FIT2099 ASSIGNMENT 1

Design and Planning

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In this assignment, our group created a UML diagram that we plan to implement for our

second assignment. The main purpose of creating this UML diagram is to achieve the three

core design principles, which in this assignment focuses on two out of three principles. The

first principle - Don't repeat yourself - is done by creating new required interfaces and

classes (both abstract and not abstract) in order to prevent us from rewriting the same code

for some similar methods that might be used during the game. The second principle – *Classes*

should be responsible for their own properties – is achieved by creating the classes that are

more suitable for the methods. For example, instead of having method C1() in Class A and

method C2() in Class B, a new class which is Class C can be created to contain both C1() and

C2().

In this assignment, we also would like to achieve the SOLID principles, which are the

guidelines to achieve a neater and more structured application for more efficiency. The first

principle, Single Responsibility Principle (SRP), believes that 'a class should have one, and

only one, reason to change'. Any classes should only have one responsibility containing all

the functionalities needed to assist that certain responsibility. This works by separating every

part of code to atomic functions that cannot be broken down into smaller tasks.

The second principle, *Open Closed Principle (OCP)*, proposed the idea that 'software entities

should be open for extension but closed for modification'. This means that the base code that

has been implemented previously should never be modified, but additional functionalities can

be added using abstraction to support the desired output. The third principle, Liskov

Substitution Principle (LSP), explains that 'derived classes must be substitutable for their base class'. Consistency is the main focus in LSP. For this principle, a child class should have the same behaviour as the parent class, where the user can expect the same type of result from the same input given. To check, LSP is obeyed when the overridden method from the child class still has the behaviour from the same method of that parent class.

The fourth principle, *Interface Segregation Principle (ISP)*, stated that 'many client-specific interfaces are better than one general-purpose interface'. This means that a class that does not require a certain method should not be forced to have the method declared in its class just to eliminate error. To achieve this, multiple interfaces having a minimum method is preferable than only having less interfaces with many methods and having to implement them when not all are needed in a certain class. And finally, the fifth principle, *Dependency Inversion Principle (DIP)*, mentioned that 'high-level modules should not depend on low-level modules. Both should depend on abstraction' and 'abstractions should not depend on details. Details should depend on abstraction'. This can be achieved by putting an abstraction layer to limit the need of modifying the system. For example, low level modules reference an interface and that same interface will be inherited from the higher level modules instead of lower level modules references to the higher level modules.

Notes

Our group uses red, yellow, and green as the colour code as an indication to which classes are added and modified.

Green: Classes are already provided and no modifications are needed.

Yellow: Classes are available, but some modifications are needed such as adding methods to improve the program.

Red: Classes are not provided and were added in order to create a better program.

While creating the UML diagram, we also make sure that the engine is left untouched and all the classes added are simply used to modify the program to reach a higher level of efficiency instead of changing its functionality.

DESIGN RATIONALE

REQ 1: Trees

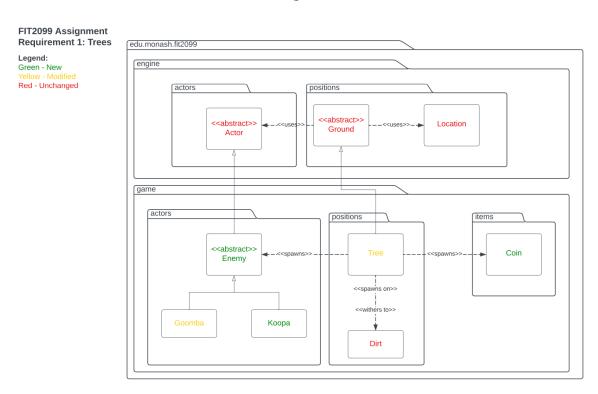


Diagram 1.1 Tree UML

In this UML diagram, it can be seen that *Tree* is an **extended** class of *Ground*. The *Tree* Class is modified in order to create different methods. Each method will be created depending on which stage a certain tree is on (Sprout, Sapling, or Mature). For example, a method **createSprout()** will be introduced in order to check how many turns are there and the dirt space that is still available to create sprout. A method **growSprout()** will be used to keep track of how many turns done since the sprout was there and change to sapling. There is also

a dependency between Tree and Dirt as it is said that a mature tree has a probability of turning to dirt. Hence, dependency will be used by creating a Dirt object every time a method of matureToDirt() is called.

A Tree Class also has a **dependency** on Coin Class. This is because there is a probability that a coin is dropped. A Coin object will be created (using boolean after checking on the probability) in this method and will be called on each turn.

The Tree Class also has a **dependency** with the Enemy abstract class. The purpose of doing this is because both enemies – Goomba and Koopa – have a dependency with Tree. By doing this, Dependency Inversion Principle (DIP) is achievable since an abstract class is used in order to prevent high-level modules, in this case the Tree, having dependency on low-level modules, which are Goomba and Koopa.

