

Description

This is a console application in Java. The application is a game called **GameOfLife**, which runs continuously once you start the game (*infinite looping program*). It has been used as the screen saver in legacy computers. More information can be found in https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Conway%27s_Game_of_Life.

The game has a $M \times N$ board, where **M** is the number of rows and **N** is the number of columns. Each cell on the board can be a live cell, denoted by the symbol '#', or a dead cell, denoted by a space ' '. The initial pattern of the board is saved in the input file (**Input.txt**). The format of the file is as follows:

M
N
<R₁> <C₁>
<R₂> <C₂>
...
...
<R_Z> <C_Z>

where **R_i** and **C_i** refer to the row number and column number of the *i*-th live cell respectively. There may be one or more live cells recorded in the file. The following shows a sample input file and the corresponding board graphically.

Input.txt	Board										
10		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	0			#							
0 2	1				#						
1 3	2		#	#	#						
2 1	3										
2 2	4										
2 3	5										
	6										
	7										
	8										
	9										

The game runs as follows:

- The game firstly reads the input file and load the initial pattern.
- Every one second, the pattern will be updated using the following rules:
 1. Any live cell with two or three live neighbours survives in the next generation;
 2. Any dead cell with three live neighbours becomes a live cell in the next generation;
 3. All other live cells die in the next generation. All other dead cells stay dead in the next generation;
- Note: When counting the number of neighbours for a cell, which is at the edge, it treats the cells at the opposite edge as neighbours. For example, the neighbours of the cell at **(0,0)** include the cells at **(9,9)**, **(9,0)**, **(9,1)**, **(0,9)**, **(0,1)**, **(1,9)**, **(1,0)** and **(1,1)** if it is a **10×10** board.

Referring to the same example above, the following shows the number of neighbours of each cell:

Input.txt	Board										Number of Neighbours											
10 10 0 2 1 3 2 1 2 2 2 3		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	0			#								0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
	1				#							1	3	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	
	2		#	#	#							1	1	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	
	3											1	2	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	
	4											0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	5											0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	6											0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	7											0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	8											0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
9											0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		

Additional Requirement and Assumption:

- **Zero marks will be given if the program is not able to compile.**
- You can decide to use or not to use the class **Board.java**. Not using **Board.java** will not result in any penalty or bonus.
- You may assume that input file must be valid.
- The following code will save the second of the current time to the variable s. For example, if the current time is 17:34:28. The value of s is 28.

```
LocalTime now = LocalTime.now();
int s = now.getSecond();
```

- The flow of the program is as follows:
 1. Read the first two lines of the input file **input.txt**
 2. Create the board and set all cells to dead
 3. Create a 2-D array to store the number of neighbours
 4. For each of the remaining lines of the input file:
 - Change the corresponding cell to live
 5. Print the board (**board.print()**)
 6. while(true): *// Yes! It is an infinite-loop*
 - Every one second, the pattern will be updated:
 - Calculate the number of neighbors for each cell and update the 2-D array in Step 3.

- Update the live/dead cells for each cell in the next generation (`board.getCells()[i][j]`)
- Print the board

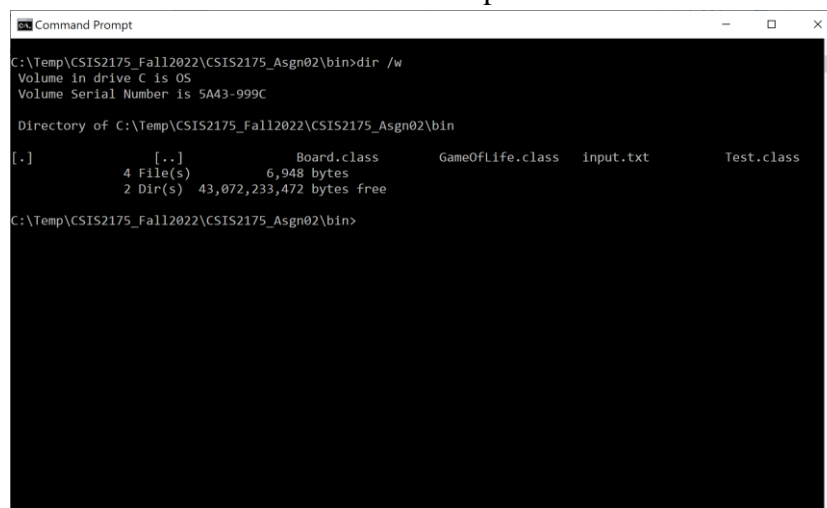
Sample Run

A video showing the sample run of the program using the above example can be found in Blackboard.

