Designing Objects with Responsibilities

Several design principles to guide OO design decisions.

A Project Manager Presentation

Why You Should Listen

- ♦ Post-Mortem GRASP Analysis of Project

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Challenge

- ♦ Old-school advice on OOD
 - "After identifying your requirements and creating a domain model, then add methods to the appropriate classes, and define the messages between the objects to fulfill the requirements."
- ♦ New-school advice: there are consequences to:
 - where we place methods
 - they way objects interact in our design
 - specific principles can help us make these decisions

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Recall: The big picture

- Object design is part of the larger modeling effort
- ♦ Some inputs to modeling:
 - What's been done?
 - How do things relate?
 - How much design modeling to do, and how?
 - What is the output?
 - Domain models, SDDs (Software Design Description)
- ♦ Some outputs from modeling:
 - object design (UML diagrams interaction, class, package)
 - UI sketches and prototypes
 - database models
 - sketches of reports and prototypes

Design of objects

- - What are an object's responsibilities?
 - What are an object's roles?
 - What are an object's collaborations?
- ♦ The term is important
 - We are initially trained to think of objects in terms of data structures and algorithms (attributes and operations)
 - RDD shifts this by treating objects as having roles and responsibilities
- ♦ Objects then become
 - service providers
 - information holders
 - coordinators, controllers
 - interfaces, etc.

What is an object responsibility?

♦ Doing

- doing something itself (creating an object; performing a calculation)
- initiating action in other objects
- controlling and coordinating activities in other objects

- knowing about private encapsulated data
- knowing about related objects
- knowing about things it can derive or calculate

♦ Responsibilities vary in "granularity"

- big (hundreds of classes); example: "provide access to relational databases"
- small (one method); example: "create an instance of Sale"

What is an object collaboration?

♦ Assumption:

- responsibilities are implemented by means of methods
- the larger the granularity of responsibility, the larger the number of methods
- this may entail an object interacting with itself or with other objects

♦ Therefore:

 fulfilling responsibilities requires collaborations amongst different methods and objects

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What is an object collaboration?

- - RDD is a metaphor
 - "Objects" are modeled as similar to persons / systems with responsibilities
 - "Community of collaborating responsible objects"

"Notice that although this design class diagram is not the same as the domain model, some class names and content are similar. In this way, OO designs and languages can support a lower representational gap between the software components and our mental models of a domain. That improves comprehension."

 Applying UML and Patterns: An Introduction to Object-Oriented Analysis and Design and Iterative Development, Craig Larman (2004) (pg 11)

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A couple of parenthetical comments

- - This is idealized (i.e., in the real world this is not necessarily true in boundary cases)
 - However, it is suitable enough for object design
- ♦ Suitable for "programming-in-the-large"
 - As opposed to "programming-in-the-small"
 - This is a qualitative difference:
 - mass of details
 - amount of communication
 - this become overwhelming
- ♦ "Practical" as opposed to "theoretical"

GRASP

- Craig Larman's methodical approach to OO design
- - General
 - Responsibility
 - Assignment
 - Software
 - Patterns

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GRASP

- ♦ In essence:
 - a tool to help apply responsibilities to OOD design
 - designed (and meant to be used as) methodical, rational, explainable techniques
- ♦ They are "patterns of assigning responsibilities"
 - Note: the use of "pattern" here is slightly different from some that intended by the GoF book
- Recognizes that "responsibility assignment" is something we already do:
 - UML interaction diagrams are about assigning responsibilities

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A bit more about "pattern" terminology

♦ "Patterns" as applied to architecture:

- invented by Christopher Alexander
- context that of a "pattern language" for designing spaces used by humans

♦ Classic design patterns for software

 invented by the Gang of Four (GoF) (Gamma, Johnson, Helm, Vlissides)

♦ "Patterns" is now a rather "loose" term

- Conferences exist to look at patterns
- "Pattern Language of Programs" http://hillside.net/plop/2007/
- Larman has a special meaning for his GRASP patterns

What is a GRASP pattern?

