Virtual Pet Game

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Overview

In today's fast-paced world, many people desire to have pets but struggle with the time commitment required

for pet care. This virtual pet game offers a lightweight way to experience the joy of pet ownership.

Developed in Java using MVC architecture, the game simulates real pet care through realtime state monitoring and interaction mechanisms.

Players need to attend to various pet needs (hunger, cleanliness, tiredness, entertainment) and

take appropriate care measures, fostering both entertainment and a sense of responsibility. Have fun!!!

Features

- 1. State Monitoring System
 - Real-time health monitoring (0-100)
 - Four basic need indicators (0-10): Hunger, Cleanliness, Tiredness, Boredom
 - Automatic state degradation system

2. Interactive Functions

• Feed: Reduces hunger

Clean: Improves cleanliness

Play: Reduces boredom

Rest: Reduces tiredness

3. Special Mechanics

- Sleep system (automatic/manual wake-up)
- Automatic health recovery (condition: no critical states)

- Multi-state priority management
- Pet revival functionality

Running the Application

- 1. Ensure Java Runtime Environment (JRE) 11 or higher is installed
- 2. Download VirtualPet.jar file from the PetModelRedo/ res/ directory
- 3. Open terminal and navigate to the jar file directory
- 4. Execute command:

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java -jar VirtualPet.jar
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- No additional parameters needed
- GUI will launch automatically

Usage Instructions

- 1. Basic Operations
 - Click buttons to perform corresponding actions
 - Monitor status bar for current pet needs
 - Check message area for real-time feedback
- 2. State Management
 - Normal state: All indicators below 10
 - Critical state: Any indicator reaches 10
 - State Priority: Based on weight system (Dirty > Tired > Hungry > Bored)
 - Death condition: Health drops to 0
- 3. Special Features
 - Sleep mode:
 - Entry condition:
 - Available in tired state score value > 0 and
 - there are no critical states of hunger, cleanliness, or boredom
 - Auto wake-up: After 1 minute
 - Manual wake-up: Click "Wake Up" button
 - No actions allowed during sleep mode except wake-up

- When pet is in sleep mode, health would recover through time and other states score would not change
- Revival function:

Trigger condition: After pet death

Operation: Click "New Pet" button

4. Game End

- Game stop when pet health reaches 0, you can start a new game by clicking "New Pet" button or
- Click the X button in the top-left corner of the Virtual Pet window to close the application

Implementation References

Key implementation details can be found in the following files:

- 1. State Management:
 - Pet.java:94-112:updateState()
 - PetState.java:1-25:enum PetState
 - PetStateTest.java:1-224
- 2. Action Handling:
 - PetController.java:37-58:handleAction()
 - Pet.java:94-102:performAction()
- 3. Time Management:
 - TimeManager.java:45:startScheduler()
 - TimeManager.java:53:restart()
 - TimeManager.java:105:notifyStateChange(String)
- 4. Display Logic:
 - PetView.java:59:initializeUserInterface()
 - PetView.java:160:updatePetIcon(String)
 - PetView.java:188:updateState(String)
 - PetView.java:197:appendMessage(String)