

System Architecture Form

1) Project Overview

Project Name: PySweeper

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Purpose:

A desktop Minesweeper game written in Python using Pygame. Implements a 10×10 board, user-selected mine count (10–20) entered via console, first-click-safe placement, recursive reveal of empty regions, timer, flags remaining, restart button, and a simple “last game result” display.

Primary Inputs/Outputs:

- **Inputs:**

- Mouse left-click: reveal a cell
- Mouse right-click: toggle a flag
- Console input at startup: number of mines (10–20)
- Restart button (mouse click)

- **Outputs:**

- Pygame window (grid, labels A–J and 1–10, header HUD)

- On-screen status: “Playing...”, “Victory!”, or “Game Over”
- Timer (capped to 999) and mines remaining (three-digit counter)

2) High-Level Architecture

Architecture Style: Single-process, local, event-driven Pygame application.

Major Components:

- **Rendering & Input Module:** Pygame window creation, event polling, drawing header, labels, and cells (implemented within Game + Cell.draw).
- **Game Coordination Module:** Game loop, state transitions, win/loss detection, restart, timing, flag count (class Game).
- **Board & Rules Module:** Grid management, mine placement (first-click safe), adjacent count computation, recursive revealing, reveal-all-mines on loss (class Board and class Cell).

External Libraries / Assets:

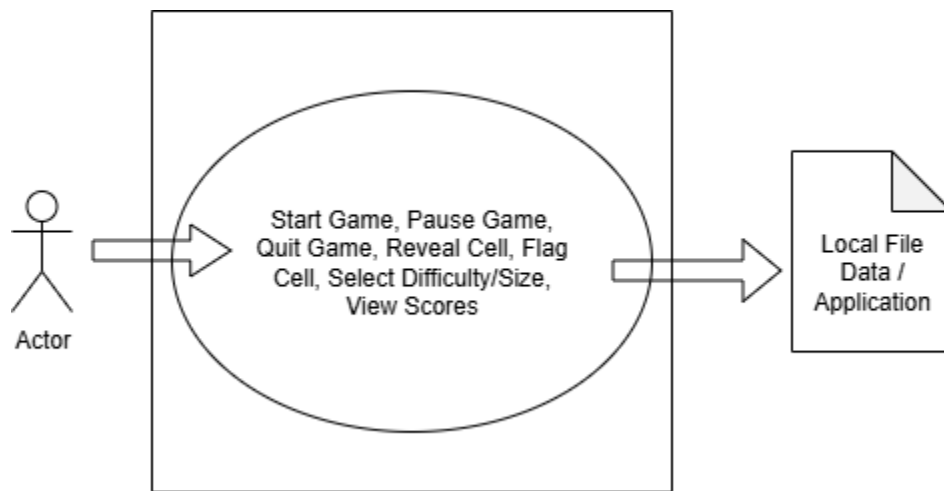
- **Pygame** for graphics, windowing, fonts, timing, and input.
- **Image assets** loaded from images/ (cell states, digits).

APIs/Services: None (fully offline/local).

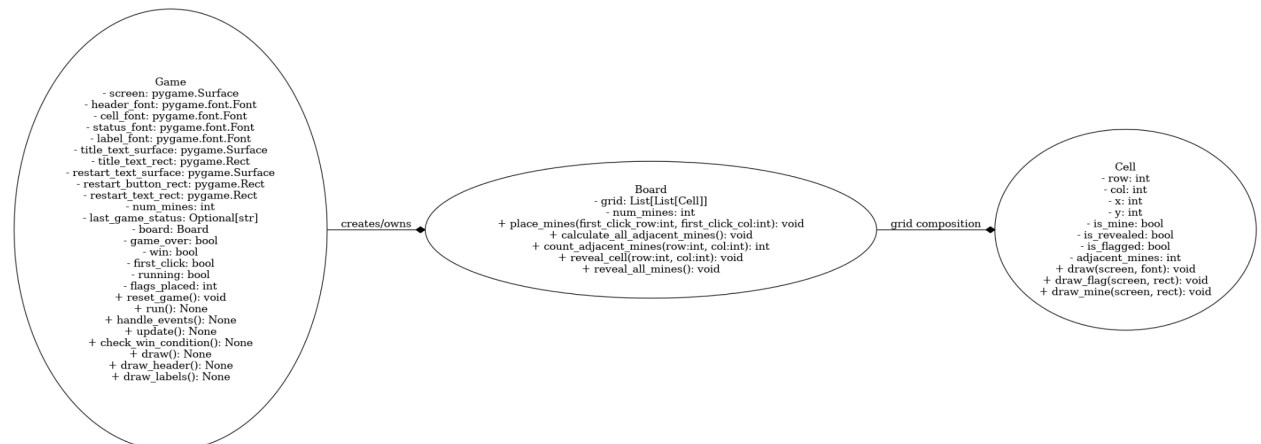
Persistence: None to disk. The prior game result (“Victory!” or “Loss”) is kept in memory only for display until the next reset.

