

TRACEABLE ALGORITHMS

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PRE-REQUISITES

- Model-Interactor Separation



ALGORITHM VS. PROGRAM

- Description of solution to a problem.
- Can be in any “language”
 - graphical
 - natural or programming language
 - natural + programming language (pseudo code)
- Can describe solution to various levels of detail
 - A program is an algorithm
 - An algorithm may not be a program
- Level of detail depends on the task of the reader
 - If debugging or maintaining, then depends on which aspect is faulty or being changed
 - If describing solution depends on what is considered algorithm challenge



ALGORITHM

```
Please enter an input line or quit or history
```

```
The woods are lovely dark and deep
```

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The woods are lovely dark and deep
```

```
Please enter an input line or quit or history
```

```
But I have promises to keep
```

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```
Please enter an input line or quit or history
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```
And miles to go before I sleep
```

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And miles to go before I sleep
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```
Please enter an input line or quit or history
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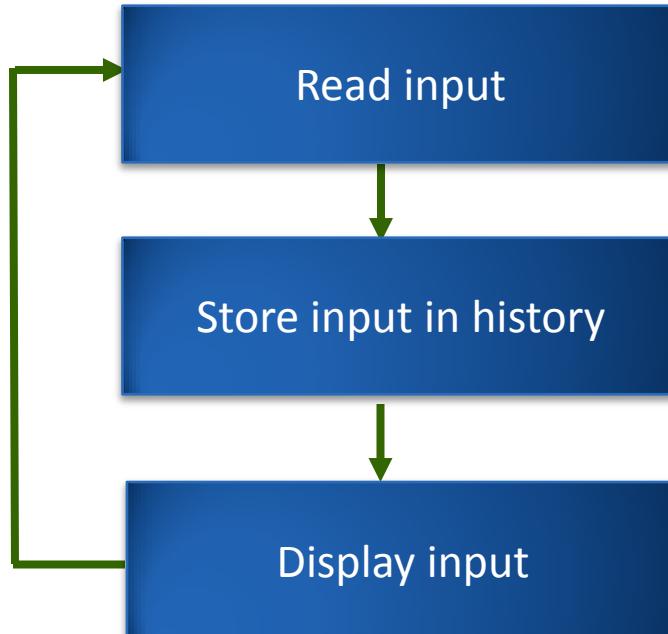
```
history
```

```
The woods are lovely dark and deep, But I have promises to keep, And miles to go before I sleep
```

```
Please enter an input line or quit or history
```

```
quit
```

```
Quitting application
```



Algorithm/program separation more useful in monolithic or modular program?



HOW USEFUL IN MONOLITHIC PROGRAM?

```
public class MonolithicEchoer {  
    protected static List<String> history = new ArrayList();  
    public static void main(String[] anArgs) {  
        for (;;) {  
            System.out.println(PROMPT);  
            Scanner scanner = new Scanner(System.in);  
            String nextInput = scanner.nextLine();  
            if (nextInput.equals(QUIT)) {  
                processQuit();  
                break;  
            } else if (nextInput.equals(HISTORY))  
                printHistory();  
            else  
                processInput(nextInput);  
        }  
    }  
}
```



HOW USEFUL IN MONOLITHIC PROGRAM?

```
protected static void processInput(String anInput) {  
    String aFeedback = EchoUtilities.echo(anInput);  
    addToHistory(aFeedback);  
    displayOutput(aFeedback);  
}  
protected static void displayOutput(String newValue) {  
    System.out.println(newValue);  
}  
protected static void addToHistory(String newValue) {  
    history.add(history.size(), newValue);  
}  
}
```



HOW USEFUL IN MORE MODULAR PROGRAM?

```
public class ASimpleList<ElementType>
    implements SimpleList<ElementType> {
    List<ElementType> simpleList = new ArrayList();
    List<ListObserver<ElementType>> observers = new ArrayList();
    public void add(ElementType anElement) {
        simpleList.add(simpleList.size(), anElement);
    }
    public void observableAdd(int anIndex, ElementType anElement) {
        add(anIndex, anElement);
        notifyAdd(anIndex, anElement);
    }
    public void notifyAdd(List<ListObserver<ElementType>> observers,
        int index, ElementType newValue) {
        for (ListObserver<ElementType> observer:observers)
            observer.elementAdded(index, newValue);
    }
    ...
}
```



HOW USEFUL IN MORE MODULAR PROGRAM?

```
public class AnEchoInteractor implements EchoerInteractor {  
    protected SimpleList<String> history;  
    public AnEchoInteractor(SimpleList<String> aHistory) {  
        history = aHistory;  
    }  
    ...  
    protected void processInput(String anInput) {  
        addToHistory(computeFeedback(anInput));  
    }  
    protected void addToHistory(String newValue) {  
        history.observableAdd(newValue);  
    }  
    public void elementAdded(int anIndex, Object aNewValue) {  
        displayOutput(history.get(anIndex));  
    }  
    protected void displayOutput(String newValue) {  
        System.out.println(newValue);  
    }  
    ...
```



HOW USEFUL IN MORE MODULAR PROGRAM?

```
public class AnEchoComposerAndLauncher implements  
EchoerComposerAndLauncher{  
    protected SimpleList<String> history;  
    protected EchoerInteractor interactor;  
    // factory method  
    protected SimpleList<String> createHistory() {  
        return new ASimpleList();  
    }  
    // factory method  
    protected EchoerInteractor createInteractor() {  
        return new AnEchoInteractor(history);  
    }  
    protected void connectModelInteractor() {  
        interactor = createInteractor();  
        history.addObserver(interactor);  
    }  
...}
```

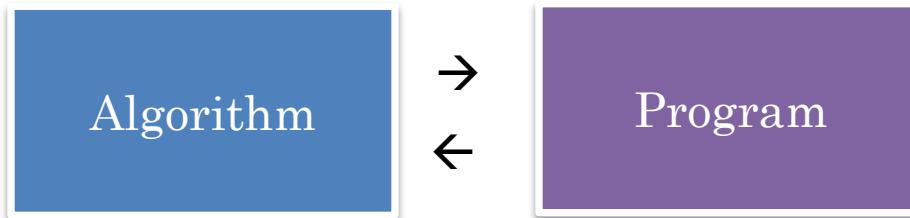
Modularity scatters algorithm among multiple objects

With observer pattern and interfaces sometimes algorithm not known until runtime

Need for higher-level algorithm more in multi-class programs



WHICH COMES FIRST?



Top-down, bottom-up, middle-out



SEPARATE?

Algorithm

Program

Can get inconsistent

Embellish the program with the
algorithm



IN-LINE ALGORITHM

```
protected static void processInput(String anInput) {  
    // received input  
    String aFeedback = EchoUtilities.echo(anInput);  
    addToHistory(aFeedback);  
    // added input to history  
    displayOutput(aFeedback);  
    // displayed the input  
}
```

Can extract comments from code to view algorithm

Do not get a linear path from scattered objects



PRINT STATEMENTS

```
protected static void processInput(String anInput) {  
    System.out.println("received input");  
    EchoUtilities.echo(anInput);  
    addToHistory(aFeedback);  
    System.out.println("added input to history");  
    displayOutput(aFeedback);  
    System.out.println("displayed the input");  
}
```

Can get a linear path

Cannot disable them easily

Cannot separate them from other output



TRACING WITH DEBUGGER

Debugger makes it difficult to test race conditions

Cannot see the history of actions

Break points do not transfer to another computer

No static documentation



LOGGING FRAMEWORKS

Log rather than print traces

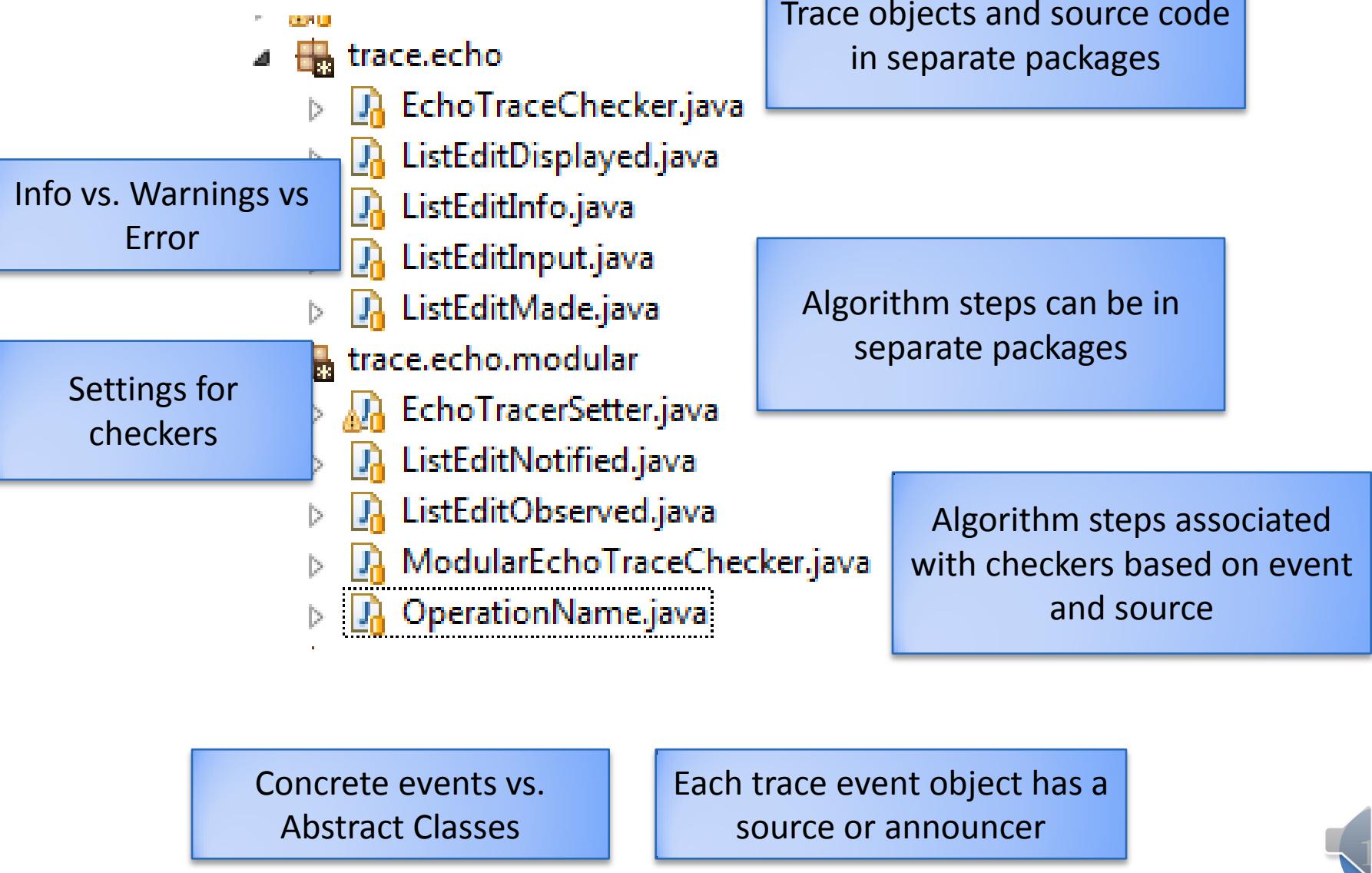
Can display selected portions of the log

