

Software Design Document for Bravens Bullet Hell Shooter

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1. Introduction

The Bravens project is a bullet hell shooting game developed using the MonoGame framework. This game is designed to provide players with a fast paced and challenging experience, characterized by intense enemy encounters and different bullet patterns which may be challenging a player based on the game's difficulty level.

To achieve this, the game features a component-based architecture that promotes modularity and reusability, allowing for flexible game object behaviors. This also allows the developers working iteratively on it to apply modifications and enhancements easily without disrupting the overall system. The project includes various assets, game logic, and manager classes to handle different functionalities, such as enemy waves and player controls.

1.1 Architectural Design Goals

This section discusses the architectural design of the Bravens project which focuses on several key qualities that are essential for delivering a high quality experience, including:

- **Performance:** The game should run smoothly with multiple enemies and projectiles on screen. Our biggest concern with regards to optimization is constantly instantiating and destroying game objects. While we could take steps to optimize our game via object pooling, our project is a 2D game, so optimizations are not a concern at this time.
- **Modularity:** The component-based architecture allows for easy addition and modification of game behaviors without affecting other parts of the system. Tactics include encapsulation and composition which enable the developers working on this game to create and manage game components independently.
- **Maintainability:** The design promotes clean code practices and separation of concerns, making it easier for developers to maintain and update the game over time. This has been crucial for addressing bugs, implementing new features especially in this milestone and ensuring an overall smooth player experience.

2. Software Architecture

This section documents the architectural model of the Bravens' implementation of the game. The architecture is designed to support the core gameplay mechanics and facilitate interactions between various components. To illustrate the system functionality, we have identified three key use cases that represent critical interactions within the game as shown by the figure below:

Figure 2-1: **Use Case 1: AI Spawns enemies** - This use case describes how the game’s AI system manages the spawning of enemy units, determining their types and behaviors based on predefined logic.

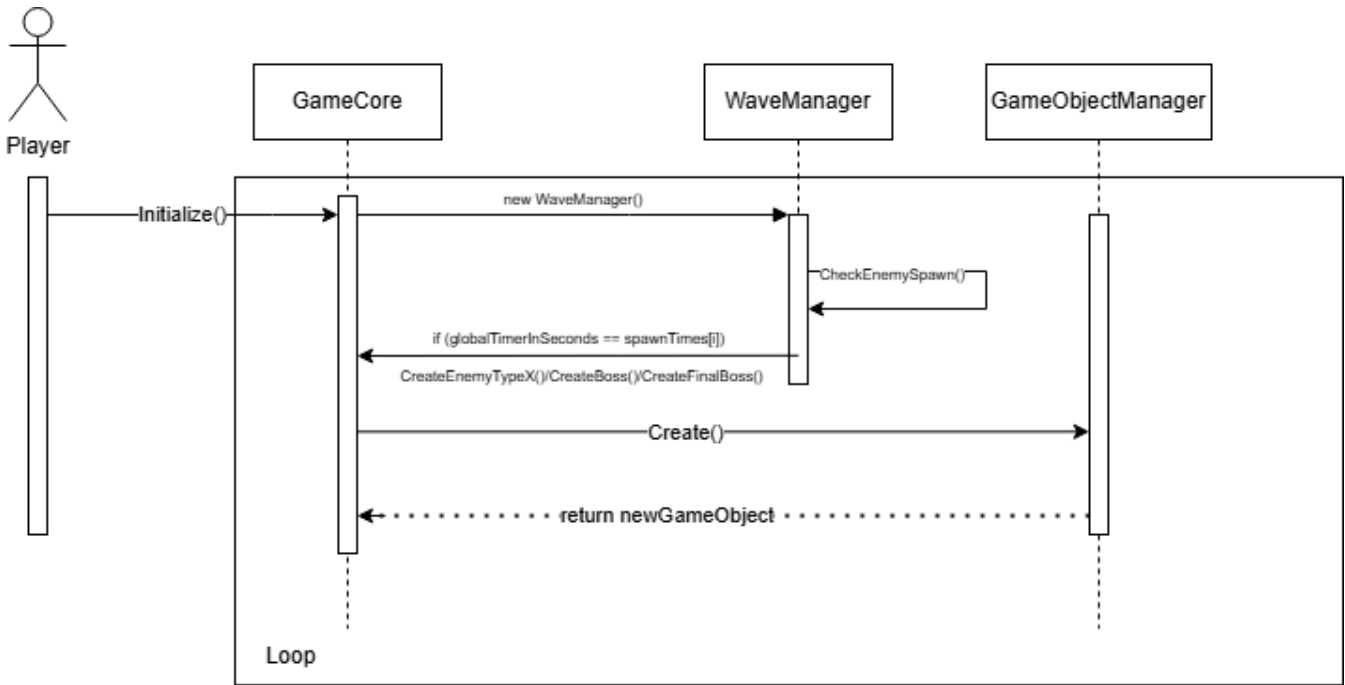


Figure 2-2: **Use Case 2: User controls player to move** - This use case shows how players interact with the game through input controls, allowing them to maneuver their character and avoid enemy projectiles.

