

Individual Assignment: Patience is a Virtue

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1 Introduction

1.1 Project description

Patience is a simple card game for one player, in which the objective is to end up with one pile of cards on the table. There are 52 playing cards at the start of the game, all facing downwards in a pack. Player can then deal a card which will be removed from the deck and put on the table facing upwards. By continuing to do so, there could potentially be 52 cards on the table all facing upwards, unless a move was made. Apart from dealing cards there are two additional valid moves in the game. You can join two cards together if they have the same suit or value and if:

- They are next to each other
- There are two other cards between them

When joined, the card further to the right will be placed on top of the other, regardless of the order in which they have been selected. Each move is worth 10 points in the game. Therefore because there are 51 available moves in total, the highest possible score is 510 points.

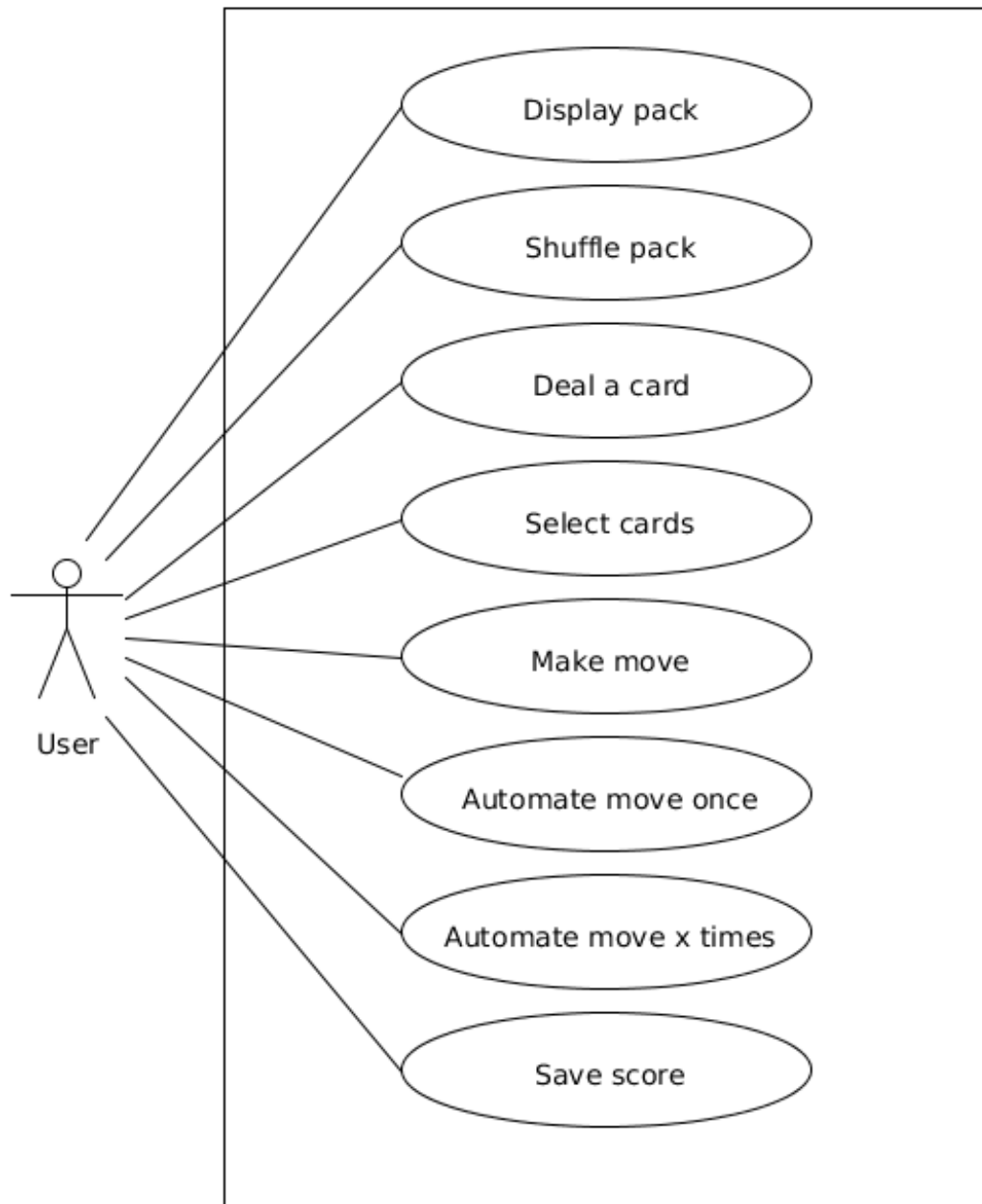
1.2 Game controls

Because the user interface is fully graphical, to play the game user can simply click on the cards. For example if the player wants to deal a card, he should click on the pack and a move will be made. Similarly, to select a card user has to click on it. In order to indicate which card was selected, a blue border will be painted around it.

