

OXO Exercise Briefing

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Before we begin: Shapes Exercise Recap

A few people asked to see sample solution of Shapes
A simple exercise, but worth spending some time on

We won't be looking at every single line of code
A lot of it is fairly straightforward and uninteresting

A few novel features and notable characteristics
Let's focus on just those (in no particular order)...

Overriding and Chaining

ALL 'TwoDimensionalShapes' will have a colour
Specific shapes however have different geometry
Where should we implement 'toString' method ?

```
abstract class TwoDimensionalShape {  
    private Colour shapeColour;  
  
    public String toString() {  
        return "This shape is " + shapeColour;  
    }  
}  
  
class Triangle extends TwoDimensionalShape implements MultiVariantShape {  
    public String toString() {  
        return "Triangle with sides " + first + "," + second + "," + third + ". " + super.toString();  
    }  
}
```

Multiple Constructors: With Chaining !

```
class Triangle extends TwoDimensionalShape implements MultiVariantShape {  
    private int first;  
    private int second;  
    private int third;  
    private TriangleVariant variant;  
    static int population;  
  
    public Triangle(int first, int second, int third) {  
        this.first = first;  
        this.second = second;  
        this.third = third;  
        variant = identifyTriangleVariant();  
        population++;  
    }  
  
    public Triangle(int first, int second, int third, Colour colour) {  
        this(first, second, third);  
        super.setColour(colour);  
    }  
}
```

Variant Identification: One line each !

```
int longestSide = getLongestSide(first, second, third);  
// sumOfAllSides needs to be long to avoid int overflow problems  
long sumOfAllSides = ((long)first) + ((long)second) + ((long)third);  
// Check for "bad" variants first (otherwise we might classify it as "good" triangle first)  
if((first<=0) || (second<=0) || (third<=0)) return TriangleVariant.ILLEGAL;  
// Could have been `sumOfAllSides == longestSide*2` but risks overflowing due to large numbers  
else if(sumOfAllSides/2.0 == longestSide) return TriangleVariant.FLAT;  
// Could have been `sumOfAllSides < longestSide*2` but risks overflowing due to large numbers  
else if(sumOfAllSides/2.0 < longestSide) return TriangleVariant.IMPOSSIBLE;  
// Relatively straight-forward (and reliable) to check that all sides are equal  
else if((first==second) && (second==third)) return TriangleVariant.EQUILATERAL;  
// Isosceles check appears late - triangle might have two identical sides, but still be "bad"  
else if((first==second) || (second==third) || (third==first)) return TriangleVariant.ISOSCELES;  
// Checking for right-angle triangles is a bit complex, so "farm it out" to a separate method  
else if(isRightAngle(first,second,third)) return TriangleVariant.RIGHT;  
// Scalenes should be near the bottom because the test for them is a bit "loose"  
else if((first!=second) && (second!=third) && (third!=first)) return TriangleVariant.SCALENE;  
// Otherwise, we don't know what type it is (theoretically, we shouldn't actually get here !)  
else return null;
```

Right-angles: avoiding square-root & overflow

```
private boolean isRightAngle(int first, int second, int third) {
    int longestSide = getLongestSide(first, second, third);
    long firstSquared = ((long)first) * ((long)first);
    long secondSquared = ((long)second) * ((long)second);
    long thirdSquared = ((long)third) * ((long)third);
    long longestSquared = ((long)longestSide) * ((long)longestSide);
    return ( - longestSquared + firstSquared + secondSquared + thirdSquared) == longestSquared;
}

private int getLongestSide(int a, int b, int c) {
    int largest = a;
    if(b>largest) largest = b;
    if(c>largest) largest = c;
    return largest;
}
```


