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**Abstract (Tom)**

The following is a software design specification document for the Duel Reality personal computer game. The document fully identifies and describes both the high and low level functionality of the software without going into the design details themselves. This document attempts to serve the needs of those looking to understand the functional requirements of the game from both the user and designer perspectives.

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# Introduction (Obi)

This document describes the functions of the Duel Reality modules, in accordance with its Architectural Specification [2].

Interactions between the user and the game are provided via the User Interface (UI). The UI is the main window that comprises the menu, toolbar, and status bar. It is through this interface that the user sets the desired game play options and receives error messages during battles.

The main window also contains a game view that comprises the map and player unit. This is the Game Graphics and it provides the user a visual representation of the state of the game during a battle.

The Game Mechanics provides the state of the game to the Game Graphics. In response to the user’s turns during battle, the Game Mechanics uses the game play options entered at the UI and interactions with the Artificial Intelligence (AI) to define the state of the game at any time.

The AI is the user’s opponent that adapts to the game level and the user’s units. It retrieves game and user information from the Database and uses this information to model an opponent suitable for the user’s experience level.

The Database stores information provided by the AI and UI. It also fetches information on request by the AI and UI. The Database provides permanent storage of such information for use during future program runs.

## Document Purpose (Tom)

The purpose of this document is to provide the functional specifications for the development of the Duel Reality turn based strategy role playing game.

## Product Scope (Josh)

This game is meant to be run on a solitary Windows PC. User interactions will take place with a standard mouse and keyboard. Graphics will be displayed on the screen and sound played through the standard sound output device of the computer.

## Terminology

Sprite A two-dimensional pre-rendered figure

Unit An individual infantry

Widget An interactive feature pertaining to user interface graphics

## Acronyms

AI Artificial Intelligence

AP Action Point

XP Experience Point

GUI Graphical User Interface

UI User Interface

TBS Turn-Based Strategy

# Overall Description (Josh)

Duel Reality is a game comprised of four main parts, or modules. Those modules are shown in relation below in Figure(1) and are called: Visualization, User Interaction, Game Mechanics & AI, and Database. The program displays graphics and text on the screen and interacts with the user by use of the mouse and keyboard. The Interactivity portion of the User Interface takes input from the user and uses that to update the game conditions, which are then output back to the screen and speakers from the Visualization part of the User Interface. The Interactivity portion of the User Interface is responsible for handling player commands like “move here” and “attack this target” and for passing that information to the Game Mechanics module. It is also responsible for acting as the User’s access point for database functions such as the log-in of new and returning players, individual game settings, and menu commands like “NewGame” and “Save Game.” The Visualization part of the User Interface outputs its data by drawing all of the objects which appear on the screen, effects, sound, and the visual interactions between the objects and the game board.

The Game Mechanics section handles the inputs from the User Interface, applies the game rules to actions requested by the Player. calculates the internal math between objects, returning the results to the Visualization module to be displayed on the screen. The game mechanics section also handles the Artificial Intelligence gives the player a playable opponent.

The Database section is responsible for retaining the data associated with the players, game settings, and the units. The database has functions which save and load the data to the Game Mechanics and User Interface sections when needed. for processing.



Figure Program Diagram

## Module Description

//BRIEF Description of Module – will be expanded in section 3.0 (what it is, what it consists of, what it does)

## UI

## Graphics

## Game Mechanics & Artificial Intelligence

## The Game Mechanics module comprises the rules about how the different parts of the program work together to present the player with a full experience. In this section are defined the units, their interaction with the board and the players, the basic rules of the game including movement and actions, what those entail, and when they are allowed.

The AI consists of a set of decisions and actions which will mimic the actions of another human opponent for the single Player to play against. The AI will operate under the same constraints as the Player in terms of gameplay, but will not have the ability to automatically upgrade its capabilities. This AI model will be sufficient for the purposes of providing the player a suitable opponent.

## Database (Ye)

## The game database contains all of the tables and data records, which function like a background support to other modules. It is a collection of the names, parameters, status of all units, and the game content such as maps. The data is retrieved and overwritten in real-time game going and asynchronous backup.

