

# CS 162 Group 10 Project Reflection

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## Overall Gameplay Design

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Create a Gameboard object in main
Create a Menu object in main
Menu prompts user for input (Extra Credit)
Update Gameboard object with user input
Call Gameboard playGame function
While(numSteps <= maxSteps)
    Tell doodlebugs to move
    Tell ants to move
    Tell doodlebugs to breed
    Tell ants to breed
    Tell doodlebugs to starve
    Print board
Ask user to play again or exit program
If user plays again
    Add extra steps to maxSteps counter
    Repeat game loop
Else
    Call Gameboard cleanup function to delete objects
    Exit program
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## Gameboard Design

### Gameboard::initialize

Used for Gameboard constructors  
Validate that inputted row and column is  $\geq 20$   
Set currentSteps and maxSteps counters to 0  
Creates the Critter pointer array using validated row and column size

### Gameboard::printBoard

Use nested for loop to print the board  
If isEmpty() returns true  
 Print white space  
If hasAnt() returns true  
 Print ant (O)  
If hasBug() returns true

Print doodlebug (X)

#### Gameboard::playGame

Using a for loop

Print step counter

Tell doodlebugs to move

Tell ants to move

Tell doodlebugs to breed

Tell ants to breed

Tell doodlebugs to starve

Print board

#### Gameboard::actOnCritters

If critter type is ant

Go through ant vector with for loop

If flag is 'm'

Call moveCriticter

If flag is 'b'

Call breedCriticter

If critter type is bug

Go through bug vector with for loop

If flag is 'm'

Call moveCriticter

If flag is 'b'

Call breedCriticter

If flag is 's'

Call starveCriticter

#### Gameboard::starveCriticter

Call Critter object's starve function

#### Gameboard::moveCriticter

If critter != nullptr

Call Critter object's move function

If isValid is true for Point returned by Critter

Get Critter's new row and column

Update board with new location

Get Critter's old row and column

Set old location to nullptr

#### Gameboard::breedCriticter

Create new Critter pointer equal to the return Point of the Critter object's breed function

If new pointer != nullptr

Call addCriticter

#### Gameboard::cleanup

Using nested for loop

    If column location != nullptr

        Delete column

    Delete rows

Delete board

Clear ant vector

Clear bug vector

#### Gameboard::addCritter

Get current location of Critter

If isEmpty returns true

    Get row

    Get column

    Update board at that location

    If type is ant

        Add pointer to ant vector

    If type is bug

        Add pointer to bug vector

    Return true

Else

    Delete ptr

#### Gameboard::removeCritter

Get row

Get column

If isEmpty returns false

    Call findAndRemoveFromVector on that location

    Delete board pointer at that location

    Set to nullptr

    Return true

Else

    Return false

#### Gameboard::findAndRemoveFromVector

If critter type is bug

    Set bool bugFound to false

    Set i = 0

    While bugFound == false and i < bug vector size

        Get location of bug at i

        If bug at i is equal to bug to be removed

            Erase bug from vector

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        Set bugFound to true
    i++
    If critter type is ant
        Set bool antFound to false
        Set i = 0
        While antFound == false and i < ant vector size
            Get location of ant at i
            If ant at i is equal to ant to be removed
                Erase ant from vector
                Set antFound to true
        i++

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#### Gameboard::isValid

Returns true if the point is within the board's limits  
Else returns false

#### Gameboard::isEmpty

Returns true if isValid returns true and if that location on the board is equal to nullptr  
Else returns false

#### Gameboard::hasAnt

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If isEmpty returns true
    Return false
If isValid returns false
    Return false
If object at point has type ant
    Return true
Else
    Return false

```

#### Gameboard::hasBug