Can separate log output from the rest

Will describe log framework developed before Java's



SPECIAL CLASS FOR EACH ALGORITHM STEP/EVENT



SOURCE CLASS FILTERING

```
TracingLaunchSourceClass [Java Application] D:\Program Files\Java  
I***Tracer: showInfo = true  
Please enter an input line or quit or history  
Woods  
I***EvtSrc(echo.modular.ASimpleList) EvtType(trace.echo.ListEditMade) Time(14091  
45395444, 9:16:35) Thread(main) ListEdit_ADD(0,Woods,History)  
I***EvtSrc(echo.modular.ASimpleList) EvtType(trace.echo.modular.ListEditNotified  
) Time(1409145395445, 9:16:35) Thread(main) ListEdit_ADD(0,Woods,History)  
Woods  
Please enter an input line or quit or history
```

Tracer.showInfo(**true**);
Tracer.setImplicitPrintKeywordKind
 (**ImplicitKeywordKind.OBJECT_CLASS_NAME**).
Tracer.setMessagePrefixKind
 (**MessagePrefixKind.FULL_CLASS_NAME**).
TraceableInfo.setPrintTraceable(**true**);
TraceableInfo.setPrintSource(**true**);
TraceableInfo.setPrintTime(**true**);
TraceableInfo.setPrintThread(**true**);
Tracer.setKeywordPrintStatus(**ASimpleList.class, true**)

Why ListEditMade and
ListEditNotified and not
other events

All events fired by (instances
of) ASimpleList.class

Can enumerate multiple
classes

Alternative to class-based
filtering?



SEPARATE? (REVIEW)

Algorithm

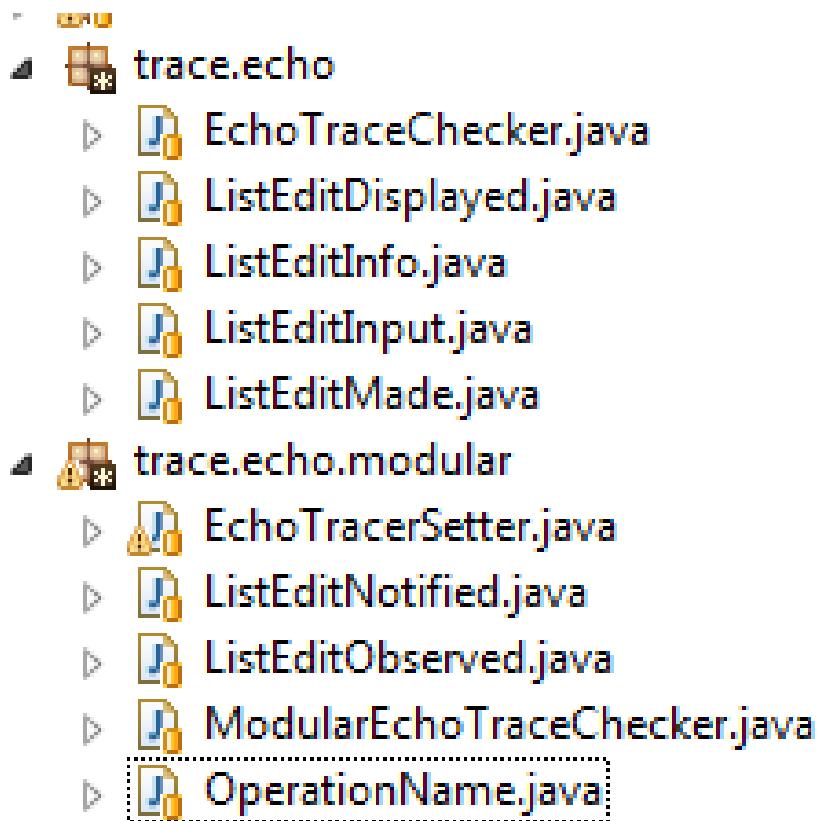
Program

Can get inconsistent

Embellish the program with the
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Each trace event object has a
source or announcer



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Woods  
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other events

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classes

Alternative to source-based
filtering?



EVENT CLASS FILTERING

```
TracingLaunchEventClass [Java Application] D:\Program Files\Java\jdk1.7.0_51\bin\javaw.exe (Sep 3, 2014, 9:
```

```
I***Tracer: showInfo = true  
Please enter an input line or quit or history
```

```
Woods
```

```
I***EvtType(trace.echo.ListEditMade) EvtSrc(echo.modular.ASimpleList) Time(14097  
52299367, 9:51:39) Thread(main) ListEdit_ADD(0,Woods,History)  
I***EvtType(trace.echo.modular.ListEditObserved) EvtSrc(echo.modular.AnEchoInter  
actor) Time(1409752299368, 9:51:39) Thread(main) ListEdit_ADD(0,Woods,History)
```

```
Woods
```

```
Please enter an input line or quit or history
```

```
Tracer.showInfo(true);  
Tracer.setImplicitPrintKeywordKind  
    (ImplicitKeywordKind.OBJECT_CLASS_NAME);  
Tracer.setMessagePrefixKind  
    (MessagePrefixKind.FULL_CLASS_NAME);  
TraceableInfo.setPrintSource(true);  
TraceableInfo.setPrintTime(true);  
TraceableInfo.setPrintThread(true);  
Tracer.setKeywordPrintStatus(ListEditMade,  
Tracer.setKeywordPrintStatus(ListEditObserved.class, true);
```

All events of type ListEditMade
or ListEditObserved

Can be announced by different
sources

Alternative (source/event)
class-based filtering?



PACKAGE-BASED FILTERING

TracingLaunchEventPackage [Java Application] D:\Program Files\Java\jdk1.7.0_51\bin\javaw.exe (Sep 3, 2014, 9:57:32 AM)

```
I***Tracer: showInfo = true
Please enter an input line or quit or history
Woods
I***EvtType(trace.echo.ListEditInput) EvtSrc(echo.modular.AnEchoInteractor) Time
(1409752669097, 9:57:49) Thread(main) ListEdit_ADD(0,Woods,History)
I***EvtType(trace.echo.ListEditMade) EvtSrc(echo.modular.ASimpleList) Time(14097
52669194, 9:57:49) Thread(main) ListEdit_ADD(0,Woods,History)
Woods
I***EvtType(trace.echo.ListEditDisplayed) EvtSrc(echo.modular.AnEchoInteractor)
Time(1409752669197, 9:57:49) Thread(main) ListEdit_ADD(0,Woods,History)
F
, trace.echo
    quit or history
```

All events of types that are in
the package of ListEditMade

- EchoTraceChecker.java
- ListEditDisplayed.java
- ListEditInfo.java
- ListEditInput.java
- ListEditMade.java

```
        ntKeywordKind
        Kind.OBJECT_PACKAGE_NAME);
        ixKind
        nd.FULL_CLASS_NAME);
        tSource(true);
        tTime(true);
        tThread(true);
        tStatus(ListEditMade.class, true);
```

Filtering by class and package
in other contexts?

- EchoTracerSetter.java
- ListEditNotified.java
- ListEditObserved.java
- ModularEchoTraceChec
- OperationName.java



ASSERTIONS

```
public double getBMI () {  
    assert weight > 0 && height > 0 :"height and weight  
should be >0";  
    return weight/(height*height);  
}
```

Assertion error is like exception, but it can be disabled

Can enable/disable assertions for specific classes and packages

java -ea assignment9.MainClass -da bus.uigen

Enable assertions for MainClass

Disable assertions for bus.uigen package

Similarity between trace objects and assertions is not a coincidence as both support disableable testing

State vs events



TRACE OBJECT VS. EVENTS

```
TracingLaunchEventPackage [Java Application] D:\Program Files\Java\jdk1.7.0_21\bin\javaw.exe (Aug 27, 2010)
Woods
I***EvtType(trace.echo.ListEditInput) EvtSrc(echo.modular.AnEchoInteractor) Time(1409156327499, 12:18:47) Thread(main) ListEdit_ADD(0,Woods,History)
I***EvtType(trace.echo.ListEditMade) EvtSrc(echo.modular.ASimpleList) Time(1409156327742, 12:18:47) Thread(main) ListEdit_ADD(0,Woods,History)
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Please enter an input line or quit or history
```

a la event type,
class of object

a la event firing,
source object

computed
automatically

a la event
parameters

Announcing a trace object is “asserting” an algorithm event



EXAMPLE TRACEABLE EVENT CLASS

```
public class ListEditInput extends ListEditInfo{  
    public ListEditInput(String aMessage,  
                        OperationName anOperationName, int anIndex,  
                        Object anElement, String aList, Object aFinder) {  
        super(aMessage, anOperationName, anIndex,  
              anElement, aList, aFinder);
```

Step-specific parameters

Network wide list name

Message to be printed

```
    public static ListEditInput newCase(  
        OperationName anOperationName, int anIndex,  
        Object anElement, String aList, Object aFinder) {  
        String aMessage = toString(anOperationName, anIndex,  
                                   anElement, aList);  
        ListEditInput retVal = new ListEditInput(aMessage,  
                                              anOperationName, anIndex, anElement, aList, aFinder);  
    }
```

Thread and time
automatically computed

Static method to construct a message
from the other args and to log the object



TRACEABLE EVENT CREATION

```
protected static void processInput(String anInput) {  
    ListEditInput.newCase(OperationName.ADD, history.size(),  
        anInput, ApplicationTags.HISTORY,  
        MonolithicEchoer.class);  
    String aFeedback = EchoUtilities.echo(anInput);  
    addToHistory(aFeedback);  
    ListEditMade.newCase(OperationName.ADD, history.size(),  
        anInput, ApplicationTags.HISTORY,  
        MonolithicEchoer.class);  
    displayOutput(aFeedback);  
    ListEditDisplayed.newCase(OperationName.ADD,  
        history.size(), anInput, ApplicationTags.HISTORY,  
        MonolithicEchoer.class);  
}
```

Source of static (instance) methods
is class (instance)

Can go from code to typed
algorithm steps

Algorithm step to code?



