# Carcassonne Project, Short A

Short A due at 5pm, Thu 14 Apr 2022 Long A due at 5pm, Tue 19 Apr 2022 Short B due at 5pm, Thu 21 Apr 2022 - other project(s) here, see class website — Long B due at 5pm, Wed 4 May 2022



## 1 Overview

https://www.zmangames.com/en/products/carcassonne/ https://boardgamegeek.com/boardgame/822/carcassonne https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carcassonne\_(board\_game)

Carcassonne is a classic board game, where you place tiles on a grid to build a city.

This project will span 4 phases: 2 short and 2 long projects. By the end, we will not have built the entire game, but we will have implemented some of the core mechanics.

This project builds upon itself; what you do in the first short project will feed directly into the long project that follows, and so on. Because of this, the autograder for each of the parts of the project will include all of the testcases from the former parts. So don't try to "skip" any part of the project - if you do, you'll only be making things hard for yourself, in the next part!

## 2 Two Classes

In this project, you will be developing two classes: CarcassonneTile and CarcassonneMap. The first one represents a single tile, which has certain features on it, and which can be rotated to face any one of four directions. The map represents a bunch of tiles which have been placed on the board, in some particular arrangement.

In Short A, you will implement the CarcassonneTile class (most of it, anyway), along with the first 4 required tiles.

In Long A, you will add the rotate() method to CarcassonneTile, and implement the first part of CarcassonneMap, which mostly involves putting tiles into the grid. You will also implement 8 more tiles.

In Short B, you will add a new feature to the Map class: the ability to follow a road through the map, to see where it ends. You will also implement 4 more tiles.

In Long B, you will extend your road logic so that it can search a road in both directions, and also to determine whether it is "closed" on both ends. You will write similar logic for cities (which are more complex because they are not linear in shape). You will not have to add support for any new tiles.

Throughout the projects, the class CarcassonneTile will be defined in carcassonne\_tile.py, along with all of the tile\* objects. The class CarcassonneMap, which you won't implement until Long A, will be in carcassonne\_map.py.

## 3 Demo Programs

As you write your code, you're going to have bugs. And my testcase output, while useful, is kind of daunting to read.

So, I've provided another option as well. I have provided three graphical tools for debugging your code. It's important to understand that these programs **do not provide the Carcassonne logic** themselves - all they do is to use your Tile and Map classes. These programs just display what your classes are doing!

#### • display\_carcassonne\_tiles.py

Displays all of the tiles that you have defined. If your tile doesn't match what you see on the spec, it's time to debug!

#### • interactive\_carcassonne.py

Gives you an interactive map, which you can then populate with new tiles.

#### • display\_carcassonne\_map.py

This file is mostly used as a library; interactive\_carcassonne.py makes use of it.

If you want to use it yourself, feel free! Call display\_map\_in\_new\_window(game), and it will create a window that will display the Map that you pass to it. Or, call display\_map(game,window,size) to draw a map onto a window that already exists.

#### 4 How Tiles Work

In this project (all 4 parts), you will define a certain set of tiles. You must represent each tile with a CarcassonneTile object, and I will call various methods on these objects to make sure that your class works as required.

However, I will never actually create any of these objects myself; instead, you must do so! You must define what parameters the constructor for your class takes, and you must store information about each tile in **private** variables inside the object. I will access these tiles directly, by importing your code and then accessing variables that you have defined.

For example, the first tile that you must represent is this one:



Tile 01

You must have an object, defined inside the file carcassonne\_tile.py, which is named tile01. When I want to use Tile 1, I will access this object; I can place it all over the map, any where I want (and as many times as I want).

#### 4.1 The Point is to Design a Class

This is important: the purpose of this project is for you to design a class that has some private variables, which hold properties about the tile. For example, to represent the tile above, you should have some way to store that there is a city on the North edge, and that there is a road which goes from the West to East edges.

I am not going to tell you how to do this; you need to design it yourself. It's OK if your design isn't perfect, or as optimal as it might be - but you should take some time to plan ahead for the future. What sorts of features will you have to support in the future? Can you design your Tile so that it won't be hard to support them, when the time comes?

However you choose to implement your Tile, it must store information **about** the file (like where cities and roads exist), instead of storing information about **which** tile it is. What do I mean by this? Let's use the edge\_has\_city(self,edge) method as an example.

edge\_has\_city(self,edge) asks a simple question: does the edge have a city on it, or not? It returns a boolean value. Your implementation should do something like this:

```
def edge_has_city(self, edge):
    if edge == N:
        ... does the North side have a city? ...
        return True/False
    elif edge == E:
        ... etc ...
```

Or perhaps, you might have something more advanced and compact, like this:

```
return self._edge_info[N].has_city

def edge_has_city(self, edge):
    return self._edge_type[N] == "city"
```

def edge\_has\_city(self, edge):

#### But this type of code is forbidden:

or

```
def edge_has_city(self, edge):
    if self._what_tile_am_i == "tile01":
        ... do this ...
    elif self._what_tile_am_i == "tile02":
        ... do that ...
```

Stated another way, tile01 must be a CarcassonneTile object, which has properties that tell you that there is a city on the North side, and an East-West road. But it must not "know" that it is called Tile 1.

# 5 Required Tiles (Short A)

These tiles are required for the Short A part of the Carcassonne project.

Wise students will look ahead, to see what types of tiles you will implement in the future. Even if you don't implement those tiles yet, you will make your life better if you plan ahead, and design your class so that it has all the features you will need later.



Tile 01





Tile 03

(This tile has a  ${f crossroads}$  - meaning more than two road segments meet in the middle.)



Tile 04 (Ignore the farmhouses, too.)

## 6 Required Methods of CarcassonneTile

In Short A (we will add more in the future), you must support the following methods.

**NOTE:** In all of these methods, we will use the convention N=0, E=1, S=2, W=3. That is, your parameter will actually be an integer, but it will represent a direction.

• get\_edge(self, side)

Returns a string which indicates what is on that side of the tile. It may be "grass", "grass+road", or "city".

side is a parameter which indictes which edge you are looking for: 0=N, 1=E, 2=S, 3=W.

- edge\_has\_road(self, side) Returns True or False, based on whether that edge has a road.
- edge\_has\_city(self, side) Returns True or False, based on whether that edge has a city.
- has\_crossroads(self) Returns True or False, based on whether that tile has a "crossroads" in the middle of it, like Tile 3, Tile 13, etc.
- road\_get\_connection(self, from\_side) Returns the side that a given road is connected to. You may assume that the side is definitely a road.

If the road in question is connected to another edge, then return the integer for that edge. But if it is connected to a crossroads in the middle of the tile, return -1.

#### **EXAMPLES:**

tile04.road\_get\_connection(E) should return S, and tile04.road\_get\_connection(S) should return E.

tile03.road\_get\_connection(W) should return -1.

• city\_connects(self, sideA, sideB) Returns True or False, based on whether or not the two sides are both cities and they are connected. (See Tile 7 for an example of a tile with two city sides that are not connected.)

**NOTE:** This method ignores how the two city parts might be connected, elsewhere in the map. Only give information about how these parts are connected in **this** tile.

You may assume that the sideA is definitely a city; sideB will definitely be a valid side (N,S,E,W) but may or may not be a city.

Return True if sideA==sideB.

## 7 Turning in Your Solution

You must turn in your code using GradeScope.