Home Exam - PointSalad game

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Part A

I - Unit testing

With the given implementation of the game, every requirement that could be manually tested is correctly implemented.
However, three of them can not be tested without modifying the code. It is the case for requirements 4, 5 and 11.

Requirement 4 cannot be tested as we cannot see the number of remaining cards in each pile, and they are refilled before showing us that they ran out of cards.
Requirement 5 cannot be tested as we have no data printing nor control before the market has been set up.
Requirement 11 cannot be tested as we do not know how many cards there are in each pile. We therefore cannot know from which pile an empty pile is being refilled. In fact, we do not even know when a pile is being refilled.

To create a test on the market setup to verify the number of cards in the three different piles, we need to instantiate a PointSalad object to be able to reach its setPiles method and then test its piles attribute. However, instantiating a PointSalad object automatically launches the game and waits for user inputs.
Therefore, we cannot even test it. We could only launch our test once the game is over, but the piles will then be empty.

Similarly, it is the reason why we cannot either test where the initial vegetable cards of the market come from nor where the refilling vegetable cards come from.

2 - Software Architecture Design and Refactoring

Please find the diagrams in the appendix at the end of this report. You can also find them in the PointSalad/umldoc/ folder to be able to zoom in with better quality.

Addressing the quality attributes of requirement 16
With this design, I am addressing the three required quality attributes of requirement 16.

Indeed, when it comes to **Modifiability**, the code and behavior of the game will be easy to modify thanks to the use of the JSON file to change cards, and the Config file to modify basic parameters of the game.
In order to get deeper modifiability of the code itself, the use of many interfaces and abstract classes will allow the code to be easily modifiable. We will be able to code a new class implementing the correct interface, or extending the correct abstract class, and then substitute the default one with this new class to reach the desired updated behavior.
For instance, if we want to modify the way the Network is handled, we will be able to code a new server class and client connection class. Both of them will implement the appropriate IServer and IClientConnection, and they will then be used in the PointSaladHost and PointSaladClient classes instead of the default classes.
We will also be able to create subclasses of the generic classes, such as State, if we need to make it more detailed. Though the original State class is generic enough to be highly adaptable to many new situations.

These remarks can be extended to **Extensibility** as we will be able to add new functionalities or behaviors for another game in a similar way. We will be able to add new classes that implement the base interfaces and abstract classes to create a whole new game, adding new criteria, new cards, new game phases, and so on.
Moreover, we won't have to code everything from scratch as some classes are already generic. For instance, we will keep the already coded StateManager and Pile classes. Same for the players, but with the need to implement a new BotLogic for this new game. We would still have to create new factories or update the existing ones to make them compatible with the game's new cards and criteria.

Finally, about **Testability**, this implementation of the game is provided with a generic StateManager that allows state injection in order to easily test a specific phase of the game, or create a dummy game state to launch the game from in order to track specific bugs more easily.
Additionally, the use of a State Pattern with phases will allow us to test phases on their own, without having to create a server and clients to be able to test the game.

Now that the code is implemented, this is what I used in the RequirementsTest class to test requirement 12. I was able to create a dummy drafting phase and check if the next phase was the flipping phase for the same player. Then I could check if the next phase after a flipping phase was a drafting phase for the next player if the market is not empty, or a scoring phase else.

Design patterns in this design

This design uses several Design patterns in order to address the quality attributes mentioned above.

It uses two **Factory** patterns (on cards and criteria) to allow the easy loading of these objects from a file. In the end, they address Modifiability.

It also uses two **Singleton** classes (Config and TerminalInput) to ensure the corresponding classes are always accessible and instantiated only once. This allows for higher cohesion in classes since they do not have to manage this part anymore. However, it also leads to higher coupling as these two classes are used in these classes.

In the end, this makes the Config file usable, which leads to higher Modifiability. It also ensures to avoid some bugs, such as the terminal-scanner related ones with a single scanner taking inputs from the terminal, and increases Testability as we would only have to test TerminalInput to ensure that every user input from the terminal is correctly handled.

This design relies on a **State pattern** as mentioned above in order to address **Testability** as well as Extensibility. This is due to the lower coupling permitted by this pattern, with phases that can be tested individually and that possess the whole logic to process themselves from the current state of the game, as well as to get the next phase. It allows for higher cohesion in the game processing logic.

This design also relies on many **Strategy patterns**, such as the game selection in the Main class. Though it will be revealed later on, when extensions will be added. This helps to achieve Extensibility in this case, as we can easily choose which game will be executed.

Additionally, the way criteria are implemented is also based on a **Strategy pattern**, where each criterion (strategy) possesses the logic to compute the score of a given hand. This pattern decreases the coupling among the scoring logic and allows for more primitive methods. Therefore, it also improves Testability, as it is shown in the many testing classes I have implemented to test each criterion’s logic.