FIND ALL USES OF A METHOD

```
        }
    public static ListEditInput newCase(
        OperationName anOperationName, int anIndex,
        Object anElement, String aList, Object aFinder) {
        String aMessage = toString(anOperationName, anIndex, i
        ListEditInput retVal = new ListEditInput(aMessage, an(
        retVal.announce();
        return retVal;
    }
```

```
}
```

```
<
```

Problems @ Javadoc Declaration Console Search History

ce.echo.ListEditInput.newCase(OperationName, int, Object, String, Object)' - 2 refer

echo.modular - src - ColabTeaching

AnEchoInteractor

processInput(String)

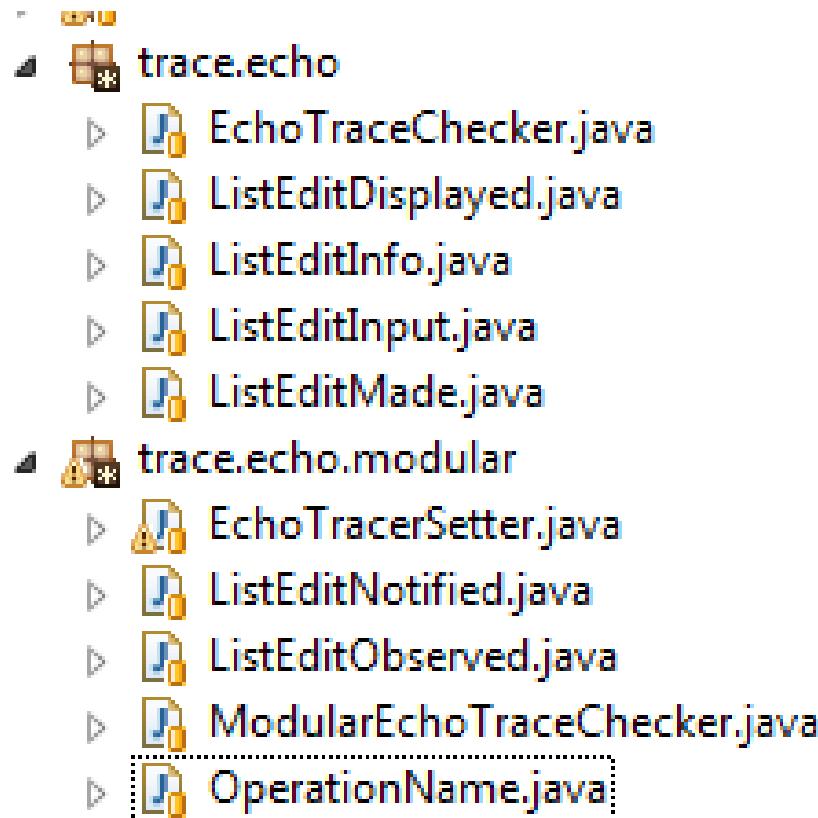
echo.monolithic - src - ColabTeaching

MonolithicEchoer

processInput(String)



FORMAL ALGORITHM DESCRIPTION AND TESTING?



LauncherOfMonolithicEchoTester

LauncherOfModularEchoTester

How is testing done today?



I/O DIFF-BASED TESTING

```
Please enter an input line or quit or history
The woods are lovely dark and deep
The woods are lovely dark and deep
Please enter an input line or quit or history
But I have promises to keep
And miles to go before I sleep
history
The woods are lovely dark and deep, But I have promises to keep, And miles to go before I sleep
Please enter an input line or quit or history
```

Compare “correct” transcript with test transcript

No creativity allowed in implementation defined I/O such as debugging statements and prompts

Cannot distinguish between algorithms that have the same I/O behavior – e.g. monolithic and modular echo

Thread scheduling and other non determinism can effect the trace of a correct algorithm



TRACE DIFFS

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Woods
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I***EvtType(trace.echo.ListEditMade) EvtSrc(echo.modular.ASimpleList) Time(1409156327742, 12:18:47) Thread(main) ListEdit_ADD(0,Woods,History)
I***EvtType(trace.echo.modular.ListEditNotified) EvtSrc(echo.modular.ASimpleList) Time(1409156327745, 12:18:47) Thread(main) ListEdit_ADD(0,Woods,History)
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Woods
I***EvtType(trace.echo.ListEditDisplayed) EvtSrc(echo.modular.AnEchoInteractor) Time(1409156327749, 12:18:47) Thread(main) ListEdit_ADD(0,Woods,History)
Please enter an input line or quit or history
```

Compare “correct” trace with test trace

Can use filtering to test algorithms at multiple levels of abstractions and different aspects of algorithms

No formal description of algorithm – who checks the correct implementation



INTER-TRACE VS INTRA-TRACE

```
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```

Find relationships among steps within a trace

User input should be followed by a certain sequence of events which are different for different algorithms

The arguments of these events should have certain relationships

Other aspects of the trace such as source may have relationships



MONOLITHIC SPECIFICATION AND TESTING

For each input I

I should be followed by ListEditInput, ListEditMade, and ListEditDisplayed

The operation name, index, element, and list should be the same in the events above

The element should be echo(I)



MODULAR SPECIFICATION AND TESTING

For each input I

I should be followed by ListEditInput, ListEditMade, ListEditNotified, ListEditObserved, and ListEditDisplayed

The operation name, index, element, and list should be the same in the events above

The element should be echo(I)

The source of ListEditNotified and ListEditObserved should be different

The source of other objects can also be different as a model/interactor may be divided into multiple submodels/interactors

A program that passes the modular tester
will pass the monolithic tester

Demoed OT algorithm was tested using traces



SUMMARY

- Algorithm needed for understanding programs, testing, debugging
- Modularity increases need as steps scattered through many classes
- Important to be able to tie program to algorithm and keep them consistent
- Prints cannot be disabled and easily separated from real output,
- Debugging does not support race conditions and does not provide persistent tracing
- Untyped-event log can be turned off and on and filtered based on keyword, class, package
- Typed events allow algorithm steps to be in separate packages, filtering by event type, and ways to find implementations of a step
- Inter-trace diffs allow algorithm rather than I/O comparisons
- Intra-trace processing allows specification of algorithms and testing without correct traces.



NOT COVERED

- Types events can be listened through a message bus
- A message bus connects observers to observables
- Can block events when certain conditions are met
- Less heavyweight untyped traces also possible
- Following slides from previous class cover this
 - They duplicate some of the material here



TRACE

```
Please enter message:  
The woods are lovely  
I*** (inputport.datacomm.simplex.buffer) Forwarding message to send trapper:inputpor  
I*** (inputport.datacomm.simplex) Forwarding sent message java.nio.HeapByteBuffer[po  
I*** (inputport.datacomm.simplex.buffer.nio) Sending messsage: java.nio.HeapByteBuff  
I*** (inputport.datacomm.simplex.buffer.nio) ABufferedWrite with id:0 contents:java.  
I*** (inputport.datacomm.simplex.buffer.nio) Started storing of buffered write with  
I*** (inputport.d Tracer.showInfo(true);  
Please enter mes  
I*** (inputport.datacomm.simplex.buffer.nio) Selector select unblocks  
I*** (inputport.d May not want to know about nio  
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I*** (inputport.d  
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I*** (inputport.datacomm.simplex) notifying to send listners message:java.nio.HeapBy  
Alice-->Echo Server: (0)java.nio.HeapByteBuffer[pos=0 lim=20 cap=20]  
I*** (inputport.datacomm.simplex.buffer.nio) notified listeners about write  
I*** (inputport.datacomm.simplex.buffer.nio) Selector registering read as no pending  
I*** (inputport.datacomm.simplex.buffer.nio) channel not connected or no pending wr  
I*** (inputport.datacomm.simplex.buffer.nio) Selector calls select
```



ONLY INPUTPORT.DATACOMM.SIMPLEX.BUFFER

```
AServerSimplexBufferInputPortLauncher [Java Application] C:\Program Files\Java\jre6\bin\javaw.exe (Oct 17, 2011 4:22:27)
I*** (inputport.datacomm.simplex.buffer) Retrieved from global state receive trapp
I*** (inputport.datacomm.simplex.buffer) Changing connection status and asking dri
I*** (inputport.datacomm.simplex.buffer) Received message:java.nio.HeapByteBuffer|
I*** (inputport.datacomm.simplex.buffer) Associating Alice with java.nio.channels.
I*** (inputport.datacomm.simplex.buffer) ServerInputPort connected to:java.nio.cha
Echo Server<-->Alice (Opened)
I*** (inputport.datacomm.simplex.buffer) Received message:java.nio.HeapByteBuffer|
I*** (inputport.datacomm.simplex.buffer) ServerInputPort received message java.nic
.
```

```
AnAliceSimplexBufferInputPortLauncher [Java Application] C:\Program Files\Java\jre6\bin\javaw.exe (Oct 17, 2011 4:22:33)
I*** (inputport.datacomm.simplex.buffer) Retrieved from global state send trapper:
I*** (inputport.datacomm.simplex.buffer) Set my send trapper to:inputport.datacomm
I*** (inputport.datacomm.simplex.buffer) Adding send listener:inputport.datacomm.s
I*** (inputport.datacomm.simplex.buffer) Asking driver to connect and changing sta
I*** (inputport.datacomm.simplex.buffer) Received connected notificaton from drive
I*** (inputport.datacomm.simplex.buffer) Sending to server my name: Alice
I*** (inputport.datacomm.simplex.buffer) Forwarding message to send trapper:inputp
Alice<-->Echo Server (Opened)
I*** (inputport.datacomm.simplex.buffer) Received sent notification from driver
I*** (inputport.datacomm.simplex.buffer) Notifying to send listeners message:java.
Alice-->Echo Server: (0)java.nio.HeapByteBuffer[pos=0 lim=5 cap=5]
Please enter message:
The woods are lovely
I*** (inputport.datacomm.simplex.buffer) Forwarding message to send trapper:inputp
Please enter message:
I*** (inputport.datacomm.simplex.buffer) Received sent notification from driver
I*** (inputport.datacomm.simplex.buffer) Notifying to send listeners message:java.
Alice-->Echo Server: (1)java.nio.HeapByteBuffer[pos=0 lim=20 cap=20]
```



