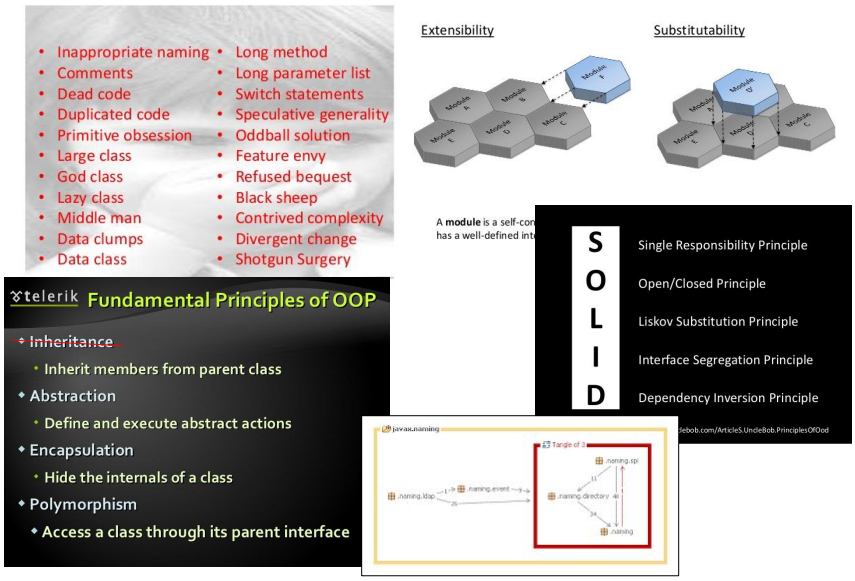
# Model Design and Implementation

Slide Series #4

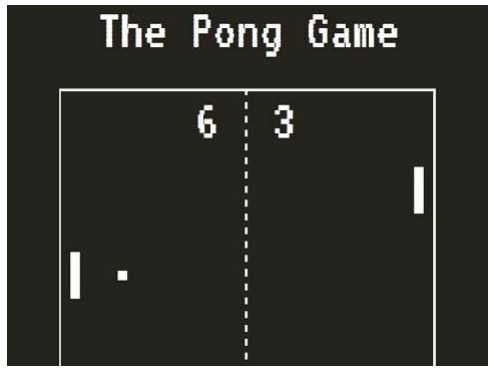
# General Principles




There are quite a few design principles and best practices

- Even more important at application design upcomming.

# Responsibilities in Models




The Pong game has a Ball and Two paddles

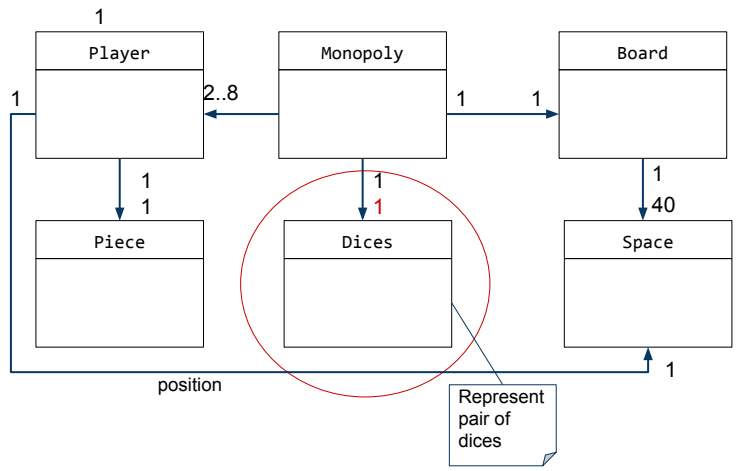
- Which will check for collision?
- .. or will (should) someone else check …?

Summary: There are levels in the model …

- … some objects are at a higher level, handling objects at lower level!
- Paddle and Ball are at the “same” level, so something higher up should handle collisions

How about MP? Anything similar?

