BreakAway

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Design

- Create a simple breakaway game that utilizes file I/O to create a high score sheet where the values are saved and updated.
- Breakaway is a 2D arcade-style game. It implements pong-style mechanics. The purpose of the game is to bounce a ball of a paddle and break as many blocks as possible without dropping the ball.

How?

- Created Rectangle of boundaries for collision detection
 - Utilizing the .intersects(Rectangle r) method
- Used an ArrayList<Block> for the target blocks
 - Easier to create and manage. Utilize .remove(element e) method.
- Created an Array of .txt leaderboard scores and compared current score
 - Inserted and Shifted if appropriate
 - Re wrote .txt file with updated Array

Problems

- Creating Menus
 - Ensuring that all elements are properly accounted for
- Collision Dectection with 100 Blocks
 - Solved with a .getBounds() method that returned a Rectangle Object
- Creating a sorted leaderboard containing both scores and names
 - Two Arrays, sorted just before the leaderboard is shown

Future Work

- Create a more complicated algorithm so that the bouncing angle is not always the same
 - Physics
- Create more levels
 - BOSS FIGHTS???
- Power up to slow down the ball

Contributions

- Basic Breakaway game algorithm, Styling: Tyler
- Power Up algorithm, & Level up system, Styling: Sara
- Time spent Total 25 Hours
- Total Lines of code 1,557in 8 .java files including java docs