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# **DEFINING AND UNDERSTANDING THE PROBLEM**

# BRIEF

Defining the problem is vital to the successful development of this project.

The brief of this project is outlined on this page, which presents the problem to be solved for this project.

*Optime software <http://www.optimesoftware.com/> are looking for new developers to enter the team in developing interactive games for IOS and Android devices.*

*In particular they are looking for someone to develop their new app based on the game Snakes and Ladders. In order to apply for the position you are to design and complete your own Snakes and Ladders game for the software company.*

*Your Snakes and Ladders application is to follow the structured development approach to create the application.*

*You are required to understand a 2-Dimensional array to complete this project and as a base to have a functioning Snakes and Ladders allowing for two or more players to play against each other. You are to use at least one data structure for this project and work effectively on your documentation to complete the project.*

## GAME STORY

- *Each player has a different coloured token, with their order of playing determined before the game starts.*
- *Each player starts with their token outside the board.*
- *Players take turns to roll the dice*
- *The player moves their token forward the number of spaces shown on the dice*
- *If the token lands at the bottom of a ladder, it moves to the top of the ladder*
- *If the token lands on a snake's head, it moves down to the snake's tail*
- *The first person to exactly land on the final square is the winner*

*Source: <https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/crafts/snakes-and-ladders>*

## AUDIENCE

**Players:** 2 or more

**Age range:** 5+

**Skills required:** Counting, observation

*Source: Google*

## GUI

- *Modern, aesthetically pleasing*
- *Appropriate to players of young ages*
- *Design of GUI elements are to stay within the family-friendly genre*

# INDEPENDENT RESEARCH

It is then necessary to get a thorough and precise understanding of the problem, which involves time and research. In this case, similar software solutions and non-computer based solutions can be examined and are particularly helpful. Therefore, independent research was carried out to gain an understanding on the game story, audience, and GUI.

# OBJECTIVES

A list of requirements or objectives should be formulated as they are essential to a complete understanding of the problem. The objectives for this project are listed on the following spread.

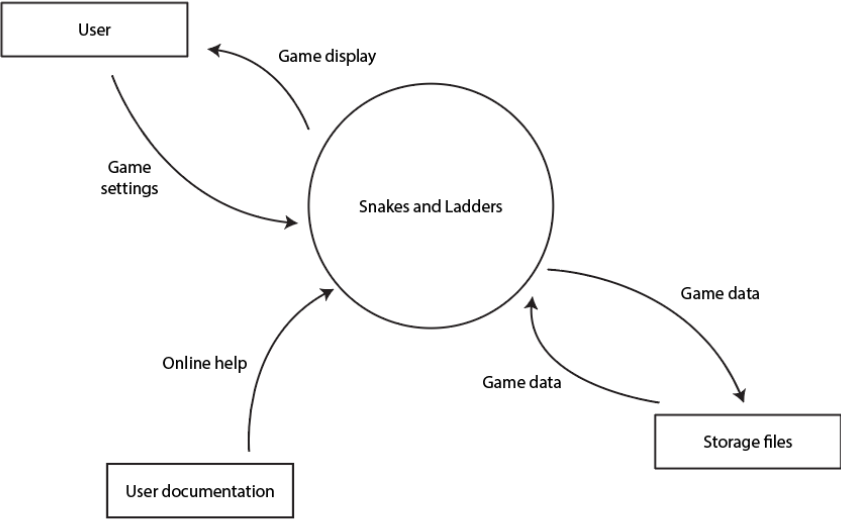
These ensure that my understanding of the problem will meet the needs of the target audience, as they can also be used for the evaluation of the final product.

| <i>Graphical User Interface and Feedback</i>   | <i>Control and Data Structures</i>  | <i>Advanced Features</i>  | <i>Error Free Solution</i>  |
|--|---|---|---|
| The application must adhere to current trends in user interface development; must be aesthetically pleasing and family-friendly.   | Appropriate control structures must be implemented into the program, ranging from sequence, selection and repetition. | The user must be able to save and resume incomplete games.  | The solution should be a functional Snakes and Ladders game in considering the initial objectives and free of errors. |
| All navigation must be appropriate and error free.   | Appropriate data structures must be implemented into the program. This should be either arrays or records.            | The game must have at least 3 different board set-ups.  |   |
| The selection of appropriate interface objects and graphics must be consistent and professional in nature.   | A 2-Dimensional array must be used.   | The game must have a dice animation.  |   |
| The application must provide users with appropriate and relevant feedback. This must assist the user to feel in control of the application and must include aspects like alerts, notifications and labels. |   | The game must be capable of recording and updating the high score for each board type. This must be accessible to the user as well. |   |
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# CONTEXT DIAGRAM

Obtaining an understanding of the problem will allow for a list of required outputs to be required, which are the result of processed inputs.

The following context diagram shows the external inputs and outputs into and out of the system for this project - the Snakes and Ladders process.



| Input                                 | Process  | Output   |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|
|                                       | Directs user to select game settings   |  |
| Number of players                     | Saves the player count as an integer variable  |  |
| Player colours                        | Allows the user to select the colours within the limit of the player count<br>Assign each player number to a colour in the order they were selected  |  |
| Board size                            | Generates board according to selected size   |  |
| Name of new game                      | Creates a new text file named after the user input<br>Writes game data to a text file  | A new text file with the name as the name of the game<br>A new game - spawns the selected number of players with their colours in the order they were chosen, and the board of the selected size |
| Game progress from a saved-game file  | Loads the data of a selected game from text file<br>Generates the game using the input data  | A past game  |
|                                       | Rolls the die (generates a random number between 1 and 6)<br>Updates a player's location according to the number rolled<br>Checks for victory<br>Increases the player's move count by 1<br>Updates to have the next player in turn to move | Movement of player on the board  |
| Highest score (from text file)        | To be checked with a victory score for a new high score  |  |
| Winner's number of turns for the game | Checks score against highest score recorded<br>Overwrites with the new high score if it's lower than the recorded score  | Loads and continues a selected past game in progress   |
|                                       | Opens the instructions page  |  |

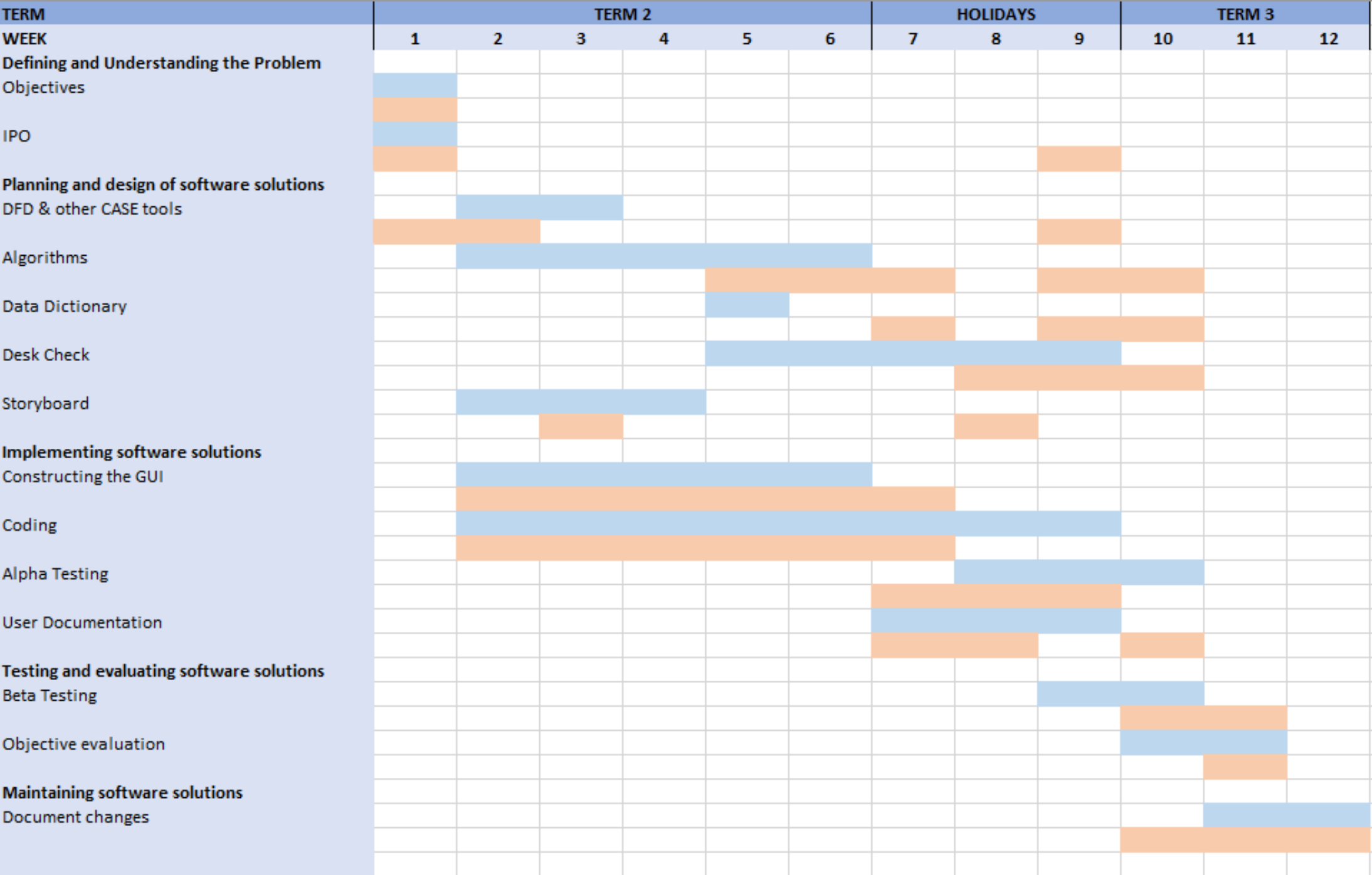
# IPO

After determining the inputs and outputs, the nature of the required processes is considered. These processes transform the inputs into the outputs.

This is displayed as an IPO diagram, in the form of a table with 3 columns for Input, Process and Output. The following IPO diagram describes the Snakes and Ladders system for this project.

# GANTT CHART

A gantt chart was developed to illustrate the project schedule. This helped with planning each stage of the structured approach as well as tracking the progress of the project.



