

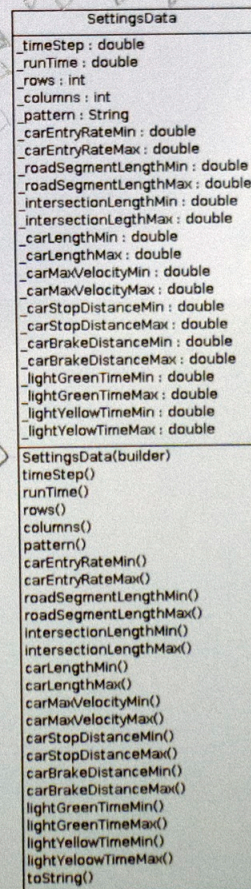
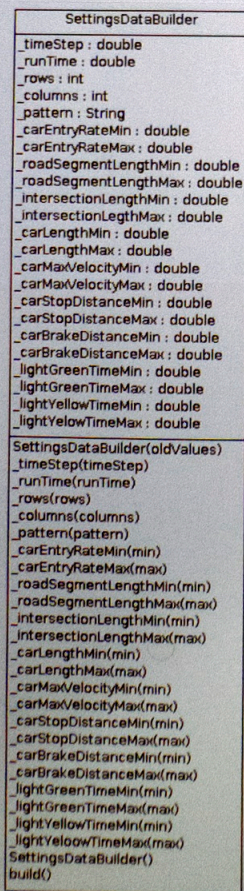
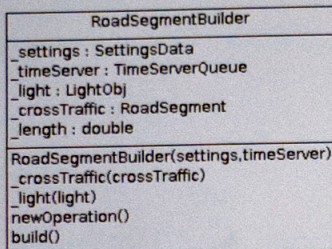
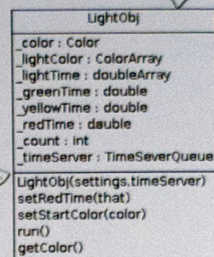
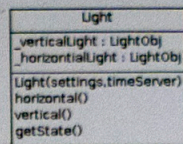
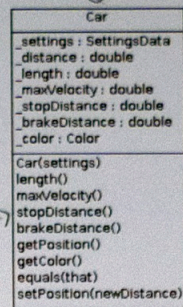
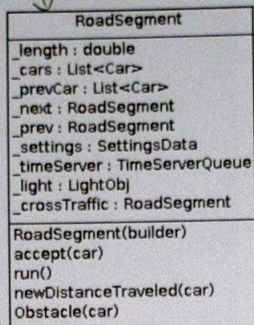
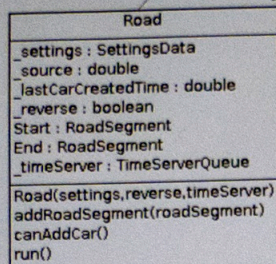
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Traffic Simulation Project