EXPLICIT KEYWORDS

```
public static void info(String keyWord, String info);
```

```
Tracer.info("inputport.datacomm.simplex.buffer", "Asking  
driver to connect and changing status");
```

```
public static void setKeywordPrintStatus(  
    String keyWord,  
    Boolean status);
```

```
Tracer.setKeywordPrintStatus("inputport.datacomm.simplex.  
buffer", true)
```

```
Tracer.setKeywordPrintStatus(Tracer.ALL_KEYWORDS, false);
```

Have to specify package name each time

Package name can change



IMPLICIT KEYWORDS

```
public static void info(Object object, String info);
```

```
Tracer.info(this, "Asking driver to connect and changing status");
```

```
public static void setKeywordPrintStatus(Class c, Boolean status);
```

```
Tracer.setKeywordPrintStatus(  
    AGenericSimplexBufferClientInputPort.class,  
    false);
```



SHOWING PACKAGE NAMES

Cannot identify classes of the objects printing out messages

Need to not only specify which events to display but what information to display about each event

I*** (inputport.datacomm.simplex.buffer) Retrieved from global state send trapper:

```
Tracer.showInfo(true);
Tracer.setKeywordPrintStatus(Tracer.ALL_KEYWORDS, false);
Tracer.setKeywordPrintStatus(
    AGenericSimplexBufferClientInputPort.class, true);
Tracer.setMessagePrefixKind(MessagePrefixKind.PACKAGE_NAME);
```

```
I*** (inputport.datacomm.simplex.buffer) Received sent notification from driver
I*** (inputport.datacomm.simplex.buffer) Notifying to send listeners message:java.
Alice-->Echo Server: (0) java.nio.HeapByteBuffer[pos=0 lim=5 cap=5]
Please enter message:
The woods are lovely
I*** (inputport.datacomm.simplex.buffer) Forwarding message to send trapper:inputp
Please enter message:
I*** (inputport.datacomm.simplex.buffer) Received sent notification from driver
I*** (inputport.datacomm.simplex.buffer) Notifying to send listeners message:java.
Alice-->Echo Server: (1) java.nio.HeapByteBuffer[pos=0 lim=20 cap=20]
```



SHOWING SHORT CLASS NAMES

AServerSimplexBufferInputPortLauncher [Java Application] C:\Program Files\Java\jre6\bin\javaw.exe (Oct 17, 2011 12:52:32 PM)

```
I*** (AGenericSimplexBufferServerInputPort) Retrieved from global state receive trapper:inputport.d
I*** (AGenericSimplexBufferServerInputPort) Changing connection status and asking driver to connect
I*** (AGenericSimplexBufferServerInputPort) Received message:java.nio.HeapByteBuffer[pos=4 lim=9 cap=9]
I*** (AGenericSimplexBufferServerInputPort) Associating Alice with java.nio.channels.SocketChannel[fd=1]
I*** (AGenericSimplexBufferServerInputPort) ServerInputPort connected to:java.nio.channels.SocketCh
Echo Server<-->Alice (Opened)
I*** (AGenericSimplexBufferServerInputPort) Received message:java.nio.HeapByteBuffer[pos=4 lim=24 cap=24]
I*** (AGenericSimplexBufferServerInputPort) ServerInputPort received message java.nio.HeapByteBuff
Echo Server<-->Alice:The woods are lovely
```

```
Tracer.showInfo(true);
Tracer.setKeywordPrintStatus(Tracer.ALL_KEYWORDS, false);
Tracer.setKeywordPrintStatus(
    AGenericSimplexBufferClientInputPort.class, true);
Tracer.setMessagePrefixKind(MessagePrefixKind.SHORT_CLASS_NAME)
```

```
I*** (AGenericSimplexBufferClientInputPort) Received sent notification from driver
I*** (ASendRegistrarAndNotifier) Notifying to send listeners message:java.nio.HeapByte
Alice-->Echo Server:(0)java.nio.HeapByteBuffer[pos=0 lim=5 cap=5]
Please enter message:
The woods are lovely
I*** (AGenericSimplexBufferClientInputPort) Forwarding message to send trapper:inputpc
Please enter message:
I*** (AGenericSimplexBufferClientInputPort) Received sent notification from driver
I*** (ASendRegistrarAndNotifier) Notifying to send listeners message:java.nio.HeapByte
Alice-->Echo Server:(1)java.nio.HeapByteBuffer[pos=0 lim=20 cap=20]
```



MESSAGEPREFIX

```
public static void setMessagePrefixKind(  
    MessagePrefixKind newValue)
```

```
public enum MessagePrefixKind {  
    NONE,  
    OBJECT_TO_STRING,  
    SHORT_CLASS_NAME,  
    FULL_CLASS_NAME,  
    PACKAGE_NAME  
}
```



DISPLAYING ALL CLASSES IN PACKAGE

```
AServerSimplexBufferInputPortLauncher [Java Application] C:\Program Files\Java\jre6\bin\javaw.exe (Oct 17, 2011 12:52:32 PM)
I*** (AGenericSimplexBufferServerInputPort) Retrieved from global state receive trapper:inputport.d
I*** (AGenericSimplexBufferServerInputPort) Changing connection status and asking driver to connect
I*** (AGenericSimplexBufferServerInputPort) Received message:java.nio.HeapByteBuffer[pos=4 lim=9 ca]
I*** (AGenericSimplexBufferServerInputPort) Associating Alice with java.nio.channels.SocketChannel[]
I*** (AGenericSimplexBufferServerInputPort) ServerInputPort connected to:java.nio.channels.SocketCh
Echo Server<-->Alice (Opened)
I*
I*
Ec Tracer.showInfo(true);
Tracer.setKeywordPrintStatus(Tracer.ALL_KEYWORDS, false);
Tracer.setKeywordPrintStatus(
    AGenericSimplexBufferClientInputPort.class, true);
Tracer.setMessagePrefixKind(MessagePrefixKind.SHORT_CLASS_NAME)
I*** (AGenericSimplexBufferClientInputPort) Received connected notification from driver
I*** (AGenericSimplexBufferClientInputPort) Sending to server my name: Alice
I*** (AGenericSimplexBufferClientInputPort) Forwarding message to send trapper:inputpc
Alice<-->Echo Server (Opened)
I*** (AGenericSimplexBufferClientInputPort) Received sent notification from driver
I*** (ASendRegistrarAndNotifier) Notifying to send listeners message:java.nio.HeapByte
Alice-->Echo Server: (0)java.nio.HeapByteBuffer[pos=0 lim=5 cap=5]
Please enter message:
The woods are lo
I*** (AGenericSim
Please enter mes
I*** (AGenericSim
I*** (ASendRegist
Alice-->Echo Ser
```

What if we want to focus on one class?

Narrow down which events



CONTROLLING IMPLICIT KEYWORD

```
AServerSimplexBufferInputPortLauncher (1) [Java Application] D:\Program Files\Java\jre1.6.0_04\bin\javaw.exe
Echo Server<-->Alice (Opened)
Echo Server<--Alice:The woods are lovely
```

```
I*** (AGenericSimplexBufferClientInputPort) Retrieved from global state send trapper:inputport.datacomm.s
I*** (AGenericSimplexBufferClientInputPort) Set my send trapper to:inputport.datacomm.simplex.ASendMessage
I*** (AGenericSimplexBufferClientInputPort) Asking driver to connect and changing status
T*** (AGenericSimplexBufferClientInputPort) Received connected notification from driver
```

```
Tracer.showInfo(true);
Tracer.setKeywordPrintStatus(Tracer.ALL_KEYWORDS, false);
Tracer.setImplicitKeywordKind(ImplicitKeywordKind.OBJECT_CLASS_NAME);
Tracer.setKeywordPrintStatus(
    AGenericSimplexBufferClientInputPort.class, true);
Tracer.setMessagePrefixKind(MessagePrefixKind.SHORT_CLASS_NAME);
```



IMPLICIT KEYWORD

```
public static void setImplicitKeywordKind(  
    ImplicitKeywordKind newValue)
```

```
public enum ImplicitKeywordKind {  
    OBJECT_TO_STRING,  
    OBJECT_CLASS_NAME,  
    OBJECT_PACKAGE_NAME  
}
```



TRACER STATIC METHODS SUMMARY

```
setKeywordPrintStatus(String keyWord Boolean status);
```

```
info(String keyWord, String info);
```

```
setImplicitKeywordKind(ImplicitKeywordKind newValue)
```

```
info(Object obj, String info);
```

```
setKeywordPrintStatus(Class cls, Boolean st
```

```
public enum ImplicitKeywordKind {  
    OBJECT_TO_STRING,  
    OBJECT_CLASS_NAME,  
    OBJECT_PACKAGE_NAME  
}
```

```
setMessagePrefixKind(MessagePrefixKind n
```

```
public enum MessagePrefixKind {  
    NONE,  
    OBJECT_TO_STRING,  
    SHORT_CLASS_NAME,  
    FULL_CLASS_NAME,  
    PACKAGE_NAME  
}
```



DEBUGGING CAPABILITIES IN TRACER?

Blocking but separate windows for different processes

See state at traced actions (with and without blocking)

Separate state for different threads (with and without blocking)

Have application-specific code learn about traced calls (perhaps in different processes)



TRACING STRINGS→OBJECTS

```
setKeywordPrintStatus(String keyWord Boolean status);
```

```
info(String keyWord, String info);
```

```
setImplicitKeywordKind(ImplicitKeywordKind newValue)
```

```
info(Object obj, String info);
```

```
setKeywordPrintStatus(Class cls, Boolean st
```

```
public enum ImplicitKeywordKind {  
    OBJECT_TO_STRING,  
    OBJECT_CLASS_NAME,  
    OBJECT_PACKAGE_NAME  
}
```

```
setMessagePrefixKind(MessagePrefixKind n
```

```
public enum MessagePrefixKind {  
    NONE,  
    OBJECT_TO_STRING,  
    SHORT_CLASS_NAME,  
    FULL_CLASS_NAME,  
    PACKAGE_NAME  
}
```



