**Software Requirements Models**

**“Spaceships: Battle for the Frontier”**

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**1. Introduction**

* 1. **Purpose**

The purpose of this document is to provide a general understanding between the requirements and the final product for the video game **Spaceships: Battle for the Frontier.**  We shall present the use cases in a manner that shall hopefully allow all parties to be comfortable and content with the product to be developed and submitted before the end of the winter 2014 semester at McGill University.

We attempt to create a general consensus among all major parties involved in the development of this product, including, any Teaching Assistants, Professors, and Students involved in the development and / or marking of this software project.

* 1. **Scope of the Document and System**

This software to be developed is a Computer Video Game to be developed for either the Windows Operating System or Macintosh Operating System.

This document will contain and discuss all parts of the requirements elicited in the **Battleships v1.2** document available on the course webpage. The software will involve the interaction of multiple players *across two different machines* over an online server that will connect the players. The players will be able to store usage information, including but not limited to, wins and losses.

This document includes a: **Use Case Model, Environment Model, Concept Model, Operation Model, and Protocol Model.** These five (5) models will interact to present a general and thorough description of the project to be developed.

* 1. **Definitions, Acronyms, and Abbreviations**

**Player:**

When we discuss the players, we are describing the actual players who are interacting with the system by playing the game. They are distinguished from other important actors in that they have simple goals of *joining the game, playing the game, and exiting the system.*

*Current Player:*

The player who has the active turn.

*Other Player:*

The player who is waiting for the Current Player to finish their turn.

**System:**

This refers to the actual game to be developed. It encapsulates all the game logic (i.e. anything regarding playing the game), and all structural and software logic (i.e. how the system creates and interface between the players and how it develops and supports the network allowing this interaction).

**System Interface:**

The actual Graphical User Interface the individual use interacts with. Differentiated by the **System** for only one player can interact with the **System Interface** at any given time, while many players can be interacting with the **System.**

**Server:**

This refers to a specific portion of the Game or System attributed to allowing two players simultaneous action to a game interface. We differentiate because, though the System encapsulates the System, it may arise that a distinction must be made between the two.

**Game:**

Another portion that is encapsulated by the System but needs to be distinguished, the Game refers to the portion of the system that deals with Game Logic. When a Player plays the Game, we refer to the player interacting with the Game Logic portion of the system with the implementation and Server logic generally abstracted out.

**Environment:**

Anything not directly included within the overreaches of the System (i.e. those not included within the system boundary). This includes any external entities like Players who have some goal that they wish the system to satisfy. Typically the environment is presented an interface (dependent on the individual actor) that outlines the possible actions they are able to take on the system. The system will encapsulate and abstract the rest.

**SBF:**

Spaceships: Battle for the Frontier

* 1. **References**
  2. **Overview**

The remainder of this document contains all the information required by the Requirements Models Milestone.

**Section 2:** Contains the Use Case Models and Diagrams. This is a general elicitation of the major ways the System interacts with the environment and *vice-versa.* Section also includes all possible actions a user can take while playing **SBF.**

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**2. Use Case Model and Elicitation**

**2.1 Introduction to Section**

The following section outlines the major interactions between the **system** and the **environment** while playing **SBF**.

This section will include all major actions demanded by the Requirements Milestone, however it will not represent each action the **player** can take the **system**, in an effort to preserve brevity. As such, only major goals are presented including by not limited to: Players logging in, Players reviewing their information, Players choosing an opponent, Players playing the game, Players quitting the system, etc.

**2.2 List and Descriptions of Major Actors**

*Figure 2.1 – Actor Description Table*

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| **Actor** | **Description** | **Multiplicity** |
| Player  (Primary) | The primary players of the game. The actors who have goals of logging in, playing, and logging out of the game. | 1 Player interacts with the system. They play as if they are playing against the system, where in reality the “system” is another player doing the same thing. |
| Screen  (Secondary) | The screen where the program is displayed. The screen is the main hardware interface between the player and the game. | 1 there is one active per player. |
| Mouse / Keyboard  (Secondary) | These are the operational tools of the player. They are what the player does to navigate the screen (i.e. the game interface). | 1 Set of mouse and keyboard per player. |

