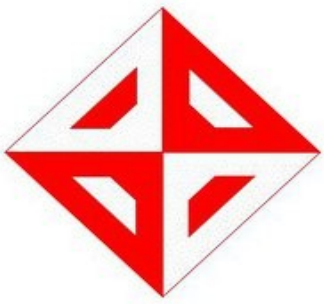
Initial Design Report

For

Gambler Agent



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1. Introduction

1.1. Problem Definition

The problem is the lack of AI applications that can model human players for turn based games such as ‘King’. By mentioning ‘model’ , we intend to say that a computer agent learns to play like someone who the agent takes him as model. This problem first arised from the desire of humans to make computers impersonate humans in some way and to compete with these computers.

The intelligent system for turn based games are very common nowadays. Most turn based game developer companies design such a system. On the other hand there are not many instances of learning system for turn based games which are partially observable. Observable means all the game environment i.e moves of the opponents, evaluation of them is open to each player. Tile and card games are partially observable. Players only know the cards or tiles which are in their hands and thrown in previous turns.

King is an example of partionally observable games. King is played by four people and no teaming is allowed. At the end of the game players with positive points are considered as winners. There are six type of negative hands which are explained below:

No tricks – The aim is not to win tricks. The dealer plays any card and all the other players must follow that suit unless they do not hold any card of that suit. The winner of the trick is the highest card of the suit played at the start of the trick or the highest trump, if any was declared for that hand. The winner restarts play with any card and so on until all the cards have been played. Then, tricks of each player is counted. Each trick is worth 50 negative points and the total for the hand is 650 negative points.

No Hearts – The aim is not to win tricks with Hearts. A player must not start a trick with Hearts unless he holds no other suit. If a player cannot follow suit he can then play any card, including Hearts. Each Hearts card is worth 30 points and the total for the hand is 390 negative points.

No Queens – The aim is not to win tricks with Queens. Each Queen is worth 100 points and the total for the hand is 400 negative points.

No Kings or Jacks - The aim is not to win tricks with Kings or Jacks. Each King and Jack is worth 60 points and the total for the hand is 480 negative points.

No King of Hearts – The aim is not to get the King of Hearts. A player must not start a trick with Hearts unless he holds no other suit. Important: The King of Hearts must be played

at the first legal opportunity, meaning when the holder cannot follow suit or at the first time Hearts is used to open a trick. The King of Hearts is worth 320 negative points.

No last 2 tricks - The aim is not to win the last 2 tricks. Each of those tricks is worth 180 negative points and the total for the hand is 360 negative points.

There is also one positive hand which is named trump. Trump cards win against any other suit but can only be played if the suit cannot be followed or if the trick started with the trump suit. Between two or more trump cards the highest one wins. Each trick taken by a player is worth 50 points and the total for the hand is 650 positive points.

1.2. Purpose

There are several purposes of the Gambler Agent Project:

The first one is to prove that an AI agent can learn how to play the ‘king’ game by observing the game of a player who was the target of the agent to impersonate. This is like an experiment because it may be impossible to model someone for this game.In case of failure, the reasons will be explained. Otherwise, If the experiment, which has not been tried before, becomes successful, the results will be sent to some conferences.

The second purpose is to overcome the lack of online games with an intelligent learning agent. This is a desired purpose of a game by most of the players because people like to see computers behaving like themselves. There are some games with learning agents like chess, backgammon etc. However, there is no learning agent for the ‘king’ game which is too complex and extensive to be succesfull.

1.3. Scope

This document gives detailed definitions about problem domain and explains how the design and implementation of the project is going to be handled. There are also information about which design principles are taken into consideration and what are their meanings in terms of this project domain.

The detailed description of all components of the system, their interactions with each other are explained in depth. Class diagrams of most of the components are presented and also definitions for each class and method are given.

1.4. Overview

The rest of this document contains an detailed description of the Intelligent and Learning System for Turn Based Games and specific constraints. There will be more specific details and information about the project content, system overview, design constraints, data design, system architecture and planning.

1.5. Definitions, Acronyms and Abbreviations

DB:	Database
AI:	Artificial Intelligence
GUI:	Graphical User Interface
ILSTBG:	Intelligent and Learning System for Turn Based Games
API:	Application programming interface
Http:	Hypertext Transfer Protocol
UML:	Unified Modelling Language
IEEE:	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineering
AAAI	Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence

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2. System Overview

The system will have three main stages. First one is for collecting training data. There will be some different types of agents and they will play against each other in diverse

combinations to make training data richer. The second one is the most important one. It is the learning process. The training data obtained from first stage will be the source of learning system while defining state-action pairs. That means an agent is going to use the pairs determined in this part. The third one is the complete online ‘king’ game with all functionalities of usual online games and additionally some new functionalities for agent usage.

The training data collection part of the system is designed for creating the basis of the learning system. To create a well-behaving learning system, one needs too much training data which should be gathered from varying sources.

The learning system will be decomposed into parts too. Some techniques will be tried and when any of them becomes successfull, that one will be used for the project. To understand whether the learning is succesfull, test data will be collected from latest version of learning agent. Afterwards this test data will be compared to the training data from first stage. If they have same characteristics (percentage of same actions in same states), then it will be considered as succesfull. The candidate algorithms for the time being are reinforcement learning, neural network, support vector machines.

The complete ‘king’ game will be available online. It will look like other card games and easy to use. There can be lots of agents in any table in the game. The agents are going to communicate with their desicion function through a web service. The final state definition, one of the succesfull ones that had been tried in stage two, will be sent as input and the output is an action which agent is going to do.

The goal of the system is to show that learning is possible for the ‘king’ game.

3. Design Constraints

3.1. Design Assumptions, Dependencies and Constraints

Assumptions :

Learning phase for ‘King’ game may be unsuccesfull due to the properties of this game. Since there are seven different games in the ‘King’ game and the game is not fully observable, learning process in this limited time and processor number is a difficult task.

If this situation occurs,we will switch to the other game called ‘Okey’ which may be easier to implement a learning system for.

Since Gambler Agent application is a web-based Project, there will not be any system dependencies. It is enough to have the necessary plugins for the browser. We will make it available for all browsers.

Dependencies :

There is no strict hardware or software dependencies. In order to use software, user only needs to be connected to the internet since it will be served online. User's browser must have Java and Adobe Flash Player plugins. At least 256 MB ram is required to run the software.

Constraints :

Reports during development phase of the project will be prepared according to IEEEStd830. UML design and flow charts are going to take part in that phase. JavaDoc style comments will be used for documentation of the source code. In the implementation phase SVN is going to be used for accordance in development team. Any changes of DB schema during implementation phase will be recorded and initial design will be updated accordingly.

3.2. Design Goals and Guidelines

The principles which are going to be considered in software development are:

- You ain’t gonna need it (YAGNI) : is the principle in extreme programming that programmers should not add functionality until it is necessary. There is a quote for this principle : "Always implement things when you actually need them, never when you just foresee that you need them."
- Abstraction principle : is a basic dictum that aims to reduce duplication of information in a program (usually with emphasis on code duplication) whenever practical by making use of abstractions provided by the programming language.
- Don't Make Me Think : this principle's premise is that a good program or web site should let users accomplish their intended tasks as easily and directly as possible.
- Team Software Process (TSP) : provides a defined operational process framework that is designed to help teams of managers and engineers organize and produce large-scale software

projects of sizes beyond several thousand lines of code (KLOC). The TSP is intended to improve the levels of quality and productivity of a team's software development project, in order to help them better meet the cost and schedule commitments of developing a software system.

- Waterfall Model : The waterfall model is a sequential design process, often used in software development processes, in which progress is seen as flowing steadily downwards (like a waterfall) through the phases of Conception, Initiation, Analysis, Design, Construction, Testing and Maintenance.
- Reusability : is the likelihood a segment of source code that can be used again to add new functionalities with slight or no modification. Reusable modules and classes reduce implementation time, increase the likelihood that prior testing and use has eliminated bugs and localizes code modifications when a change in implementation is required.
- Maintainability: is the ease with which a product can be maintained in order to:

- correct defects
- meet new requirements
- make future maintenance easier, or
- cope with a changed environment

4. Data Design

4.1. Data Description

4.1.1. Game Playing

The game playing part of project will include Lobby, Table, Game, Player ,Card data objects.

Lobby object will be the topmost layer through other data objects. Lobby will include the logged players and created tables. When a player joins a table then it will be removed from Lobby object and transferred to Table object.

Table object will have a Game object and max four Player object. The players can be either type of human or agent.

Game object will do the main job. Game object will include Card object.

This object will deliver the cards to players when game is started. This object also will keep the game chart and point chart. The information of played game types are kept in the game chart.

Player object will keep the array of delivered cards and his/her available game type chart. In this object also players thrown cards and points wil be kept.

4.1.2. Keeping game logs

The data objects for this part of the project are Trainer, TrainingTable and the following objects from the game playing part: Card, GameType, Player.

Trainer object behaves like a Main class, it is the start point and manages other objects in the environment.

TrainingTable is a special kind of Table mentioned in the game playing part. This is only for fixed game types and only agent players are playing the game, no human player. After each game this objects saves the game log to a file in appropriate directory in the file hierarchy which is described below.

Keeping game logs part of the project will supply game log files for further parts of the project, from the games which agents play against each other. At the top of file hierachy there will be seven (number of game types) directories all of which includes three more directories which corresponds to agent types namely random-like agent, rule-based agent and hybrid agent. These directories will be populated by the files from the games which are played by agents. Since the games will be played on NAR machine, this file hierarchy must be held in disc of NAR machine.

Each game log file will be a binary data file because of size constraints. The format of this file is like the following:

“Cards” in each players' hand

“Thrown cards” and “score” update if any change

Repeat the last action 13 times.

An example of a game log file is at Fig-1.

