

Design Overview for Artillery 3

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Summary of Program

Artillery 3 is a 2D physics-based shooter where players take turns controlling vehicles on a map of varying elevation. Players will be able to move their artillery pieces across the map and fire in long arcs towards enemy players, with the explicit goal of destroying all other players. The game will be turn-based, with players selecting a weapon (if not multiple) and select an angle to fire at. The “force” behind each shot will be a rough estimate at best and the fired projectiles of varying properties and physical interactions will both damage players’ health, armour, and stats, along with the terrain itself. Figure 1 is illustrative of the initial-initial concept for Artillery (the original version!)

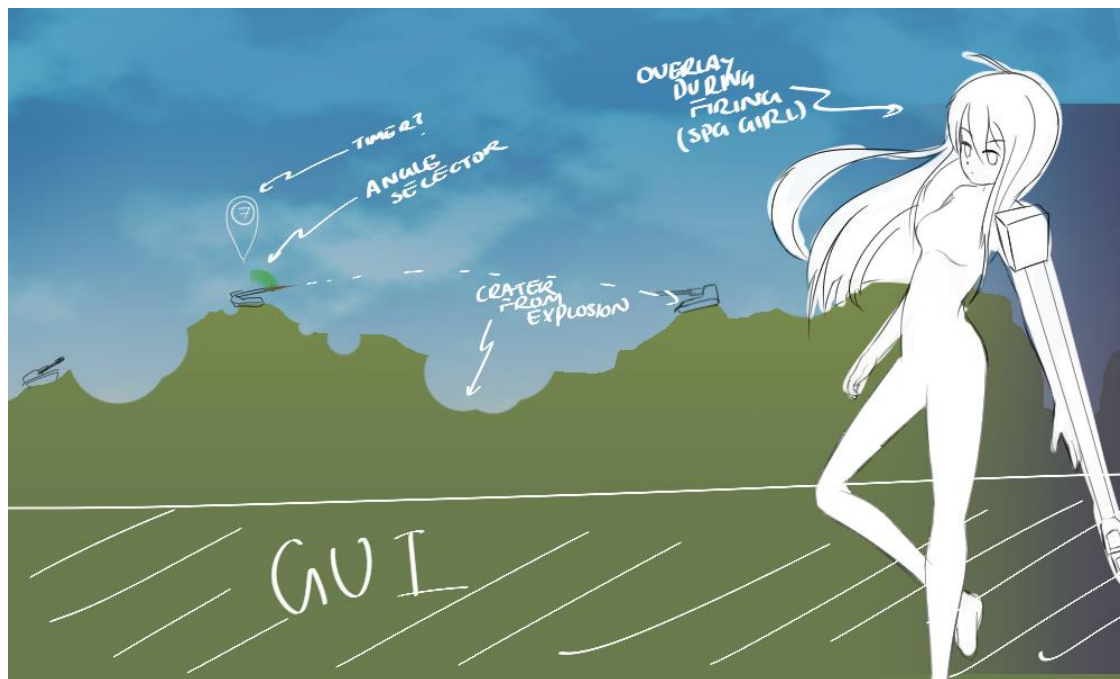


Figure 1 – Example Game Sketch

Required Roles

Describe each of the classes and interfaces you will create using the following table (one per record).

Table 1: <<role name>> details

Responsibility	Type Details	Notes
	Field type, parameter and return types	
Player	Class, health, character, position, selected weapon	
Weapon		
GameManager	Currently selected player, Camera, game state “the world”	Maybe a “world of artillery” class is better for describing the game manager
Physics	Physics simulation, physics components	Entities that can collide have physics. If they can move then their movement is described by the engine based on the entity’s PhysicsComponent data
Character	Animations, Character States, Bitmap, weapon, health, armour, shield, power-ups	The “vehicle” of A3
Terrain	Terrain, any buildings	Terrain factory to make the different terrains based on different algorithms
Camera	Tracking entity, position, speed, easing function	Camera object is used extensively in games, though I’m not sure about the specifics
Commands	Player to execute on, keyboard input (maybe controller input too)	Used for the command design pattern
Projectiles	Colour, bitmap, physics, animation, collision, damage, type of damage, armour penetration	Fired by weapons, needs a specific projectile, maybe has a manager, physics.
Tracers	Colour, position, fade time, fade function	Created by projectiles, pretty.
Effects	Animation function, effect, maybe special physics?	Columns of magic that rain down from the heavens!
Particles	Position, colour, fade, initial velocity, special movement (e.g. spin), transparency	Physics, like tracers but affected by gravity
Entities	Position, bitmap, updates, draws	A basic game object that can contain components. Describes players,

		characters, destructible things, projectiles, and similar things.
GameObjects	Not sure if this will be implemented	Base game object, both updatable and drawables inherit from here maybe.
EntityManager	Singleton List of entities, add, remove, manage entities. Updates them.	Manages entities. Contains list of entities, Entity add, entity remove, entity simulation.
UI Events	Not sure	Observer events vs. C# Events.
GUI/Interface	Not sure	See above. No idea right now.
Wind	Might be a component of the Physics Engine	Should be physical property of the world maybe, maybe even a part of the physics engine
Parallax Environment	Might be a component of the world	Multiple terrains together, or is there a "world" that has multiple terrains?
Shop	List of buy-ables Might be a part of the menu system	Game state that allows upgrades. Like menu
Inventory	Might be implemented later.	Maybe for special ammunition purchased from shop
Destructible	Health, bitmap, position, physics (for collision)	
Music/Sound	Sound files, singleton.	

Table 2: <<enumeration name>> details

Value	Notes
GameState	MenuState, LoadingState, CombatState, ShopState
PlayerState	Idle, EndTurn