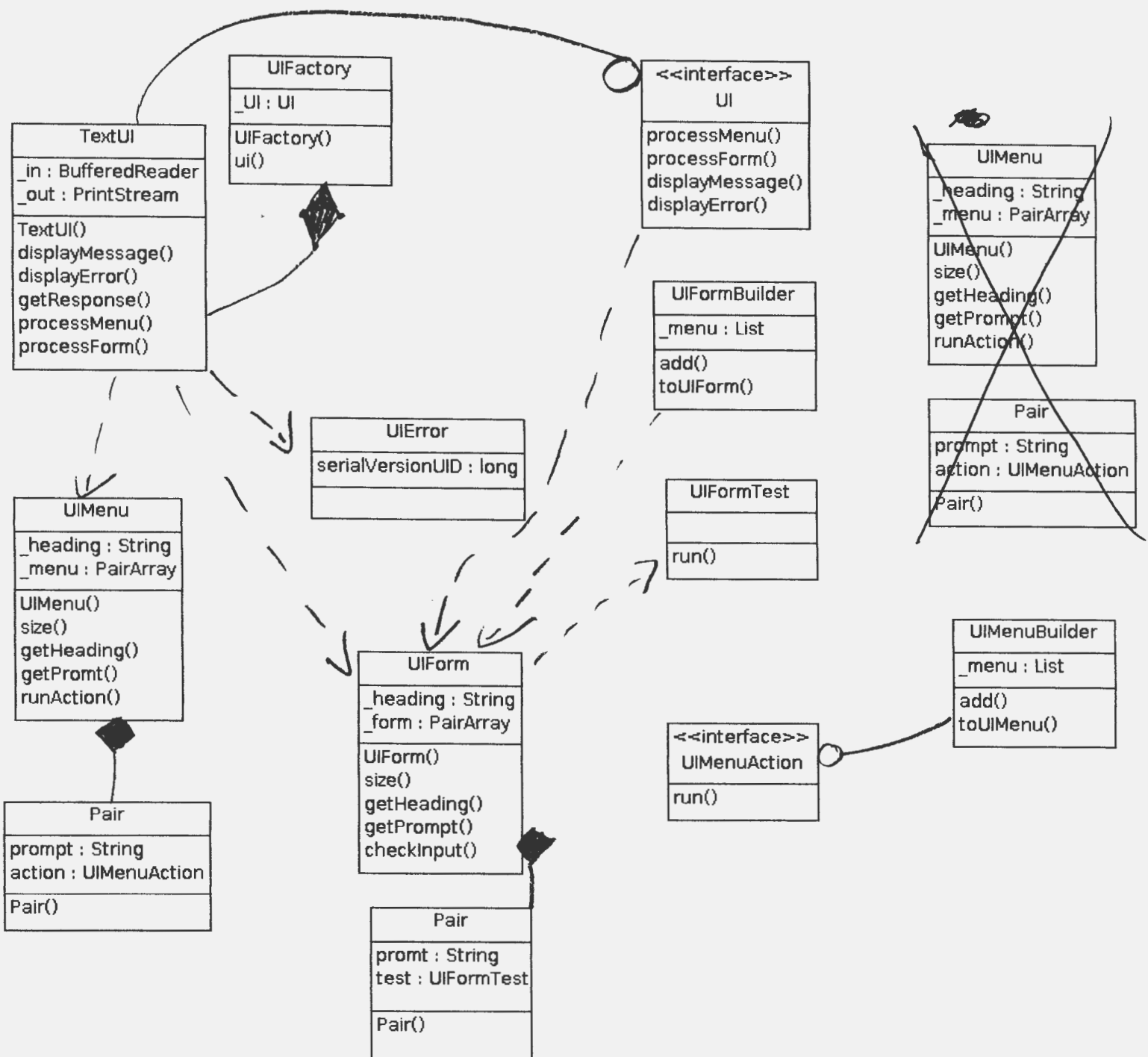
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Class diagrams for each package. Include a design class diagram for each package in your project. Be sure to include all significant class relationships: realization, specialization, and association. Show associations as dependencies, aggregations or compositions when appropriate. Show attributes and methods only if they are crucial to understanding the class relations.