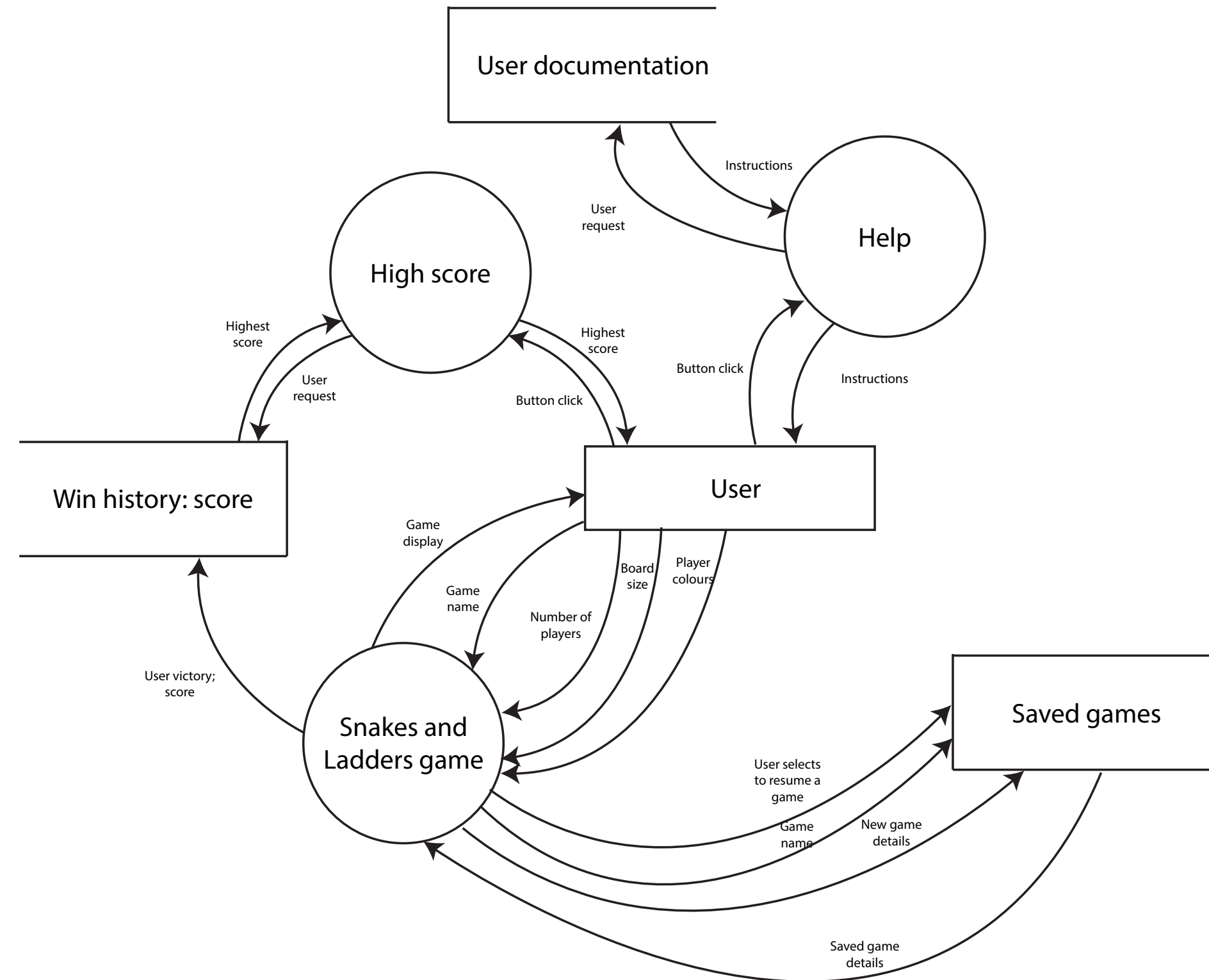
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# DATA FLOW DIAGRAM (DFD)

A DFD is a tool for both system analysis and system design, describing the path that data takes through a system. It assists in understanding the flow of information through a system and is particularly helpful during system design.

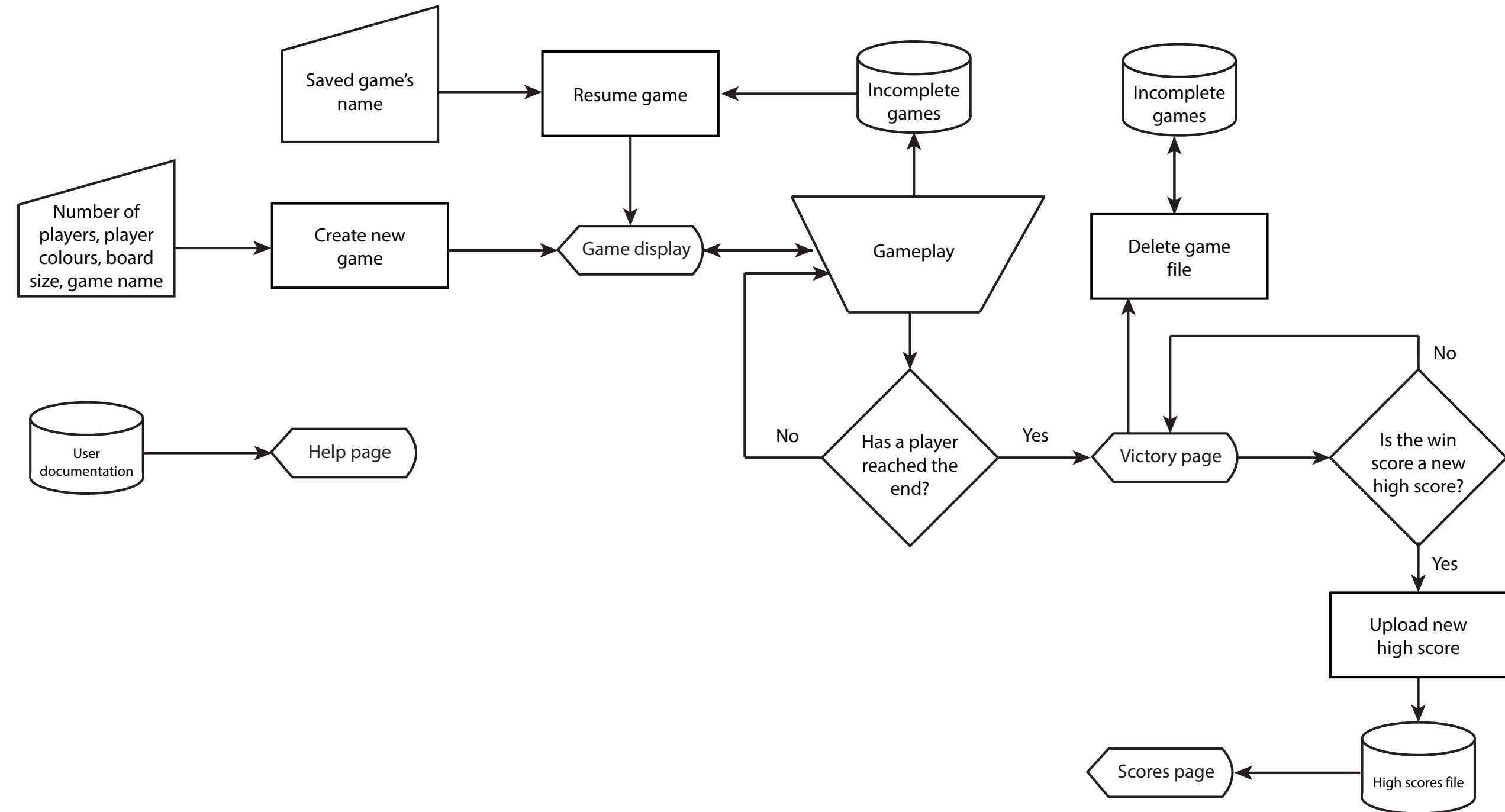
The following DFD describes the flow of data through the Snakes and Ladders system.



# SYSTEMS FLOWCHART

Systems flowcharts are used to describe the logic and flow of data between a system's components, including hardware, software and manual components; they describe the interactions between input, processing, output and storage as well as their nature.

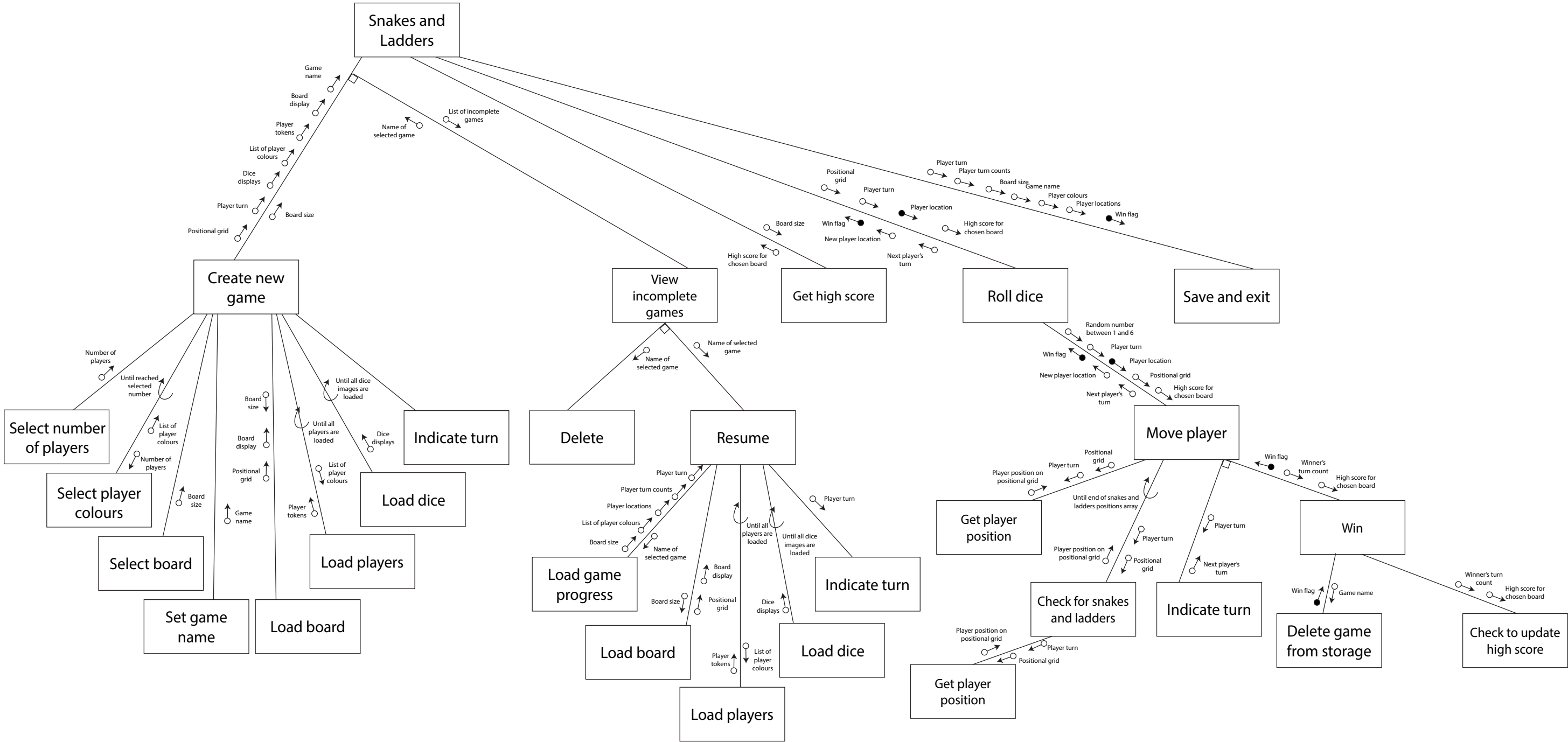
The following systems flowchart shows the interactions between the Snakes and Ladders system components.



