

12. Listening to events. Inner and anonymous classes

Why men think “computer” should be a feminine word

1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic.
2. The native language they use to talk with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else.
3. Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long term memory for possible later retrieval.
4. As soon as you commit to one, half your paycheck goes for accessories for it.

Why women think “computer” should be a masculine word

1. In order to do anything with them, you have to turn them on.
2. They have a lot of data but still can't think for themselves.
3. They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they ARE the problem.
4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer, you could have gotten a better model.

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Prelim: Thursday, 7 March: 7:30–9:00. Place: TBA

Makeup for those with approved conflicts: 5:30-7:00. Place: TBA

Can't make either? Contact Prof. Birman.

Review sessions: Sunday, 3 March: 1-3PM and 3-5PM, Olin 155

Summary of what exam covers:

Basically, everything **before** GUIs (i.e. before this week)

More detail will be provided in a document to be this evening on the course website and Piazza.

Previous exams: On course website (click “Exams”)

Note: Today's slides have been updated since posting on course website. Today's version will be put on website this afternoon.

A1. 164 graded. 40 got 100. mean 92.3, median 94, stdev. 7.7

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Listening to events: mouse click, mouse movement into or out of a window, a keystroke, etc.

- An **event** is a mouse click, a mouse movement into or out of a window, a keystroke, etc.
- To be able to “listen to” a kind of event, you have to:
 1. Have some class C implement an interface IN connected with the event.
 2. In class C, override methods required to implement IN; these methods are generally called when the event happens.
 3. Register an object of class C as a *listener* for the event. That object's methods will be called when event happens.

We show you how to do this for clicks on buttons, clicks on components, and keystrokes.

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What is a JButton?

Instance: associated with a “button” on the GUI, which can be clicked to do something

```
jb1= new JButton() // jb1 has no text on it
jb2= new JButton("first") // jb2 has label "first" on it
jb2.isEnabled() // true iff a click on button can be detected
jb2.setEnabled(b); // Set enabled property
jb2.addActionListener(object); // object must have a method, // which is called when button jb2 clicked (next page)
```

At least 100 more methods; these are most important

JButton is in package javax.swing

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Listening to a JButton

1. Implement interface ActionListener:

```
public class C extends JFrame implements
    ActionListener {
    ...
}
```

2. In class C override actionPerformed, which is to be called when button is clicked:

```
/** Process click of button */
public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
    ...
}
```

3. Add an instance of class C an “action listener” for button:

```
button.addActionListener(this);
```

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```
/** Object has two buttons. Exactly one is enabled. */
class ButtonDemo1 extends JFrame
    implements ActionListener {
    ...
    JButton westB= new JButton("west");
    JButton eastB= new JButton("east");
    ...
    public ButtonDemo1(String t) {
        super(t);
        Container cp= getContentPane();
        cp.setLayout(GridLayout(1,2));
        cp.add(westB, BorderLayout.WEST);
        cp.add(eastB, BorderLayout.EAST);
        westB.setEnabled(false);
        eastB.setEnabled(true);
        westB.addActionListener(this);
        eastB.addActionListener(this);
    }
    ...
}
```

red: listening
blue: placing

```
public void actionPerformed
    (ActionEvent e) {
    boolean b=
        eastB.isEnabled();
    eastB.setEnabled(lb);
    westB.setEnabled(b);
}
```

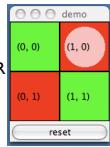
Listening to a Button

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A JPanel that is painted

- The JFrame content pane has a JPanel in its CENTER and a "reset" button in its SOUTH.
- The JPanel has a horizontal box b, which contains two vertical Boxes.
- Each vertical Box contains two instances of class Square.
- Click a Square that has no pink circle, and a pink circle is drawn. Click a square that has a pink circle, and the pink circle disappears. Click the reset button and all pink circles disappear.
- This GUI has to listen to:
 - a click on Button reset
 - a click on a Square (a Box)

these are different kinds of events, and they need different listener methods

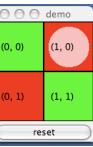


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/** Instance: JPanel of size (WIDTH, HEIGHT).

Green or red: */

```
public class Square extends JPanel {
  public static final int HEIGHT= 70;
  public static final int WIDTH= 70;
  private int x, y; // Panel is at (x, y)
  private boolean hasDisk= false;
  /** Const: square at (x, y). Red/green? Parity of x+y. */
  public Square(int x, int y) {
    this.x= x;      this.y= y;
    setPreferredSize(new Dimension(WIDTH,HEIGHT));
  }
  /** Complement the "has pink disk" property */
  public void complementDisk() {
    hasDisk= ! hasDisk;
    repaint(); // Ask the system to repaint the square
  }
}
```



Class Square

continued on later

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Class Graphics

An object of abstract class **Graphics** has methods to draw on a component (e.g. on a JPanel, or canvas).

Major methods:

```
drawString("abc", 20, 30);      drawLine(x1, y1, x2, y2);
drawRect(x, y, width, height);  fillRect(x, y, width, height);
drawOval(x, y, width, height);  fillOval(x, y, width, height);
setColor(Color.red);          getColor()
getFont()                      setFont(Font f);
```

More methods

You won't create an object of **Graphics**; you will be given one to use when you want to paint a component

Graphics is in package **java.awt**

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continuation of class Square

