

System Architecture

The system is divided into the game, which holds all data about the current state and logic of the game, including the state of the board, and the frontend, which handles visualizing the game state as a game of Minesweeper and handling input from the user. User input will modify the game state which in turn updates the frontend to match.

Game

The game state holds all data containing the state of the game:

state: Enum{START, PLAYING, END::LOSS, END::WIN}: status of the game

mines: int[10..=20]: number of mines in the game

flags: int[0..=mines]: number of flags set

remaining int[0..=90]: number of covered non-mines in the game

board: Cell[10][10] grid of cells and their state

Each Cell holds its own information:

is_mine: bool: whether the cell is a mine

is_flagged: bool: whether the cell is flagged

is_covered: bool: whether the cell is covered

mine_count: the number of directly bordering cells with a mine

Logic / User Flow

The game state begins at START. All state values are at their defaults. The BOARD is filled with uncovered, unflagged, non-mine, and zero mine count cells. The user is allowed to select a valid value for mines (implicating the value of remaining) and begin the game, transitioning to PLAYING. At the starting of the PLAYING state, mines cells are selected, set their is_mine, and increment their neighbors' mine_count.

If the first cell that the user uncovers is a mine, the cell is is_mine is unset, neighbors' mine_count decrements, and a new, valid cell is selected. Otherwise, the standard logic for uncovering cells applies: if the cell is a mine, the game is sent to the END::LOSS state; if the cell has a zero mine count, a BFS is performed to uncover all connected cells which have zero minecount; and if the cell has a positive mine count, only that cell is uncovered. Each time a cell is successfully uncovered, its is_uncovered is set and remaining is decremented. If the user sets or removes a flag, the cell's is_flag is toggled and flags is updated. Actions that create an invalid flags count are ignored.

If the user successfully uncovers all cells, the game is sent to the END::WIN state. In either END::LOSS or END::WIN state, the user can retry to return the game state to START to begin a new game.

Frontend

The frontend uses the game state to determine how elements should be drawn, as well as which inputs can be performed and handled. For example, board input should only be allowed during in PLAYING, and mine count selection should only be allowed in START. User input is captured, classified, and sent to the game in order to process the logic as specified above. Mouse position are captured to determine what item is selected from either text input fields, buttons, or board cells. Mouse actions are captured and classified to determine which action should be performed to advance the game logic loop. Keyboard input is captured for the mine count selection field.

Diagrams (WIP)

