

Minesweeper Read Me

Implementation:

This minesweeper is represented as a 2D grid of MinesweeperCells. This way the MinesweeperCell fields can hold all important information to the logic of Minesweeper such as: isBomb, isFlagged, number of adjacent bombs, etc. The MinesweeperCell field can be changed as the game is played. The model also holds a list of high scores for the standard minesweeper size grid. And this is updated and moved, but will only keep track of the lowest 10 completion times.

Wow Factor:

In normal Minesweeper, it is possible to have to guess when selection safe tile vs bomb time even with clues. We have implemented a solver to ensure that this case never happens. While the bombs are being placed, run an internal "solver" to ensure bomb placement will not cause a situation where you would have to guess.

Starting the game:

When starting up Minesweeper for the first time. It will look for a file to load(saved_game.dat).

- if no file found, then it will start game at standard size and standard bomb count
 - standard size and bomb count is 10.
- if file found, it will use the file to construct the model, with information from previous save including: previous flagged cells, revealed cells, time and high score array.

Playing the game:

1. Once the game is started it is guaranteed that first right click is never a bomb.
 - since bombs are not put into the board until after the first click.
 - after first right click is made bombs are randomly generated into the model.
 - this is done by generating a random int value for rows and cols in the range of 0 and the number for rows and cols for the model.
 - if the two values generated are same location as first click it will find new random values and try again.
2. All subsequent right clicks are making moves.
 - a. If location is a bomb, game is over and all bombs are revealed.
 - alerted that game is over and you lost, and displays high scores for standard game size.
 - b. If location is adjacent to a bomb, the number of adjacent bombs are revealed
 - bomb adjacency is in 8 directions from the cell (NW,N,NE,E,SE,S,SW,W)
 - c. If location has no adjacent bombs, location is revealed and all contagious zero adjacent cells are revealed.
 - d. If location is last unrevealed, non-bomb cell, then game is over, and game is won.
 - alerted that game is over and you won, and displayed high scores for standard game size.
3. If left click is made, it marks a cell as flagged.
 - flagged cells are potential bombs.
 - flagged cells can not be revealed, with a right click event.
 - this is to prevent the player from accidentally ending the game if they believe that the cell is a bomb.

- if cell is flagged and left click is made again it removes the flagged status.

4. If while playing you close the window the game is then saved including: time so far, the flagged cells, and the revealed and unrevealed cells.

- this creates the saved_game.dat file that is called to load when the game is first started.
- if file already exists, it is deleted and a new file with the new information replaces it.
- if the game is over when the window is closed, it will not save the game state.

5. There is a drop down menu where players can start a new game of varying dimensions.

a. If standard option 1 is selected, the model is reset with standard size and standard bomb counts.

b. If 15X15 game option 2 is selected, model is reset to a grid of 15x15 with 15 bombs.

c. If 20x20 game option 3 is selected, model is reset to a grid of 20x20 with bombs.

d. If custom game option 4 is selected. A series of TextInputDialog windows will pop up and prompt player for integer values. The TextInputDialog will continue to prompt a user for int value of custom grid.

- it will not take on numeric input.
- it will not allow for bomb count entry to be over NxM.