

Key Listener

Notice that there are 2 java files in this folder, GameCharacter and Map, along with several images. We worked with similar files before, but in this case we will add a KeyListener, and not use a separate class, like Move, to tell the game character where to go.

Adding a key listener to get the GameCharacter to move

There are 3 important steps to take when creating a key listener

- Create a class that implements the KeyListener class
 - You can create a private class at the bottom of the Map.java file
 - This class should contain the following functions in order to extend the KeyListener class
 - `public void keyTyped(KeyEvent e)`
 - `public void keyPressed(KeyEvent e)`
 - `public void keyReleased(KeyEvent e)`
 - You only need to use one of these function to get the GameCharacter to work correctly
- Create an object of this class
 - In the Map constructor create an instance of this class
- Register this class with whatever it needs to listen to
 - Register this class with the Map class using the `addKeyListener` function

Adding another character

If you get done early, perhaps extend the GameCharacter class to draw the other set of pictures in the folder. This character can move randomly whenever a key is pressed, or even move using a different set of keys than the current character.