

## FIT2099 Assignment 2 Design Documentation

Applied Session 33 (Group 4)

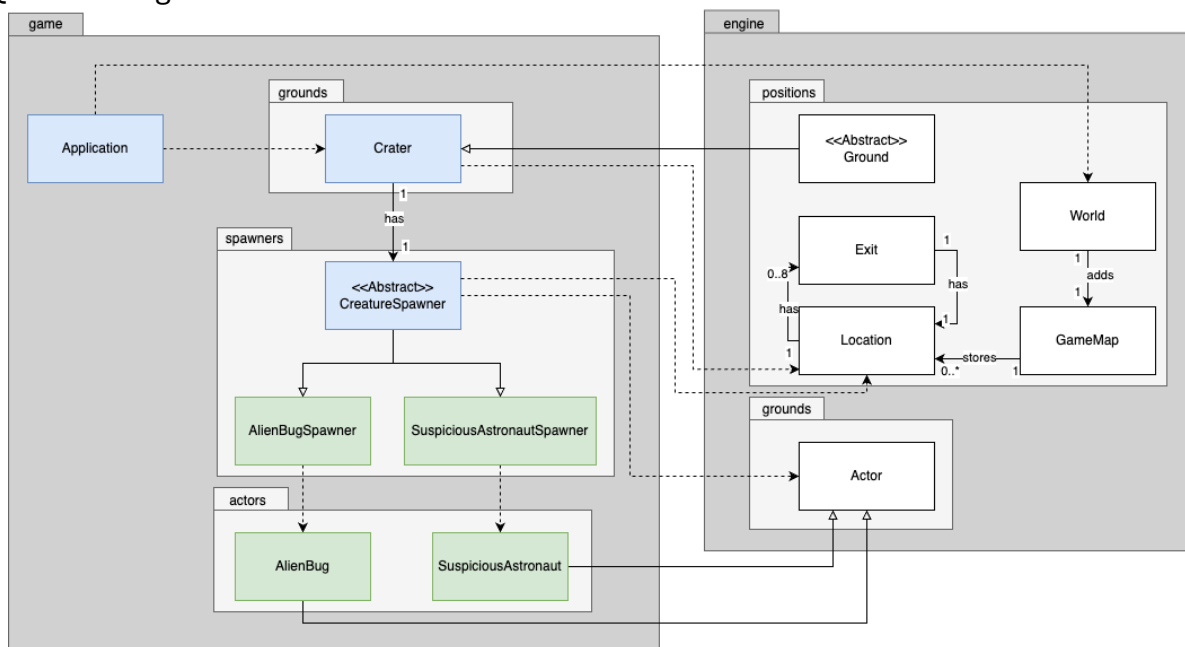
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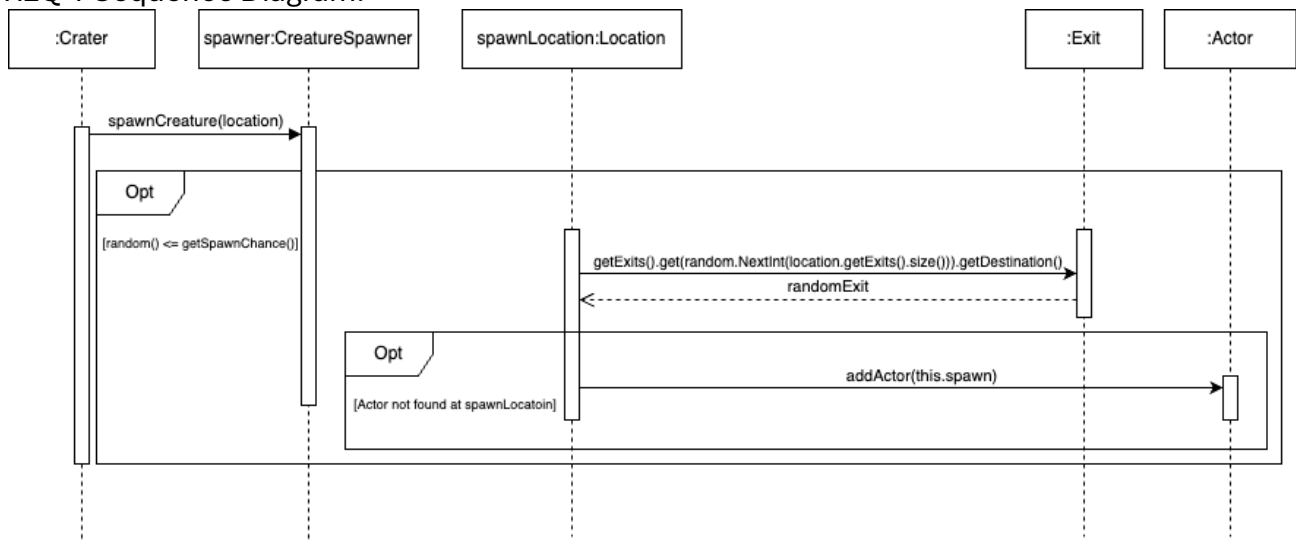
### Design Diagrams

