



TWIIQA

A DSL for developing Twitter Q&A Bots

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Twitter Q&A games

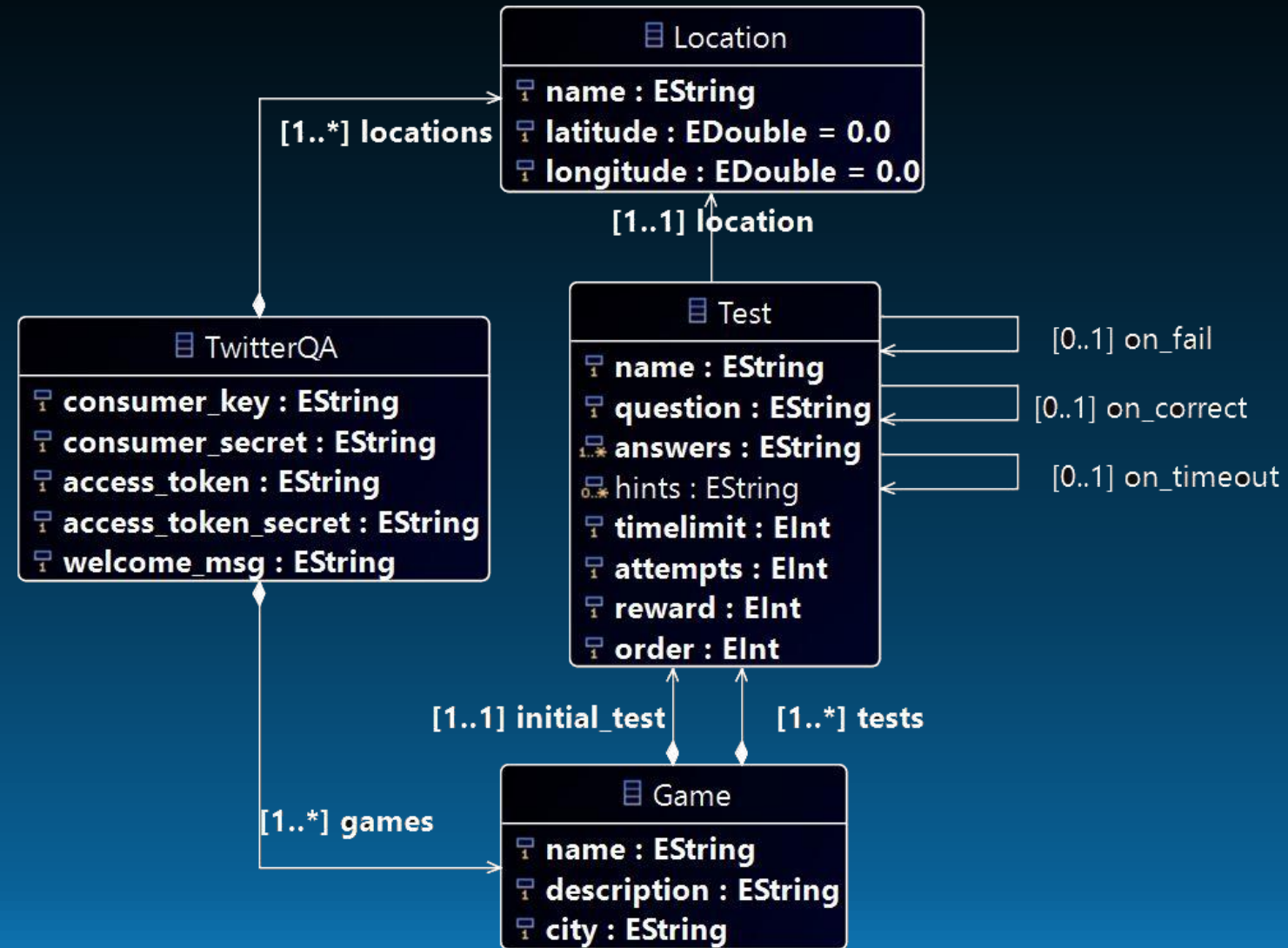
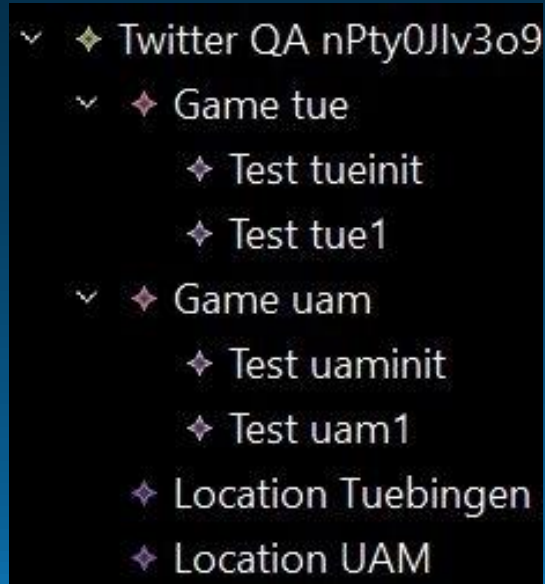
- User follows bot
- Bot sends challenges
- User provides answers
- Bot checks answers
- Given locations
- Time limits / Attempts
- Set of answers
- Set of hints
- Reward → competitive