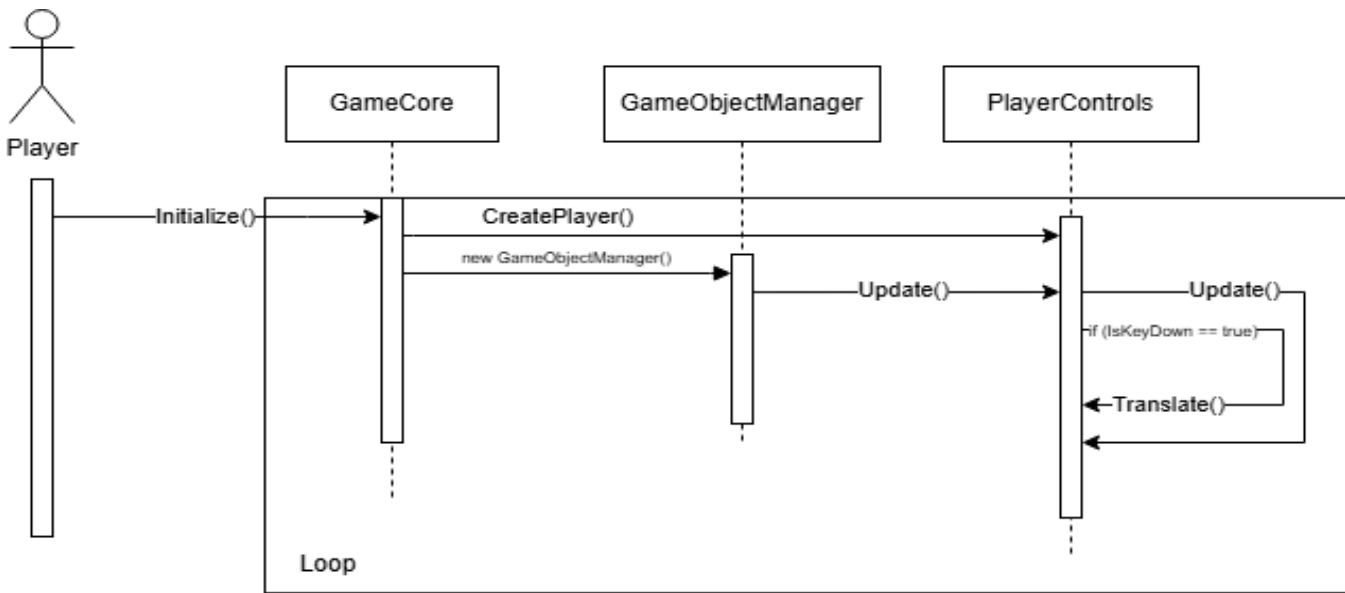
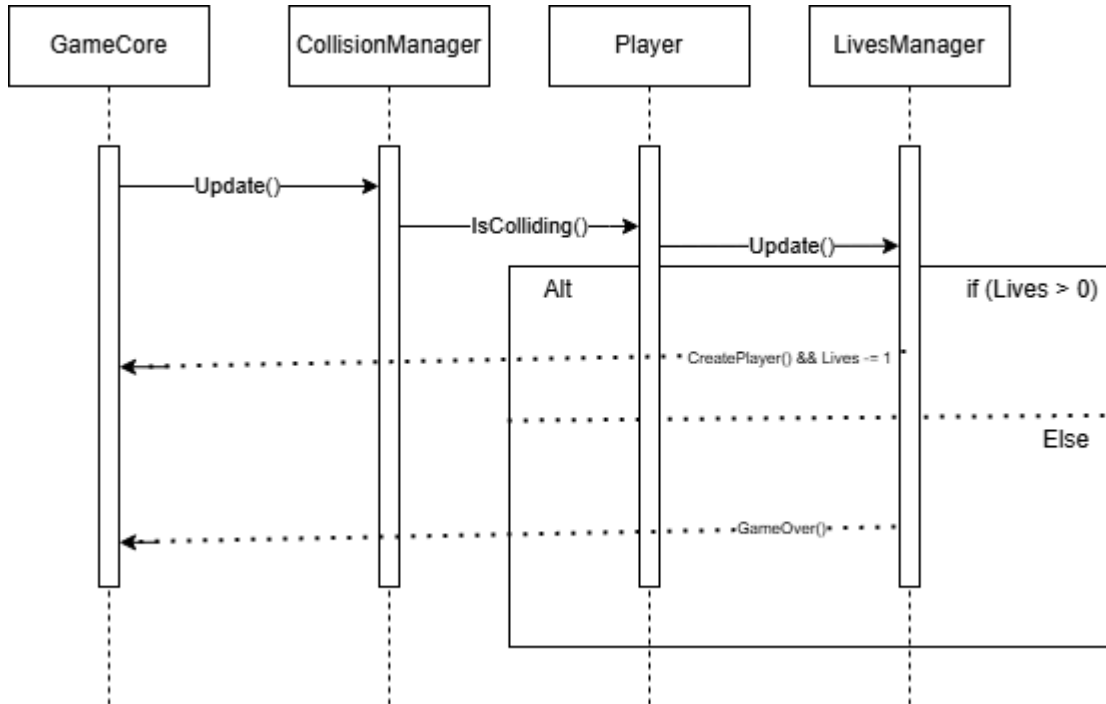


Figure 2-3: **Use Case 3: Player is hit by enemy bullets** - This use case shows the consequences of player interactions with enemy projectiles, including death conditions which leads to game over.



2.1 Overview

The architecture follows a component-based design pattern, allowing for flexible and reusable components that can be attached to game objects. This pattern while it allows for modularity, it also allows for flexible attachments of behaviors to game objects, enabling developers to easily modify or extend functionalities without impacting the entire system. The main subsystems include:

