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|  |  | **Blob Hunter** |  |

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| **Your Tasks (Mark these off as you go)** |
| * Practice with recursion * Write recursive algorithms * Write the getBlob method for one-dimension * Write the getBlob method for two-dimensions * Receive credit for this lab guide |

* **Practice with recursion**

Trace the following code segments on the paper provided. Indicate the stack and the output for each. Write the result your group agrees upon below.

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| **Code** | **Stack** | **Output** |
| public static void showMe(int arg)  {  if (arg < 10)  {  showMe(arg + 1);  }  else  {  System.out.print(arg + " ");  }  }  public static void main(String args[]){  showMe(0)  } |  |  |

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| **Code** | **Stack** | **Output** |
| public static void whatsItDo(String str)  {  int len = str.length();  if (len > 1)  {  String temp = str.substring(0, len – 1);  System.out.println(temp);  whatsItDo(temp);  }  }  public static void main(String args[]){  whatsItDo("WATCH")  } |  |  |

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| **Code** | **Stack** | **Output** |
| public static void puf(int n)  {  if(n == 1)  {  System.out.print(“x”);  }  else if( n%2 = = 0) //n is even  {  System.out.print(“{”);  puf(n-1);  System.out.print(“}”);  }  else //n is odd  {  System.out.print(“<”);  puf(n-1);  System.out.print(“>”);  }  }  public static void main(String args[]){  puf(5);  } |  |  |

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| **Code** | **Stack** | **Output** |
| public int addFun(int n)  {     if (n <= 0)  return 0;     if (n == 1)  return 2;     return addFun(n - 1) + addFun(n - 2);  } |  |  |

* **Write recursive algorithms**

Many algorithms that incorporate loops can also be written recursively. Consider the following algorithm which reverses a number,

* **Write the getBlob Method for one-dimension**

The getBlob() method recursively searches for areas on a grid that do not contain mines. For example, if a user clicks on index 2 in the 1-dimensional grid below, buttons 2 and 3 will change color as shown.

If a user clicks on indices 1 or 4 however, they lose.

Likewise, if a user clicks on index 6, buttons 5, 6, and 7 will change color.

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| **0** | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **6** | **7** | **8** | **9** |
|  | **M** | **User**  **clicked** |  | **M** |  | **User**  **clicked** |  | **M** |  |

To get started on this method, think about the base cases:

* If a mine is found
* If a user goes out of bounds
* If a button is visited

In other words, if a user clicks on a button that does not contain a mine and is within the boundaries of the grid and has not been visited, we can call the recursive method, otherwise we will not.

Another way to state this, is as follows,

if (b >= 0 && b < gridDimensions && mines[b] == false && visited[b] == false) {

//color buttons

//set buttons to visited = true

//run the recursion portion

}

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| Write the getBlob method for one dimension. Your method should accept one parameter with represents the x location (or index) of the button clicked.  In the body of the if statement,   * set the visited location to true * call getBlob for each adjacent button * Set the background of all buttons in the block to orange - tiles[b].setBackground(Color.orange); |
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* **Write the getBlob method for two-dimensions**

Now that you have figured out the logic for a one-dimensional getBlob method, you can expand it to two dimensions. To do this you will need to think about the additional boundary cases. You will also need to think about the additional recursive calls.

Consider the following two-dimensional grid. If a user clicks on the locations shown, the buttons should change colors as shown. If a user clicks on a mine (M), the user will lose.

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|  | **M** | **M** |  |
| **M** | **User**  **Click** | **M** | **User**  **Clicked** |
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| The signature for the getBlob method for two-dimensions is below. Write the getBlob method for two-dimensions. |
| public void getBlob(int r, int c) |

* **Receive Credit for this lab guide**

Submit this portion of the lab to Pluska to receive credit for the lab guide. Once received, your completed code challenges will also be graded and will count towards your final lab grade.