# MP : Design Model



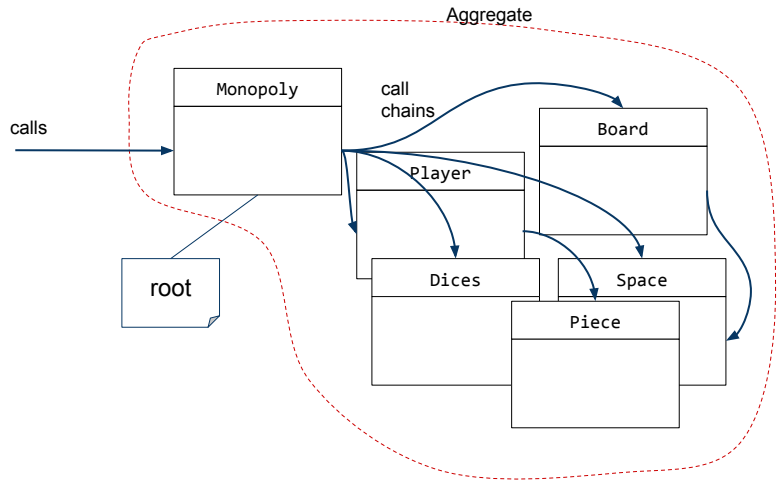

To adapt the domain model to be suitable to implement we modify the model

- Possibly add, divide or collapse classes, and more …
- This is the design model

MP: Minor changes from domain model.

- Replaced Dice with class representing 2 dices

# Aggregates and Root



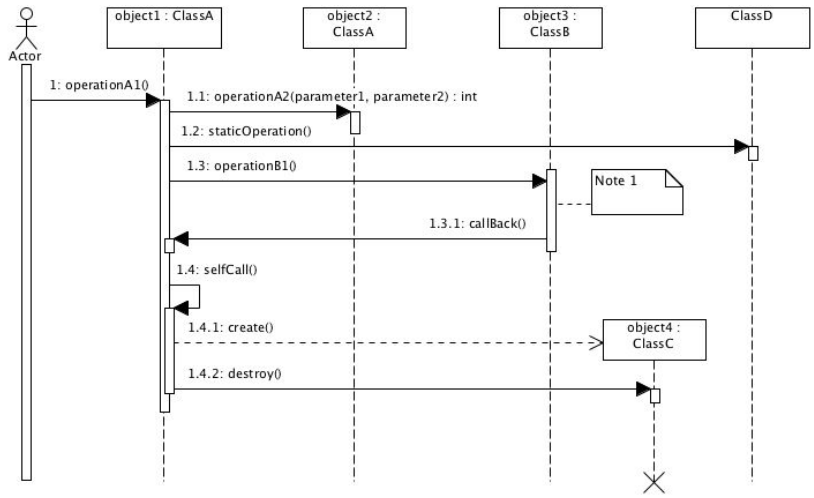

An aggregate is a cluster of classes (objects) treated as a unit

- All calls to the aggregate goes throught the aggregate root
- This will establish disciplined call chains in model
    - Will help to keep objects in a valid state

MP: We'll treat the complete model as an aggregate

- All calls will go through Monopoly object
- Not an universally valid decision, there may be ways to group (in other applications).

# Dry Run a Use Case




Dry run is last step before start implementing.

- Will must decide directions of associations (if not done before)
- Will reveal which methods in which classes!

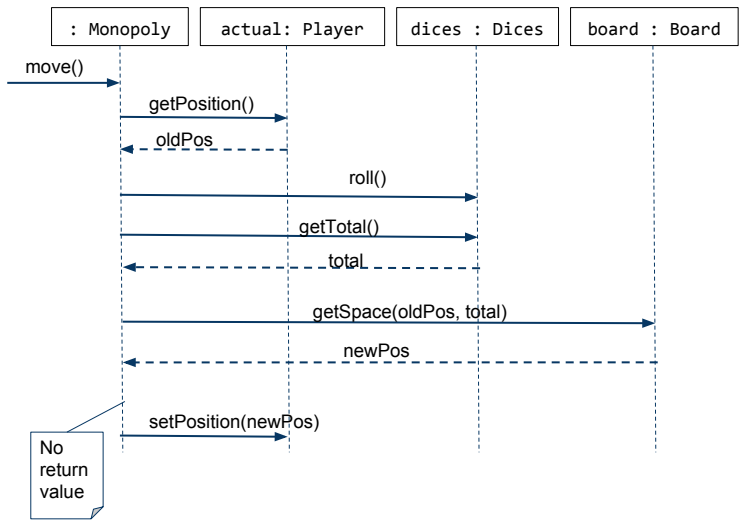
For some use case(s) and the domain model

- Create an UML sequence diagram
  - Diagram will describe involved objects and application flow for the use case

