CS 051 Laboratory # 5
Frogger

Objective: To gain experience with loops and active objects.

The Scenario For this lab, you’ll write a program that plays a version of the game Frogger. The player controls a frog that is trying to cross a busy 4-lane highway. Each lane has cars (and trucks, if you want to implement that for extra credit) zooming by. The vehicles in a given lane all travel at the same speed, but vehicles in different lanes may travel at different speeds (and in different directions if you would like to implement that for extra credit). Clicking in front of the frog moves it forward one hop (one hop is the width of a lane of traffic), clicking behind moves it back, and similarly for clicking to the left and right of it. The goal is for the user to get the frog across the highway without it getting squished.

If the frog does get squished an “OUCH!” message is displayed at the bottom of the screen. The user can then restart the frog from its original starting position by clicking the mouse once in the area below all the lanes of the highway.

A demo version of this program can be found in the online version of this handout. You can play with it to see what we have in mind (note that some extra credit options have been implemented).

Design A design for all of the classes used in this program (Frogger, Frog, Vehicle, and Lane) is due at the beginning of lab. While we expect a design for all aspects of the program, we urge you to write and debug the program as suggested in the Getting Started section later in this handout.

Preparing for this lab Read this entire handout before doing anything else. In this handout we will begin by describing the classes you need to implement. After we describe the classes, we will outline one plan for proceeding with your implementation.
The Objects  As you learned in the past two weeks with the magnet and boxball labs, the key to good object design is the design of classes to represent the objects in your program. There are three different kinds of objects involved in the Frogger game. There is the frog, there are the lanes of traffic (four of them), and there are the vehicles that go on the road. Finally, there is the actual game itself that puts everything together and handles input (in the form of mouse clicks) from the user (the graphics representing the lane markings on the highway, etc. are also drawn in this class but we won’t discuss these in detail as they are easily constructed. In fact, we have provided in the starter folder the code that draws the highway markings.)

The Frog  The frog is a very important object. The frog will be displayed on the screen by creating a VisibleImage using an image file we will provide. The Frog class will need an instance variable to keep track of this VisibleImage.

The constructor for a Frog should create the VisibleImage and place it just below the lowest lane of the highway, approximately halfway from each end. Your constructor will require several parameters: the Image of the frog, the location where the frog should start, how wide a lane is (so the frog knows how far to hop), and the canvas.

The frog clearly needs to be able to hop in each of the four directions in response to a user click. We suggest writing a single method hopToward that takes a Location parameter (e.g., point). Depending on which side of the frog the point is on, the frog should move in the appropriate direction. To keep the testing required to determine how the frog should jump simple, we suggest you divide the space around the frog as shown in the diagram below.

Unfortunately, the other thing that happens to a frog is that it gets splattered on the road. A vehicle will be responsible for determining whether it has killed a frog. To do so, it will need to ask the frog if any part of the Frog’s body overlaps the VisibleImage displayed to represent the vehicle. To make this possible, your Frog class should include the definition of an overlaps method that takes a VisibleImage as a parameter and returns a boolean.

If a vehicle hits the frog, it kills the frog by calling a kill method on the frog. In addition, when the frog is hit, a message (“OUCH!”) needs to appear on the bottom of the screen, which should also be done in the Frog class.

Finally, through the miracles of modern medicine, we’d like our frog to be able to come back to life. Add a method reincarnate which moves the frog back to its starting point and shows the image. Of course, you should not reincarnate a frog unless it is dead. You’ll need a boolean instance variable to keep track of whether the frog is dead or alive. You’ll need to check this variable about the life status of the frog in your reincarnate method to make sure that you don’t reincarnate a live frog. As described above, the user will reincarnate the frog by clicking the mouse below the highway. The isAlive accessor
method that returns a boolean will also need to be implemented to enable the `onMousePress` method to determine whether the frog should hop or possibly be reincarnated.

**The Vehicles** The constructor for a vehicle will need parameters specifying where the vehicle should be located (two `double`s or a single `Location` parameter), the `Image` used to display the vehicle on the screen, the velocity with which the vehicle should move, and the distance the vehicle should travel before disappearing. In order to check if the vehicle runs over the frog, you also need to pass the frog as a parameter to the `Vehicle` constructor.