Random shapes: 'randomInt' class method

```
TwoDimensionalShape[] shapes = new TwoDimensionalShape[100];
for(int i=0; i<shapes.length ;i++) {
    int randomNumber = randomInt(0,3);
    if(randomNumber==0) shapes[i] = new Triangle(randomInt(1,20),randomInt(1,20),randomInt(1,20));
    if(randomNumber==1) shapes[i] = new Circle(randomInt(1,20));
    if(randomNumber==2) shapes[i] = new Rectangle(randomInt(1,20),randomInt(1,20));
}
int loopTriangleCounter = 0;
for(int i=0; i<shapes.length ;i++) {
    if(shapes[i] instanceof Triangle) loopTriangleCounter++;
}
System.out.println("-".repeat(30));
System.out.println("Loop counter population is: " + loopTriangleCounter);
System.out.println("Class variable population is: " + Triangle.getPolulationSize());

public static int randomInt(int lowerLimit, int upperLimit) {
    return lowerLimit + (int)(Math.random()*(upperLimit-lowerLimit));
}
```

Moving on to this week's exercise...

OXO

Next two workbooks focus on a single application

Aim is to build a noughts-and-crosses (OXO) game

It's a fairly easy activity (easier than later ones ;o)

This is NOT an assessed exercise

Let's take a look at the key features...

Model View Controller

We will often mention 'Design Patterns' in this unit

First pattern we encounter is 'Model-View-Controller'

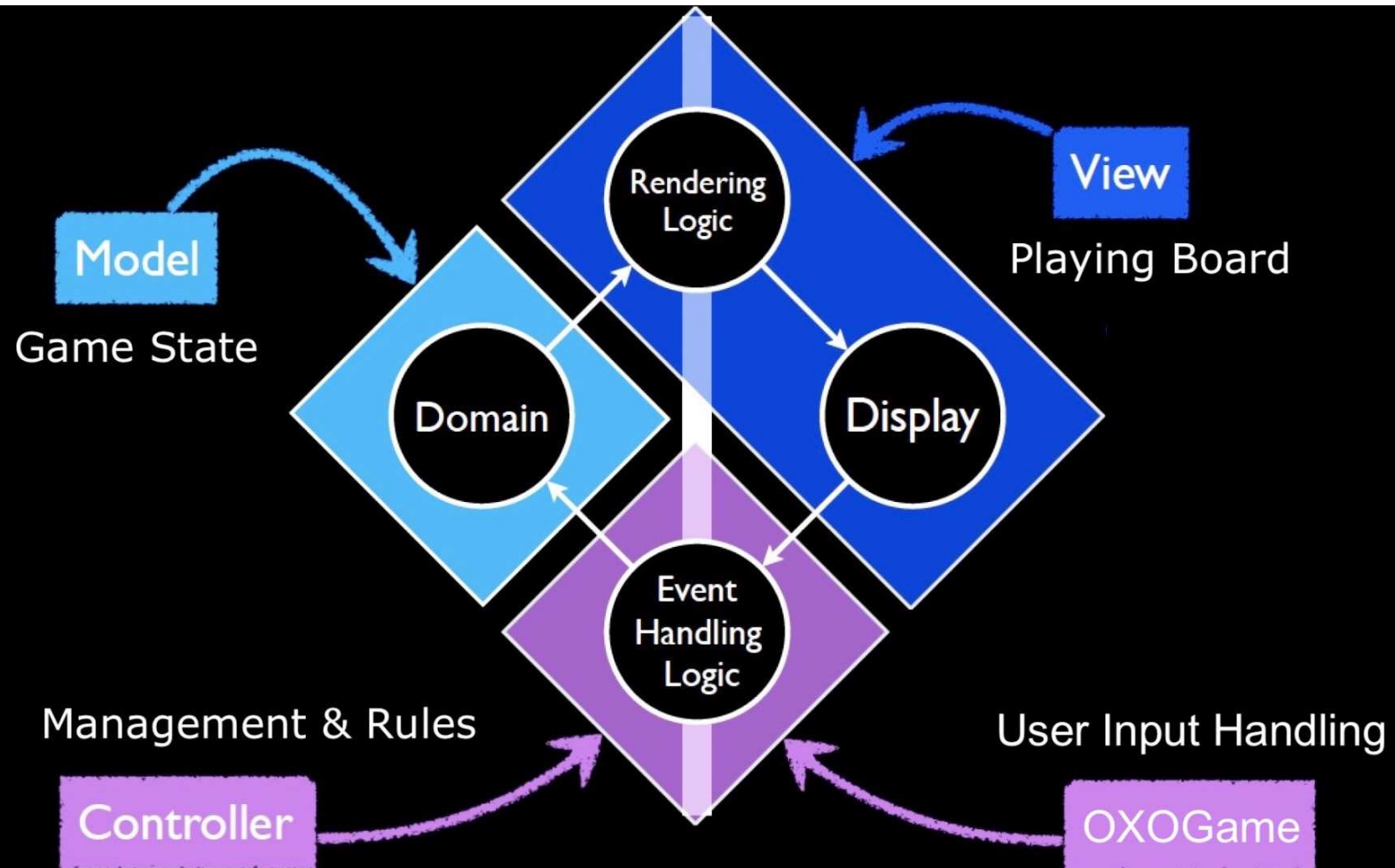
Useful for structuring interactive UI applications