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0 eli: [DEUCE of CLUBS, KING of CLUBS, TEN of DIAMONDS, FIVE of SPADES, DEUCE of DIAMONDS, KING of HEARTS, QUEEN of HEARTS, JACK of HEARTS, NINE of DIAMONDS, SEVEN of HEARTS, FOUR of CLUBS, SEVEN of DIAMONDS, EIGHT of HEARTS]
1 eli: [EIGHT of SPADES, ACE of HEARTS, JACK of SPADES, ACE of SPADES, FIVE of DIAMONDS, TEN of SPADES, SEVEN of CLUBS, FOUR of HEARTS, NINE of SPADES, NINE of HEARTS, FIVE of CLUBS, JACK of CLUBS, SIX of CLUBS]
2 eli: [DEUCE of SPADES, FOUR of SPADES, ACE of DIAMONDS, DEUCE of HEARTS, JACK of DIAMONDS, QUEEN of CLUBS, TEN of CLUBS, FIVE of HEARTS, FOUR of DIAMONDS, THREE of CLUBS, EIGHT of DIAMONDS, NINE of CLUBS, THREE of DIAMONDS]
3 eli: [SIX of DIAMONDS, TEN of HEARTS, ACE of CLUBS, SEVEN of SPADES, KING of SPADES, SIX of HEARTS, EIGHT of CLUBS, QUEEN of DIAMONDS, THREE of HEARTS, QUEEN of SPADES, KING of DIAMONDS, SIX of SPADES, THREE of SPADES]
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########## turn 0 #######
Game Type: KUPAALMAZ
startingPlayer: 0
gainer Player: 3
0 has thrown card: DEUCE of CLUBS
1 has thrown card: SEVEN of CLUBS
2 has thrown card: QUEEN of CLUBS
3 has thrown card: ACE of CLUBS
########## turn 1 #######
Game Type: KUPAALMAZ
startingPlayer: 3
gainer Player: 2
3 has thrown card: SIX of DIAMONDS
0 has thrown card: TEN of DIAMONDS
1 has thrown card: FIVE of DIAMONDS
2 has thrown card: ACE of DIAMONDS
########## turn 2 #######
Game Type: KUPAALMAZ
startingPlayer: 2
gainer Player: 1
2 has thrown card: DEUCE of SPADES
3 has thrown card: SEVEN of SPADES
0 has thrown card: FIVE of SPADES
1 has thrown card: EIGHT of SPADES
########## turn 12 #######
Game Type: KUPAALMAZ
startingPlayer: 0
gainer Player: 0
0 has thrown card: EIGHT of HEARTS
1 has thrown card: SIX of CLUBS
2 has thrown card: NINE of CLUBS
3 has thrown card: THREE of SPADES
########## hand is finished  #######
0. player point : -270
1. player point : -120
2. player point : 0
3. player point : 0
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Figure 1. Example Log File

4.1.3. Forming state action pairs

Forming state-action pairs part of the project will consist of database which is a set of tables. The log files from the previous part will be parsed and inserted into corresponding database table. Main tables are State, GameType, Action, AgentType. There will be one

relation called ActionOf connecting these tables. The database schema is like the following ER diagram.

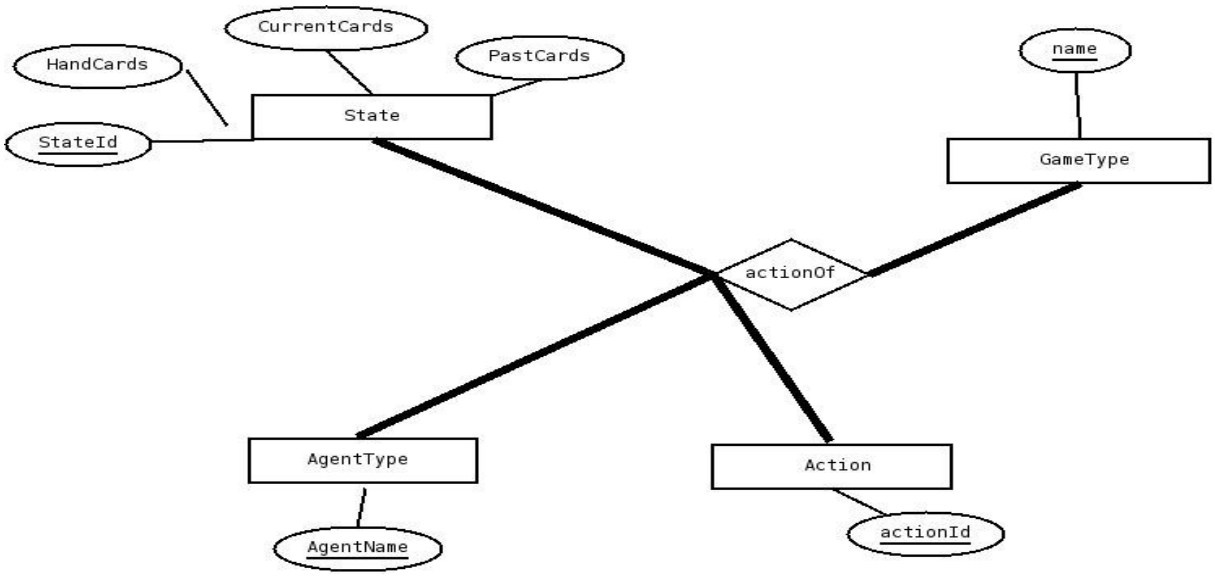

Figure 2: ER diagram of state-action DB

4.2. Data Dictionary

Action : is a database table which is the output of ActionOf relation.

ActionOf : is a relation in database which connects State, GameType, AgentType and Action tables.

Agent : is a Java class representing AI agents and extending Player class

AgentType : is a database table which keeps different type of agents.

Card : is a java class. There are 4 suits and 13 ranks for each suit.

Game : is a java class representing the whole game.

GameLogFile: is a special formatted binary file to keep logs.

GameType : is a database table which keeps seven different game types.

HumanPlayer: is a Java class representing human players and extending Player class.

Inserter: is a Java class which updates the state-action DB whenever needed.

Lobby : is a java class holds the list of active tables and players.

Player : is a java abstract class which is extended by all player classes.

Reader: is a Java class which parses game log files and sends necessary information to Inserter object.

State : is a database table which keeps hand, currentCars, pastCards and a unique id attributes.

Table : is a Java class in which a game object and four player objects are held.

Trainer: is a Java class, manages game logging part by creating TrainingTable objects.

TrainingTable:is a Java class which is a special kind of Table object.

5. System Architecture

5.1. Architectural Design

Our system will have a modular structure in which functionality of the system is divided into subsystems. There will be four components to accomplish the system's goals shown in Figure 3.

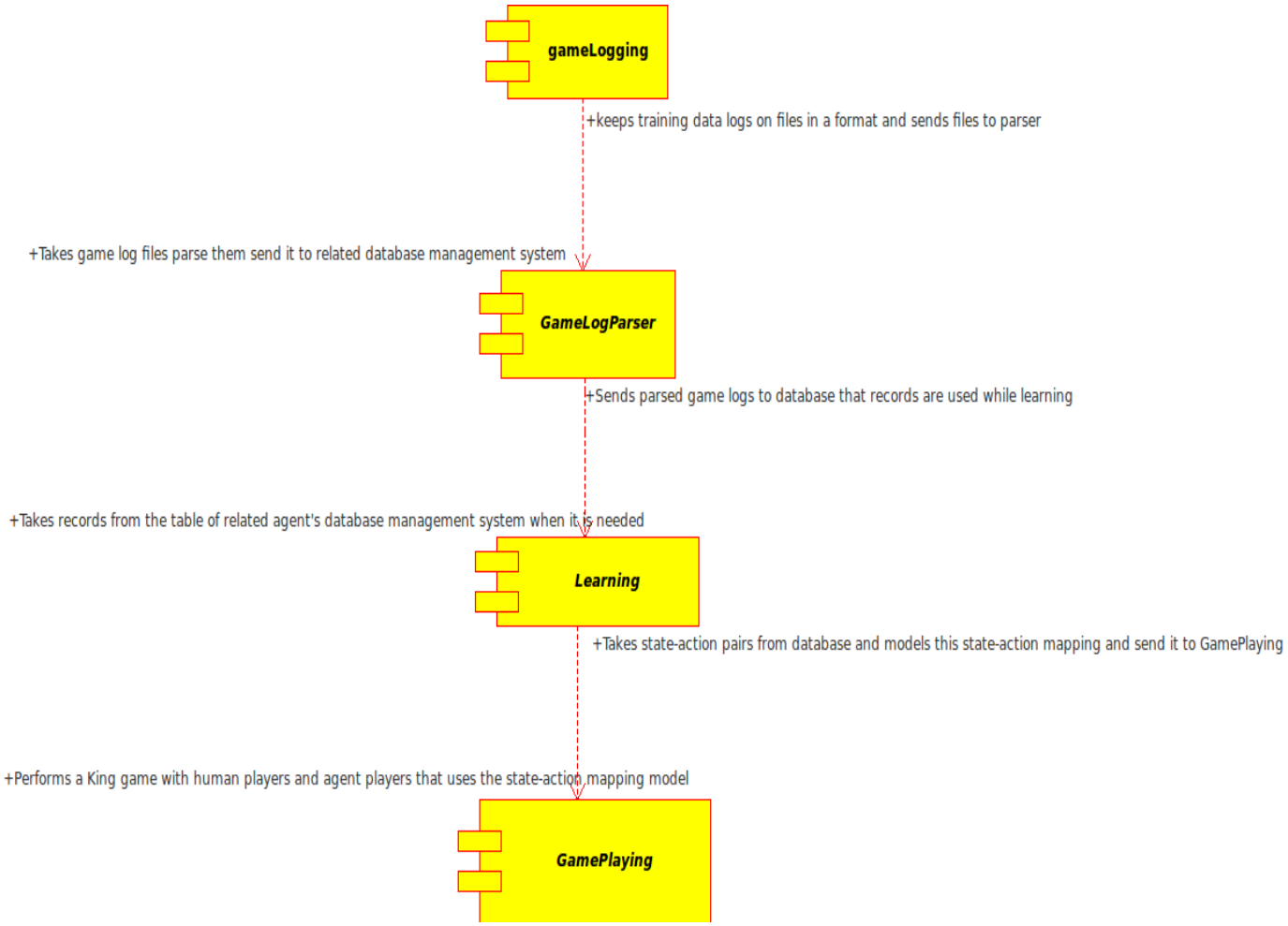

Figure 3: Component Diagram of The System

First component of the system is the main system in which the game 'King' is played. This subsystem will consist of many classes namely; Lobby, Table ,Game, Player, Card, GameType, AvailableGameTypes, PlayerFactory. Player class is an abstract class which is extended by HumanPlayer and agent classes. Second component of the system is the one which collect game logs from the games played amongst our rule-based and hybrid agents and write them to the files using the first subsystem. This subsystem gives us the opportunity to keep logs in one determined file format. For this reason, operations on these files will be simpler. Third component of the system is responsible for parsing the game logs and transferring the data represented in the files to the database according to some constraints. The output of this system will be directly used in our agents' learning phase and to keep training data in the database provides us to use the database queries. After training data is created, the final subsystem will be ready to run to complete the learning phase. In this component, a suitable learning algorithm will be implemented and some data structures and some mathmatical models will be used to make this implementation easier.