STRING → OBJECT

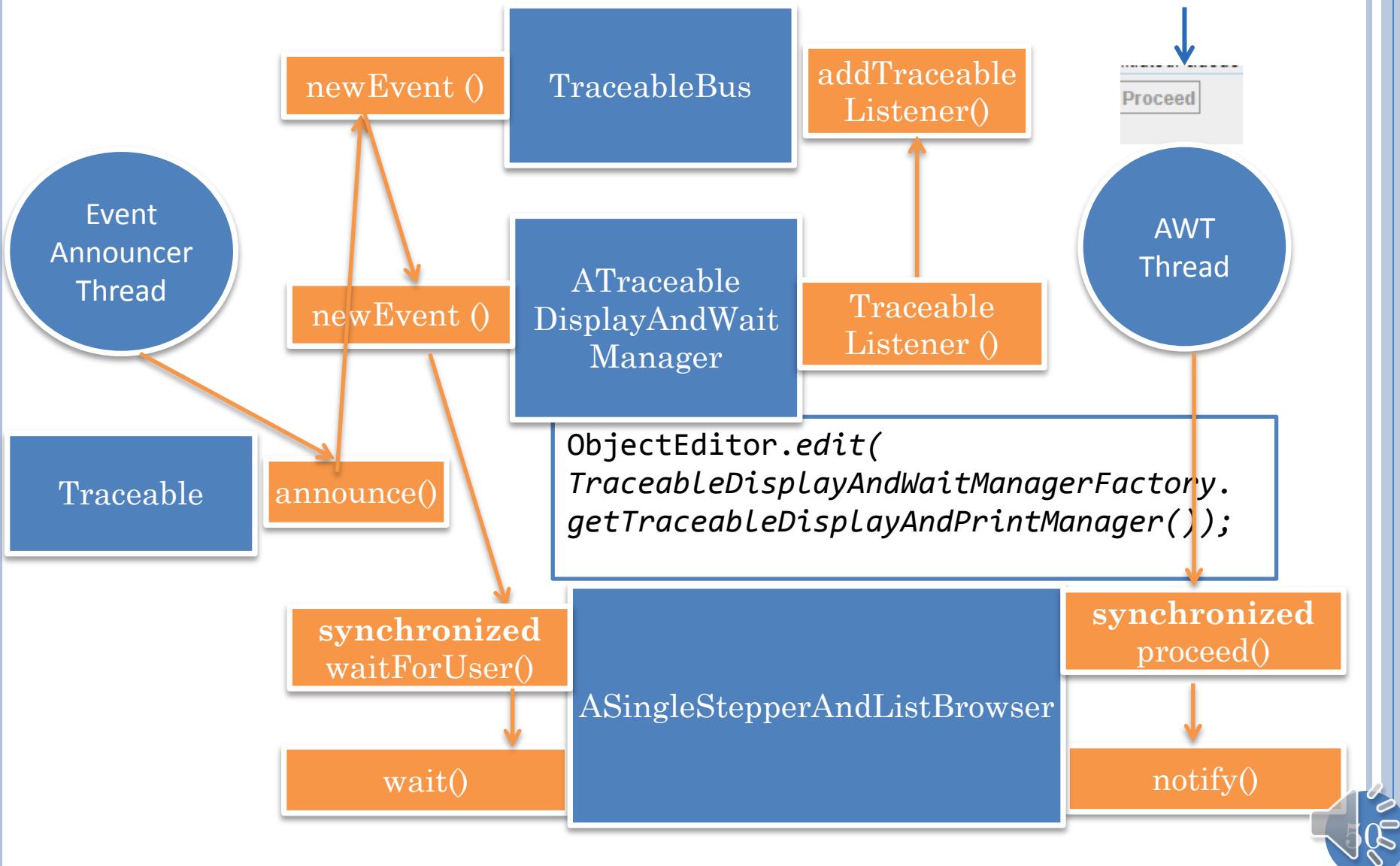
```
@DisplayToString(true)
@ComponentWidth(1000)
public class MVCTraceableInfo extends TraceableInfo{
    public MVCTraceableInfo(String aMessage, Object anAnnouncer) {
        super(aMessage, anAnnouncer);
    }
    public static MVCTraceableInfo newInfo(String aMessage, Object aFinder) {
        MVCTraceableInfo retVal = new MVCTraceableInfo(aMessage, aFinder);
        retVal.announce();
        return retVal;
    }
}
```

```
Tracer.info(this, "MVC structure built")
```

```
MVCTraceableInfo( "MVC structure built", this);
```



TRACING OBJECTS



MESSAGE BUS

newEvent()

TraceableBus

addTraceable
Listener()

Like an observable it has registration method

Has an announce method

Does not generate events – simply communicates
them to observers



RUN FUNCTIONALITY

The screenshot illustrates the run functionality of a Java application, likely a distributed system involving RMI and MVC. The interface consists of three main windows:

- Top Window:** A table titled "[AMainClassList](Root.3:)". It has two columns: "Common" and "AMainClassList". The rows are numbered 1 to 5:
 - Row 1: Relayin - Terminate All
 - Row 2: ARelay - Execute(Class)
 - Row 3: AliceR - Terminate Children (highlighted in blue)
 - Row 4: BobRelayingCollaborativeRMIClient - UpperCaseLauncher
 - Row 5: CathyRelayingCollaborativeRMIClient - UpperCaseLauncher
- Bottom Left Window:** Titled "RelayingCollaborativeRMIREgistrySta...". It shows tabs for "Common" and "AConsoleModel". The content area is empty.
- Bottom Middle Window:** Titled "ARelayingCollaborativeRMIServerM...". It shows tabs for "Common" and "AConsoleModel". The content area is empty.
- Bottom Right Window:** Titled "AliceRelayingCollaborativeRMIClient...". It shows tabs for "Common" and "AConsoleModel". The content area displays the following text:

oeall20 Copyright Prasun Dewan, 2011, All rights reserved
Object Editor Version: 20
Built On: Unknown time because of java version incompatibility
W***Assuming implicit pattern: Bean Pattern
If this pattern is correct, use annotation @StructurePattern
exception
Words of Robert Frost please!