This can also be extended to many other objects in the code, such as Network objects as we can modify the default Network behavior by switching the “default” Server and ClientConnection classes to new ones that would implement the correct interfaces. Therefore, this pattern also addresses Modifiability in some cases.

Appendix

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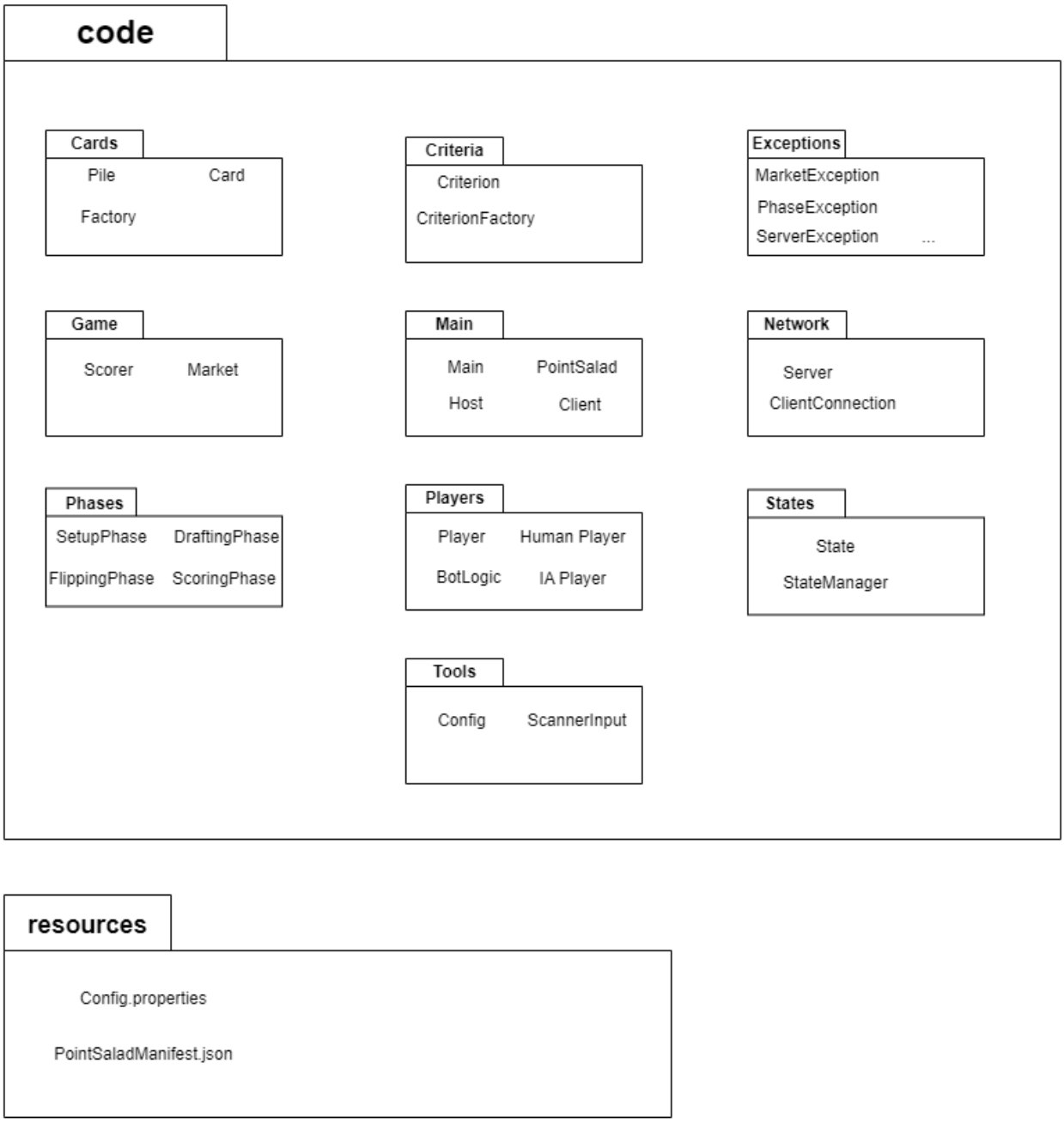

