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The source code for the Critter class is in the critters directory

1. What methods are implemented in Critter?

Answer: the methods of act, getActors, processActors, getMoveLocations, selectMoveLocation, makeMove are implemented.

2. What are the five basic actions common to all critters when they act?

Answer: getActors, processActors, getMoveLocations, selectMoveLocation, makeMove are the common basic actions.

3. Should subclasses of Critter override the getActors method? Explain.

Answer: Yes. Because a new critter may select its actor from different locations.

4. Describe the way that a critter could process actors.

Answer: the ways are many. Etc, changing their color, eating them, or asking them to move.

5. What three methods must be invoked to make a critter move? Explain each of these methods.

Answer: getMoveLocations—knows where can move to, selectMoveLocation-- choose one location to move, makeMove—if can move to the location, move to it.

6. Why is there no Critter constructor?

Answer: because there is a default constructor in the superclass Actor and java can write a default constructor that will call super() method which calls Actor's default constructor.

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The source code for the ChameleonCritter class is in the critters directory

1. Why does act cause a ChameleonCritter to act differently from a Critter even though ChameleonCritter does not override act?

Answer: because the methods involved in the act() method for a Critter are overridden which makes different actions from the Critter.

2. Why does the makeMove method of ChameleonCritter call super.makeMove?

Answer: because it behaves like a Critter except that it needs a new direction.

3. How would you make the ChameleonCritter drop flowers in its old location when it moves?

Answer: modify the makeMove methods to a bug class that can drop flowers in the old location.

4. Why doesn't ChameleonCritter override the getActors method?

Answer: Because it processes the same actors that a Critter does. It behaves the same as Critter and no necessity to override this method.

5. Which class contains the getLocation method?

Answer: the Actor class. All subclasses of Actor inherit this method.

6. How can a Critter access its own grid?

Answer: by calling the getGrid method inherited from Actor.

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The source code for the CrabCritter class is reproduced at the end of this part of GridWorld.

1. Why doesn't CrabCritter override the processActors method?

Answer: it needs the same actorlist as processed by a Critter, so it doesn't need to override this method.

2. Describe the process a CrabCritter uses to find and eat other actors. Does it always eat all neighboring actors? Explain.

Answer: it only finds the neighbors in front of it and to its half-left and to its half-right, and eats all non-rock and non-critter neighbors immediately. All other neighbors will not be disturbed.

3. Why is the `getLocationsInDirections` method used in `CrabCriticter`?

Answer:

4. If a `CrabCriticter` has location (3, 4) and faces south, what are the possible locations for actors that are returned by a call to the `getActors` method?

Answer: (4, 3), (4, 4) and (4, 5).

5. What are the similarities and differences between the movements of a `CrabCriticter` and a `Criticter`?

Answer:

Similarities: 1. don't turn to the direction that they are moving. 2. randomly select a move location from their possible move locations.

Differences: 1. a `CrabCriticter` only moves to left or right, while a `Criticter` moves either of its eight neighbor locations. 2. when can't move, a `CrabCriticter` turns while a `Criticter` doesn't.

6. How does a `CrabCriticter` determine when it turns instead of moving?

Answer: if the parameter `loc` equals to its current location, it turns.

7. Why don't the `CrabCriticter` objects eat each other?

Answer: the `processActors` method of `CrabCriticter` class is inherited from class `Criticter`'s which doesn't process rocks and critters.