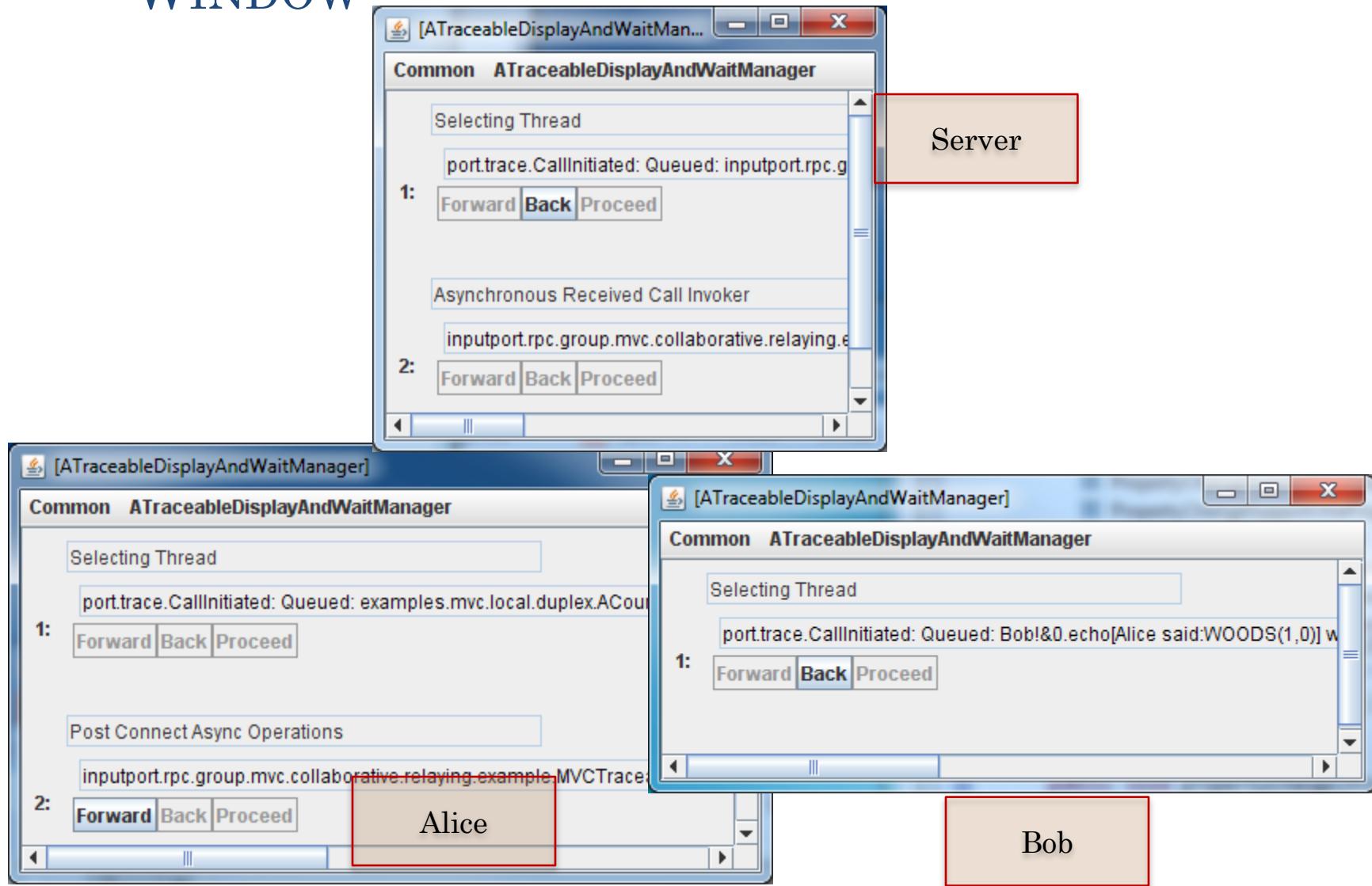


DEBUG FUNCTIONALITY

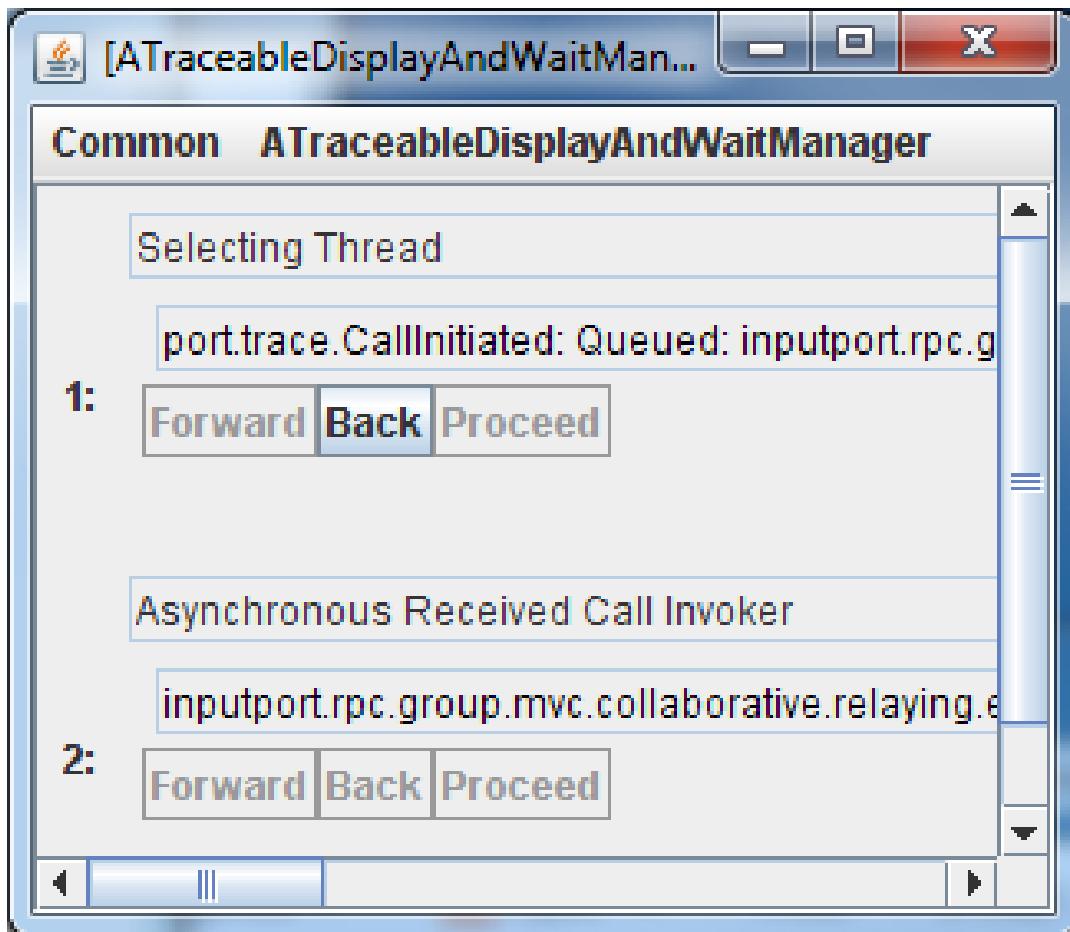
```
public ADuplexRPCClientRelayingCollaborativeMVCLauncher(  
    String aClientName, String aServerHost,  
    String aServerId, String aServerName) {  
    super(aClientName, aServerHost, aServerId, aServerName);  
    ObjectEditor.edit  
        (TraceableDisplayAndWaitManagerFactory.  
            getTraceableDisplayAndPrintManager());  
    Tracer.setKeywordDisplayStatus(this, true);  
}
```



EACH PROCESS CAN HAVE SEPARATE TRACE WINDOW



EACH TRACE WINDOW HAS SEPARATE THREAD AREA

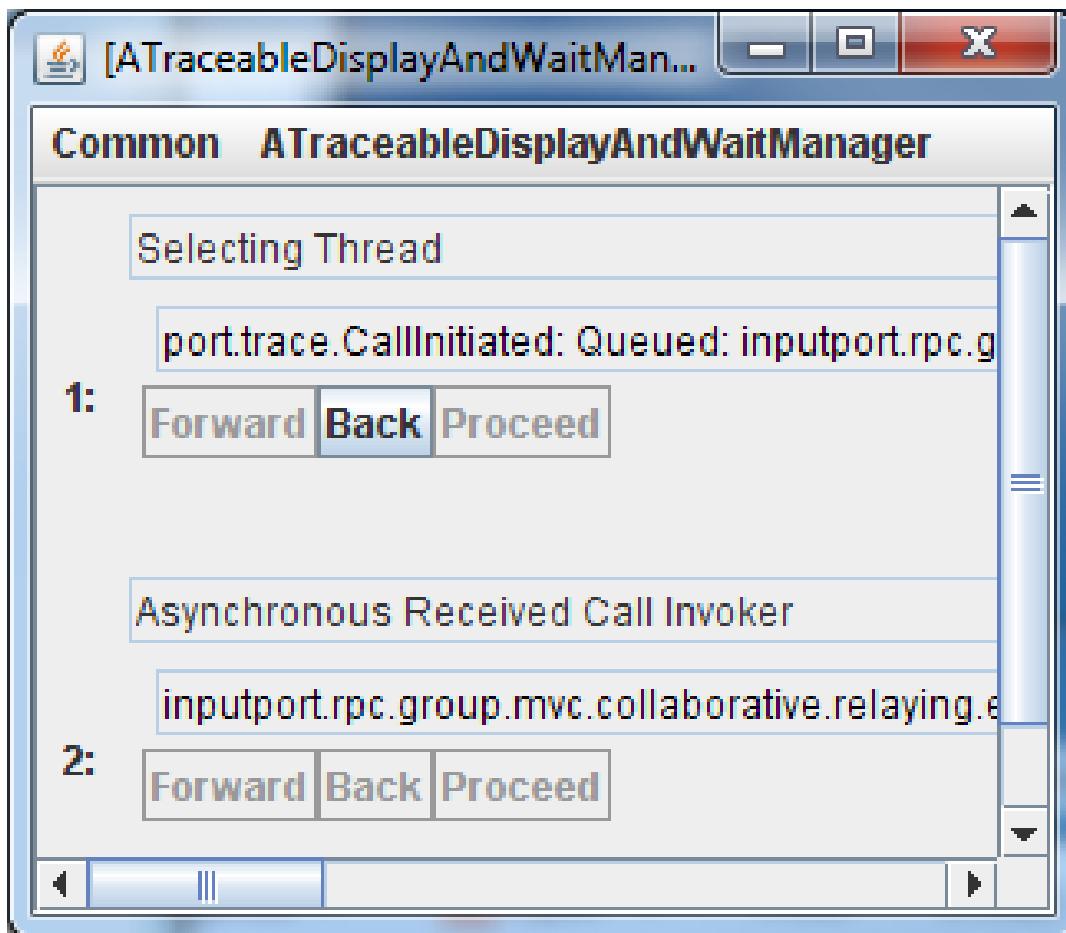


Thread interacting with underlying communication channel

Thread invoking remote calls



THREAD DISPLAY



Thread name

Other info



GOALS

[ATraceableDisplayAndWaitManager]

Common ATraceableDisplayAndWaitManager

Selecting Thread

port.trace.CallInitiated: Queued: inputport.rpc.group.mvc.collaborative.relaying.example.ARelayingCollaborativeUpperCaser.relayToOthers[Alice said:WOODS(1,0)]

1: Forward Back Proceed

Asynchronous Received Call Invoker

inputport.rpc.group.mvc.collaborative.relaying.example.MVCTraceableInfo: Server Relaying Output

2: Forward Back Proceed

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Debugger allows programmer to set breakpoint, resume, and at each breakpoint, pause and see stack trace, variable values, and console message when some line of code is executed

Set break point

BP Resume

BP Console message

Tracer should provide equivalent

BP Variable Values



CONSOLE OUTPUT EQUIVALENT: TYPED TRACING MESSAGE

GIPC-Defined Call Initiated		Type	Instance specific message
	Selecting Thread		
1:	port.trace.CallInitiated	Queued: inputport.rpc.group.mvc.collaborative.relaying.example.ARelayingCollaborativeUpperCaser.relayToOthers[Alice said:WOODS(1,0)]	
	<input type="button" value="Forward"/> <input type="button" value="Back"/> <input type="button" value="Proceed"/>		
Asynchronous Received Call Invoker			
2:	inputport.rpc.group.mvc.collaborative.relaying.example.MVCTraceableInfo: Server Relaying Output		
	<input type="button" value="Forward"/> <input type="button" value="Back"/> <input type="button" value="Proceed"/>		
Programmer-defined MVCTraceable Type			Instance specific message

getMessage()

Traceable

announce()

setMessage()



STACK TRACE EQUIVALENT: STACK TRACE

[ATraceableDisplayAndWaitManager]

Common ATraceableDisplayAndWaitManager

Selecting Thread

port.trace.CallInitiated: Queued: inputport.rpc.group.mvc.c...

1: Forward Back Proceed

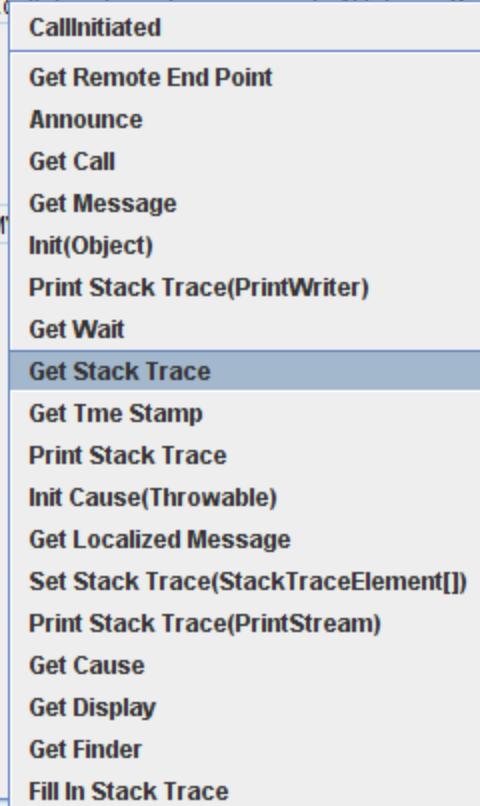
Asynchronous Received Call Invoker

inputport.rpc.group.mvc.collaborative.relaying.example.M...