5.2. Description of Components

5.2.1. Game Playing Component

This is the topmost layer of the system. All components will be combined into this component to make users play 'King' however they want i.e against human player or against agents.

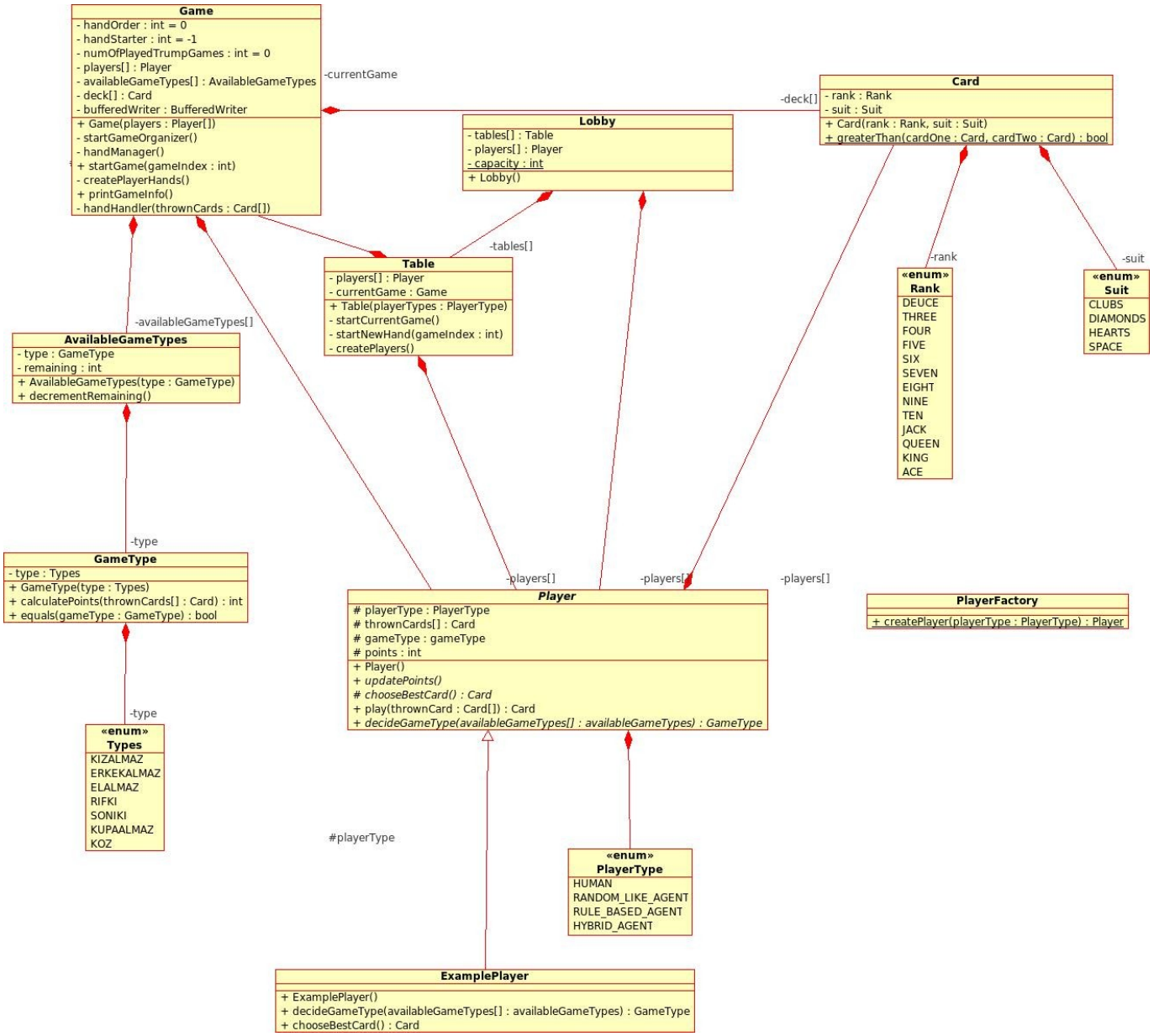

Figure 4: Class Diagram of Game Playing Component

5.2.1.1. Processing Narrative For Game Playing Component

Game playing component stands for the complete online ‘King’ game system. The component is responsible for user actions. These actions are logging in, logging out, creating a table, chatting with other players, checking game scores, joining to a table, editing account information. These actions will be available through website, and user information will be kept in a secure database. All kinds of exceptions such as the unexpected server crashes, player’s exit during a game, problems in database which contains agents’ look up tables will be handled by this component. This component is also responsible for the game rules. For

instance when playing No Hearts, the players can not play hearts before a heart is thrown onto another suit.

5.2.1.2. Game Playing Component Interface Description

The components' input interfaces are the events that users trigger. Such events are mouse clicks, keyboard entries etc. The output interface is the graphical user interface which is accessible via web browsers. The figure 13-14 is an example of the game playing component's gui. The details are explained in Chapter 6.

5.2.1.3. Game Playing Component Processing Detail

This component itself does not have an important algorithmic implementation. The important points of the implementation is handling of the events that user trigger and the game rules. The synchronization amongst players is also another key issue for this component.

5.2.1.4. Dynamic Behavior of Game Playing Component

The data objects which are described in Chapter 4.1 in game playing section explained the interactions between the classes of the component. The sequence diagram, use case diagrams one of which for human player and the other one for agent player, and the activity diagram are provided below in Figure 5-6-7 in order to visualize the interactions.