`Vehicle` extends `ActiveObject`. This means you must define the method `public void run() {...}`. The while loop inside `run` should:

1. Save the current time. (Get the current time by calling `System.currentTimeMillis()`).
2. `pause` for (at least) 30 milliseconds.
3. Determine how long it actually paused for (e.g., subtract the time saved earlier from the current time) and move the appropriate distance. (Remember your equation from physics: `rate * time = distance`.) You need to do this to ensure smooth motion of your vehicles. With so many active objects, the computer cannot ensure that the length of pauses will be very precise (look at the PongPaddleBounded demo from class for an example).
4. Find out if the vehicle squished the frog and kill the frog with the `kill` method if it did.

You may assume that all vehicle velocities will be positive. That is, your highway may be a one-way street. You are free (for extra credit), however, to add the ability to handle vehicles with negative velocities so that you can have some lanes where traffic goes from left to right and others where traffic moves from right to left.

**The Lane** The purpose of an object of the `Lane` class is to constantly generate the vehicles that travel in a particular lane on your highway. As such, the lane does not actually correspond to any drawing on the screen. Instead, a `Lane` will be an `ActiveObject` that creates `Vehicle`s.

The constructor for a `Lane` is quite simple. The lane was already drawn as part of the background in our window controller so we do not need to update the display. One thing we know is that all the traffic in a lane should drive at the same speed so that cars do not run into each other. The `Frogger` class should pick a random speed for each of the lanes and pass it in to the `Lane` constructor. We have found speeds in the range .033 to .133 pixels/millisecond to be good (though you may want to start with a slower set of speeds while you debug your program).

A lane’s main responsibility is to periodically place a new car on the screen. It will do this inside the `run` method. In the while loop of the `run` method, the lane should generate a car, wait a while to allow a gap between cars, generate another car, and so on.

As you recall from above, the `Vehicle` constructor requires a lot of parameters: its starting location, its image, etc. So far all the lane knows is how fast the cars drive. Where will `Lane` get this other information? The car should be located at one end of the lane initially and should drive until it reaches the other end. If the lane knew where it was located, it could pass this information on to the car. Its location is relative to the entire highway. Our window controller can provide this information to the lane when it constructs it so that the lane can pass the information on to the vehicle.

What about the image? It turns out that the image can only be loaded from the window controller, so this information must also be passed down to the `Vehicle` by passing it to the `Lane` constructor. The `Lane` constructor remembers the image of the cars for its lane and passes this image to the `Vehicle` constructor. (Because of this limitation, it is simplest for all the cars in a lane to have the same image.)
Finally, the vehicle needs to know about the frog so it can tell if it hit the frog. Again, our window controller created the frog. It can pass the frog to the Lane in its constructor. The lane can remember the frog so that it can tell the vehicles about the frog in the Vehicle constructor call.

After generating one vehicle, the lane should pause for some time. The pause should be at least long enough so that there will be a one car-length gap between pairs of vehicles. The pause should never be so long that it leaves more than about four car lengths between vehicles.

If a vehicle is moving with a certain velocity, how long must it move before it’s a full vehicle-length away from its original location? As an example, suppose the speed is 2 pixels/millisecond and the car is 140 pixels long. How long until the vehicle has gone one car length? How long until there is a gap of one car length between two vehicles? The answers to these two questions are different! Because the speed is actually a double and the pause time must be an int, you will have to “cast” the result from a double to an int by writing an expression like (int)(some double expression) to compute the pause time.

For simplicity, you may use a fixed value for the pause time when you first write your program, but eventually the pause time must be selected randomly. That is, the gaps between successive cars should not be the same, but should be distributed randomly with the constraint that there is at least one car length and no more than 4 car lengths between successive cars in the same lane.

The Image Files There is an image file for the frog. We provide 8 images of vehicles. They show 4 different types of vehicles. For each type of vehicle there is an image of that vehicle facing right and another facing left. The image files are included in the starter folder. You can see their names listed in the left column of the Eclipse window. It is fine if you only use a single image file so that all your vehicles look the same and move in the same direction. Using multiple pictures is a feature that you can add for extra credit, but it is not required.

