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Duel Reality

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Summary

- Overview
- Modules
  - Graphics (Tom Calloway)
  - User Interface (Obi Atueyi)
  - Game Mechanics and AI (Josh Kilgore)
  - Database (Ye Tian)
- Conclusion
- Questions

The Overview

- Game Description
  - Details
  - Game flow, battle flow
- Tools
- Module Breakdown

Duel Reality: the Game

- Total Game play experience
  - 2D
  - Turn based
  - Strategy battle simulation
  - 1 Player w/ Ai opponent
  - (maybe 2)
  - Upgradable units
  - 7 - level Campaign and Free Battle Modes
  - Save / Load functionality
  - Amazing Graphics and Sound
  - Dynamic Action Points Game play

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Main Game

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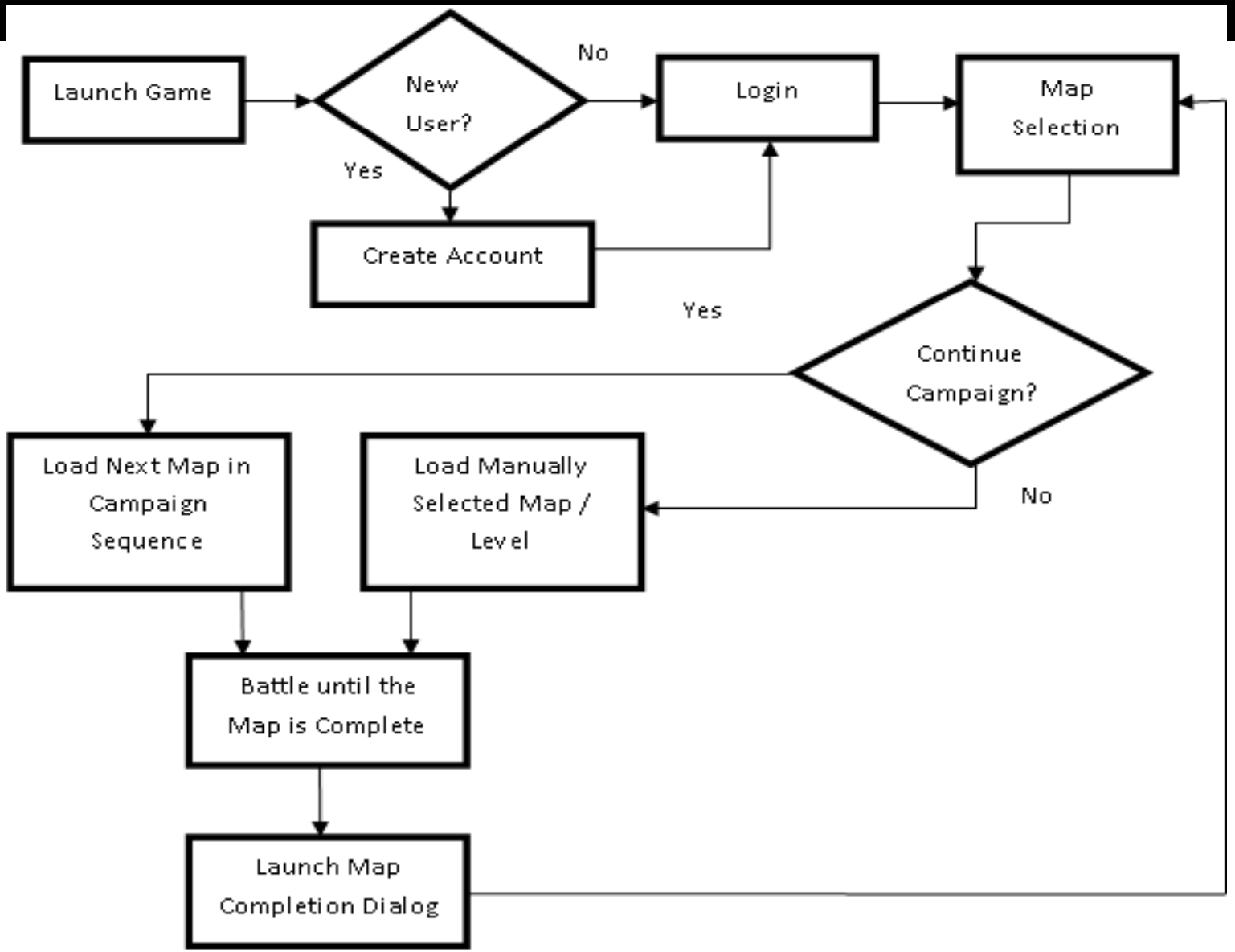

Battles

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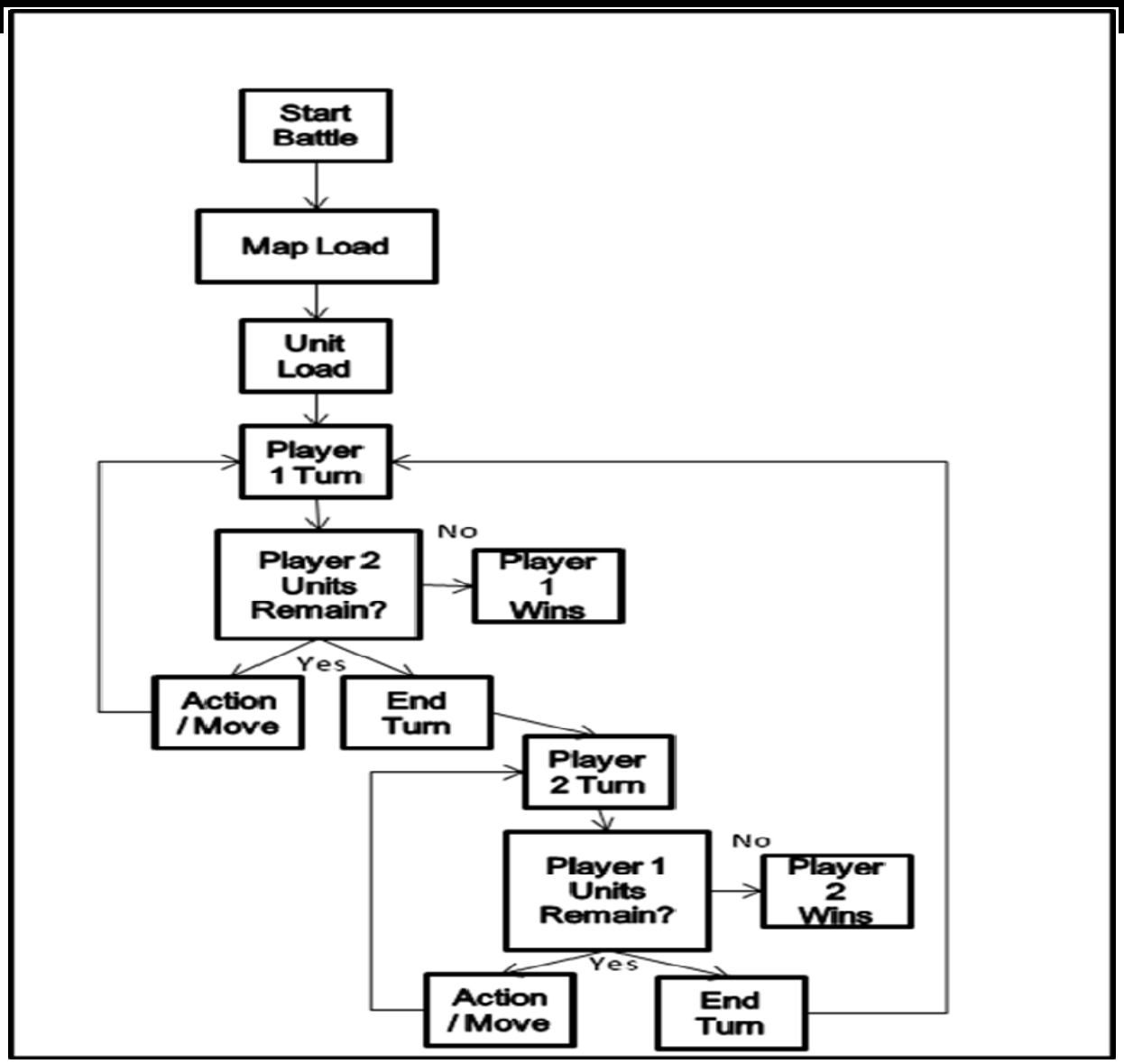

Basically:

Tools

- Qt Development Platform
- OpenGL Graphics
- SQLite Database
- C++

Modules

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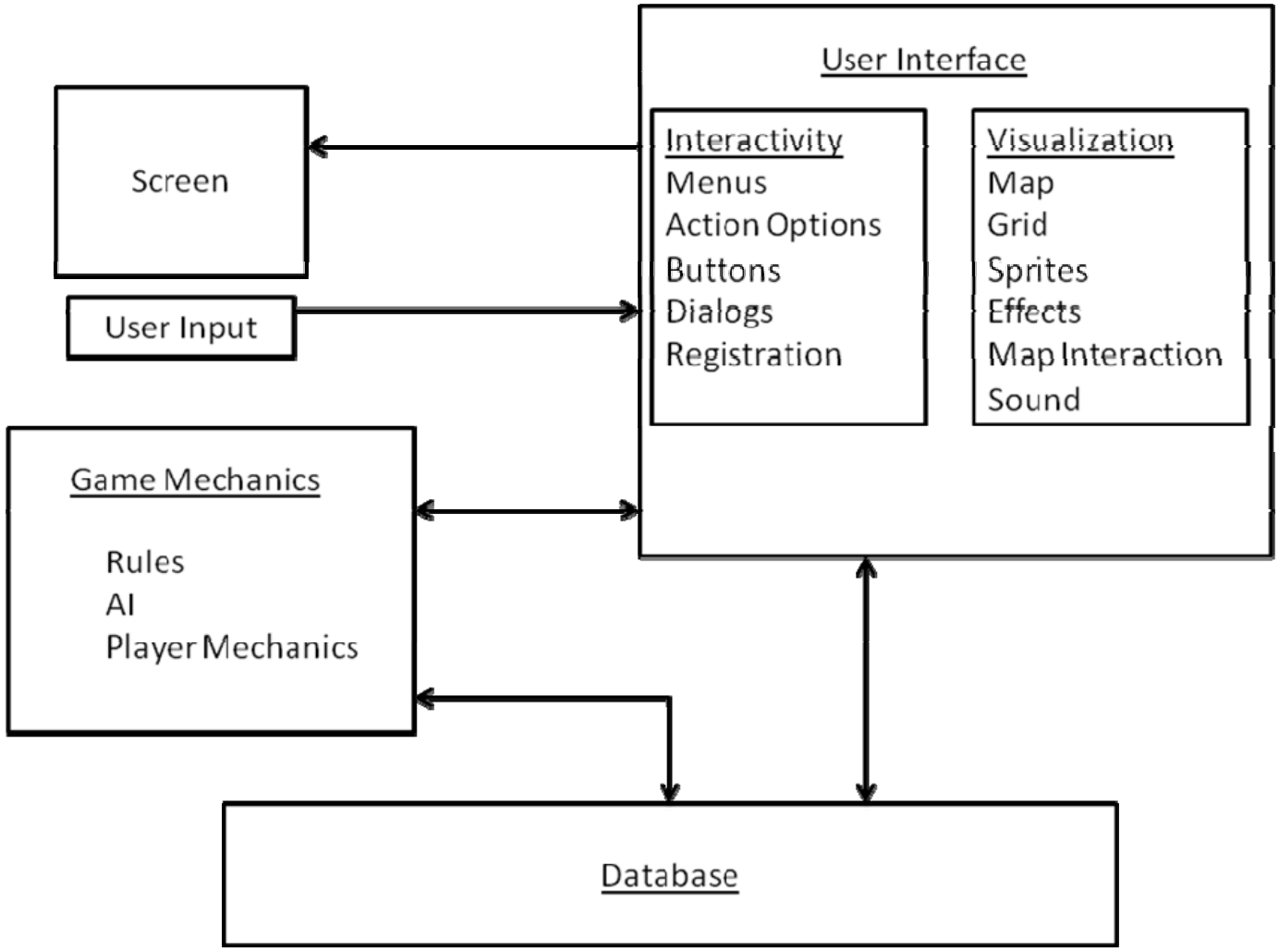