# STRUCTURE CHART

The primary function of a structure chart is to create a template in preparation for the actual source code. It is used to model the hierarchy of subroutines within a system, with the sequence in which these subroutines take place.

Shown on this page is the structure chart for the Snakes and Ladders game.



# DATA DICTIONARY

A data dictionary is the documentation of all variable names or identifiers with their name, data type, length, scope of usage, and its purpose or a description. It is created whilst developing the source code to prevent duplicate identifiers, which assists future maintenance and upgrading of the software solution. A separate one is created for each module, database and file used by the program.

| StartMenu   |           |        |  |         |   |
|-------------|-----------|--------|--|---------|---|
| Data Item   | Data Type | Format | Description  | Example | Validation                              |
| gap         | Integer   | "X"    | Gap between two buttons<br>For aesthetics purposes | 200     | Must be Width of the form divided by 20 |
| underheader | Integer   | "X"    | The Y-level of beneath the header                  | 100     | Must be a positive integer              |

| SelectPlayers |           |        |                             |         |                            |
|---------------|-----------|--------|-----------------------------|---------|----------------------------|
| Data Item     | Data Type | Format | Description                 | Example | Validation                 |
| Position      | Integer   | "X"    | For positioning the buttons | 23      | Must be a positive integer |
| i             | Integer   | "X"    | Incrementer                 | 0       | Must be a positive integer |

| SelectedBoard |           |        |  |         |  |
|---------------|-----------|--------|--|---------|--|
| Data Item     | Data Type | Format | Description  | Example | Validation                               |
| gap           | Integer   | "X"    | 1/10 of the form's width; used to position buttons | 43      | Must be a positive integer               |
| SelectedBoard | String    | "ZxZ"  | The board size selected by the user                | "7x7"   | Must be either "7x7", "10x10" or "15x15" |

| ChooseColours   |                 |                       |   |  |  |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---|--|--|
| Data Item       | Data Type       | Format                | Description   | Example                                | Validation   |
| PlayerLimit     | Integer         | "X"                   | Global - set from SelectPlayers<br>Indicate how many player colours the user can choose | 5                                      | Must be between 2 and 6  |
| W               | Integer         | "X"                   | 1/6 of the form's width; used to position controls                                      | 49                                     | Must be a positive integer   |
| Starting Limit  | Integer         | "X"                   | Starting limit of number of players chosen  | 1                                      | Must be between 1 and 6  |
| i               | Integer         | "X"                   | Incrementer   | 1                                      | Must be a positive integer   |
| SelectedColours | List of strings | ["Z.png", "Y.png"...] | Selected player colours   | "Red.png"<br>"Pink.png"<br>"Green.png" | Must be out of "Red.png", "Blue.png", "Green.png", "Pink.png", "Yellow.png" and "Orange.png" |

| SetGameName |           |         |  |  |  |
|-------------|-----------|---------|--|--|--|
| Data Item   | Data Type | Format  | Description                                      | Example  | Validation   |
| AllowedChar | String    | "Z"     | Space and all alphanumeric characters            | "abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz-ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ0123456789 " | Must include all alphanumeric characters and space |
| GameName    | String    | "Z"     | Set name for the game; for storage purposes      | "Game1"  | Must be less than 260 characters; all alphanumeric |
| GameFile    | String    | "Z.txt" | The text file that will store the game's details | "Game1.txt"  | Must be followed by ".txt"                         |

| ViewGames       |                  |               |   |                     |  |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------|---|---------------------|--|
| Data Item       | Data Type        | Format        | Description   | Example             | Validation   |
| GameFile        | String           | “Z.txt”       | The text file of the selected game  | “testGame4.txt”     | Must be followed by “.txt”                         |
| GameName        | String           | “Z”           | The selected game   | “testGame4”         | Must be less than 260 characters; all alphanumeric |
| ResumeSelect    | Boolean          | Y             | Resumes the game later if true  | 1                   | Must be either true or false                       |
| newLines        | String           | “X”           | List of incomplete games without the selected game; overwrites the old list of incomplete games | “Game1 Game2”       | Must be more than 0 characters                     |
| SavedGamesFile  | String           | “Z.txt”       | The text file where the names of all incomplete games are stored                                | “!SAVED GAMES!.txt” | Must be “!SAVED GAMES!.txt”                        |
| IncompleteGames | Array of strings | [“Z”, “Y”...] | All lines read from “!SAVED GAMES!.txt”   | “Game1 Game2”       | Must only contain alphanumeric characters          |

| Components   |           |        |  |         |                            |
|--------------|-----------|--------|--|---------|----------------------------|
| Data Item    | Data Type | Format | Description                                      | Example | Validation                 |
| ScreenWidth  | Integer   | X      | Width of the working area of the display device  | 1280    | Must be a positive integer |
| ScreenHeight | Integer   | X      | Height of the working area of the display device | 680     | Must be a positive integer |

| HighScoreClass |                  |              |   |                          |  |
|----------------|------------------|--------------|---|--------------------------|--|
| Data Item      | Data Type        | Format       | Description   | Example                  | Validation   |
| HighScore      | String           | “Z”          | Converted into integer - to be compared with UserVictory to determine whether it should be updated by UserVictory and recorded in the text file | 7                        | Must be a positive integer in the form of a string |
| record         | Boolean          | Y            | Determines which trophy image the victory page should display   | 1                        | Must be true or false                              |
| UserVictory    | Integer          | X            | The number of turns that the winner took to win the game; converted into string if updating HighScore   | 10                       | Must be a positive integer                         |
| ScoreFile      | String           | “Z.txt”      | The text file path that stores the high score for the board size  | “!HIGH SCORE! 7x7.txt”   | Must be followed by “.txt”                         |
| NumberOfTurns  | List of integers | [X, X, X...] | Stores the number of turns taken by each player   | 5<br>4<br>4              | Integers stored must be positive                   |
| file           | String           | “Z.txt”      | The text file path to retrieve the high score from  | “!HIGH SCORE! 10x10.txt” | Must be followed by “.txt”                         |
| HS             | String           | “Z”          | Returns the high score of the selected board size (from the text file path passed from the parameter)   | 15                       | Must be a positive integer in the form of a string |

| Game            |                  |                       |  |  |  |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|
| Data Item       | Data Type        | Format                | Description  | Example  | Validation   |
| Grid            | Dynamic          |                       | The positional grid (2D array) that stores the coordinates of all the squares on the board   | (100, 230), (120, 230)<br>(100, 210), (120, 210) | Length of row must be the same as length of column, either 7, 10 or 15                       |
| lineBreak       | String           | ""                    | Represents a line break; used in a text file   | ""   | Must have no characters  |
| ResumeSelect    | Boolean          | Y                     | Resumes the game later if true   | 0  | Must be either true or false   |
| HighScore       | String           | "Z"                   | Least number of turns recorded to win a game for the selected board  | 13   | Must be a positive integer   |
| SelectedBoard   | String           | "Z"                   | The selected board size  | "15x15"  | Either "7x7", "10x10" or "15x15"   |
| BoardSquare     | Integer          | X                     | Width of a single square on the board, determined by the chosen board size   | 30   | Must be the result of height of form divided by either 7, 10 or 15                           |
| Square1         | Point            | (X, Y)                | The coordinates of the first square on the board   | (32, 508)  | Coordinates must be positive   |
| ScoreFile       | String           | "Z.txt"               | The text file path that stores the high score of the selected board size; will be used to check the winner's score with the high score                 | "!HIGH SCORE! 15x15.txt"                         | Must end with ".txt"   |
| Finish          | Tuple            | (X, X)                | The position of the finishing square of the board<br>Used to determine whether a player has won or not   | (9, 0)   | Both integers must be positive   |
| CheckPosArray   | Integer          | X                     | Index for accessing the array that stores the positions of the snakes and ladders  | 2  | Must be either 0, 2 or 4   |
| i               | Integer          | X                     | Local variable - incrementer   | 0  | Must be a positive integer   |
| j               | Integer          | X                     | Local variable - incrementer   | 3  | Must be a positive integer   |
| SelectedColours | List of strings  | ["Z.png", "Y.png"...] | Stores the paths of the selected players' tokens; Using it with the incrementer inside a loop; ensures the loop loads exactly all the selected players | "Red.png"<br>"Pink.png"<br>"Green.png"           | Must be out of "Red.png", "Blue.png", "Green.png", "Pink.png", "Yellow.png" and "Orange.png" |
| NumberOfTurns   | List of integers | [X, X, X...]          | Stores the number of turns taken by each player<br>Incremented as the player finishes their turn   | 5<br>4<br>4                                      | Integers stored must be positive   |

|                |                  |                |  |                              |  |
|----------------|------------------|----------------|--|------------------------------|--|
| LocIndex       | Tuple            | (X, X)         | The position of a player on the positional grid<br>Value set by GetPlayerPosition module   | (0, 2)                       | Both integers must be between -1 and 14  |
| playerCounter  | Integer          | X              | Represents which player's turn it is to move<br>Incremented as the player finishes their turn  | 4                            | Must be between 0 and 5  |
| Roll           | Integer          | X              | Random number between 1 and 6<br>Passed as parameter for MovePlayer module   | 1                            | Must be between 1 and 6  |
| LimitX         | Integer          | X              | The number of squares within a row on the board  | 9                            | Must be either 6, 9 or 14  |
| LimitY         | Integer          | X              | The number of squares within a column on the board   | 14                           | Must be either 6, 9 or 15  |
| exceedTotal    | Integer          | X              | The number of squares that the player will go over the finishing square by (if the player is on the final square and hasn't stopped) | 4                            | Must be between 1 and 5  |
| GameFile       | String           | "Z.txt"        | The text file path that stores the game details of the current game  | "Game1.txt"                  | Must end with ".txt"   |
| colour         | String           | "Z.png"        | Used in a foreach statement with SelectedColours<br>All the colours of the players are saved into the text file of this game         | "Pink.png"                   | Must be either of "Red.png", "Blue.png", "Green.png", "Pink.png", "Yellow.png" or "Orange.png" |
| turns          | Integer          | X              | Used in a foreach statement with NumberOfTurns<br>The number of turns that each player has taken so far are saved into the text file | 2                            | Must be a positive integer   |
| SavedGamesFile | String           | "Z.txt"        | The text file path where the names of all incomplete games are stored  | "!SAVED GAMES.txt!"          | Must be "!SAVED GAMES!.txt"  |
| GameName       | String           | "Z"            | The name of this game<br>Added to the incomplete games text file   | "game6"                      | Must be less than 260 characters; all alphanumeric   |
| lines          | Array of strings | ["Z", "Y" ...] | All the lines from the SavedGamesFile text file<br>Is overwritten so that there are no duplicates of the same game                   | "Game1"<br>"Game2"<br>"test" | All strings inside must only contain alphanumeric characters                                   |
| line           | String           | "Z"            | Local variable - Represents a line in the text file that's read  | "7x7"                        | Must be alphanumeric characters  |
| coord          | String           | "Z"            | Used in switch case: indicator for positioning either the x or y coordinate of a player token  | "X"                          | Must be either "x" or "y"  |