- ♦ A named and well-known problem/solution pair
- ♦ General enough to be applied to new contexts
- ♦ Specific enough to give advice on how to apply it
- ♦ Especially important for novel situations
- ♦ Also comes with a discussion of:
 - trade-offs
 - Implementations
 - variations

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Specifically GRASP

- ♦ Defines nine basic OO principles
 - basic building blocks for OO designs
- ♦ Meant to be "pragmatic"
- ♦ Meant to be a "learning aid":
 - aids naming the group of ideas
 - aids in presenting insight of ideas
 - aids in remembering basic, classic design ideas
- ♦ Also intended for combination with:
 - a development process (UP)
 - an organizational metaphor (RDD)
 - a visual modeling notation (UML)

The Nine GRASP Patterns

- 1. Creator
- 2. Information Expert
- Low Coupling
- 4. Controller
- High Cohesion

- 6. Polymorphism
- 7. Pure Fabrication
- 8. Indirection
- 9. Protected Variations

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Jargon alert: terms and definitions

- cohesion: a measure of how well the operations in a module work together to provide a specific piece of functionality
- reusability: likelihood a segment of structured code can be used again to add new functionality with slight or no modification

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connected sequence of program statements, bounded together under a name

- ♦ Examples:
 - Functions
 - Objects

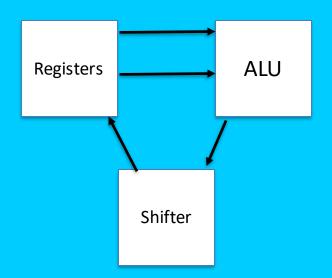
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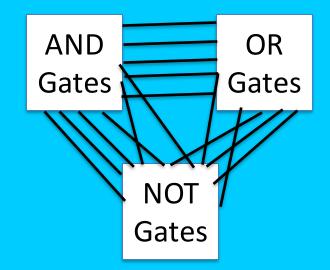
♦ Why?

- Make code more readable
- Make code more reusable

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♦ Modularity is not inherently good





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- ♦ High cohesion within modules

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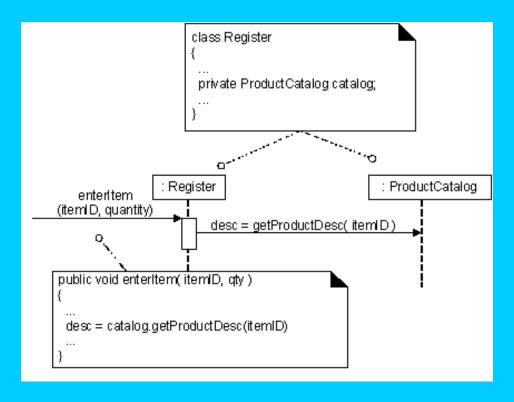
- ♦ Deliberate and informed
- ♦ Refactor with a reason

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Visibility

♦ Definition:

Ability of one object to "see" or to "have reference" to another



Kinds of Visibility

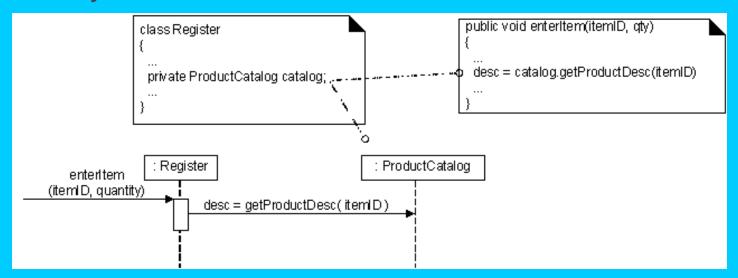
♦ Four kinds:

- Attribute visibility
- Parameter visibility
- Local visibility
- Global visibility

1. Attribute Visibility

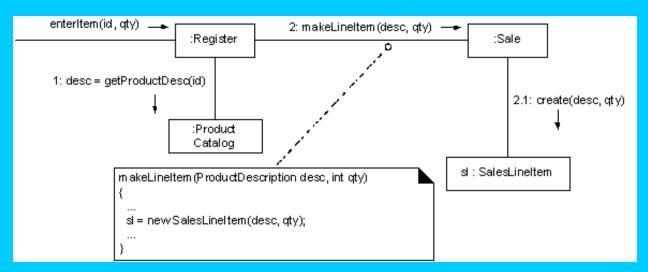
- ♦ Relatively permanent form
 - It exists if objects A and B exist
 - Declare a member variable (attribute) in the class