Approach is to split application into 3 'components':

- Model: the core application 'state' data
- View: the bit that the user sees (GUI or text)
- Controller: interprets events and makes decisions

This separation makes change and evolution easier

MVC for OXO



Fill in the gaps

A Maven template project has been provided for you
Already implemented are:

- OXOGame: Main window (that receives user input)
- OXOView: Provides 'Rendering Logic' and 'Display'
- OXOModel: Game State from the OXO domain

OXOController is empty: your task is to complete it !
You must call OXOModel methods to change state
You don't need to interface directly with OXOView
(it monitors OXOModel and updates automatically)

What does Game State 'Model' consist of ?

- The set of players currently playing the game
- The "owner" of each cell in the game grid
- The player whose turn it currently is
- The number of cells in a row required to win
- The winner of the game (when the game ends)
- Whether or not the game has been drawn

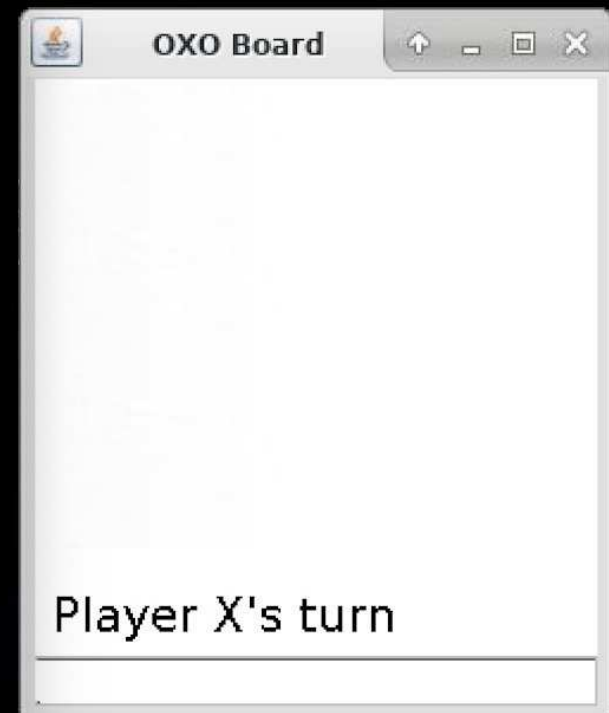
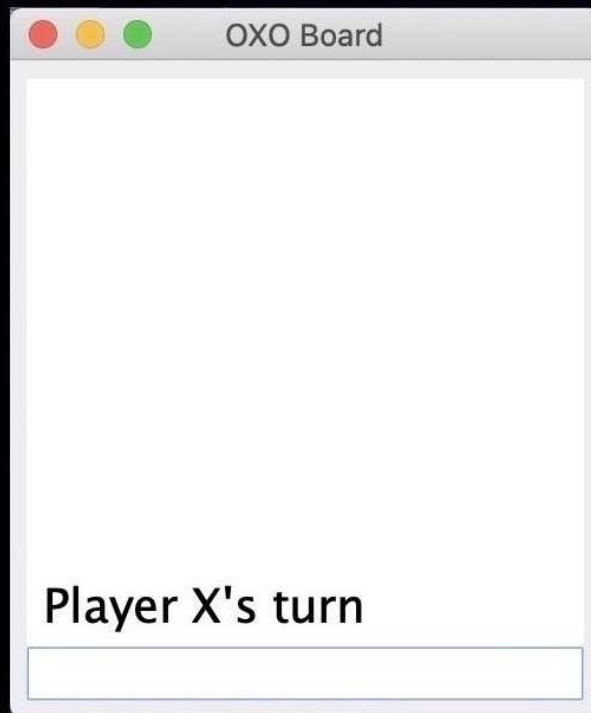
OXOView

