Crouton: Frontend

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Design

Architecture:

Hierarchical-based with abstraction

- Views
- Controllers
- ClickableNode

Views

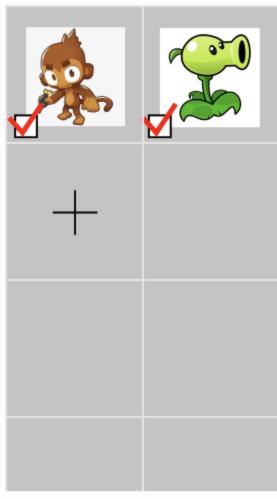
Groups visual components based on semantic purposes related to using the authoring environment

Subclass Extension: Editor

Specific view that takes in user input per authoring component such as game mode, level, defense, enemy, and projectile

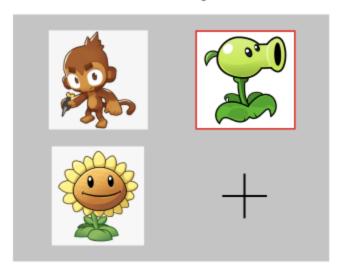
View vs. Editor Example

Defenses:

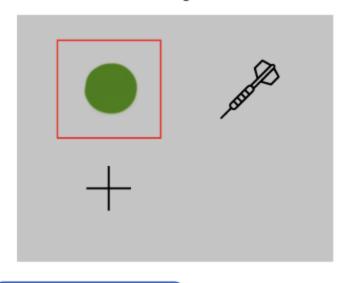


DEFENSE EDITOR

Choose Defense Image:



Choose Bullet Image:



Bullet Specs:

Bullets per shot (BPS)	2			
Damage per bullet	5			
Bullet frequency		2	2	/s
Bullet spread			- 00r	^
Defense Specs:	linear conic circular			
Defense cost	\$ 25			
BPS upgrade	\$	50	+	2
Damage upgrade	\$	50	+	5
Frequency upgrade	\$	50	+	1

Cancel

Save

Controllers

Provides a behavior for a component it's instantiated by, sends to backend information needed to be stored

Design Tradeoff: abstraction versus reflection

Clickable Nodes

Generalizes all clicking/interacting components with an onClickAction() method and calling its controller's execute() method

Subclass Extension: ClickableObjects

Creates each clickable component on the UI

Goals

- Flexibility: testing/functioning independently from other sub-teams
- Legibility: creating shorter, understandable classes and methods
- Extensibility: easily adding UI components and behavior
- XML incorporation: backend creating and updating

Features

General Features

All authoring elements are based on options provided to the user. Thus, features that have editors are open to modification in terms of user input, but something like creating a new behavior without choosing from an editing option is closed.

Current Features

- Drag Path
- Color selector
- Tower, Level, Game Mode, Enemy, and Defense Editors

Design Tradeoff: ImageSelector per editor

Future Expectations

- Frontend: integrating views with editors, communicating with the backend via ID (calling creates and updates), building game player environment
- Data: testing, taking user inputs and sending to engine
- Backend: creating working objects that frontend can call to and update appropriately
- Game Designers/Maintainers: adding new features via new classes

Demo

wireframe

Coming soon to a theater near you! Thank you.