Developing stages

- Design a Metamodel
- Develop a textual DSL
- Implement the actual game → Twitter API
- Check games using petrinets

Metamodel

- Bot parameters
- Defines gamestructure



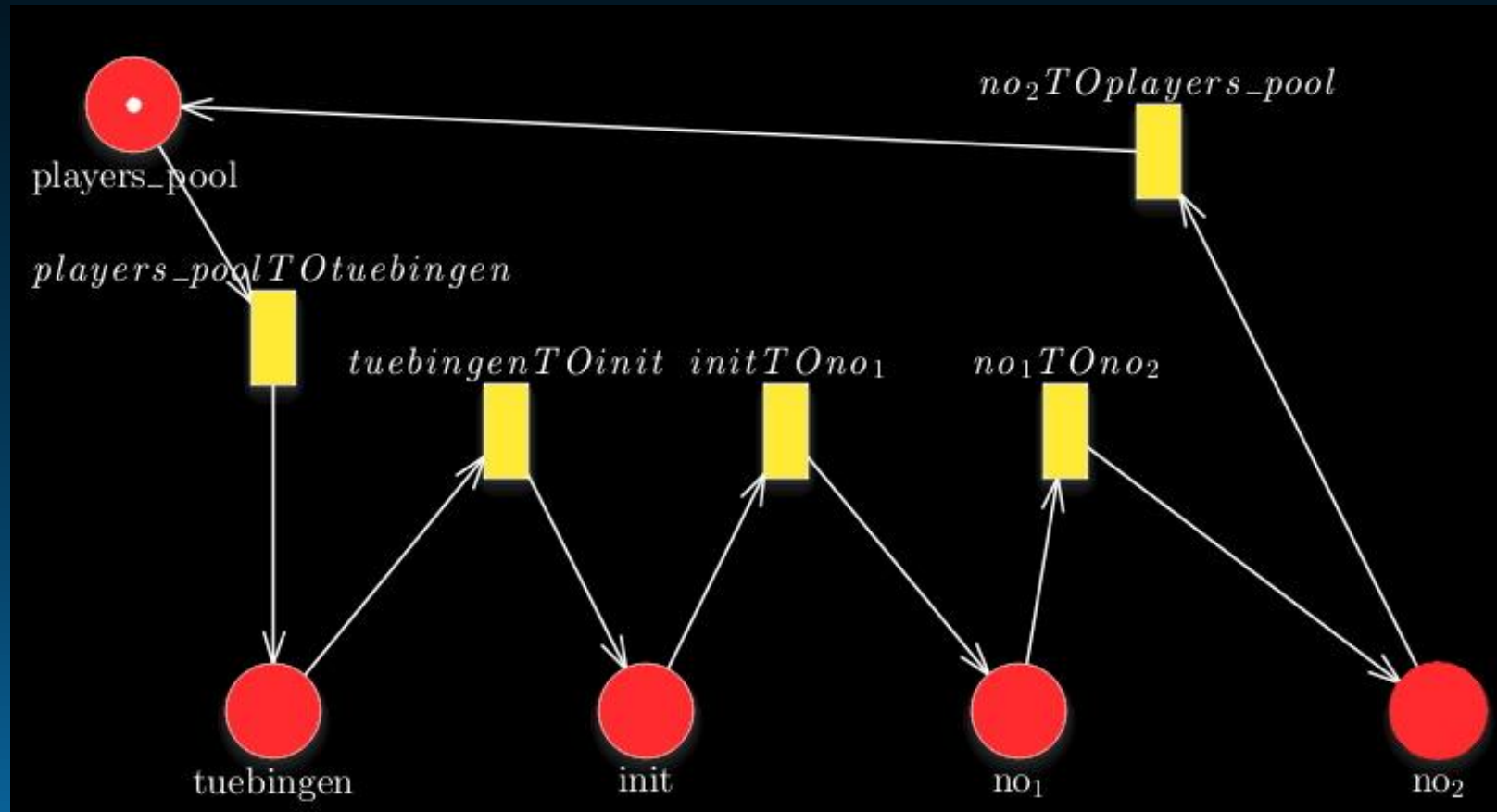
DSL: .twiqa

- X-Text
- Natural design
- Intuitive
- Brackets for structure
- Convert to .xmi for later use

```
1  TwitterQA {
2      consumer_key is 'key'
3      consumer_secret is 'secret'
4      access_token is 'token'
5      access_token_secret is 'token_secret'
6      welcome_msg is "WELCOME MSG"
7      games are [
8          Game NAME {
9              description is "DESCRIPTION"
10             city is "CITY"
11             initial_test is Test NAME {
12                 question is "QUESTION"
13                 order is 0
14                 answers are ["", ""]
15                 hints are ["", ""]
16                 timelimit is 0
17                 attempts is 0
18                 reward is 0
19                 location is LOCATION
20                 on_correct is TEST_NAME
21                 on_fail is TEST_NAME
22                 on_timeout is TEST_NAME
23             }
24             tests are []
25         }
26     ]
27     locations are [
28         Location LOCATION {
29             latitude is 283.2
30             longitude is 1230.239
31         }
32     ]
33 }
```

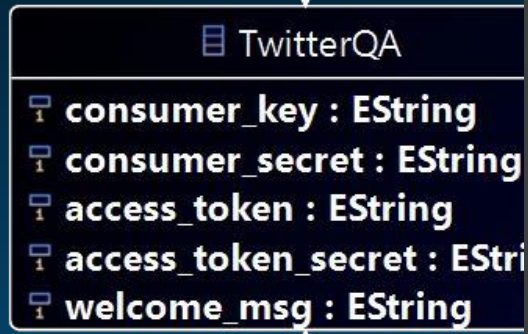
Petrinets

- Game traversability
- Average game time
- Custom parser
- Convert xml structure
- GreatSPN