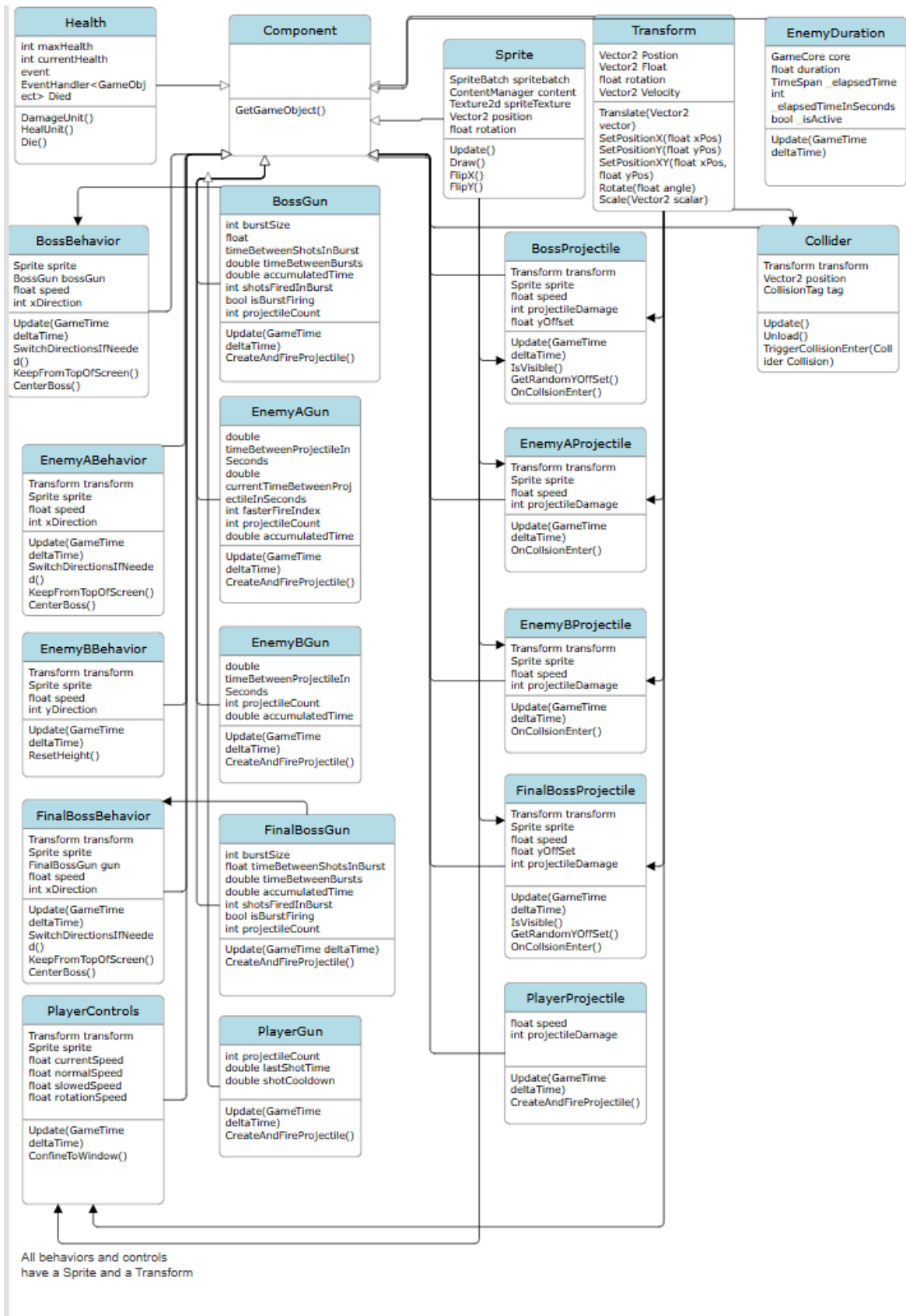
- **GameCore:** Manages the overall game loop and initializes game objects.
- **GameObjectManager:** Responsible for creating, updating, and rendering game objects.
- **CollisionManager:** Manages Colliders, determines when to activate collisions between them.
- **WaveManager:** Manages the spawning of enemy waves and bosses.
- **LivesManager:** Responsible for the systems relating to the Player being hit and the results.
- **Components:** Classes that can be contained within GameObjects to give them different properties and behaviors.

All of this has been further illustrated by the detailed diagrams in section 2.2.

Components subsystems include a collection of classes that can be attached to game objects to provide various properties and behaviors, such as movement, shooting, and health. Figure 2.9 below helps

illustrate the architectural pattern adopted, which further shows the relationships and dependencies among the subsystems.

Figure 2-4: Components Diagram



2.2 Subsystem Decomposition

In this section, we will break down the system into its individual subsystems, providing a brief description of each subsystem and their responsibilities in a detailed manner.

Figure 2-5: **GameCore Diagram** : This subsystem is the central hub that manages the overall game loop, including initialization, updating game states, and coordinates interactions between subsystems. It serves as an entry point for the game.