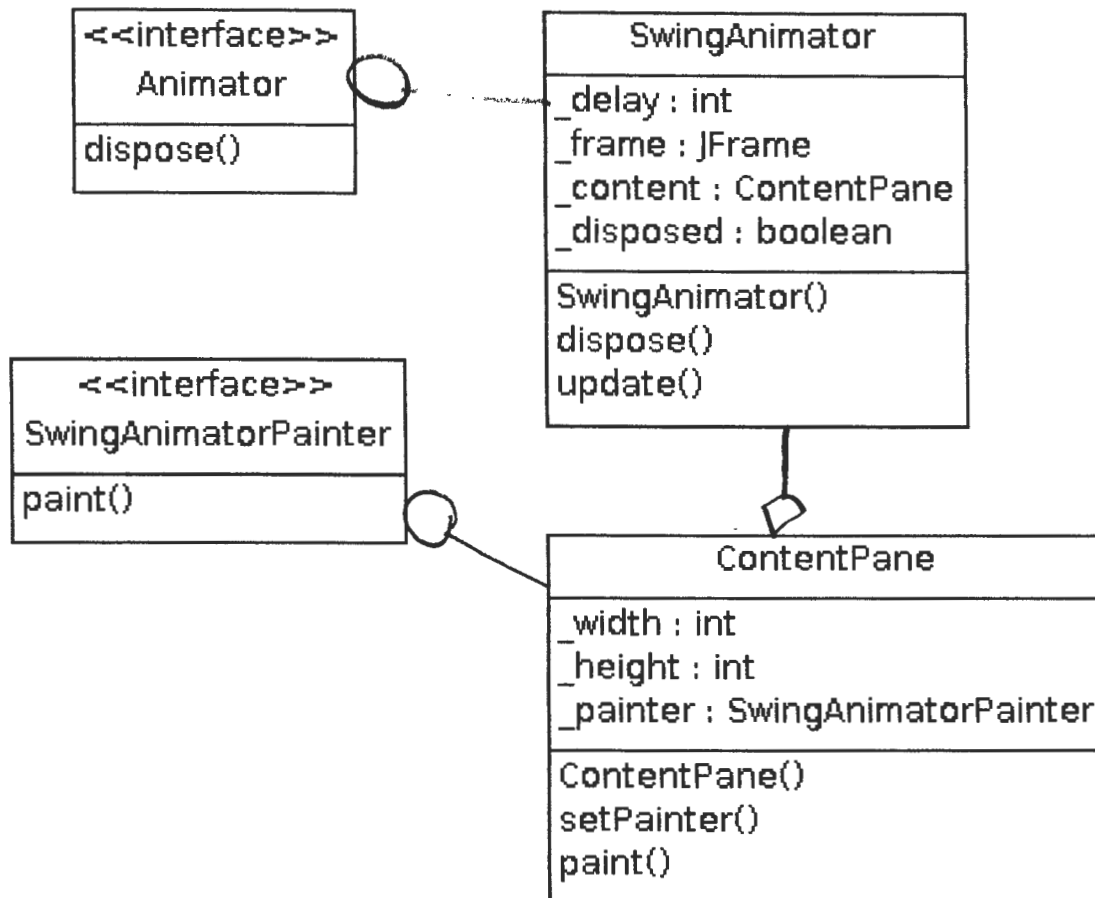
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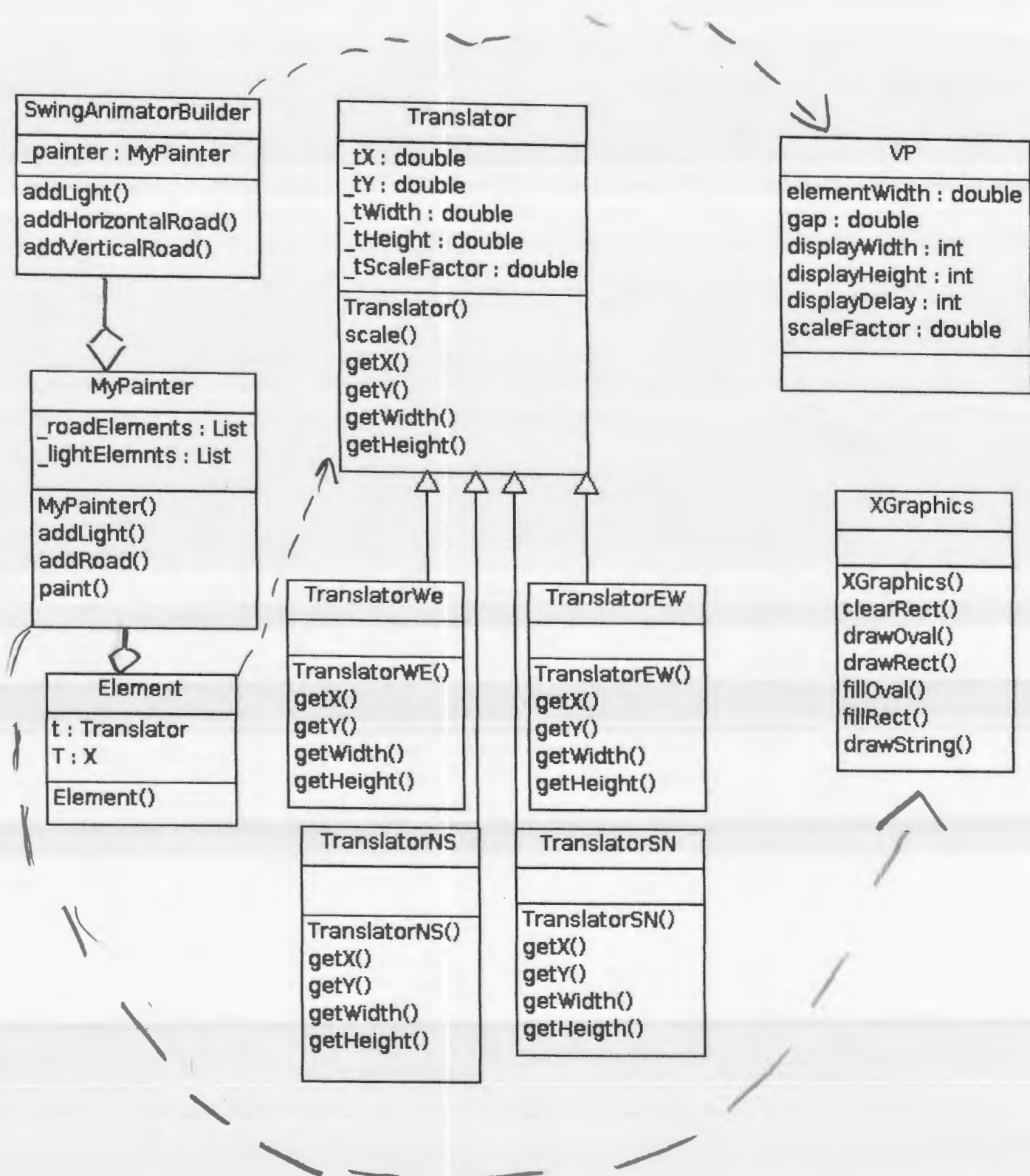