2: Forward Back Proceed

CallInitiated

- Get Remote End Point
- Announce
- Get Call
- Get Message
- Init(Object)
- Print Stack Trace(PrintWriter)
- Get Wait
- Get Stack Trace**
- Get Time Stamp
- Print Stack Trace
- Init Cause(Throwable)
- Get Localized Message
- Set Stack Trace(StackTraceElement[])
- Print Stack Trace(PrintStream)
- Get Cause
- Get Display
- Get Finder
- Fill In Stack Trace



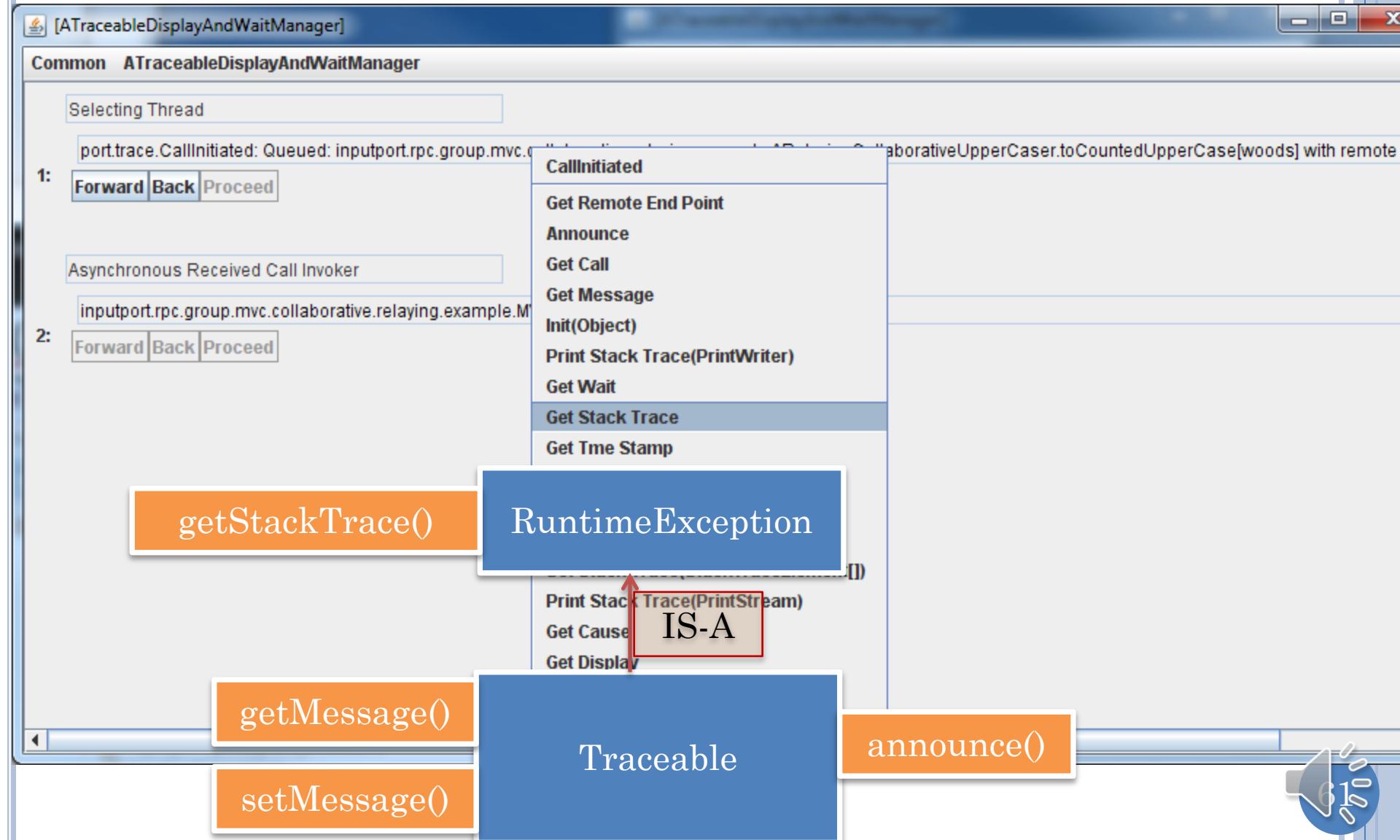
STACK TRACE DISPLAY

Display of
StackTrace
Object

	Class Name	File Name	Line Number	Method Name
1	port.trace.CallInitiated	CallInitiated.java	21	newCase
2	inputport.rpc.simplex.ASim	ASimplexCallReceiveTrap	38	notifyPortReceive
3	inputport.rpc.duplex.ADuple	ADuplexCallReceiveTrappe	28	notifyPortReceive
4	inputport.rpc.simplex.ASim	ASimplexRPCServerInputP	122	messageReceived
5	inputport.datacomm.ARceive	AReceiveRegistrarAndNoti	28	notifyPortReceive
6	inputport.datacomm.ARceive	AReceiveMessageForward	20	notifyPortReceive
7	inputport.datacomm.group	AnAbstractGroupInputPort.j	243	messageReceived
8	inputport.datacomm.ARceive	AReceiveRegistrarAndNoti	28	notifyPortReceive
9	inputport.datacomm.ARceive	AReceiveMessageForward	20	notifyPortReceive
10	inputport.datacomm.simplex	ADeserializingForwarder.ja	27	notifyPortReceive
11	inputport.datacomm.simplex	ADeserializingForwarder.ja	1	notifyPortReceive
12	inputport.datacomm.simplex	ASimplexObjectServerInpu	54	messageReceived
13	inputport.datacomm.simplex	ASimplexObjectServerInpu	1	messageReceived
14	inputport.datacomm.ARceive	AReceiveRegistrarAndNoti	28	notifyPortReceive
15	inputport.datacomm.ARceive	AReceiveMessageForward	20	notifyPortReceive
16	inputport.datacomm.group	AnAbstractGroupInputPort.j	243	messageReceived
17	inputport.datacomm.ARceive	AReceiveRegistrarAndNoti	28	notifyPortReceive
18	inputport.datacomm.ARceive	AReceiveMessageForward	20	notifyPortReceive
19	inputport.datacomm.simplex	AGenericSimplexBufferSer	156	notifyPortReceive
20	inputport.datacomm.simplex	AGenericSimplexBufferSer	87	messageReceived
21	inputport.datacomm.simplex	AnNIOSimplexBufferServer	92	socketChannelRead
22	inputport.datacomm.simplex	AReadCommand.java	80	notifyRead
23	inputport.datacomm.simplex	AScatterGatherReadComm	99	maybeExtractMessageAnd
24	inputport.datacomm.simplex	AScatterGatherReadComm	35	processRead
25	inputport.datacomm.simplex	AReadCommand.java	43	execute
26	inputport.datacomm.simplex	ASelectionReadManager.ja	45	processRead
27	inputport.datacomm.simplex	ASelectionManager.java	180	processSelectedOperation
28	inputport.datacomm.simplex	ASelectionManager.java	207	run



INHERITANCE HIERARCHY



EXPLORING VARIABLES: EVENT PROPERTIES

[ATraceableDisplayAndWaitManager]

Common ATraceableDisplayAndWaitManager

Selecting Thread

port.trace.CallInitiated: Queued: inputport.rpc.group.mvc.collaborative.relaying.example.ARelayingCollaborativeUpperCaser.toCountedUpperCase[woods] with remote

1: Forward Back Proceed

Asynchronous Received Call Invoker

inputport.rpc.group.mvc.collaborative.relaying.example.ARelayingCollaborativeUpperCaser.toCountedUpperCase[woods] with remote

2: Forward Back Proceed

CallInitiated

Get Remote End Point

Announce

Get Call

Get Message

Init(Object)

Print Stack Trace(PrintWriter)

Get Wait

Get Stack Trace

Get Time Stamp

Print Stack Trace

Init Cause(Throwable)

Get Localized Message

Set Stack Trace(StackTraceElement[])

Print Stack Trace(PrintStream)

Get Cause

Get Display

Get Finder

Fill In Stack Trace

Relaying Output

Can see properties of event by calling getters



THREAD HAS HISTORY OF TYPED TRACE INFO

[ATraceableDisplayAndWaitManager]

Common ATraceableDisplayAndWaitManager

Selecting Thread

port.trace.CallInitiated: Queued: inputport.rpc.group.mvc.collaborative.relaying.example.ARelayingCollaborativeUpperCaser.relayToOthers[Alice said:WOODS(1,0)]

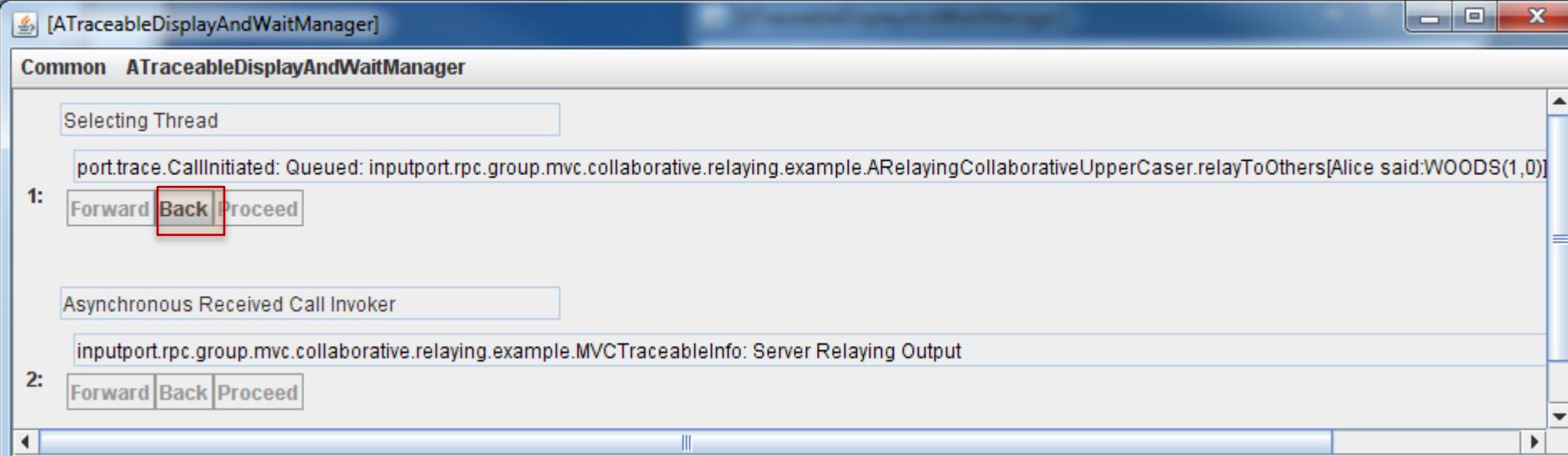
1: Forward Back Proceed

Asynchronous Received Call Invoker

inputport.rpc.group.mvc.collaborative.relaying.example.MVCTraceableInfo: Server Relaying Output

2: Forward Back Proceed

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BROWSING: LAST TO LAST CALL

[ATraceableDisplayAndWaitManager]

Common ATraceableDisplayAndWaitManager

Selecting Thread

port.trace.CallInitiated: Queued: inputport.rpc.group.mvc.collaborative.relaying.example.ARelayingCollaborativeUpperCaser.toCountedUpperCase[woods] with ren