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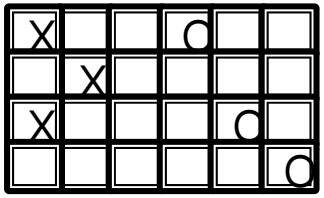
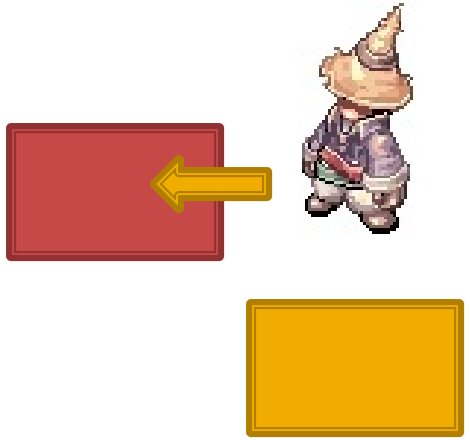
  - UI
  - Game Mechanics
  - Database



Game Graphics Module

Presenter: Tom Calloway

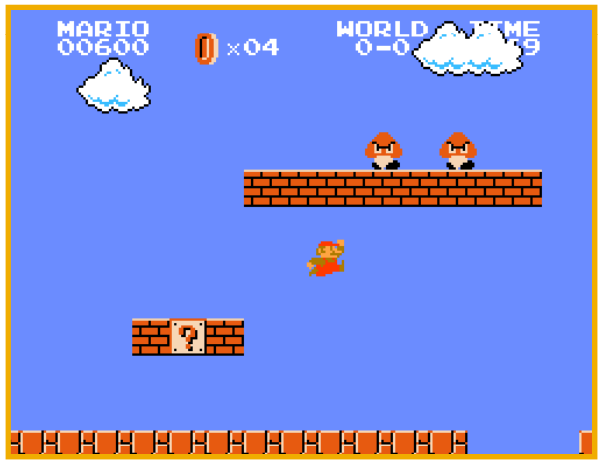
- What it is.
  - Purpose and overview.
- What it does.
  - Key functionality.
- How it is implemented.
  - Tools & Architecture.
  - Challenges.
  - Unit Test & Verification.



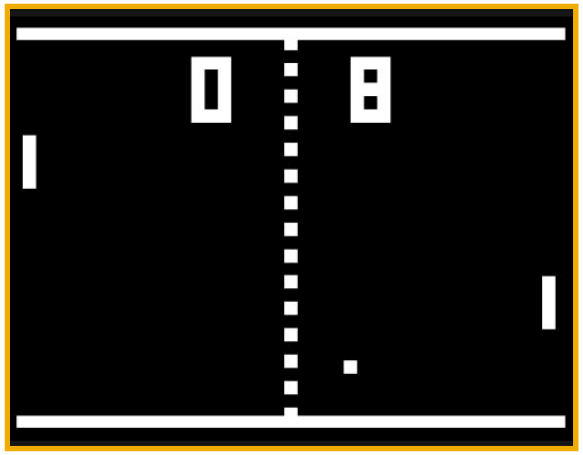
Game Graphics Module

Purpose & Overview (What it is)

- The 2D Graphics & Sound Effects!



Super Mario Bros. - 1985



Pong - 1972

Game Graphics Module

Functionality (What it does)

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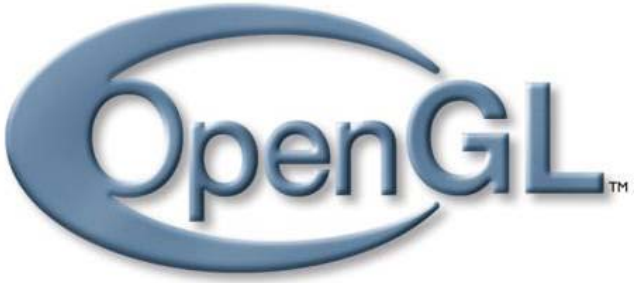
Game Graphics Module

Implementation (Tools)

- Some Possibilities
  - Direct image manipulation
  - Microsoft DirectX Technology
  - OpenGL (Open Graphics Libraries)

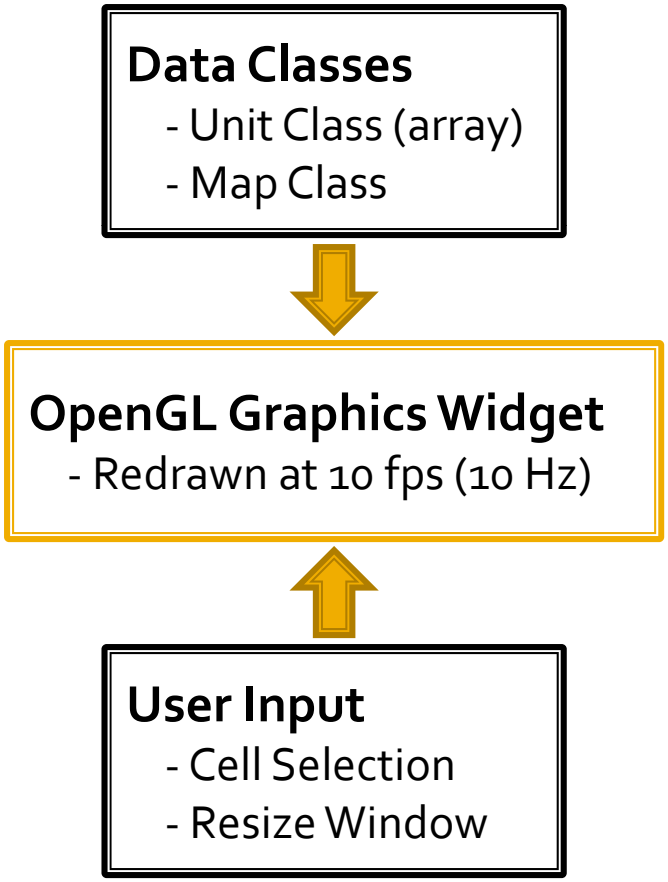
- OpenGL Selected
  - Cross-platform
  - Simple Qt Integration
  - Free ($$)



Game Graphics Module

Implementation (Architecture)

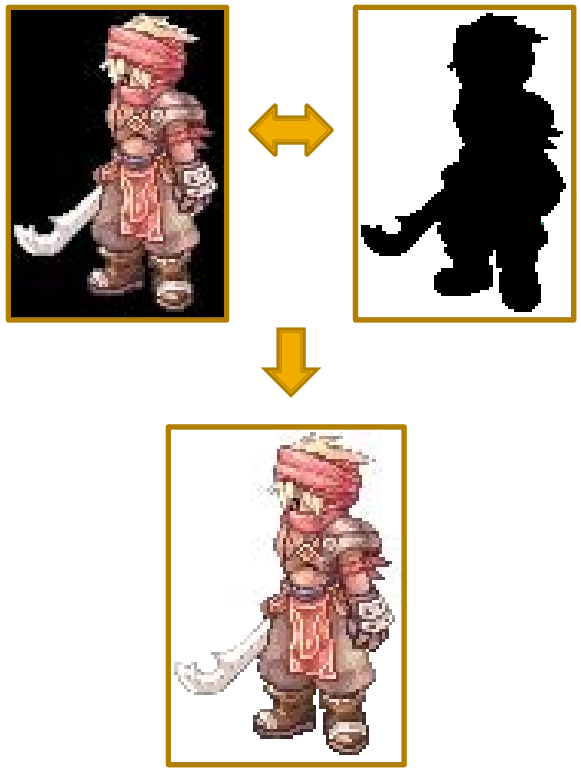
- How it works.
  - Receives data from other modules.
  - Content is loaded from hard drive.
  - Allows events triggered by external code modules and users (e.g., move, select, attack, remove, add) .