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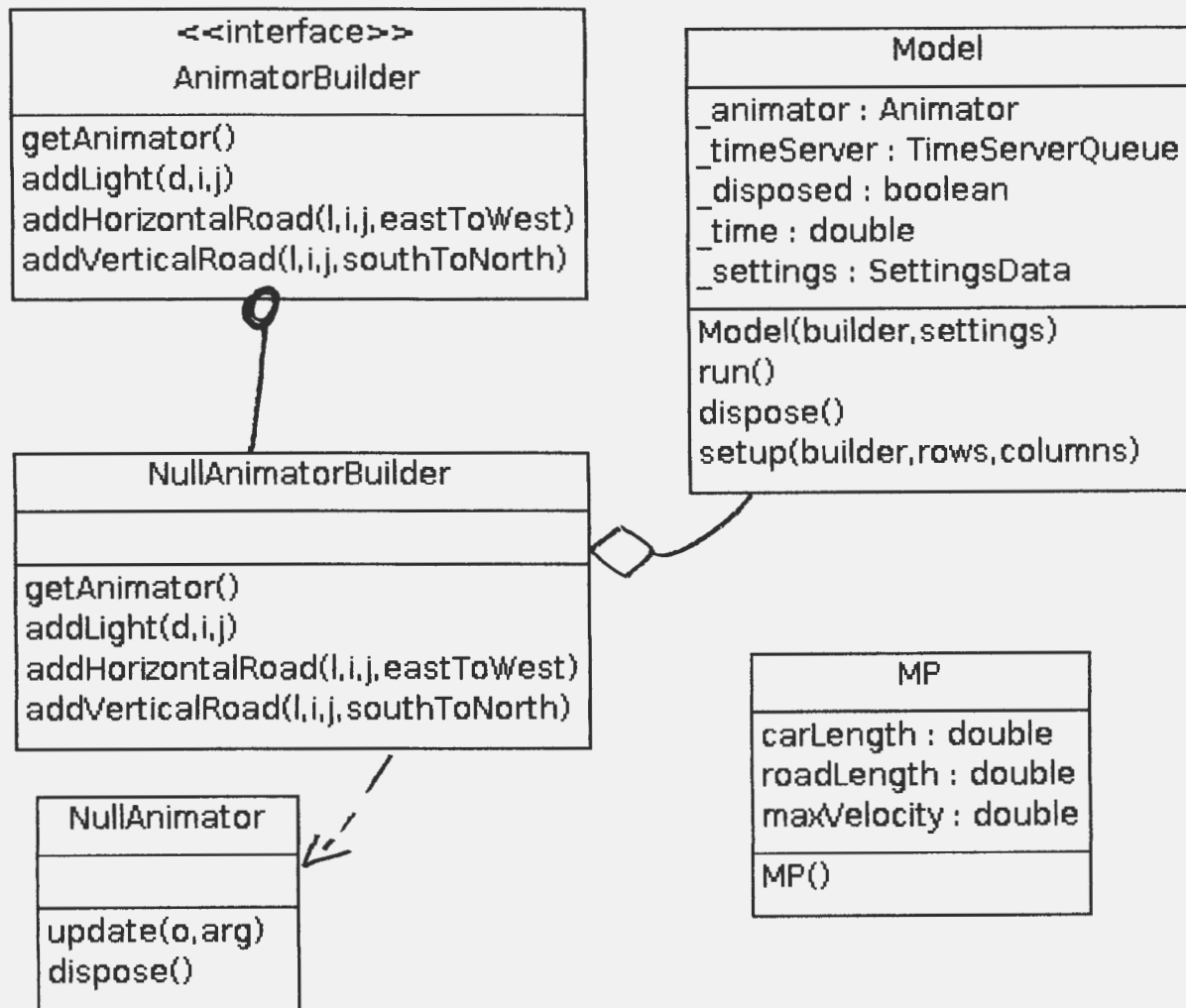
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