Circus of Plates - Game

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Design Patterns&Description

Description:

The game starts with the main frame "GameFrame" which initializes the frame and makes Object from the "MainMenu".

there you can choose from different options (new game, high scores, load page, exit the game).

New game option opens the themes menu where you can choose one theme out of 3.once you choose it you go throw a small popup message that asks you to input players names.

then the actual game begins ,shapes are loaded and timer starts to count. as you go through the game you will counter 3 levels of difficulties as time progresses , where number of colors increase, the bars move and the queue gets crowded.

the game ends when at least one of the players get his two stacks (left and right) full so he can't get more shapes.

a game over screen appears with a label that announces the winner with his score . if the score was high it's added to the high scores file.

finally you have to options there: exit the game, or play another game.

Singleton: There are more menus in the game all of them use Singleton so that when you navigate through them you're using the objects that are lastly created without create multiple menus every time. Additionally the game main view "Circus" is also using Singleton, so that you're in one circus and never create a new one unless you choose a "new game" button.

ObjectPool: Shapes that are falling on the ground are being reused again instead if creating new ones, so when we want to create a shape we address the request to the pool first, if it has reusable shapes we get them otherwise we order the factory to get them.

Factory: as we mention above in the "ObjectPool" section. When we create a shape we "order" it from the factory "ShapesFactory" that has the shapes collection and a function "orderShape()"to get a random shape from them and then set its values (i.e coloe, position ...) and return a shape.

Iterator: We have a collection of Data which are Classes of shapes in an external directory with unknown representation, so we used Iterator to iterate through those files one by one and loading them dynamically.

"ShapesIterator" is the class that implements the "Iterator" interface. It's an inner class in the "shapes collection" that implements "container" to get an Iterator for the processes of gathering data.

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for (Iterator iter = getIterator(); iter.hasNext();) {
   File shapeFile = (File) iter.next();
   shapesClasses.add(D.loadShape(shapeFile));
}
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Dynamic Loading: in order to make the game more dynamic there is an abstract class "shapes" that all shapes inherit from, so if any shape follows the class abstraction can be loaded dynamically to the game as a valid shape that we can use and manipulate its values,

So the shapes classes are dynamically loaded at the start Of the execution from a specific folder.

State: in this game we consider that the shape has two states share a common interface that has one method "move " which defines the way a shape moves according to its state ,which is either "OnBar" which means it's moving horizontally on a bar. Or "falling" which means it's outside the bar and ready to be caught or destroyed.

Strategy: strategy pattern is used when there is a common behavior but different implementations,
Here we have 3 level of difficulties in the game hence 3 strategies for each (level1,level2,level3), all of them share a common interface "levelStrategy" that has a method "getHarder()" which leverage the level of difficulty.

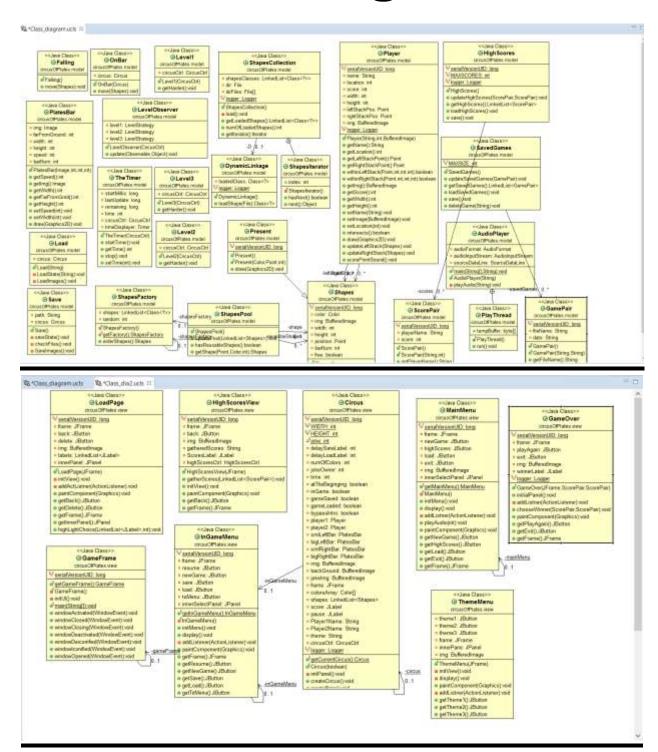
Observer: there is a Timer class which is the observed that extends the observable class, it notifies the observer "LevelObserver" that implements the observer interface each time it changes. The Update method in "LevelObserver" checks the time to determine the level hence choose the difficulty.

