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# Part (a)

```
public DownloadInfo getDownloadInfo(String title)
{
    for (DownloadInfo di : downloadList)
        if (di.getTitle().equals(title))
            return di;
    return null;
}

Part (b)

public void updateDownloads(List<String> titles)
{
    for (String title : titles)
    {
        DownloadInfo di = getDownloadInfo(title);
        if (di == null)
            downloadList.add(new DownloadInfo(title));
        else
            di.incrementTimesDownloaded();
    }
```

## **Notes:**

1. Notice that the comment in <code>DownloadInfo</code>'s constructor states that it "sets the number of times downloaded to 1" — no need to increment it.

## Part (a)

```
public TokenPass(int playerCount)
{
  board = new int[playerCount];
  for (int i = 0; i < playerCount; i++)
    board[i] = (int)(10 * Math.random()) + 1;
  currentPlayer = (int)(playerCount * Math.random());
}</pre>
```

# Part (b)

```
public void distributeCurrentPlayerTokens()
{
  int numTokens = board[currentPlayer];
  board[currentPlayer] = 0;
  int i = currentPlayer;
  while (numTokens > 0)
  {
    i = (i+1) % board.length;  
    board[i]++;
    numTokens--;
  }
}
```

## **Notes:**

1. Or:

```
i++;
if (i == board.length)
  i = 0;
```

# Part (a)

```
public static ArrayList<Location> getEmptyLocations(Grid grid)
    ArrayList<Location> emptyLocs = new ArrayList<Location>();
    for (int r = 0; r < grid.getNumRows(); r++)
      for (int c = 0; c < grid.getNumCols(); c++)</pre>
        Location loc = new Location(r, c);
        if (grid.get(loc) == null)
          emptyLocs.add(loc);
    }
    return emptyLocs;
Part (b)
public class JumpingCritter extends Critter
 public ArrayList<Location> getMoveLocations()
    return GridWorldUtilities.getEmptyLocations(getGrid());
  public Location selectMoveLocation(ArrayList<Location> locs)
    if (locs.size() == 0)
      return null; 1
    return super.selectMoveLocation(locs);
}
```

#### **Notes:**

1. You cannot remove this JumpingCritter from the grid right here, because this would violate selectMoveLocation's precondition #2. Leave this job to the makeMove method.

#### 2. Or:

```
public Location selectMoveLocation(ArrayList<Location> locs)
{
  int n = locs.size();
  if (n == 0)
    return null;
  int r = (int)(Math.random() * n);
  return locs.get(r);
}
```

## Part (a)

```
public SkyView(int numRows, int numCols, double[] scanned) 1
{
  view = new double[numRows][numCols];
  int row = 0, col = 0, step = 1;
  for (double amtLight : scanned)
  {
    view[row][col] = amtLight;
    int nextCol = col + step;
    if (nextCol >= 0 && nextCol < numCols)
        col = nextCol;
    else
    {
        row++;
        step = -step;
    }
  }
}</pre>
```

#### **Notes:**

- 1. There is a typo in the statement of this question (Page 17): SkyView (4, 3, values) and SkyView (3, 2, values) probably was meant to be SkyView (4, 3, scanned) and SkyView (3, 2, scanned). Thanks to Doug Vermes for mentioning this to us.
- 2. There are many different acceptable solutions to this part of the question too many to list here. For example, you can get rid of the step variable and use 1 2\* (row % 2) instead:

```
view = new double[numRows][numCols];
int row = 0, col = 0;
for (double amtLight : scanned)
{
  view[row][col] = amtLight;
  int nextCol = col + 1 - 2*(row % 2);
  if (nextCol >= 0 && nextCol < numCols)
    col = nextCol;
  else
    row++;
}</pre>
```

#### Or use an if statement:

```
view = new double[numRows][numCols];
int row = 0, col = 0;
for (double amtLight : scanned)
{
  view[row][col] = amtLight;
  int nextCol = col;
  if (row % 2 == 0)
```

```
nextCol++;
else
  nextCol--;
if (nextCol >= 0 && nextCol < numCols)
  col = nextCol;
else
  row++;
}</pre>
```

Or fill the even rows and the odd rows in separate loops. Or for each element view[row] [col] calculate the location of the corresponding element scanned[i]:

```
view = new double[numRows][numCols];
for (int row = 0; row < numRows; row++)
{
   for (int col = 0; col < numCols; col++)
   {
     int i = row * numCols;
     if (row % 2 == 0)
        i += col;
     else
        i += numCols - col - 1;
     view[row][col] = scanned[i];
   }
}</pre>
```

# Part (b)

#### **Notes:**

1. Or count the number of elements in the region:

```
double sum = 0.0;
int count = 0;
for (int r = startRow; r <= endRow; r++)
{
   for (int c = startCol; c <= endCol; c++)
   {
      sum += view[r][c];
      count++;
   }
}
return sum / count;</pre>
```