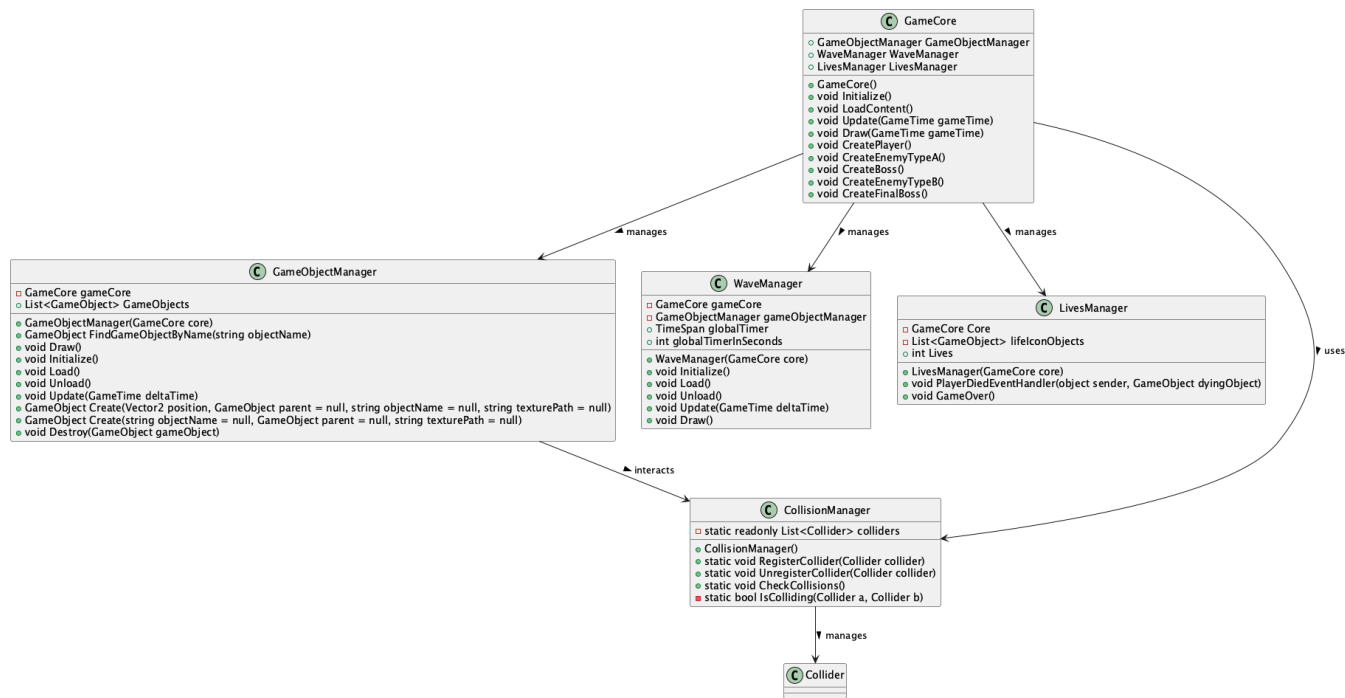


Figure 2-6 **CollisionManager Diagram** : This subsystem deals with collision detection and response between game objects, ensuring that all interactions are handled correctly. It determines when collision occurs between game objects and ensures the detection is effective and responsive, allowing for real time interactions.

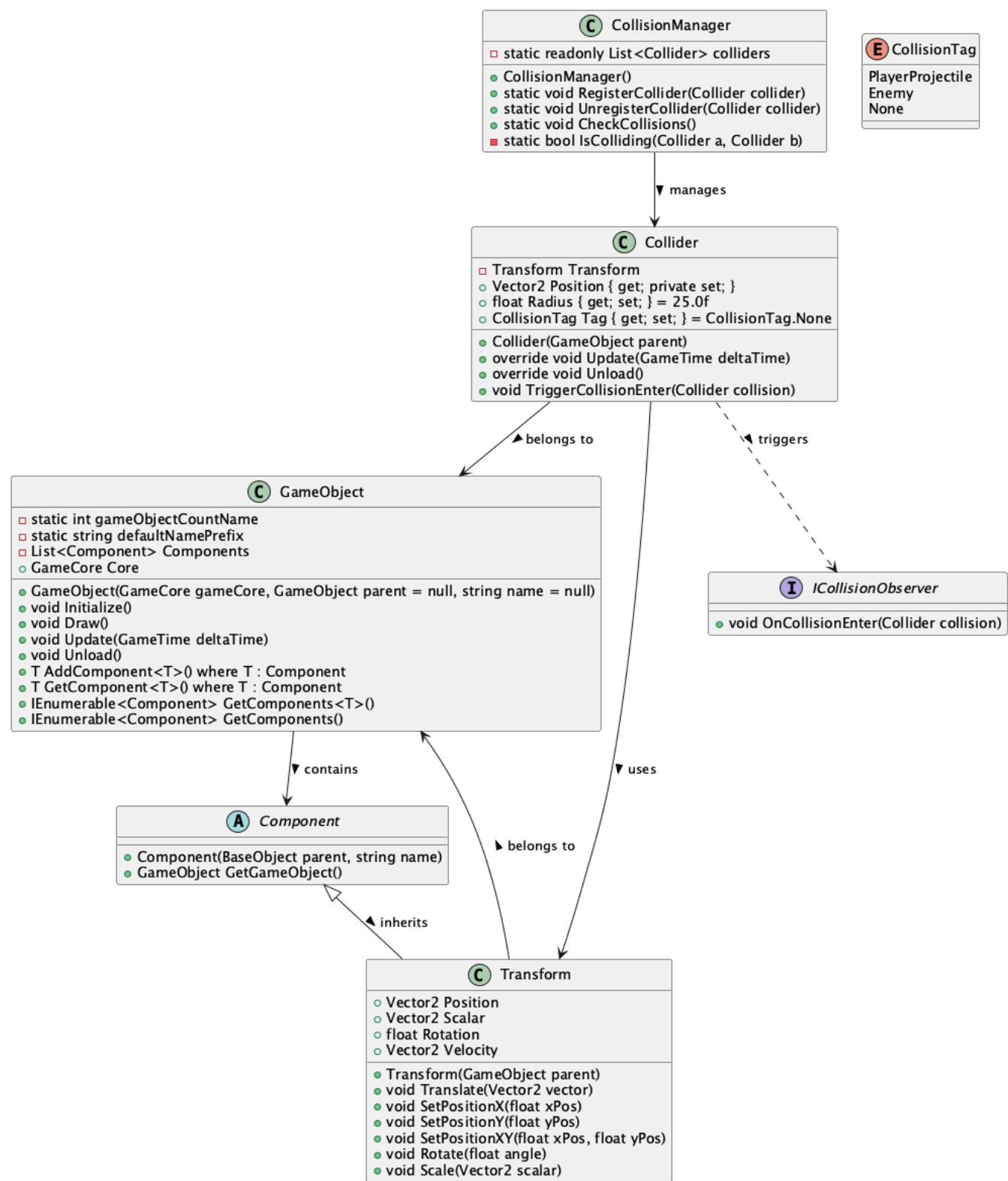


Figure 2-7: **GameObjectManager Diagram** : This subsystem is responsible for creating, updating, and rendering all game objects, including players, enemies, and projectiles. It maintains a collection of game objects and handles their lifecycle, ensuring that they are properly managed throughout the game.