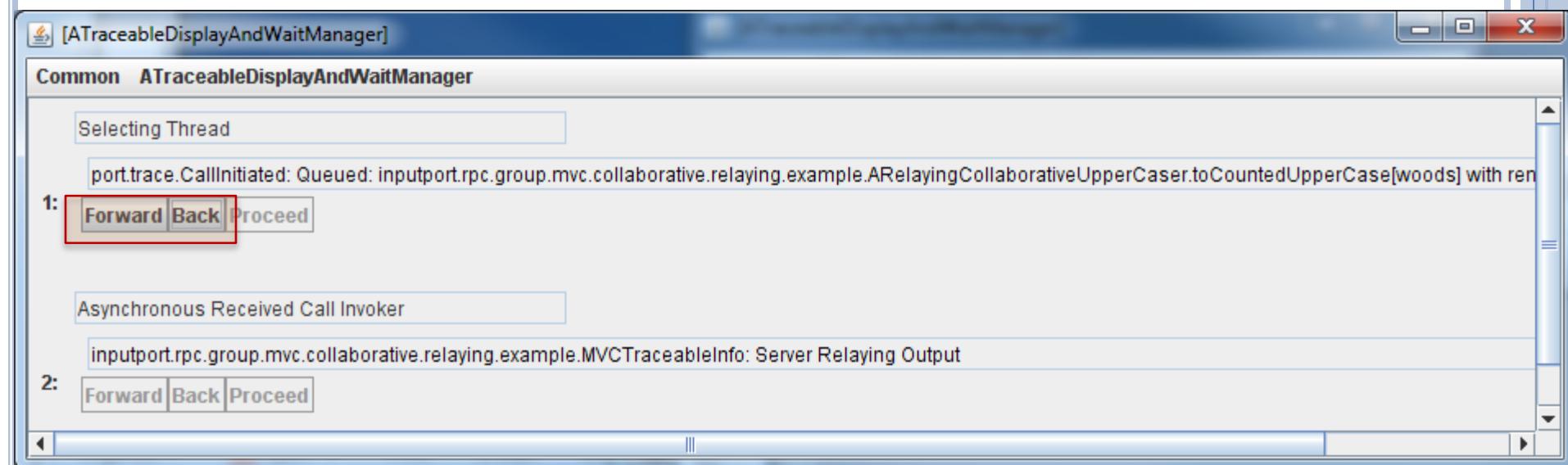
1: Forward Back Proceed

Asynchronous Received Call Invoker

inputport.rpc.group.mvc.collaborative.relaying.example.MVCTraceableInfo: Server Relaying Output

2: Forward Back Proceed

◀ ▶



RESUME: PROCEED BUTTON

[ATraceableDisplayAndWaitManager]

Common ATraceableDisplayAndWaitManager

Selecting Thread

port.trace.CallInitiated: Queued: inputport.rpc.group.mvc.collaborative.relaying.example.ARelayingCollaborativeUpperCaser.toCountedUpperCase[woods] with ren

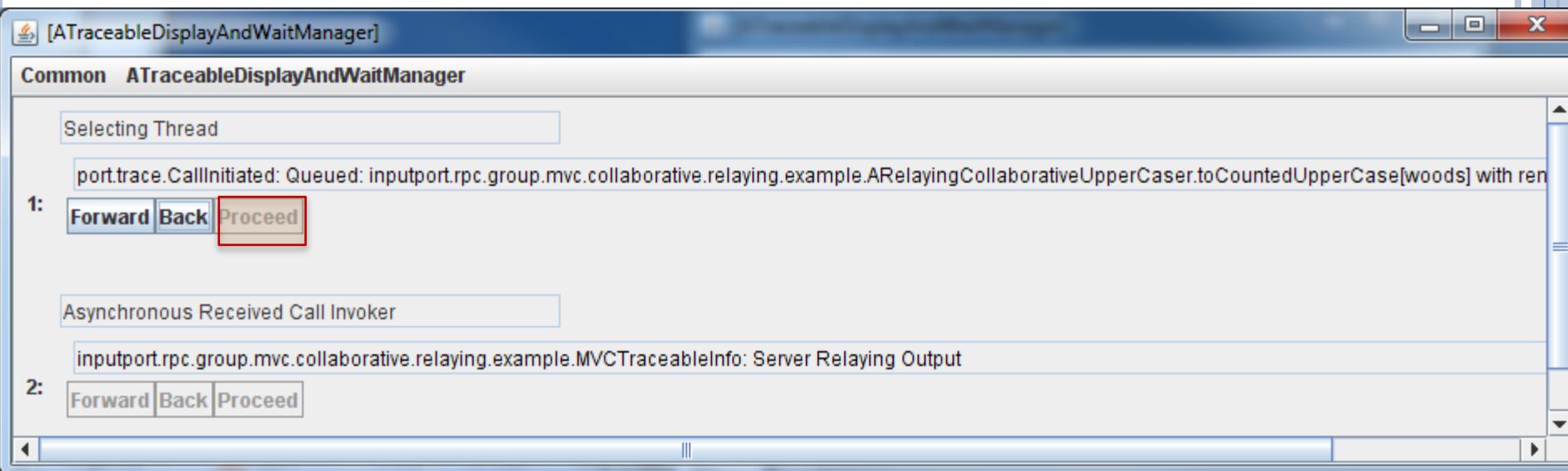
1: Forward Back Proceed

Asynchronous Received Call Invoker

inputport.rpc.group.mvc.collaborative.relaying.example.MVCTraceableInfo: Server Relaying Output

2: Forward Back Proceed

◀ ▶



SET BREAK POINT: PAUSE/DISPLAY ALL ANNOUNCED MESSAGES?

getMessage()

Traceable

announce()

setMessage()

May want to pause only some of the announcements

May want to display only some of the announcements

How to specify a set of related announcements that should be displayed or paused?



USING ANNOUNCER OBJECT ATTRIBUTES

static setKeywordDisplayStatus (Object announcer, boolean status)

static setImplicitDisplayKeywordKind (ImplicitKeywordKind val)

static setImplicitWaitKeywordKind (ImplicitKeywordKind val)

Tracer

```
public enum ImplicitKeywordKind {  
    OBJECT_TO_STRING,  
    OBJECT_CLASS_NAME,  
    OBJECT_PACKAGE_NAME }
```

default

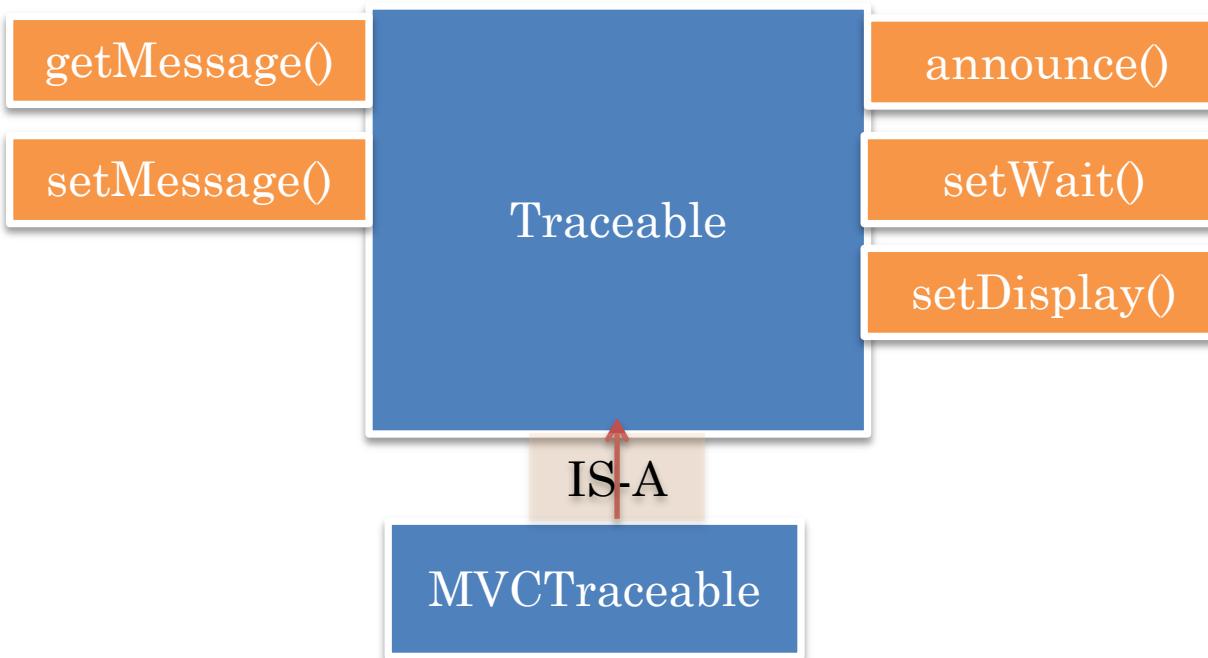
setKeywordDisplay(Wait)Status(announcer, true(false)) says that if an event is announced by an object whose `toString()`/class/package attribute is that of the announcer then it should be displayed(wait).

Print, Display and Wait are three different things you can do with traced information

setImplicitDisplay(Wait)KeywordKind determines if `toString()`, class or package attribute is used for all events



USING EVENT OBJECT



DEBUGGER ISSUES RESOLVED

Debugger makes it difficult to test race conditions

All threads and processes mapped to a single code window

Cannot see the history of actions taken by a thread

Break points do not transfer to another computer

Cannot use a mechanism to set multiple related debug points



EVENT CLASS FILTERING

TracingLaunchEventClass [Java Application] D:\Program Files\Java\jdk1.7.0_51\bin\javaw.exe (Sep 3, 2014, 9:

```
I***Tracer: showInfo = true
Please enter an input line or quit or history
Woods
I***EvtType(trace.echo.ListEditMade) EvtSrc(echo.modular
52299367, 9:51:39) Thread(main) ListEdit_ADD(0,Woods,Hist
I***EvtType(trace.echo.modular.ListEditObserved) EvtSrc(e
actor) Time(1409752299368, 9:51:39) Thread(main) ListEdit
Woods
Please enter an input line or quit or history
```

Two sources, as the same event fired twice, first by the real source and then by the event object pretending to be the source

All events of type ListEditMade or ListEditObserved

Can be announced by different sources

Alternative (source/event) class-based filtering?

```
Tracer.showInfo(true);
Tracer.setImplicitPrintKeywordKind
    (ImplicitKeywordKind.OBJECT_CLASS_NAME);
Tracer.setMessagePrefixKind
    (MessagePrefixKind.SHORT_CLASS_NAME),
TraceableInfo.setPrintSource(true);
TraceableInfo.setPrintTime(true);
TraceableInfo.setPrintThread(true);
Tracer.setKeywordPrintStatus(ListEditMade)
Tracer.setKeywordPrintStatus(ListEditObserved.class, true);
```