**2.3 List of all Interactions to be specified by specific Use Cases**

*Figure 2.2 – Use Case Table of Contents*

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Name Id** | **Description** | **Details** | **Related Cases** | **Figure Number** |
| **Play SBF [S1]** | The overall summary interaction of one player as he navigates the system to login, play and exit the game. | A broad understanding of the major decisions a player takes when interacting with **SBF.** | **All** |  |
| **Login [U2]** | The specific user goal of logging into the system. | Requires User to have Login Credentials. If not, depends on Sign-Up | **Sub1** |  |
| **Sign Up[U3]** | The player wishes to create a new account. | Accessed through the Login Screen, given player does not have valid credentials. | **Sub2** |  |
| **Review Statistics[Sub2]** | The User wishes to review game statistics for Player. | Player can review statistics for themselves, or other players. |  |  |
| **Get Matched[U5]** | The User selects another player from a list to play against in the game. | Two players must agree to play against each other. This requires notification of both players. |  |  |
| **Game Conditions [U6]** | The two users review the game decisions. Deciding on an appropriate map. | Two users are provided a map, and both must agree on it.  The players also agree on the amount of gold they can spend. |  |  |
| **Play Game [S2]** | The summary interaction of the two players playing the actual game. | Differentiated by the Login phase and the exit phases.  Contains the brunt of the interactions. |  |  |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Name Id** | **Description** | **Details** | **Related Cases** | **Figure Number** |
| **Select Ships[U7]** | The two players select the ships they are taking into battle. | The players select their ships using the gold amount they agreed on. |  |  |
| **Place Ships[U8]** | The Users place their ships on the battlefield, according to game rules. | Placement of ships is asynchronous. Players merely alert the system when they are done. |  |  |
| **Start Game [U9]** | The two players agree to start the game. | This is based on the joint decisions they have made in U6 | **U6** |  |
| **Play Turn**  **[U10]** | The player plays their turn. | The player has a host of actions they can take while playing the game. **See figure 2.3** | **Figure 2.3**  **Sub2** |  |

*Figure 2.3 – In Game Actions Players can take.*

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| **Action** | **Description** | **Must be Current Player?** |
| Shoot (Torpedo or Cannon) | The player shoots one of his projectiles. The System informs player of allowed choices. Current player is notified if hit, other player is notified that shot was taken. | Yes, only the Current player can shoot. |
| Deploy/ Retrieve Mine | The Current player uses one of his mine ships to deploy or retrieve a mine in the surrounding area. System does *not* notify other player that mine was deployed/ | Yes, only the current player can deploy and retrieve mines. |
| Activate / Deactivate Sonar | The current player uses one of her radar ships in order to assess the map. | Yes, only the current player can activate or deactivate the sonar. |
| Save / Load Game State | Both the Current and the Other Player agree to save or load the game state. | **No,** both players must together decide whether they want to save or load the game at any time. |
| Repair Ship | The Current Player navigates their ship to the base, and selects the repair option. Allowing their ship to be repaired over time. | Yes, only the Current Player may be able to activate reparations at any time. |
| Send Message | The players send a text message to one another. | No, either player can send and receive messages at any time. |
| Review Game Rules | Either player decides to review the game rules or the possible decisions they are able to make. | No, either player can review the game rules at any given time. |

**2.4 Use Case Model**

Play SBF Use Case [S1]

**Use Case:** Play Spaceships: Battle for the Frontier

**Scope:** SBF

**Level:** Summary

**Intention in Context:** The player wishes to receive some enjoyment by playing *Spaceships: Battle for the Frontier* hoping also to win the game.

**Multiplicity:** One Player interacts with their *System Interface* at any given time.

**Primary Actor:** Player

**Pre-Condition:** Player has valid program downloaded and installed on an appropriate operating system.

**Main Success Scenario:**

1. *Player* logs into [U2] *System*.
2. *Player* gets matched [U5] to an opponent from list provided by *System*.
3. *Player* plays a game [S2] of **SBF**.

*Steps 2-3 can be repeated indefinitely.*

1. *Player* exits from *System.*

**Extensions**

1a. *Player* does not have an account with *System*. Sign Up [U3]

3a. *Player* wishes to save game state. Proceed to (4). Use Case ends in Success.

Login Use Case [U2]

**Use Case:** Login to System.

**Scope:** SBF

**Level:** User Goal

**Intention in Context:** The player wishes to retrieve gameplay details, credentials, and identity, from a previously created account.

**Multiplicity:** Multiple users can be logged in at one time.

**Primary Actor:** Player.

**Pre-Condition:** The user has already created an account with the *System* – specifically the server.

**Post-Condition:** The player will be logged into the System identified by their unique identification name provided in login.

**Main Success Scenario:**

1. *System* displays user login page to *User*
2. *Player* provides *System* with login details.
3. *System* validates user credentials.
4. *System* notifies *Player* of valid login details.
5. *Player* interacts with *System* as identifiable client.