♦ Probably the most common form



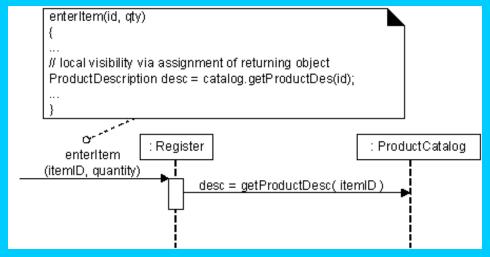
2. Parameter Visibility

- Exists when B is passed as a parameter to method of A
- Compared to Attribute visibility, this is relatively temporary
 - That is, persists only within scope of called method
- ♦ Can transform Parameter visibility to Attribute visibility



3. Local Visibility

- Exists when B is declared as a local object within a method of A
- ♦ Two ways to do this:
 - Creating a new local instance and assigning it to a local variable
 - Assigning the returning object from a method invocation to a local variable



4. Global Visibility

- Has relatively permanent visibility, but also the least common
- ♦ Two ways to do this are by:
 - Ordinary global variables
 - Singleton Pattern

1. GRASP Creator

♦ Problem

Who should be responsible for creating a new instance of some class?

♦ Solution

- Assign class B the responsibility to create an instance of class A if
 - B "contains" or compositely aggregates A
 - B records A
 - B closely uses A
 - B has initializing data for A (i.e., B is an Expert with respect to creating A)

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1. GRASP Creator

♦ Benefits

- low coupling
- increased clarity
- increased encapsulation
- increased reusability

♦ Examples

- Factory Method and Abstract Factory
- Level Manager (creating objects)

2. GRASP Information Expert

♦ Problem

- What is a general principle of assigning responsibilities to objects?
- Recall: design model may end up very large (hundreds of classes and methods)
- If assignment of responsibilities is well chosen, result is system more easily understood than one with poorly chosen responsibility assignment.

♦ Solution

- Assign a responsibility to the information expert
- This expert is the class that has the information needed to fulfill the responsibility

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Key idea:

("Clear Statement" Rule): Start assigning responsibilities by clearly stating the responsibility.

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2. GRASP Information Expert

♦ Benefits

- Responsibility is placed on the class with the most information required to fulfill it
- Low coupling
- High cohesion

♦ Examples

Level manager (highest level)

3. GRASP Low Coupling

♦ Problem

- How can our design support
 - low dependency?
 - low change impact?
 - increased reuse?

♦ Solution

- Assign a responsibility so that coupling remains low.
- Use this principle to evaluate alternative assignment of responsibilities.

Types of Coupling

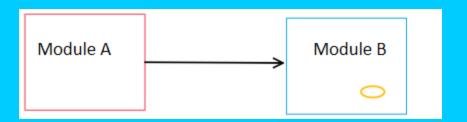
- ♦ 5 Levels
 - Content Coupling (Worst)
 - Common Coupling
 - Control Coupling
 - Stamp Coupling
 - Data Coupling (Best)

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Content Coupling

♦ One module directly references contents of the other

Content Coupling Examples



Module A directly modifies Module B's Data

- Why is it bad?
 - Any changes to module B will require changes to module A first

How to avoid Content Coupling?

- 1. Encapsulating data
- Information hiding (Declaring them as private) and provide access using get and set methods

Common Coupling

♦ Two module have written access to the same global data

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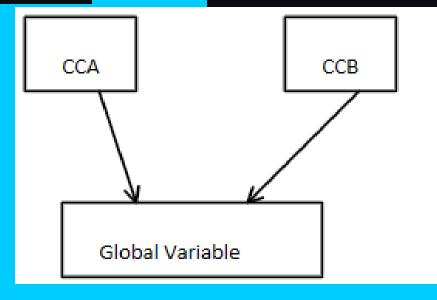
Common Coupling Examples

Enemy Module

```
public void takeDamage(int dmg)
{
    if(dmg > health)
    {
        health = 0;
        return;
    }
    health -= dmg;
}
```

NPC Module

```
public void receiveAttack(AttackCommand attack)
{
    health -= attack.damage;
    if (health < 0)
    {
        health = 0;
    }
}</pre>
```



Common Coupling

♦ Why is it bad?

- Difficult to reuse
- Difficult to determine all the modules that affect a data element
- Module is exposed to more data than necessary

♦ Solution

If there is a change in the declared variables in the singleton, only the singleton is affected.