More patterns can be found in https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Conway%27s_Game_of_Life.

Notes on Testing the Program

- If you test your program in Eclipse, the program cannot clear the console window because of the limitation of the IDE.
- If you have the `input.txt` and all `.class` files in the sample, you can test the program in Windows Command Prompt as follows. It can clear the console for every second.
 1. The folder contains `input.txt` and all `.class` files:



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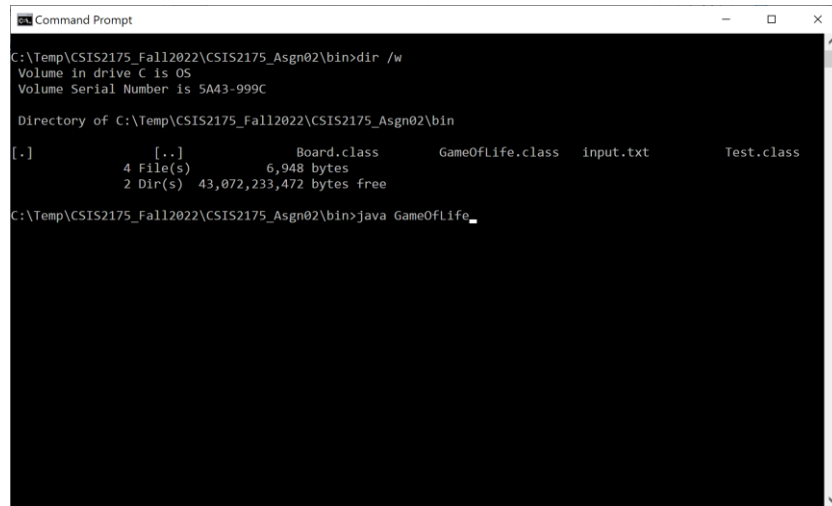
C:\Temp\CSIS2175_Fall2022\CSIS2175_Asgn02\bin>dir /w
Volume in drive C is OS
Volume Serial Number is 5A43-999C

Directory of C:\Temp\CSIS2175_Fall2022\CSIS2175_Asgn02\bin

[.]                [..]                Board.class      GameOfLife.class  input.txt        Test.class
4 File(s)          6,948 bytes
2 Dir(s)  43,072,233,472 bytes free

C:\Temp\CSIS2175_Fall2022\CSIS2175_Asgn02\bin>
  
```

2. Run java GameOfLife in the Command Prompt:



```
Command Prompt
C:\Temp\CSIS2175_Fall2022\CSIS2175_Asgn02\bin>dir /w
Volume in drive C is OS
Volume Serial Number is 5A43-999C

Directory of C:\Temp\CSIS2175_Fall2022\CSIS2175_Asgn02\bin

[.]          [..]          Board.class      GameOfLife.class  input.txt        Test.class
4 File(s)    6,948 bytes
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C:\Temp\CSIS2175_Fall2022\CSIS2175_Asgn02\bin>java GameOfLife_
```

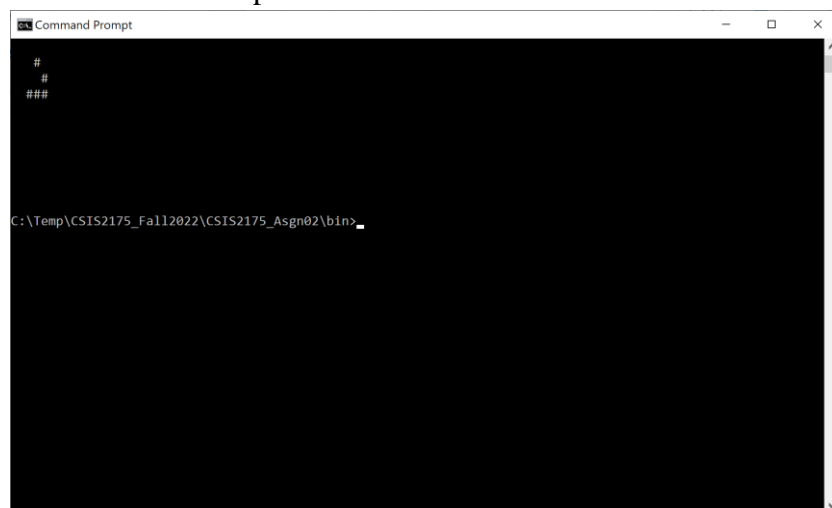
3. The game should run properly:



```
Command Prompt - java GameOfLife
#
# #
##
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```

4. Press Ctrl+C to stop:



```
Command Prompt
#
#
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C:\Temp\CSIS2175_Fall2022\CSIS2175_Asgn02\bin>^C
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