

Architecture

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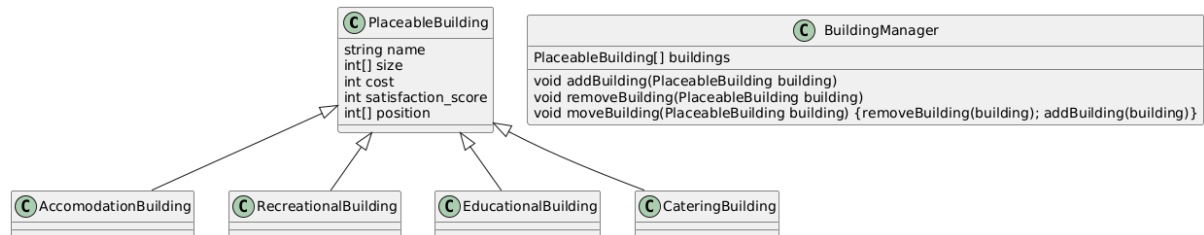
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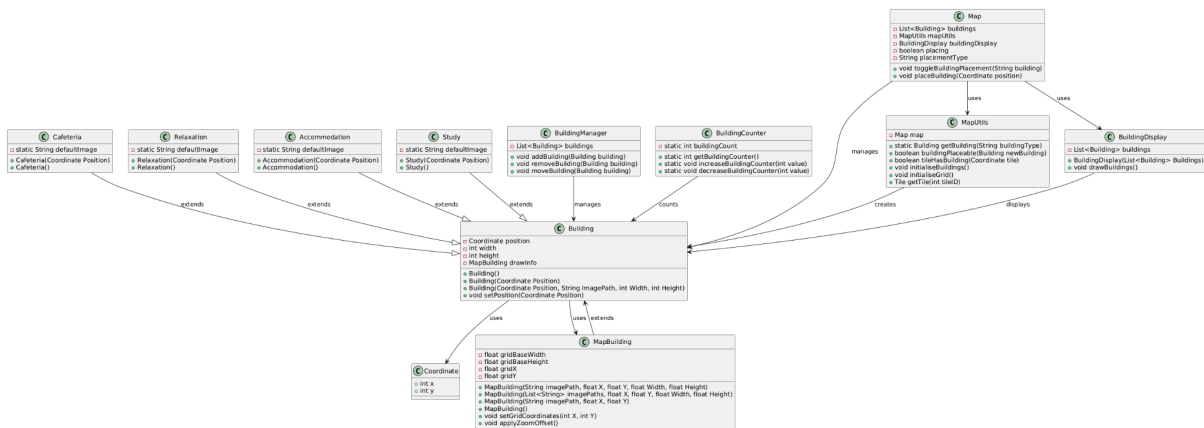
For reference:

The PlantUML extension was used in the Visual Studio Code interactive development environment to create the UML diagrams for the key parts of the architecture (for example map and buildings).

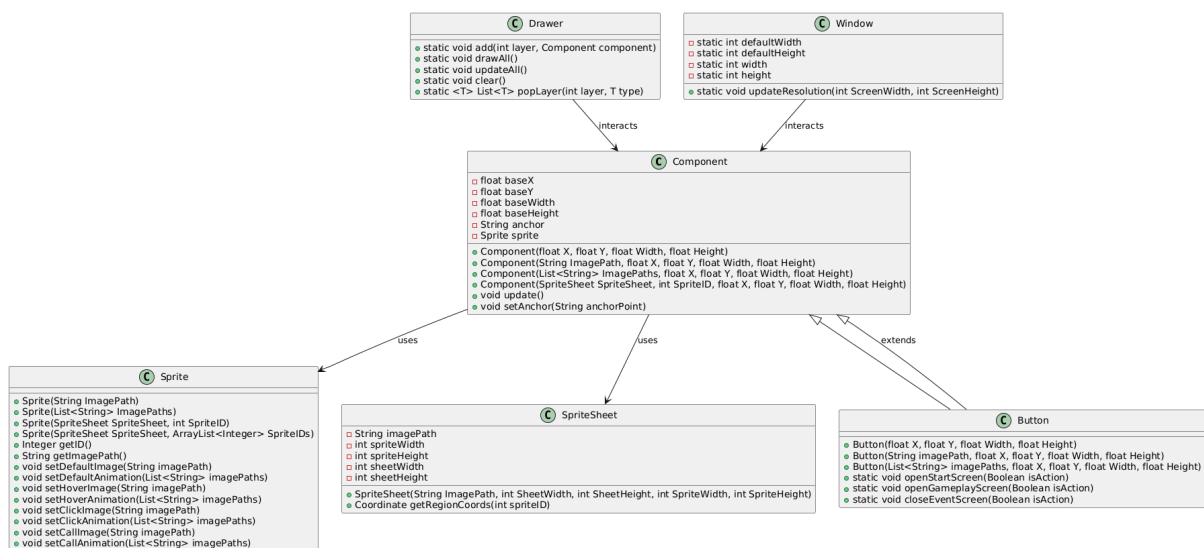
Initial building uml diagram (before code implementation)