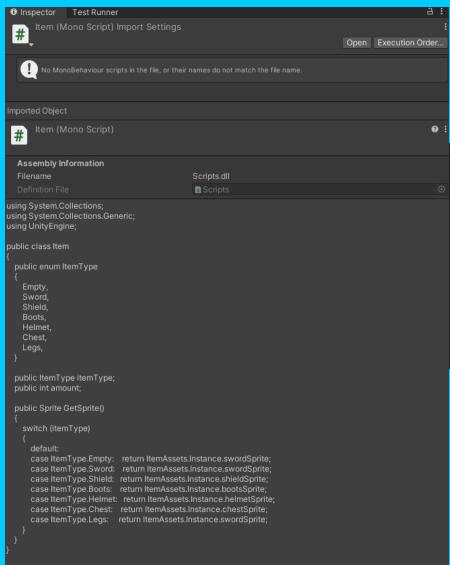
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Control Coupling

♦ One module passes an element of control to the other

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Control Coupling Examples



```
bool moduleA(int x){
    if (x == 0)
        return false
    else
        return true
}

void moduleB(){
    //call moduleA by passing a value which controls its flow moduleA(1)
}
```

Control Coupling

- ♦ Why is it bad?
 - Module B must know the internal structure of Module A
 - Will affect reusability

♦ Solution:

Variable made nonpublic

Stamp Coupling

♦ Data structure is passed as parameter, but called module operates on only some of individual components

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Stamp Coupling Examples

```
int health_scalar;
//multiplier for health amount
int health_multiplier;
//
int damage_scalar;
//multiplier for damage amount
int damage_multiplier;
//length of effect time
float effectTime;
```

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Stamp Coupling

♦ Why is it bad?

- Passes more data than necessary
- Affects understanding

♦ Solution

Only send the information that is needed

Data Coupling (Best)

Every argument is either a simple argument or a data structure in which all elements are used by the called module

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Data Coupling Examples

```
int i;
int example(int i)
{
    i = i + 10;
    return i;
}
int example2(int i, int j)
{
    j = j + i;
    return j;
}
int main()
{
    int j = 50;
    int k = 10;
    j = j + k;
    example(i);
    example2(j,i);
    return 0;
}
```

```
public AttackCommand(NPC issuer, NPC target, int power)
{
    sender = issuer;
    receiver = target;
    damage = power;
}
```

Data Coupling

- ♦ Why is it good?
 - Maintenance is easier
 - Loosest form of coupling

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4. GRASP Controller

♦ Problem

What first object beyond the UI layer receives and coordinates ("controls") a system operation?

♦ Solution

- Assign responsibility to a class based on one of the following
 - Class is "root object" for overall system (or major subsystem)
 - A new class based on use case name

4. GRASP Controller

♦ Benefits

- Acts as a delegator, allowing specificity
- Keeps operation logic away from the GUI
- Easy to change hardware inputs

♦ Examples

- A single controller classes for all events (facade)
- Controller performs many of the events itself rather than delegate work
- Controller maintains a lot of state information about the system (e.g., variables and attributes)

5. GRASP High Cohesion

♦ Problem:

- How can we keep objects in our design
 - focused?
 - understandable?
 - manageable?

♦ Solution:

- Assign a responsibility so that cohesion remains high.
- As with low coupling, use this evaluate alternatives to placing responsibilities in objects

Cohesion

♦ 7 Levels

- Coincidental
- Logical
- Temporal
- Procedural
- Communicational
- Functional
- Informational

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Coincidental Cohesion (Worst)

♦ Modules performs multiple, unrelated actions

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Coincidental Cohesion (Worst)

SoundEffects	add volume tests
🗅 .gitkeep	setup up file structure with empty folders
⚠ AudioPlayer.cs	make volume a property and make audio source private
⚠ AudioPlayer.cs.meta	create audio player for mvp
	add volume tests
☐ AudioStress.cs.meta	add volume tests
CameraFollow.cs	make a basic player camera
CameraFollow.cs.meta	make a basic player camera
C EW_Feature.txt	add feature readme
EW_Feature.txt.meta	Desktop Install
🖰 EricSrc.asmdef	make a basic player camera
🖰 EricSrc.asmdef.meta	Updated player and added assemblies
SoundEffects.meta	Alpine-Chronicles

Coincidental Cohesion (Worst)

- ♦ Degrades maintainability
- ♦ Harms reusability

- ♦ Fix
 - Break into separate modules

Logical Cohesion

Module can perform a series of related actions that are chosen by the calling module