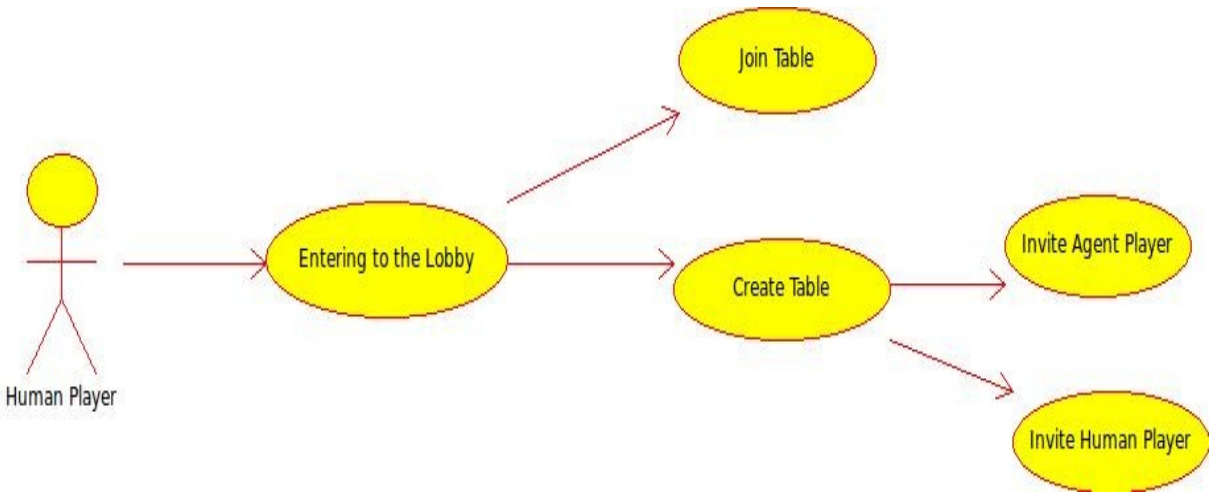

Figure 5 : Use case for Human Player

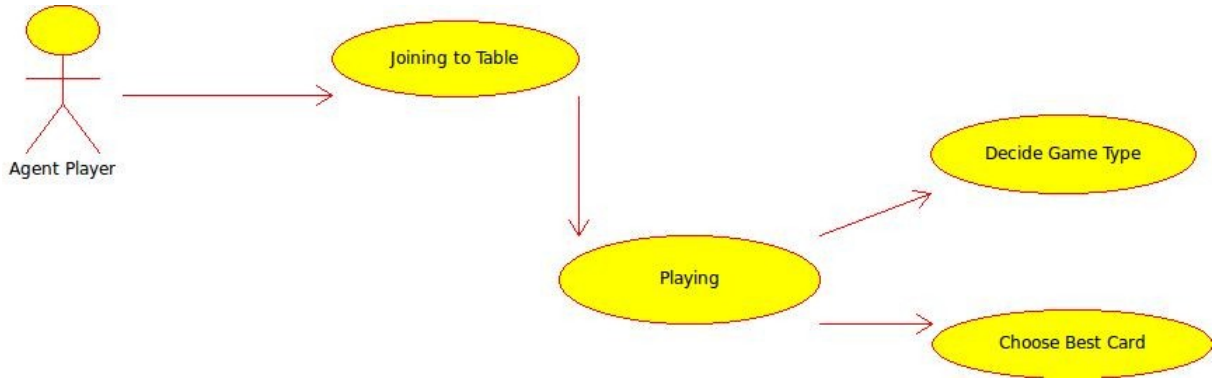

Figure 6 : Use Case for Agent Player

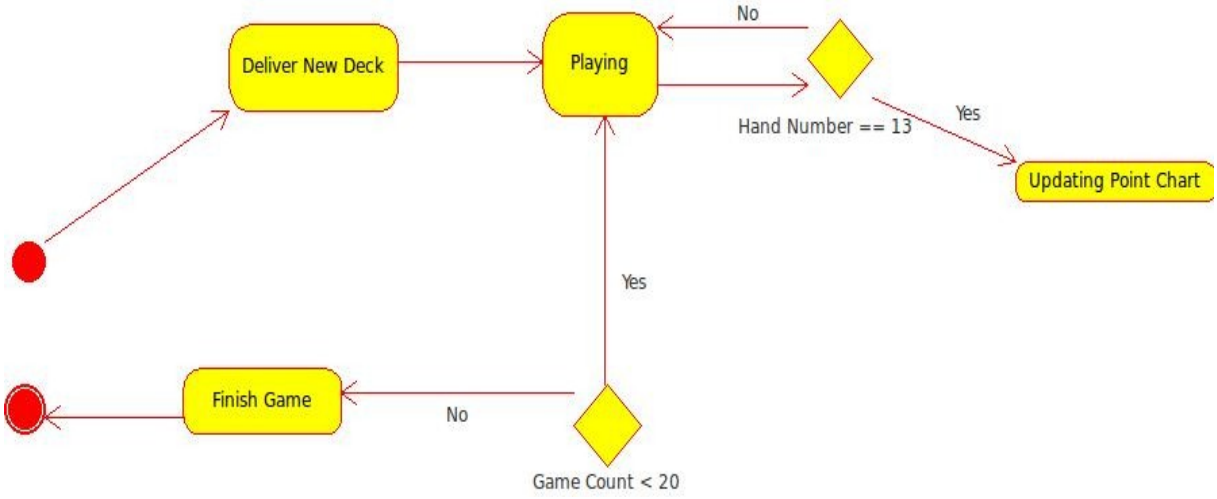

Figure 7 : Activity Diagram For Game Playing

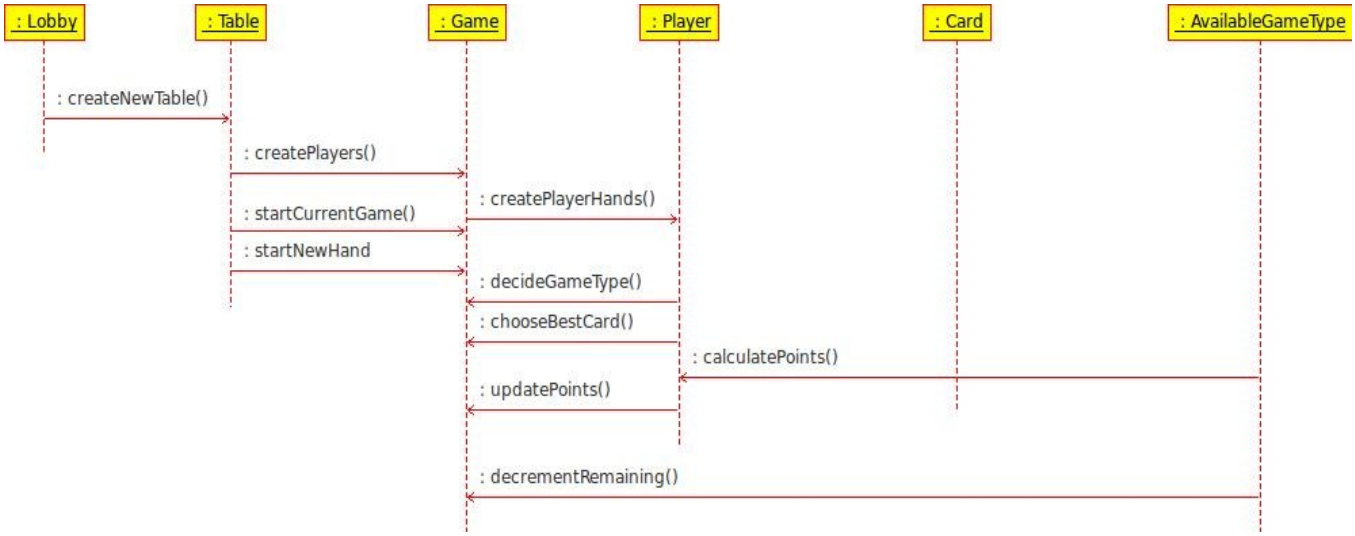

Figure 8: Sequence Diagram of Game Playing Component

5.2.2. Game Logging Component

This component is responsible for keeping the logs of the games. Game logging component will be used for two purposes: to collect data from agent games for learning phase and to collect data from human players' game for updating learning data.

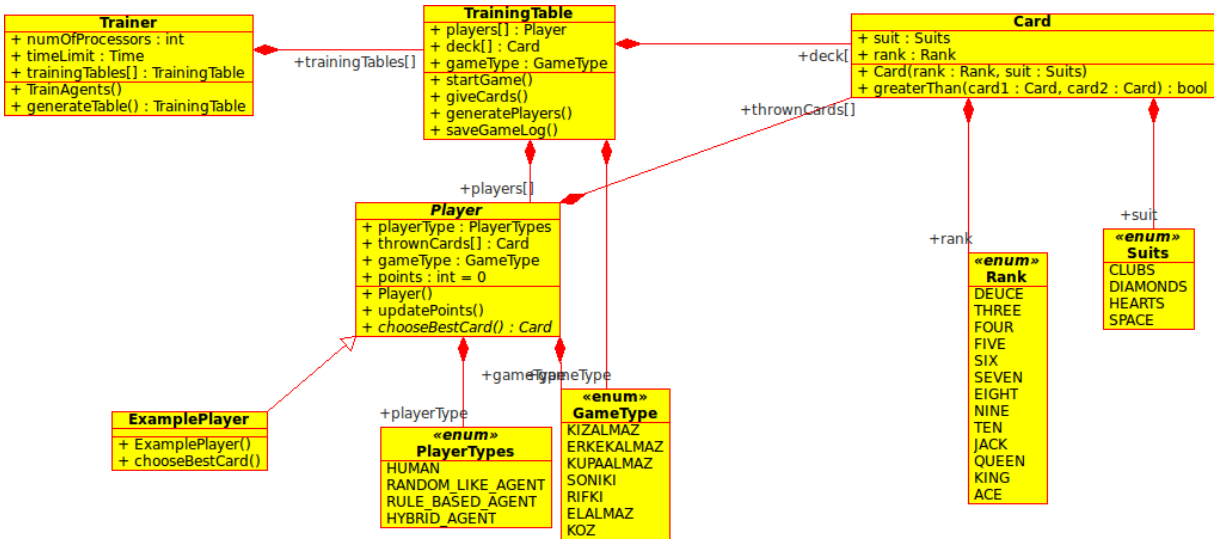

Figure 9: Class Diagram of Game Logging Component

5.2.2.1. Processing Narrative For Game Logging Component

Game logging component stands for the part of the project which will make agents play amongst themselves and writing the game data to the files in the format which is mentioned in chapter 4. This will give us the opportunity to transfer the data from these files to the database afterwards.

5.2.2.2. Game Logging Component Interface Description

There are not any graphical user interfaces in this component. However; the files which are created by this component will be used by the third component.

5.2.2.3. Game Logging Component Processing Detail

This component does not have any algorithm implementation. The component only includes the game rules to make agents play correctly and a file format which uses less space in order to make the component more efficient.

5.2.2.4. Dynamic Behavior of Game Logging Component

The data objects which are described in keeping game logs section explained the data operations inside the component. The sequence diagram is provided below in Figure X in order to visualize the interactions.

Figure 10: Sequence Diagram of Game Logging Component

5.2.3. Log Parser Component

This component's job is totally related with the Game Logging component. Game Logging component is going to run for approximately a month on a multiprocessor environment. Therefore enough data will be obtained for Learning component.