The frog is 83 pixels wide and 48 pixels tall. The widest vehicle is 139 pixels wide. The tallest vehicle is 66 pixels tall. This information should help you figure out how to place the vehicles and frog within the lanes. Remember to use constants effectively so that you would not need to change many values if we introduce a much taller vehicle, for example.

Getting Started The “starter” folder contains several files intended to hold Java code. The file Frogger.java should be used to write the extension of the WindowController that will serve as your “main program”. The Frog.java file should be used to hold your code for the Frog class, Lane.java will hold the code for the Lane class, and Vehicle.java will hold the code for the Vehicle class. The Frogger.java file contains code that draws the highway background and markings for you. All the files contain skeletons of code which you will need to complete.

A listing of the contents of the Frogger.java file included in the starter folder is attached to this handout. The online version of this document contains links to copies of all the Java code included in the starter folder.

There are many ways of proceeding with this lab. Here is one suggested ordering:

1. Read the begin method in Frogger.java to understand how we’ve drawn the highway background for you.

2. Write the Frog class except for the kill and reincarnate methods.

3. Modify the Frogger class to create the frog on the screen, and write onMousePress to control the movements of the frog. Make sure that the frog hops around appropriately.

4. Write the Vehicle class.
5. Test the `Vehicle` class by having the `begin` method in the `Frogger` class put one car on the road. (You don’t want the code here in the end, but for now it lets you test the `Vehicle` class before you’ve written the `Lane` class.)

6. Write code to kill the frog and reincarnate it. You’ll need to modify the `Frog` class as well as the `Frogger` class. Now you should be able to hop in the road and get hit by a car, reincarnate, etc.

7. Write the constructor of `Lane`. Move the code that creates a car from the `Frogger` class to the `run` method of the `Lane` class so that a lane generates a stream of cars on the lane. Make sure they don’t bump into each other (they shouldn’t as they are all going the same speed). Make sure that the frog gets killed if hit by any of the cars (though our cars will be hit-and-run – they don’t stop!).

**Advanced Features** You may notice that the sample version of Frogger we have provided (and depicted in the image at the beginning of this handout) has more features than we have required. Vehicles move in both directions and several different images are used to represent vehicles. You are encouraged, but definitely not required, to incorporate such extensions in your program for a small amount of extra credit. Only do so, however, after completing the construction of a program that meets the basic requirements.

You are also free to add any other features. The graders can, at their discretion, award up to 1 point of extra credit for any extra features. However, your total score on this lab cannot exceed 22 points.

**Submitting Your Work** Before submitting your work, make sure that each of the .java files includes a comment containing your name. Also, before turning in your work, be sure to double check both its logical organization and your style of presentation. Make your code as clear as possible and include appropriate comments describing major sections of code and declarations. Use the Format command in the Source menu to make sure your indentation is consistent. Refer to the lab style sheet for more information about style.

Turn in your project the same as in past weeks; though make sure that the folder name begins with your last name (and includes the lab number). This is a more challenging lab than the previous ones, so you’ll have one extra day to work on it.
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<td><strong>Style (5 pts total)</strong></td>
<td>2 pts. Descriptive comments&lt;br&gt;1 pts. Good names&lt;br&gt;1 pts. Good use of constants&lt;br&gt;1 pt. Appropriate formatting</td>
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<td><strong>Program Quality (5 pts total)</strong></td>
<td>1 pt. Good use of boolean expressions&lt;br&gt;1 pt. Not doing more work than necessary&lt;br&gt;1 pts. Check if killed and reincarnate at appropriate times&lt;br&gt;2 pts. Parameters used appropriately</td>
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<td><strong>Correctness (7 pts total)</strong></td>
<td>1 pt. Cars move smoothly&lt;br&gt;1 pt. Cars appear/disappear smoothly&lt;br&gt;1 pt. Cars kill frog appropriately&lt;br&gt;1 pt. Cars are spaced appropriately in lane&lt;br&gt;1 pt. Frog moves correctly on clicks&lt;br&gt;1 pt. Frog says “ouch” when killed&lt;br&gt;1 pt. Frog reincarnated properly</td>
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<td><strong>Extra Credit (2 pts total)</strong></td>
<td>1/2 pt. More than 1 type of vehicles&lt;br&gt;1/2 pt. Vehicles move in both directions&lt;br&gt;1/2 pt. Frog image reflects being hit by car&lt;br&gt;1/2 pt. Indicate when frog successfully crosses the street</td>
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Frogger.java