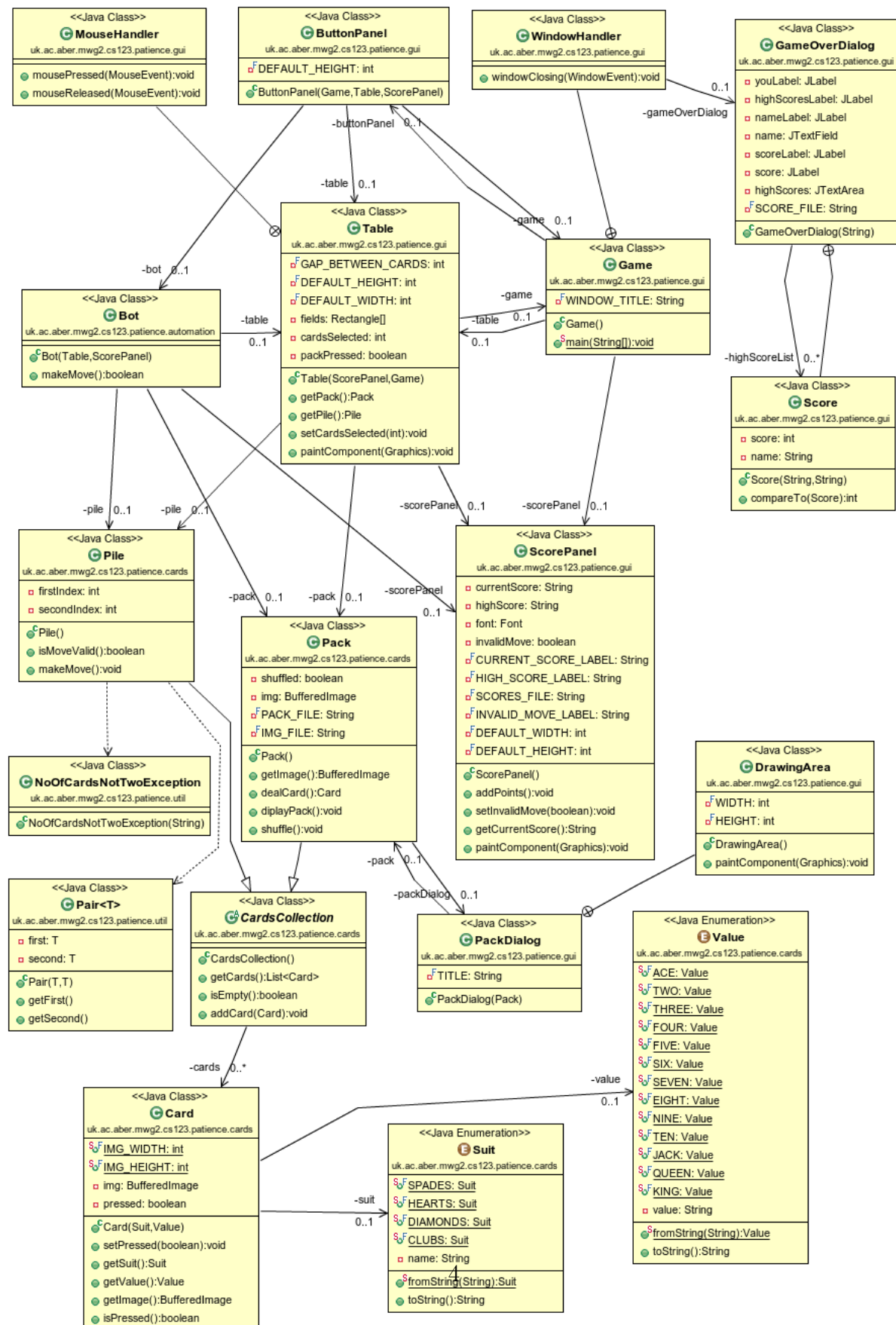
Additional options are available within the button panel at the bottom of the window. Player can display contents of the pack, as well as shuffle it. Second option is only permitted once and should typically be selected at the start of the game. Pack is not randomized by default due to the requirements specification of the assignment. Last two options allow an automation of the gameplay. Player can either make use of the 'Play for me once' option which as expected will make one valid move in the game, if there is one, or specify the amount of moves to be made by clicking the 'Play for me x times' button.

Game ends either if the automation algorithm detects that there are no more moves available, user presses the 'x' exit button on the top of the window or game is won. Before the application closes, a smaller window will pop up to ask the player to enter his name in order to save his score. User can choose not to store his result by leaving the name field blank.

2 Requirements Analysis



3 Design



4 Testing

5 Evaluation