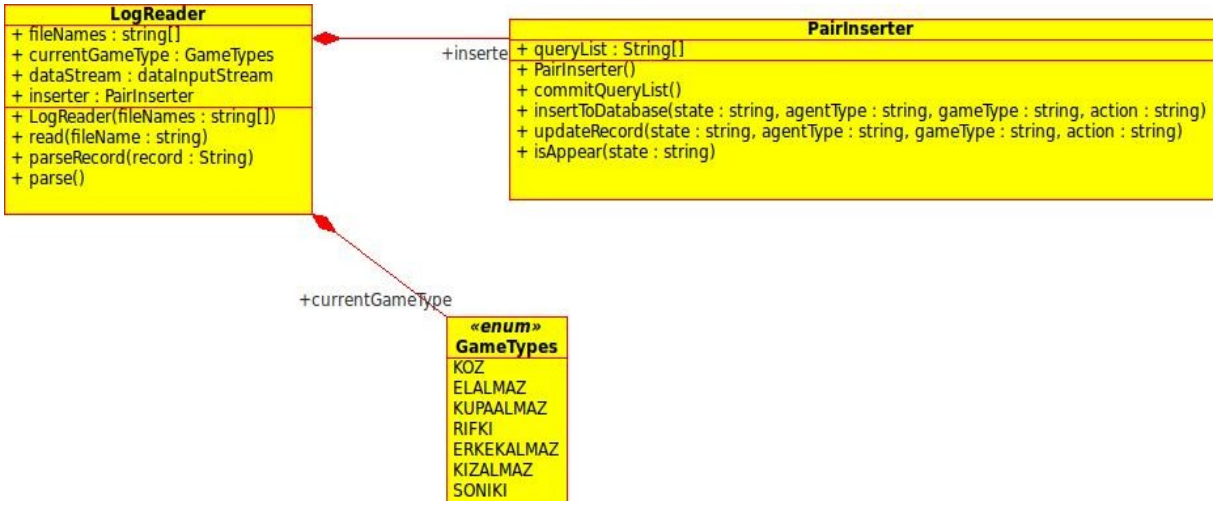

Figure 11: Class Diagram of Log Parser Component

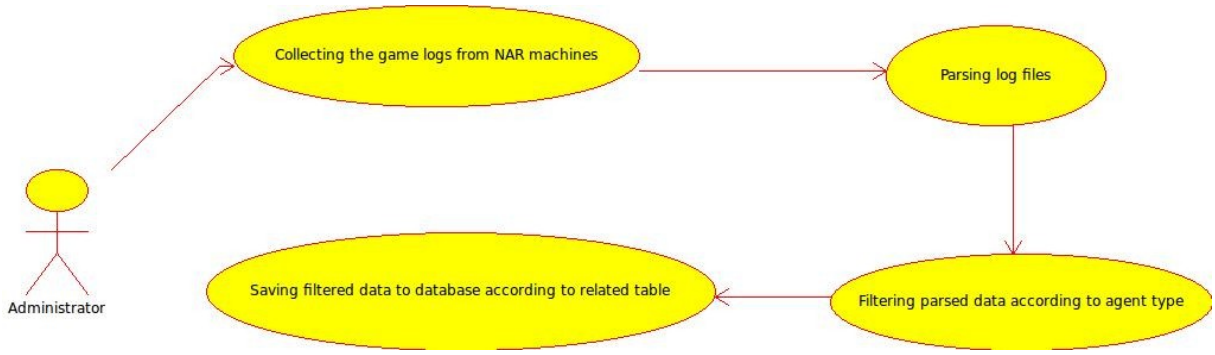

Figure 12: Use case for administrator

5.2.3.1. Processing Narrative For Log Parser Component

The main job of Log Parser Component is to parse the game log files and insert them to a database accordingly. The ER diagram of the database is given in Figure 123. Each log file will has 13x4 rows to be inserted to the db. Because every card played by each of four player is another state-action pair. And each player has 13 cards in the begining. So it leads to 52 different state for each log file. In future different parsers and different db schemas can be considered in case of any difficulties for implementing learning agents.

5.2.3.2. Log Parser Component Interface Description

There is not any GUI for this component. It will be a background process. Input is the log files from Game Logging component and output is the database tables.

5.2.3.3. Log Parser Component Processing Detail

Since the log files will be pile file, there is no need for indexing and search in the files. The process will be straightforward reading from files. And after each move of each player in the file, one new row will be inserted to the actionOf relation in the db. If the corresponding row is already in the table some attributes will be updated such as points, occurence.

5.2.3.4. Dynamic Behavior of Log Parser Component

The data objects which are described in chapter 4 explained the interactions between the classes of the component. The sequence diagram is provided below in Figure 9 in order to visualize the interactions.

5.2.4. Learning Component

This component is the final step for creating intelligent agents. Our previous agents were also intelligent but their intelligence were restricted with their implementation. On the other hand the learning agents will allways continue to learn and play accordingly.

5.2.4.1. Processing Narrative For Learning Component

There is no distinct ways of machine learning. Especially for this kind of learning project almost nothing is strictly definite. Some algorithms from supervised and unsupervised learning will be tried. Supervised learning is the task of inferring a function from supervised training data. A supervised learning algorithm analyzes the training data and produces an inferred function. Unsupervised learning is a class of problems in which one seeks to determine how the data are organized. Many methods are based on data mining methods used to preprocess the data. The state-action database formed by Log Parser component is going to be used as training data samples and several algorithms are going to be used to achieve a level of learning.

5.2.4.2. Learning Component Interface Description

The state-action database is going to be used as input of this component. If it comes out that there is not sufficient information for learning. Log parser component will be revised accordingly and designed again.

Since this is the final component of the project, the output, which is an intelligent and learning agent, will be directly used by Game Playing component.

5.2.4.3. Learning Component Processing Detail

As stated in 5.2.4.1 , supervised and unsupervised machine learning algorithms will be tried to correctly model the agents namely random-like, rule-based and hybrid agents which are already implemented. Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) or Support Vector Machines (SVN) are going to be used to implement learning part. ANN is appropriate to use with both supervised and unsupervised learning. SVN is for supervised learning and also for statistical classification.

Artificial neural networks (ANNs) are essentially simple mathematical models defining a function f: X → Y or a distribution over X or both X and Y, but sometimes models are also intimately associated with a particular learning algorithm or learning rule. An illustriation of ANN is given in Figure 13.

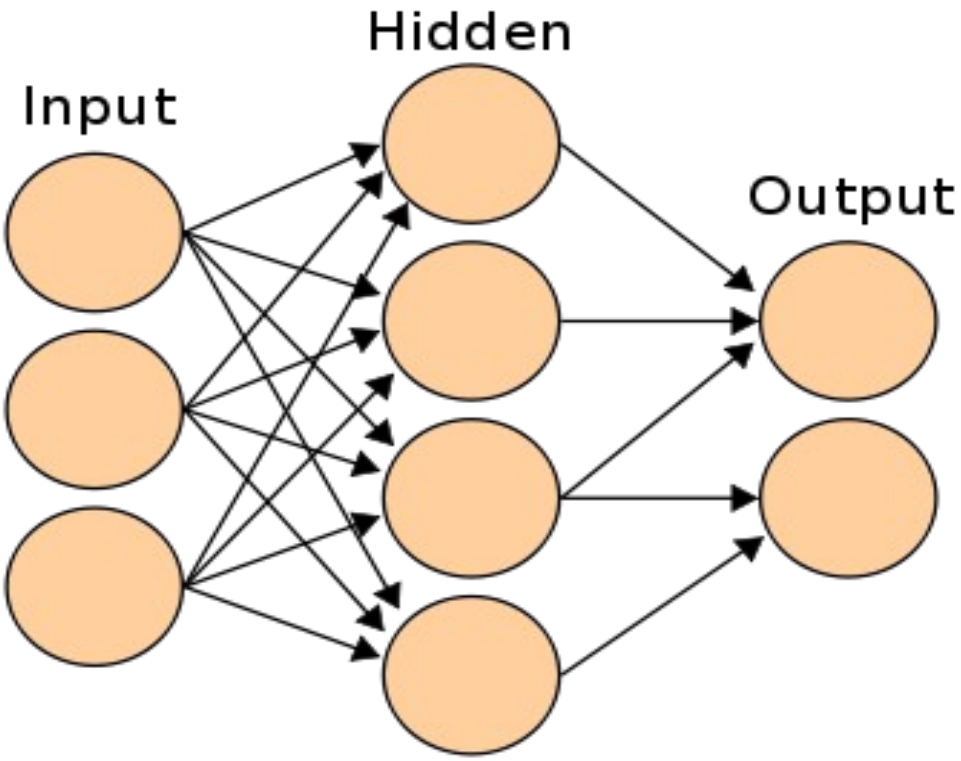

Figure 13: Artificial Neural Network

5.2.4.4. Dynamic Behavior of Learning Component

The activity diagram is shown below to show the dynamic behavior of learning component.

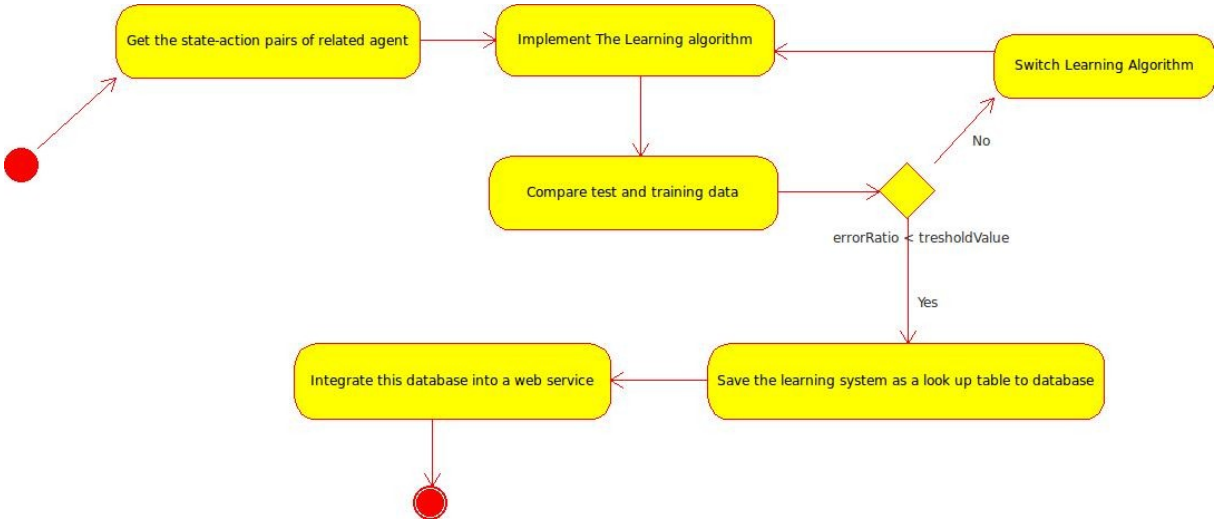

Figure 14: Activity Diagram of Learning Component

5.3. Design Rationale

This decomposition is choosed because of some considerations. First one is to have a rich and easy to manipulate training data set. This has to be available before starting the learning part. So design of the game logging and log parser components are well defined and conceived. Second one is to have a complete game playing component before starting anything. So things that are definitely necessary for game, became obvious. And the design of other components are effected by this knowledge possitively.

Some different decompositions are also possible. However this one seemed the most reasonable among other decompositions because other ones were not suitable for some design principles which are obeyed by the project designers.