Fig 1: packages architecture

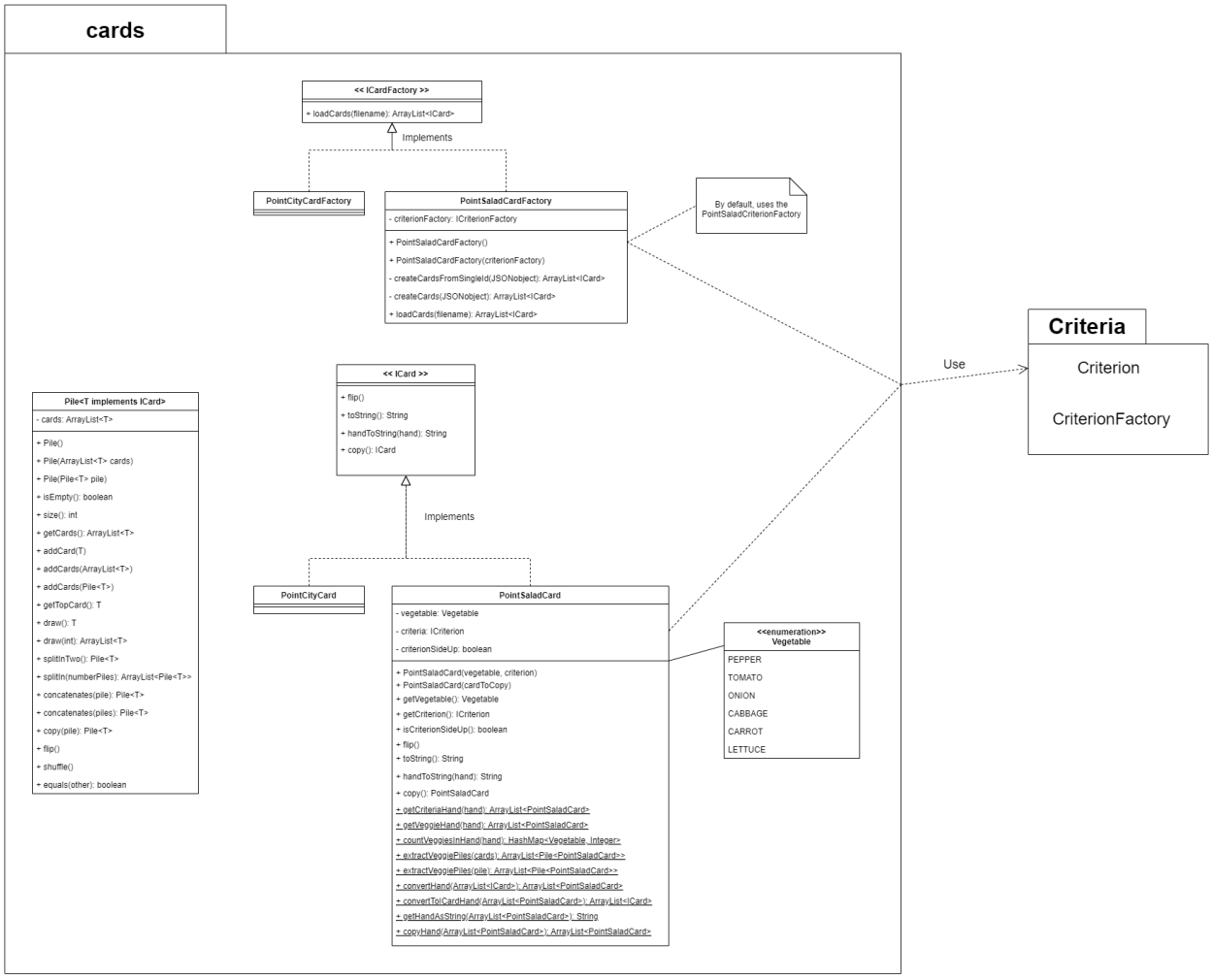

Fig 2: Cards Class diagram

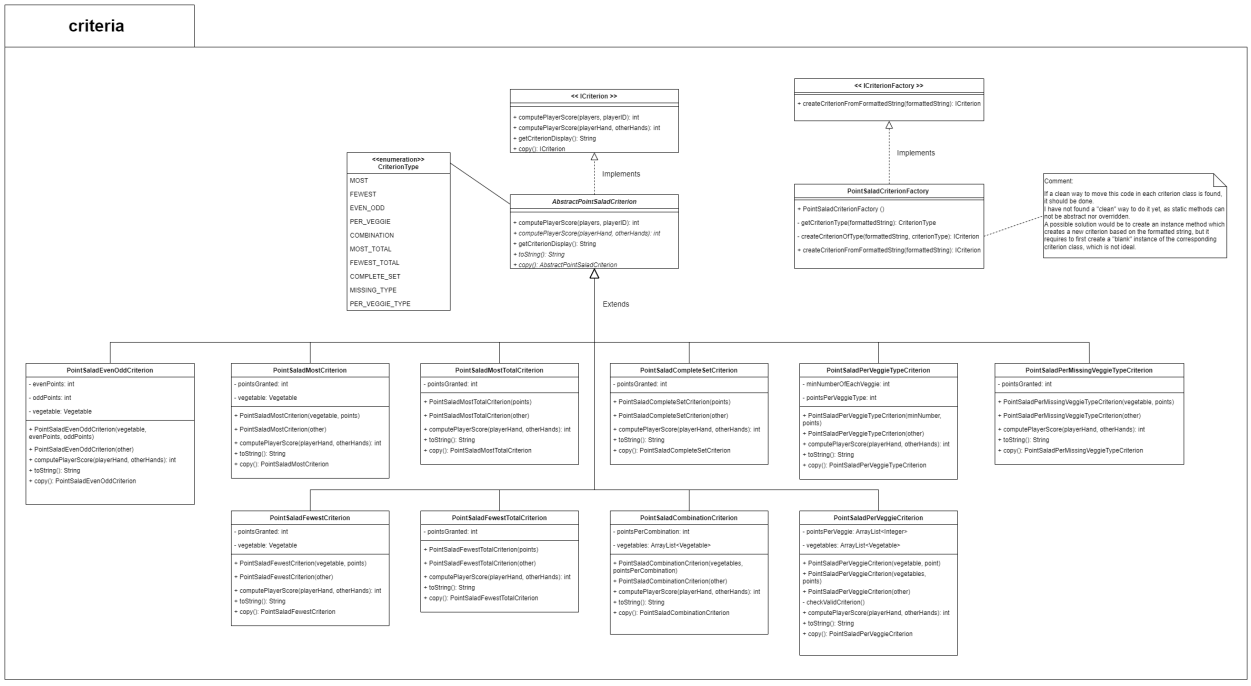