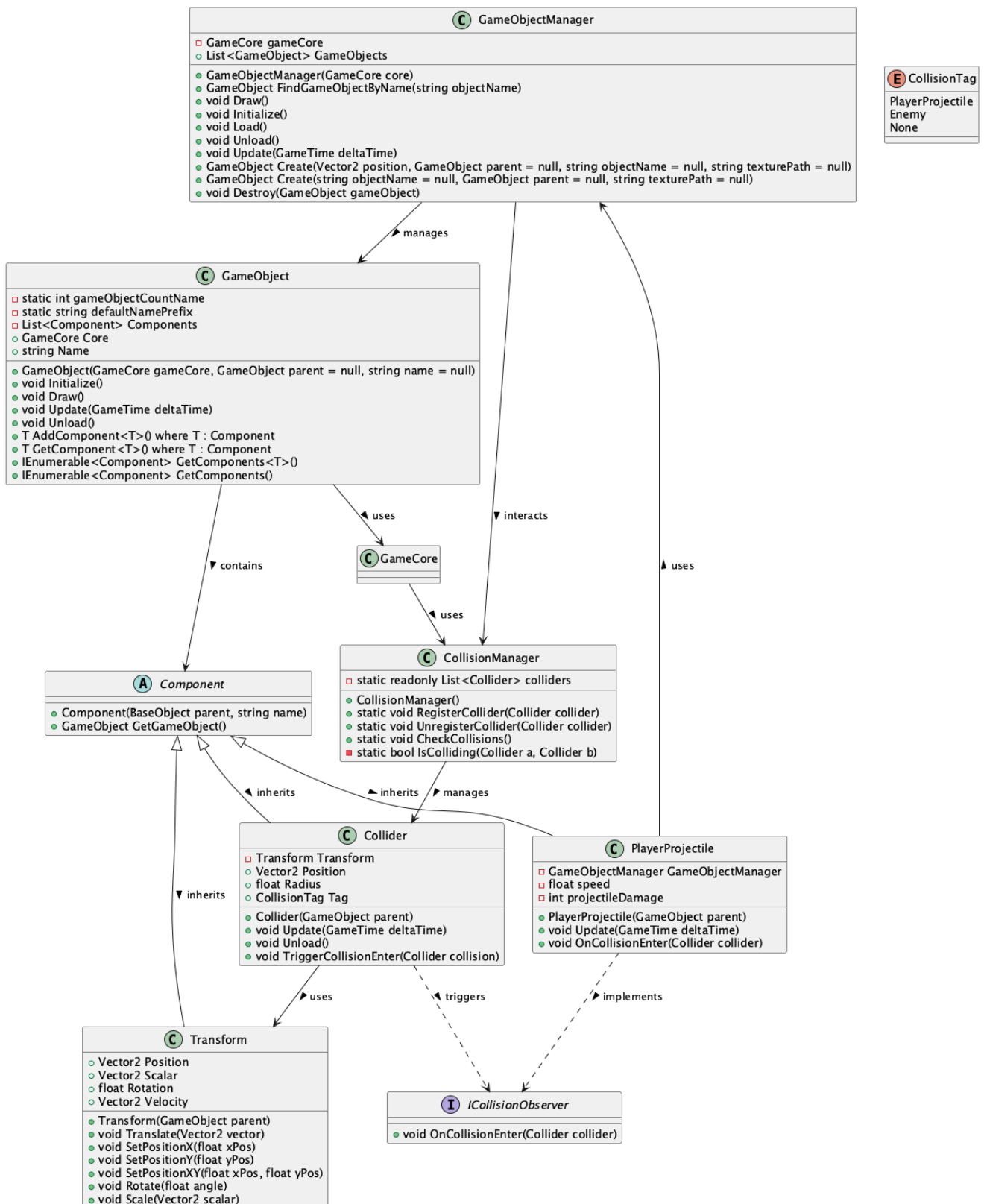


Figure 2-8: **WaveManager Diagram** : This subsystem manages the spawning of enemy waves and bosses. It's in charge of the flow of gameplay and difficulty progression over time by implementing predefined logic. It ensures a balanced gameplay experience for the player.