| GameData        |                  |                        |   |  |  |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------------|---|--|--|
| Data Item       | Data Type        | Format                 | Description   | Example                                | Validation   |
| ResumeSelect    | Boolean          | Y                      | Resumes the game later if true  | 1                                      | Must be either true or false   |
| PlayerLimit     | Integer          | “X”                    | Global - set from SelectPlayers<br>Indicate how many player colours the user can choose | 5                                      | Must be between 2 and 6  |
| GameFile        | String           | “Z.txt”                | The text file of the selected game  | “testGame4.txt”                        | Must be followed by “.txt”   |
| GameName        | String           | “Z”                    | The selected game   | “testGame4”                            | Must be less than 260 characters; all alphanumeric   |
| SavedGamesFile  | String           | “Z.txt”                | The text file where the names of all incomplete games are stored                        | “!SAVED GAMES!.txt”                    | Must be “!SAVED GAMES!.txt”  |
| IncompleteGames | Array of strings | [“Z”, “Y” ...]         | All lines read from “!SAVED GAMES!.txt”   | “Game1<br>Game2”                       | Must only contain alphanumeric characters  |
| SelectedColours | List of strings  | [“Z.png”, “Y.png” ...] | Selected player colours   | “Red.png”<br>“Pink.png”<br>“Green.png” | Must be out of “Red.png”, “Blue.png”, “Green.png”, “Pink.png”, “Yellow.png” and “Orange.png” |
| playerCounter   | Integer          | X                      | Represents which player’s turn it is to move  | 4                                      | Must be between 0 and 5  |

| BoardClass    |                          |                      |  |                                 |  |
|---------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|
| Data Item     | Data Type                | Format               | Description  | Example                         | Validation   |
| Finish        | Tuple                    | (X, X)               | The position of the finishing square of the board<br>Used to determine whether a player has won or not | (9, 0)                          | Both integers must be positive                                     |
| Square1       | Point                    | (X, Y)               | The coordinates of the first square on the board   | (32, 508)                       | Coordinates must be positive                                       |
| BoardSquare   | Integer                  | X                    | Width of a single square on the board, determined by the chosen board size                             | 30                              | Must be the result of height of form divided by either 7, 10 or 15 |
| SelectedBoard | String                   | “Z”                  | The selected board size  | “15x15”                         | Either “7x7”, “10x10” or “15x15”                                   |
| CheckPosArray | Integer                  | X                    | Index for accessing the array that stores the positions of the snakes and ladders                      | 2                               | Must be either 0, 2 or 4   |
| ChangePos7    | Array of tuples          | [(X, X), (Y, Y) ...] | Stores the tuple positions that have snakes or ladders on the 7x7 board                                | (2, 2)<br>(5, 4)                | Tuples inside must be integers from 0 to 6                         |
| FinalPos7     | Array of tuples          | [(X, X), (Y, Y) ...] | Stores the new tuple positions (after landing on a snake or ladder) on the 7x7 board                   | (5, 1)<br>(6, 5)                | Tuples inside must be integers from 0 to 6                         |
| ChangePos10   | Array of tuples          | [(X, X), (Y, Y) ...] | Stores the tuple positions that have snakes or ladders on the 10x10 board                              | (5, 6)<br>(8, 1)                | Tuples inside must be integers from 0 to 9                         |
| FinalPos10    | Array of tuples          | [(X, X), (Y, Y) ...] | Stores the new tuple positions (after landing on a snake or ladder) on the 10x10 board                 | (1, 8)<br>(3, 5)                | Tuples inside must be integers from 0 to 9                         |
| ChangePos15   | Array of tuples          | [(X, X), (Y, Y) ...] | Stores the tuple positions that have snakes or ladders on the 15x15 board                              | (10, 8)<br>(11, 13)             | Tuples inside must be integers from 0 to 14                        |
| FinalPos15    | Array of tuples          | [(X, X), (Y, Y) ...] | Stores the new tuple positions (after landing on a snake or ladder) on the 15x15 board                 | (10, 6)<br>(2, 9)               | Tuples inside must be integers from 0 to 14                        |
| SnakesLadders | List of arrays of tuples | [X, Y ...]           | Stores the arrays of tuples that contain the snakes and ladders positions                              | ChangePos7<br>FinishPos7<br>... | Must contain 6 arrays  |

# ALGORITHMS

Algorithms are methods of solving a problem; they describe the processing steps that transform the inputs into the outputs within a solution. The purpose of creating them is to explain the logic of the solution

The following algorithms describe the Snakes and Ladders system in pseudocode.

BEGIN Game.MAIN METHOD

Get GameData.ResumeSelect

IF GameData.ResumeSelect = true THEN

ResumeGame

ELSE

LoadBoard

LoadPlayers

ENDIF

LoadDice

IndicateTurn

Get HighScoreClass.HighScore, GameData.ScoreFile

Let HighScoreClass.HighScore = HighScoreClass.GetHighScore(GameData.ScoreFile)

Set RollButton.Click to RollButton\_Click

Set Exit.Click to SaveGame

Set Return.Click to SaveGame

END Game.MAIN METHOD

BEGIN ResumeGame

Get GameData.GameFile, BoardClass.SelectedBoard, lineBreak, GameData.SelectedColours, HighScoreClass.NumberOfTurns, GameData.playerCounter  
Open GameData.GameFile for input

Read BoardClass.SelectedBoard from GameData.GameFile

LoadBoard

Read lineBreak from GameData.GameFile

Let i = 0

WHILE Read from GameData.GameFile <> lineBreak

Read GameData.SelectedColours (i) from GameData.GameFile

Let i = i + 1

ENDWHILE

LoadPlayers

Let i = 0

Let coord = "x"

WHILE Read from GameData.GameFile <> lineBreak

CASEWHERE coord is

"x":

Read X-coordinate of GameData.PlayerList (i) from GameData.GameFile

Let coord = "y"

"y":

Read Y-coordinate of GameData.PlayerList (i) from GameData.GameFile

Let coord = "x"

Let i = i + 1

OTHERWISE:

ENDCASE

ENDWHILE

Let i = 0

WHILE Read from GameData.GameFile <> lineBreak

Read HighScoreClass.NumberOfTurns (i) from GameData.GameFile

Let i = i + 1

ENDWHILE

Read GameData.playerCounter from GameData.GameFile

Close GameData.GameFile

END ResumeGame

BEGIN LoadBoard

Get BoardClass.SelectedBoard, Height of Form

CASEWHERE BoardClass.SelectedBoard is

"7x7":

Set background image to "7x7.png"

Set BoardClass.BoardSquare to (Height of Form/7)

Set BoardClass.Square1 to (BoardClass.DefaultBoard(Game).Location.X, Height of Form – BoardClass.BoardSquare)

Set GameData.ScoreFile to "!HIGH SCORE 7x7!.txt"

Set Grid to BoardClass.BoardGrid(7)

Set BoardClass.Finish to {6, 6}

Set BoardClass.CheckPosArray to 0

"10x10":

Set background image to "10x10.png"

Set BoardClass.BoardSquare to (Height of Form/10)

Set BoardClass.Square1 to (BoardClass.DefaultBoard(Game).Location.X, Height of Form – BoardClass.BoardSquare)

Set GameData.ScoreFile to "!HIGH SCORE 10x10!.txt"

Set Grid to BoardClass.BoardGrid(10)

Set BoardClass.Finish to {9, 0}

Set BoardClass.CheckPosArray to 2

"15x15":

Set background image to "15x15.png"

Set BoardClass.BoardSquare to (Height of Form/15)

Set BoardClass.Square1 to (BoardClass.DefaultBoard(Game).Location.X, Height of Form – BoardClass.BoardSquare)

Set GameData.ScoreFile to "!HIGH SCORE 15x15!.txt"

Set Grid to BoardClass.BoardGrid(15)

Set BoardClass.Finish to {14, 14}

Set BoardClass.CheckPosArray to 4

OTHERWISE:

ENDCASE

END LoadBoard



BEGIN LoadPlayers

Let i = 0

Get GameData.SelectedColours, GameData.PlayerList, PlayerTurns, BoardClass.BoardSquare, LeftBG, HighScoreClass.NumberOfTurns

WHILE i < GameData.SelectedColours.Length

Let GameData.PlayerList (i) = Components.PicBox(GameData.SelectedColours (i), BoardClass.BoardSquare/2, BoardClass.BoardSquare/2)

Let GameData.PlayerList (i).Location = (BoardClass.DefaultBoard(Game).Location.X – BoardClass.BoardSquare – i\*BoardClass.BoardSquare/2, Height of Form – BoardClass.BoardSquare)

Add GameData.PlayerList (i) to Game

Let PlayerTurns (i) = Components.PicBox(GameData.SelectedColours (i), BoardClass.BoardSquare, BoardClass.BoardSquare)

Let PlayerTurns (i).Location = (0, i\*BoardClass.BoardSquare)

Add PlayerTurns (i) to LeftBG

Let HighScoreClass.NumberOfTurns (i) = 0

Let i = i + 1

ENDWHILE

END LoadPlayers

BEGIN LoadDice

Get GameData.DiceStorage, BoardClass.BoardSquare, Height of Form, RightBG

Let i = 0

WHILE i < Length of GameData.DiceStorage

Let GameData.DiceStorage (i).Size = (BoardClass.DefaultBoard(Game).Location.X/2, BoardClass.DefaultBoard(Game).Location.X/2)

Let GameData.DiceStorage (i).Visible = false

Let GameData.DiceStorage (i).Location = (BoardClass.BoardSquare, Height of Form – BoardClass.BoardSquare – Height of GameData.DiceStorage (i))

Let i = i + 1

ENDWHILE

Add GameData.DiceStorage to RightBG

END LoadDice

BEGIN IndicateTurn

Get GameData.playerCounter, GameData.PlayerList, PlayerArrow, BoardClass.BoardSquare, PlayerTurns