Fig 3: Criteria class diagram

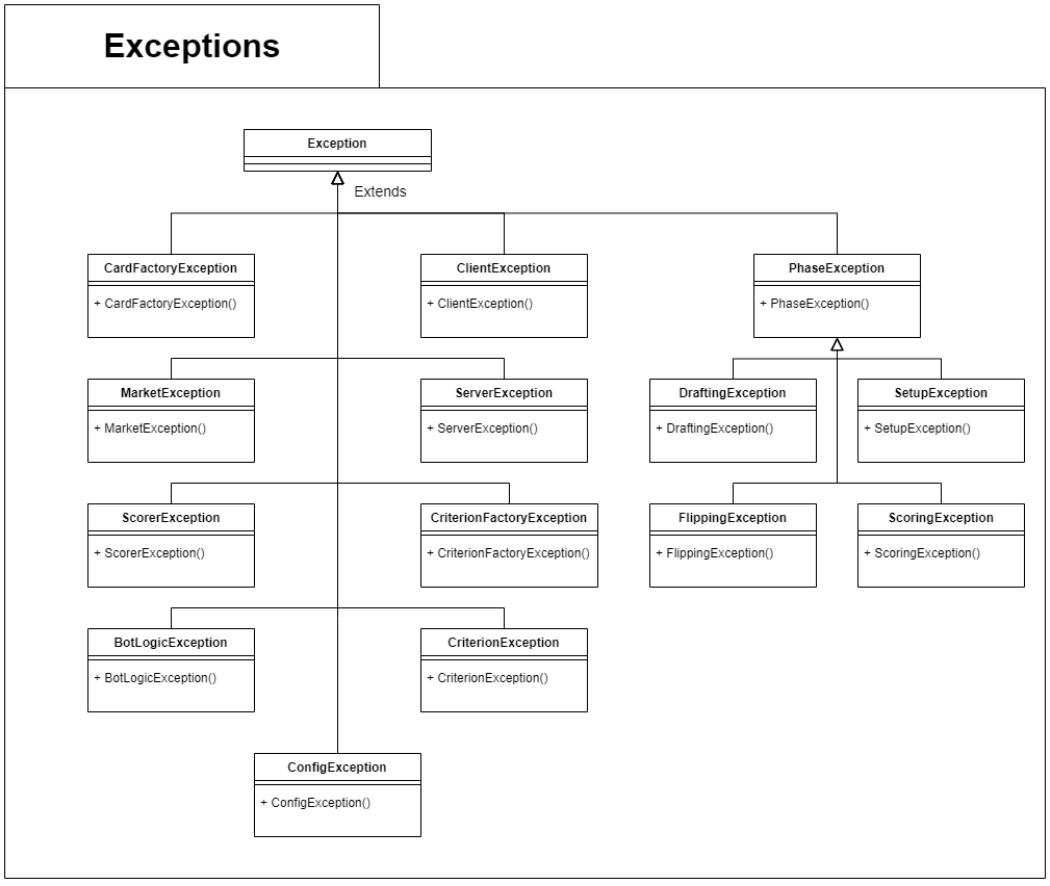

Fig 4: Exceptions class diagram