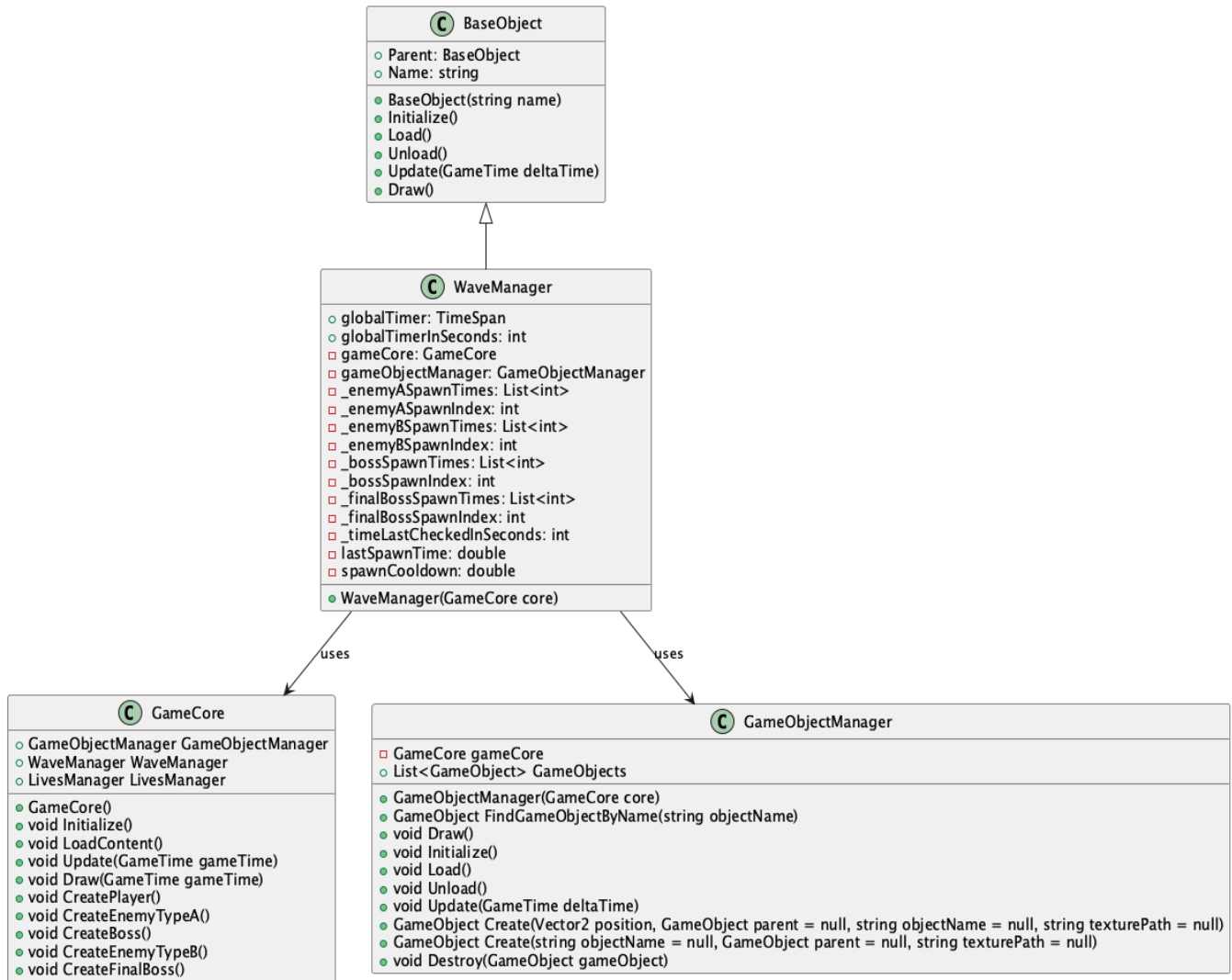
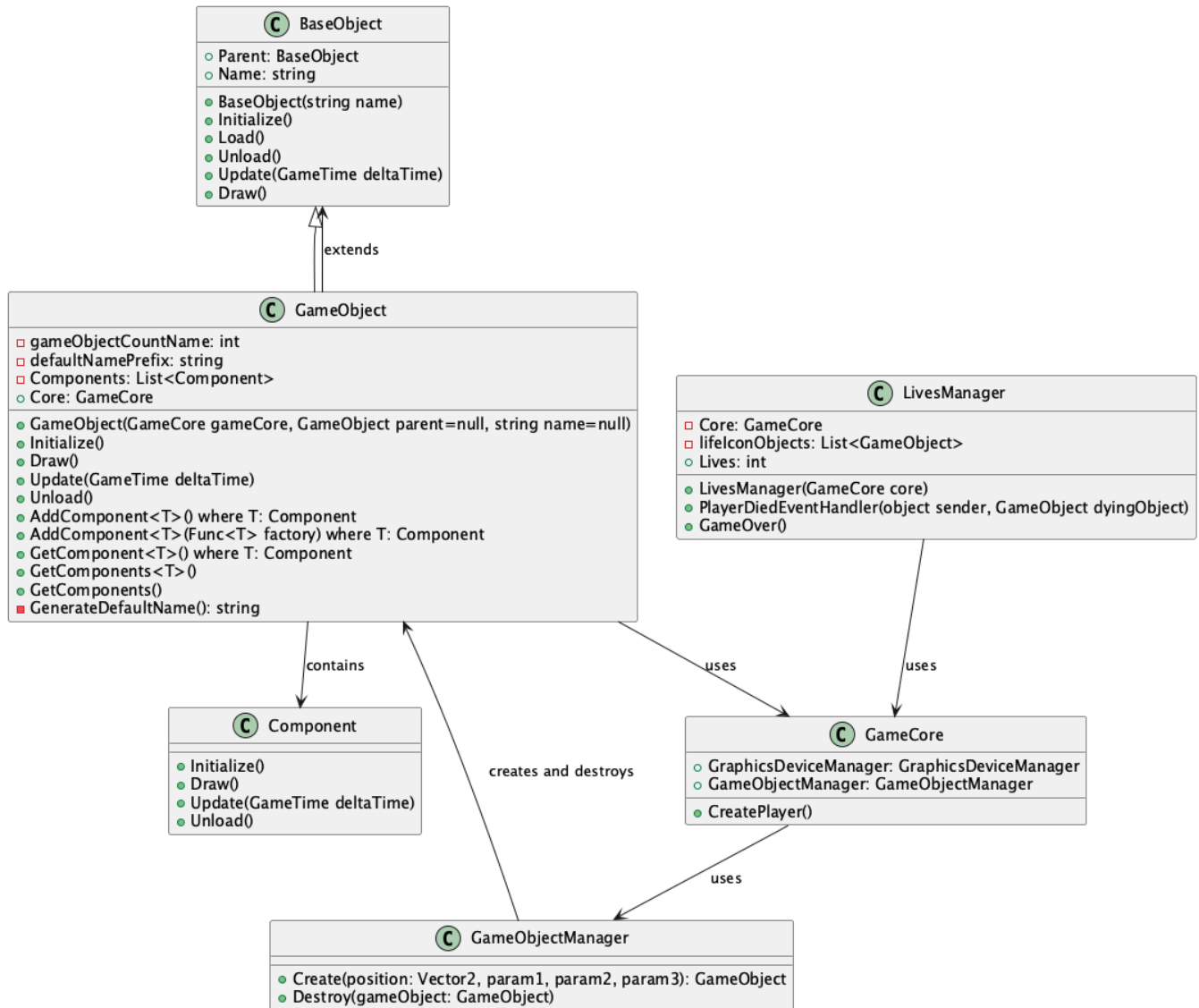


Figure 2-9: **LivesManager Diagram** : This subsystem manages player lives, keeping track of when a player is hit and determines the consequences of losing lives including death of players.

