Object Oriented Programming in Action

Object Oriented Analysis and Design

- Find and define the objects
- Organize the objects
- Describe how the objects interact with one another
- Define the external behavior of the objects
- Define the internal behavior of the objects

Robots Game

- Robots Game
 - Turn-based game used to teach the navigation keys of text editor vi
 - Invented for Unix
 - Still available as a Linux console game



Game Description

- The player controls an avatar in a two-dimensional playing field
 - The player can move left and right, upwards and downwards and also move diagonally
- A number of robots try to kill the player by reaching the same space on which the avatar is
 - Robots only move up and down, left and right, but not diagonally
 - If robots collide with each other, they die and leave behind a heap
 - If the avatar or a robot moves into a heap, they also die
 - The player can use a teleportation device that places the player in a random location in the field, possibly next to a robot or a heap, but not in a heap.
 - If all robots are dead, then the player has won the level and advances to a higher level with more robots

- Designing something complex is very difficult
 - Can use design patterns
 - We are going to use the Model-View-Controller pattern
 - Model: The data and its business logic
 - View: The window on the screen
 - Controller: The glue between the two

- Model is independent of view and controller
 - You can work simply in the model to implement the business logic
 - Regardless of visual presentation and user interface



- MVC is popular in web development
- Used in many frameworks such as Django, web2py, Pyramid, ...

- Model The logic of the application
 - Model has a state and methods for changing the state such as a player move
 - We should be able to change the controller and the view without changing the logic

- View the display of the model
 - View receives data from the model through the controller
 - Responsible for visualization
 - Does not contain complex logic
 - This belongs in the controller and the model

- Controller Glue between Model and View
 - Controller receives data from user requests and sends it to other parts of the system
 - Controller also receives data from the model and passes them on to the View

- Design recommendations:
 - Smart Models
 - Thin controllers
 - Dumb viewers

- Modeling the Model
 - Look through the description
 - Identify substantives and verbs
 - We have actors:
 - Avatar
 - Robots
 - Heap
 - We have the playground

- Create cards with the name of the object
- Add notes on what they need to interact with the other parts.



- Because we use location so often, we pull it into its own class.
- We also need to figure out how the View and the Control are interacting with the model.
 - View needs to get coordinates for all entities in order to display them
 - Control needs to steer the avatar.
 - This is done with a direction
 - which we make into another class.



- Design of View
 - View depends on the underlying architecture
 - We are going to rebuild the game using Tkinter graphics soon
 - Currently, the view is based on an Idle shell ASCII art
 - Need to move geometry between Controller and View
 - Need to get things to display from controller
 - Need to move decisions from View to Controller

- Design of Control
 - Needs to start the game: Play
 - Needs to transmit the model data to view
 - Needs to obtain User input



- Write all the substantives on little cards
 - You get a design like this one
 - Now you go and expand all of the cards with methods
 - The design will change as you go through it



Implementation

- Now it is time to start implementing
 - During implementation, design issues can emerge and force a redesign
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Software Engineering Errors

- All implementations and designs will contain errors
 - Design errors are easiest to fix during design
 - Implementation errors are easiest to fix during implementation
- Need a thorough testing phase

Testing

- Need something better than just playing and fix arising issues
- Systematic
 - For unit and for the whole game