IF GameData.playerCounter = Length of GameData.PlayerList THEN

Let GameData.playerCounter = 0

ENDIF

Let PlayerArrow.Location = (BoardClass.BoardSquare, PlayerTurns(GameData.playerCounter).Location.Y)

END IndicateTurn

BEGIN GetPlayerPosition

Let LocIndex = (0, -1)

Get Grid, GameData.PlayerList, GameData.playerCounter

FOR i = 0 TO Length of Grid.X STEP 1

FOR j = 0 TO Length of Grid.Y STEP 1

IF GameData.PlayerList(GameData.playerCounter).Location = Grid (i, j) THEN

Let LocIndex = (i, j)

ENDIF

NEXT j

NEXT i

RETURN LocIndex

END GetPlayerPosition

BEGIN MovePlayer (Roll)

Get Grid

Let LimitX = Length of Grid.X - 1

Let LimitY = Length of Grid.Y - 1

Let LocIndex = GetPlayerPosition

WHILE Roll > 0

IF (X-Value of LocIndex) / 2 Remainder 0 THEN

IF X-Value of LocIndex = LimitX AND Y-Value of LocIndex = LimitY THEN

Let exceedTotal = Y-Value of LocIndex + Roll

Let Y-Value of LocIndex = LimitY – (exceedTotal – LimitY)

Let Roll = 0

ELSE IF Y-Value of LocIndex = LimitY THEN

Let X-Value of LocIndex = X-Value of LocIndex + 1

Let Y-Value of LocIndex = Y-Value of LocIndex - Roll + 1

Let Roll = 0

ELSE

Let Y-Value of LocIndex = Y-Value of LocIndex + 1

Let Roll = Roll – 1

ENDIF

ELSE

IF X-Value of LocIndex = LimitX AND Y-Value of LocIndex = 0 THEN

Let exceedTotal = Y-Value of LocIndex – Roll

Let Y-Value of LocIndex = – exceedTotal

Let Roll = 0

ELSE IF Y-Value of LocIndex = 0 THEN

Let X-Value of LocIndex = X-Value of LocIndex + 1

Let Y-Value of LocIndex = Roll – 1

Let Roll = 0

ELSE

Let Y-Value of LocIndex = Y-Value of LocIndex – 1

Let Roll = Roll – 1

ENDIF

ENDIF

ENDWHILE

Let GameData.PlayerList (GameData.playerCounter).Location = Grid (X-Value of LocIndex, Y-Value of LocIndex)

CheckSnakesLadders

Let HighScoreClass.NumberOfTurns (GameData.playerCounter) = HighScoreClass.NumberOfTurns (GameData.playerCounter) + 1

Get BoardClass.Finish

IF LocIndex = BoardClass.Finish THEN

Show Victory Form

ELSE

Let GameData.playerCounter = GameData.playerCounter + 1

Enable RollButton

IndicateTurn

ENDIF

END MovePlayer

BEGIN CheckSnakesLadders

Get BoardClass.SnakesLadders, BoardClass.CheckPosArray, GameData.PlayerList, GameData.playerCounter, Grid

Let LocIndex = GetPlayerPosition

Let ChangePos = BoardClass.SnakesLadders (BoardClass.CheckPosArray)

Let BoardClass.FinishPos = BoardClass.SnakesLadders (BoardClass.CheckPosArray + 1)

FOR i = 0 TO Length of ChangePos STEP 1

IF LocIndex = ChangePos (i)

Let LocIndex = BoardClass.FinishPos (i)

Let GameData.PlayerList (GameData.playerCounter).Location = Grid (LocIndex.X, LocIndex.Y)

ENDIF

NEXT i

END CheckSnakesLadders

BEGIN RollButton\_Click

Get RollButton, GameData.DiceStorage

Disable RollButton

Let Roll = Random(5) + 1

FOR i = 0 to 6 STEP 1

Let GameData.DiceStorage (i).Visible = true

Let GameData.DiceStorage (i).Visible = false

NEXT i

Let GameData.DiceStorage (Roll – 1).Visible = true

MovePlayer (Roll)

END RollButton\_Click

BEGIN \_SaveGame

Get GameData.GameFile, BoardClass.SelectedBoard, lineBreak, GameData.SelectedColours

Get GameData.PlayerList, HighScoreClass.NumberOfTurns, GameData.playerCounter

Open GameData.GameFile for output

Write GameData.GameFile from BoardClass.SelectedBoard

Write GameData.GameFile from lineBreak

Let i = 0

WHILE i < Length of GameData.SelectedColours

Write GameData.GameFile from GameData.SelectedColours (i)

Let i = i + 1

ENDWHILE

Write GameData.GameFile from lineBreak

Let i = 0

WHILE i < Length of GameData.PlayerList

Write GameData.GameFile from X-coordinate of GameData.PlayerList (i)

Write GameData.GameFile from Y-coordinate of GameData.PlayerList (i)

Let i = i + 1

ENDWHILE

Write GameData.GameFile from lineBreak

Let i = 0

WHILE i < Length of HighScoreClass.NumberOfTurns

Write GameData.GameFile from HighScoreClass.NumberOfTurns (i)

Let i = i + 1

ENDWHILE

Write GameData.GameFile from lineBreak

Write GameData.GameFile from GameData.playerCounter

Close GameData.GameFile

Get GameData.SavedGamesFile, GameData.GameName

Open GameData.SavedGamesFile for output

Write GameData.SavedGamesFile from GameData.GameName

Close GameData.SavedGamesFile

Get lines

Extract unique characters from GameData.SavedGamesFile into lines

Set GameData.SavedGamesFile to lines

END \_SaveGame

BEGIN PictureBox (file, W, H)

Let pictureBox.Image = file

Let pictureBox.Size = (W, H)

RETURN pictureBox

END PictureBox

BEGIN DefaultBoard (form)

Let board.Size = (form.Height, form.Height)

Let board.Location = (FormCentre(form).X – form.Height/2, 0)

RETURN board

END DefaultBoard

BEGIN BoardGrid (size)

Let Grid = Grid (size, size)

Get BoardClass.Square1, BoardClass.BoardSquare

Let Position = BoardClass.Square1

Let Row = 0

WHILE Row < Length of Grid.X

IF Row / 2 Remainder 0 THEN

Let Col = 0

WHILE Col < Length of Y of Grid

Let Grid (Row, Col) = (Position.X + Col\*BoardClass.BoardSquare, Position.Y)

Let Col = Col + 1

ENDWHILE

Let Position = (Position.X, Position.Y – BoardClass.BoardSquare)

ELSE

Let Col = Length of Grid.Y – 1

WHILE Col >= 0

Let Grid (Row, Col) = (Position.X + Col\*BoardClass.BoardSquare, Position.Y)

Let Col = Col – 1

ENDWHILE

Let Position = (Position.X, Position.Y – BoardClass.BoardSquare)

ENDIF

ENDWHILE

RETURN Grid

END BoardGrid

# DESK CHECKING

Desk checking is the primary technique for checking algorithms, by using test data. The process of desk checking is the evaluation of each statement in the algorithm with the results written on a table, which has a column for each identifier used within the algorithm.

The following spreads display the desk checks for the algorithms for the Snakes and Ladders solution.

| ResumeGame        |   |                    |       |                        |                                   |                |
|-------------------|---|--------------------|-------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| GameData.GameFile | i | SelectedColours(i) | coord | PlayerList(i).Location | HighScore-Class.Number-OfTurns(i) | player-Counter |
| “Red.png”         | 0 | “Red.png”          |       |                        |                                   |                |
| “Blue.png”        | 1 | “Blue.png”         |       |                        |                                   |                |
| “Yellow.png”      | 2 | “Yellow.png”       |       |                        |                                   |                |
| lineBreak         | 3 |                    |       |                        |                                   |                |
| 203               | 0 |                    | “x”   | (203, 0)               |                                   |                |
| 102               | 0 |                    | “y”   | (203, 102)             |                                   |                |
| 314               | 1 |                    | “x”   | (314, 0)               |                                   |                |
| 319               | 1 |                    | “y”   | (314, 319)             |                                   |                |
| 809               | 2 |                    | “x”   | (809, 0)               |                                   |                |
| 358               | 2 |                    | “y”   | (809, 358)             |                                   |                |
| lineBreak         | 3 |                    |       |                        |                                   |                |
| 2                 | 0 |                    |       |                        | 2                                 |                |
| 2                 | 1 |                    |       |                        | 2                                 |                |
| 1                 | 2 |                    |       |                        | 1                                 |                |
| lineBreak         | 3 |                    |       |                        |                                   |                |
| 2                 | 3 |                    |       |                        |                                   | 2              |

| LoadBoard                |                  |                |                        |                                  |                    |                          |                          |                   |                          |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| BoardClass.SelectedBoard | background image | Height of Form | BoardClass.BoardSquare | BoardClass.DefaultBoard.Location | BoardClass.Square1 | GameData.ScoreFile       | Grid                     | BoardClass.Finish | BoardClass.CheckPosArray |
| “7x7”                    | “7x7.png”        | 1000           | 143                    | (560, 0)                         | (560, 857)         | “!HIGH SCORE 7x7!.txt”   | BoardClass.BoardGrid(7)  | (6, 6)            | 0                        |
| “10x10”                  | “10x10.png”      | 1000           | 100                    | (560, 0)                         | (560, 900)         | “!HIGH SCORE 10x10!.txt” | BoardClass.BoardGrid(10) | (9, 0)            | 2                        |
| “15x15”                  | “15x15.png”      | 1000           | 67                     | (560, 0)                         | (560, 933)         | “!HIGH SCORE 15x15!.txt” | BoardClass.BoardGrid(15) | (14, 14)          | 4                        |

| LoadPlayers |                                 |                |                             |                      |  |  |                                  |  |                           |                                  |
|-------------|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|--|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| i           | GameData.SelectedColours.Length | Height of Form | GameData.SelectedColours(i) | GameData.BoardSquare | GameData.PlayerList(i)                       | BoardClass.DefaultBoard (Game). Location | GameData.PlayerList(i). Location | PlayerTurns(i)                               | Player-Turns(i). Location | HighScoreClass.NumberOfTurns (i) |
| 0           | 3                               | 1200           | “Orange.png”                | 120                  | Components.PictureBox (“Orange.png”, 60, 60) | (760, 0)                                 | (640, 1080)                      | Components.PictureBox (“Orange.png”, 60, 60) | (0, 0)                    | 0                                |
| 1           | 3                               | 1200           | “Red.png”                   | 120                  | Components.PictureBox (“Red.png”, 60, 60)    | (760, 0)                                 | (580, 1080)                      | Components.PictureBox (“Red.png”, 60, 60)    | (0, 120)                  | 0                                |
| 2           | 3                               | 1200           | “Yellow.png”                | 120                  | Components.PictureBox (“Yellow.png”, 60, 60) | (760, 0)                                 | (520, 1080)                      | Components.PictureBox (“Yellow.png”, 60, 60) | (0, 240)                  | 0                                |
| 3           | 3                               | 1200           |                             | 120                  |  | (760, 0)                                 |                                  |  |                           |                                  |