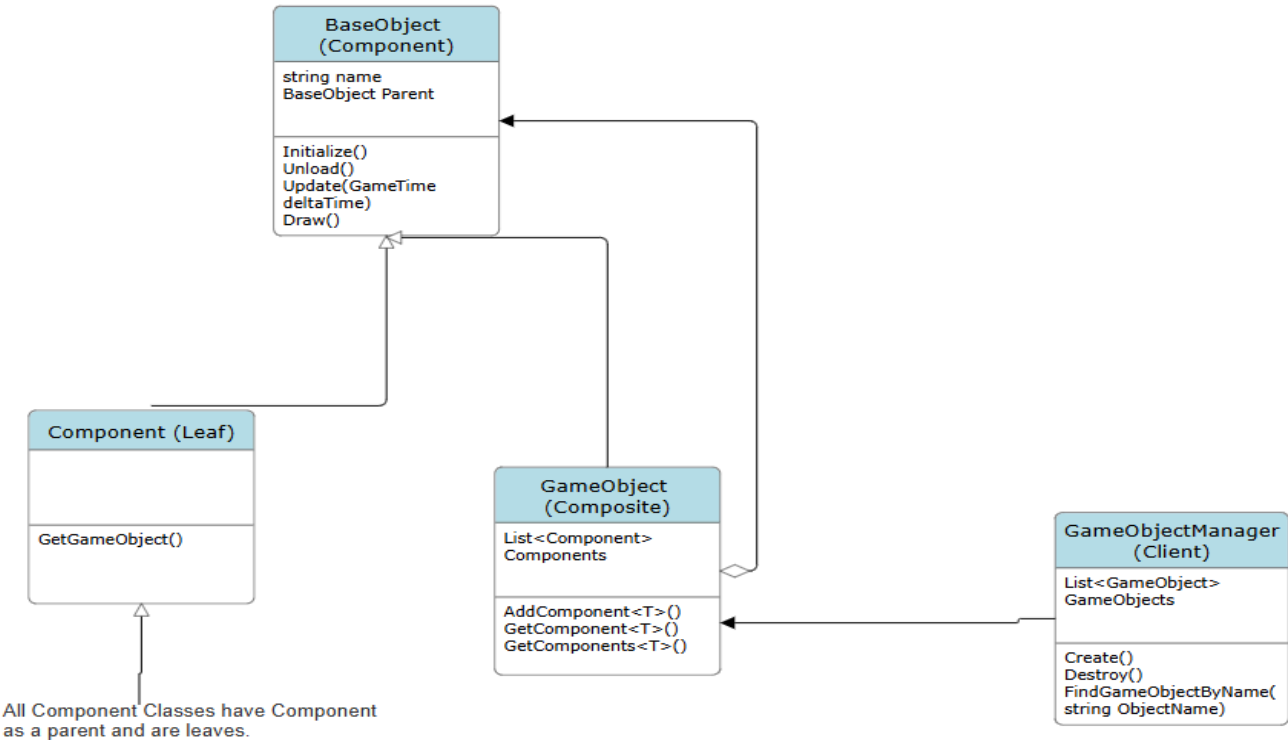


2.2.1 Design Patterns

So far in our implementation we have utilized several design patterns to enhance the architecture of the game. This includes:

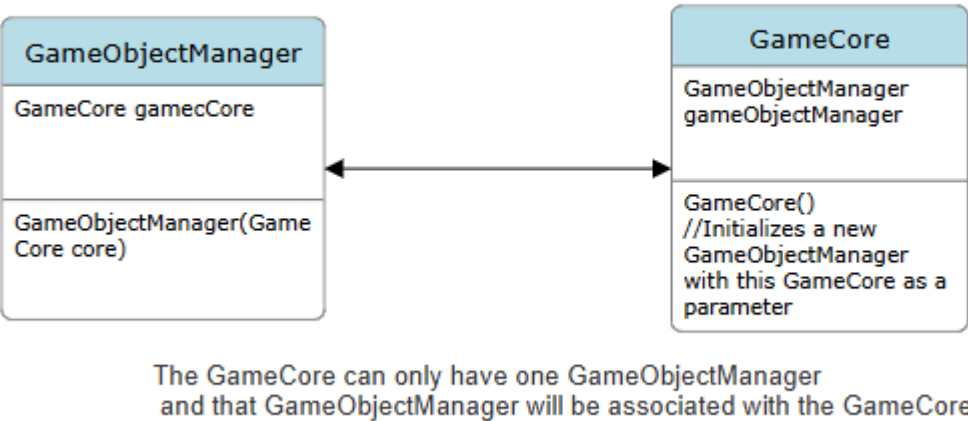
1. **Component Pattern:** Used to allow flexible attachment of behaviors to game objects. It also allows for dynamic composition of functionalities.

Figure 2-10: Component Pattern Diagram



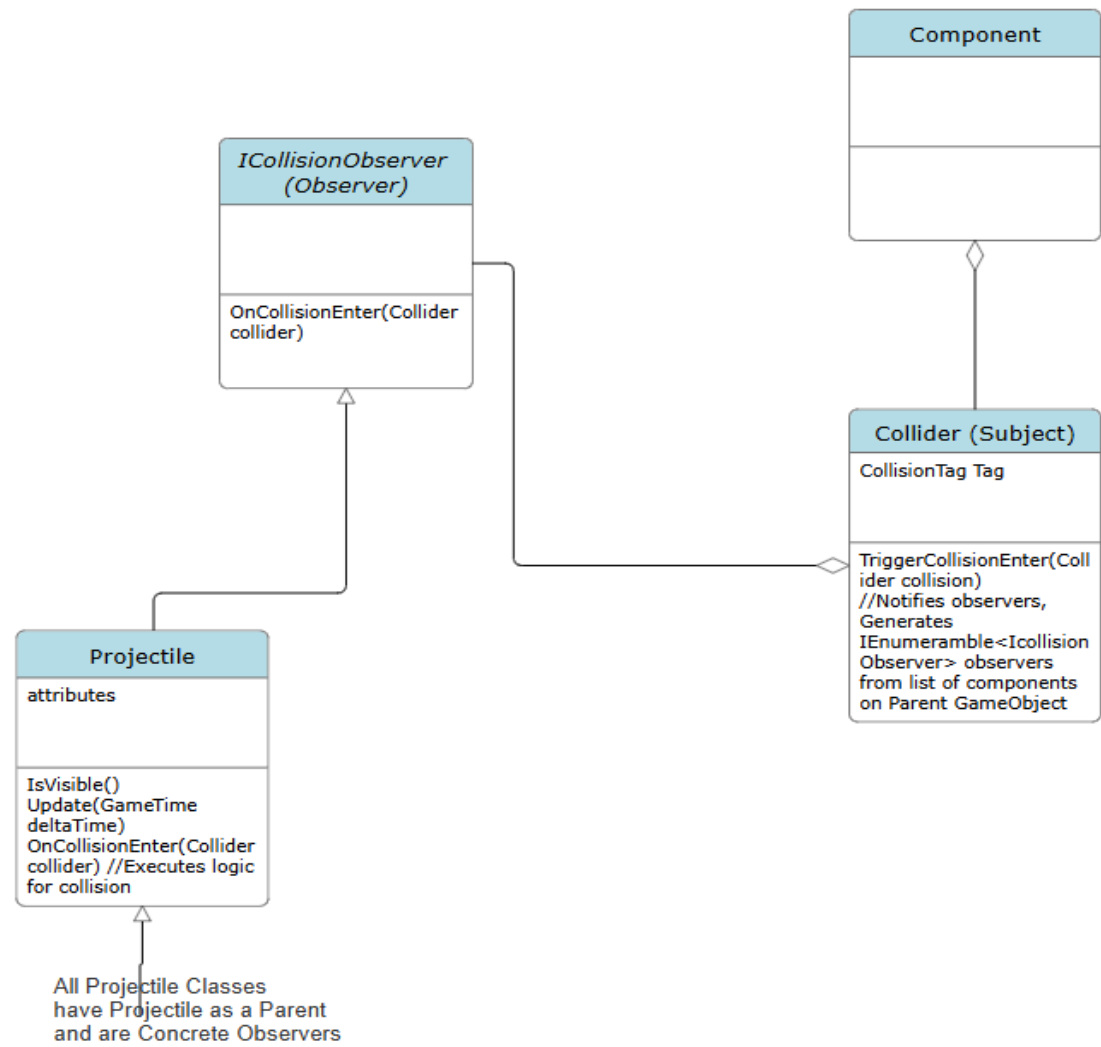
2. **Singleton Pattern:** While this does not exactly match the standard Singleton pattern in that **GameObjectManager** does not necessarily ensure that only one of it is instantiated ever, the instance variables in both **GameCore** and **GameObjectManager** ensure that only one instance of each ever interacts with each other.

