CS 471: Software Engineering Fall 2021

Homework 4 – Implementation of an Advanced Maintenance Task in an Unfamiliar Open-Source Software (¡Edit)

Software system and version: jEdit 5.5.0

Change Request:

Add a new feature to jEdit which allows lines to be drawn beneath the text to simulate the look of a paper notepad. Also, there should be an option to allow the user to disable/enable this feature. The location of this control should be under "Utilities->Global Options...->jEdit->Text Area".

Detailed Development Environment Description:

MacOS Big Sur Version 11.5

Java jdk1.8.0_202.

Apache Ant(TM) version 1.10.11 compiled on July 10 2021

Visual Studio Code Version: 1.60.2 (Universal)

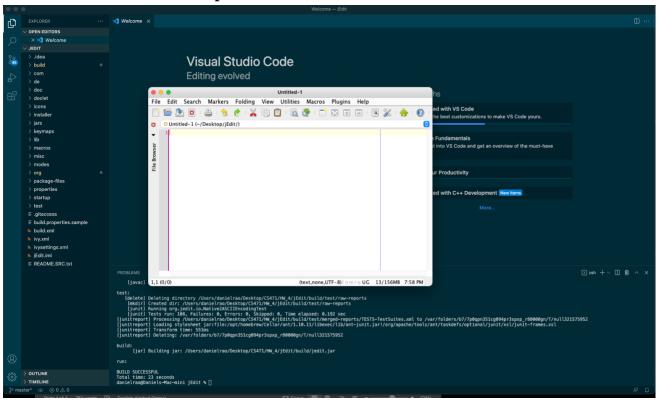
git version 2.30.1 (Apple Git-130)

Terminal

Description of Problems Encountered during Compiling/Building and Running:

Main problem that I encountered was switching from Java version 11 to Java version 8. Other than that once imported into the visual studio code everything seemed to work just fine.

Screenshot of successful compilation:





Identifying the Relevant Code (i.e., Concept Location):

This feature was much harder to implement that muCommander. I was able to look up several keywrods such as textArea. Visual Studio Code helped me a lot to find it using the shortcut on mac cmd + shft + F. This helps me to lookup any keyword throughout its directories and sub directories.

Once I was able to locate where the text area was then I just had to look how were they getting inilialized.

Once that was complete. I was able to successfully implement the GUI checkbox. As I was looking through sub folders of several files I happen to stumble upon textAreaOptionPane this also further gave me clarity to what parts of the code would I have to tackle in order to make a successful change. As I was thinking about the problem I was also able to figure out that I would be needing some kind of toggle to check or uncheck the check box and check its value accordingly as the program went into the launch phase.

Successful Implementation Video:

https://youtu.be/-GReRIvw76w

Git Diff of Source Code of the Implementation in a Side-by-Side readable format:

A) EditPane.java

B) StandAloneTextArea.java

C) Jedit_en.props

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D) TextAreaOptionPane.java

Time Required for Completing this Assignment:

Activity Approximate Time Required (in minutes)

How much time did it take you to figure out how to compile and run the software (i.e., total amount of time it took to read documentation, download the software, install Ant, etc.), and NOT how much time it took the builder to build the software.

40 mins

How much time did it take you to understand the code that you need 740 mins to modify, to implement the change request, and to test it?