6. User Interface Design

6.1. Overview of User Interface

Game window : It will be opened as 480X640 and it will have option for users to make window full screen.
Chat Box: Chat box will be available for the players who are on the related table.
Buttons:There will be a few buttons that have different functionalities like adding an agent, opening information table,starting game.
Timer:The timer keeps the track of the time after game started.
Information Table:The information table show information about the players their scores and game status.

6.2. Screen Images

General Interface:

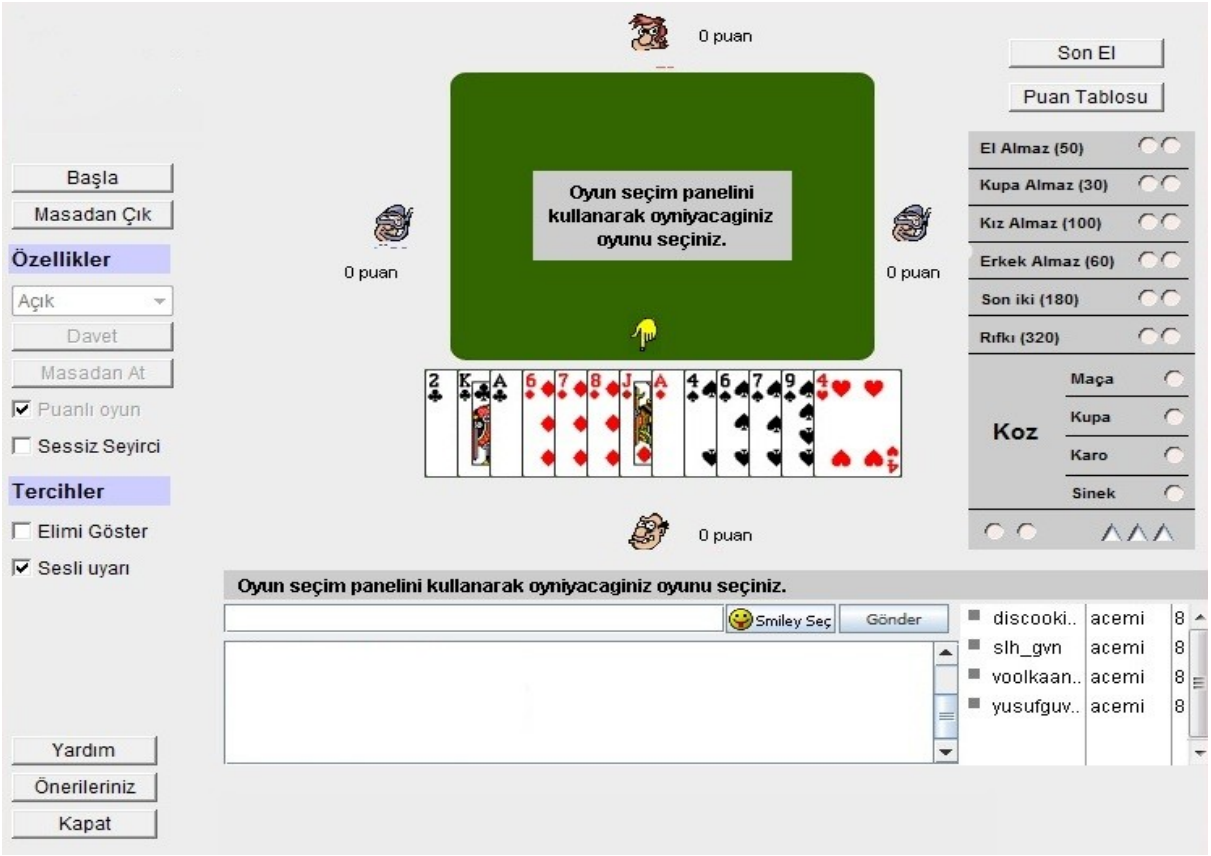

Figure 15: Game Window Example

Score Table:

	player 1 Koz:: Ceza		player 2 Koz:: Ceza		player 3 Koz:: Ceza		player 4 Koz:: Ceza	
El Almaz (50)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kupa Almaz (30)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kız Almaz (100)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Erkek Almaz (60)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Soniki Almaz (180)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rıfkı Almaz (320)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ceza Toplamı	0		0		0		0	
Koz Toplamı	0		0		0		0	
TOPLAM	0		0		0		0	

Figure 16: Information Table Example

Figure 17 : Another User Interface Example

Figure 18 : Score Table And Thrown Cards

6.3. Screen Objects and Actions

Register : New users can register to the system by filling the required form.
Login : Users have to login in order to join the game. After logging in, a user can use other functionalities.
Join Table: Users can join any existing tables which is not full.
Create Table : Users can create table and wait for other players, if they do not want to join an existing table.
Add Agent : If a user wants to play against the game bots, he can simply add an agent with a chosen level.
Chat : Users can easily chat with other users through our chatbox.
Check Game State : Users may want to see the status of the game during playing. It is enough to click button in order to see the scores.
Dismiss Agent : If a user wants to add a new human player, he can easily dissmiss the agent from table.

7. Detailed Design

As stated in Section 5, the system consists of four main components. The first one is the game playing component which will be served to the clients at the end of the project. The second one is game logging component which is responsible for collecting training data. The third one is game log parser component which is responsible for transferring the game logs to the database and finally the learning component is the fourth one which implements learning algorithms and outputs an artifiicial agent.

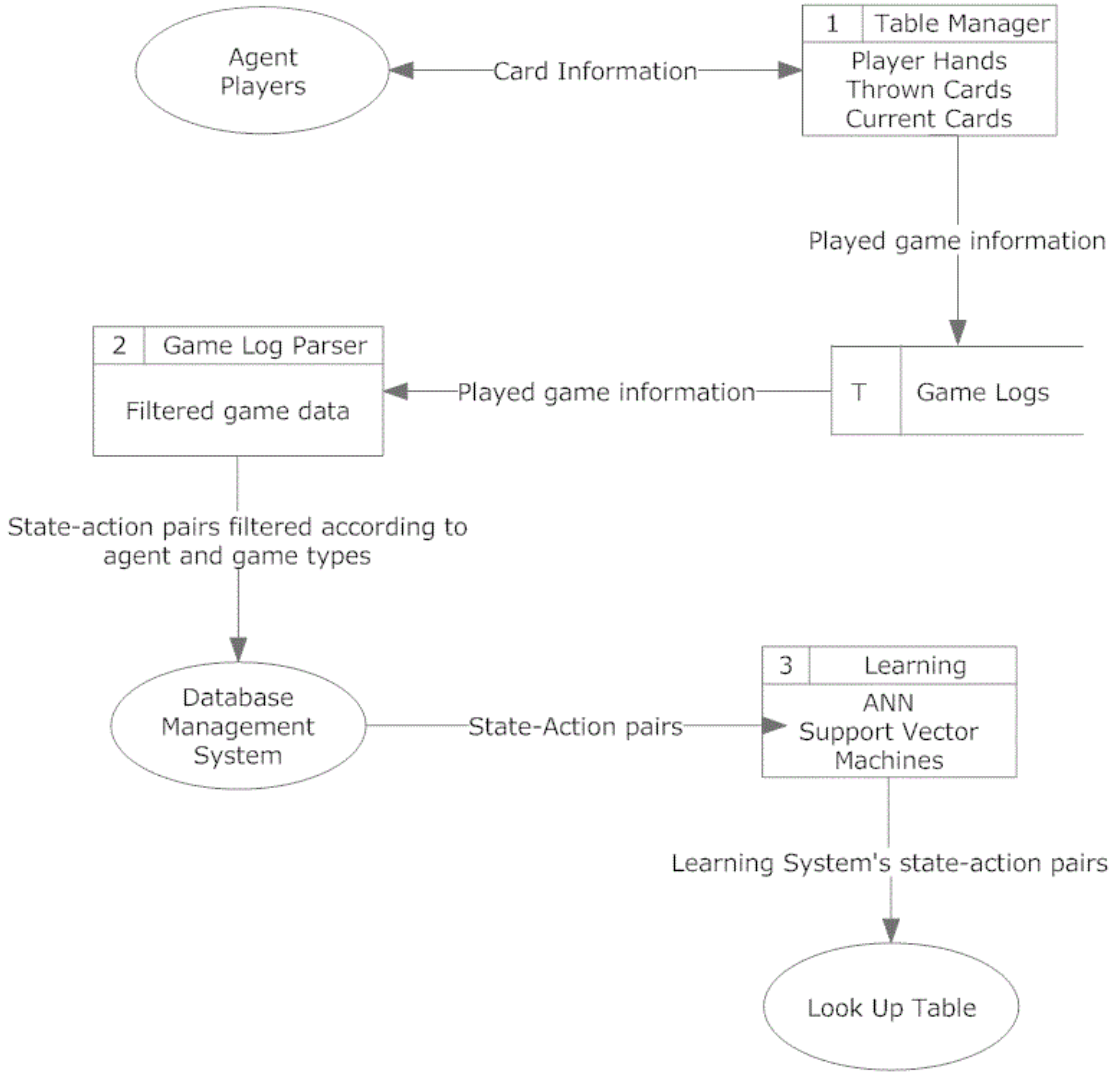

Figure 19 : Data Flow Diagram For Complete System

7.1 Game Playing Component

Classification : The game playing component is the subsystem of the project which will become the main system after finishing the project.

Definition : The purpose of this component is to serve the game 'King' to the clients.

Responsibilities : The game playing component's primary responsibility is to handle all multiplayer game events such as logging in, creating table, joining to a table, inviting a user to the table, adding agent to table and dismissing agent or user from table. This component will not allow user to enter to the tables or lobby if the user does not log in. Only the creator of the table is allowed to add or dismiss agents and invite and dismiss users.

Composition : This component has seven classes namely Lobby, Table, Game, Player, Card, GameType, AvailableGameTypes, PlayerFactory and four enums namly Types, PlayerType, Rank and Suit.

