES	CORRESPONDING HEADER FILES	Note
Model	Player.cpp	Player.h	Creates players.
	City.cpp	City.h	Creates cities, containing attributes such as current number of disease cubes and a boolean for indicating existence of research centre.
	RoleCard.cpp	RoleCard.h	Creates RoleCard for players which decides various differences in performing actions for said player.
	PlayerCard.cpp	PlayerCard.h	Class at the top of the hierarchy which has a 'is-a' relationship with the type of PlayerCards such as CityCard(.cpp/.h), EventCard(.cpp/.h) and so on.
	ArrayGraph.cpp	ArrayGraph.h	Adds nodes to Graph, used to represent the map.
View	SFML files including- SfmlSystem.cpp SfmlSurfaceManager.cpp	SfmlSystem.h SfmlSurfaceManager.h	Classes used to derive the VIEW part of the game using the popular graphics library: SFML*. (*More on it later)
	GameRenderer.cpp	GameRenderer.h	Renders the key elements of the game such as the background, cities and infection marker
	CommonContext.cpp	CommonContext.h	Manages the references of the graphical elements on the current board, e.g shapes and colours.

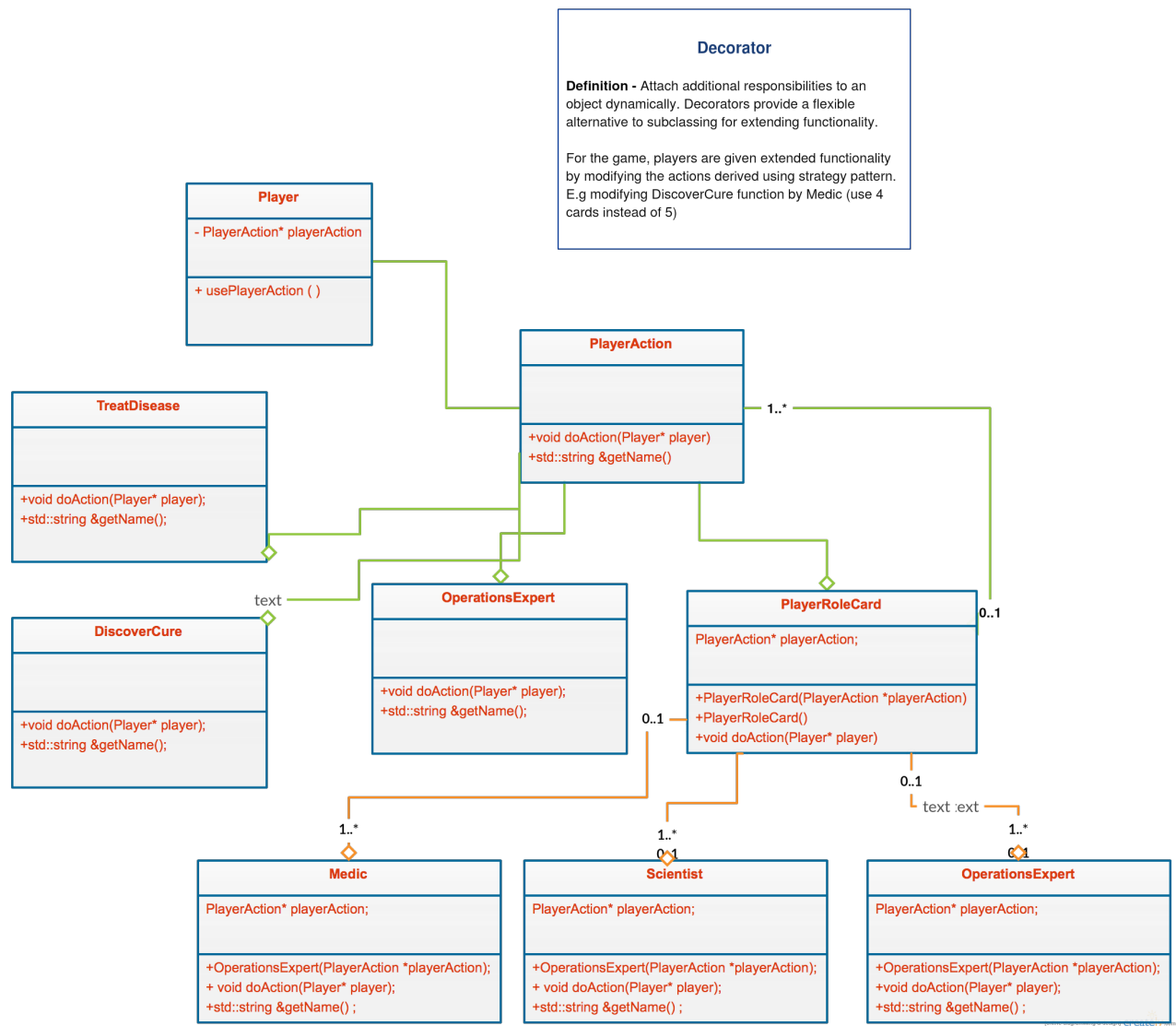
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	GraphicsManager.cpp	GraphicsManger.h	To tie up the above classes and initialized and generate appropriate graphical elements. All the methods in the files are carefully selected to be static.
CONTROLLER	UIElement.cpp (among other UI cpp files)	UIElement.h	Registers clicks from the user.
	Buttons.cpp	Buttons.h	Responsible for executing codes when a player action is to be used.