If diagram gets very awkward/complex/messy possible have to modify domain model

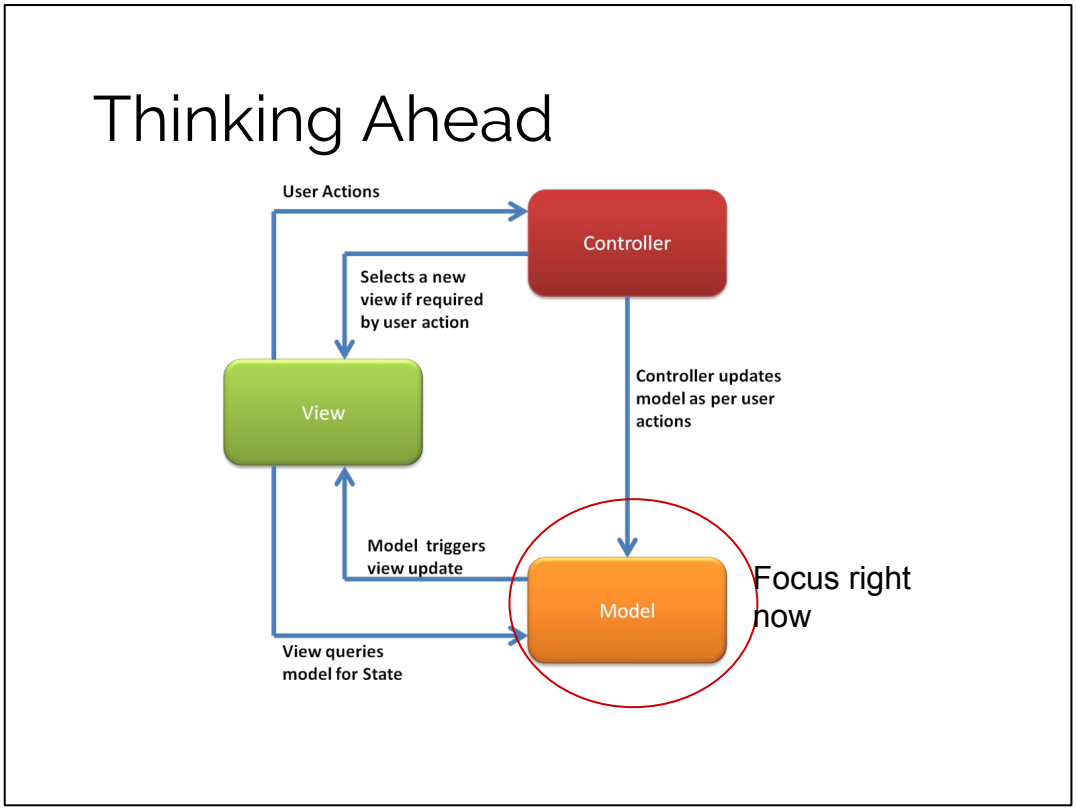
- Missing/bad association may be added/changed now
- Missing classes may show up

# MP : Dry Run UC Move




From this dry run it should be possible to implement use case move (just a simple translation from diagram to code)!

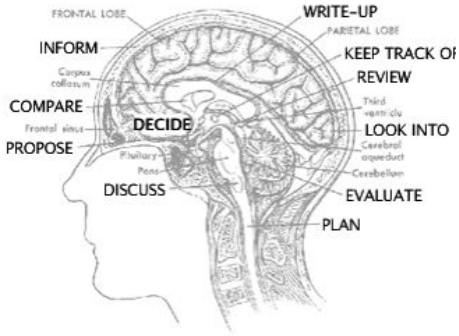
- … but in practice, … often most modify things …
- Just some few considerations before coding … (upcoming)

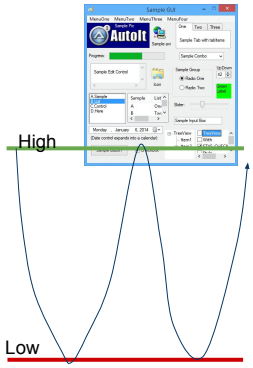



Any application with a GUI will (should) use some sort of MVC architecture (pattern)

- Have to keep in mind.
  - Should methods have returnvalues or should it be handled by observer?
- Until now we have only worked with the model ...
  - ... except the view (GUI) sketches