Enumerators are used to define some important features of the objects. Types enum is an attribute of GameType class which contains values for penalties and the trump game (KIZALMAZ, ERKEKALMAZ, KUPAALMAZ, ELALMAZ, RIFKI, SONIKI, KOZ). Another enumerator is named as PlayerType which is an attribute of Player object to determine the type of the player i.e human player, random player, rule-based player and hybrid player. Rank and Suit specify a Card object meaning that card has a rank of (2-10,JACK,QUEEN,KING,ACE) and has a suit of (SPADES, CLUBS, DIAMONDS, HEARTS).

Classes are used to define objects in the game environment. Card objects are the main objects of these system since everything is done with cards. A Card object has two attributes one for the card's suit, one for the card's rank. These attributes are explained below :

rank : type of Rank enum. It determines the value of the card.

suit : type of Suit enum. It determines the type of the card.

Card class has one constructor and two methods which is clarified below :

Card(Rank rank, Suit suit) : The constructor for the Card class. It takes suit and rank of the card as input and creates a new card.

bool greaterThan(Card cardOne, Card cardTwo) : this method takes two cards and determines which one is greater.

bool equals(Card card) : this method takes one Card as an input and returns whether the card equals to this object or not.

GameType objects refer to the possible seven game type of King. This class has only one attribute which is of type Types enum and named as type. This class has one constructor and two methods:

GameType(Types type) : The constructor for the GameType class. It takes type and creates a new GameType.

int calculatePoints(vector<Card> thrownCards) : This function takes the cards which is thrown during a hand and calculate the point of these cards according to game type.

bool equals(GameType gameType) : this method takes one GameType as an input and returns whether the game type equals to this object or not.

AvailableGameType object refers to the remaining game types for a game. This class has two attributes, one constructor and one method:

type : a GameType object which is the corresponding game type.

remaining : integer. The number of the remaining game types for each game.

AvailableGameType(GameType type) : constructor of the class. It creates a new AvailableGameType object whose type attribute is the given input type and whose default remaining is two for penalty games and eight for trump games.

decrementRemaining() : a method which decrements remaining when a player choose that game type.

Player is the class for all types of players and it keeps all information about the players. It is an abstract class since all random or rule based players will extend this class. This class consists of five attributes, one constructor and four methods which are explained below:

hand : of type ArrayList<Card> which is the cards of the player for the current turn.

playerType : of type PlayerType enum. It points to the type of the player such as random player, human player, etc.

thrownCards : the Card vector which keeps the thrown cards in the current turn.

gameType : the GameType object which is the game type of the current hand.

points : of type integer which is the point of the player up to current turn.

Player() : constructor of the Player class which allocates thrownCards and assigns 0 to the points.

updatePoints() : at the end of each turn, this method is called to update points according to the game type.

Card chooseBestCard() : for each player, this method chooses the best card to throw according to game type and the thrown cards.

Card play(ArrayList<Card> thrownCards) : this function takes the thrown card array from the current game object and assings this thrown card array to the corresponding attribute. After doing this, it calls chooseBestCard method.

GameType decideGameType(ArrayList<AvailableGameTypes> availableGameTypes) : this method takes the available game types and chooses the best one to play.

Game object refers to the current game which is played amongst four players. It has eight attributes, one constructor and six methods. These are :

handOrder : integer, keeps the order of the hand. Since a king game consists of twenty hands, the maximum value of handOrder is twenty.

handStarter : integer, keeps the index of the player which will start the hand.

numOfPlayedTrumpGames: integer,incremented when trump is chosen as game type. It can be incremented up to eight since every player has only two trump rights.

players: of type ArrayList<Player> , the types of the players that play the game are kept in this vector.

deck : of type ArrayList<Card> . Fifty-two unique cards ,that are mandatory to play the game, are kept in this Card vector.

availableGameTypes: of type ArrayList<AvailableGameTypes >. This vector holds the current available game types. Before a player chooses a game type, it decides one of them that is in availableGameTypes vector . When a kind of game type can not be played anymore, it is deleted from the vector.

bufferedWriter: type of BufferedWriter, is needed for logging in. In case of a player quits or is dismissed from table, and when a new player logs in , using the information in bufferedWriter, the game continue.

gameIndex: integer, since there is not only one game, it has to be known that which game is being played. Thus each game should has their own number. gameIndex holds this number.

Game(ArrayList<Player> players): constructor of the class. It creates an Game object by taking vector of players as argument.

startGameOrganizer(): this method deals the card to the four players equally and randomly. Then determines which player will throw the first card. Also when a player chooses a game type, other players learn the chosen game type by this function.

handManager(): this method is responsible for number of turns in each game. It is initially set to zero, and incremented each turn. When it is thirteen, it means that this game has came to the end.

startGame(int gameIndex): this method starts the game whose index is given as argument.

clearPlayerHands(): this method clears the hands of all players.

printGameInfo(): this method prints the information of game type, starting player and gainer player.

handHandler(ArrayList<Card> thrownCards): this method takes thrownCards as agument and provides player to throw a card whose suit is same with the thrown ones.

Table object refers to the current table which the game is played in. It has two attributes, one constructor and three methods. These are :

players: type of ArrayList<Player>, the types of the four players that play the game int the table are kept in this vector.

currentGame: type of Game, for the specified table shows the type of the game that is played. It changes at the end of each game in the table.

Table(PlayerType playerTypes): constructor of the class. It creates an Table object by taking player types as the argument.

createPlayers(): this method creates four players that will play the game in that table. The types of players is determined by the constructor's argument.

startNewHand(int gameIndex): this method deals new hands to the players and then starts the game whose index is given as argument and assigns the game as current game.

startCurrentGame(): this method works for playing games twenty times in the table. When it reaches twenty, it means that the game is over, and winner can be determined.

When a user logs in to the system, he will join to the Lobby. Lobby class has attributes to keep the logged in players, existing tables and has an integer attribute which is the maximum number of players that lobby can hold. These attributes are explained below:

tables : vector of created Table objects. Users can join to one of these tables by using this attribute.

players : vector of logged in players. Users can invite players from this list.

capacity : integer. The maximum number of players which Lobby can hold.

Lobby class has only one method which is its constructor. This constructor is called when the game is available online.

Uses/Interactions : This component is the most important component since the basic rules of the game is decided in here. All information about cards, games, players and tables are implemented in game playing component.

Resources : We use Java for this component. We will use database to save users' profiles. We will also use web service to serve the agents to the people.

7.2 Game Logger Component

Classification : The game logging component is the subsystem of the project which is a stage for passing to the learning component.

Definition : The purpose of this component is to prepare game log files for the next component ‘Log Parser’. The process will be done in a distributed environment in order to have more data in less time.

Responsibilities : The main responsibility is to collect much enough data from different type of agent’s games. The game log files will be recorded to binary files with an appropriate directory hierarchy.

Composition : This component has four main classes namely Card, Player, Trainer, TrainingTable and twenty one different Player classes which inherit Player class. There are four enums, PlayerTypes, GameType, Rank, Suit. Most of these enums and classes are going to be used from the first component ‘Game Playing’. The Trainer and TrainingTable classes and example players are new ones. These serve just for this component and are not going to be used in later components.

Trainer object is the main object of the system. This object is going to initialize TrainingTables whenever possible and assign it to a processor. The rest of the work is TrainingTable’s responsibility. Trainer object is a kind of manager of the component. Trainer object has three attributes and these are:

numOfProcessors: integer .This attribute keeps the total number of processors available.

timeLimit: type of Time. If there is timeLimit for the Trainer object, this attribute is going to be initialized and does countdown until no time remains. After this no new TrainingTable is going to be created.

TrainingTables : type of vector<TrainingTable> . Reference to TrainingTable objects which have been initialized and started are going to be kept in this array in case of any interruption needed.

Trainer object has two methods and these are:

void TrainAgents(): After Trainer object is created it will not start processing immediately and it will wait for this method to be called.

void generateTables(): This method generates new TrainingTable objects and assign it to an available processor. In addition, this method is the place where the desicions of agent types which will play on the table, are made.

TrainingTable object is like the Table object in the Game Playing component. The difference is that Table object allows agent and human players and after 20 turns are completed, it stops unless players do not want to start a new game. However, TrainingTable does not stop and does not keep information of the whole game. It deals with just one type of game and one turn of game. After it is completed, the information is saved to a log file and resets everything and starts again.

TrainingTable has three attributes and these are:

players : type of Players[] . It has exactly four player references who are on the table.

deck : type of vector<Card> . It is a vector keeping a total deck of cards.

gameType : type of GameType. The type of game being played on the table.

TrainingTable object has four methods and these are:

void startGame() : initializes the cards and players to make them ready to start new turn.

void giveCards() : This method is called by startGame() method. Its job is to shuffle the deck and distribute 13 cards to each player.

void generatePlayers() : When a new TrainingTable is being constructed, it generates 4 players and add them to players[] array.

void saveGameLog() : At the end of a turn (when a single game ends) this method is called. It saves just the necessary information to a file.

Other objects and enums are explained in the previous part. Their responsibilities are the same for this component.

Uses/interactions : This component’s outputs which are the game log files, will be served to Log Parser component as input.

Resources : Java I/O Stream API and Thread API are going to be used. The Nar machine at the department is also needed for parallel processing.

Processing : This component can be considered as a concurrent process since most of the work is done by continuely running threads. At the end, created files are going to be copied to a local machine from Nar machine.

Interface/Exports : The log files will be provided to Log Parser component are the only data which is exported from this component. The other objects and resourses are just for internal usage

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7.3 Game Log Parser Component

Classification:The game log parser component is a subsytem of the project which takes game logs,parse and save them to database.

Definition: The purpose of this component is transporting state-action pairs to database according to game types and agent types.

Responsibility: The main responsibility of this component is parsing the log files that are in a special format because of size constraints.This component only parses the information that the learning algorithm needs.So it avoids from unnecessary parsing too.