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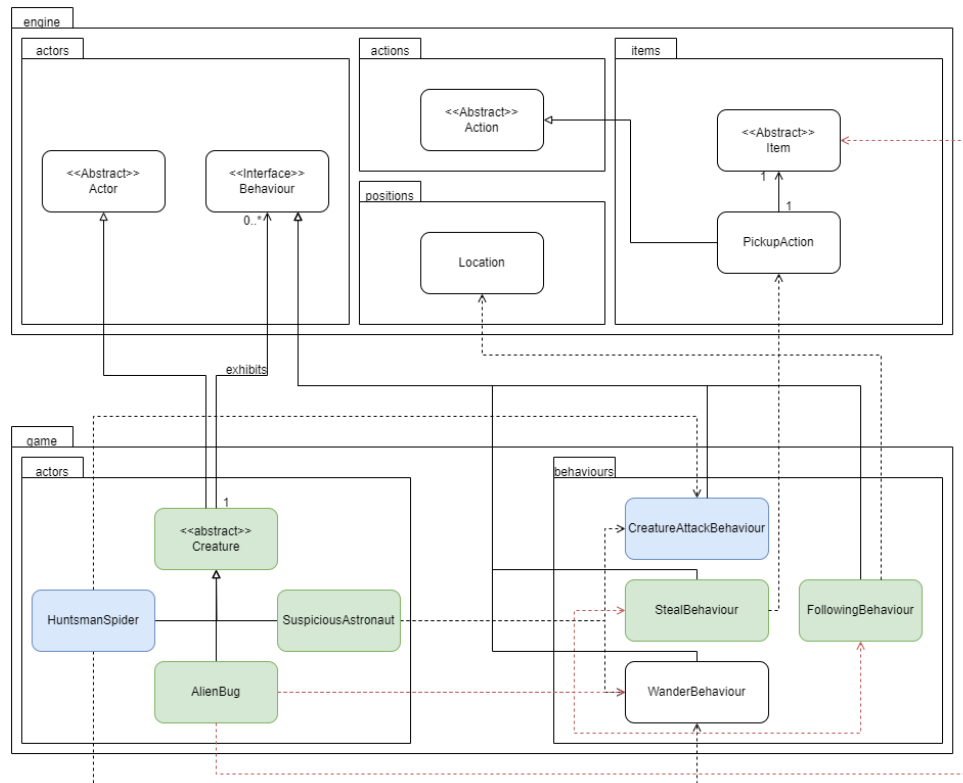
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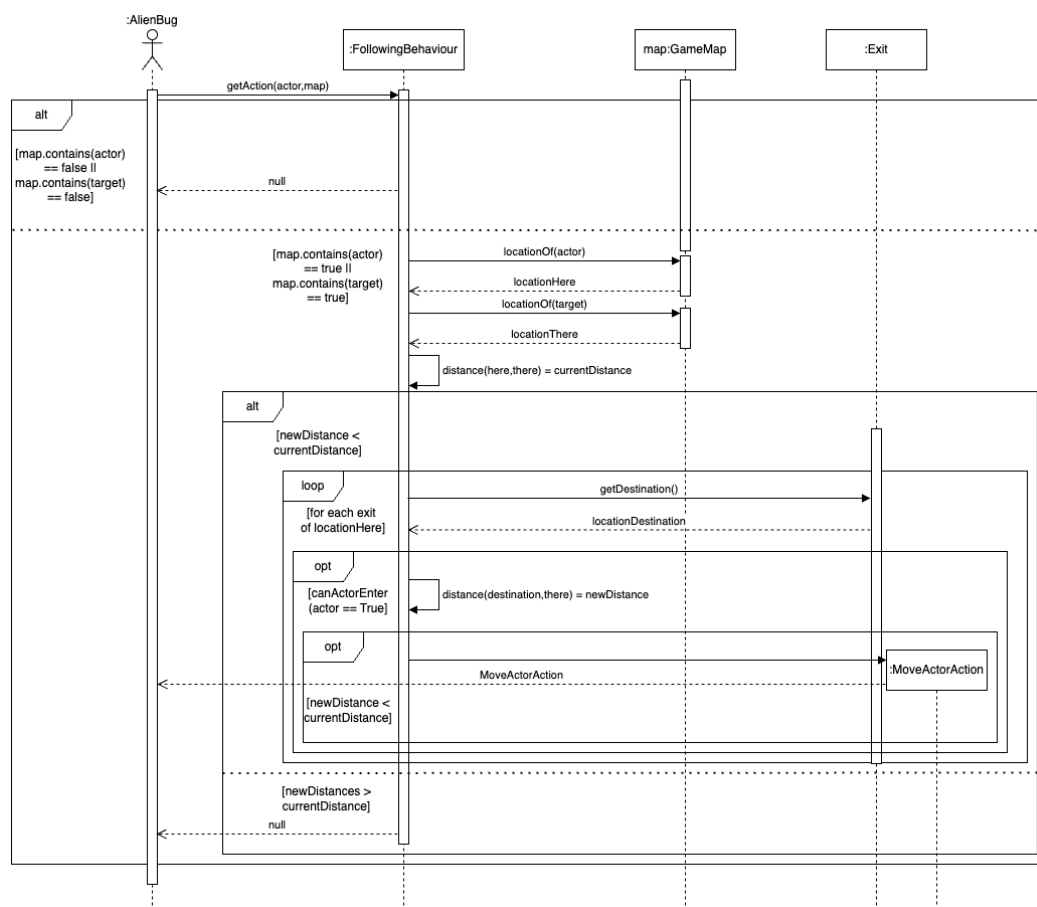
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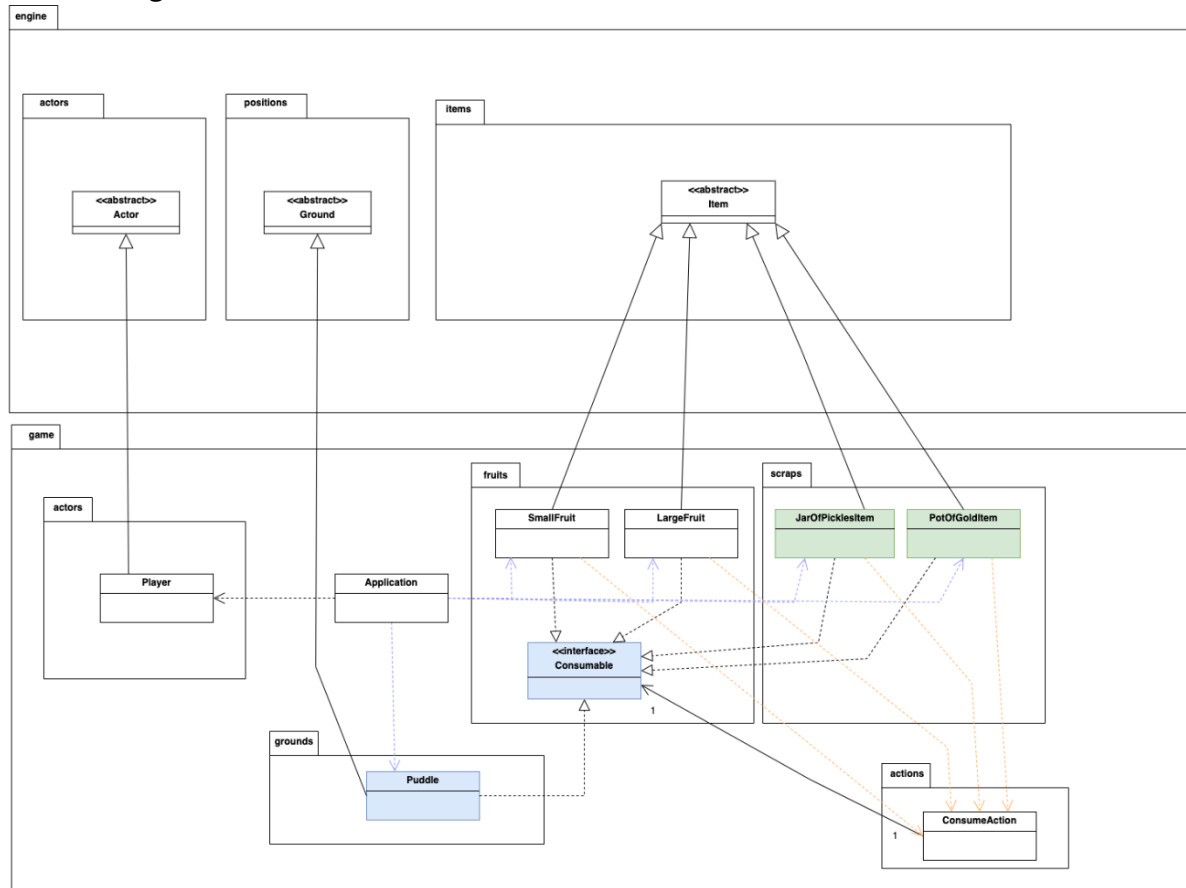