Game Graphics Module

Implementation (Challenges)

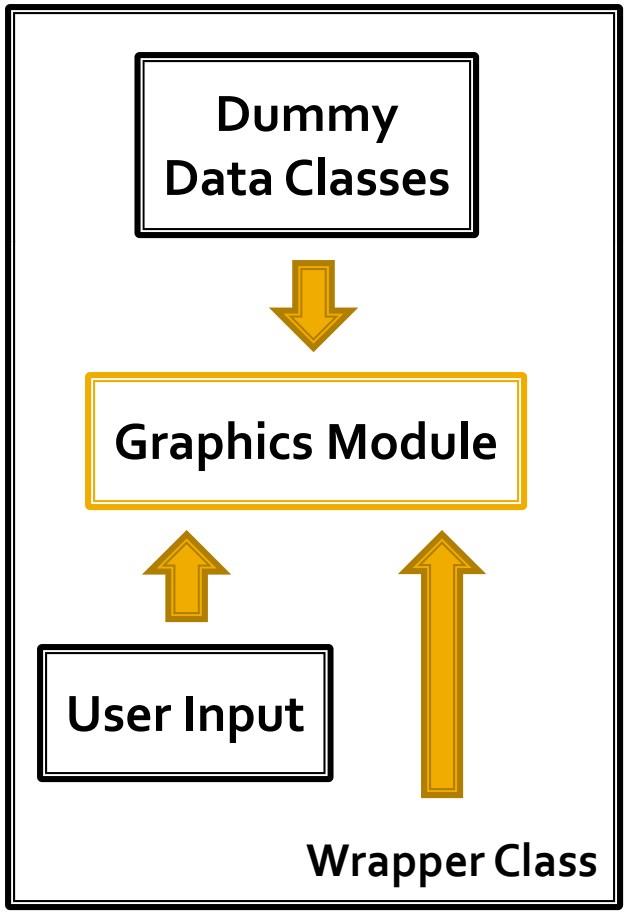
- Transparency
  - Bit masking of multiple images.
- Mouse Interactions
  - Coordinate calculations.
- OpenGL Familiarity
  - Know what is available.
  - Know how functions work.
  - Understand quirks.
- Many Others…



Game Graphics Module

Unit Test & Verification

- Create "Dummy" Data Classes
  - Tweak data and observe the results.
- Create "Wrapper" Class
  - Calls and exercises functions.



Game Graphics Module

Summary

- Graphics vs. Mechanics
  - 2D Mechanics = 2D Overhead Graphics.
- Tools / Architecture Choices Important
  - Avoid future frustration.
  - Create a solid game.

User Interface Module

Presenter: Obi Atueyi

- Function
- Architecture
  - Module Interactions
  - Mainwindow
  - Application Interaction Items
- Implementation
  - Tools
  - Class Diagrams
  - Qt Classes
    - QWizard & QWizardPage Classes
  - Unit Test & Verification
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User Interface Module

Function

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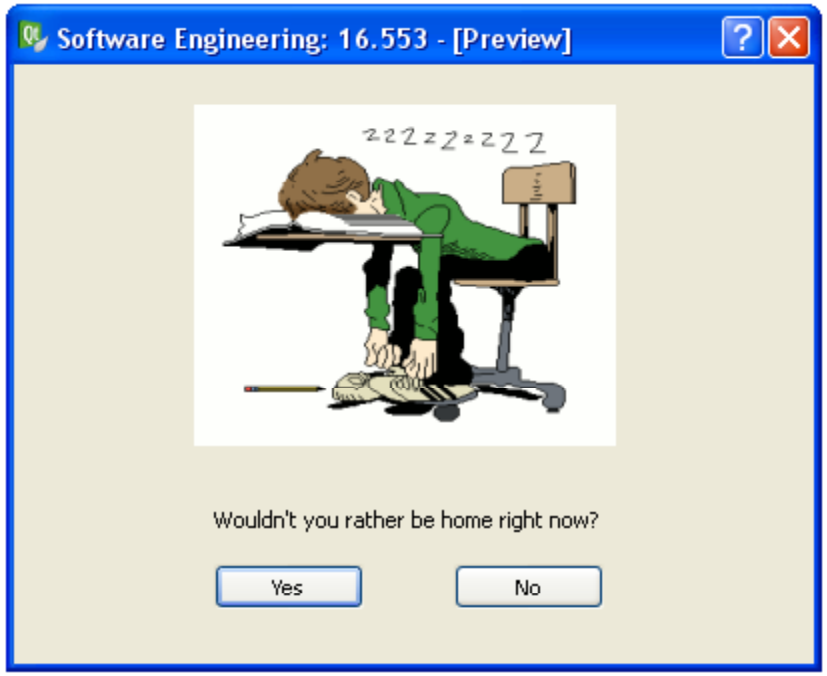
- Provide the framework for user interaction with the application



User Interface Module

Function

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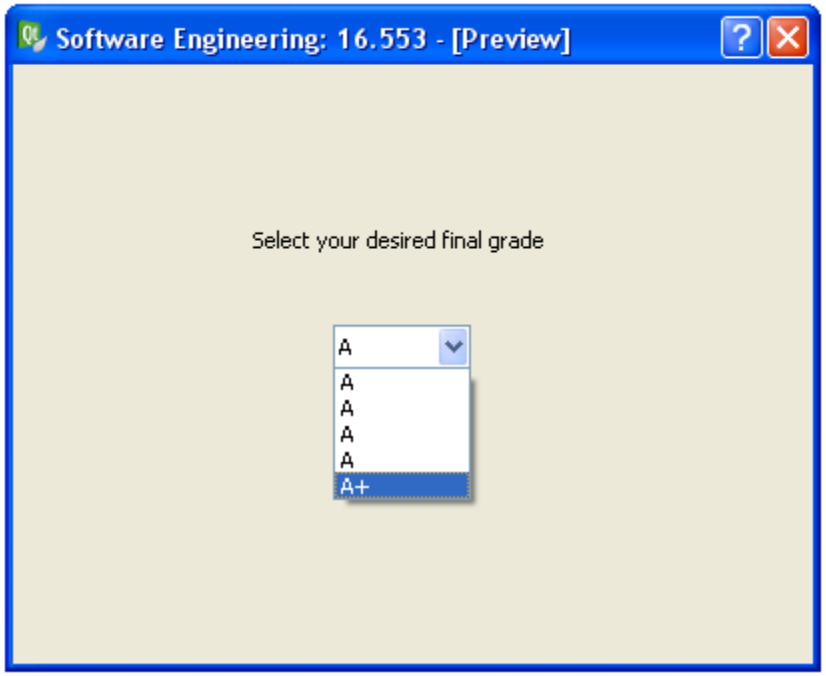
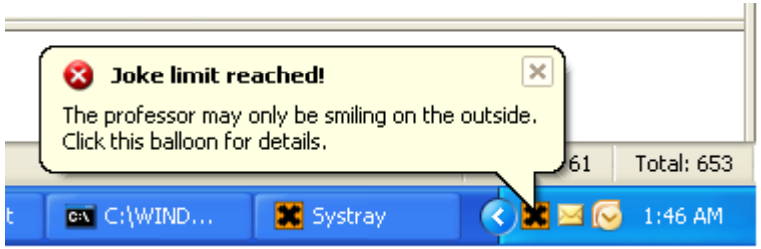
- Provide the ability for user to choose desired settings