Figure 2-11: Singleton Pattern Diagram



- 3. **Observer Pattern:** Used for event handling, where game objects can subscribe to events like collisions and state changes, promoting loose coupling between components.

Figure 2-11: **Observer Pattern Diagram**



3. Subsystem Services

This section describes the services provided by each subsystem, detailing their responsibilities and interactions with other subsystems

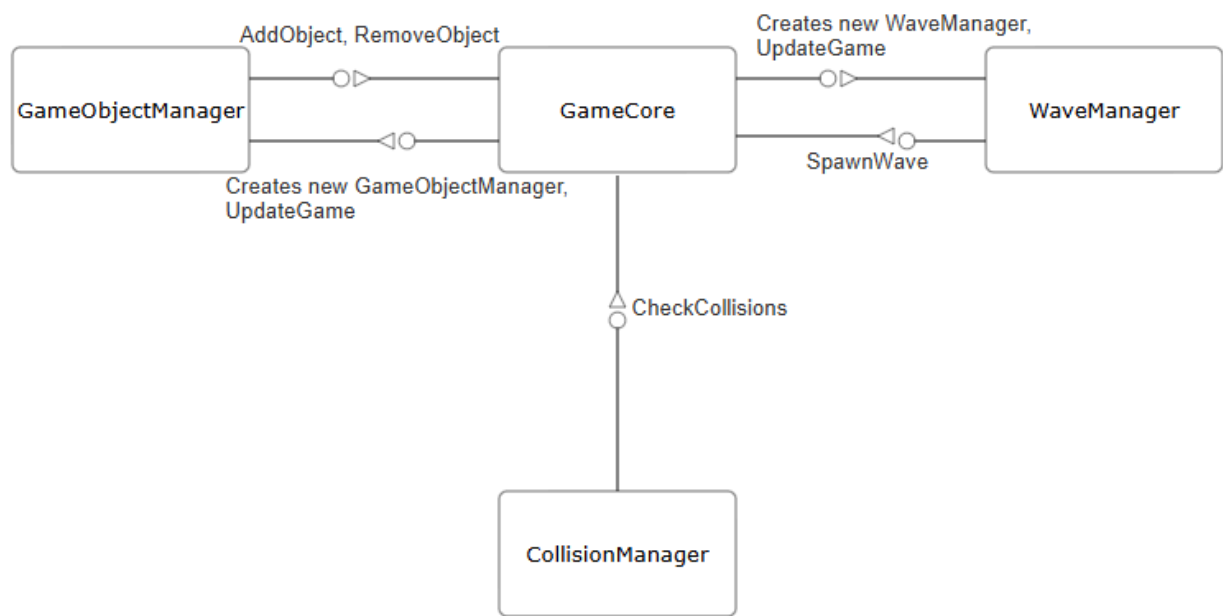
Table 3-1: Subsystem Services

| Providing Subsystem | Required By Subsystem | Service Name | Description |
|---------------------|--|-----------------|---|
| GameCore | GameCore | InitializeGame | Initializes the game and starts the main loop. |
| GameCore | GameObjectManager, WaveManager, LivesManager | UpdateGame | Updates the game state each frame, processing input and managing game logic. |
| GameObjectManager | GameCore, WaveManager, LivesManager | Create | Adds a new game object to the scene, initializing its properties. |
| GameObjectManager | WaveManager, LivesManager | Destroy | Removes a game object from the scene, cleaning up the relevant resources to the object as needed. |
| WaveManager | GameCore, WaveManager, LivesManager | CheckEnemySpawn | Spawns a new wave of enemies based on predefined logic. |
| CollisionManager | GameCore, WaveManager, LivesManager | CheckCollisions | Allows the activation of all collider related activities in the scene on command. |

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| LivesManager | GameCore, GameObjectManager, WaveManager, LivesManager | GameOver | Triggered when a player has been hit and is dead after the playerisdead event handler is triggered. |
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This structured approach to defining subsystem services ensures clarity in the interactions and dependencies among various components of the game architecture. Each service plays a crucial role in maintaining the overall functionality and flow of the game, facilitating communication between subsystems while keeping to the architectural design principles established in earlier sections.

Figure 3-1: **Subsystem Interactions**



GameCore provides the core operations of the game and maintains the state as the game progresses. It also calls on GameObjectManager and WaveManager to handle the moment-to-moment actions of the game within these categories and keeps them on the same time schedule. Collisions are handled by CollisionManager, which is a class with static functions, at the request of GameCore.