

Complex Spreadsheet Problems

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Opening Discussion

- What did we talk about/do last class?
- Minute Essay comments
 - Can we add numbers to the spreadsheet by typing in numbers?
 - Favorite Seinfeld character?
 - How much of a difference is there between Java and VBScript?
- Did anyone try writing any of the other functions?

Loops: for vs. while

- Technically the for-loop and while loop can do the exact same things.
 - for(A; B; C) {
 - D
 - }
- Same as:
 - A
 - while(B) {
 - D
 - C
 - }

Complex Spreadsheet Functions

- I have two examples that I want us to play with.
 - Calculating the value of money spent on a large project in adjusted dollars.
 - Averages for specific situations. For example you want to know how the company performed in months when certain subunits performed above or below certain levels.
- We should step through how to solve each of these first. What would you need to do to solve either in Excel?

More Files

- We can make our program a little more useful by improving file handling.
 - We already made it so that we can specify the file name I want to read.
 - I'd like to have the ability to write our table back out to a CSV file.

Writing Files

- To write to a file we will use a `java.io.PrintWriter`. Like with the `Scanner`, we make a new `PrintWriter` and give it a `File` object. This time it is the file it should write to.
- We can then call `print` or `println` on the `PrintWriter` object.
- We should call the `close()` method when we are done.

Minute Essay

- Do you have any questions?
- I was thinking of doing mouse input and custom graphics in Greenfoot next week. Do you have other suggestions?
- Remember we do interclass problems next period.