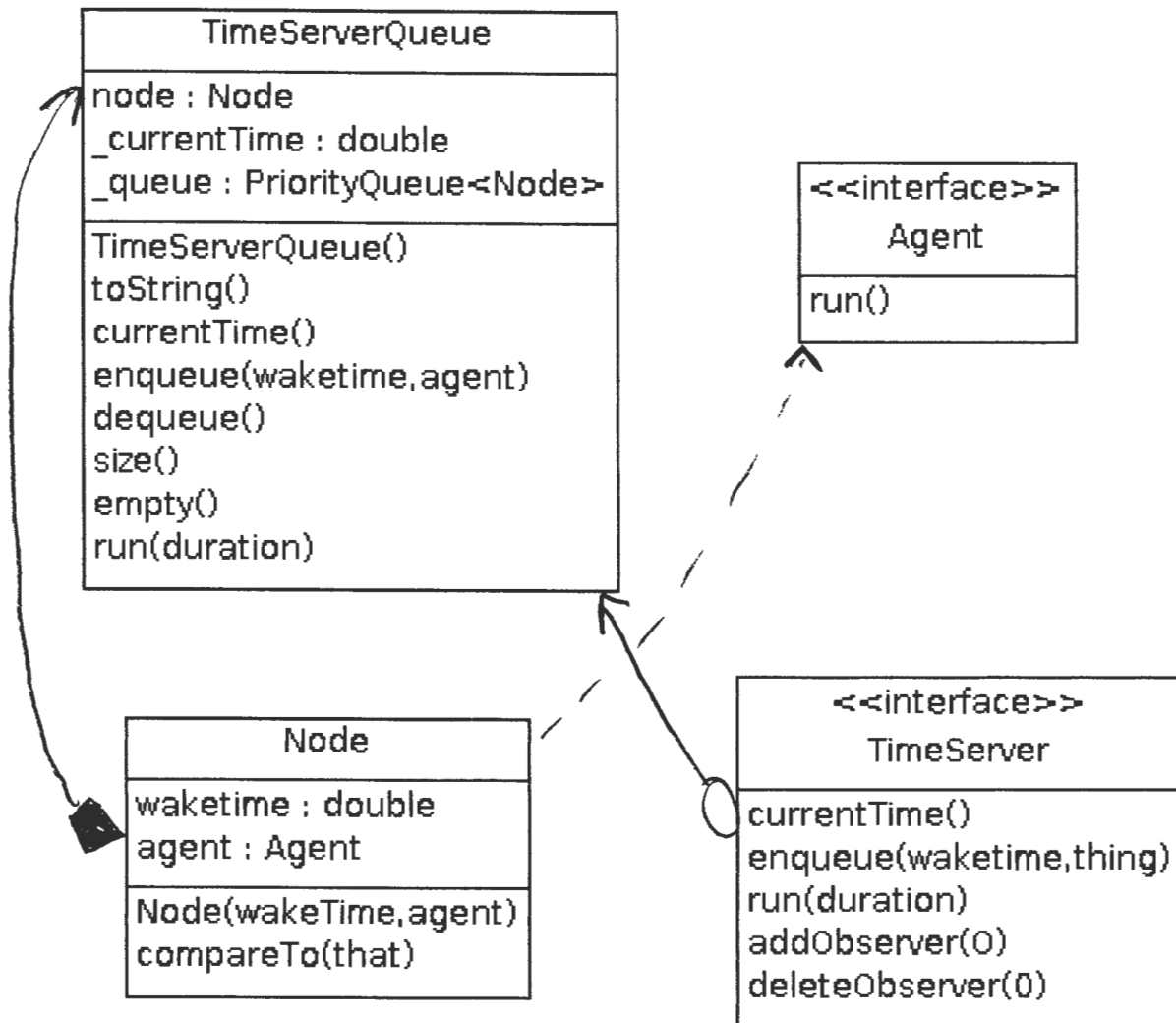
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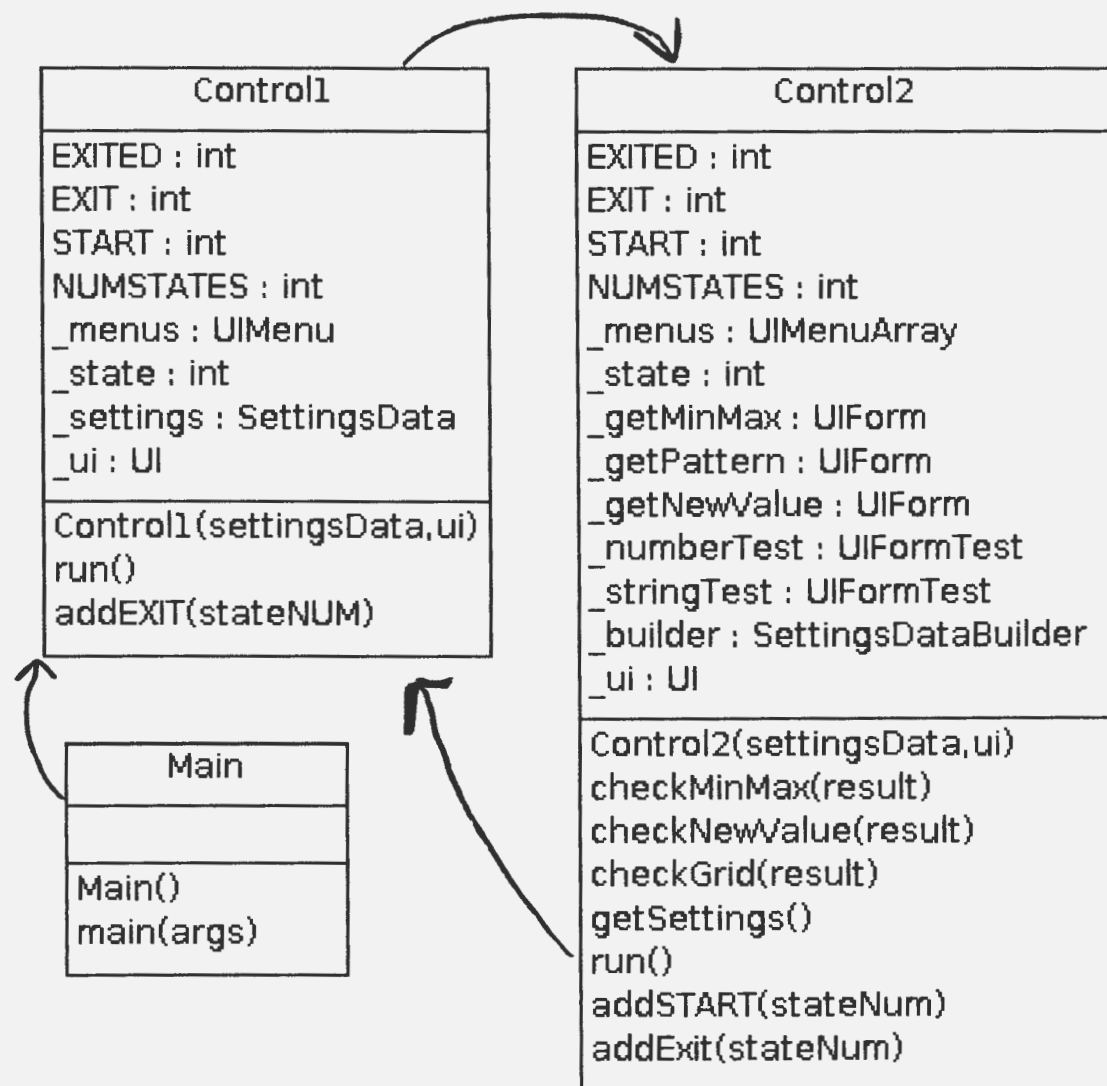
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Sequence Diagram. Draw a sequence diagram indicating the how a car updates its position. Show all the objects involved.