Constraints: This component will have a time problem if each state-action pair saved to database after reading from file.To ovecome this problem queries will be stored and will be committed with some intervals.

Composition: This component consists of two classes namely LogReader and PairInserter.These classes are used only in this component in other words the classes can not be used by another component.This component also has an enum namely GameTypes which is the same enum that used in Game Playing component.

LogReader object is constructed by the arraylist of filenames to be parsed.After calling parse method the reader object parses the given files write them to database with some intervals.LogReader object has four attributes these are:

fileNames: type of String[] .This attribute is initialized by the constructor and by parse command the file names will be taken from this array one by one and readed.

currentGameType: type of GameType .This attribute is assigned when parsing of a new file started.For new file the game type of the file is assigned and inserts are done according to current game type.

dataStream: type of DataInputStram .This attribute is used reading data from logs.

inserter: type of PairInserter .This attribute provides saving of parsed data to database.

The LogReader class also has three methos these are:

void parse(): This method starts the parsing of the all files by calling read method for each file using fileNames list.

void parseRecord(String record): This method takes the record string as argument and parses this specially formatted record and save it to database using inserter object.

read(String fileName): This method takes file name as argument and using dataStream reads file line by line and gives the each line to parseRecord method.

PairInserter object is used for interactions with the database.This class provides the insertion,update,selection of the records in the database.For time constraints the queries are stored in a list and sent to database as a cluster.This class has only one attribute which is:

queryList: ArrayList<String> .This attribute is used for storing queries until commitQuery command.

This class has four methods.These are:

void commitQueryList(): This method sends the queries in the queryList array one by one to database and after that clears the queryList array.

void insertToDatabase(String state,String agentType,String gameTpe,String action): This method takes the state action pair and prepares the insertion query and stores it to queryList attribute.

void updateRecord(String state,String agentType,String gameTpe,String action): This method takes the state action pair and prepares the update query and stores it to queryList attribute.This method updates the occurence and points of the state.

boolean isStateAppear(String state): This method is called for every record before preparation of record’s query.If it returns true update query is prepared else insertToDatabase method is called.

Uses/Interactions : This component takes the game logs from game logger component and after parsing them saves the state-action pairs to database.These pairs will affect directly the learning component.Because learning component implements machine learning algorithms according to state-action pairs which are saved by game log parser component.

Resources : This component will not use a specific parser, it will use Java I/O Stream API only for file operations.For saving to database MySQL and JDBC will be used.

Processing: This component will parse the game logs that are not understable and processable.Then parsed data will be saved to database so the state-action pairs will turn to format which can be proccessable and understable.

7.4 Learning Component

Classification : The learning component is the subsystem of the project which consists of the implementations of learning algorithms and their tests.

Definition : The purpose of this component is to model the state-action function of a specific input agent.

Responsibilities : The main responsibility is to use the state-action database in order to achieve a correct model of the agent. The next step is to form a look-up table for the learning agent and insert this table to a new database.

Composition : This component has several structures. First one is the implementation of learning algorithms in the LearningImp class. There will be at least two different algorithms which are namely Supervised and Reinforcement Learning algorithms. For this reason there will be two methods corresponding to these algorithms. This class has one attribute type of PlayerType enum which is explained in the Game Playing component. The purpose of this attribute is to express which agent is going to be modeled.

The second one is testing the modeled functions. Its main responsibility is to compare the data from Log Parser with the newly created data. The purpose is to test the error ratio.

Until error ratio is under a threshold value, the learning algorithms implementations will be updated accordingly.

The last one itself is not fully related with the learning component. However it is needed for this component since the learned functions must be saved. The structure saves the modeled function to the database as a look-up table. The main purpose is to be able to use this look-up table via a web service.

Uses/interactions: This component uses the output of the Log Parser component which is the state-action database. The output of this component will be used in the Game Playing component.

Resources : MySQL and JDBC will be used together for database operations. Weka library will be used in order to implement , use and test learning algorithms.

Processing : Most of the process is left to testing part, since there is no absolute way of achieving a correct model. Therefore testing is the key process of this component.

8. Libraries and Tools

ActionScript : It is a script language and it is used primarily for the development of websites and software targeting the Adobe Flash Player platform. We will use it to implement interface of game.

Java SE 1.6 : is a widely used platform for programming in the Java language. We will use it for developing main features of the Agent

JDBC : is an API in Java programming language that defines how a client may connect to a database. It provides methods for querying and updating data in a database.

MySQL : is a relational DB management system that runs as a server providing multi-user access to a number of databases.

Netbeans : is an integrated development environment (IDE) for developing with Java.

SmartDraw : is a tool that is used for drawing Gannt Chart and ER diagram.

Umbrello : Umbrello handles all the standard UML diagram types.

Web Service : is typically an API that is accessed via http and executed on a remote system, hosting the requested service.

Weka : is a collection of machine learning algorithms for data mining tasks. The algorithms can either be applied directly to a dataset or called from your own Java code. Weka contains tools for data pre-processing, classification, regression, clustering, association rules, and visualization. It is also well-suited for developing new machine learning schemes. Weka is open source software issued under the GNU General Public License.

9. Time Planning (Gannt Chart)

There is no strict deadline dates for phases but the complete system is going to be finished until June. To distribute the workload equally during the Project development, the following schedule may be followed.

- Design and implementation of various agents — End of January
- Collecting training data and classification of data — Mid of March
- Defining states and trying different machine learning algorithms — End of April
- Testing and Integration — Mid of June

9.1. Semester 1-2 Gannt Chart

The Gannt Chart for both semester 1 and 2 is given on the next page.

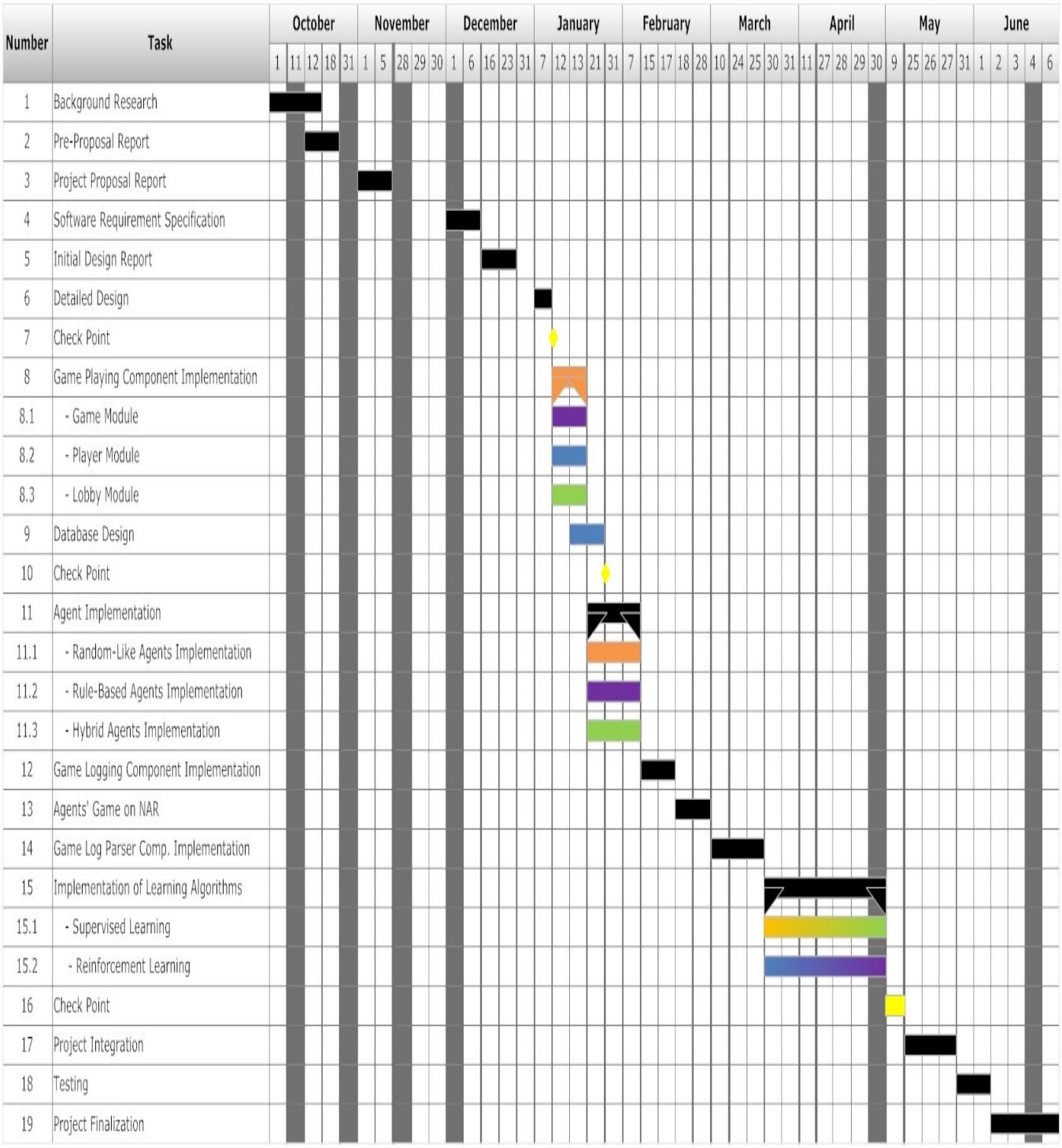

Figure 20: Gannt Chart

10. Conclusion

In conclusion, the Gambler Agent Project will be a world wide, sensational Project for AI and Machine Learning field. If the final learning agent can model the training data, later on it will be able to model the best ‘king’ players in the world. It will be a great opportunity for human players to play against the Gambler Agent and most famous players are going to desire to challenge with Gambler Agent.The experiment of Gambler agent project will give a result that can be positive or negative.However the experiment result will be published as an academic article and will be sent to some artificial intelligence conferences.Also this project will be used in some online game contests.