**Extensions**

2a. Player does not have login details. Player Signup [U3]

3a. *System* determines invalid User. *System Interface* displays login failure. Use case starts again.

Sign Up Use Case [U3]

**Use Case:** Create a new identifiable profile with the System.

**Scope:** SBF

**Level:** User Goal

**Intention in Context:** The player wishes to create a new profile with the System.

**Multiplicity:** The *System* can have multiple New Users. *System Interface* allows sign up for one user at a time.

**Primary Actor:** Player

**Pre-Condition:** The Player does not already have a valid account recognized by the *System.* Player wants to be able to play SBF.

**Post-Condition:** The System will store and recognize details for a new player.

**Main Success Scenario:**

1. *System* displays New-User signup page to *Player*.
2. *Player* provides *System* with required credentials.
3. *System* validates user credentials.
4. *System* alerts *Player* that credentials are validated.
5. *Player* Logs into [U2] *System.*

**Extensions:**

2a. User does not provide full and appropriate credentials. Case resumes at 1.

3a. *System* determines some major error. Use case ends in failure.

Review Statistics [Sub1]

**Use Case:** Review specific player stats and performance.

**Scope:** SBF

**Level:** Sub-Function of Get Matched.

**Intention in Context:** The player wishes to review the game statistics of some other Player actor including perhaps themselves.

**Multiplicity:** The *System* can provide multiple user profiles. The *System Interface* can display one stat section at a time.

**Primary Actor:** Player

**Pre-Condition:** User has successfully logged into the system.

**Main Success Scenario:**

***Steps 1-2 can be repeated in sequence.***

1. *Player* notifies *System Interface* about a specific player statistic to review.
2. *System Interface* presents appropriate game statistic to *Player*.
3. Player finishes reviewing statistics, returns to Get Matched [U5]

Get Matched [U5]

**Use Case:** Match players in order to start a game.

**Scope:** SBF

**Level:** User Goal

**Intention in Context:** The player wishes to find an opponent to play a game against.

**Multiplicity:** *System* can match multiple players. *System Interface* displays a table such that one player can browse multiple opponents.

**Primary Actor:** Player

**Secondary Actor:** OtherPlayer

**Pre-Condition:** Each individual player has appropriately logged into the System.

**Main Success Scenario:**

1. *Player* notifies *System* that she wants to select a new opponent.
2. *System* responds by presenting *Player* a list of possible opponents.
3. *Player* notifies *System* of *Other Player* she wishes to challenge.
4. *System* responds confirmation that *Other Player* has accepted challenge.
5. *Player* plays a game [S2].

**Extensions**

2a. *System* determines there are no other *players* logged in. Use case ends in Failure.

3a. Player Reviews Statistics [Sub1] about other player to determine compatibility. Use case resumes per step 2.

4a. *Other Player* does not accept invitation to play game. *System* notifies *Player.* Use case resumes per step 2.

4ai. *Player* cannot send more then 2 requests to *Other Player* in a span of 1 hour.

Play Game Use Case [S2]

**Use Case:** Play a game of SBF.

**Scope:** SBF

**Level:** Summary Level

**Intention in Context:** Two *Players* have been matched up. The *Players* want to engage in a game of SBF.

**Actor:** *Player*

**Secondary Actor:** *Other Player*

**Pre-Condition:** System has matched up two Players to engage in a game. Both players have agreed to face each other.

**Post-Condition:** Game statistics for the *Player* will be updated including rankings.

**Main Success Scenario:**

*At this point, the Players may also decide to Load a game. This scenario means use case begins at step 5.*

1. *System Interface* starts executes Game Conditions [U6]
2. *System Interface* starts Ship Selection [U7]
3. *System Interface* starts Place Ships[U8]
4. *Player* alerts *System Interface* she is ready to Start game [U9]*.*

*Step 7 is repeated until one player wins the game.*

1. *Player* takes a turn [U10]
2. *System Interface* alerts *Player* of end of game.

**Extensions**

*1a. Users* want to load a game. Use case resumes at step 5.

*1ai. System* determines some load error. Users are notified. Use case begins at 1.

5a. *User* saves game state. System exists. Use Case ends in success.

5ai. *System* determines some save error. User is alerted. Use case ends in failure.

Game Conditions Use Case [U6]

**Use Case:** Review the landscape and total money.

**Scope:** Play Game

**Level:** User Goal.

**Intention in Context:** The *Player* is presented with a list of game terms. These terms include the Map and the amount of money the players have to buy ships for that game. The player reviews these conditions and makes any appropriate alterations.