## Design Constraints (Josh)

Some of the limiting factors in our design and execution of this project include the time limit of having the project due on a certain date and being limited to C++ for development language.

## Assumptions and Dependencies (Josh)

We assume that C++ object oriented programming would be sufficient to do game design. That using QT tools adds value to this process, that time constraints would be   
sufficient to make a working game, and that we were assuming a Windows   
environment for deployment.

## Design Environment and Tools (Ye)

SQLite is used to design database module. SQLiteSpy is used to easily create and operate database file gamedata.db3.

# Software Design (Josh)

The overall Software class diagram closely mirrors the conceptual module development. The subsequent software classes are shown below in Figure 2. The GLWidget class is where the OpenGL information is drawn on the screen. The window for the Open GL information is housed within the MainWindow. The MainWindow Class is where the user chooses unit action as well as game functions such as Load Game, New Game, and SaveGame. The NewGameWizard and LoadGameWindow allow the Player to make selections about the upcoming game and load that data into the Database.

The Database class handles all of the game data, saving it, and loading it when being processed by thte other classes. The most active class in maniupulating the data is the Mechanics class. This class defines the rules and attributes of actions such as movement and attack. The Mechanics class also defines the rules by which the Artificial Intelligence acts. This class also interfaces with the GLWidget to determine the active units and targets, and the MainWindow Class to determine game state and game over conditions.

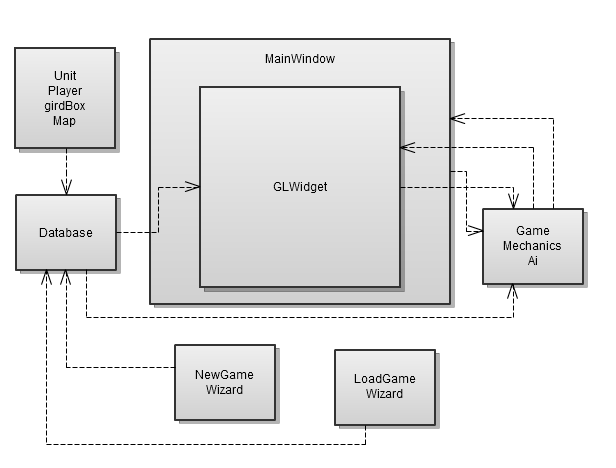


Figure Class Diagram

## Basic Classes (Josh)

* + 1. **Player Class**

The Player class is responsible for determining the individual player and the attributes associated with that player such as the current campaign level played, the XP gained so far, the amount of XP the player has to spend on unit upgrades.

The class diagram for the player class is shown below in Figure XX

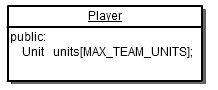


Figure Player Class Diagram

3.1.1.1 User Class

The User Class is a child of the Player Class and is associated with a human player. This class contains the Player name, accumulated Experience points, whether the Player is active, and the last campaign level played. The class Diagram is shown Below in Figure ??

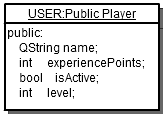


Figure User Class Diagram

3.1.2.2. The AI class

The AI Class is also a Child of the User Class meant to act as a stand-in for the Player when assigning AI units to a team. The class diagram for the AI class is below in Figure???

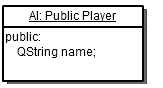


Figure AI Class Diagram

* + 1. **Unit Class**

The Unit class represents the units which are placed in the map to do battle. The Units are each distinct in terms of class, for instance a soldier has different amount of health and action points than a wizard, as well as a different appearance. Units have several attributes including:type, facing direction, vertical location, horizontal location, team number, health points, action rate, and amount of XP the unit is worth, current unit status, sprite image. The Class diagram for the Unit class is below in Figure ??