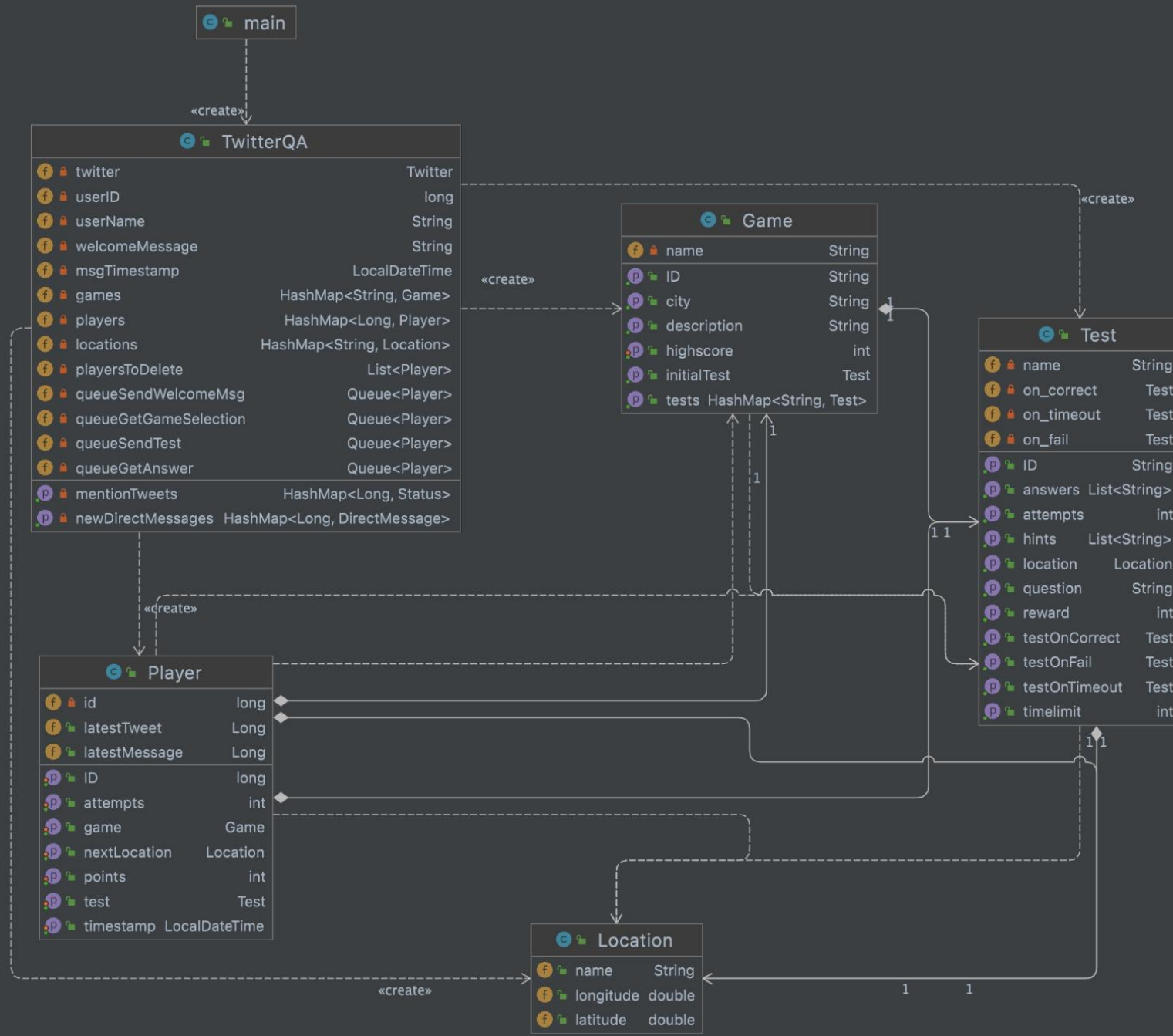
Java classes

- Added player class
- Game state information



[1..*] location

[1..*] games



Implementation

- Java with Twitter4j
- Controls account
- Event handler using queues
- Dynamic function 'createGames'