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Logical Cohesion

```
void logicalCohesion(int var, type v1, type v2, type v3)
 4
       switch var
           case 0:
             //Some code
 9
              break;
10
           case 1:
11
             //Some code
12
              break;
13
          case 4:
14
             //Some code
15
              break;
16
           case 27:
17
              //Some code
18
              break;
19
           /*
2.0
           * More cases
21
           */
22
           default:
23
              //Some code
24
25
```

Logical Cohesion

- ♦ Interface can be difficult to understand
- ♦ Code for more than one action may be intertwined
- ♦ Difficult to reuse

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Temporal Cohesion

♦ Module performs series of actions related in time

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Temporal Cohesion

```
void temporalCohesion(int d1,int d2)
       //Create a database
       Database newDatabase = new Database(d1);
       //Create a list
       List exampleList = new List();
10
       //Create a new weather table
12
       Weather exampleWeather = new Weather(d2);
13
```

Temporal Cohesion

- ♦ Actions weakly related to one another
- ♦ Code can become spread out
 - Degrades maintainability and reusability

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Procedural Cohesion

Module performs series of actions related by procedures to be followed by the product

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Procedural Cohesion

```
5
     public class FogDoor : Door
 6
 7
        public GameObject fog;
 8
 9
        override public void open()
        {
10
11
          //Remove associated fog
           Debug.Log("Remove Fog");
12
13
           fog.SetActive(false);
14
           //Open the Door
15
           this.gameObject.SetActive(false);
16
17
```

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Procedural Cohesion

- ♦ Actions are weakly related
- ♦ Not reusable

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Communicational Cohesion

Module performs series of actions related by procedure to be followed by the product, but in addition all the actions operate on the same data

Communicational Cohesion

```
void OnTriggerStay2D(Collider2D other)
16
17
           triggered=1;
18
           Vector2 position = new Vector2(0f,0f);
19
           PlayerClass player = PlayerClass.Instance;
20
           if(other.name != "Player")
21
22
23
              return;
24
25
26
           //Move Player to the start of the level
           if(scene == 1)
27
28
              position.x = -9f;
29
              position.y = 3.75f;
30
              player.setPlayerPos(position);
31
32
33
          else if(scene == 2)
34
35
              position.x = 9.125f;
36
            position.y = -32.5f;
            player.setPlayerPos(position);
37
38
39
           //Damage the player
           player.updateHealth(damage);
40
41
```

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Communicational Cohesion

♦ Harms reusability

Informational Cohesion (Best)

Module performs a number of actions, each with its own entry point, with independent code for each actions, all performed on the same data structure

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Informational Cohesion (Best)

```
public class PlayerClass : MonoBehaviour
 7
8
         public static PlayerClass Instance { get; private set; }
9
         [SerializeField] float moveSpeed;
10
11
         protected int health;
12
        bool BCMode;
13
        Rigidbody2D rgdb;
14
        Vector2 newPos;
15
        bool interacting;
16
        bool frozen;
17
        bool gameOver;
18
         PlayerInventory inventory;
19
         bool compSet;
20
         int updateNum;
21
22
         private void Awake()
23
24
            // Ensure that only one instance of the player can exist
25
            if (Instance != null && Instance != this)
26
27
                 Destroy(this.gameObject);
            }
28
29
            else
30
31
                 // Create player and Keep player between scenes
32
                 Instance = this;
33
                 DontDestroyOnLoad(this);
34
35
```

Informational Cohesion (Best)

```
// Start is called before the first frame update
38
         void Start()
39
40
             // Initialize player
41
             this.health = 100;
42
             this.updateNum = 0;
43
             this.BCMode = false;
             this.gameOver = false;
44
45
             this.frozen = false;
46
             this.interacting = false;
             this.compSet = false;
47
48
             setComponents();
49
50
51
         public void setComponents()
52
53
             if (!compSet)
54
                 this.rgdb = this.GetComponent<Rigidbody2D>();
                 this.inventory = this.GetComponent<PlayerInventory>();
57
                 compSet = true;
58
59
```

```
67
          void OnValidate()
68
69
             if (moveSpeed > 15)
70
71
                 moveSpeed = 15;
72
             else if (moveSpeed < 5)
                 moveSpeed = 5;
76
77
78
79
         private void FixedUpdate()
             // If the player is not currently interacting with something
82
             if(!this.frozen)
83
84
                 // Get the players current position
85
                 this.newPos = new Vector2(this.transform.position.x, this.transform.position.y);
                 // If user is moving left or right, adjust the x position of the player
                 if (Input.GetAxisRaw("Horizontal") != 0)
                     this.newPos.x += (this.moveSpeed * Input.GetAxisRaw("Horizontal") * Time.deltaTime);
91
92
93
                 // If user is moving up or down, adjust the y position of the player
                 if (Input.GetAxisRaw("Vertical") != 0)
                     this.newPos.y += (this.moveSpeed * Input.GetAxisRaw("Vertical") * Time.deltaTime);
97
98
99
                 // Apply any position adjustments made to the player
100
                 this.rgdb.MovePosition(newPos);
101
```