# Think High and Think Low



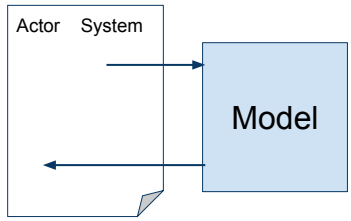




```
public void move() {
Space oldPos = actual.getPosition();
dices.roll();
Space newPos = board.getSpace(oldPos,
dices.getTotal());
actual.setPosition(newPos);
```

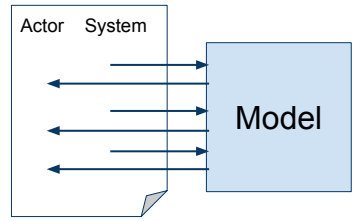
During implementation we must be able to switch between high and low level abstractions

- If stuck at high level (use cases, GUI …), concretise by implement on low level to clarify (i.e. code it)
- If stuck at low level (during coding) abstract at high level
    - What is this about (how would GUI look from user perspective)?

# Where to put the code?




No interaction in use case (besides starting it)

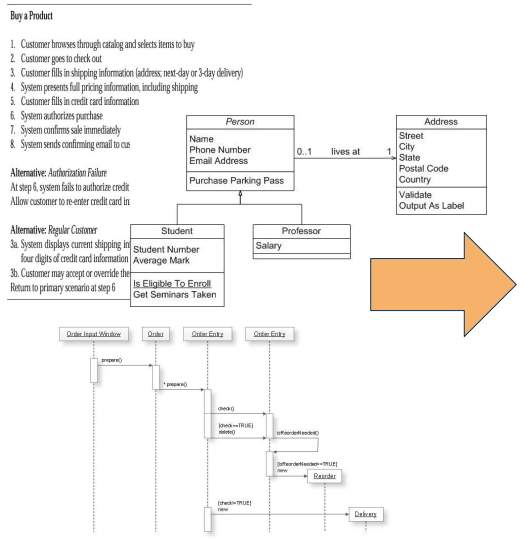



Interaction in use case

If …

- No user interaction in use case
  - Complete use case may run within single method call to model (i.e. like use case Move, normal flow)
  - Any GUI updates probably done using observer pattern (as part of MVC model) …
    - … so possibly no need for return values.
- If user interaction in use case
  - More calls to model
  - Later handled by control parts of MVC
  - More likely with returnvalues …
    - … control parts inspect returnvalues and act upon.

# Implementation

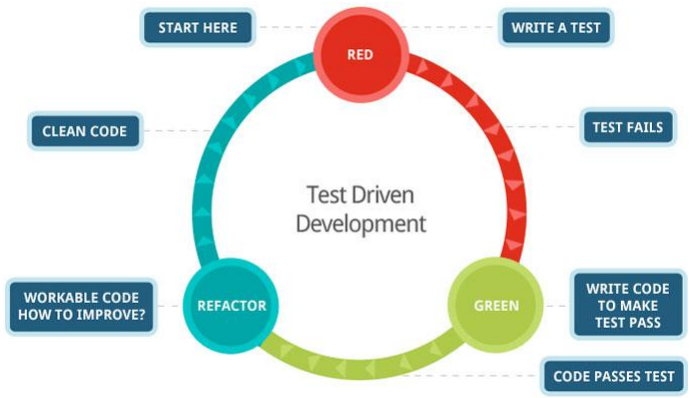



```
public class Board {

private final List<Card> cards =

          new ArrayList<>();

private final int size;

public Board(String[] names){

this.size = (int) sqrt(names.length);

int k = 0;

for (int row = 0; row < size; row++) {
   for (int col = 0; col < size; col++) {
  cards.add(new Card(names[k], row, col));
     k++;
       }
   }
}
```

Have all information we need!

- Write the code and run …. ehhhh, run how… (upcoming)?

# Testdriven Development




Test driven development is a way to work with code inside the process

- During the implementation phase we use TDD

# How to Run?


How do we actually run the model???

- Answer: By creating tests!
  - We use test driven development!
  - We know JUnit, use it!

Why is this a good idea???

