

# Dominion

Analysis, Design and Software Architecture

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## Abstract

This project is about a virtual representation of the card game Dominion in C#. Dominion is a turn-based, deck-building game, where the objective is to gather more points than the other players. The game is played by 2 - 4 players.

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# 1 Requirements

## 1.1 Mandatory

Must be able to play a full game of Dominion

- Must support 2 players in Hot-Seat configuration
- At least 10 Kingdom cards must work
- The game must be playable in a Picture-based GUI

## 1.2 Secondary

High priority

- Be able to play the game with 3 or more players
- Be able to use at least 20 Kingdom cards
- Be able to select Game Mode
  - Be able to play 'First Game' Card-set
  - Be able to play with 10 randomly select Kingdom cards
- Be able to see all Available Kingdom cards without scrolling

Medium priority

- Be able to view a Tooltip when mousing over any Card in the game
- Be able to play the game over LAN
- Be able to use all Kingdom cards (from the original version of the game)
- Be able to play all the Card-sets defined in the original rules

Low priority

- Be able to Draft Kingdom cards
- Be able to play the game over the Internet
- Be able to select different screensizes
- Be able to play in fullscreen

- Be able to create a User, that is saved across multiple games, with the following information:
  - Statistics
  - Options (if any)
  - Achievements (if implemented)
- Be able to support Extensions of the basic game
- Implement Achievements for funny and/or hard accomplishments

## 2 Overview

This project is about our virtual representation of the card game Dominion. Dominion is a turn-based, deck-building game. The objective of the game is to use Action cards to improve your chances or damage the opponent players and using Treasure cards to buy more powerful Action/Treasure/Victory cards to gain the upper hand.

We are planning on using a Model-View-Controller architecture. We want to separate our GUI from both the game rules and the state of the game via the controller. In essence we are likely to have a somewhat static model of the rules and a more dynamic and changing model of the state of the current game.

Frederik Lysgaard is the guy responsible for the design of our graphical interface. He is also the best Dominion player in our group. Because of this, he knows a lot of the usual strategies and is our general "go-to" guy when it comes to the tactics of the game.

Christian Jensen is responsible for implementing the way the different cards interact with the state of the game when used. Christian is also the guy who will be looking into the networking portion of the project if/when it becomes relevant.

Jakob Melnyk is responsible for modeling the state of the game and the communication between the GUI and the model (in our model-view-controller architecture). Jakob Melnyk is also the "version-control-guy", the person with the final word in discussions and the general log-keeper for the group.

## 3 Dictionary

### 3.1 General terms

This section describes the general "out-of-game" terms.

**Achievements** An achievement is token rewarded for funny and/or hard accomplishments within the game.

**Card-set** A card-set is 10 different Kingdom cards. Card-sets are used to create a different play experience every time you play.

**Dominion** The card-game we are making a virtual representation of. A link to the full rules can be found at Rio Grande Games [2].

**Draft** Drafting is done by player 1 selecting one Kingdom card to be used in the game, then player 2 selects a Kingdom card, player 3 selects a Kingdom card, player 4 selects a Kingdom card, then back to player 1. This cycle repeats until a set number of Kingdom cards have been selected.

**Extensions** Expansion packs add additional types of cards to the pool of cards.

**Game Mode** There are different possible game modes: draft, random card selection and predefined card-sets. These are selected before the game starts.

**Hot-Seat** Hot-Seat is the act of having 2 or more players play on the same computer. The active player "sits" in the hot-seat while playing, then passing the spot to the next player when his turn ends.

**Picture-based GUI** A pictured-based GUI is a visual representation of the state of the game. The different cards are shown as pictures in the GUI.

**Statistics** Statistics such as number of games played, numbers of games won/lost, and other similar data about gameplay.

**Tooltip** A box with text describing something in the GUI in detail.

**User** A user is an entity storing statistics and achievements over the course of different games.

### 3.2 In-Game terms

This section describes the types of cards, supply and other "in-game" terms.

**Available** Available Cards are the Cards that can be bought from the Supply.

**Action Phase** In an action phase, a player have one Action, which he or she may use to play an Action Card. Playing an action card this way always costs one Action. Cards played may allow a player to receive additional actions. The Action Phase ends when a player has no more Actions left or chooses not to use his or her remaining Actions.