Time Server Queue

Road Segment

Car

run()

run()

enqueue

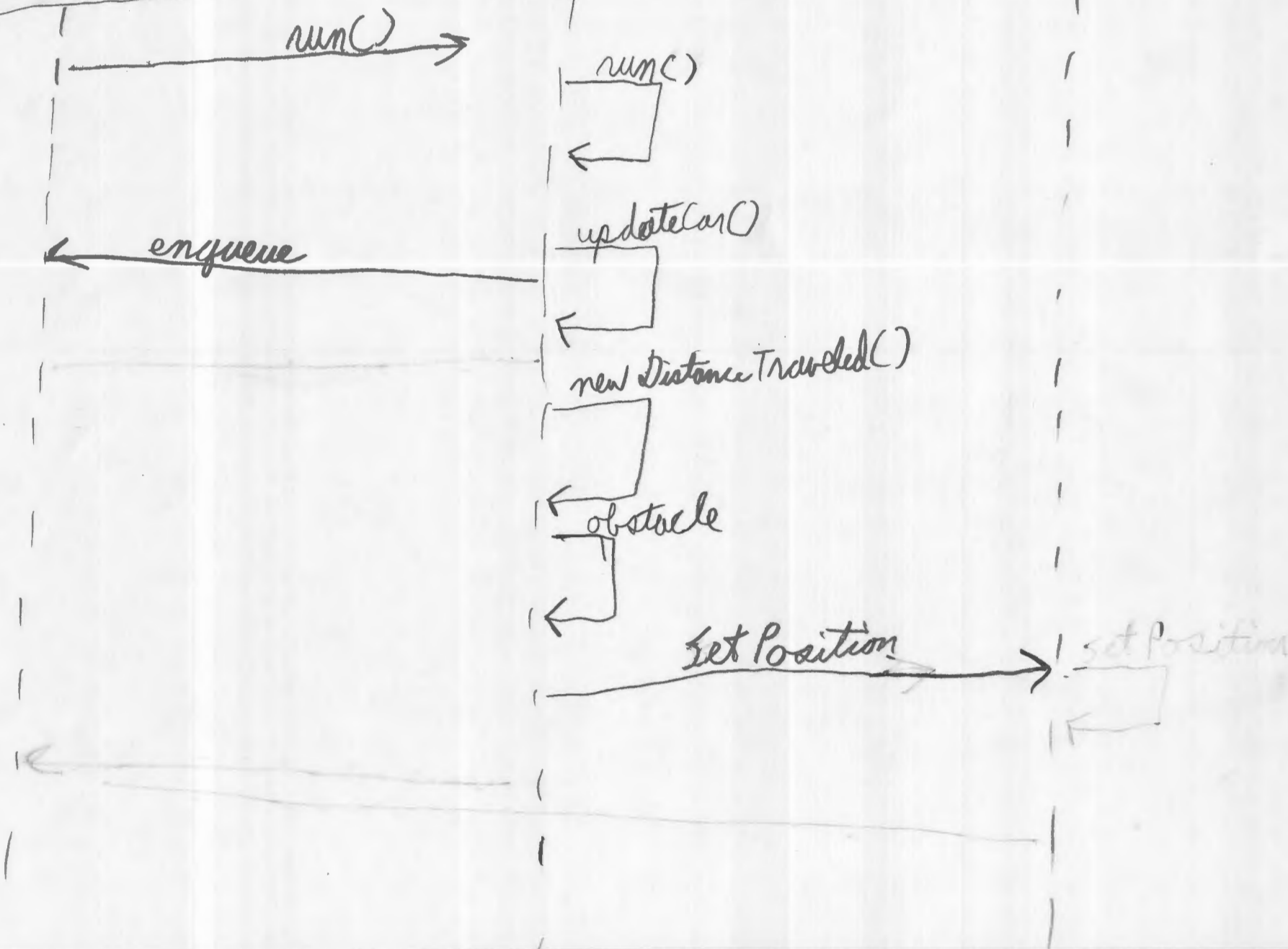
updateCar()

new Distance Traveled()

obstacle

Set Position

set Position



Time Summary. Provide a table breaking down the amount of time (in hours) you spent each week in the three areas. The table should look like this:

	Weeks				
	1	2	3	4	
Design	7	2	2	0	
Coding	5	5	7	1	
Bug	0	1	2	2	
totals	12	8	11	3	total hours 34

Notes on patterns

I used at least four different patterns to help solve problems that were confronted in this project.