User Interface Module

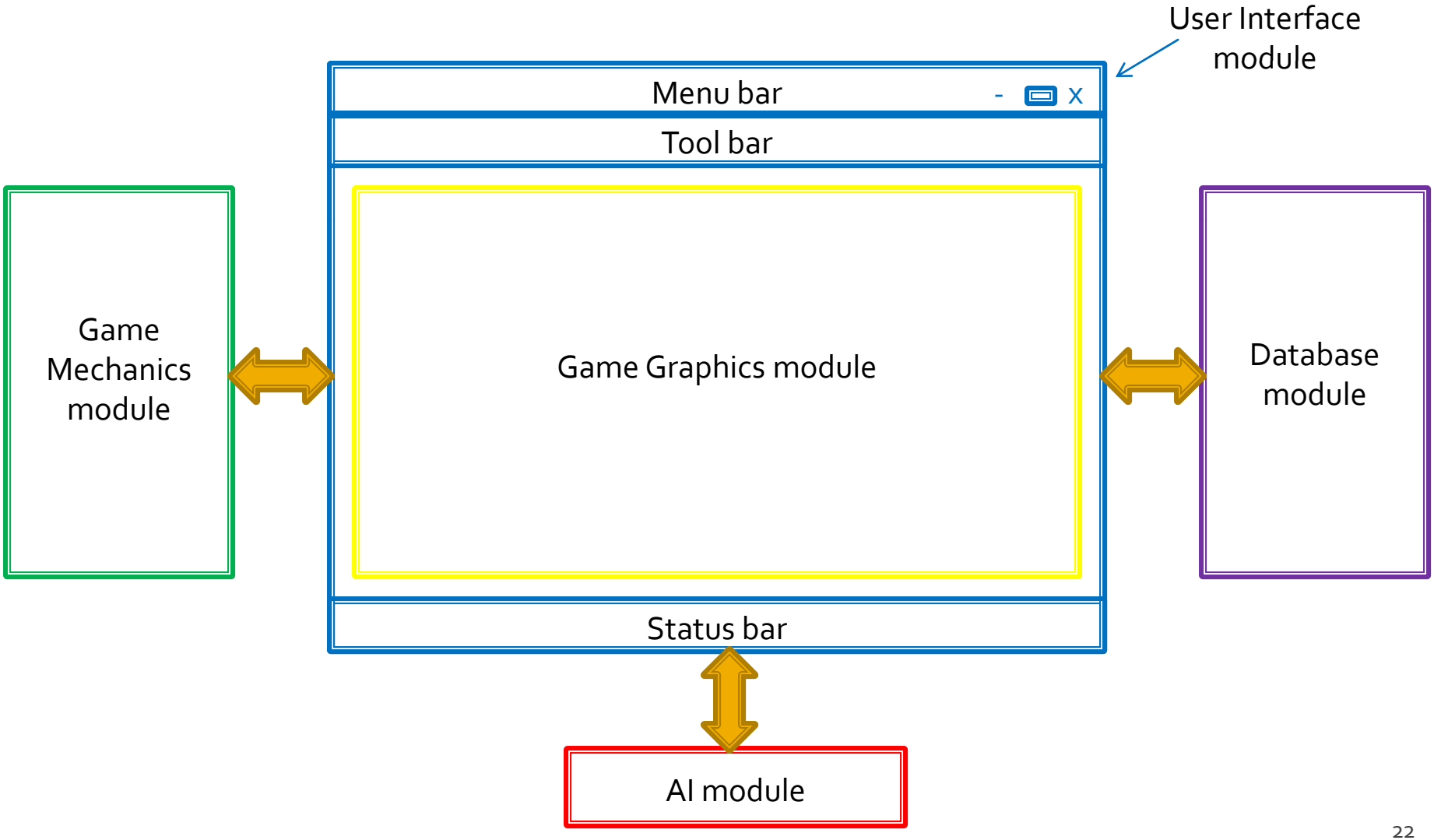
Function

- Provide status or error messages



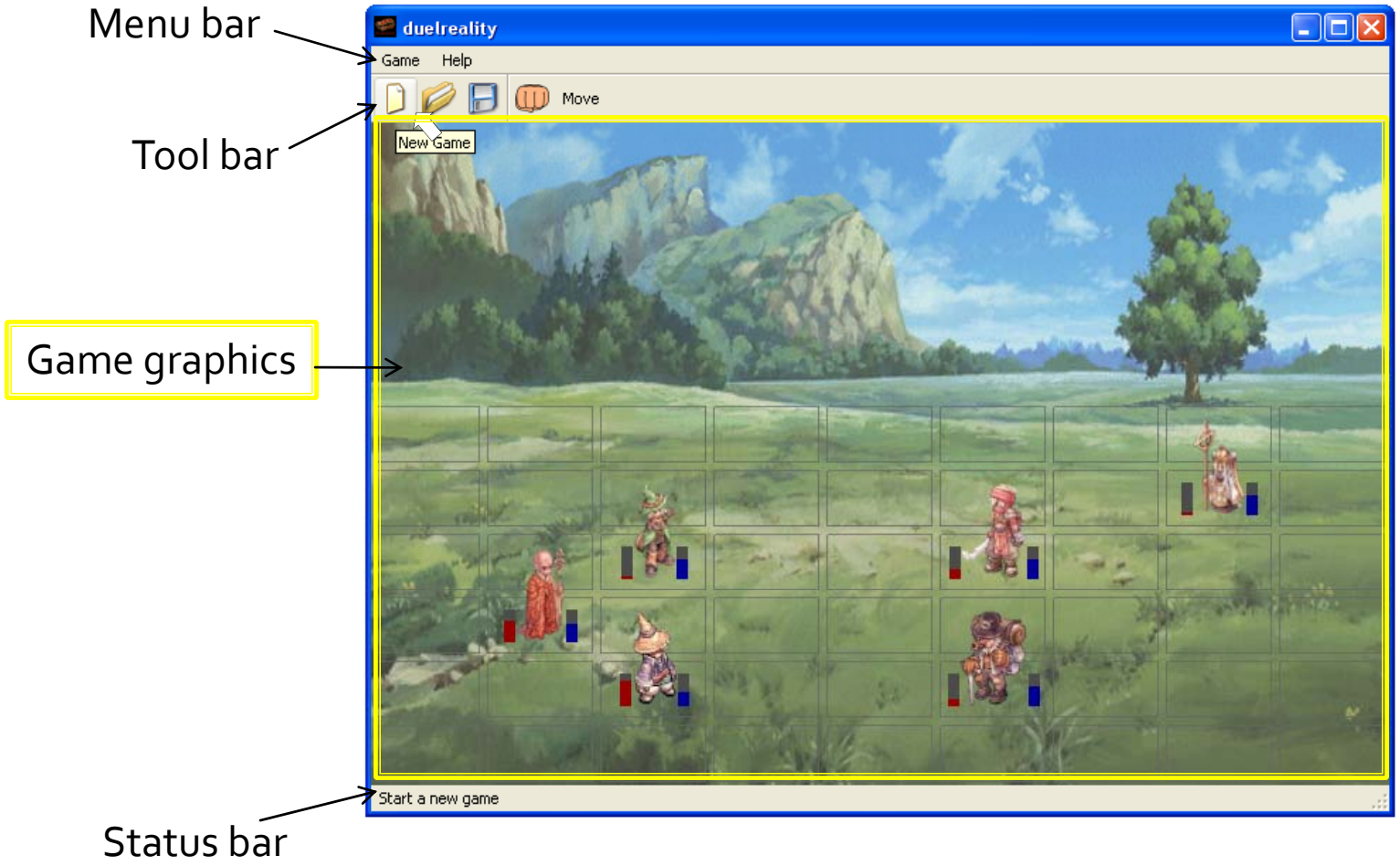
User Interface Module

Architecture: Module Interactions



User Interface Module

Architecture: Mainwindow



User Interface Module

Architecture: Application Interaction Items

- Menu Items
  - New Game
  - Load Game
  - Save Game
  - Restart Game
  - Quit Game
- Toolbar Items
  - Attack
  - Move
  - End Turn
- Status Bar Items
  - Tool tips

User Interface Module

Implementation: Tools

Considered Tools

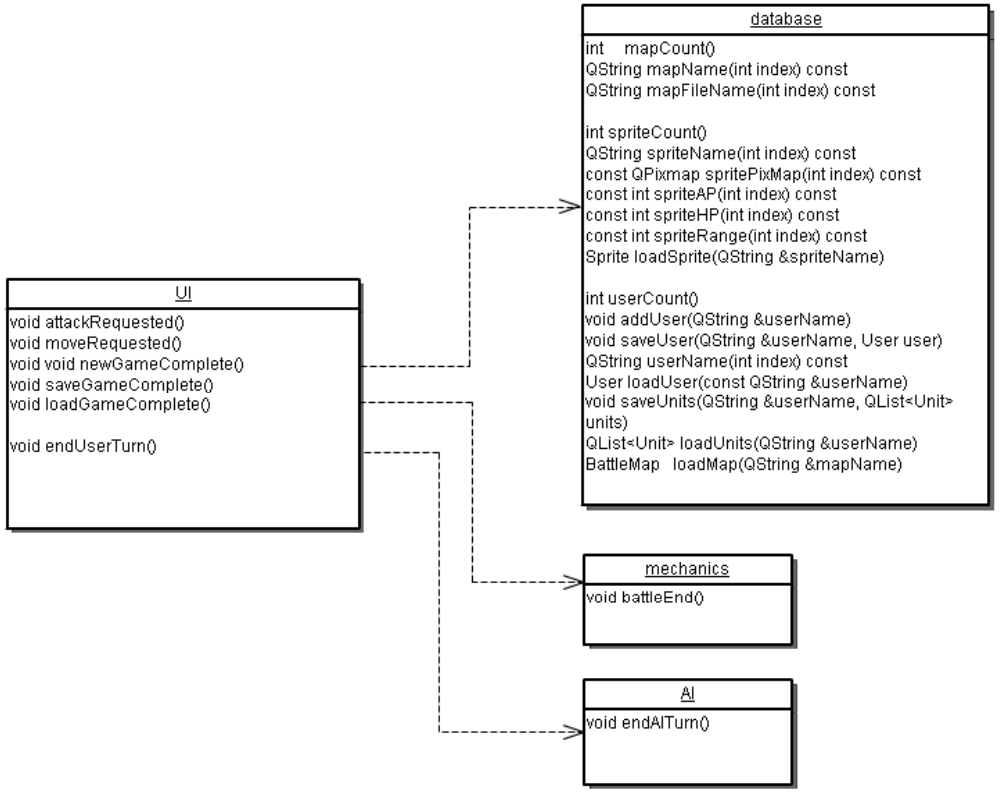
- Qt
- wxWidgets
- MFC

Qt Selected

- Cross-platform
- Non-GUI features (SQL database)
- Meta-object compiler (object macros)

User Interface Module

Implementation: Class Diagram



User Interface Module

Implementation: Qt Classes

- QMainWindow
- QPushButton
- QCheckBox
- QDialog
- QWizard
- QWizardPage

User Interface Module

QWizard and QWizardPage

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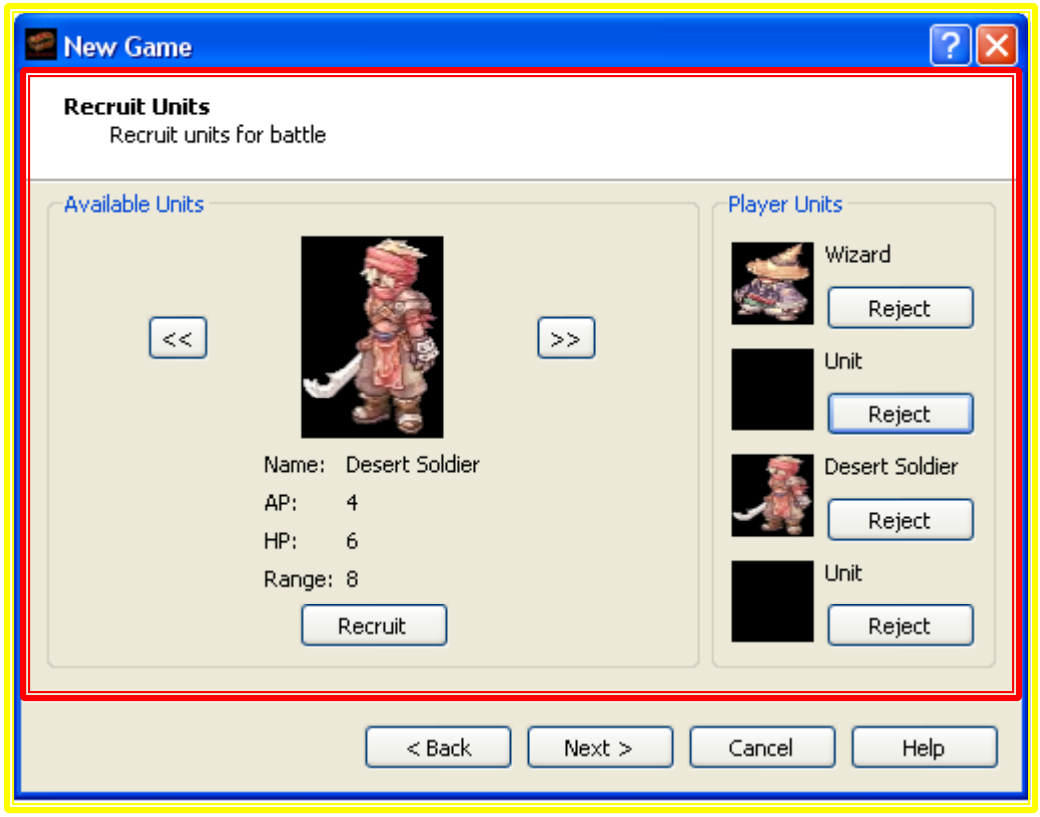
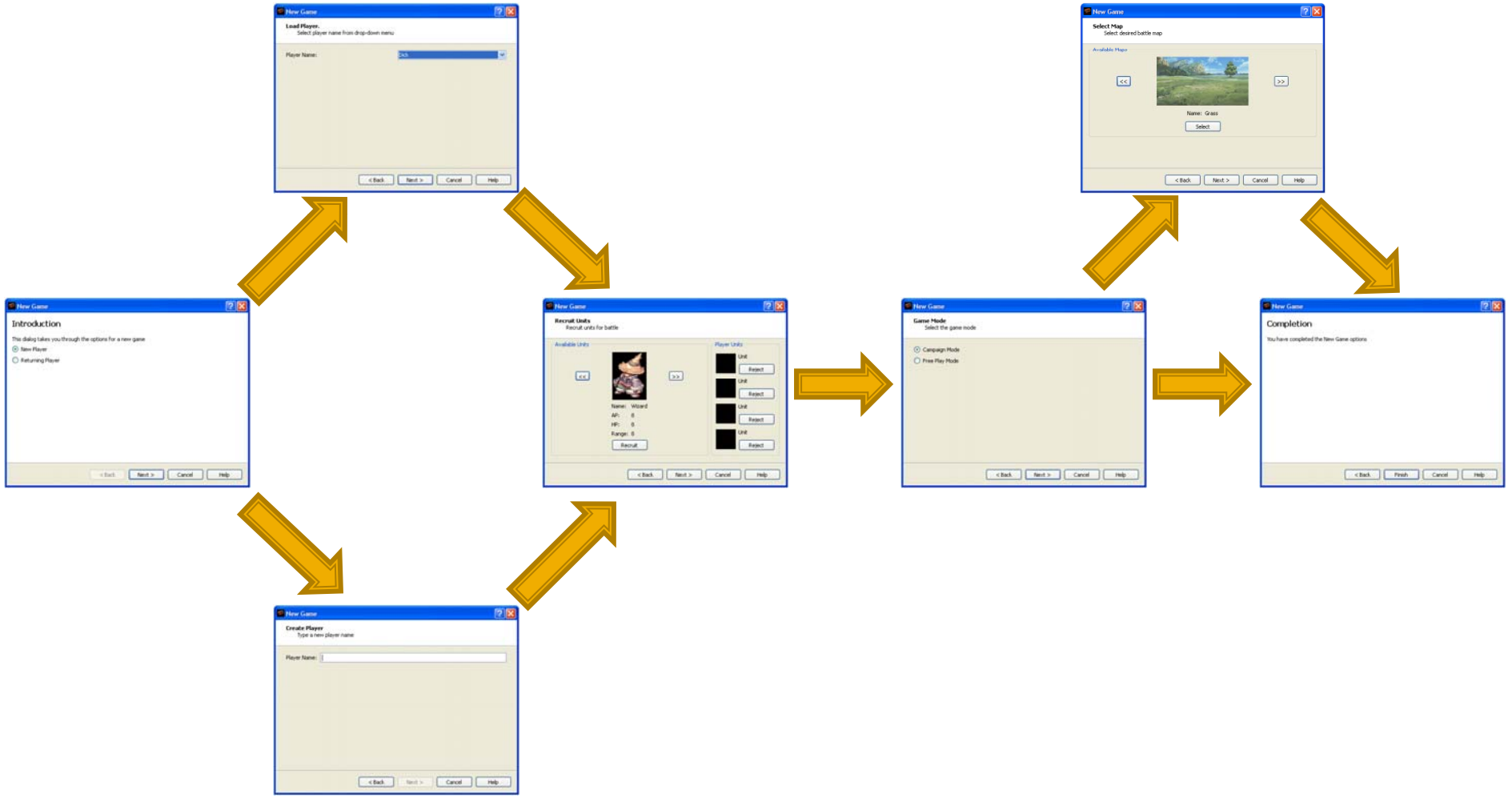