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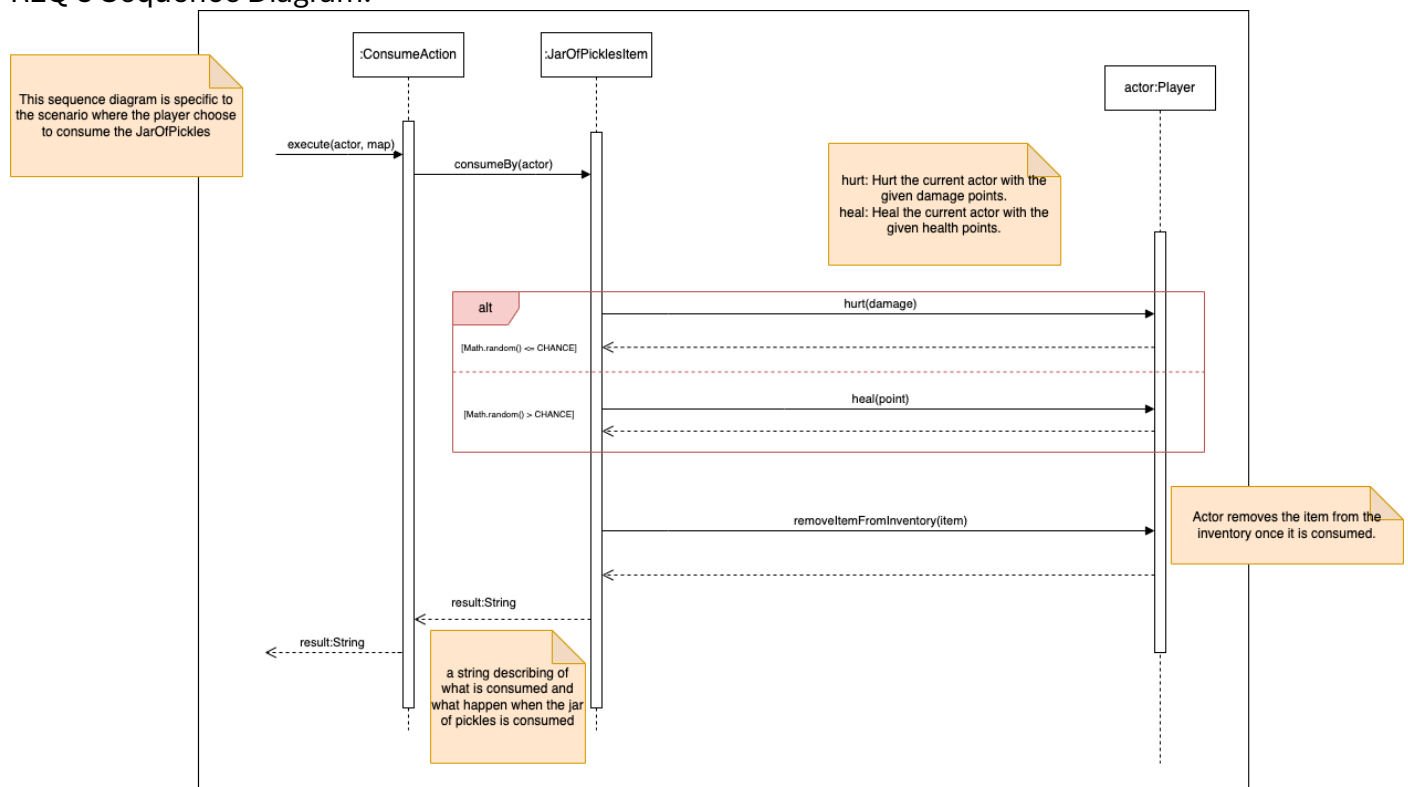
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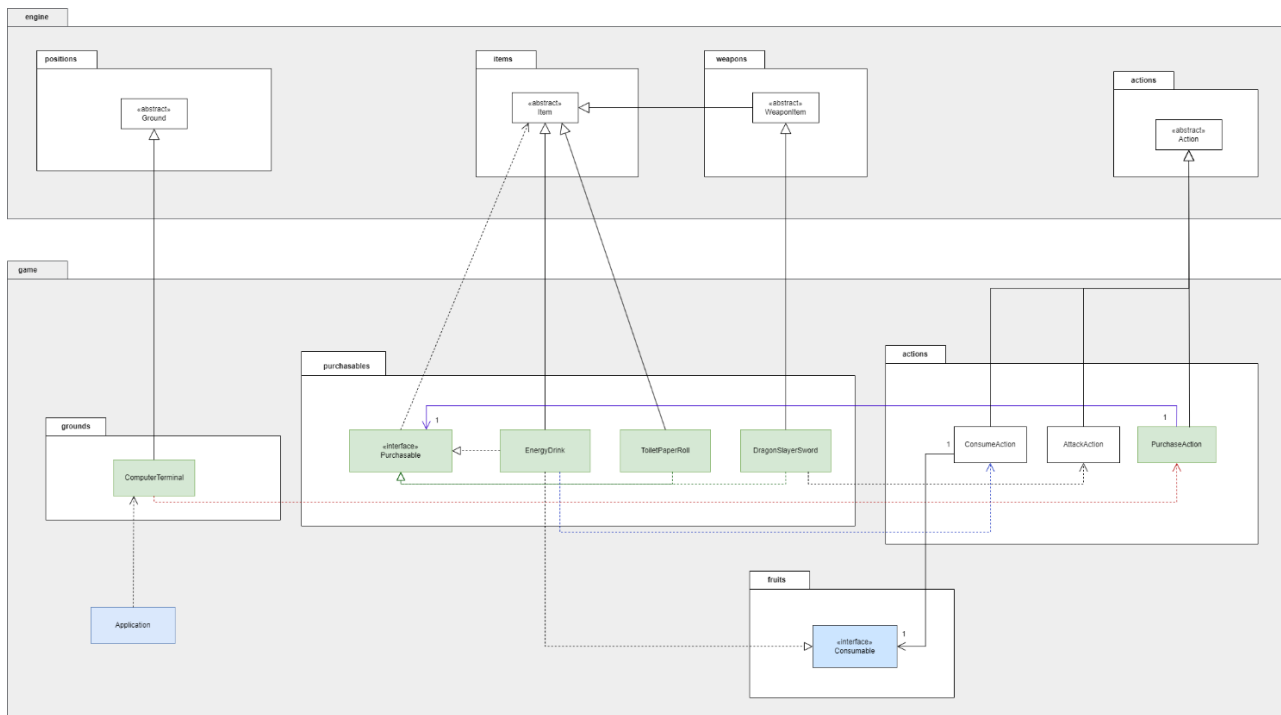
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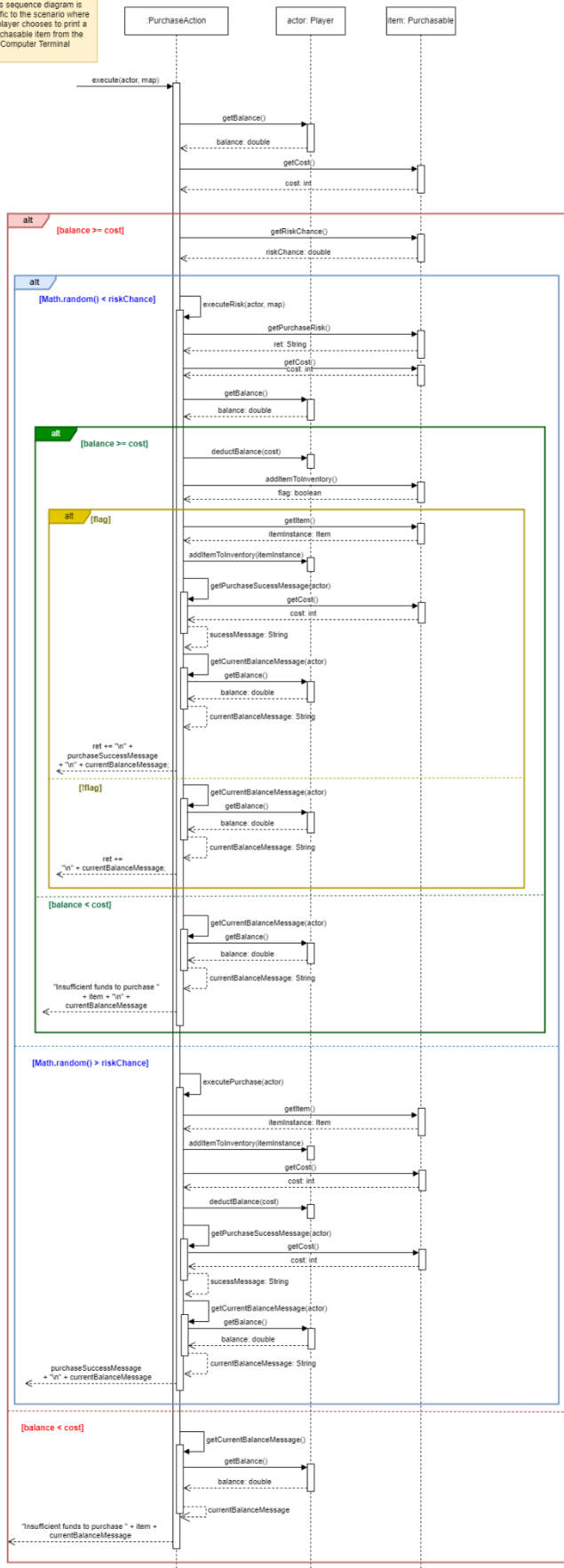