```

If isEmpty returns true
    Return false
If isValid returns false
    Return false
If object at point has type bug
    Return true
Else
    Return false

```

### **Ant/Doodlebug Move Design**

Create Point object with the same coordinates as the critter

Increase age of critter

Generate random number between 0 and 3

Switch based on random number

    If 0

        If isValid and isEmpty return true

            Move critter location up one cell

    If 1

        If isValid and isEmpty return true

            Move critter location to the right one cell

    If 2

        If isValid and isEmpty return true

            Move critter location down one cell

    If 3

        If isValid and isEmpty return true

            Move critter location to the left one cell

If randomly chosen cell is not valid/empty

    Return -1,-1 and critter doesn't move

### **Ant/Doodlebug Breed Design**

Create Point object of (-1,-1)

Create bools (state, north, east, south, west) all set to false

If age < 3

    Return nullptr (critter did not breed)

Set point to critter's current location

Check cell above critter

If isValid and isEmpty returns true

    Set north to true

    Set state to true

Check cell east of critter

If isValid and isEmpty returns true

    Set east to true

    Set state to true

Check cell below critter

If isValid and isEmpty returns true

    Set south to true

    Set state to true

Check cell west of critter

If isValid and isEmpty returns true

    Set west to true

    Set state to true

If state equals false

    Set Point to (-1, -1)

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    Return nullptr
While state equals true
    Generate a random number between 0 and 3
    Switch based on random number
        If 0
            If north equals true
                Move Point up by one cell
                Set state to false
        If 1
            If east equals true
                Move Point right by one cell
                Set state to false
        If 2
            If south equals true
                Move Point down by one cell
                Set state to false
        If 3
            If west equals true
                Move Point left by one cell
                Set state to false
Reset critter's age to 0
Create new critter and pointer in new Point location
Return critter pointer

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### Doodlebug Starve Design

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Create Point object of (-1,-1)
Set point to doodlebug's location
If starveAge < 3
    Return point
Else
    Call board object's removeCriticter function
    Return point

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### Test Table

Test Case	Input Values	Expected Outcome	Observed Outcome
User inputs an invalid row size	4, 0, 101, a, 12b	Re-prompts the user for a new input until it is valid	Re-prompts the user for a new input until it is valid

User inputs a valid row size	50, 5	Creates a board with the specified number of rows	Creates a board with the specified number of rows
User inputs an invalid column size	4, 0, 101, a, 12b	Re-prompts the user for a new input until it is valid	Re-prompts the user for a new input until it is valid
User inputs a valid column size	50, 5	Creates a board with the specified number of columns	Creates a board with the specified number of columns
User inputs an invalid number of steps	0, -5, 501, b	Re-prompts the user for a new input until it is valid	Re-prompts the user for a new input until it is valid
User inputs a valid number of steps	100	Runs the simulation for the specified number of steps	Runs the simulation for the specified number of steps
User inputs an invalid number of ants	-2, c, 12c, (# greater than board size)	Re-prompts the user for a new input until it is valid	Re-prompts the user for a new input until it is valid
User inputs a valid number of ants	5	Creates the specified number of ants on the gameboard.	Creates the specified number of ants on the gameboard.
User inputs an invalid number of doodlebugs	-5, c, 12c, (# greater than board size)	Re-prompts the user for a new input until it is valid	Re-prompts the user for a new input until it is valid
User inputs a valid number of doodlebugs	10	Creates the specified number of doodlebugs on the gameboard.	Creates the specified number of doodlebugs on the gameboard.
At the end, user chooses to continue the simulation and adds more steps	1 - to continue  then 50 to add extra steps	<i>Continues</i> the simulation from where it left off for the additional number of steps	<i>Continues</i> the simulation from where it left off for the additional number of steps
At the end, user chooses to exit the program	2	Simulation ends	Simulation ends

## Reflection

Originally our Critter class only contained member variables for the Critter's current location. After integrating the Gameboard class, Catrina realized that we needed to have member variables that also kept track of the old location of the critters. Another change we made to the Critter class was to have the member function move() return a Point object, breed() to return a Critter pointer, and the starve() function to return a bool when originally the functions were returning void. Another function we added was getType() which uses enums declared in the BugType.hpp header file to keep track of whether the Critters are Ants or Doodlebugs. We also made changes to our original design of Gameboard. During our design discussions we decided it would be helpful for the Gameboard to return values to the Critters so that they know the state of the board. We added helper functions such as isEmpty() and hasAnt() to the design so that we could let the Critters know whether or not the cells they wanted to move or breed into were valid spots on the board.

One of our biggest issues was figuring out how to get the Critters and the Gameboard to interact with one another without creating an inclusion loop. Initially we had each header file include the other class, with each file also including members that were of the other class type. This ended up creating errors at compile time. Luckily, Brian caught onto the issue and sent a helpful page from stackoverflow which explained the problem of having header files including one another. With some editing and a forward declaration we were able to solve the problem and get our Critter and Gameboard to compile. Other minor issues include making sure that all our of our return types matched for the overridden functions, making sure curly braces and semicolons are in the correct spots, and getting our different classes to all fit together. In order to solve these common coding issues we held regular meetings throughout the week, tested the code frequently, and helped one another debug our classes.

## Work Distribution

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- Menu
- Main
- Input validation

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- Gameboard
- makefile
- Testing

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- Doodlebug



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