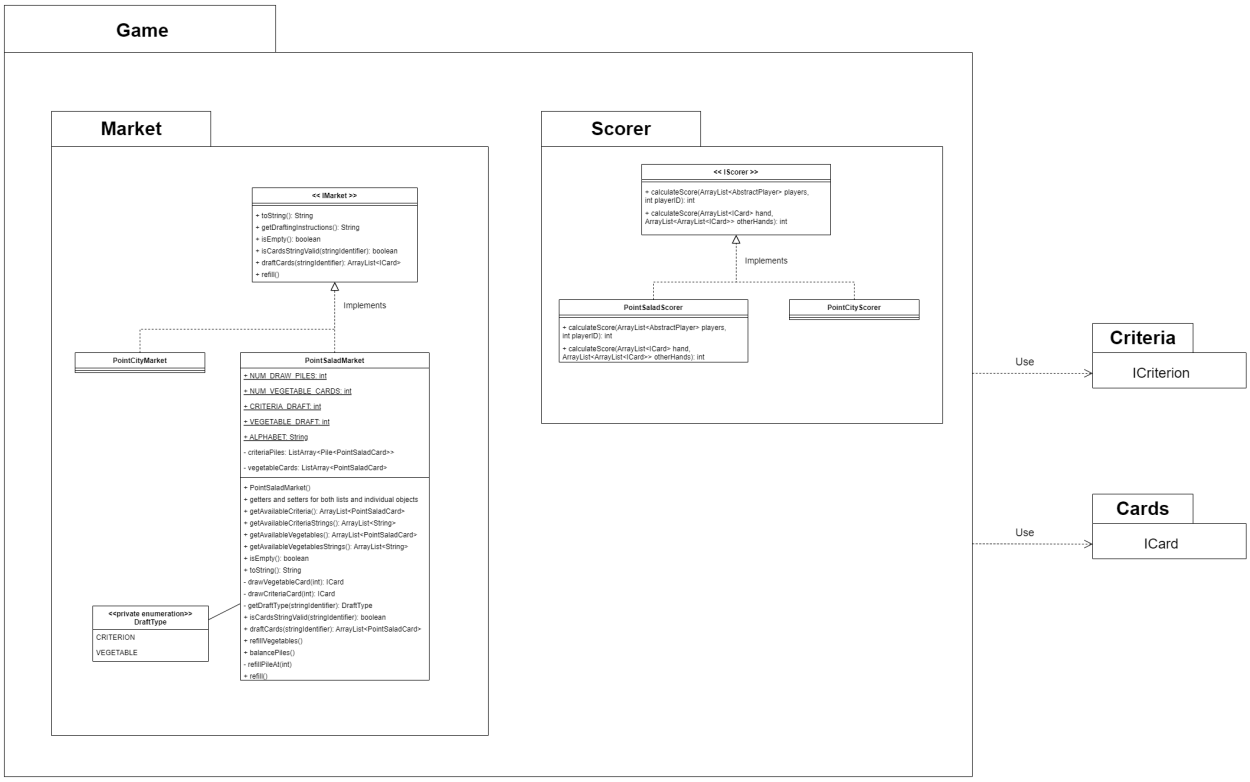

Fig 5: Game class diagram

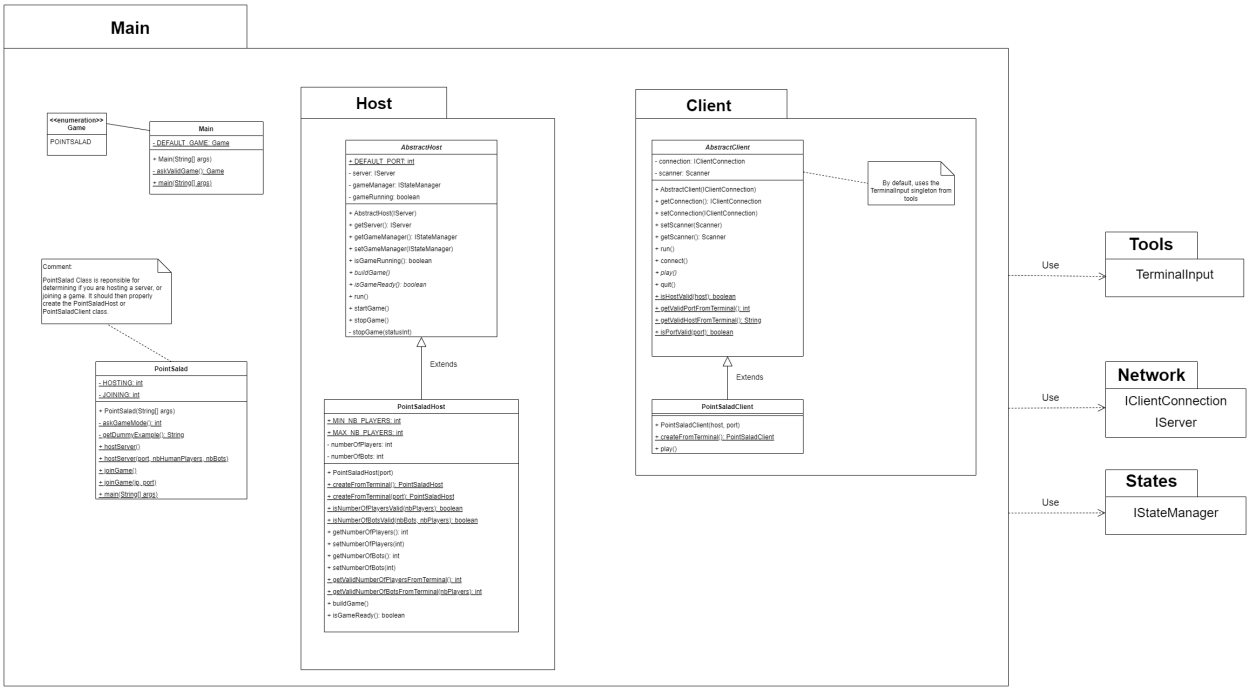