**Buy Phase** When a player's Action Phase ends, the Buy Phase begins. In this, the player receives a "Coin" amount, which is the combined value of all Treasure Cards in his or her hand and any Action Cards, that add "Coins". The player can then use a Buy to buy any Card they want from the Supply. Played Action Cards can allow more Buys. Bought Cards are added to the Discard Stack. After the Buy Phase, the Clean-Up Phase begins

**Card** A Card is the basic playing unit in Dominion. Everything you 'own' is represented by a Card in your deck. Cards are primarily added to the deck through the Buy phase. Each Card has a value, which represents what it costs to get during the Buy Phase.

**Curse Card** A Curse Card is a special type of Victory Card, which gives a negative amount of Victory Points. While these cards can technically be bought by any player and added to his or her deck, they are usually given to other players by using Attack Cards against them.

**Kingdom Card** Kingdom Cards are what make each game of Dominion unique. With one exception all Cards here are Action Cards (one is a special Victory Card) and there are no Action Cards which are not Kingdom Cards. Each game requires selecting 10 of the 25 Kingdom Cards to use.

**Action Card** An Action Card is used during the Action Phase.

**Attack Card** An Attack Card is a type of Card which affects other players negatively. All Attack Cards are Action Cards and the "Attack" activates when the Card is used as an Action.]

**Action-Reaction Card** A Reaction card is used to respond to an Attack by another player. When an Attack Card is used against a player, that player may reveal a Reaction Card from his or her hand and do what the Reaction allows. Only one Reaction Card is in this game, 'Moat', which allows the player to negate the attack used against them.

**Kingdom Victory Card** A Kingdom Victory Card is a card that does generally not behave like usual Victory Card, but instead have special effects granting the player Victory Points.

**Treasure Card** A Treasure Card adds a number of "Coins" to spend in the Buy Phase. Note that a Treasure Cards value (the price to buy it) are usually different from what they cost to buy.

**Victory Card** A Victory Card gives a number of Victory Points at the end of the game. The player with the most Victory Points win the game.

**Clean-up Phase** The Clean-up Phase consists of putting all bought Cards, played Cards and Cards remaining in the Hand into the Discard Stack.

**Deck** A players Deck is his or her representation in the game. It consists of all the Cards that player started with and have bought during the game. A player's Draw Stack, Discard Stack and Hand is that player's Deck.

**Discard Stack** This contains previously played cards and any newly bought cards.

**Draw Stack** This contains face-down Cards for a player to draw. When there are no more cards available for a player to draw, the Discard Stack is shuffled and used as a new Draw Stack. Each player have their own Draw Stack and Discard Stack.

**Hand** The Hand represents a players current options in the following turn. These are drawn at the start of the game and each player draws a new hand after a turn has finished. When drawing a new hand, it always consists of 5 Cards.

**Supply** The Supply consists of 10 types of Kingdom Cards, 3 types of Treasure Cards, 3 types of Victory Cards and Curse Cards.

**Round** A game of Dominion consists of a number of rounds. Each Round is divided in to Turns, one for each player.

**Trash Stack** Sometimes a Card calls for itself or some other card to be Trashed. This means that it should be completely removed from the game and the Trashed Card is put on to the Trash Stack. All players share the Trash Stack.

**Turn** The player usually take turns in clockwise order. A players next Turn will be in the following Round.

## 4 Example



## 5 Revision History

Some of our commits to our Github (<https://github.com/esfdk/BDSADominion>) with commit ID. The commits are sorted by time of commit, descending. Full commit log can be found at: <https://github.com/esfdk/BDSADominion/commits>

9d4d9b2bcf0b8acda2544fd3c93ad926122237c4 : added the listeners

44f6bb367f5b56014069c2bfd8b1e8fd1a61da7c : Made files to be used in the hand-in.

aa3c39f9a812b7b16ad28960223ae07b277e45e9 : GUI starts now!

02d033609e0133bb1ce6e79739e3a4dd24825dcb : added author tags, removed unused code, and made comments.

9c7a3f16c72b72ad7b124d05092bf571efc45bf0 : Control constructor reduced, methods extracted

911af507af6ec9e64a36d470280d1b4d7e9707d7 : Network starts the game

d0d97b512eab047e5192f902d4ef9ca7517ac109 : Network running. Bug fixed: wrong text shown on game start

4231b5b8928080f709745cdacf67fcf99c6d900a : Started doing EndOfGame stuff.

b7210739f2ed0b37875ab7d4a858559602e029b2 : Server PreGame messaging working. Still lots of WriteLine.