REQ 2: Jump Up

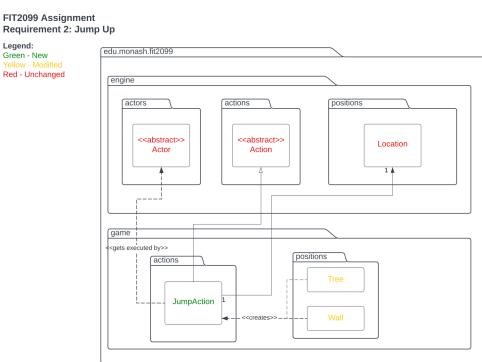


Diagram 1.2 Jump Up UML

In REQ2, the main focus will be the *JumpAction* class. *JumpAction* class will be a child class of *Action* class, since it inherits the behaviour of the parent class. JumpAction class is added in order to obey the *Single Responsibility Principle (SRP)*. Instead of adding methods in the available class, a new class is created specially to support this functionality. In this UML, it shows that there is a **dependency** between the *JumpAction* class and *Actor abstract* class. The main purpose of doing this is because one of the features mentioned something about the actor and its relation with jumping. Having a **dependency** is required since the program needs to know the personal information of the Actor object to be able to add fall damage for it.

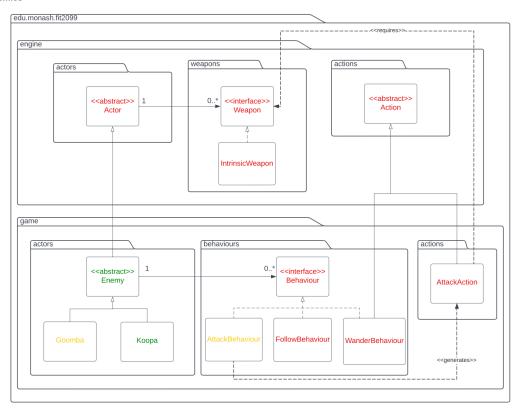
There is also an **association** between *JumpAction* class and *Location* class with a cardinality of 1:1. The reason why association exists between these two classes is because for any methods of JumpAction to be executed, a Location object should always exist as JumpAction can only be decided once it gets the location where the actor is going. The Location will be the deciding factor for JumpAction to know where it reaches (e.g. Tree or Wall) before other behaviour is being executed progressively.

JumpAction also has **dependency** with Wall Class and Tree Class. In this case, several methods will use the JumpAction object to calculate the success rate based on the wall and trees that are jumped from. This needs to be done since the fall damage of the player can only be calculated in JumpAction and the exact value can only be known based on which Wall or Tree.

REQ 3: Enemies

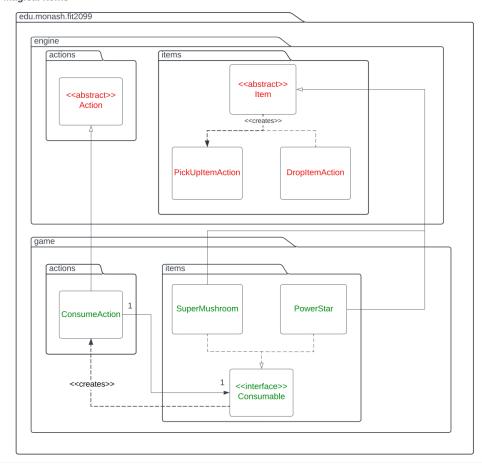
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Legend: Green - New Yellow - Modified Red - Unchanged



REQ 4: Magical Items





REQ 7: Reset Game

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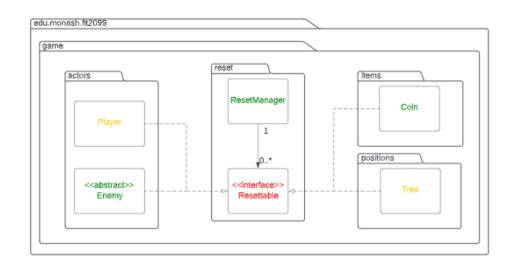


Diagram 1.7 Reset Game UML Class Diagram

REQ7 deals with allowing the player to 'reset' the game once. When the user chooses to reset, the following will happen:

- "Trees have a 50% chance to be converted back to Dirt", hence the Tree class implements the Resettable interface
- "All enemies are killed", hence the abstract Enemy class **implements** the Resettable interface. This allows all child classes of Enemy (for the current state of the game, this means Goomba and Koopa) to **inherit** the implementation of the Resettable interface. This is permitted as all enemies are destroyed, regardless of their specific enemy type
- "Reset player status" and "Heal player to maximum", hence the Player class implements the Resettable interface
- "Remove all coins on the ground (Super Mushrooms and Power Stars may stay).", hence the Coin class implements the Resettable interface. Since only coins are being removed, and not other types of items, only the coin class implements the Resettable interface.

The Resettable interface will consist of a method that is called when the user opts to reset the game. Each implementing class will override this method and carry out the above functionality.

In order to keep track of all of the Resettable objects, rather than iterating over each Item in each Location in each GameMap and calling a 'reset' method that is either empty or carries out a certain action (similar to how the tick methods are executed each turn in the game engine code), which is a rather over-complicated and will have many redundant empty methods, we instead opt to use a singleton class ResetManager, which will track every instantiated object that implements the Resettable interface, and when the user chooses to reset, the collection of Resettable objects in ResetManager will be iterated over, for each object, the reset method being called.

This implementation has the one disadvantage in that for every class that implements the Resettable interface, all constructors for that class must add the newly created object to the ResetManager. If the alternate implementation was used (the one inspired by the tick methods), the ResetManager would not be needed.