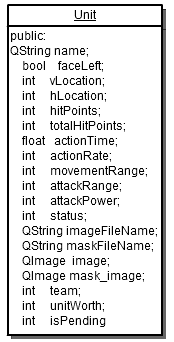


Figure Unit Class Diagram

* + 1. **GridBox Class**

This class is used to define one square on the game board. Using this class each grid on the board has an associated Unit whose attributes are changed to match whatever unit the data says is occupying that space, as well as if the grid is currently selected by the user. It also has the attributes that Open GL uses to draw the grid and contents. The class diagram for the GridBox class is below in Figure ??

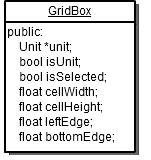


Figure GridBox Class Diagram

* + 1. **Map Class**

This class defines the overall game board. It consists of a 2-D array of GridBox objects to a desired height and width depending on the background image played. It also contains the image of the background, and the audio file associated with the level. The class diagram for the Map class is below in Figure ??

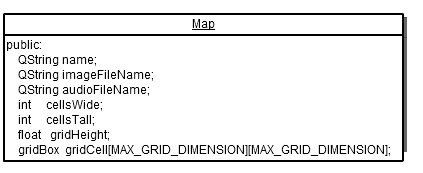


Figure Map Class Diagram

## User Interface Classes(Obi)

//DISCUSS CLASSES IN THIS MODULE AND HOW THEY FIT TOGETHER INTERNALLY & WHAT THEY INTERACT WITH FROM OTHER MODULES.

### Description

Although the UI module is, in general, the application display to the user, it will be separate from the game graphics. The UI enables the user to configure game options for each level of the game. The menu options are used to start, load, save or quit a game. During a battle, the user uses the tool-bars to move or perform actions on units. Any invalid moves or actions during battle are indicated on the status bar.

## Game Graphics Classes (Tom)

//DISCUSS CLASSES IN THIS MODULE AND HOW THEY FIT TOGETHER INTERNALLY & WHAT THEY INTERACT WITH FROM OTHER MODULES.

### Description (Tom)

The main dialog of the Duel Reality PC game features a game graphics window, which represents the map and units currently in play. As such, the graphics window is the user’s primary feedback regarding the current state of the game. The graphics window will include a background image, two-dimensional sprites to represent units, and a grid representing the discrete locations of the map. The game graphics window will also feature sounds and visual effect to represent significant game events.

## Game Mechanics and Artificial Intelligence (Josh)

The Game Mechanics module has several different and distinct classes that handle the manipulation of game data. The class diagram is shown below in Figure 3. The communication between this module and the other modules come form the Signals and Slots which pass signals to the Main Window, and the individual member functions, a lot of which access information in the GLWidget class such as Unit health or location at a given coordinate.

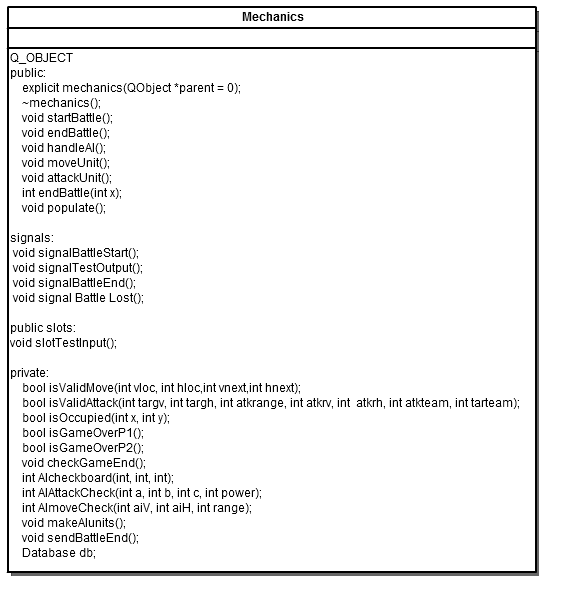


Figure Mechanics Class Diagram

* + 1. **Mechanics Class**

The Mechanics class has several functions that perform the actions of the game by manipulating the attributes of the units according to the game rules and player input to produce a result. Functions included in this class include those associated with unit initial placement, unit movement, unit attacking, the direction that the unit is facing, validating functions to check if actions are allowed at that time, turns between the players, and handling game victory and defeat.