Fig 6: Main class diagram

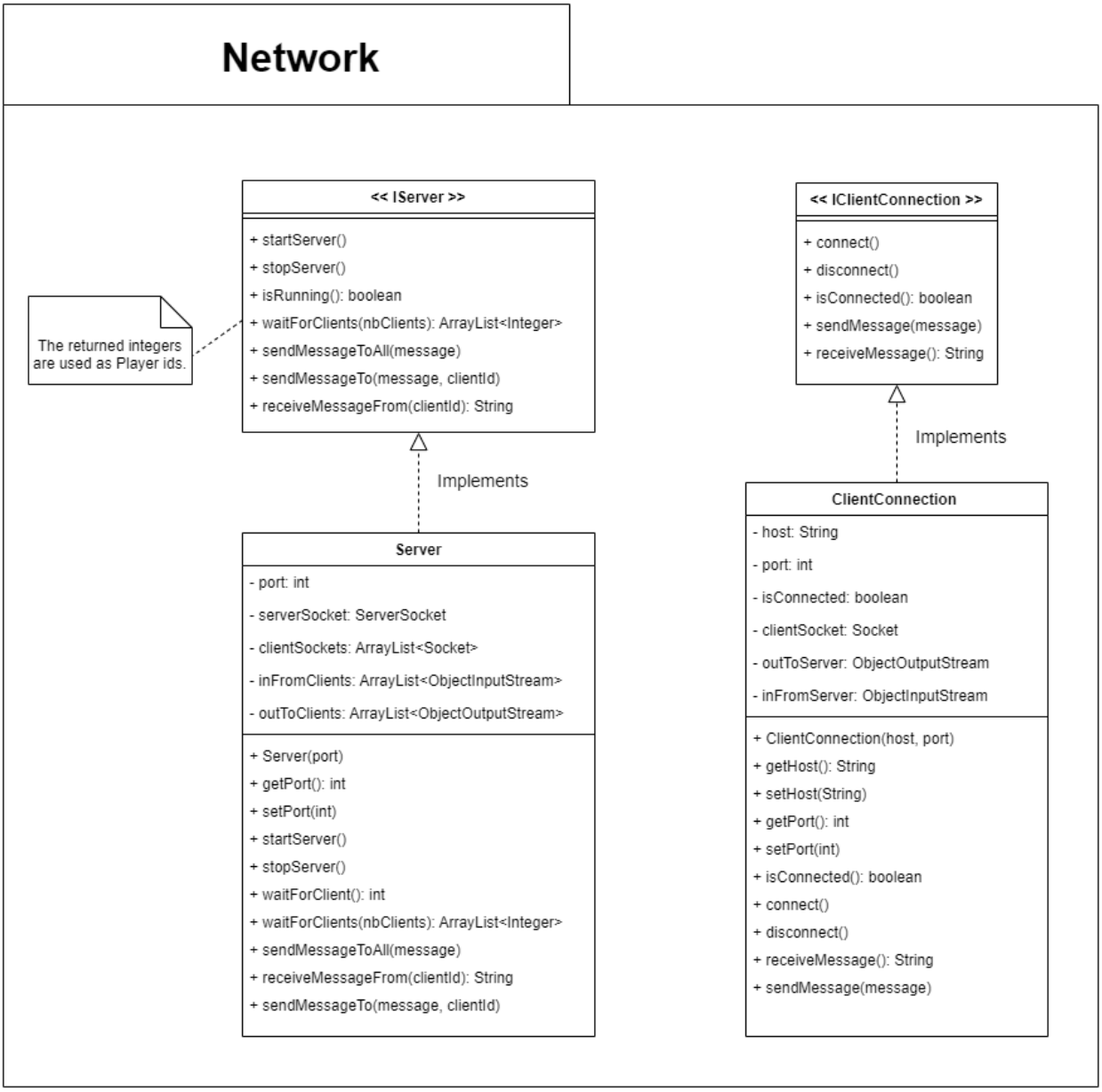

Fig 7: Network class diagram

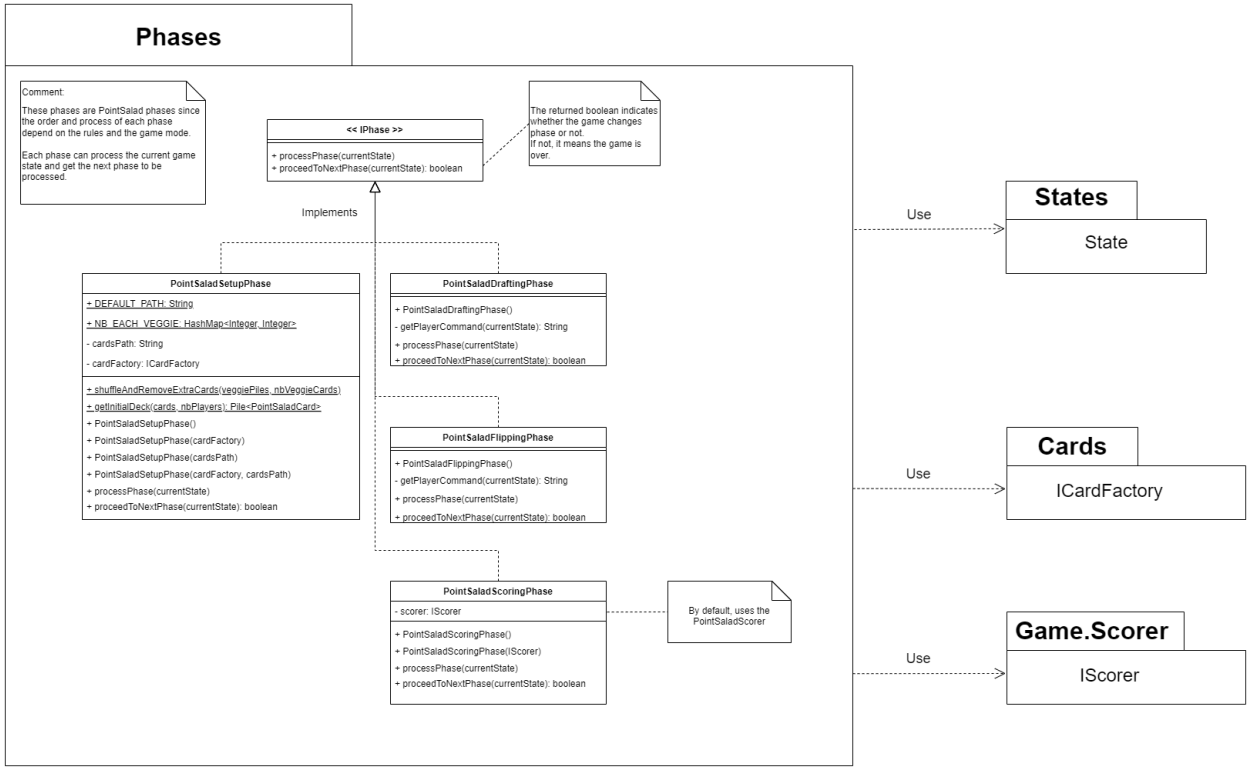