OTHER PATTERNS USED (UML DIAGRAM)

strategy pattern for player actions -

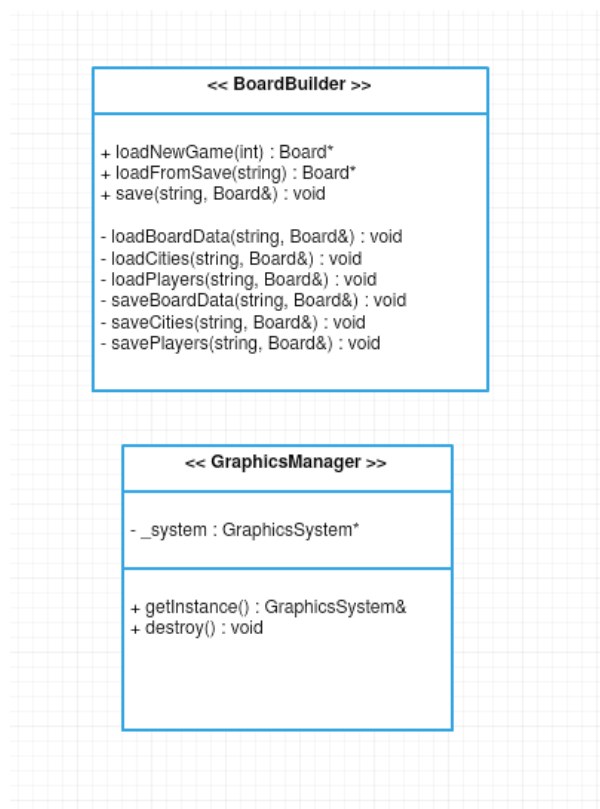


Decorator pattern for modifying player actions -



BUIDER PATTERN - FOR LOADING AND SAVING

SINGLETON PATTEN - FOR HAVING ONE INSTANCE OF THE GAME



REQUIRED LIBRARIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

- **Libraries**

GUI - SFML

The main library used for the project is “Simple and Fast Multimedia Library” also known as SFML. It an API which provides easy access to multimedia contents in computers. It is extensively used through out the project for easy and enjoyable playability for the user. This also gives a great view of the current status of the game, which in-turn let users make better decision with playing the game.

UTILITY - BOOST

The most popular peer-to-peer reviewed library for C++ - Boost, is used extensively in the game for file system management. Played a major role is making the game cross platform.

- **Container**

Vectors were used through out the game, for it's easy implementation and ease of use. Since vector can change size dynamically and has using built-in methods such size(), among others , it was an easy choice to make.

CONCLUSION

The game is now fully functional and most of the actions are ready to be used (ShareKnowledge is still in the works)

The main issue with the game was the lack of knowledge about the MVC architecture and ultimately resulting in a not using Observer pattern. Because of that the implementation of logic was slightly more harder and took longer time. But the implementation of the other patterns helped make the game robust.

Below is the UML diagram of the rest of the system (please zoom-in for a better view)->

