CSSE 220 Day 9

2D Arrays Fun with GUIs

Questions?

- Reading
- Pascal's Triangle Assignment
- Anything else?

Wiki Poll Results

Result Summary			
5	16%	I much prefer the Wikis	
4	13%	I slightly prefer the Wikis	
4	13%	Both are equally effective (or equally ineffective) for me	
4	13%	I slighly prefer ANGEL quizzes	
14	45%	I much prefer ANGEL quizzes	

- So we will (perhaps gradually) make the switchover from Wikis to quizzes
- Thanks for participating in the experiment.
- We try new things that we think might make things better.
- Sometimes they work!

Copying Part of an Array

- Use built-in function:
 - System.arraycopy(fromArray, fromStart, toArray, toStart, count);
- Copies
 - count values from fromArray,
 - beginning at index fromStart,
 - copying into array toArray,
 - beginning at index toStart

Two Dimensional Arrays

Consider:

```
• final int ROWS = 3;
  final int COLUMNS = 3;
  String[][] board = new String[ROW][COLUMNS];
```

- What's the value of board[1][2] now?
- Need to fill the 2-d array:

```
o for (int r=0; r < ROWS; r++) {
    for (int c=0; c < COLUMNS; c++) {
        board[r][c] = " ";
    }
}</pre>
```

Exercise

Complete the TODO items in TicTacToe and TicTacToeTest

They're numbered; do them in order.

Quality Tip

- "Avoid parallel arrays"
- We did this in FractionArray class
- Instead of storing:
 - ArrayList<Integer> numerators;
 ArrayList<Integer> denominators;
 We used:
 - ArrayList<Fraction> fList;
 and put the 2 pieces of data for each fraction inside a Fraction object
- Why bother?

Pick the Right Data Structure

Array or ArrayList, that is the question

General rule: use ArrayList

- Exceptions:
 - Lots of primitive data in time critical code
 - Two (or more) dimensional arrays

GUIs in Java Swing

- So far we have seen:
- We add components to a JFrame (which represents a window)
- Draw on the component using the component's paintComponent() method.

Some Classes That We will be Using

Class	What it is
JFrame	a top-level window
JComponent	a region where we can draw; also parent of many other widget classes
JButton	a JComponent representing a button. When clicked, an action can happen
JLabel	a JComponent which gives us a place to put text in a window
JTextfield	a JComponent which provides a place for the user to enter text
JPanel	a JComponent that can be used as a container for organizing other widgets
Graphics	an object that can draw things on a JComponent. We never have to create this object; it is provided to us by the system
Graphics2D	a more "object-oriented" graphics object
JOptionPane	Request a single line of input from the user

Event-driven programming

- The flow of programs we have written so far is controlled by the program itself.
- It only accepts input when it asks for it.
- In most modern GUI programs, the user is in control.
 - Once it is initialized, the program does things in response to events. Examples:
 - A button or menu item is clicked (ActionEvent)
 - A key is pressed (KeyEvent)
 - The mouse is clicked (MouseEvent)
 - The mouse is moved (MouseMotionEvent)

Why There Are Listeners

- "Most Programs don't want to be flooded by boring events"
 - Cay Horstmann
- If I click the mouse on a button
 - The mouse moves over the button (mouseEntered)
 - Mouse moves within button's borders (mouseMoved)
 - Mouse button is pressed
 - Mouse button is released
- And I don't really care about any of that mouse stuff.
- So I choose not to listen for mouse events.
- ▶ I listen for an ActionEvent on the button.

Some demo programs we will write

- ButtonTester/ClickListener
 - About as simple as we can get and still respond to clicks. (from BigJava)
 - A separate ActionListener class.
- OneButton
 - Frame is filled with a button that changes colors when clicked.
- FollowTheMouse
 - Draw a small circle where the user clicks.
- OneButton2
 - Make the button smarter ...
- ClickCounter
 - Clicking a button causes the contents of a label to change.
 - The JFrame is both the "boss" and the ActionListener.
- Multiplier
 - Get two numbers from text fields and display their product.

Live coding

GUIExcursionMay be continued later