Informational Cohesion

```
104
          private void OnTriggerEnter2D(Collider2D other)
105
106
              // Check if user is interacting with something interactable or an item
             if (other.gameObject.tag == "interactable")
107
108
109
                 this.interacting = false;
110
                 return;
111
112
             else if (other.gameObject.tag != "item")
113
114
                 return;
115
116
117
             pickupItem(other.gameObject.GetComponent<ItemClass>());
118
119
120
         private void OnTriggerStay2D(Collider2D other)
122
123
             if (other.gameObject.tag != "interactable")
124
125
                 return;
126
127
128
             // Interact with the object if the user it touchinig it an presses E
129
             if (Input.GetKey(KeyCode.E) && !this.interacting)
130
             {
131
                 // Create a temp object to utilize the Interactable interface, then interact with it
132
                 IInteractable interactedObj = other.gameObject.GetComponent<IInteractable>();
133
                 this.interacting = true;
134
                  interactedObj.interact();
135
136
```

```
138
          private void OnTriggerExit2D(Collider2D other)
139
140
              // Reset the player interaction
141
              this.interacting = false;
142
              this.updateNum = 0;
143
144
145
          private void pickupItem(ItemClass item)
146
147
              addInvItem(item);
148
              Debug.Log("Player has picked up a " + item.name + " item.");
149
150
151
          public bool isInteracting()
152
153
              // Show whether use is interacting with something
154
              return this.interacting;
155
156
157
          public void isInteracting(bool isInteracting)
158
159
              // Freeze the player and update interacting variables
              this.interacting = isInteracting;
160
161
              this.frozen = isInteracting;
162
```

Informational Cohesion

```
164
          public void updateHealth(int change)
165
          {
166
             if (++this.updateNum > 1)
167
168
                  return;
169
170
             // Check if BC mode is active
171
             if (BCMode)
172
173
                  // Create a temporary long variable to hold the health's value (to prevent underflow)
174
                  long rangeExp = (long)this.health + (long)change;
                  // If user's health will be over 100, set it to the max of 100
175
176
                  if ((rangeExp) > 100)
177
178
                      this.health = 100;
179
180
                  // If the new health is a lower value than the variable can hold, set it to the min value
                  else if (rangeExp < Int32.MinValue)</pre>
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183
                      this.health = Int32.MinValue;
184
                  // If the health is within range, then adjust as normal
186
                  else
187
188
                      this.health += change;
189
190
                  // Finish updating health
                  Debug.Log("Player health is now " + this.health);
191
192
                  return;
193
194
             // If user's health will be over 100, set it to the max of 100
195
196
             if ((health + change) > 100)
197
198
                  health = 100;
199
```

```
195
              // If user's health will be over 100, set it to the max of 100
196
              if ((health + change) > 100)
197
198
                  health = 100;
199
200
              // If user's health will be less than 0, set it to 0 and trigger game over
              else if ((this.health + change) <= 0)
201
202
203
                  this.health = 0;
204
                  this.gameOverAct();
205
206
              // Adjust health as normal
              else
207
208
209
                  this.health += change;
210
211
              Debug.Log("Player health is now " + this.health);
212
213
214
          public int getHealth()
215
216
              return health;
217
218
219
          public void setSpd(float newSpd)
220
221
              moveSpeed = newSpd;
223
224
          public float getSpd()
225
226
              return moveSpeed;
227
228
```