* + 1. **Artificial Intelligence**

The artificial intelligence for this game is located in the Mechanics class. consists of functions that simulate a human opponent for the player. The memebr functions are responsible for evaluating board position of the various units and and running the decision matrix which determines the AI’s next move, absed on a rating for the associated action. For instance, the AI will attack as soon as it is in range of an enemy, and will focus on chasing that enemy if it is lower than 50% health. The AI class calls the existing functions to perform moving and attacking functions.

## Database (Ye)

//DISCUSS CLASSES IN THIS MODULE AND HOW THEY FIT TOGETHER INTERNALLY & WHAT THEY INTERACT WITH FROM OTHER MODULES.

### Description (Ye)

The database module interacts with other modules, but does not affect them. It shall provide operation function by other modules. Finally, this database module will be added into the entire project through following three steps:

* + - 1. Header file and source file

Only two files will be added into the entire project: “database.h” and “database.cpp”. Beside of defining its own member variables and functions, “database.h” needs to include all of the header definition of global AI classes such as: sprite, unit, player, and user so that such objects can be passed and returned as arguments.

* + - 1. SQLite database file

A SQLite database file “gamedata.db3” will be placed in the game execution folder. This file contains a sprites table including all the prototypes of the game sprite whose parameters are used to initialize the game. The file also has a players table that stores the user-created name. Every player name corresponds to one or more storage table to save all the units parameters during the game ongoing. The file is operated dynamically by the database member functions.

* + - 1. Project file

In order to ensure that the application is linked against the QtSql library, one code line

QT += sql;

must be added to the .pro file.

### Database class (Ye)

Only one database class is designed to be combined into the entire project. This class defines the basic functions to create database tables with specific format, to connect the database file to QT platform, and all other functions that are necessary for other modules calling. Actually the design and application of this class is independent, and just like a black box. Other modules are not necessary to know SQL, but just use one or two code lines to call the database class member functions and pass the arguments. The interaction between database class and UI module, global classes is shown in Figure 3.1.

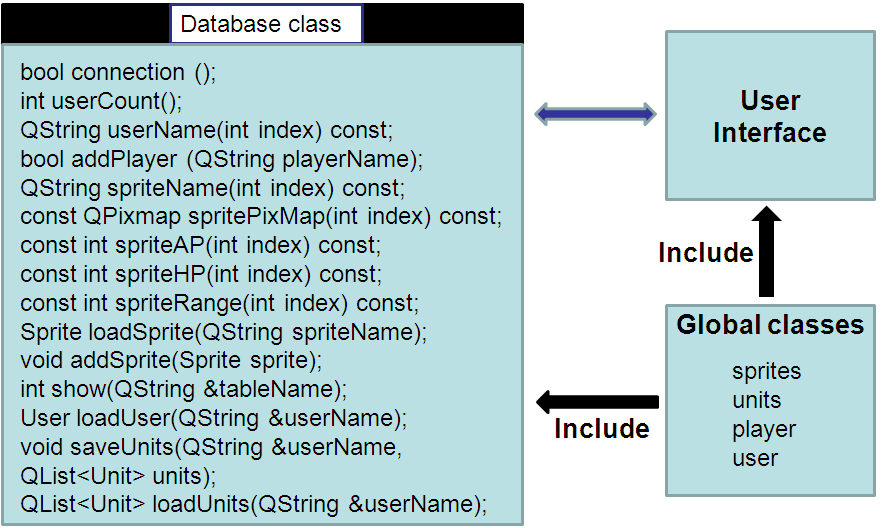


Figure 3.1 Interaction between database class and UI module, global classes

### Test window class (Ye)

Additionally, one test window class is designed to display the database table. In the main function, after some database operations are applied, test window class object calls its member function to display the operated database table. Consequently, the member functions of database class can be verified.

### SQLITE in the Qt platform (Ye)

For better compatibility, only one platform Qt is used to develop all of the modules. The QtSql provides a platform- and database-independent interface for accessing SQL database. A database connection is represented by a QSqlDatabase object. Qt uses drivers to communicate with the various database APIs.