import objectdraw.*;
import java.awt.*;

public class Frogger extends WindowController{

    // Constants defining the sizes of the background components.
    private static final double HIGHWAY_LENGTH = 700;
    private static final double LANE_WIDTH = 100;
    private static final int NUM_LANES = 4;
    private static final double HIGHWAY_WIDTH = LANE_WIDTH * NUM_LANES;
    private static final double LINE_WIDTH = LANE_WIDTH / 10;

    // Constants defining the locations of the background components
    private static final double HIGHWAY_LEFT = 50;
    private static final double HIGHWAY_RIGHT = HIGHWAY_LEFT + HIGHWAY_LENGTH;
    private static final double HIGHWAY_TOP = 100;
    private static final double HIGHWAY_BOTTOM = HIGHWAY_TOP + HIGHWAY_WIDTH;

    // Constants describing the lines on the highway
    private static final double LINE_SPACING = LINE_WIDTH / 2;
    private static final double DASH_LENGTH = LANE_WIDTH / 3;
    private static final double DASH_SPACING = DASH_LENGTH / 2;

    // This method currently just draws the highway. You will have to add 
    // instructions to create the frog and the Lane ActiveObjects.
    public void begin()
    {
        // Draw the background
        FilledRect highway = new FilledRect (HIGHWAY_LEFT, HIGHWAY_TOP,
                                              HIGHWAY_LENGTH, HIGHWAY_WIDTH, canvas);

        // Draw the lane dividers
        int whichLine = 1;
        while (whichLine < NUM_LANES) {
            if (whichLine == NUM_LANES / 2) {
                // The middle line is a no passing line
                drawNoPassingLine (HIGHWAY_TOP + (whichLine * LANE_WIDTH) -
                                   (LINE_SPACING / 2 + LINE_WIDTH));
            } else {
                drawPassingLine (HIGHWAY_TOP + (whichLine * LANE_WIDTH) - (LINE_WIDTH / 2));
            }
            whichLine = whichLine + 1;
        }

        // ADD YOUR CODE TO CREATE THE FROG AND THE LANES
    }
}

// Draws a pair of solid yellow lines to represent a no passing divider between lanes
// Parameter: y - the top of the top line
//
// YOU SHOULD NOT NEED TO MODIFY THIS METHOD
//
private void drawNoPassingLine (double y) {
    // Draw the solid dividing lines
    FilledRect topLine = new FilledRect (HIGHWAY_LEFT, y,
                                          HIGHWAY_LENGTH, LINE_WIDTH, canvas);
    topLine.setColor (Color.yellow);

    FilledRect bottomLine = new FilledRect (HIGHWAY_LEFT, y + LINE_WIDTH + LINE_SPACING,
                                             HIGHWAY_LENGTH, LINE_WIDTH, canvas);
    bottomLine.setColor (Color.yellow);
}

// Draws a dashed white line to represent a passing line dividing two lanes of traffic
// Parameters: y - the top of the line.
//
// YOU SHOULD NOT NEED TO MODIFY THIS METHOD
//
private void drawPassingLine (double y) {
    double x = HIGHWAY_LEFT;
    FilledRect dash;

    while (x < HIGHWAY_RIGHT) {
        // Draw the next dash.
        dash = new FilledRect (x, y, DASH_LENGTH, LINE_WIDTH, canvas);
        dash.setColor (Color.white);
        x = x + DASH_LENGTH + DASH_SPACING;
    }
}

// Note: Use onMousePress rather than onMouseClick to decide when to move the frog
public void onMousePress(Location point) {
}
}