QWizard

QWizardPage

User Interface Module

QWizard & QWizardPage: New Game Dialog Traversal Paths



User Interface Module

Unit Testing & Verification

- Database
  - Generate sprites, maps & test users
  - Perform data reads & writes during new game dialogs
- AI
  - Generate end turn signal
- Mechanics
  - Generate battle over signal

User Interface Module

Challenges

- Object-oriented design knowledge
- Qt knowledge
- Modularity in game development
- Time constraint

User Interface Module

Summary

- Absolutely a fun project
- Relative knowledge of final product
- Code complexity vs. user-friendliness

Game Mechanics and AI

Presenter: Josh Kilgore

- Unit
- Player
- Mechanics
  - Move
  - Attack
  - Etc.
- Artificial Intelligence
  - What
  - How

Unit Class

- More than just a pretty face
  - Health
  - Attack Power
  - Attack Range
  - Action Points
  - Movement Rate
  - XP
  - Upgradable Attributes
- Teamwork is Key

Player Class

- Keep Login ID
  - Keep Upgraded Units
  - Continue Campaign from save point
  - XP Ranking

Game Mechanics

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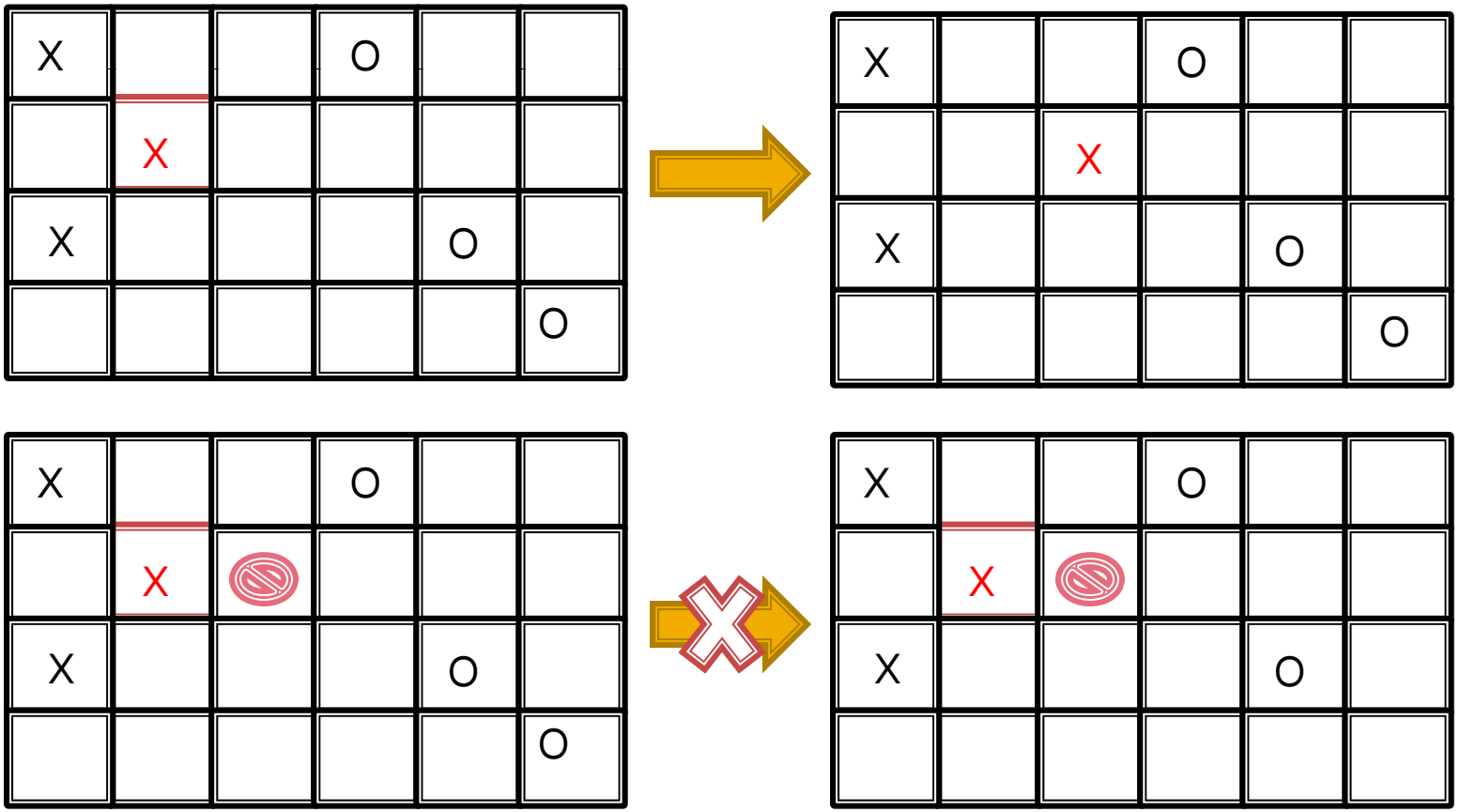
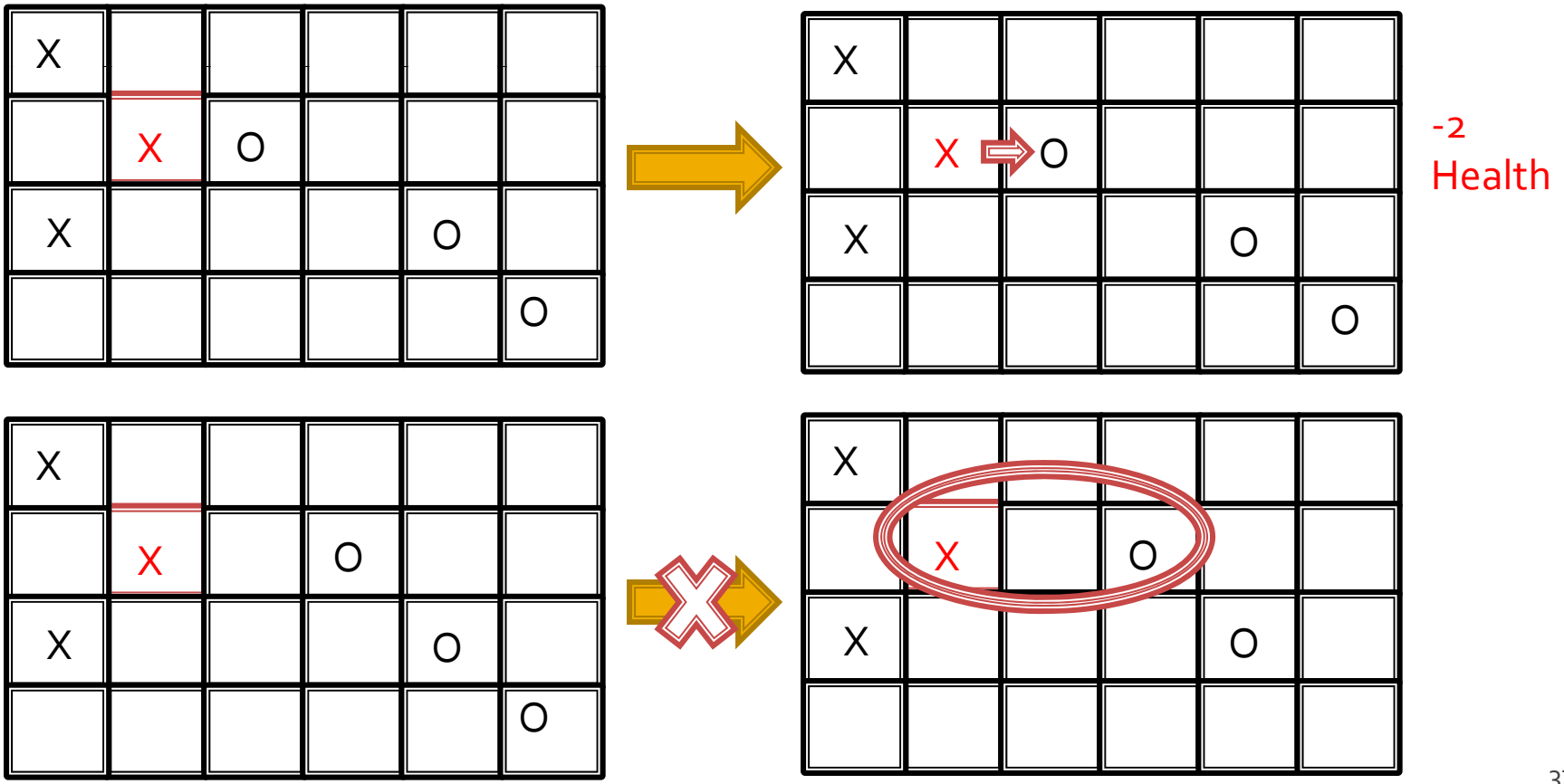
- Movement (X moves, cost Action Points)