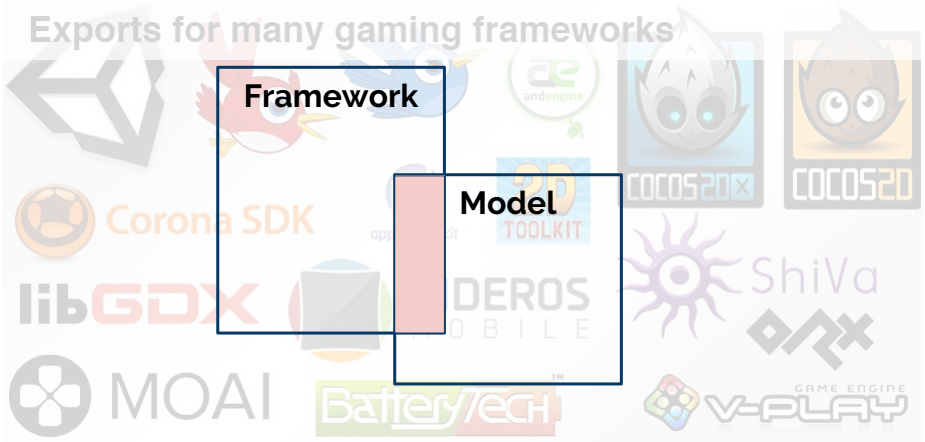
- We'll only produce the code we need!
  - The code needed to pass the test (the use case)!
- The code will have higher quality, because you will not implement "large" untestable methods
- Will always have something to run!
- Keeping work focused on the logic of the model
  - Great way to clarify the model logic
    - We must solve the problems (can't program them away)
  - Possibilities to discover model errors
- Debugging tests are much easier (vs full application)
- Being able to run a test suite against the model at any time if extremely useful.
  - In particular after refactoring
- Tests are very good documentation.
- Later: Being able to test certain techniques (snippets) also very useful

Tech talk

- We always keep test code separated from the application
  - In NetBeans: Test Packages

- The package structure for test should be the same as the structure for the application, more to come ...

# Using Frameworks




If using any framework possibly parts of model is handled by framework

- Example:
  - 2D Position (no x and y in model classes)
  - Collision detection
  - Movement/Physics/Rendering in 3D game frameworks
- Exclude from model parts handled by framework
  - If so: Can't (don't need to) test those parts
- Test what's not handled by framework
  - Possible have to mock (a lot)

NOTE: There should always be a model, using a framework doesn't mean you may skip the model

NOTE: Model may not be dependent on framework, more later at application design!

- Should be possible to switch framework

# Important Object Characteristics

## equals contract

**Reflexivity**
*an object must be equal to itself*

**Symmetry**
*two objects must agree whether or not they are equal*

**Transitivity**
*if one object is equal to a second, and the second to a third, the first must be equal to the third*

**Consistency**
*if two objects are equal they must remain equal for all time, unless one of them is changed*

**Null returns false**
*all objects must be unequal to null*

Any class used in any Collection should implement equals() and hashCode()

- MP: Spaces, Players … (equals on name, name unique)

# MP : Implement UC Move

TODO list:

- Implement classes: Monopoly, Player (equals), Dices, Board, Space (equals), Piece
  - If any class complex create a JUnit test
    - Must know it works before participating in use case
  - Dices uses random (can't test, need fixed result, … mock! )
- Decide where and how to build model
  - Constructors?
- Implement method move() in Monopoly
  - Will run the use case (no user interaction)
- Create test calling move()

Finally ready to implement an use case!

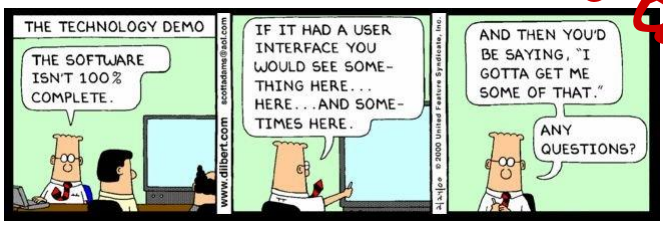
- If some class participating in the UC is complex first test it ..
- … senseless to try to implement a UC if not the "pieces" are working!

The development environment

- Will use a Maven project
- Will run it using JUnit
- Version Handling using Git
- IDE: Netbeans (you use any …)

# MP : Monopoly-0.1

Demo time




Download from course page, inspect and run!

# MP : Iteration 1


Here we have done a full cycle, i.e. iteration 1

- Requirements
- Analysis
- Design (not much, just the model)
- Implementation of some high priority use case(s) ...
  - ... as JUnit tests (integration test)
  - Also test for complex classes (unit test)

# Summary

## Design and Implementation

- We got the first UC up and running!
- A small model (with some basic design)
- We only run as test for now

Next: Next iteration, more use cases (continue prototyping) real GUI and MVC.

Code sample for iteration 1: monopoly-0.1 (course page)