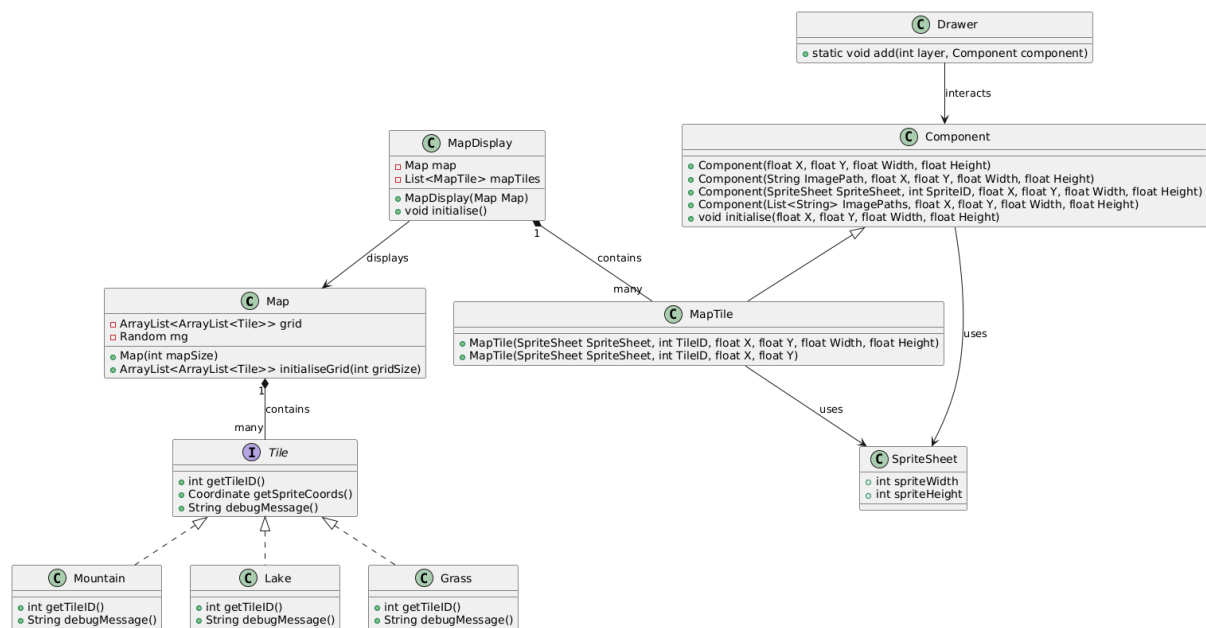
Final Building uml diagram (after code implementation)



Uml diagram for ui:



uml diagram for related map classes



The architecture for buildings has made use of inheritance and classes to simplify the processes involved with buildings in the game. For example this design choice makes the placement and destruction of all types of buildings (user requirements: UR_PLACE_BUILD_SDY, UR_PLACE_BUILD_EAT, UR_PLACE_BUILD_HME, UR_PLACE_BUILD_RLX, UR_DESTROY_BUILD) much easier, because the main functionality of placing a generic building can be defined, then it can be called with specific parameters needed for the current building to be placed. In addition, the specific buildings inheriting from a general building class not only makes their design modular, but it also allows for editing/updates and maintenance to be carried out in a better way, due to changes to these building classes not affecting anything else as they are on the lowest level of the inheritance hierarchy.

In the case of the design for the map, this has been designed in a similar way to the buildings in terms of using inheritance in its implementation. This was done for easy updating by making the tile's classes modular. The functionalities for the map have been designed in classes and grouped based on their similarities and dependencies, which aids in understanding of code and allows for easier implementation of functionalities such as changing the size of the display, making the display automatically fit the window etc (user requirements: UR_SIZE_CHANGE).

As the code has been developed over the course of the project, the architecture has changed in all aspects; including the buildings, where currently the four types of buildings now inherit from a class Building, which has been done this way to reduce code duplication. In addition the class building manager manages the placement of buildings, including functions such as addBuilding(), removeBuilding() and moveBuilding() and it manages the

building function. The class BuildingCounter counts the class Building therefore counting every building placed or removed (incrementing and decrementing respectively) which relates to the functional system requirement FR_BUILDING_COUNTER. These cover the user requirements similar to the initial design which are UR_PLACE_BUILD_SDY, UR_PLACE_BUILD_EAT, UR_PLACE_BUILD_HME, UR_PLACE_BUILD_RLX and UR_DESTROY_BUILD. These changes to the architecture of buildings were made to make the functionalities of placing buildings more efficient and to be able to implement the process of counting buildings, relating to scoring the game.

The architecture of the map has also had a large redesign, where the Map class now uses two other classes, MapUtils and BuildingDisplay, where MapUtils manages class Building and initialises (creates) the buildings to be placed, and BuildingDisplay displays the buildings. In terms of the buildings being placed on specific locations on the map, relating to user requirements UR_PLACE_BUILD_SDY, UR_PLACE_BUILD_EAT, UR_PLACE_BUILD_HME and UR_PLACE_BUILD_RLX; the class Building uses class Coordinate to place buildings on specific locations on the map, also using the class MapBuilding to further this functionality. These changes were made to implement more precise placement of buildings in a more modular way, to improve code quality.

In regards to the user interface and how that interacts with the user, more functionalities have been added to the window class that work outside of the users domain, such as updating the resolution when the size of the window is changed. In addition to this the functionality of buttons has been added to the system, where this change allows for more intuitive interaction between the user and the system, relating to the user requirement UR_UX. The button class extends the component class which is used by the window and draw class, and the component class also uses the Sprite and Spritesheet class. This change in architecture to the usability of the system drastically improves the users experience when playing the game, as more intuitive interaction means less complex thought processes and less problems to come across for the user. This relates to the nonfunctional system requirement NFR_OPERABILITY, in regards to making the game accessible to users with a range of computer knowledge.