SQLite is an in-process library that implements a self-contained, serverless, zero-configuration, transactional SQL database engine. The code for SQLite is in the public domain and is thus free for use for any purpose, commercial or private. SQLite is currently found in more applications than we can count, including several high-profile projects.

Qt supplies plenty of classes for operating SQLite database. For users who are comfortable with SQL syntax, the QSqlQuery class provides a means of directly executing arbitrary SQL statements and handling their results. For users who prefer a higher-level database interface that avoids SQL syntax, QSqlTableModel and QSqlRelationalTableModel provide suitable abstractions.

# CLASS MEMBER FUNCTIONS

//EXAMPLE SHOWS DISCRIPTION OF EACH OF THE FUNCTIONS UNDER EACH CLASS ALONG WITH A STATE DIAGRAM OF HOW THE CLASS FLOWS, IF THAT’S USEFUL. SO SOMETHING ALONG THOSE LINES HERE. Don’t have to show actual code!!! just describe what it is and does, inputs/outputs wouldn’t be bad either.//

## UI Class Member Functions

## Graphics Member Functions

## Game Mechanics Member Function

* + 1. **Mechanics Member Functions**
       1. *makeAIunits()*

This function creates an Ai User, assigns AI units, and makes those units available to the game for drawing

* + - 1. *handleAI()*

This function is called when an AI unit is called on to perform an action. It looks for the AI unit which is supposed to act, evaluate its position and the position of all units around it and then executes either a move or an attack based on its logic.

* + - 1. *AIAttackCheck()*

This function evaluates the spaces on the board so that the AI unit can attack an enemy unit. If a nearby unit is occupied by the Player, and the attack move is valid, the AI unit attacks. Based on relative position of the attacker and target the AI unit may turn right or left.

* + - 1. *AImoveCheck()*

This function evaluates the spaces on the board so that the AI unit can determine where to move next. It takes note of where all the Player and Ai units are, and the health of the Player units and based on the wieght asociated with those conditions and the distance to the relative targets, choses which direction to head. Based on the direction of travel, the unit may turn left or right.

* + - 1. *Move()*

This function is the basic movement action. It is called by the Player triggering the move button from the main window. It finds the Player unit’s position, the position of the selected destination, calculates whether it is a valid move, and if so, calls the visualization mdule to update the unit’s position. This shows up on screen as a unit moving. Based on the direction of travel, the unit may turn left or right.

* + - 1. *isValidMove()*

This function is called by both the Player and AI movement functions to determine if a selected move is valid. The criteria of a valid move involve the range of the unit moving, whether the selected space is occupied, and whether the space is in a straight line from the unit.

* + - 1. *attackUnit()*

This function is responsible for execuing an attack on another unit. It is called by the player selecting the attack button on the main window. It finds the player’s location, the location of the selected target, tests whether it is a valid attack, and calls the visualization module to execute either a hit or kill based on how close the target is to running out of health. *Based on the direction of travel, the unit may turn left or right.*

* + - 1. *isValidattack()*

This function determines if a selected attack is valid. It takes into consideration the distance between the units, the attacker’s range, the teams of the units, and whether the selected location is occupied. It returns either true or false depending on the conditions.

* + - 1. *checkEndGame()*

This function is called after every time a unit is killed to check the game board to determine if either Player 1 or AI units are all dead. If so it loads the correct screen depending on if the Player won or lost.

* + - 1. *isOccupied()*

This function determines if a given space on the board is occupied by a unit.

* + - 1. *isGameOverP1()*

This function is responsible for looking through the spaces on the board and returning whether there are any of Player 1’s units alive.

* + - 1. *isGameOverP2()*

This function is responsible for looking through the spaces on the board and returning whether there are any of Player 2’s units alive.

* + - 1. *EndBattle();*

This Function calls the isGameOverP1 function, if that returns true, calls the isGameOverP2 function. If either returns false, calls the appropriate function to signal MainWindow which end state dialog to run.