Game Mechanics

- Attack (X attacks O, range = 1)



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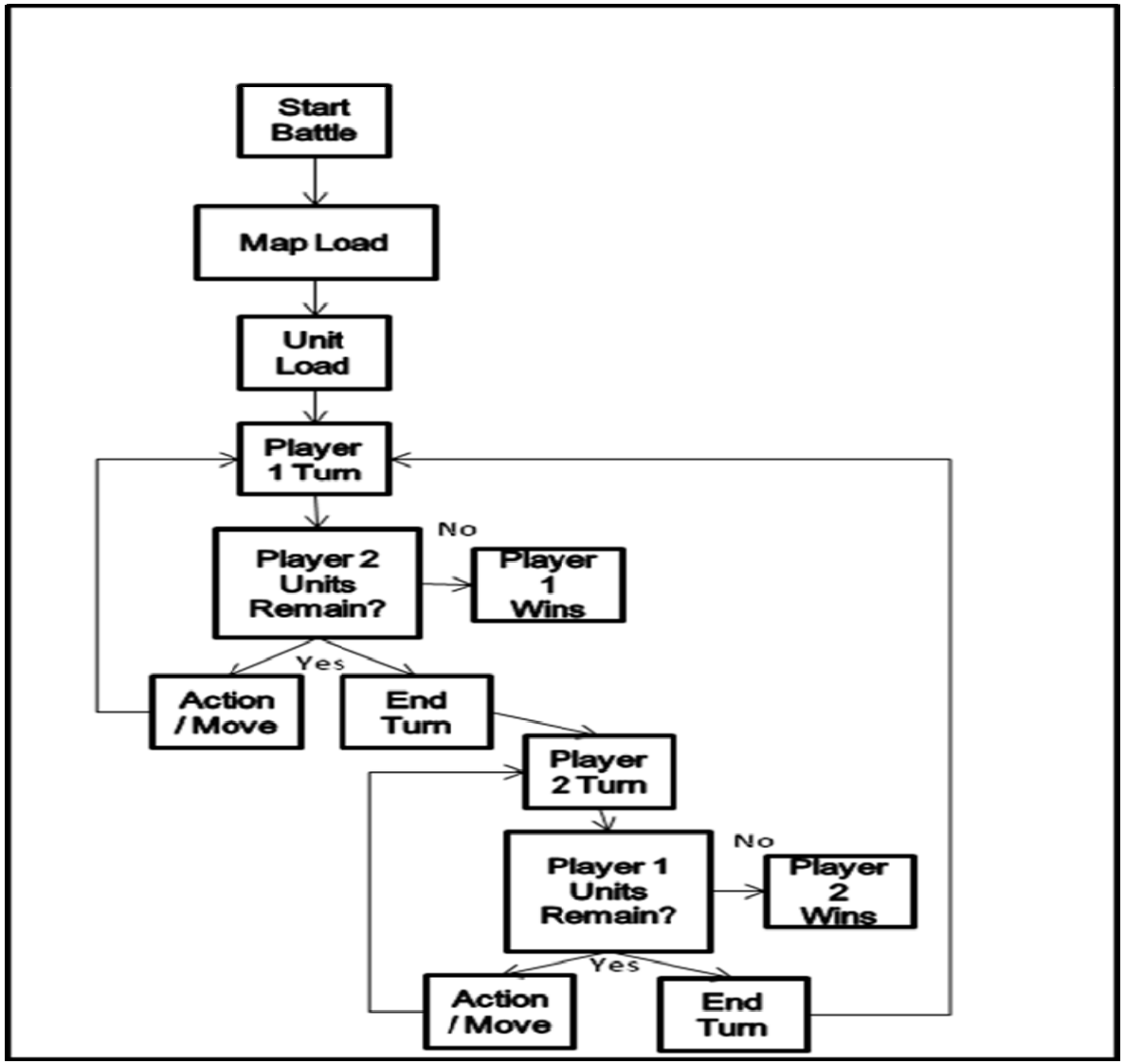
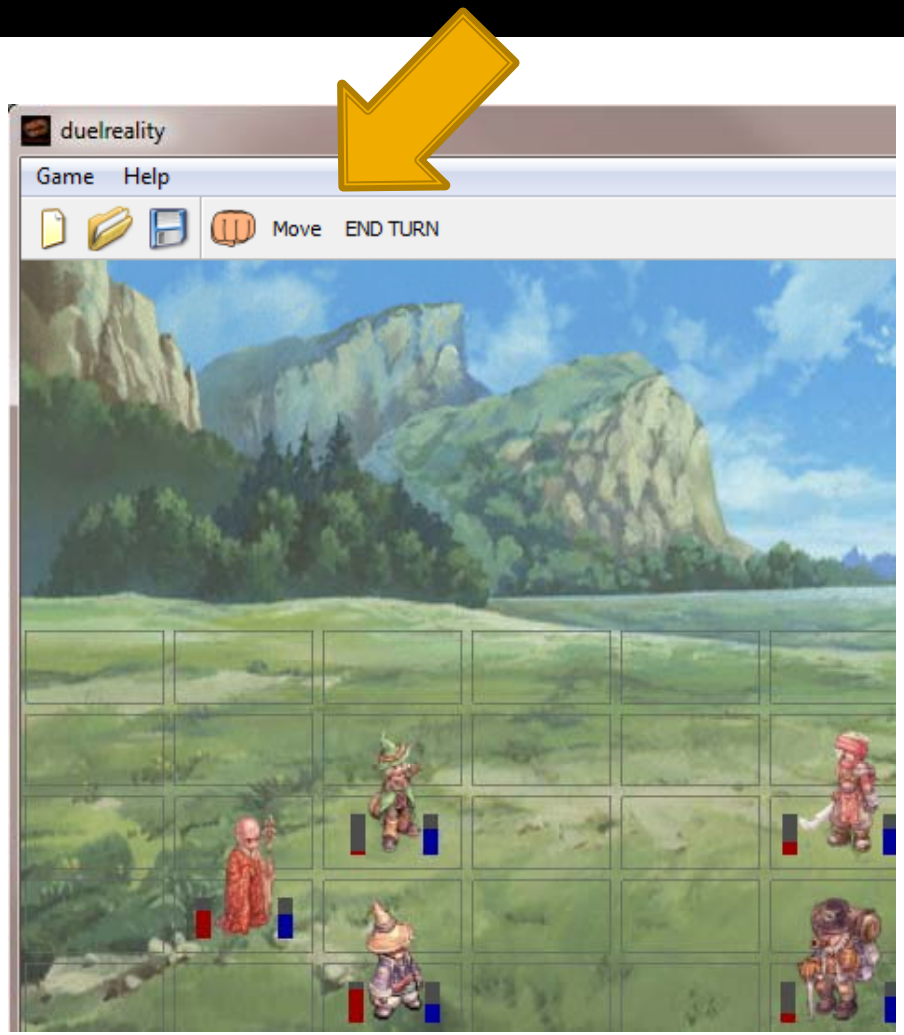


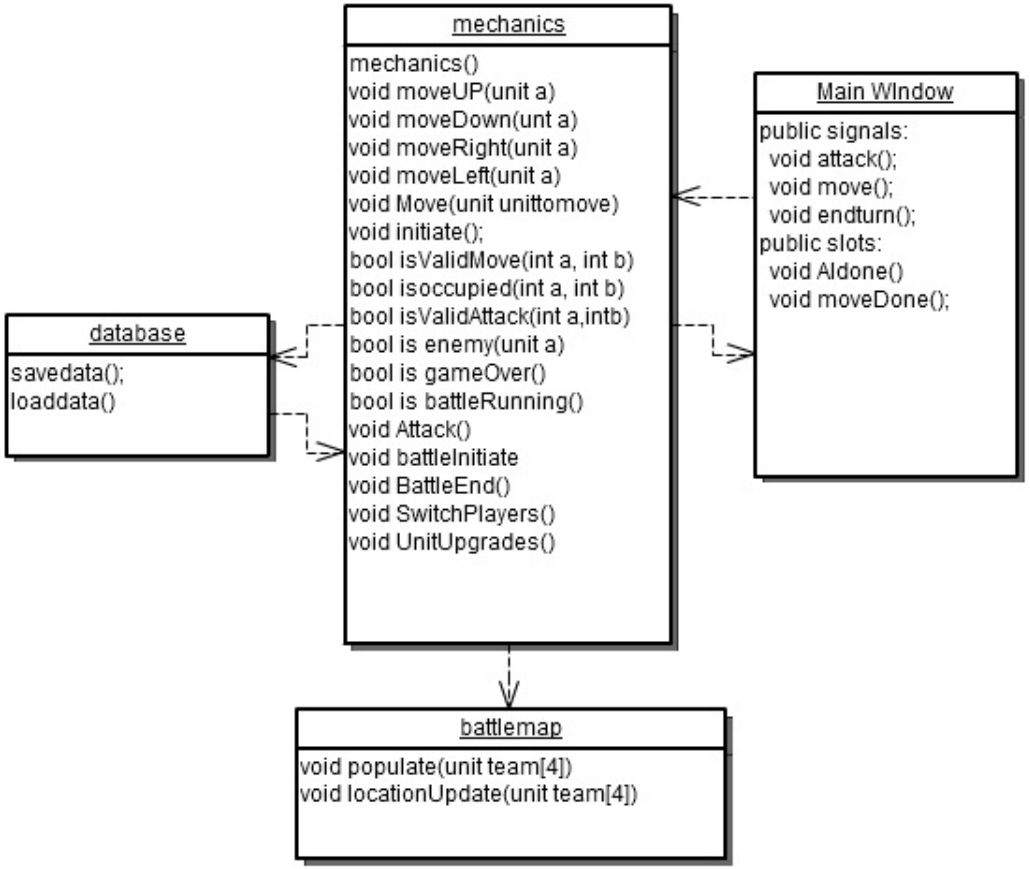
switchPlayers()
isGameOver();
moveComplete();
isValidMove();
isValidAttack();
isOccupied();