My program relies off of one `settingData` object. When a user starts the simulation they can pick to run the default values or change them. The problem was that there are many different setting options. Furthermore, I wanted it set up to where if you make a change for one simulation it would stay that way until it was changed by the user again. In the beginning I had a way of getting this to work but after realizing that the builder pattern could be applied the code became much cleaner. The classes were the `SettingsData` and `SettingsDataBuilder`.

Another, issue that arise was getting my `roadSegments` linked with their correct intersection lights and cross-traffic `roadSegments` at these intersections. My `roadSegments` needed to know this information since it handled the finding the nearest obstacle for each car. I fixed this by setting up the `roadSegments` so that when they are created they use a builder pattern. The `roadSegments` are setup double linked by the road class and actually build together when model iterates through all the road segments to add to the graphics. Anyways, when the model adds the horizontal roads just the normal road or an intersection with a light. However, later when the vertical roads are added the correct cross traffic road segment is linked to and linked back to the newly created road. All this linking was needed to set the staged so the road-segments can now find the nearest obstacle for each car. This setup was a way to solve another problem. I didn't want all the classes to be interdependent off each other. Now `RoadSegment` uses the mediator pattern to update the car correctly without the car needing access to any information.

Moreover, the `TimeSever` class also uses a pattern to help solve a problem. The problem is that during each time step in the simulation it is expensive and not always necessary. My `TimeSever` class fixes this by using the observer pattern. The `TimeSever` will only update using the last states of the objects if during the next time step an object will change. Thus, if an update is needed `TimeSever` will let in observer know that a change occurred.

The last class that I will mention that uses patterns is the `Agent` class. It makes use of the strategy pattern. The problem is that to implement the `TimeSever` some sort of interface needs to be used on the objects. This interface was the `Agent` class. The classes that implemented this `Agent` class were `RoadSegments`, `Roads`, `LightObj`.

Thus, now when the TimeSever gives the command all agents have a run function that will update the given object in respect to the simulation rules.

Successes and Failures

The projects problem itself was easy for me to solve. Getting the cars to move correctly and the lights to change color. I originally developed the idea to break the problem down into three changing pieces of data. The lights, cars and sources. First the lights updated which was easy enough to do. It was a little more difficult to adjust the cars correctly. To insure that the cars do not skip each other I had them move similar to a line at a store. The cars that would move first would be the car farthest from the source then work its way in order closest to the source. A little issue was that there were many road segments so you couldn't just have one ordered list. To fix this I have the roads segments linked up in a way that I could start at the road segment farthest away from the source and then work my way back. With all the road segments linked up in my mind the whole thing really would work as a line at a store. After the roads segments were done the sources would run and check if it was time to add a car and if there was space if so then it would add it to the first road.

Doing the above method I was able to get the project to work without really applying any of the material learned in the class. Then I realized my first major mistake. The task at hand was not to get the project to work, that is easy. The task at hand was to get the project to work using good standards and trying to apply the pattern in the class to the project.

So I really started the project after I had everything up and running correct. The first thing that was added was move from a while run loop to a timeserver. This was easy enough since the professor provided the code.

The next change occurred as I was looking over my code I found it easy and very convent to use a builder pattern on my settings data. I should note that I also wanted to look into using a singleton pattern mix with the builder pattern since only one object is need by the project at a time. However, to this day I couldn't seem to get an idea using both at the same time to work. I think you could say this was my second major failure and unlike the first one I couldn't really fix it.

One of the standards in class that the professor wanted us to do was not to use subclasses. My first method did use a subclass on the lights as a road segment. To fix this I removed the subclass and changed the way a road segment was created. It not used the builder pattern and if at an intersection it would link a light and a cross-

traffic road segment if needed. So all road segments had a link to a light and cross-traffic if they are null it is not an intersection. This design is much better since the light is no longer dependent off road segments, road segments are just dependent of the lights.

After that I did that I want to further reduce the number of dependencies so I mixed in the mediator pattern and had the road segments update the cars movements. This removed cars as an Agent extension and no longer had a run function. This process should have been easy for me with how my code was set up but it was not. I would like this to be noted as failure three. It took me about 2 hours to fix it. I should have had it set up much sooner.

Another point I would like to make is that I found coding a test for the roadSegement class was difficult. I failed to compose code that test it all correctly. I believe that test to be a little more difficult that the project itself.