9a3c7bfc2334e04a0709a09eeb0d1b4a532327a7 : Much of Melnyk's part of Control is done! Mainly need communication with server!

3417bf70282d5b3bdfdf39c8855f258eeb05e57a2 : Network seems to be working alright.

c710a8d4a93dfdc6623be4022bcb8da2a0259d4d : GUIInterface done. Network testing

604cdf50a18a84da6adb7624c7ab5b4b46867fd4 : Did a lot of work on Control.

bb1b5dbabccfc6c7d3c1d25ffa97fcf5e8d37b64 : Starting tests on network interface

537f2f25db57b263d63cac1ab298a69de5e80bf3 : GUI-Interface almost done, only need endPhase button in gamestate.

9f2a6f20d46e0037a2dfa2d917b3030b720551c3 : GUI Interface getting up and running. Console added :D

a883a6fd4d552fe71cb3aae641a7ec0af4037e06 : GUI now draws what needs to be drawn

7c368444740ed2bc8d49027e7a7d666674600ec2 : Finished gamestate and player for now

24454e804bde99435b2022244e6307d89a9c323a : GUI now updated to work with Card-Name

0dff23c7e038f262a2b9e544b66470ec3bdc5ab7 : Contracts in Player and Cardfactory

9996c10e0277c20b900d256be2cf838fbce13ccd : Making GUI compatible with GameState  
CardName enum

c2e58797defceb6bfd1475c2eeced1e788b1f378 : Changed a few things in the BON and got  
a lot of work done on Player

19ebb6f86aa24a62375e1dd0c4ee45b88cfd19b : Begun constructing GUIInterface. Con-  
tains errors!

1ddb9247acd2f32b0e979f7dd561bd98edf4d570: Alfa GUI is done. LOCK AND LOAD!

5c28c48e556fea810b4dec2e3db4108f6c455ae4 : Diary and some gamestate stuff done.

857d25376348dd601579e20899eb76efc074a30d : Networking added. More or less direct  
copy of work done outside of project. Interfacing with Control added, but not completed

bec4f5f40ae4aca6189ab41078fbd9c0475ca8e5 : Started coding gamestate

523bd81b3a6e0e20185ff5e2b3aa5fce13ccbc25 : Arranged classes into folders for better  
overview.

ff7248e0612f9f2e53525fde41de536b22d624b7 : Started creating gamestate in code

5e858aff8cab0331b3a504f4d4280a4dbf774cc7 : Did lots of BON

1d7eb386c7839a9c97ac1b8efb286b12fdaf7d97 : Added all the necessary classes for the  
GUI part of the project

6af320925f540af6842e9b6156355738d3cc94b1 : Did a lot of informal BON

25ff80260b970ec14e36728249e3f9cb324052b0 : Did some BON and added some diary en-  
tries

e0ce1ea7ec8bd8345bfb6f66c77c3d908d40af03 : Put in BON files

86029d88fde9a403f777855e433cd3fd8775ff7e : Added diary files

533e909a8d36dbffb1c6953cf99639a5baa90fbc : Added GUI classes

905a2d3a02218dec666bff65c4738306e9e7877c : Starting project

## 6 Milestones

## 6.1 System analysis

## **6.2 System design**

### **6.2.1 General**

We decided to use an MVC pattern for our overall structure, because we felt we could separate the model (the Gamestate), the View (GUI) and Control (Game Logic and more). We also use a Client-Server architecture to do the network communication.

### **6.2.2 GUI**

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### **6.2.3 Server and Control (Server and start-up parts)**

**Christian Jensen**

## **6.3 Gamestate and Control (Game Logic)**

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## **6.4 System production**

### **6.4.1 General**

### **6.4.2 GUI**

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### **6.4.3 Server and Control (Server and start-up parts)**

**Christian Jensen**

## **6.5 Gamestate and Control (Game Logic)**

**Jakob Melnyk**

## References

- [1] <http://www.riograndegames.com/games.html?id=278>
- [2] [http://www.riograndegames.com/uploads/Game/Game\\_278\\_gameRules.pdf](http://www.riograndegames.com/uploads/Game/Game_278_gameRules.pdf)
- [3] Simon Henriksen shen@itu.dk