MVC: in the sake of simplicity, the model, view and controller need to be separated, there are 3 package of them, where the model has the data and the operations (functionality), and the view deals only with the UI. here comes the controller role where it provide communication between the model and the view. for the view there are different menus and a main panel where the actual game reside, each menu has it's controller which uses the needed objects to obtain the need functionality for those panels.

Façade: we used a high level unified interface "CircusCtrl" that interacts with the subsystem and make the design simple so that the game main view (Circus) deals with only one interface

which in turn handles all the requests and manages the main game view through objects of another subsystems like Timer calculator, creating shapes, investigating the pool, factory and so on.

Class diagram



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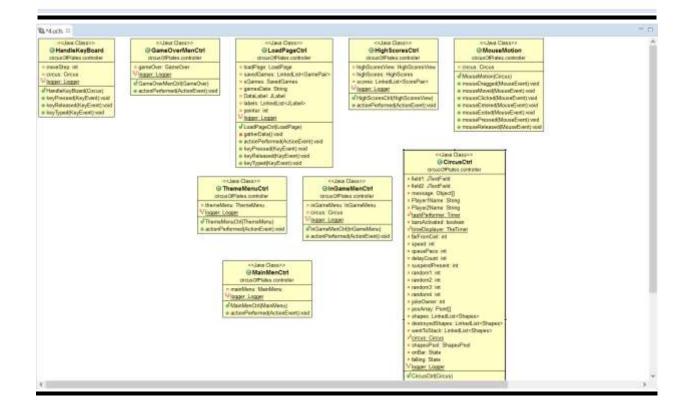
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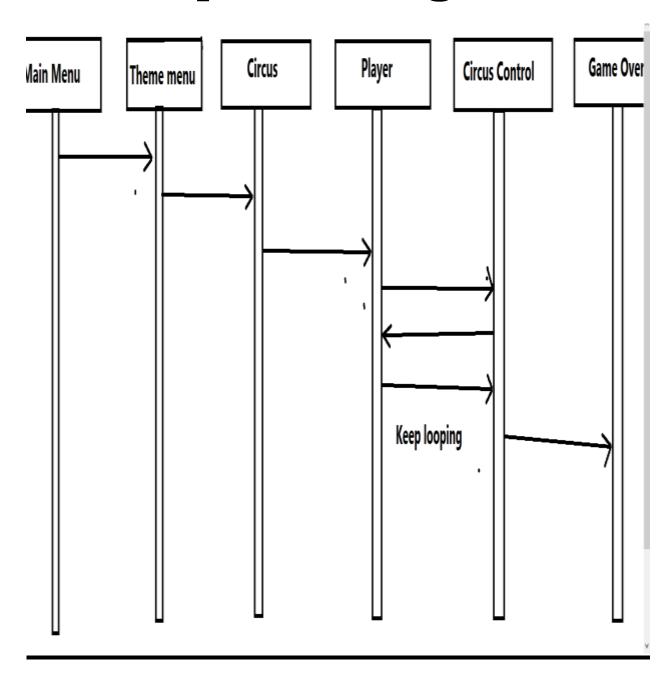








