

Homework 2

Due September 16, 1:00pm

50 points

CS 2235

Data Structures and Algorithms

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1. Write a Java program to simulate an ecosystem containing two types of creatures, *bears* and *fish*.
 - a. The ecosystem consists of a river, which is modeled as a relatively large array of 500 cells.
 - b. Each cell of the array should contain an `Animal` object, which can be a bear, a fish, or `null`.
 - c. Initialize the array to randomly contain these three types.
 - d. In each time step, based on a random process, each bear/fish either attempts to move into an adjacent array cell or stay where it is.
 - e. If two animals of the same type are about to collide in the same cell, then they stay where they are, but they create a new instance of that type of animal, which is placed in an empty (i.e. previously `null`) cell in the array.
 - f. If a bear and a fish collide, then the fish dies (i.e., it disappears).
 - g. Provide summary information on the array after each time step (time step number and how many bears, fish, and `null`).
 - h. Run the simulation until the ecosystem contains all bears.

Demonstrate that your program works. Submit your source code and output screenshots.