Player Interaction



- Player sees icons
  - Signals & slots

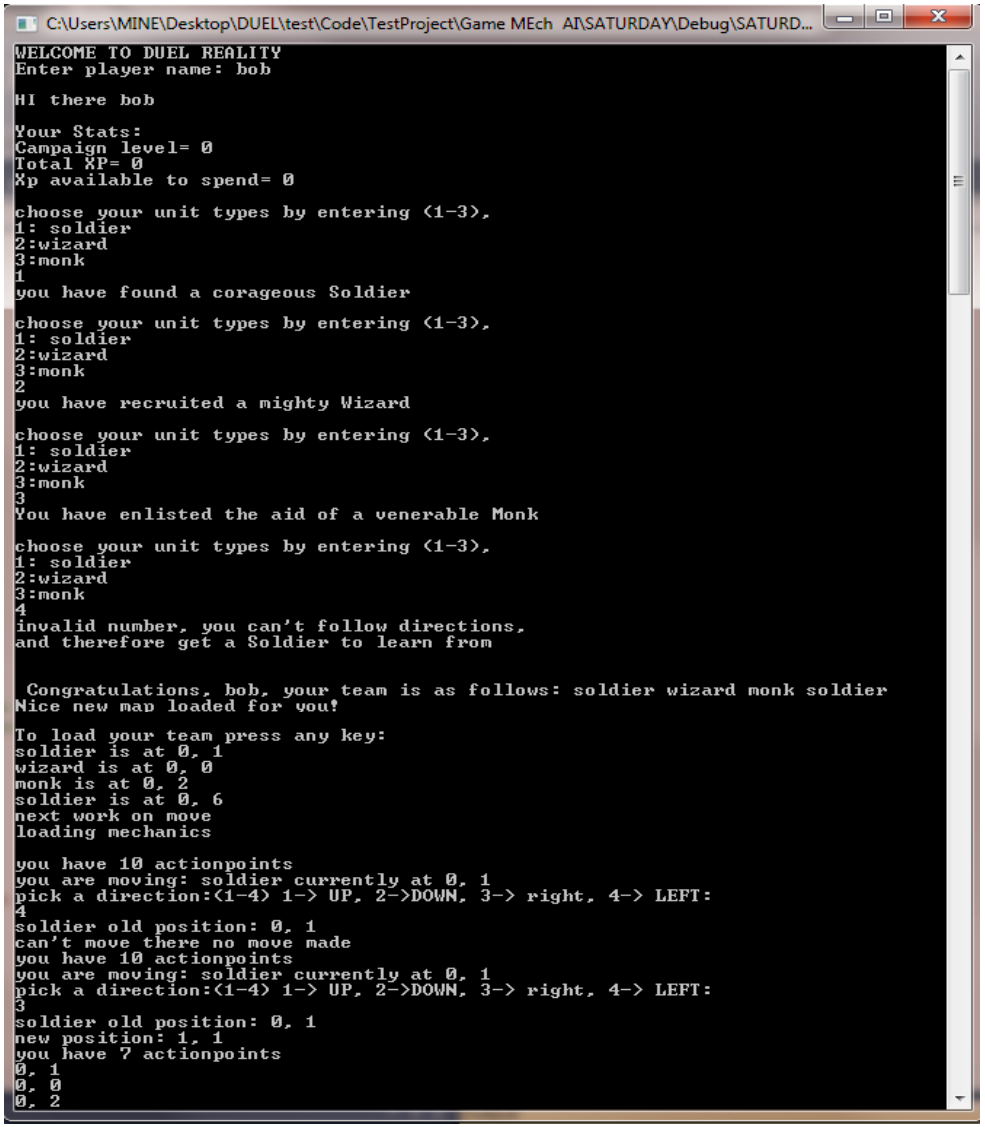
Game Mechanics Class Diagram



- Rely on Database to store unit data
- Internal Manipulation of data

Game Mechanics Verification

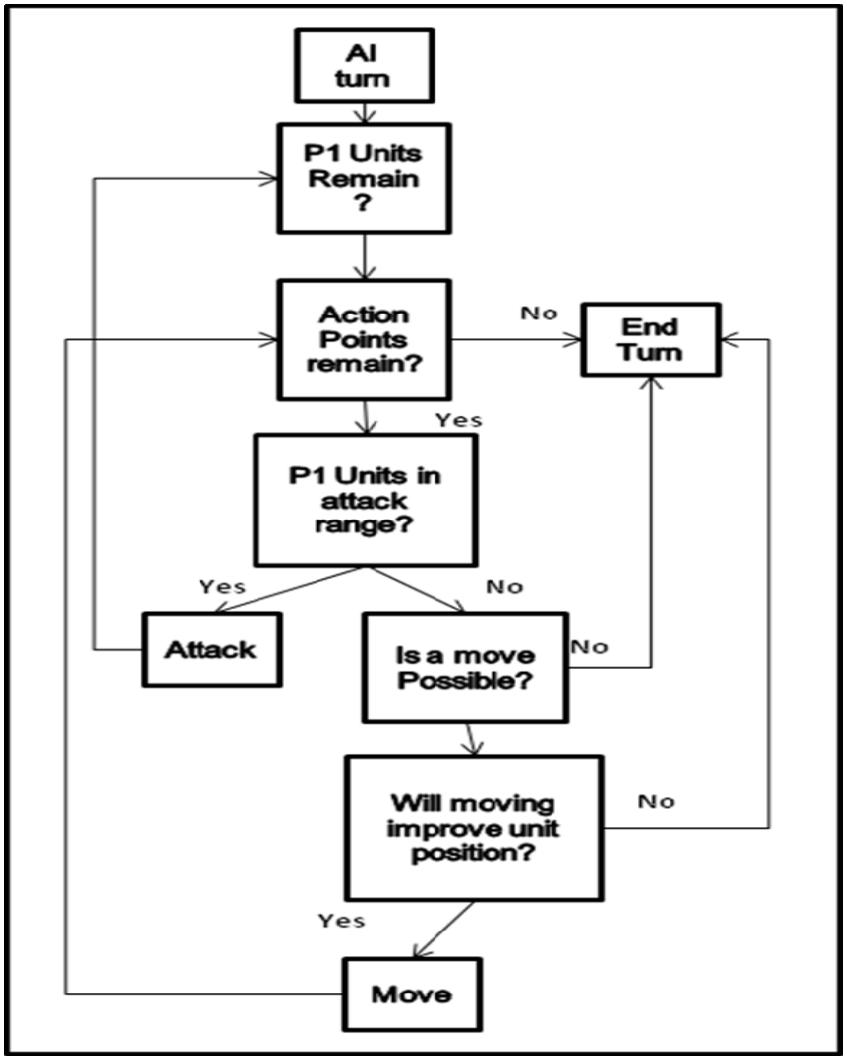
- Initial Unit Testing - Console Version
- Module Testing
- System Testing

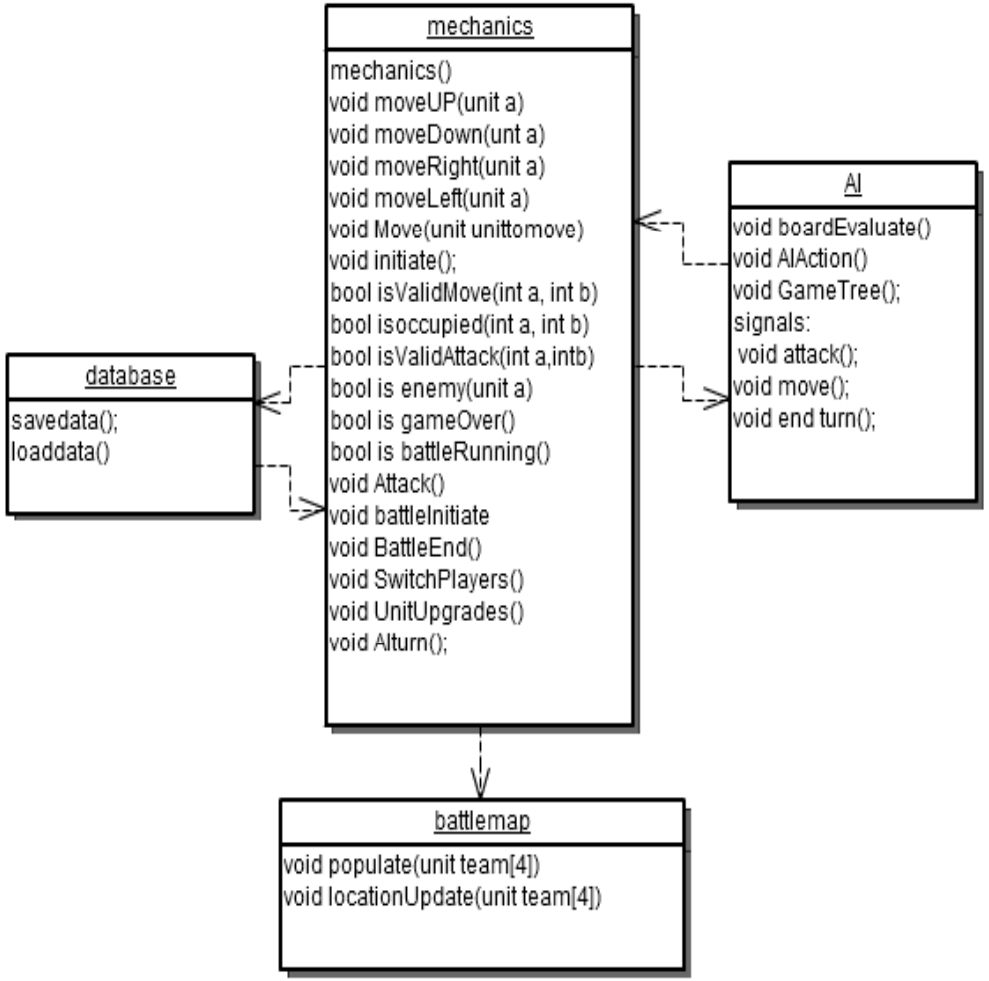


AI

- Provide Player with playable opponent
- Decision Tree
  - Board Evaluation
  - Decide on Best Action
- Same constraints as Player actions

