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REPORT ON TIC TAC TOE

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1. Introduction

This report describes the main design decision about the implementation with Java of the Tic Tac Toe game.

2. The structure of the program

Figure 1: Structure of the program

The program is structured in 4 main packages:

- The Beans package: it contains the beans used in this project, **TTTCell** and **TTTController**
- The Gui package: it contains the Jpanel used for the graphic user interface like **GridPanel** and **FooterPanel**
- The MouseListener package: it contains the **MouseListener**
- The TicTacToe package: it contains the Main class and the **TTTBoard** class

3. Beans package

3.1 TTTCell

The TTTCell class represents a cell of the board. It extends a JPanel and it is made out of two JButton: buttonX, button0.
Each cell has a state that can be "Initial", "X" or "0".

- **Initial** it's the default state, it means that cell has not yet been clicked by the Player X or Player 0.
- **X** it means that the player clicked on the buttonX so the cell's state is set to X.
- **O** it means that the player clicked on the buttonO so the cell's state is set to O

The layout of the cell is a GridbagLayout where the buttonX is placed in row 0 and column 0 and the button0 in row 1 and column 0
To change the value of the state, it has been implemented a function that changes the state of the function only if the TTTController allows this change. Once the change is allowed, the listeners get notified.

3.2 TTTController

The TTTController has the job to check if all the moves made by the players are correct. The TTTController extends JLabel and is represented by a label that indicates the status of the game.
It is used a Boolean variable "InitialGame" to check if the game just started and this means that both players didn't make a play, so both of them are allowed to make the next move.
It is used a Boolean variable "ActivePlayer0" to know which of the player's turn it is, if this variable is true then the Player0 is allowed to make a move, if it is false then the PlayerX is allowed to make a move.
TTTController implements two listener interfaces:

- VetoableChangeListener: It's triggered whenever a player tries to change the state of a TTTCell, so whenever they click a JButton. It

checks if the move is allowed, so in case the next turn is of the PlayerX and the Jbutton clicked is the Button0 (dually for PlayerO), then this move will be forbidden, and it will through an exception saying, "It's not your turn".

- PropertyChangeListener: It's triggered whenever a TTTCell's state is changed. Based on who changes the TTTCell's state, it sets the variable ActivePlayer0 to true or false, it changes the text of the label showing whose turn it is.
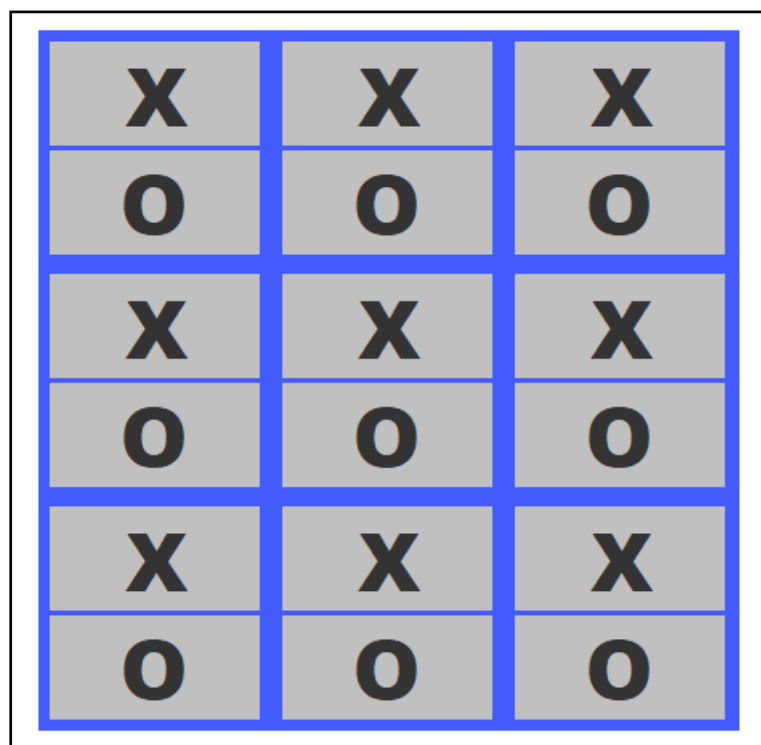
4. Gui package

4.1 GridPanel

Figure 2: GridPanel

The gridpanel class extends a Jpanel and it represents the grid made out of nine TTTCell. The layout used is GridLayout with 3 rows and 3 columns. To each TTTCell it adds the listeners and to each button of each cell it adds

the MouseListener.

4.2 FooterPanel

Figure 3: FooterPanel

The FooterPanel class extends a JPanel, it contains the TTTController bean and a Jbutton "Restart" used to reset all the values in order to start a new match. Its layout is a BoxLayout where the objects are positioned on the x axis.

5. MouseListener

The mouselistener class's goal is to track if the players click on the TTTCell's buttons. In case there is a click on one of the buttons and the button is enabled, it will try to change the state of the cell based on which button has been clicked. After the state being changed in case there is not a winner it will change the button's color, disable it and set the text of the button to an empty string.

6. TicTacToe package

TTTBoard class

The TTTBoard class extends a Jframe and it contains all the other components said in the previous chapters. Its layout is a BoxLayout where GridPanel and the FooterPanel are positioned on the Y axis.
It implements a propertyChangeListener that it's triggered when the state

of a cell changes. It checks if there is a tris or if the grid got full without a winner. In case there is a winner, it disables all the buttons of the cells, it changes the label of the TTTController showing who is the winner and it will color green the buttons that led to the tris. In case the grid got full without a winner it will disable all the buttons of the cells and it will set the label of the TTTController to "It's a tie".