| LoadDice |                                       |                   |  |                            |                                      |   |  |
|----------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| i        | Length of<br>GameData.<br>DiceStorage | Height of<br>Form | BoardClass.<br><u>DefaultBoard</u> (Game).<br>Location | BoardClass.<br>BoardSquare | GameData.<br>DiceStorage(i).<br>Size | GameData.<br>DiceStorage(i).<br>Visible | GameData.<br>DiceStorage(i).<br>Location |
| 0        | 6                                     | 1300              | (300, 0)   | 130                        | (150, 150)                           | 0                                       | (130, 1020)                              |
| 1        | 6                                     | 1300              | (300, 0)   | 130                        | (150, 150)                           | 0                                       | (130, 1020)                              |
| 2        | 6                                     | 1300              | (300, 0)   | 130                        | (150, 150)                           | 0                                       | (130, 1020)                              |
| 3        | 6                                     | 1300              | (300, 0)   | 130                        | (150, 150)                           | 0                                       | (130, 1020)                              |
| 4        | 6                                     | 1300              | (300, 0)   | 130                        | (150, 150)                           | 0                                       | (130, 1020)                              |
| 5        | 6                                     | 1300              | (300, 0)   | 130                        | (150, 150)                           | 0                                       | (130, 1020)                              |
| 6        | 6                                     | 1300              | (300, 0)   | 130                        |                                      |   |  |

| IndicateTurn                      |                        |                            |  |                          |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Length of GameData.<br>PlayerList | Game.<br>playerCounter | BoardClass.<br>BoardSquare | PlayerTurns<br>(GameData.<br>playerCounter).<br>Location | PlayerArrow.<br>Location |
| 3                                 | 3                      | 140                        | (0, 230)   | (140, 230)               |
| 3                                 | 0                      | 140                        | (0, 230)   | (140, 230)               |
| 3                                 | 0                      | 140                        | (0, 0)   | (140, 0)                 |

| GetPlayerPosition     |  |                            |                  |                  |   |   |             |
|-----------------------|--|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|---|---|-------------|
| LocIndex              | GameData.<br>PlayerList<br>(GameData.<br>playerCounter).<br>Location | GameData.<br>playerCounter | Length of Grid.X | Length of Grid.Y | i | j | Grid (i, j) |
| (0, -1)               | (150, 250)   | 0                          | 7                | 7                | 0 | 0 | (100, 300)  |
| (0, -1)               | (150, 250)   | 0                          | 7                | 7                | 0 | 1 | (150, 300)  |
| (0, -1)               | (150, 250)   | 0                          | 7                | 7                | 0 | 2 | (200, 300)  |
| (0, -1)               | (150, 250)   | 0                          | 7                | 7                | 0 | 3 | (250, 300)  |
| (0, -1)               | (150, 250)   | 0                          | 7                | 7                | 0 | 4 | (300, 300)  |
| (0, -1)               | (150, 250)   | 0                          | 7                | 7                | 0 | 5 | (350, 300)  |
| (0, -1)               | (150, 250)   | 0                          | 7                | 7                | 0 | 6 | (400, 300)  |
| (0, -1)               | (150, 250)   | 0                          | 7                | 7                | 1 | 0 | (100, 250)  |
| (1, 1)                | (150, 250)   | 0                          | 7                | 7                | 1 | 1 | (150, 250)  |
| (1, 1)                | (150, 250)   | 0                          | 7                | 7                | 1 | 2 | (200, 250)  |
| Until i = 7 and j = 7 |  |                            |                  |                  |   |   |             |

| MovePlayer |                     |                     |        |        |          |             |                            |  |                       |
|------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------|--------|----------|-------------|----------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Roll       | Length of<br>Grid.X | Length of<br>Grid.Y | LimitX | LimitY | LocIndex | exceedTotal | GameData.<br>playerCounter | HighScoreClass.<br>NumberOfTurns<br>(GameData.<br>playerCounter) | BoardClass.<br>Finish |
| 3          | 10                  | 10                  | 9      | 9      | (0, -1)  |             | 1                          | 0  |                       |
| 3          | 10                  | 10                  | 9      | 9      | (0, 0)   |             | 1                          | 0  |                       |
| 2          | 10                  | 10                  | 9      | 9      | (0, 1)   |             | 1                          | 0  |                       |
| 1          | 10                  | 10                  | 9      | 9      | (0, 2)   |             | 1                          | 0  |                       |
| 0          | 10                  | 10                  | 9      | 9      | (0, 2)   |             | 1                          | 1  |                       |
| 0          | 10                  | 10                  | 9      | 9      | (0, 2)   |             | 1                          | 1  | (9, 0)                |
| 0          | 10                  | 10                  | 9      | 9      | (0, 2)   |             | 2                          | 1  | (9, 0)                |

| _SaveGame |                              |           |   |                                      |                                   |  |   |                                     |                            |   |
|-----------|------------------------------|-----------|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| i         | BoardClass.<br>SelectedBoard | lineBreak | Length of<br>GameData.<br>SelectedColours | GameData.<br>SelectedCo-<br>lours(i) | Length of GameData.<br>PlayerList | GameData.<br>PlayerList (i).<br>Location | Length of HighScore-<br>Class.<br>NumberOfTurns | HighScoreClass.<br>NumberOfTurns(i) | GameData.<br>playerCounter | GameData.<br>GameFile   |
|           | "7x7"                        | ""        | 3   |                                      | 3                                 |  | 3   |                                     | 2                          | "7x7<br>"   |
| 0         | "7x7"                        | ""        | 3   | "Red.png"                            | 3                                 | (150, 250)                               | 3   | 1                                   | 2                          | "7x7<br>Red.png"  |
| 1         | "7x7"                        | ""        | 3   | "Green.png"                          | 3                                 | (200, 250)                               | 3   | 1                                   | 2                          | "7x7<br>Red.png<br>Green.png"   |
| 2         | "7x7"                        | ""        | 3   | "Blue.png"                           | 3                                 | (100, 200)                               | 3   | 0                                   | 2                          | "7x7<br>Red.png<br>Green.png<br>Blue.png"                                 |
| 3         | "7x7"                        | ""        | 3   |                                      | 3                                 |  | 3   |                                     | 2                          | "7x7<br>Red.png<br>Green.png<br>Blue.png<br>"                             |
| 0         | "7x7"                        | ""        | 3   | "Red.png"                            | 3                                 | (150, 250)                               | 3   | 1                                   | 2                          | "7x7<br>Red.png<br>Green.png<br>Blue.png<br><br>150<br>250"               |
| 1         | "7x7"                        | ""        | 3   | "Green.png"                          | 3                                 | (200, 250)                               | 3   | 1                                   | 2                          | "7x7<br>Red.png<br>Green.png<br>Blue.png<br><br>150<br>250<br>200<br>250" |

|   |       |    |   |            |   |            |   |   |   |  |
|---|-------|----|---|------------|---|------------|---|---|---|--|
| 2 | "7x7" | "" | 3 | "Blue.png" | 3 | (100, 200) | 3 | 0 | 2 | "7x7<br>Red.png<br>Green.png<br>Blue.png<br><br>150<br>250<br>200<br>250<br>100<br>200"      |
| 3 | "7x7" | "" | 3 |            | 3 |            | 3 |   | 2 | "7x7<br>Red.png<br>Green.png<br>Blue.png<br><br>150<br>250<br>200<br>250<br>100<br>200<br>"  |
| 0 | "7x7" | "" | 3 | "Red.png"  | 3 | (150, 250) | 3 | 1 | 2 | "7x7<br>Red.png<br>Green.png<br>Blue.png<br><br>150<br>250<br>200<br>250<br>100<br>200<br>1" |

|   |       |    |   |             |   |            |   |   |   |  |
|---|-------|----|---|-------------|---|------------|---|---|---|--|
| 1 | "7x7" | "" | 3 | "Green.png" | 3 | (200, 250) | 3 | 1 | 2 | "7x7<br>Red.png<br>Green.png<br>Blue.png<br><br>150<br>250<br>200<br>250<br>100<br>200<br><br>1<br>1"      |
| 2 | "7x7" | "" | 3 | "Blue.png"  | 3 | (100, 200) | 3 | 0 | 2 | "7x7<br>Red.png<br>Green.png<br>Blue.png<br><br>150<br>250<br>200<br>250<br>100<br>200<br><br>1<br>1<br>0" |

|   |       |    |   |  |  |  |  |   |  |   |   |
|---|-------|----|---|--|--|--|--|---|--|---|---|
| 3 | "7x7" | "" | 3 |  |  |  |  | 3 |  | 2 | "7x7<br>Red.png<br>Green.png<br>Blue.png<br><br>150<br>250<br>200<br>250<br>100<br>200<br><br>1<br>1<br>0<br>"  |
| 3 | "7x7" | "" | 3 |  |  |  |  | 3 |  | 3 | "7x7<br>Red.png<br>Green.png<br>Blue.png<br><br>150<br>250<br>200<br>250<br>100<br>200<br><br>1<br>1<br>0<br>2" |

| RollButton_Click |   |   |  |
|------------------|---|---|--|
| Roll             | i | GameData.<br>DiceStorage(i).<br>Visible | GameData.<br>DiceStorage<br>(Roll - 1).<br>Visible |
| 4                | 0 | 1                                       |  |
| 4                | 0 | 0                                       |  |
| 4                | 1 | 1                                       |  |
| 4                | 1 | 0                                       |  |
| 4                | 2 | 1                                       |  |
| 4                | 2 | 0                                       |  |
| 4                | 3 | 1                                       |  |
| 4                | 3 | 0                                       |  |
| 4                | 4 | 1                                       |  |
| 4                | 4 | 0                                       |  |
| 4                | 5 | 1                                       |  |
| 4                | 5 | 0                                       |  |
| 4                | 6 |   | 1  |

