Advanced Programming (AP-22) Assignment 1, Exercise 1 - 8Puzzle Design Report

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1 EightController Bean

It contains the data structure used to logically represent the game movements. In particular, it includes a List<List<Integer>> board to represent the values for each slot in the grid. A vetoableChange method has been implemented so that whenever a tile is pressed, it first checks if that move is legal (by examining whether there's any hole at the left, right, up, and down using the List<List<Integer>> board). If the move is legal, the board values are updated based on which tile has been decided to be moved. EightController manages the flip move as well by ensuring that the tile in position 9 is a hole. This is possible because of the propertyChange method that first checks whether the incoming event is a Constants.FLIP_EVT (sent by the flipButtonActionPerformed in the EightBoard class) and then applies the logic as described earlier in the checkFlipMove() method. The same methodology has been applied for the restart functionality. Whenever the user presses the button, the resetTilesPosition() method in the EightBoard class is executed, firing a property change that is being listened to by the controller, applying the generated new permutation accordingly to the grid.

2 EightBoard Bean

It is a JFrame containing the tiles list, and its behavior consists of initializing and setting the graphics of the game and setting listeners for both tiles and the controller. It also handles the click events for the restart and flip button. When EightBoard is initialized, addPropertyChangeListener(eightController) is used so that the EightController object can initialize its List<List<Integer>> board due to the execution of resetTilePosition(). In this case, it is used to start up the tile positions at the beginning.

3 EightTile Bean

It is responsible for each tile UI based on the events that it receives, but it also fires "tileLabelProperty" events when it's clicked. EightController is the main receiver of such an event.