Java Advanced Course

Challenge 29. Initializers

The game console will be a container to execute some scanner code, to drive a text-based game's play.

It'll collect a username, creating a player from that.

It will start a while loop, displaying a menu of options for a user, then solicit a user's response.

It'll execute a game or player method, based on a user's selected action, and end the game if the action indicates the game is over.

The **GameConsole** class is a container for a game, so it needs a type argument for a game field.

It should also have a static scanner field, which uses System.in to get keyboard input.

You should implement two methods on this class.

The **addPlayer** method will prompt a user for their name, read in the response from the scanner, and delegate to the Game's addPlayer method.

The **playGame** method will display all available game options, soliciting user input in a while loop, and then should call the action associated to the input.

The constructor should take a new instance of a Game.

You'll also need to create a **GameAction** record with three fields.

There should be a key, a char field, which is the key a user would press to select the action.

Next, include a prompt, which is displayed to the user to describe the specific action.

There should be an action field, for a lambda expression or method reference. We'll be using a Predicate with an Integer type argument. The integer is the player's index in the player list. A predicate always returns a boolean result. This will be used to continue or end the play.

Next, you'll need to create a **Player** interface.

The Player interface should have a single abstract method, **name**, that returns a String.

A game's player should implement this type.

Use this type as a type parameter for Game.

The **Game** class should be **abstract** and **generic**, and the type parameter should be a type of Player.

This class should have three fields, a gameName, a list of players, and a map of game actions.

Your Game class should have two abstract methods you want any custom game to implement.

The method **createNewPlayer** will return a new instance of the type used for a player.

The method **getGameActions** will return a map that associates a character a user would enter with a prompt and an action to be taken. For example, if a user selects Q, this should map to a GameAction record, that has "Quit Program" as the prompt, and a lambda expression, calling the quit method on the game, with a method reference, this::quitGame.

This class should have concrete methods, some of which might be overridden by subclasses.

The addPlayer method takes a String for name, creates a player instance, adding it to the Game's player list, and returns that index.

The executeGameAction will call the Predicate's test method on the lambda expression in the action field, returning the boolean result.

The printPlayer and quitGame methods are the methods referenced in the GameAction records.

Include getter and helper methods as appropriate.

Finally, create your own simple game, and player type, and test some of the methods on the GameConsole. One game idea is given below. You are free to pick any other idea.

<<Interface>>
Player

name(): String

GameConsole<T extends Game<? extends Player>>

game: T

static scanner:Scanner

addPlayer(): int

playGame(int playerIndex)

Game<T extends Player>

gameName: String players: List<Player>

standardActions: Map<Character, GameAction> standardActions

abstract createNewPlayer(String name): T

abstract getGameActions(int playerIndex): Map<Character,GameAction>

addPlayer(String name): int

 $execute Game Action (int\ player,\ Game Action\ action):\ boolean$

printPlayer(int player): boolean
quitGame(int player): boolean

GameAction

key: char prompt: String

action: Predicate<Integer>

Pirate invasion game

This game will be a Pirate Game and should extend the Game class we created previously.

It should have a Pirate class that implements the Player interface.

Your game will have different levels. Each level will have a list of towns, which can be Strings for now.

Pirate invasion game

Use an enum for the Weapon options.

Weapon should have two fields.

- Hit points that get deducted from a player hit by this weapon.
- Level, which is the minimum level needed to be able to use the weapon.

Use an **enum** constructor to set this up.

You may also think about how you could use instance or static initializers as you build these types.

Pirate invasion game

This diagram shows a model of the main entities for one possible implementation of the Pirate game.

You can create Weapon as an enum as suggested on the previous slide.

The Pirate class will implement the Player interface.

Finally, we'll create a PirateGame class that extends Game.