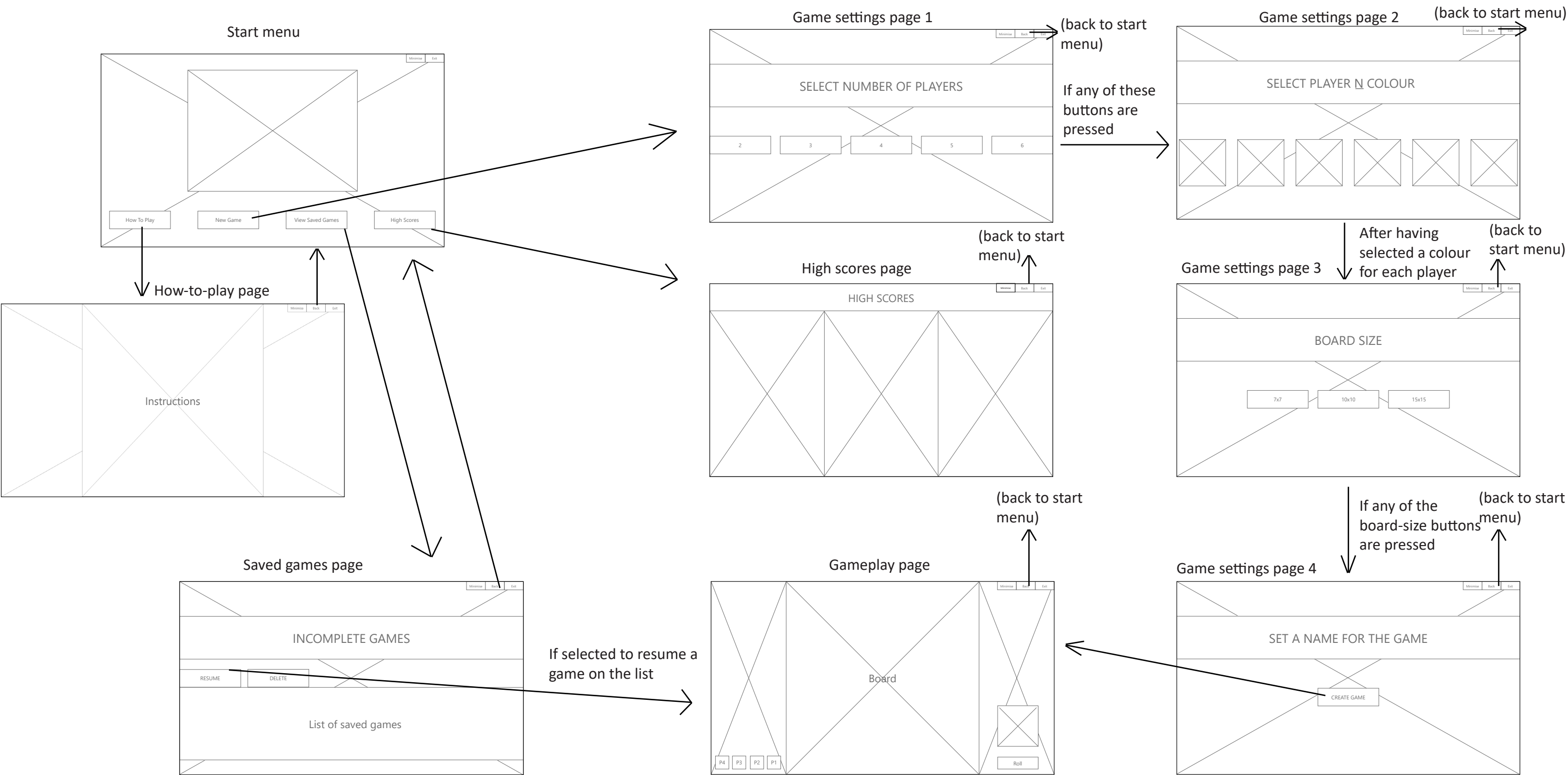
| CheckSnakesLadders |   |                        |              |                             |                            |                                  |   |
|--------------------|---|------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| LocIndex           | i | Length of<br>ChangePos | ChangePos(i) | BoardClass.<br>FinishPos(i) | GameData.<br>playerCounter | Grid (LocIndex.X,<br>LocIndex.Y) | GameData.<br>PlayerList (GameData.<br>playerCounter).<br>Location |
| (0, 0)             | 0 | 7                      | (0, 0)       | (1, 2)                      | 1                          | (230, 680)                       | (230, 680)  |
| (1, 2)             | 0 | 7                      | (0, 0)       | (1, 2)                      | 1                          | (230, 680)                       | (230, 680)  |
| (1, 2)             | 1 | 7                      | (0, 0)       | (1, 2)                      | 1                          | (330, 480)                       | (330, 480)  |

| BoardGrid     |     |                        |           |                     |                     |                            |                    |
|---------------|-----|------------------------|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Row           | Col | BoardClass.<br>Square1 | Position  | Length of<br>Grid.X | Length of<br>Grid.Y | BoardClass.<br>BoardSquare | Grid<br>(Row, Col) |
| 0             |     | (50, 400)              | (50, 400) | 7                   | 7                   | 50                         |                    |
| 0             | 0   | (50, 400)              | (50, 400) | 7                   | 7                   | 50                         | (50, 400)          |
| 0             | 1   | (50, 400)              | (50, 400) | 7                   | 7                   | 50                         | (100, 400)         |
| 0             | 2   | (50, 400)              | (50, 400) | 7                   | 7                   | 50                         | (150, 400)         |
| 0             | 3   | (50, 400)              | (50, 400) | 7                   | 7                   | 50                         | (200, 400)         |
| until Col = 7 |     |                        |           |                     |                     |                            |                    |
| 0             | 7   | (50, 400)              | (50, 350) | 7                   | 7                   | 50                         |                    |
| 1             | 6   | (50, 400)              | (50, 350) | 7                   | 7                   | 50                         | (350, 350)         |
| 1             | 5   | (50, 400)              | (50, 350) | 7                   | 7                   | 50                         | (300, 350)         |
| 1             | 4   | (50, 400)              | (50, 350) | 7                   | 7                   | 50                         | (250, 350)         |
| until Col < 0 |     |                        |           |                     |                     |                            |                    |
| until Row = 7 |     |                        |           |                     |                     |                            |                    |

# STORYBOARD

A storyboard shows the various interfaces in a system and the links between them; it identifies the purpose, contents and design elements of the system.

The following storyboard presents the interfaces in the Snakes and Ladders system.





# **IMPLEMENTING SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS**

# LOGBOOK

Logbooks are used to document the progress of a project, with each entry comprising:

- date
- description of the progress (or lack thereof) made since the last entry
- tasks achieved
- stumbling blocks
- details of possible approaches for upcoming tasks
- references to resources used

03/06

Tasks Achieved

- Creating controls for setting a new game
- Creating headings

Stumbling Blocks

- Learning how to use a panel to lay things out

07/06

Tasks Achieved

- Designed boards (only the layout)
- Designed players
- Method for board selection
- Method for loading players

12/06

Tasks Achieved

- Made a method that returns a 2D-Array that stores the positions of the selected board

Stumbling blocks

Resources

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/dotnet/csharp/programming-guide/arrays/multidimensional-arrays>

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/12826760/printing-2d-array-in-matrix-format>

13/06

Tasks Achieved

- Made the players move
- Made the player icon's background transparent to the board

Stumbling blocks

- Going out of bounds on the 5x5 board when the player is moving up by 2 y-levels

Resources

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/dotnet/api/system.windows.forms.control.backgroundimage?view=net-5.0>

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/dotnet/csharp/language-reference/builtin-types/value-tuples>

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/dotnet/api/system.windows.forms.application.exit?view=net-5.0>

19/06

Tasks Achieved

- Coded the save game function
- Coded the resume game function

Stumbling blocks

- (all necessary game data were saved onto one text file but the different parts are separated by line breaks) Retrieving different data and resetting the variables for the game by the line breaks
- Resetting each player's positions (according to the format it's saved as in the text file)

Resources

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/dotnet/api/system.io.streamreader.readtoend?view=net-5.0>

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/dotnet/desktop/winforms/controls/how-to-position-controls-on-windows-forms?view=netframeworkdesktop-4.8>

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/14978095/stream-reader-readline-detect-newline-characters>

20/06

Tasks Achieved

- Allowing the user to select from a saved game

Stumbling blocks

- Coding the GUI for this method

Resources

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/2943330/how-to-make-listbox-texts-center-aligned-in-desktop-application-using-c-net>

21/06

Tasks Achieved

- Coded the HighScore function - recording and checking for the lowest number of dice rolls in a game
- Allowing the HighScore function to run across 3 different boards
- Allowing the user to only enter alphanumerical characters for the game name (a file cannot be named with certain characters)
- Coded the function that allows the user to delete a saved game

Stumbling blocks

Resources

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/33018299/how-to-prevent-users-from-typing-special-characters-in-textbox>

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/668907/how-to-delete-a-line-from-a-text-file-in-c?noredirect=1&lq=1>

23/06

Tasks Achieved

- User can delete the file of a saved game from the PC

26/06

Tasks Achieved

- Finished designing the boards, including the Snakes and Ladders positions
- Recorded the snakes and ladders' relative positions in arrays
- Polished GUI a bit using panels
- Coded method that updates the player's turn e.g. It's Red's turn!
- Coded function that removes duplicate games -> saved games with the same name will overwrite each other now

Stumbling blocks

- Struggled to make the controls' background transparent (with the technique of parenting controls to each other)
- The 'delete' saved game function still needs debugging, it currently cannot update the 'savedgames' text file when the user deletes multiple things in one run (cannot refresh every time)

Resources

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/1245500/remove-duplicate-lines-from-text-file>

28/06

Tasks Achieved

- Coded GUI for HighScores page
- Debugged a HighScore method: Each player's number of turns were messed up when resuming and saving the game
- Created custom button class

Stumbling blocks

Resources

<https://www.instructables.com/C-Custom-Button-Control-in-10mins/>

30/06

Tasks Achieved

- Designed 'How to play' page
- Improved button designs; added hover effects

Resources

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/dotnet/api/system.windows.forms.controls.hand?view=net-5.0>



