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I first came across Conway's [Game Of Life](#) at a [coderetreat day](#).

We used Pair Programming and TDD to develop partial solutions over 60 min sessions, adding more constraints to develop thinking and collaboration.

This implementation is based on the goals of:

- Using no conditional or loop statements
- Functions no more than 5 lines in length

Implementation

This implementation was based on some ideas discussed on the coderetreat day (**using Lambda and Functional Programming techniques to satisfy the additional constraints**) but is all my own work. I used the exercise to understand aspects of these Java language features. The spirit of TDD was applied (i.e. develop tests before functional code). I wasn't able to satisfy the no loops and conditional statement everywhere :-). There is 100% code coverage for core classes (but not the controller).

Key components are:

- **Cell**: abstract class that is aware of its coordinates
- **LivingCell/DeadCell**: subclasses of Cell and implements their rules for living and dying, and implement equals() and hashCode()
- **Universe**: responsible for creating cells and triggering their regeneration
- **GameOfLife**: controller; interacts with user.

Game runs as a console application.. Follow the instructions (see next)

Github repo: <https://github.com/elendil-src/GameOfLife-Java>

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C:\Users\work_ivor>java -jar C:\Users\work_ivor\IdeaProjects\GameOfLife\target\GameOfLife-1.0-SNAPSHOT.jar
Game of life: dimension=8; seeded=50 percent.
Enter 'Enter' to view next generation, or anything else to quit.
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