**Multiplicity:** 2 Players are interacting with the System simultaneously. One player at a time gets updated game conditions.

**Primary Actor:** Player

**Secondary Actor:** Other Player.

**Pre-Condition:** Both players have been properly matched up, and have agreed to start a game.

**Post-Condition:** The System has registered the appropriate conditions to produce for the specific game instance.

**Main Success Scenario**

*Steps 1 and 2 are repeated until a unanimous decision is made by both players.*

1. *Player* is notified of game conditions by System.
2. *Player* reviews and sends new set of conditions to System.
3. *System* returns confirmation of game condition to *Player*.
4. Move to *Select Ships* [U7]

**Extensions**

2a. *Other Player* rejects or re-alters game Conditions. Use Case starts at 1.

Select Ships Use Case [U7]

**Use Case:** Selection of ships for battle.

**Scope:** Play Game

**Level:** User Goal.

**Intention in Context:**  The *Player* selects ships from a roster of available brigs according to a declining balance decided upon in the *Game Conditions.* These are the ships the player will be bringing into battle.

**Multiplicity**: In the context of a game instance: two players simultaneously interact with the *System* to choose ships. Each *Player* interacts with his personal *System Interface*.

**Primary Actor:** Player

**Main Success Scenario:**

1. *System Interface* notifies *player* of valid and presents appropriate ships.
2. *Player* selects ships based on credit balance and alerts *System* of choice.
3. *Player* alerts system that all valid choices are made.
4. *System* validates ships selection. *System Interface* notifies player of validity.
5. Move to *Deploy Ships* [U8].

**Extensions:**

4a. *System* determines invalid choices. *System Interface* notifies *Player*. Start again at 2.

Deploy Ships [U8]

**Use Case:** Deployment of ships on the battle screen.

**Scope**: Play Game.

**Level:** User Goal

**Intention in Context:** The *Player* wishes to deploy his ships on the battle map.

**Multiplicity:** Both *Players* are deploying ships simultaneously through their individual *System Interfaces*.

**Primary Actor:** Player

**Main Success Scenario:**

1. *System* provides *Player* with the list of selected ships from Select Ships [U7].

*Number (2-3) is repeated until all ships are placed on the map surrounding player base.*

1. *Player* selects a remaining ship from the list, and informs the *System* where on the map he would like it to be placed.
2. *System Interface* confirms valid ship placement.
3. *Player* declares to *System* that he is ready to Start Game [ U9]

**Extensions**:

2a. *Player* alerts *System* he want so change the position of the ship. *System Interface* reflects changes. Use case begins again at 2.

3a. *System* Determines invalid ship placement. *System Interface* alerts *Player*. Use Case begins again at (2).

Start Game [U9]

**Use Case:** Start the actual gameplay.

**Scope:** Play Game

**Level:** User Goal

**Intention in Context:** The *Player* has determined the ships he wants and placed them on them map. He alerts the *System Interface* that he is ready to start playing the game.

**Multiplicity:** Both players must agree to start game.

**Main Success Scenario:**

1. *Player* notifies *System Interface* that he is ready to start playing a game.
2. *System Interface* provides *Player* with opportunity to make additional changes to lineup and setup.
3. *Player* confirms to *System Interface* that he is ready to Start Game.
4. *Players* start playing game. Move to *Play Turn [U10]*

**Extensions:**

2a. *Player* wishes to select different ships for the battle. Move to [U9]

2b. *Player* wishes to select a new deployment for his ships. Move to [U10]

3a. *Other Player* is not yet ready to play game. Wait for confirmation from *Other Player*.

Play Turn [U10]

**Use Case:** Play a specific turn in the turn based game.

**Scope:** Play game

**Level:** User Goal

**Intention in Context:** The *Player* plays his turn in **SBF**. She wishes to take appropriate action in order to maximize chances of winning the game.

**Multiplicity:** One Player is interacting with *his System Interface* at any given time in the game instance to take a turn.

**Main Success Scenario:**

*Steps (1-4) are repeated until one player has won game.*

1. *System* notifies *Player* that it is his turn.

*Actions for (2) can be selected from Fig. 2.3*

*Number (2) is repeated until Player has made all wanted decisions / actions*

1. *Player* notifies *System* of the action he wishes to take.
2. *System* returns action confirmation message to *Player.*
3. *Player* notifies *System* that he is ready to end his turn.

**Extensions:**

2a. *System* determines that *Player* is not able to take any additional actions. Proceed to 4.

3a. *System* determines that *action* was not successful or invalid. *System Interface* alerts *Player*. Return to step 2.