

CT255 [2D games in Java]

Week#6 Sample Solution – Starting Conway's Game of Life

The main application class (single instance)

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import java.awt.*;
import java.awt.event.*;
import javax.swing.*;
import java.awt.image.*;

public class ConwaysLife extends JFrame implements Runnable, MouseListener {

    // member data
    private BufferStrategy strategy;
    private Graphics offscreenBuffer;
    private boolean gameState[][] = new boolean[40][40];

    // constructor
    public ConwaysLife () {

        //Display the window, centred on the screen
        Dimension ss = java.awt.Toolkit.getDefaultToolkit().getScreenSize();
        int x = ss.width/2 - 400;
        int y = ss.height/2 - 400;
        setBounds(x, y, 800, 800);
        setVisible(true);
        this.setTitle("Conway's game of life");

        // initialise double-buffering
        createBufferStrategy(2);
        strategy = getBufferStrategy();
        offscreenBuffer = strategy.getDrawGraphics();

        // register the JFrame itself to receive mouse events
        addMouseListener(this);

        // initialise the game state
        for (x=0;x<40;x++) {
            for (y=0;y<40;y++) {
                gameState[x][y]=false;
            }
        }

        // create and start our animation thread
        Thread t = new Thread(this);
        t.start();
    }

    // thread's entry point
    public void run() {
        while ( true ) {
            // 1: sleep for 1/5 sec
            try {
                Thread.sleep(200);
            } catch (InterruptedException e) { }
        }
    }
}
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        // 2: animate game objects [nothing yet!]

        // 3: force an application repaint
        this.repaint();
    }
}

// mouse events which must be implemented for MouseListener
public void mousePressed(MouseEvent e) {
    // determine which cell of the gameState array was clicked on
    int x = e.getX()/20;
    int y = e.getY()/20;
    // toggle the state of the cell
    gameState[x][y] = !gameState[x][y];
    // request an extra repaint, to get immediate visual feedback
    this.repaint();
}

public void mouseReleased(MouseEvent e) { }

public void mouseEntered(MouseEvent e) { }

public void mouseExited(MouseEvent e) { }

public void mouseClicked(MouseEvent e) { }
//

// application's paint method
public void paint(Graphics g) {
    g = offscreenBuffer; // draw to offscreen buffer

    // clear the canvas with a black rectangle
    g.setColor(Color.BLACK);
    g.fillRect(0, 0, 800, 800);

    // redraw all game objects
    g.setColor(Color.WHITE);
    for (int x=0;x<40;x++) {
        for (int y=0;y<40;y++) {
            if (gameState[x][y]) {
                g.fillRect(x*20, y*20, 20, 20);
            }
        }
    }

    // flip the buffers
    strategy.show();
}

// application entry point
public static void main(String[] args) {
    ConwaysLife w = new ConwaysLife();
}
}

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