

Command Lines and Misc.

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Debugging

- It is infuriating
- The most important thing: THINK!
- Do not “program by coincidence”
 - But by all means experiment
- Check what you think you know
 - `System.out.println`
- Many advanced tools

Everyone knows that debugging is twice as hard as writing a program in the first place. So if you're as clever as you can be when you write it, how will you ever debug it?
- Brian Kernighan

Command Line

- `dir`
- `cd folder`
 - `cd ..`
- `mkdir`
- `del folder`
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- `move, copy`
- `command_name /?`
- `ls`
- `cd folder`
 - `cd ..` `cd ~`
- `mkdir`
- `rm file`
 - `rm -r folder`
- `mv, cp`
- `man command`

Why Command Line?

- More power (especially Linux / OSX)
- Not every system has a GUI
- Tons of tools!
- You can easily write the tools!
- Can be scripted

Write Tools?

```
public class Hello {  
    public static void main(String args[]) {  
        if (args.length >= 1) {  
            System.out.println("Hello " + args[0]);  
        } else {  
            System.out.println("Hello Anonymous");  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Arrays

- A group of variables that are all of the same type
 - `String names[] = new String[6];`
 - `int grades[] = new int[6];`
- Indexed from 1 to size – 1
- Accessed using an index
 - `names[3] = "Lucas";`

Arrays and Loops

- Often need to iterate over an array

```
for (int i=0; i < grades.length; i++) {  
    grades[i] = grades[i] + 256;  
}
```


Scripting?

```
#!/usr/bin/perl
if ($#ARGV >= 0) {
    foreach $file(`find ./ -name "$ARGV[$0].java"`)
    {
        print `javac "$file"`;
        print "-----\n"
    }
} else {
    print "Requires the file name.\n";
}
```

Command Lines - ULTRA

- Redirect output (to file instead of terminal)
 - `java my_prog > output.txt`
- Hit “tab” for auto-completion
- Hit “up-arrow” for previous command

What We Need

- Typically we would use “java” and “javac”
- For NXT, we use “nxj” and “nxjc”
 - From LeJOS project
 - Need to set up environment variables

Compile

- Turns your human readable code into machine readable code
- Use “nxjc”
 - `nxjc my_program.java`

Run

- Executes the machine readable code from the compiler
- Use “nxj”
 - nxj my_program
 - Note: omit “.class” and “.java”
 - Robot must be on and connected
 - Won't automatically run the program