AI - Decision Tree





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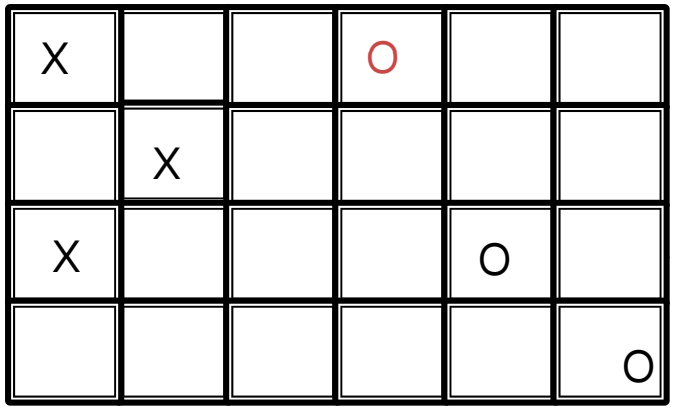

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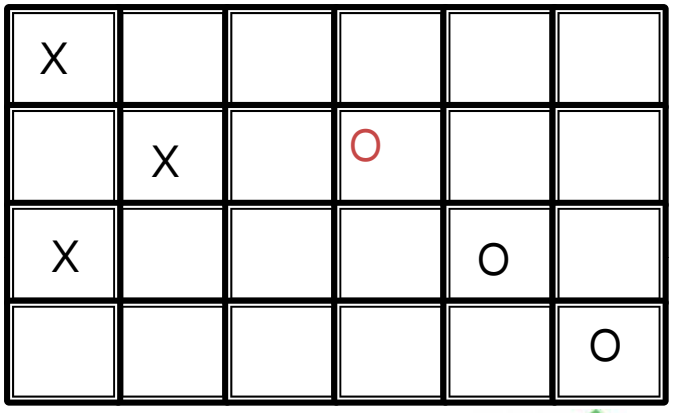

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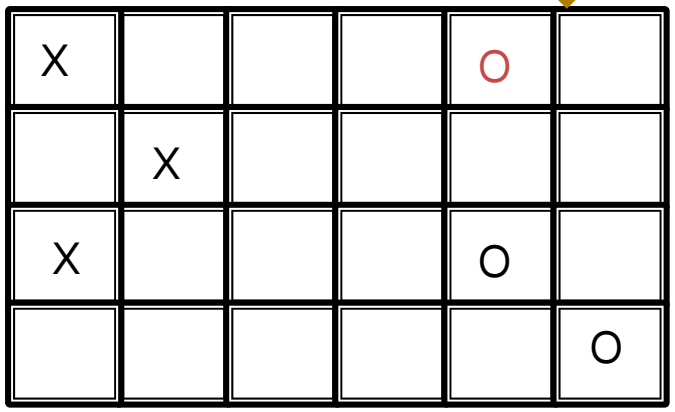
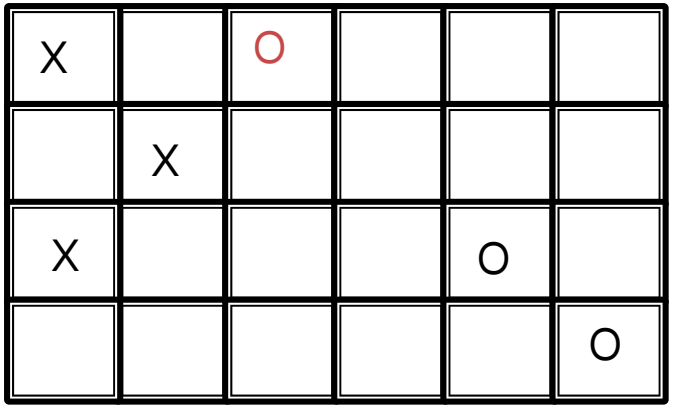


Board Value = 250



Board Value = 175

Game Mechanics & AI Conclusion

- Game Mechanics
  - Classes
  - Functions
- AI
  - Opponent generation

Database

Presenter: Ye Tian

- Database in the game
  - Software-based containers
  - Storage and retrieval
- Database Design
  - SQLite
  - Qt classes
- Database Classes
  - Database
  - Test window
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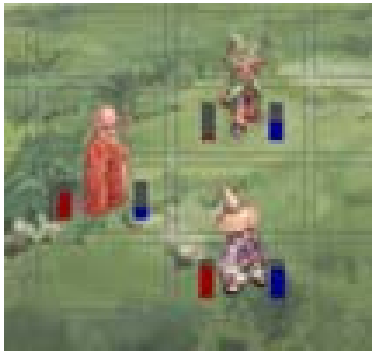
Database in the game

- Software-based containers

Game front

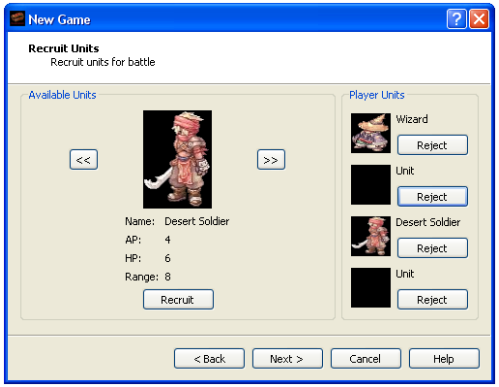


Game background

Unit	Attack	Health	Experience	Location
1				
2				
3				

Database in the game

- Storage and retrieval



Retrieval

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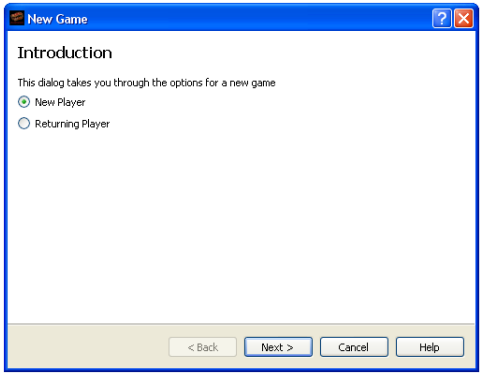

Storage

ID	Player
1	uml
2	dog
3	sleepwalker
4	nickname

Database Design

SQLite

[Self-contained](#)
[Serverless](#)
[Zero-configuration](#)
[Transactional](#)
[Public domain](#)

Database Design

Qt classes

QSqlDriver
QSqlDatabase
QSqlQuery
QSqlTableModel
QSqlRelationalTableModel
QSqlRecord
QSqlIndex
QSqlField
QSqlError

Database Classes

- Database

Database class

```
bool connection ();
int userCount();
QString userName(int index) const;
bool addPlayer (QString playerName);
QString spriteName(int index) const;
const QPixmap spritePixMap(int index) const;
const int spriteAP(int index) const;
const int spriteHP(int index) const;
const int spriteRange(int index) const;
Sprite loadSprite(QString spriteName);
void addSprite(Sprite sprite);
int show(QString &tableName);
User loadUser(QString &userName);
void saveUnits(QString &userName,
QList<Unit> units);
QList<Unit> loadUnits(QString &userName);
```

User Interface

Include

Global classes

sprites
units
player
user

Include

Database Classes

- Test window

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
   QApplication app(argc, argv);
   Database gamedata;
   gamedata.connection();
   gamedata.addPlayer("sprites");
   gamedata.show("sprites");
}
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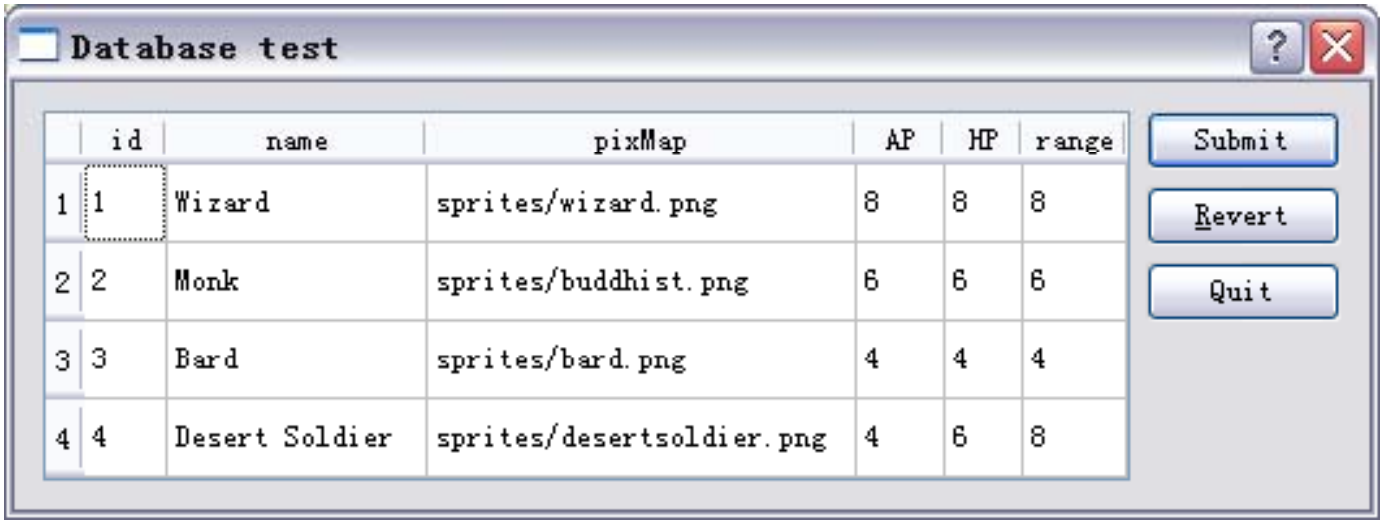

Database Classes

- After unit test

Database module will be added into the entire project through following three steps:

1. Header file and source file
   database.h; database.cpp
2. SQLITE database file
   gamedata.db3
3. Project file
   QT += sql;

Summary

- Good organization for the game data.
- Useful for Storage and for game.
- Interesting but challengable.

Duel Reality: Conclusion

- Told you about our awesome game
  - Details
  - Modules – Graphics, UI, Game Mechanics &AI, Database
- Pre-orders available
- Thanks for your attention

Questions?

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