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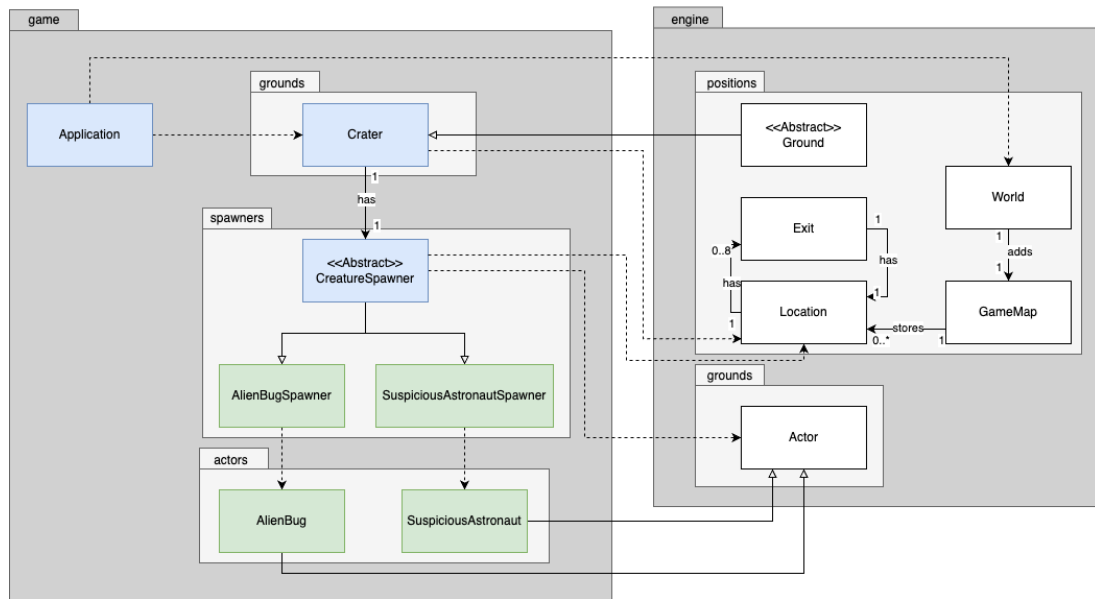
## REQ 4 Sequence Diagram:

This sequence diagram is specific to the scenario where the player chooses to print a Purchasable item from the Computer Terminal



## Design Rationale

### REQ 1



This diagram represents an aspect of the rogue-like game where craters across the game map can not only spawn huntsman spiders, but also other creatures, including alien bugs and suspicious astronauts.

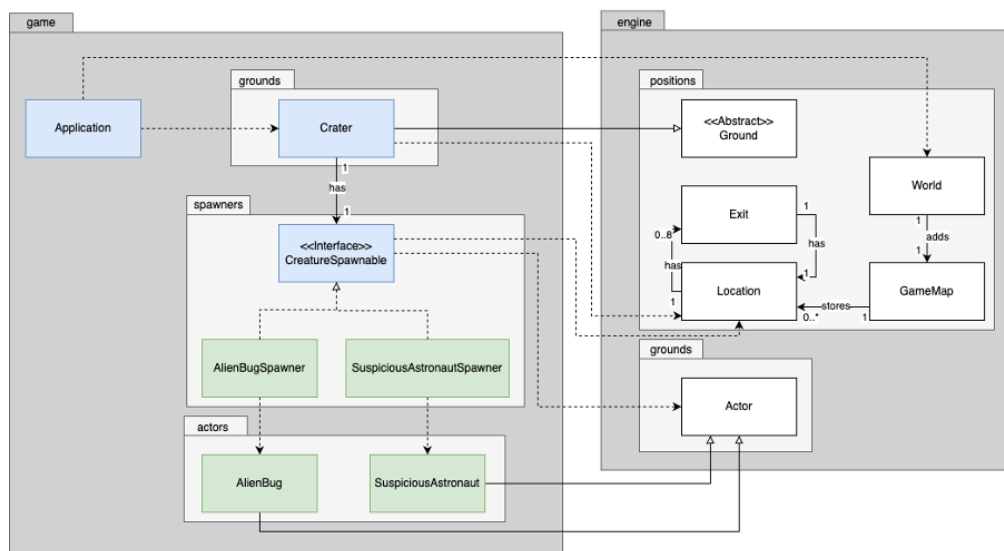
### Proposed design

The proposed design has ground **Crater** injected with an abstract **CreatureSpawner**, which carries out the duty of spawning a new instance of the creature and placing it on the map. **AlienBugSpawner**, **SuspiciousAstronautSpawner** and any other future creature spawners can extend from the **CreatureSpawner** and share the same `spawnCreature(location)` code.

Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The dependency injection of <b>CreatureSpawner</b> into <b>Crater</b> keeps <b>Crater</b> class focused on representing a ground object (SRP).</li><li>Connascence of Identity is avoided, as the <b>CreatureSpawner</b> instantiates a new creature to spawn from the crater, rather than pointing to one creature stored as an attribute.</li><li>Avoids repeated code that spawns creatures, by extending from <b>CreatureSpawner</b> (DRY).</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>CreatureSpawner</b> has multiple responsibilities, it both instantiates the creature, and places the creature on the map (Violates SRP).</li></ul>

- Future creature spawners can be instantiated anywhere CreatureSpawner is expected, without modifications to the code. (LSP/Polymorphism).