Fig 8: Phases class diagram

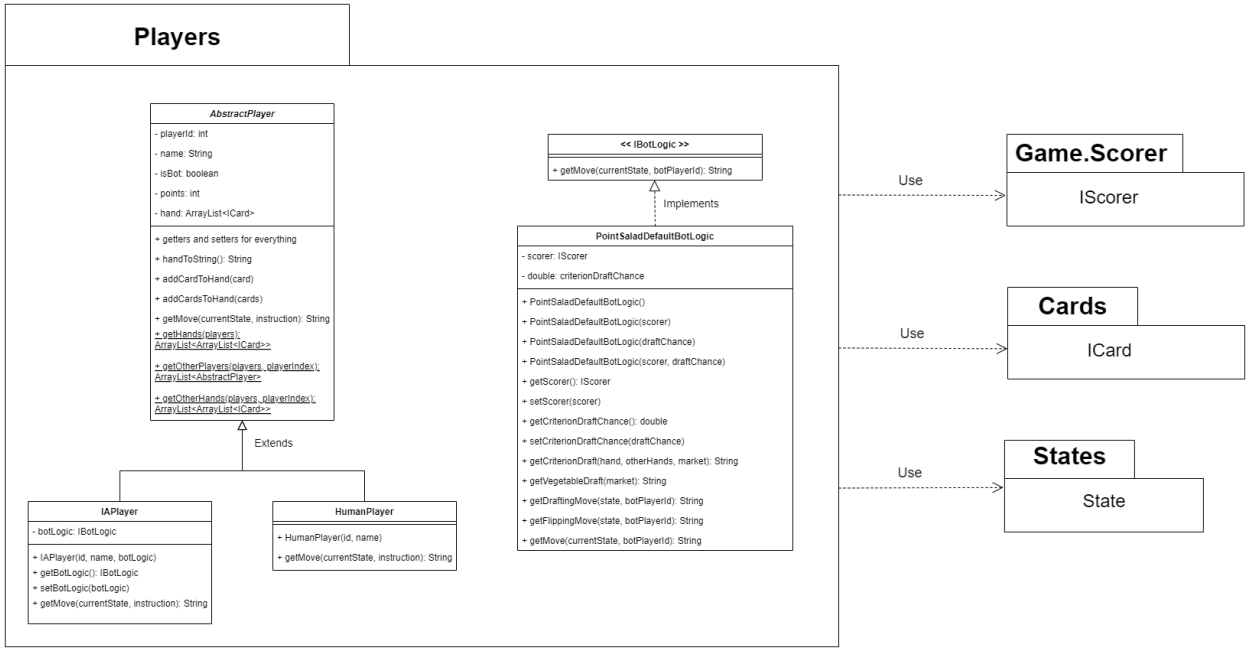

Fig 9: Players class diagram