# USER DOCUMENTATION

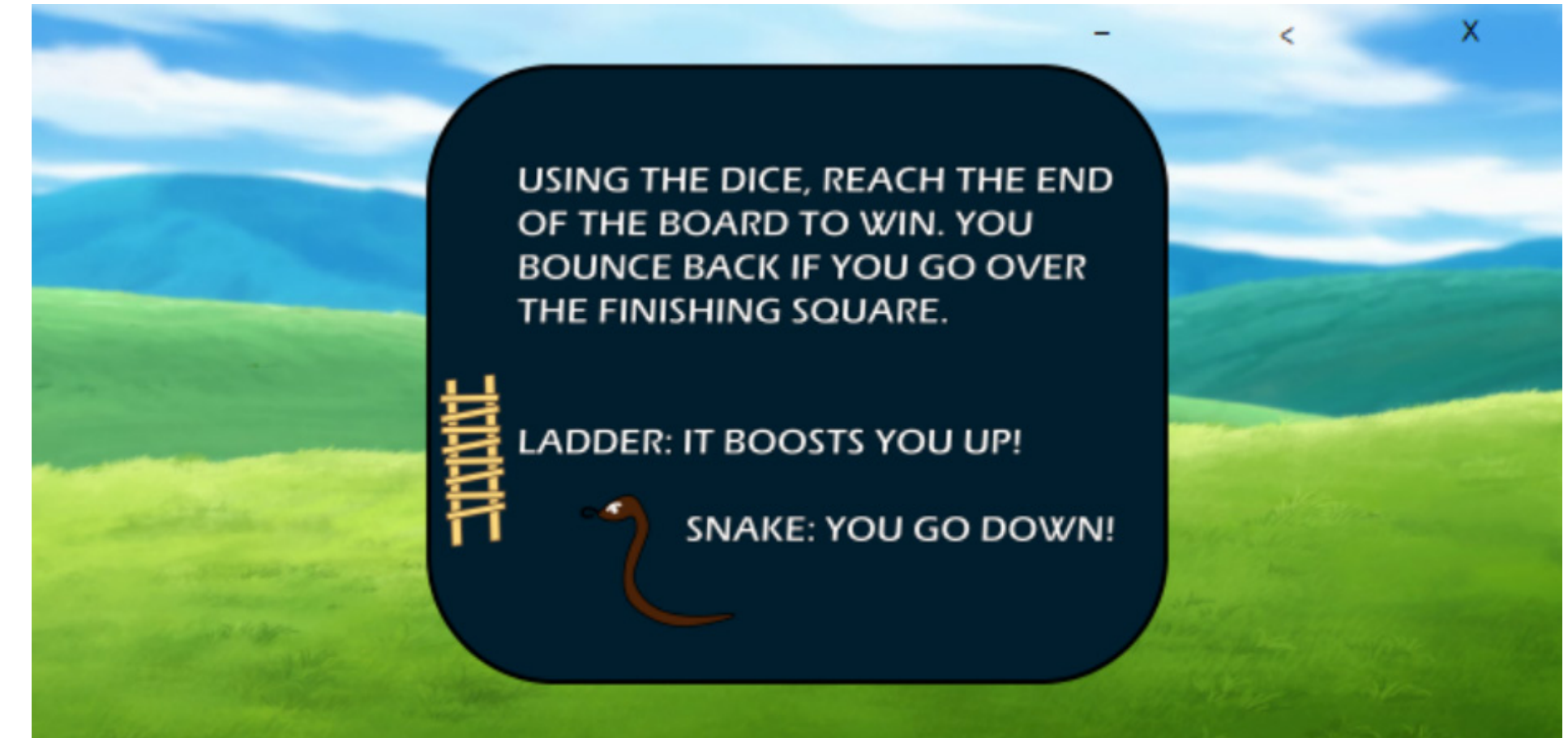
The purpose of user documentation is to teach the users about the operation of aspects of the software product.

My solution provides an installation guide, as well as a short 'How To Play' page and tool tips within the application.

Tool tips: small windows containing a brief description of the current screen element that the mouse is hovering over.



'How To Play' page



Installation guide (comes in a .txt file)

## Snakes and Ladders INSTALLATION GUIDE

1. Download the "App" ZIP file.
2. Click "Extract All" to select a destination and extract the files.
3. Open the "App" folder.
4. Run the "Snakes and Ladders" .exe file.

# **TESTING AND EVALUATING THE SOFTWARE SOLUTION**

# BETA TESTING

Beta testing is a test method used to evaluate the level of customer satisfaction with the software product by having it validated by the end users.

The following logs detail the process of end-user testing.

14/07

- Need to start beta-testing

Steps required

- Send out beta program for end-user testing
- Construct survey to obtain feedback
- Receive feedback
- Graph and tabulate feedback
- Evaluate feedback

15/07

Tasks Achieved

- Constructed survey for end-user testing
- Survey sent out to friends

Next up

- Retain results
- Graph and tabulate results
- Hopefully by the end of next week

Snakes and Ladders game

\*Required

The GUI design was pleasant \*

12345

Strongly disagreeStrongly agree

All navigations were easy to use and error free \*

12345

Strongly disagreeStrongly agree

The screen design elements were appropriate \*

12345

Strongly disagreeStrongly agree

Within the application, you were provided with comprehensive, appropriate and constant feedback so you knew what was going on \*

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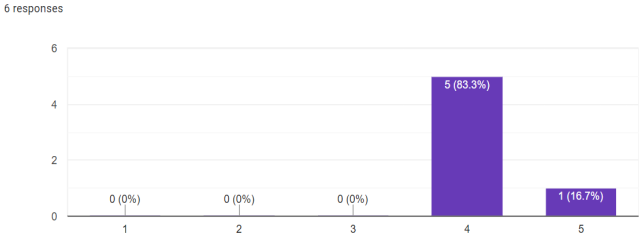
Strongly disagreeStrongly agree

Feedback?

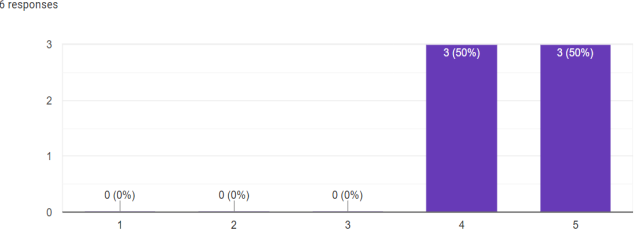
Your answer

Submit

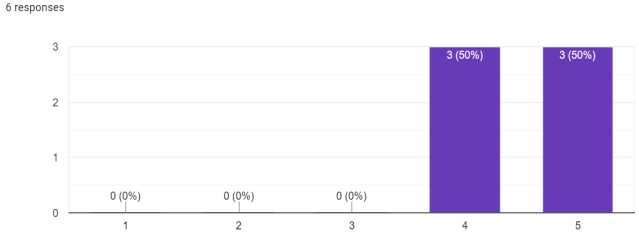
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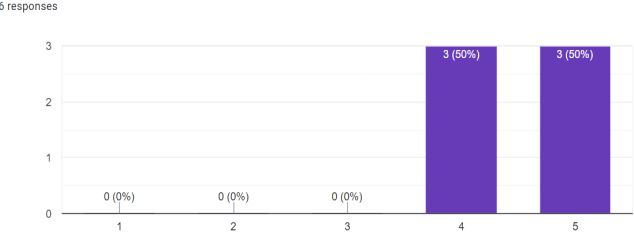
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|          |       | Results |              |                        |                  |  |
|----------|-------|---------|--------------|------------------------|------------------|--|
|          |       | GUI     | Naviga-tions | Screen design elements | In-game feedback | Comments   |
| Response | User1 | 4/5     | 5/5          | 5/5                    | 5/5              | The screens are a bit glitchy                              |
|          | User2 | 4/5     | 4/5          | 5/5                    | 4/5              | no sound :l  |
|          | User3 | 4/5     | 4/5          | 4/5                    | 4/5              |  |
|          | User4 | 4/5     | 4/5          | 4/5                    | 4/5              | Showing the players moving step by step would've been nice |
|          | User5 | 4/5     | 5/5          | 4/5                    | 5/5              |  |
|          | User6 | 5/5     | 5/5          | 5/5                    | 5/5              | I like the trophy :DD                                      |

22/07

Tasks Achieved

- Survey responses received from 6 people
- Results are graphed and tabulated
- Results are evaluated concerning end-user satisfaction and identifying suggested changes/improvements

Overall, the end-users provided positive feedback and it can be inferred that their experience with the game was mostly pleasant.

However, specific areas for improvement include screen glitches, providing more user feedback in game such as sound effects and player-movement animations.

From the graphed results, the GUI design received the worst feedback, therefore it should be an area of focus for improvements.

# EVALUATION OF OBJECTIVES

The aim of any newly developed software solution is to meet its original requirements and design specifications. Evaluating the solution against these specifications ensures that the user requirements are being met.

Therefore, the objectives that vwere set when defining and understanding the problem are evaluated.

| Objective  | Action |
|--|--------|
| The application must adhere to current trends in user interface development; must be aesthetically pleasing and family-friendly.   | ✓      |
| All navigation must be appropriate and error free.   | ✓      |
| The selection of appropriate interface objects and graphics must be consistent and professional in nature  | ✓      |
| The application must provide users with appropriate and relevant feedback. This must assist the user to feel in control of the application and must include aspects like alerts, notifications and labels. | ✓      |
| Appropriate control structures must be implemented into the program, ranging from sequence, selection and repetition.  | ✓      |
| Appropriate data structures must be implemented into the program. This should be either arrays or records.   | ✓      |
| A 2-Dimensional array must be used.  | ✓      |
| The user must be able to save and resume incomplete games.   | ✓      |
| The game must have at least 3 different board set-ups.   | ✓      |
| The game must have a dice animation.   | ✓      |
| The game must be capable of recording and updating the high score for each board type. This must be accessible to the user as well.  | ✓      |
| The solution should be a functional Snakes and Ladders game in considering the initial objectives and free of errors.  | ✓      |

All my objectives were achieved, meaning that my solution should accurately reflect the product needed based on the original requirements.

However, improvements can still be made, particularly with the GUI. Although I evaluated that the first objective has been achieved - adhering to current trends in UI development, being aesthetically pleasing, many screen design elements can still be improved, such as the ListBox on the View Saved Games page. The font size used for the content inside the ListBox can be adjusted as well as the spacing between each line.

Furthermore, to enhance my application, I could implement sound effects into the game. The user currently already receive constant feedback from the application to understand what’s going on through tool tips, the “How To Play” page and visual elements like the turn indicator and bold headings. Nevertheless, sound effects could provide even more insight. For example, I could make it so that whenever a player lands on a ladder or a snake, there would be a sound effect notifying the user.

# **MAINTAINING THE SOFTWARE SOLUTION**



# MAINTENANCE CHANGES

It is necessary to regularly upgrade the software solution as requirements change and as errors are found that require correction. The maintenance prodcedures involve continuous modification of the code.

Debugging was done as the code was devleoped. However, there were still changes made after all the necessary features were implemented, recorded on the following logs.

## Patch 1

08/07  
Tasks Achieved

- Debugged the resume-game function, things from lists were going out of range
- Coded method that deletes the game from storage when it's finished

The resume-game function was debugged to prevent exceptions/errors so the game can run smoothly.

When a game is finished, it will delete the game from the saved games list automatically to prevent the user from resuming a finished game.

## Patch 1.1

11/07  
Tasks Achieved

- Debugged an exception; now prevents the user from setting a long game name

The user could spam the textbox where they set the game name; if the string was too long, there would be an exception as it would not be able to create a textfile with such a long name. A try-catch was implemented to prevent this from happening.

## Patch 1.2

15/07  
Tasks Achieved

- Improvements on screen flickers/glitches when a new form is loaded

Whenever a new form loads, the form's window-state will be set to normal in the load method to fix the screen flickers.