## Alternative design

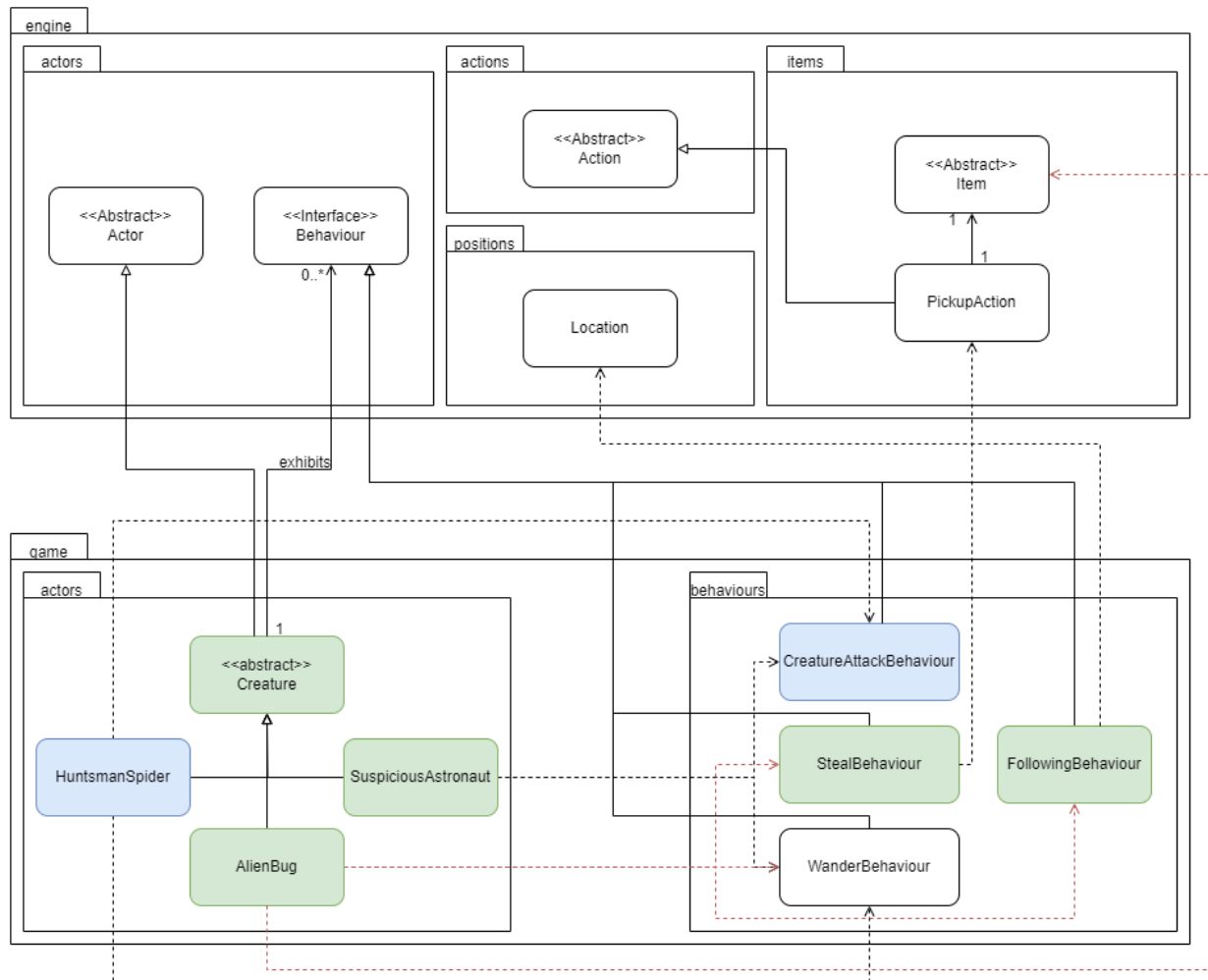


In this alternative design, instead of the abstract CreatureSpawner, Crater has an interface CreatureSpawnable that has a method that should create an instance of a creature, and another method that decides whether to spawn a creature. Different concrete creature spawners can implement this interface.

Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The dependency injection of CreatureSpawnable into Crater keeps Crater class focused on representing a ground object (SRP).</li> <li>• Connascence of Identity is avoided, as the CreatureSpawnable implementers instantiate a new creature to spawn from the crater, rather than pointing to one creature stored as an attribute.</li> <li>• CreatureSpawnable interface provides flexibility in implementation.</li> <li>• Creature spawners can implement multiple interfaces aside from</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apart from the different spawn rates and creature instances, the spawn implementation is identical for SuspiciousAstronautSpawner and AlienBugSpawner, so code is repeated (Violates DRY).</li> <li>• If one implementation of CreatureSpawnable spawns a random creature, while another only spawns one creature, substituting the latter for the former could lead to unexpected behaviour (violates LSP)</li> </ul>

CreatureSpawnable for additional functionality (OCP).

## REQ 2



### Design Goal:

The design goal for this assignment is to incorporate new Actors into the existing game while adhering closely to relevant design principles and best practices.

### Design Decision:

In implementing `SuspiciousAstronaut` and `AlienBug`, the decision was made to create an abstract `Creature` class with `playTurn` and `allowableActions` methods reused from `HuntsmanSpider`. This approach was chosen to promote code reusability and maintainability, ensuring that all creature types benefit from unified methods.

### Alternative Design:

One alternative approach could involve each new class (`SuspiciousAstronaut` and `AlienBug`) directly extending the `Actor` class and implementing their own versions of `playTurn` and `allowableActions` methods independently. However, this design is less preferred because it



leads to significant code duplication, which can increase maintenance challenges and the risk of bugs.

### **Analysis of Alternative Design:**

The alternative design is not ideal because it violates various Design and SOLID principles:

#### **1. DRY:**

- Both SuspiciousAstronaut and AlienBug would duplicate code from Huntsmanspider (playTurn and allowableActions method) violating DRY

#### **2. High Connascence of Convention:**

- Having near identical methods in multiple classes increases connascence of convention, meaning that changes in those methods' logic would require changes across all classes with those methods

### **Final Design:**

In our design, we closely adhere to:

#### **1. SRP:**

- **Application:** The new abstract Creature class centralises common code, which simplifies the modification of behaviour across all creatures without altering individual subclass
- **Why:** Adhering to the SRP is crucial as it ensures that each class has only one reason to change, reducing the complexity of updates and the potential for errors during maintenance. It facilitates easier debugging and testing since changes are localised.
- **Pros:** The abstract Creature class enhances maintainability by centralising behaviour modification in one location, such as handling playTurn and allowableActions methods for all derived classes. This reduces the need for changes in multiple classes when updating general behaviours.
- **Cons:** However, there is a risk that the Creature class may become a bottleneck if too many responsibilities are loaded onto it, potentially making the class cumbersome and harder to manage if the behaviours of derived creatures diverge significantly.

#### **2. OCP:**

- **Application:** The design is open for extension but closed for modification. New types of creatures can be added without modifying existing code, just the extending Creature class. Overriding methods in subclasses (like in AlienBug) allows for extending functionality without modifying the abstract class
- **Why:** Adherence to OCP is vital as it allows the software module to be extensible without being modified, which reduces the risk of introducing bugs into the existing code during enhancements.
- **Pros:** New creature types like AlienBug can be introduced by simply extending the Creature class and overriding specific methods without needing to alter the existing code structure, promoting easier scalability and extensibility.

- **Cons:** Less flexibility, all types of Creatures would have to adhere to the abstract class.

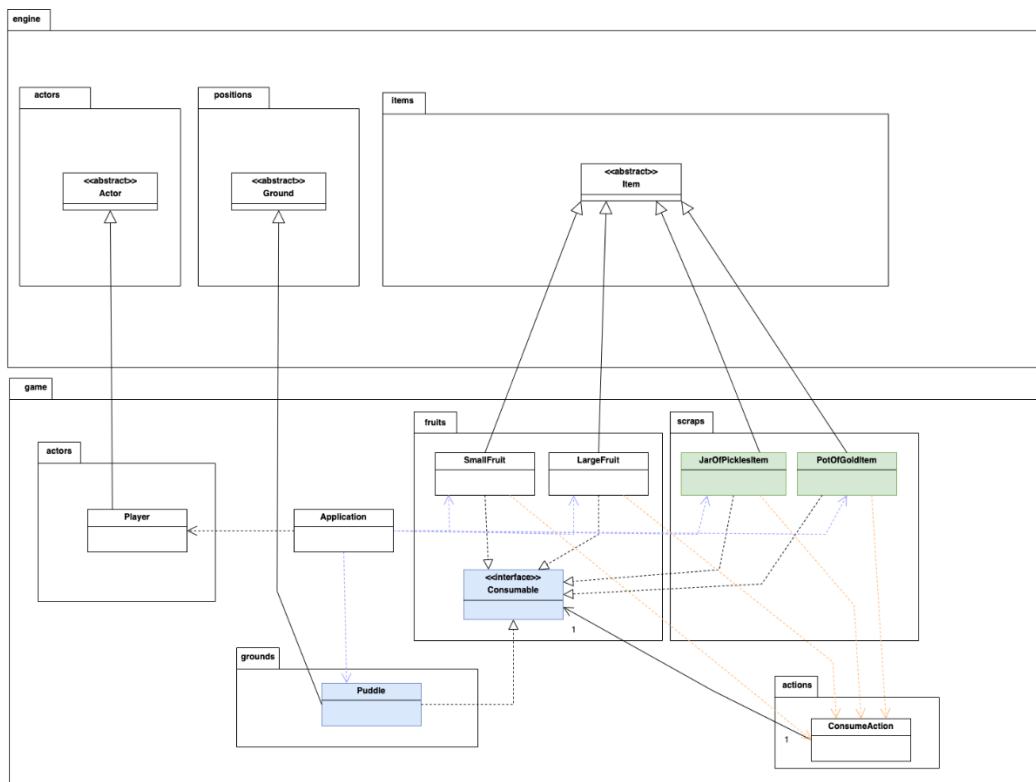
### 3. LSP:

- **Application:** Subclasses (HuntsmanSpider, SuspiciousAstronaut, and AlienBug) can be used interchangeably without affecting the functioning of the system.
- **Why:** Following LSP is important as it ensures that a subclass can stand in for its parent class without disrupting the behaviour of the program. This predictability is essential for system reliability and interface consistency.
- **Pros:** Ensures that instances of SuspiciousAstronaut, HuntsmanSpider, and other subclasses can be replaced with one another without affecting the integrity of the system, making the software more robust and reliable.
- **Cons:** However, Strict adherence to this principle might limit how different behaviours can be implemented in subclasses. For instance, if AlienBug needs to significantly alter a method that is central to the Creature class's contract, it could violate LSP by not fully adhering to the expected behaviour.

### Conclusion:

Overall, our chosen design provides a robust framework for integrating new creature types into the existing system. By carefully considering relevant factors, such as design principles, requirements, and constraints, we have developed a solution that is efficient, scalable, and maintainable, paving the way for future enhancements, extensions, and optimizations.

### REQ 3



In this design, the Item class serves as a superclass which branches into specific items such as small fruit, large fruit, jar of pickles and pot of gold. Besides, the Consumable class which was initially an abstract class in assignment 1, has been changed to an interface which is implemented by consumable items. This approach of implementation makes sure that only objects meant to be consumable must have the methods in the Consumable interface. Lastly, the ConsumeAction class is associated with consumable objects and by leveraging the methods specified by the Consumable interface, it defines the mechanics of how items are consumed within the game.

Pros	Cons
Having a Consumable class as interface is more extensible, as it is not limited to be extended by subclasses of a specific type. Other new objects of different types with different consuming behaviour can be easily added without changing the code in consumable class. (Open Closed Principle) Hence, it can be easily maintained and extended.	Abstract classes and interfaces, even though they offer a clear and structured framework, can come with additional overhead related to performance and code base comprehension. Sometimes the development process might be slowed down by using too many abstractions due to the complexity of the code.
As the ConsumeAction class is associated with a consumable object, it does not depend on the concrete implementations of the item. The implementation details instead depend on the abstraction class which eases the maintenance and improves the code's modularity.	ConsumeAction associated on the Consumable interface by name. If the interface name changes, ConsumeAction would also need to change. (Connascence of name)
As the class is loosely coupled, ConsumeAction can operate with any Consumable without knowing its concrete implementation.	
As high-level modules do not depend on low-level modules and both depend on abstractions, this design adheres to the dependency inversion principle.	

### Alternative design:

The alternative design is to have the BalanceIncreasable Interface which is implemented by PotOfGold item and CreditToWallet class which extends the action class and have an association relationship with the BalanceIncreasable class. The CreditToWallet action will implement the execution logic when the PotOfGold is consumed and the actual logic of how the balance is increased when a PotOfGold is consumed will be defined in PotOfGold class.

Pros	Cons
The BalanceIncreasable item only defines the methods that can improve a player's balance and the CreditToWalletAction only focuses on implementing the action of crediting the wallet when an item is consumed. These extra classes as well as the Consumable and ConsumeAction classes now only have one job to handle which is either increase/decrease hitpoints of the actor or increase/decrease balance of the player, it adheres to Single Responsibility Principle.	BalanceIncreasable interface might be underutilized as not much item is allowed to increase balance of the player, making this additional abstraction layer somewhat redundant.
Other items that can increase the player's balance can just implement the BalanceIncreasable interface without modifying other classes, hence the class is easily extended and maintained.	As the BalanceInterface class and Consumable classes as well as the ConsumeAction and CreditToBalance classes have a lot of similar properties, there might be repetition of code and hence violates DRY principle.

#### **REQ 4**

##### **A. Implementation of Computer Terminal (=) that can print items**

Computer Terminal is implemented as a concrete class that extends Ground from the engine, since the Player can stand on top of it. The allowableActions() method is overridden in this class to add actions to purchase items.

Pros	Cons
Code reusability, ComputerTerminal class inherits methods from its parent, Ground, allowing us to reuse code which was already written in the parent class, reducing repetitive code blocks.	Increased level of coupling between classes, any changes to the purpose of Ground should be changed in its child classes as well (connascence of meaning), which may lead to unexpected behaviours.
Easy to extend and maintain, new purchasable items can be added by addition of an action that stores the item.	Limits the flexibility of how the ComputerTerminal class can be implemented or used in the game.
Encapsulates all purchase actions within the ComputerTerminal class improves code organization, with only the terminal handling all purchasing actions.	

B. Implementation of Items that can be printed from the Computer Terminal

Create the 3 new items listed below:

(1) Energy Drink extends abstract Item class from engine and implements Consumable.

(2) Dragon Slayer Sword extends abstract WeaponItem class from engine.

(3) Toilet Paper Roll extends abstract Item class from engine.

Create a new Purchasable interface, where all the item classes listed implements the created interface.

Pros	Cons
Code reusability, extending different abstract classes given in the engine for each item based on their traits, we can reuse the base code to the maximum extent.	Tight coupling between classes and the interface, methods within the interface must be well considered to be relevant to all purchasable items.
Increased flexibility and extensibility, using an interface to group all purchasable items allows flexible implementation of adding the traits and behaviours of purchasable items to newly created items.	Purchasing logic assumes certain properties of purchasable items, changes to the interface may require modifications to the interface, implementing classes and the concrete purchasing action class itself.
Increased modularity, purchasable items are grouped by their common behaviour of being purchasable, which is easier to maintain.	

C. Implementation of allowing Player to choose to pay with credits to print items from the Computer Terminal

Design 1: Create an interface PurchaseItemAction, which provides basic methods to be used when executing a purchase action, then implementing concrete classes which extend Action from the given engine and implement PurchaseItemAction interface for each item that can be printed from the Computer Terminal.