Diagrams:

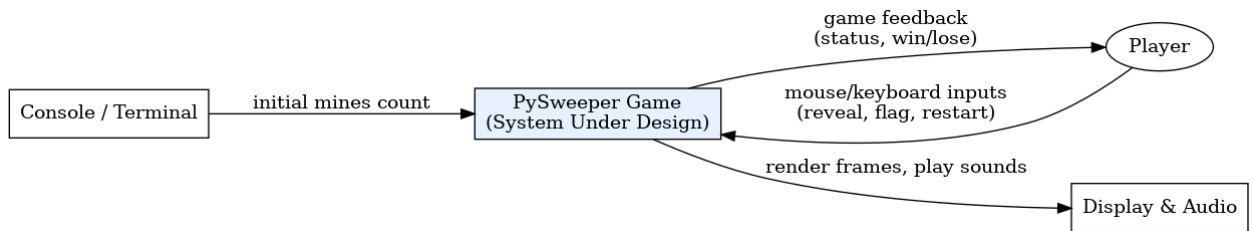
- **Use Case:**



- **Class:**



- **System Context:**



3) Component Descriptions

A) Game Coordination Module:

- **Key Responsibilities:**

- Initialize Pygame, fonts, and main window
- Maintain game state: running/over, win flag, first-click gating, flags placed, elapsed time, last game status
- Process events (mouse clicks, restart button)
- Drive update loop and trigger renders

- **Notable Methods:**

- `run()` – main loop
- `handle_events()` – input handling (quit, restart button, left/right clicks mapped to board actions)
- `update()` – win check, finalize elapsed time on end
- `check_win_condition()` – all non-mine cells revealed → victory
- `draw()` / `draw_header()` / `draw_labels()` – render HUD, labels, and grid
- `reset_game()` – initialize a new Board and reset state; caches previous game result in `last_game_status`

B) Board & Rules Module

- **Board Responsibilities:**

- Allocate a 10×10 grid of Cell objects
- Place mines after the first click with a 3×3 “safe zone” centered on the first clicked cell
- Compute adjacent mine counts for all non-mine cells
- Recursively reveal empty regions (classic flood-fill behavior)
- Reveal all mines on loss

- **Board Methods (as in code):**

- `place_mines(first_click_row, first_click_col)` – random mine placement excluding safe zone
- `calculate_all_adjacent_mines()` – set `adjacent_mines` on every non-mine cell
- `count_adjacent_mines(row, col)` – helper for neighbor counts
- `reveal_cell(row, col)` – reveal cell, recursively expand when `adjacent_mines == 0`
- `reveal_all_mines()` – show all mines (on loss)

- **Cell Responsibilities/State:**

- Coordinates (row/col) and on-screen position (x, y) with label offsets
- `is_mine`, `is_revealed`, `is_flagged`, `adjacent_mines`
- `draw(screen, font)` uses pre-scaled images for covered, revealed, flags, numbers, and mines

4) Data Flow

1. Startup:

- Console prompts for mine count (10–20).
- `Game.reset_game()` creates a new Board with no mines placed yet.

2. First Click:

- On first left-click inside the grid, `Board.place_mines(row, col)` runs, excluding the clicked cell and its neighbors from mine placement.
- Timer starts.

3. Reveals & Flags:

- Left-click on a covered cell reveals it.
 - If it's a mine → `game_over = True`, `win = False`, and `reveal_all_mines()`
 - If it's empty (0 adjacents) → recursive expansion via `reveal_cell()`
- Right-click toggles flag on a covered cell; flags placed are bounded by `num_mines`.