* + - 1. *sendPlayerLost()*

This function, when called, emits the signal called signalPlayerLost, which is connected to the onPlayerLost slot in the MainWindow class.

* + - 1. *sendBattleEnd()*

This function, when called, emits the signal called signalBattleEnd(), which is connected to the onBattleEnd slot in the MainWindow class. This signals that Player 1 has won the game.

* + - 1. *populate()*

This function creates a two-dimensional array which is loaded with random numbers which will be used to initially position Player, AI, and any obstacle pieces on the board. The function is designed to start the Player 1 on the left side of the board, the AI on the right, and the obstacles anywhere on the board. It automatically adjusts to the dimensions of the board loaded from the database.

* + - 1. *slotTestinput()*

This funciton is called when the slot slotTestInput is called by the signal signalGameCfgComplete() is called from the MainWindow class. This signal tells the mechanics class that the game configuration is complete and to set up the game.

* + - 1. *populate()*

This function randomly assignes units to locations on that players side of the board at the start of the battle and returns those locations to the user.

## Database Member Functions (Ye)

* + 1. **Database Member Functions (Ye)**
       1. *connection ()*

This function establishes a connection with a SQLITE database and creates test tables if necessary. This is the first step for following operations to the database tables. It will return true if connection is successful or false if it is failure unsuccessful.

* + - 1. *userCount()*

This function returns total number of user players’ data in the database player table.

* + - 1. *userName()*

This function returns user player name corresponded to the passed number index argument in the database players table.

* + - 1. *addPlayer ()*

This function adds a new created user player name with the passed string name into the database player table. Before adding, it looks up the table to find matched player name. If the name exists, it returns false, and do not add new player. If not, it adds new player and returns true.

* + - 1. *spriteName()*

This function returns sprite name with the passed number index argument in the database sprites table which provides all of the prototype sprites of the game.

* + - 1. *spritePixMap*

This function returns sprite PixMap with the passed number index argument in the database sprites table.

* + - 1. *spriteAP()*

This function returns sprite AP value with the passed number index argument in the database sprites table.

* + - 1. *spriteHP()*

This function returns sprite HP value with the passed number index argument in the database sprites table.

* + - 1. *spriteRange()*

This function returns sprite range value with the passed number index argument in the database sprites table.

* + - 1. *loadSprite ()*

This function returns a sprite object with the passed string name argument in the database sprites table.

* + - 1. *addSprite ()*

This function adds one sprite with parameters into current user player data table.

* + - 1. *loadUser ()*

This function returns a user player object for the passed string player name argument.

* + - 1. *saveUnits ()*

This function saves array of units of the passed string player name argument into the user player data table.

* + - 1. *loadUnits ()*

This function loads array of units of the passed string player name argument from the user player data table.

* + - 1. *show ()*

This function displays the database table of the passed table name argument in a window. It is used for testing.

* + 1. **Test Window Member Functions (Ye)**
       1. *TableEditor ()*

Only one constructor function is defined in this class. It creates a test window class object with passed string table name. All of the related table data are displayed in the window. This object is initialized in the database member function show().

# TESTING

## Unit Testing

### User interface

### Game Graphics

### Game Mechanics and Aritificial intelligence

### The Game mechanics were initially coded and tested in a console version, adding complexity as it was verified to work to a satisfactory degree. Efforts focused on unit assignment, positioning, changing position in a 2-dimension array of objects, and attacking.

Much of the code for the mechanics class had to be rewritten for the system testing. Once the basic actions of move and attack were successfully tested and how they interacted with the unit objects’ attributes, it was easy to scale complexity.

The Artificial Intelligence was written and tested as an automatic call of the move and attack functions without user input. Trial and error were used to grow the AI from simply moving between squares to chosing direction and attacking the Player in accordance to its own goal-driven behavior.

### Database (Ye)

The database was tested by inputting a series of coordinates and displaying the data. All of the database member functions and the test window member function were called by a database object in a main function to operate the database file and display the data. All of the functions worked well.

## System Testing

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