Pros	Cons
Separating the purchase action logic into its own interface and concrete classes promotes separation of concerns.	Repetitive code blocks for methods that have the same logic across every concrete action class for each printable item, decreases code reusability.
Flexibility in how purchase actions are implemented for different items. Each concrete class implementing PurchaseItemAction can design logic	Increased complexity, adding an additional interface and multiple concrete classes for purchase actions adds complexity to the system when

specific to its associated item, easier to implement different purchase logic for different items.	there exist many purchasable items, making the code harder to maintain.
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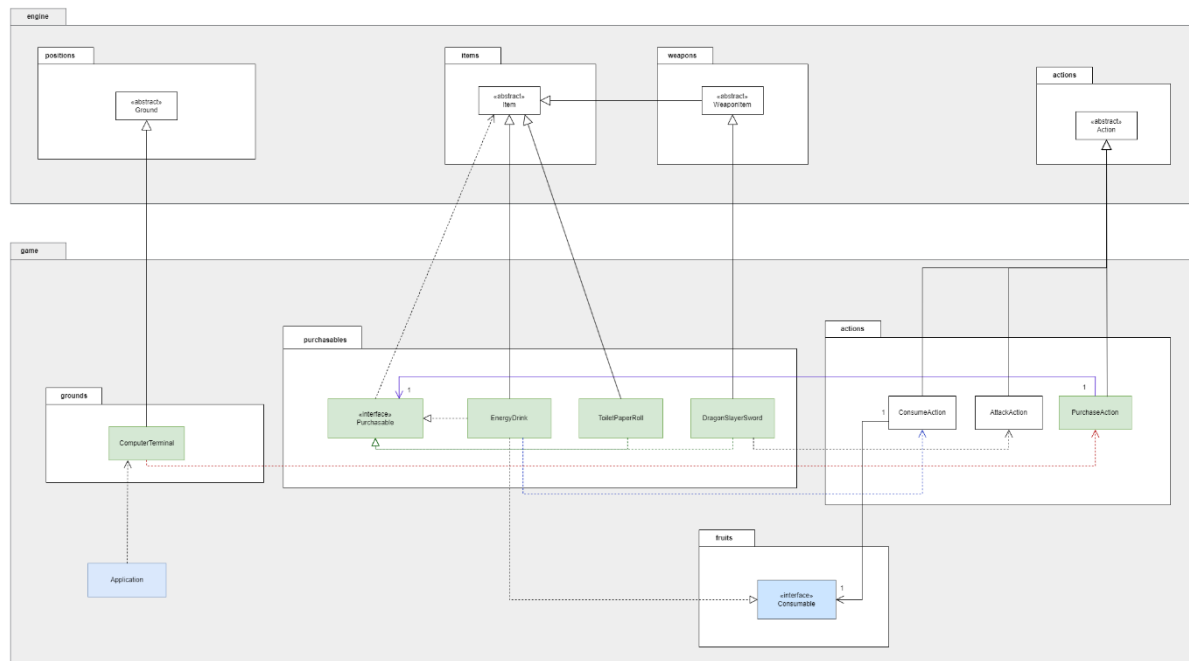
Design 2: Create an abstract class `PurchaseItemAction` which extends `Action` from the given engine and includes abstract methods for child classes to implement to execute the purchase action. Concrete action classes for each printable item then extends this created abstract class.

Pros	Cons
Code reusability, base implementation of purchasing can be inherited from the created abstract class.	Multi-level inheritance, deeply nested inheritance may cause differences in the behaviour of child classes and their root parent.
Increased flexibility, child classes which inherit the abstract <code>PurchaseItemAction</code> class can implement abstract methods defined in the parent to implement different purchase logic for different items.	Dependencies on specific method names or variable names between the <code>PurchaseItemAction</code> abstract class and its concrete subclasses (Connascence of name).

Design 3: Creating class `PurchaseAction` which extends `Action` that is used for any `Purchasable` item (stores the `Purchasable`).

Pros	Cons
Higher code reusability, using a generic <code>PurchaseAction</code> class for every purchasable item avoids creating separate actions for each type.	Less flexibility, purchasing logic must be consistent across all purchasable items, harder to extend different variations of purchasing logic for different items from existing codebase.
Reduces dependencies with only 1 dependency from <code>ComputerTerminal</code> class to <code>PurchaseAction</code> compared to Design 1 & 2, making code easier to maintain without affecting too many classes.	<code>PurchaseAction</code> relies on the meaning of methods in purchasable items, changing the attribute names or method syntax would need modification in <code>PurchaseAction</code> class as well (Connascence of name & meaning).
<code>PurchaseAction</code> class encapsulates the logic for executing a purchase action, maintaining organized code.	Constant values defined in purchasable items are reused for checking and operations in <code>PurchaseAction</code> , changing predefined values may affect the

	execution of the action (Connasence of value).
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The UML diagram above shows the overall design of REQ 4, based on design decisions in parts A, B and Design 3 of part C. ComputerTerminal class which extends Ground from engine is responsible for adding new PurchaseActions that contain different types of items that implement the Purchasable interface. EnergyDrink class and ToiletPaperRoll class both extend Item, but EnergyDrink class implements an additional Consumable interface to heal the actor when consumed. DragonSlayerSword class extends abstract WeaponItem class to be used to attack targets, where WeaponItem also extends from abstract Item class.

The new abstract ComputerTerminal class for plants extends the abstract Ground class, new EnergyDrink class and ToiletPaperRoll class both extend Item, new DragonSlayerSword class extends abstract WeaponItem class. We want the Computer Terminal to also act as a type of Ground for actors to step on and purchasable items to implement the same logic (i.e. can be picked up/dropped off) as non-purchasable items in the game, it is logical to abstract the identities to avoid repetitions in code (DRY). Creating a new PurchaseAction class segregates the responsibility of handling purchase and process payment logic to a new class, avoiding existing classes having too many responsibilities (Single Responsibility Principle).

Using the new Purchasable interface allows us to remove dependencies of the PurchaseAction to different concrete purchasable items, by diverting the dependency on the Purchasable interface that abstracts the fundamental logic of all types of purchasable items (Dependency Inversion Principle). The new Purchasable interface also allows us to add new purchasable items by implementing the interface, with dependencies of classes that interact with

purchasable items on the interface, we do not need to modify existing concrete purchasable item classes to extend the codebase (Open-Closed Principle).