

CSC 496: iOS App Development

SpriteKit (6): Entities and Components

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SpriteKit

The Entity-Component Design Pattern

- The Entity-Component design pattern, also known as Entity Component System (ECS) is a common architecture in game design.
- This type of architecture pattern uses a **composition-based** design pattern instead of an **inheritance-based** design pattern.
- What's the difference between the two?

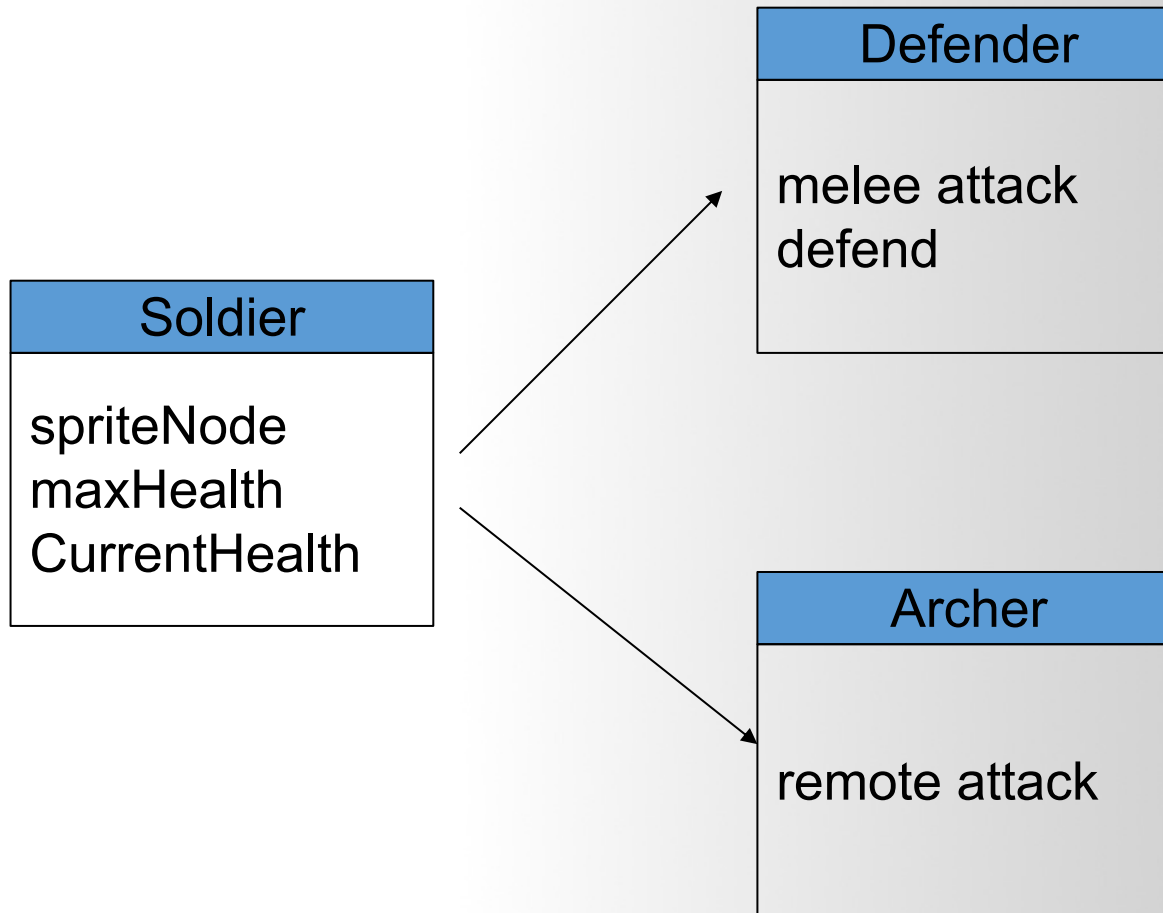


Defender



Archer

Inheritance-based Design Pattern



Composition-based Design Pattern

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RemoteComponent

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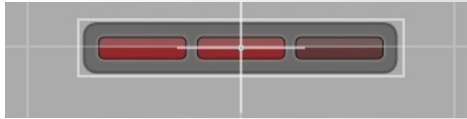
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Our First Component – HP (health point) Component

- First, download Pokemon2DII_Template.zip from D2L.
- You can notice that I added the image assets of the HP bar to the project



HP Component

- Creating the HP component:
- First, create a new file, name the new file “**HPComponent.swift**”

```
import SpriteKit
import GameplayKit

class HPComponent: GKComponent{

    override func didAddToEntity() {

    }

    override func willRemoveFromEntity() {

    }

    override func update(deltaTime seconds: TimeInterval) {
        // update entities
    }

    override class var supportsSecureCoding: Bool{
        true
    }
}
```

