Eclipse/Applets

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Opening Discussion

- Minute Essay comments
 - Why do we remove classes from the list?
 - Why did we make the recursive method private?
 - How does the Genius feature of iTunes work?
 - Final length and nature. Cumulative?
 - Adding conditions to the schedule builder.

Eclipse

- We have been working in Greenfoot and BlueJ because they are good for learning.
 They are simple and don't provide too much help so you learn what you are doing.
- Eclipse is a professional IDE (Integrated Development Environment). This is the type of tool real developers use. It is complex, but helps you program.
- Netbeans is another professional IDE for Java.

Applets

- One of the reasons Java became so popular to start with was because of Applets. These are Java programs that you can put in web pages.
- To make an applet we make a class that inherits from either java.applet.Applet or javax.swing.JApplet then add proper logic.

Main Methods of Applets

- void paint(Graphics g) This method is called every time the applet is redrawn. Draw to the Graphics object much like a GreenfootImage.
- void init() Called when page first loaded.
- void start() Called every time you return to page.
- void stop() Called when you leave the page.
- void destroy() Called when the browser exits.

Applet Writing

- Let's write an applet in both BlueJ and Eclipse.
- If we have time, we can see how we would put that up on a web page in the CS web space.

Minute Essay

- What do you see as advantages/disadvantages to an environment like Eclipse?
- Remember to send me project ideas by Friday.
- Friday is "Show Your Code" and a quiz.