Informational Cohesion

```
234
          public bool startBCMode(string password)
235
236
              // Check whether password is correct
237
              if (password.Equals("GoBig", StringComparison.Ordinal))
238
                  // If correct passowrd, activate BC mode
239
240
                  this.BCMode = true;
241
242
              return this.BCMode;
243
244
245
          public void setPlayerPos(Vector2 pos)
246
247
              // Set the player's position
248
              this.transform.position = new Vector3(pos.x, pos.y, 0);
249
250
251
252
          public bool addInvItem(ItemClass addedItem)
253
              return this.inventory.addItem(addedItem);
254
255
256
```

```
256
257
          public bool removeInvItem(int invIndex)
258
259
              return this.inventory.removeItem(invIndex);
260
261
262
          public int getNumInvItems()
263
264
              return this.inventory.getNumItems();
265
266
267
          public int getMaxItems()
268
269
              return this.inventory.getMaxItems();
270
271
272
          public ItemClass getInvItem(int index)
273
274
              return inventory.getItem(index);
          }
275
276
277
          public void switchInvItems(int InvitemOne, int InvitemTwo)
278
279
              inventory.switchItems(InvitemOne, InvitemTwo);
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```

Informational Cohesion (Best)

♦ Data structure access and modification all in one place

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Functional Cohesion

♦ Module performs exactly one action

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Functional Cohesion

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Functional Cohesion (Best)

- ♦ Reusable
- - Fault isolation

6. GRASP Polymorphism

♦ Problem

- How to handle alternatives based on type?
- How to create pluggable software components?

♦ Solution

When related objects vary by type, assign responsibility for the behavior to the types for which the behavior varies.

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6. GRASP Polymorphism

♦ Benefits

- Higher utility of functions
- Easier understanding

♦ Examples

- Override/Virtual Functions
- Function Overloading
- Variable Coercion

7. GRASP Pure Fabrication

♦ Problem

How to achieve low coupling, high cohesion easily in a system when other concepts fail?

♦ Solution

- Create a class that does not represent a specific problem to achieve low coupling, high cohesion and future reuse.
 - Sometimes called a service class

7. GRASP Pure Fabrication

♦ Benefits

- Enables low coupling/high cohesion when information expert fails
- Reusability

♦ Examples

Mediator pattern

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8. GRASP Indirection

♦ Problem

- Where do we assign responsibility to avoid direct coupling between two or more modules?
- How to de-couple objects so that low coupling is supported?

♦ Solution

- Create an object to mediate between two or more objects to avoid direct coupling.
 - Instead of direct connection, two modules share a mediating module
 - Helps maintain reusability via low coupling

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8. GRASP Indirection

♦ Benefits

- Reusability (via low coupling)
- Flexibility
- Security

♦ Examples

- Messenger Module
- Password Checker

9. GRASP Protected Versions

♦ Problem

How to design objects and subsystems so that their failure or instability does not influence the rest of the system?

♦ Solution

- Identify points of instability and assign responsibilities to create a stable interface around them.
 - Test plans!

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9. GRASP Protected Versions

♦ Benefits

- Hide the instability from the rest of the system
- Avoid cascading errors
- Avoid unwanted outputs

♦ Examples

- A state machine pattern with an error state
- Default case statement

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- High Cohesion and Low Coupling are the underlying theme of all patterns.
 - The Creator pattern supports low coupling by choosing a creator that already needs to be connected to created object.
 - Information Expert assigns responsibilities to the objects that have the information needed to complete the task.
 - Cohesion is maintained by delegating.
 - Sometimes patterns will give conflicting answers.
 - This is not an exact science but be able to justify your choices.

- ♦ No coupling is also undesirable
 - A central metaphor of object technology is a system of connected objects that communicate via messages.
 - Low Coupling is taken to excess leads to a few incohesive, bloated, and complex active objects that do all the work, with many very passive zero-coupled objects that act as simple data repositories.

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- ♦ Libraries are Highly Coupled. This is permitted because:
 - these are stable
 - they are widespread/proven
- ♦ A subclass is Highly coupled to its superclass.
 - Have a good reason for sub classing between modules/team members.
 - If you have a superclass for another team member, ensure that it takes on the properties of a library.
 - Well documented
 - Infrequent changes
 - You will be held to a higher standard!

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- Have a single controller that accepts messages (or break it into several based-on message type if it becomes too bloated.)
- ♦ Your GUI is NOT your controller.
 - Do not tie your business logic with your user interface because this limits future changes.

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