HP Component

```
import SpriteKit
import GameplayKit

class HPComponent: GKComponent{

    override func didAddToEntity() {
        guard let node = entity?.component(ofType: GKSKNodeComponent.self)?.node
        else{
            return
        }
        if let HPMeter = SKReferenceNode(fileName: "HealthMeter"){
            HPMeter.position = CGPoint(x:0, y:50)
            node.addChild(HPMeter)
        }
    }

    override func willRemoveFromEntity() {

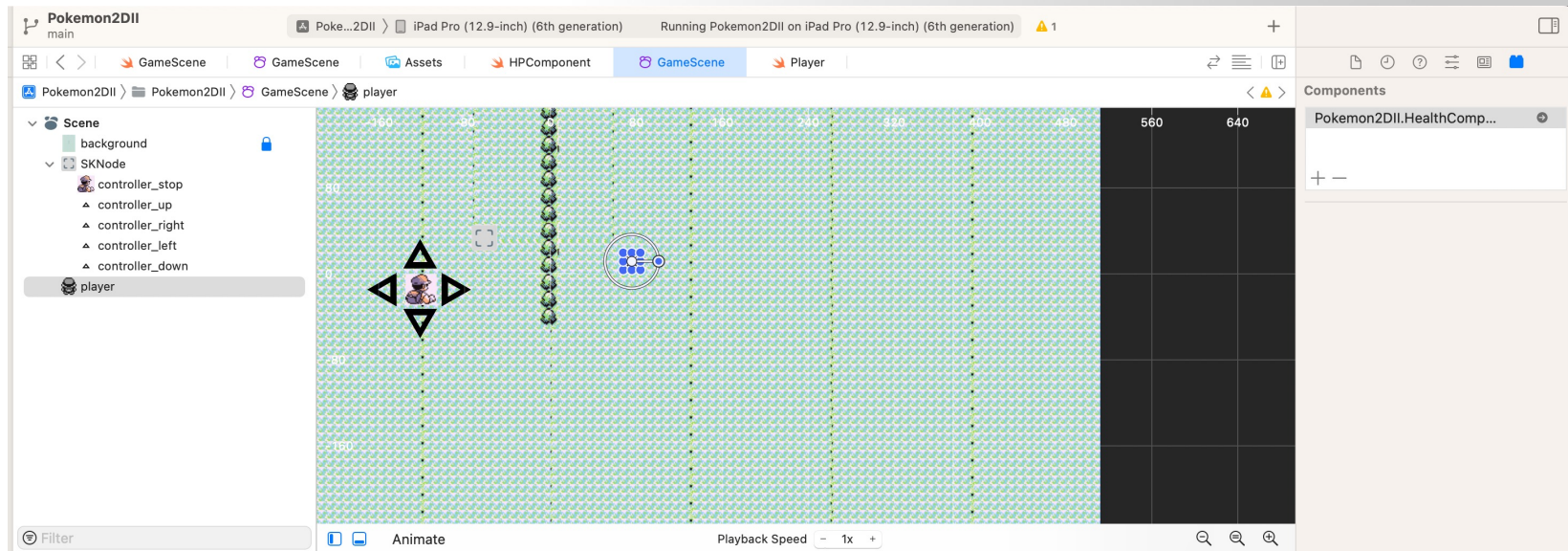
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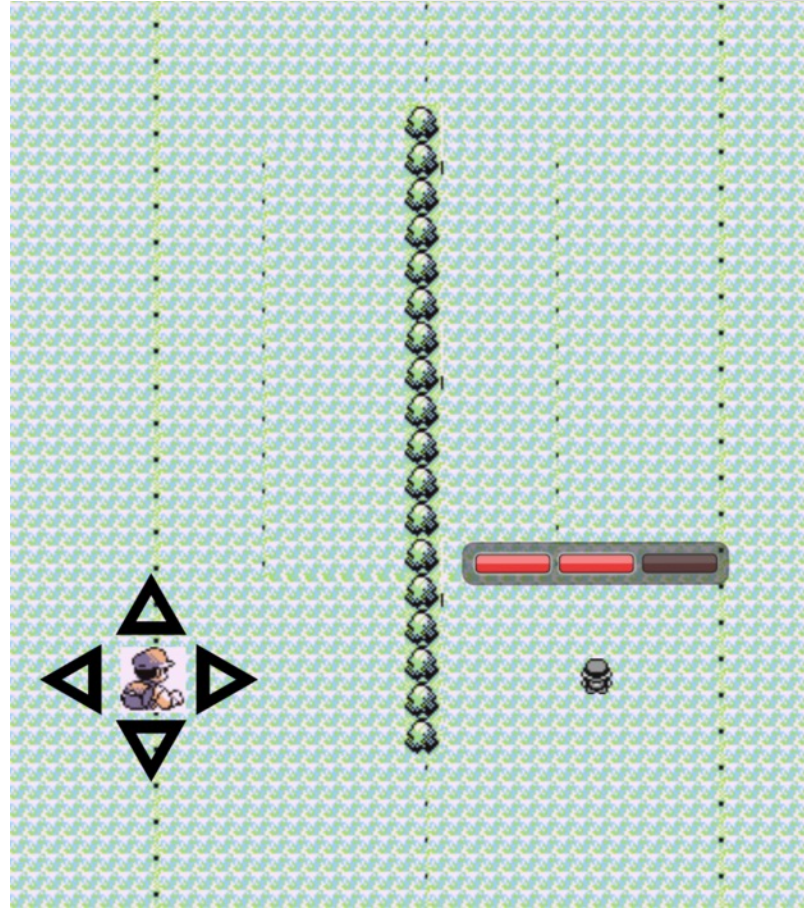
HP Component

- In GameScene.sks, select the player node. Click the button to show the inspectors and then switch to the Component Inspector.



- Click the + button to reveal the list of available components. Add the HealthComponent

Test it



Adding Options

```
import SpriteKit
import GameplayKit

class HPComponent: GKComponent{
    @GKInspectable var currentHealth: Int = 3
    @GKInspectable var maxHealth: Int = 3

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Adding textures

```
private let healthFull = SKTexture(imageNamed: "health_full")  
private let healthEmpty = SKTexture(imageNamed: "health_empty")
```

Q & A