Sequence diagram

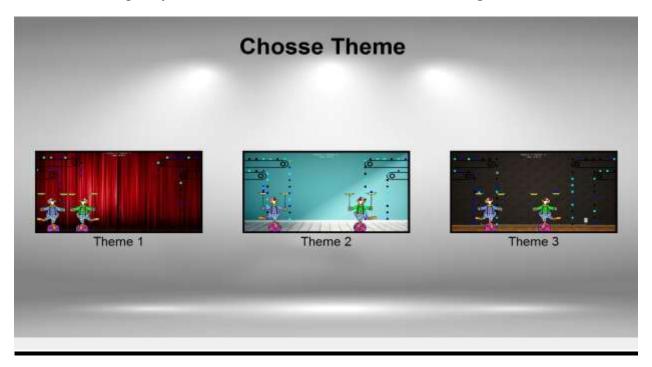


User guide

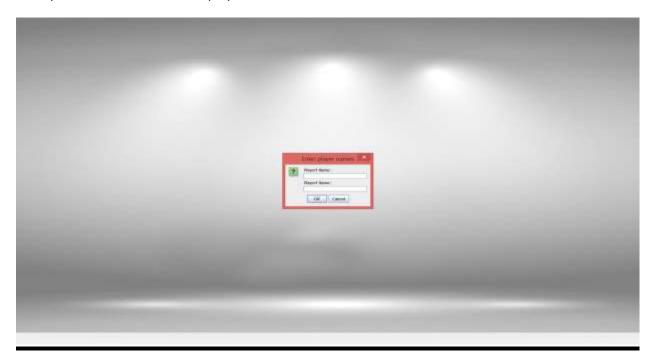
In the start of the game you can choose between start a new game, load a last game, getting the High scores or exit the game.



If we choose new game you have to choose a theme from 3 themes for the game.

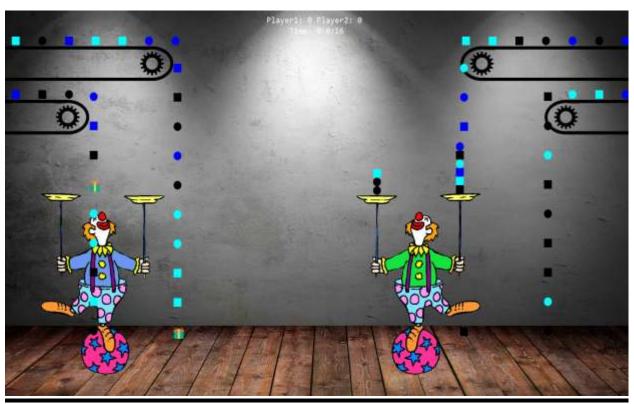


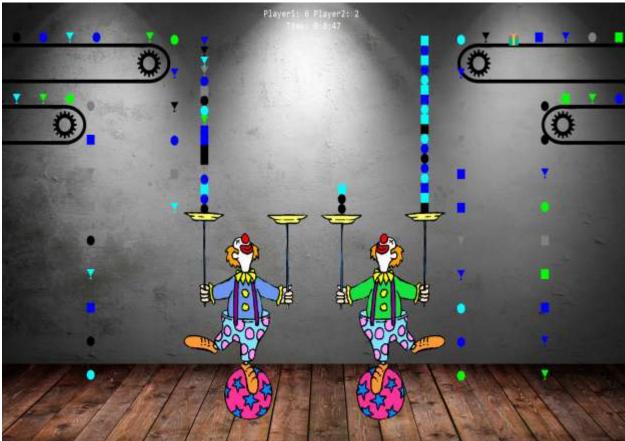
Then you have to enter the two players name and if not it will be default names.

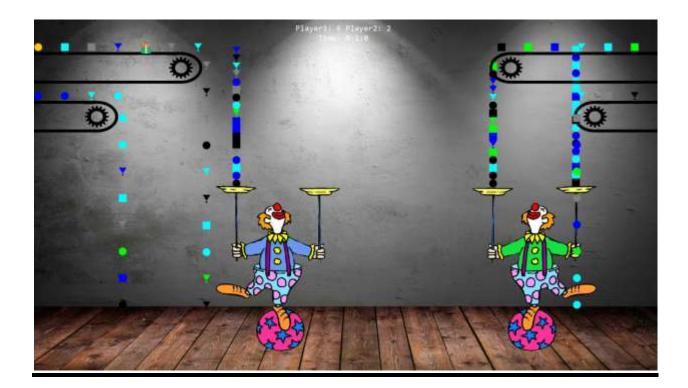


The game starts by two clowns and four bars which you can collect the falling elements.









If the both stacks for any player get failed the game will end and you will get the results.