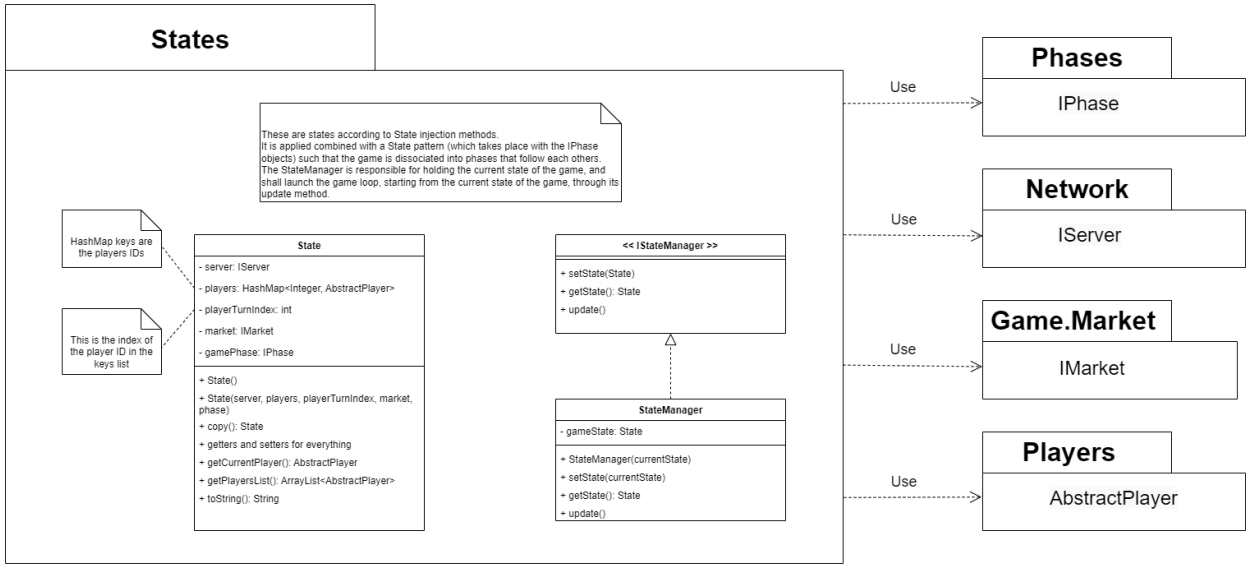

Fig 10: States class diagram

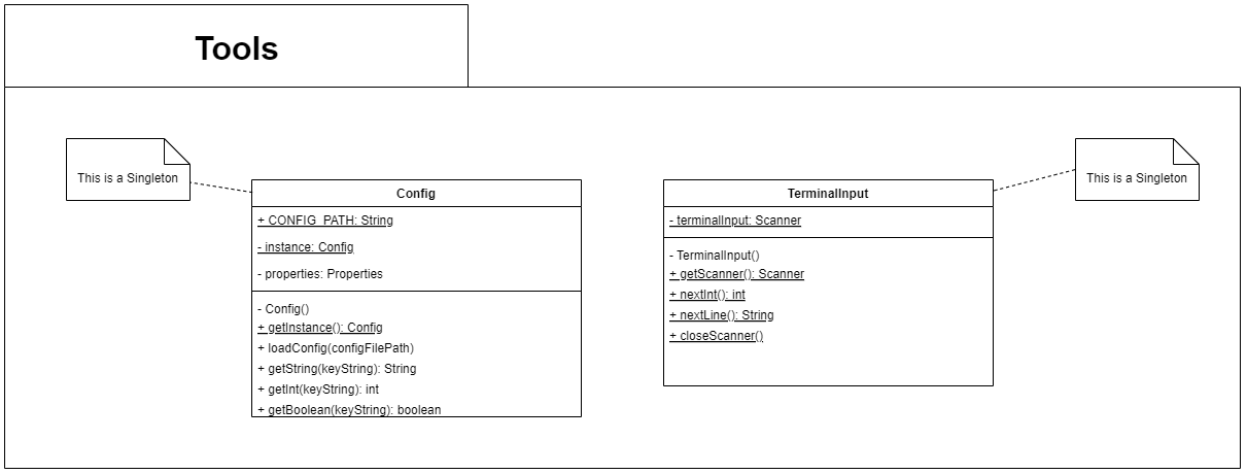

Fig 11: Tools class diagram