	1	2	3
a	x		
b		o	
c			x

OXOGame

Key feature of Java: 'Write Once, Run Everywhere'

Main window looks *similar* on different platforms



Note regarding 'Serialization'

Some classes we have provided in the project:

- implement the 'Serializable' interface and
- have a private attribute called 'serialVersionUID'

```
public class OX0Controller implements Serializable {  
    @Serial private static final long serialVersionUID = 1;  
}
```

GUI applications written in Java require the above so that the application can be stored ('serialized')

We won't be doing any serialization in this exercise
We still need these, or we'll get compiler warnings

Playing the Game

Players take it in turns to make their chosen move
Enter cell identifier into the OXOGame GUI window
Consists of row letter and column number (e.g. b2)
Inputted cell ID then passed to OXOController via:

```
public void handleIncomingCommand(String command)
```

Your task: interpret identifier & update game state

run-demo

Key Game Features

Win Detection

There is no point playing, if no one actually wins !
It is the Controller's job to detect when a win occurs
It must be able to check for wins in ALL directions:
horizontally / vertically / diagonally

Note: win detection must work on grids of ANY size
Not just the standard 3x3 board !

The reason for this is...

Dynamic Board Size

It would be nice to alter board size during a game

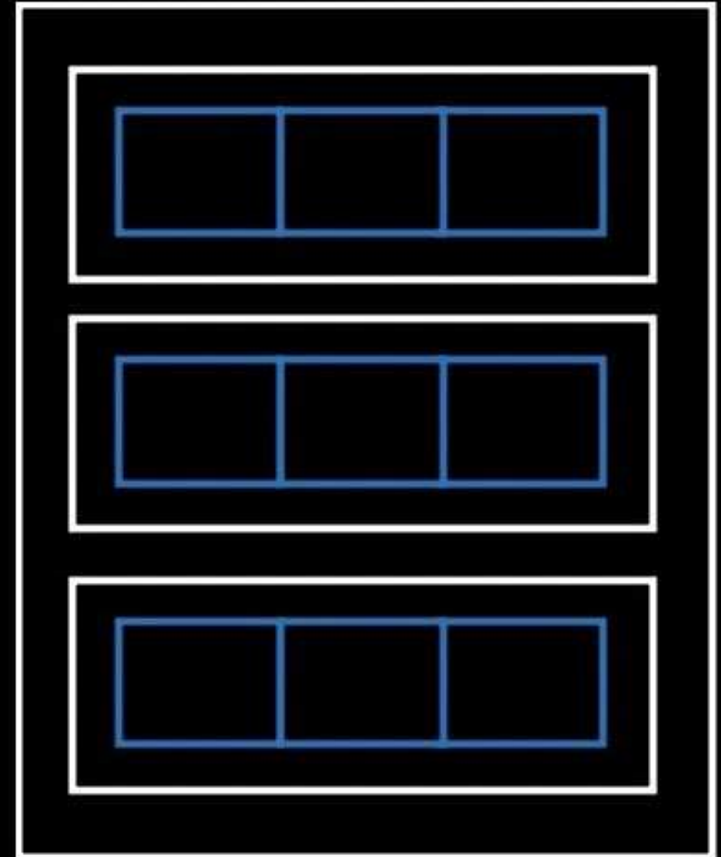
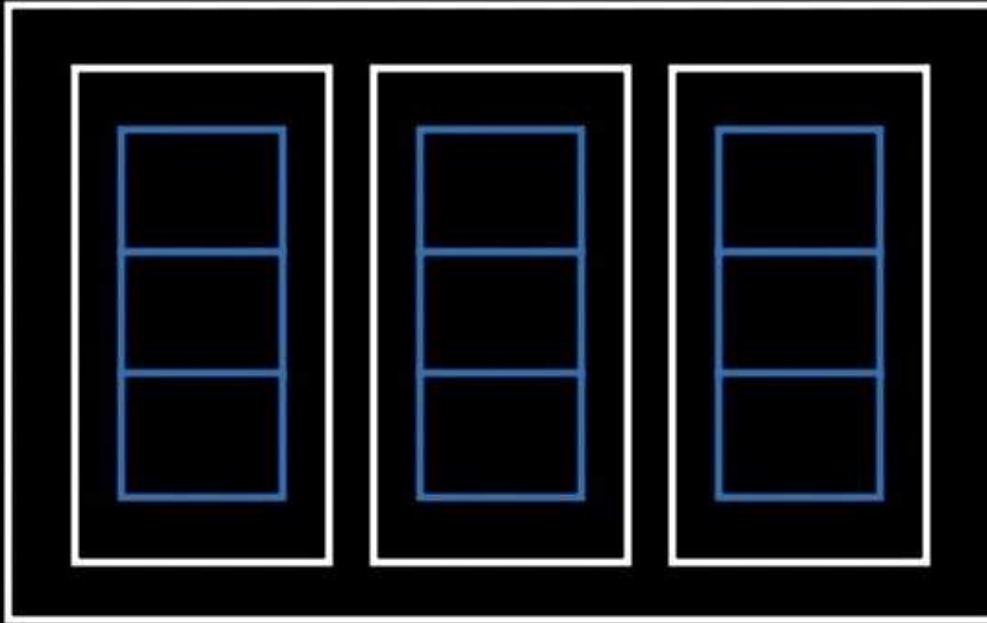
If it became clear a game was going to be a draw

(all blank cells are used but no one has won)

Increasing the board size allows play to continue

This influences data structures used in OXOModel...

'ArrayList' (from 'Collections' package)



For a 3x3 game you must instantiate FOUR ArrayLists

Next week

The next workbook will focus on error handling

Namely: what if the user inputs a "bad" cell ID ?

Don't worry about this for the time being

Assume all user inputs are correct/acceptable

We'll also add some additional "fun" extensions !

Automated Testing

Game is complex enough to need automated testing
(Manual testing quickly becomes slow and tedious)

As 'developers' it is YOUR job to write tests scripts
It is not "fun" and it is not particularly "rewarding"
However, it is responsibility of mature professionals

You have been provided with a skeleton test script
Populate this with a comprehensive set of test cases
Focus on testing OXOController (i.e. your code !)

ExampleControllerTests

Warning: There are Lambdas !

Example test script contains some unusual syntax:

```
assert(Exception.class, ()-> sendCommand(), comment);
```

Lambda operator -> is something
we have not actually covered yet
Operates like an inline function
Allows us to pass CODE "into"
an already existing method

More on this NEXT week !