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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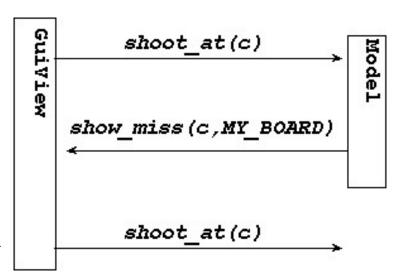
How do we use a view?

- 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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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?



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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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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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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