Model, View, Controller: battleship

- Who does what, where are responsibilities in MVC?
 - > This is a pattern, so there's isn't "one right way"
- Model encapsulates state and behavior for game
 - > Holds boards, interprets shots, game over, ...
 - > What other behavior responsibilities?
 - > When model changes, it notifies the view
- View shows boards, accepts mouse and other input
 - ➤ These inputs must be forwarded to model, how?
 - > Sometimes via controller, often view/controller same

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Sequence Diagram

- Function calls over time
- Click is mapped to call
 - Model called
 - Mouse->board coord
- Model interprets shot
 - Responds to view
 - What happens next?
- How is "turn-taking" enforced
 - Shot already taken?
 - Next player to move?
 - Other possibilities?

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shoot_at(c)

show_miss(c,MY_BOARD)

shoot_at(c)

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How do we use a view?

- The view knows about model (controller in battleship)
 - > In battleship.cpp, view constructed with the model
- The model (controller) knows about the view
 - ▶ Why can't this happen at model construction time?
 - ▶ How does this happen in battleship.cpp?
 - > What are alternatives (what if client-code "forgets"?)
- Hollywood principle for OO/MVC
 - > Don't call us, we'll call you
 - > The view calls the model when things happen
 - > The model reacts and updates the view, repeat

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Separate control/model?

- Typically the control is *not* associated with the model
 - ➤ What is the model for battleship? Boards? Players?
 - Why is a separate control a good idea?
- Toward network play
 - > What does the controller do? Player interpretation?
 - ➤ Player x "goes", what happens next?
 - > What are responsibilities of player?
 - > What sequence of calls envisioned
- What is right interface for model? For Controller?
 - > How do they know about each other? Associations?

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Placing Ships

- How are rules for placing ships enforced?
 - > What happens in current version?
 - > Who is responsible for constraints on placement?
 - How do we allow for alternative scenarios?
- Strategy Design Pattern useful when:
 - > Need variants of an algorithm
 - > Clients shouldn't know about algorithm
 - > Configure class with different behaviors
- What does ShipPlacementStrategy need?
 - > How to determine if a ship placement is ok?

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Dummy model/controller

- See pingcontroller.cpp
 - ➤ Echo/ping controller to show how MVC works
- Simple version of a model that echos commands
 - > Shot at? Here's the shot
 - > Ship placed? Here's the ship
- How do alternate play?
 - > Where are players?
 - Other issues?

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How does Strategy access ships?

- Model can pass all ships to strategy
 - What does strategy really need to determine if a placement is ok?
 - > Just ships? Other data?
- Model can pass itself to strategy
 - > Why might this be better?
 - > Downside to passing the model?
- Worth doing in battleship example?

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