Game loop

- SendWelcomeMsg
- GetGameSelection
- SendTest
- GetAnswer

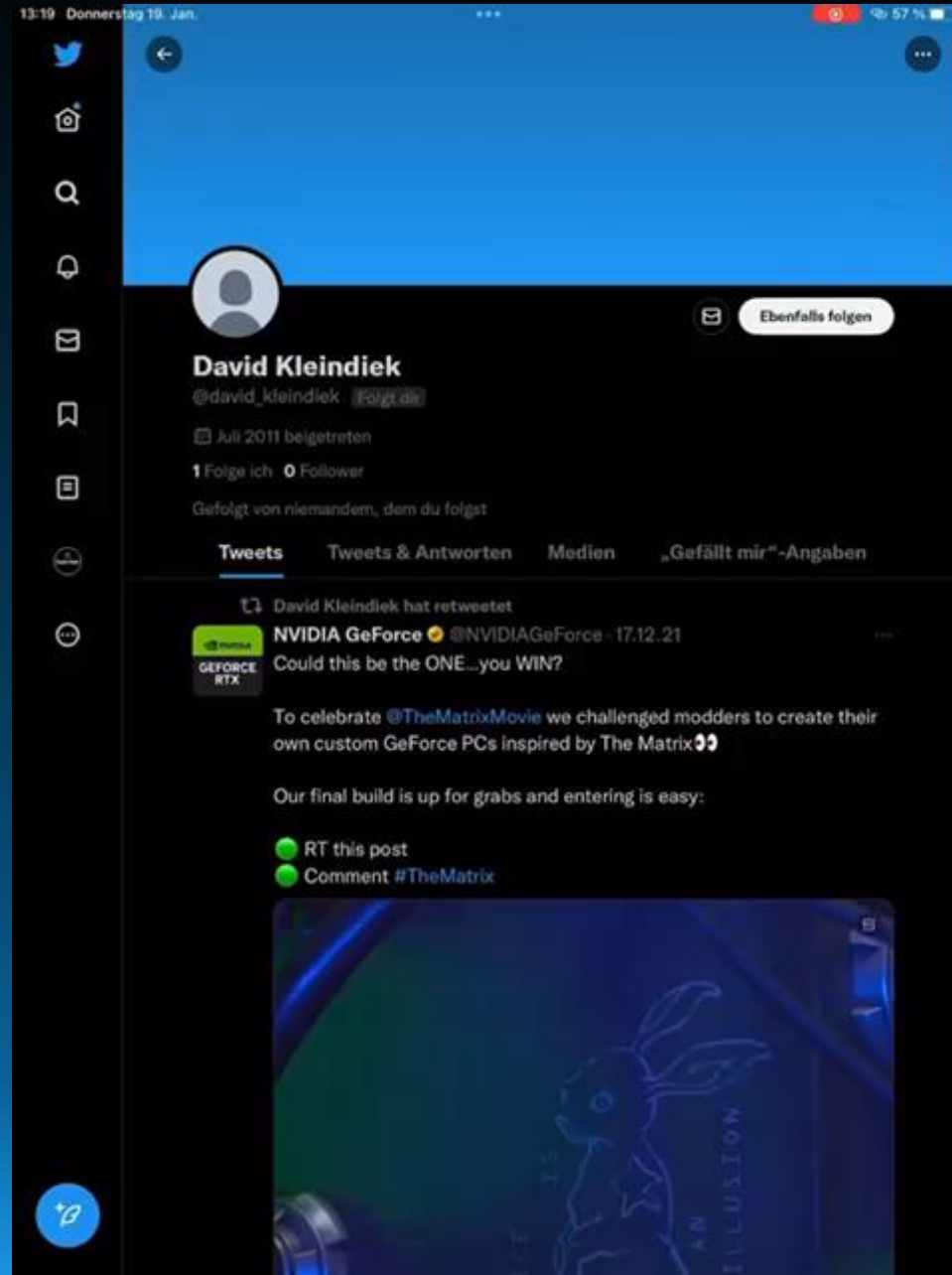
```
public void createGames() {
    StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder();
    sb.append(welcomeMessage);

    [for (aLoc: Location | aTwitterQA.locations)]
    locations.put("[aLoc.name/]", new Location("[aLoc.n
[/for]

    HashMap<String, Test> tests = new HashMap<String, T

    [for (aGame: Game | aTwitterQA.games)]
    [for (aTest: Test | aGame.tests->sortedBy(order)->r
    tests.put("[aTest.name/]", new Test("[aTest.name/]"
[/for]
    Test [aGame.initial_test.name/] = new Test("[aGame.
    Game [aGame.name/] = new Game("[aGame.name/]", [aGa
    games.put([aGame.name/].getID(), [aGame.name/]);
    sb.append([aGame.name/].getID()).append(" - ").appe
    tests.clear();
[/for]
    welcomeMessage = sb.toString();
}
```

Gameflow



Limitations and improvements

- Updates every minute → API limitation
 - Friendship required for private accounts
 - ‘;’ required in answer
 - Location not accurate
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- More bot commands
 - Require image at location
 - Calculate avg gametime

Challenges

- Collaboration problems with Eclipse
- Restructuring of model is complex
- Insufficient API documentation

But we did it!



Questions?

<https://github.com/stedavkle/twitter-q-a>