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Fish is a strategy game where two to four players compete with their friends to see who can collect the most fish. The game board is made out of adjacent hexagonal tiles, each containing a positive number of fish. A player has N number of penguins they control to move across the board to collect fish. A referee controls the layout of the game board, and assigns each player a color and number of penguins. The referee also decides whose turn is next, game turns always cycle from the youngest to oldest player.

There are five components the the Fish game:

- The Game Board: the board that each player sees
 - Data tier
 - The Game Board keeps track of: 2-4 Players, a grid of the Game Tiles, and the Referee.
 - The Game Board has a method to draw itself, which lives in the Presentation tier
- Player(s): one of the players in the game
 - Data tier
 - A Player keeps track of: their age, their Color, and their Penguins.
 - A Player controls their Penguins to move on the Game Board. Penguins must only move across borders between active Game Tiles.
- Game Tile: a hexagon that holds a positive number of fish
 - Data tier
 - A Game Tile keeps track of: the number of fish that are currently on top of it and its location within the Board.
 - A Game Tile becomes inactive when there are zero fish on it.
- Referee: who keeps track of the game rules
 - Logic tier
 - The Referee sets up the game, and decides how many fish are on each tile, assigns each Player a Color, gives Players Penguins, and determines whose turn is next.
 - It has the ability to know when the game has ended. The game is over when no Player can move.
- Penguins
 - Data tier
 - Each Penguin keeps track of their position in the Board
 - A Penguin knows its available moves at any given time.

As well as utility components and functionality:

- Color
 - A Color is one of: red, white, brown, or black
 - Each of these may be assigned to a Player by the Referee