4. Win Check:

- Each update, `check_win_condition()` verifies whether all non-mine cells are revealed. If yes → `win = True`, `game_over = True`.

5. Rendering:

- Header shows title, status, “mines remaining” (3 digits), and timer (3 digits).
- Grid shows images for covered/revealed/flagged/numbered/mine cells.
- Column labels A–J; row labels 1–10.
- Restart button is clickable; if used, previous result is shown as “Last Game: Victory!/Loss”.

Note:

- No keyboard shortcuts or chord (mass-reveal by number) exist in the provided code.
- No file I/O, no config, no disk persistence.

5) Deployment

- **Environment:** Local desktop, Python 3.11+ with Pygame 2.x installed.
- **Packaging:** Tools like PyInstaller can be used to create standalone builds for Windows/macOS/Linux. (Not required by code.)
- **Network:** None (offline).
- **Assets:** Ensure images/ directory is present with expected filenames; window dimensions depend on CELL_SIZE, labels, and header constants.

6) Non-Functional Requirements

- **Performance:**
 - Responsive reveal and drawing at interactive frame rates on typical desktops
 - Mine placement and neighbor counting complete quickly on a 10×10 grid
- **Startup:**
 - Window opens promptly after entering a valid mine count
- **Reliability/Robustness:**
 - Graceful end states (win/loss) and restart without app crash
 - Safe handling of clicks outside grid or on labels/header
- **Security/Privacy:**
 - No networking; no external data exchange
- **Maintainability:**
 - Clear class separation (Game, Board, Cell) with straightforward responsibilities
- **Accessibility:**
 - Mouse-only interaction supported (left/right click); labels A–J and 1–10 for orientation

7) Risks & Assumptions

Risks (with mitigations):

- **Asset mismatch (missing images):** App will error upon load. → Include asset checks or fallbacks if needed.
- **Event handling edge cases:** Mis-clicks on borders/labels. → Bounds checks already in `handle_events()`.
- **Timer accuracy:** Uses `pygame.time.get_ticks()`; capped at 999 on HUD.

Assumptions:

- Standard mouse is available (supports left and right click).
- Display resolution accommodates the window (`SCREEN_WIDTH × SCREEN_HEIGHT`).
- Pygame and required images are installed/present.

8) Testing Strategy

- **Unit Tests (logic-level):**
 - First-click safety: no mine in clicked cell or its 8 neighbors
 - Exact mine count equals `num_mines`
 - Adjacent counts correct for all non-mine cells
 - `reveal_cell()` expands correctly for 0-adjacent areas and respects bounds/visited state
 - Win condition triggers only when all non-mine cells are revealed
- **Integration Tests (event + render loop):**
 - Left/right clicks update flags/reveals as expected
 - Restart button resets board and shows prior result in header

- Timer starts on first reveal and freezes on game end
- **Smoke Tests:**
 - Various mine counts (10–20)
 - Random seeds to spot-check distribution (optional dev harness)

9) Error Handling

- **Input Validation:** Console mine count must be an integer in [10, 20]; reprompts on errors.
- **Runtime:** Graceful quit on window close; ignores clicks outside grid; avoids revealing flagged cells; prevents flag count from exceeding num_mines.
- **No logging subsystem** and **no disk recovery** paths in the current code.

10) State Definitions

- **Game Lifecycle:**
 - ready (before first click) → running (after first click & mine placement) → won or lost → ready (on restart)
- **Cell Lifecycle:**
 - covered ↔ flagged (toggle via right-click)
 - covered → revealed (left-click; recursive expansion for zero-adjacent cells)

11) Board & Mines

- **Layout:** Fixed 10×10 grid
- **Mines:** User-specified 10–20; positions sampled uniformly from cells not in the first-click safe zone

- **Counts:** Numbers 1–8 reflect adjacent mines; zero triggers recursive expansion

12) References

- Pygame documentation
- Dr. Saedian EECS Slides
- Project source (this implementation) and bundled image assets
- **Terminology**
 - **Flood Fill:** Recursive reveal from a zero-adjacent cell through connected zero-adjacent regions and their numbered borders.
 - **Cell:** Single tile; may be covered, flagged, revealed (empty/numbered/mine).
 - **Board:** 10×10 grid of Cells managed by Board.
 - **Pygame:** Library for windowing, input, timing, and drawing.