```
/* paint this square using g. System calls
   paint whenever square has to be redrawn.*/
public void paint(Graphics g) {
  if ((x+y)%2 == 0) g.setColor(Color.green);
  else g.setColor(Color.red);
  g.fillRect(0, 0, WIDTH-1, HEIGHT-1);
  if (hasDisk) {
    g.setColor(Color.pink);
    g.fillOval(7, 7, WIDTH-14, HEIGHT-14);
  }
  g.setColor(Color.black);
  g.drawRect(0, 0, WIDTH-1, HEIGHT-1);
  g.drawString("(+x+, "+y+)", 10, 5+HEIGHT/2);
}
```



Class Square

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Listen to mouse event (click, press, release, enter, leave on a component)

```
public interface MouseListener {    In package java.awt.event
  void mouseClicked(MouseEvent e);
  void mouseEntered(MouseEvent e);
  void mouseExited(MouseEvent e);
  void mousePressed(MouseEvent e);
  void mouseReleased(MouseEvent e);
}
```

Having to write all of these in a class that implements **MouseListener**, even though you don't want to use all of them, can be a pain. So, a class is provided that implements them in a painless.

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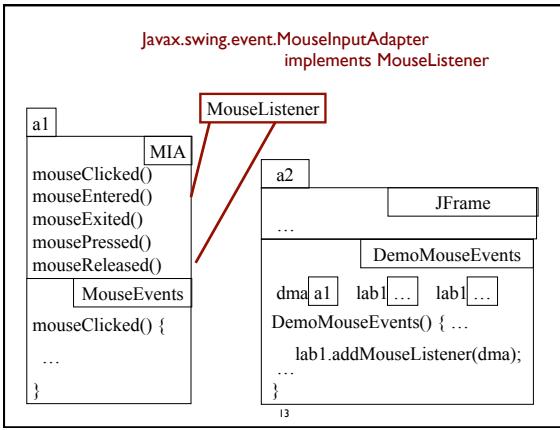
Listen to mouse event (click, press, release, enter, leave on a component)

In package **java.swing.event**

```
public class MouseInputAdaptor
  implements MouseListener, MouseInputListener {
  public void mouseClicked(MouseEvent e) {}
  public void mouseEntered(MouseEvent e) {}
  public void mouseExited(MouseEvent e) {}
  public void mousePressed(MouseEvent e) {}
  public void mouseReleased(MouseEvent e) {}
  ... others ...
```

So, just write a subclass of **MouseInputAdaptor** and override only the methods appropriate for the application

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A class that listens to a mouseclick in a Square

red: listening
blue: placing

/* Contains a method that responds to a mouse click in a Square */

public class MouseEvents

extends MouseInputAdapter {

// Complement "has pink disk" property

public void mouseClicked(MouseEvent e) {

Object ob=e.getSource();

if (ob instanceof Square) {

((Square)ob).complementDisk();

}

}

} This class has several methods (that do nothing) that process mouse events:

mouse click
mouse press
mouse release
mouse enters component
mouse leaves component
mouse dragged beginning in component

Our class overrides only the method that processes mouse clicks

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```

public class MD2 extends JFrame
    implements ActionListener {
Box b= new Box(..X_AXIS);
Box leftC= new Box(..Y_AXIS);
Square b00, b01=new squares;
Box riteC= new Box(..Y_AXIS);
Square b10, b01=new squares;
JButton jb= new JButton("reset");
MouseEvents me=
    new MouseEvents();
/** Constructor: ... */
public MouseDemo2() {
    super(t);
    place components on content pane;
    pack, make unresizable, visible;
}

```

jb.addActionListener(this);
b00.addMouseListener(me);
b01.addMouseListener(me);
b10.addMouseListener(me);
b11.addMouseListener(me);

Class MouseDemo2

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Listening to the keyboard

red: listening
blue: placing

I. Extend this class.

import java.awt.*; import java.awt.event.*; import javax.swing.*;

public class AllCaps extends KeyAdapter {

JFrame capsFrame= new JFrame();
JLabel capsLabel= new JLabel();

public AllCaps() {

capsLabel.setHorizontalAlignment(SwingConstants.CENTER);
capsLabel.setText(":");
capsFrame.setSize(200,200);
Container c= capsFrame.getContentPane();
c.add(capsLabel);
capsFrame.addKeyListener(this);
capsFrame.show();

3. Add this instance as a key listener for the frame

2. Override this method.
It is called when a key stroke is detected.

public void keyPressed(KeyEvent e) {

char typedChar= e.getKeyChar();
capsLabel.setText((""+ typedChar + "").toUpperCase());

}

}

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```

public class BDemo3 extends JFrame implements ActionListener {
    private JButton wButt, eButt ...;

    public ButtonDemo3() {
        Add buttons to content pane, enable
        ne, disable the other
        wButt.addActionListener(this);
        eButt.addActionListener(new BeListener());
    }

    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
        boolean b= eButt.isEnabled();
        eButt.setEnabled(!b); wButt.setEnabled(b);
    }

    A listener for eastButt
    class BeListener implements ActionListener {
        public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
            boolean b= eButt.isEnabled();
            eButt.setEnabled(!b); wButt.setEnabled(b);
        }
    }
}

```

Have a different listener for each button

Doesn't work!
Can't reference eButt, wButt

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Solution to problem: Make BeListener an inner class.

Just as you can declare variables and methods within a class, you can declare a class within a class

Inside-out rule says that methods in here Can reference all the fields and methods

We demo this using ButtonDemo3

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Problem: can't give a function as a parameter:

```
public void m() { ...  
    eButt.addActionListener(aP);  
}  
  
public void aP(ActionEvent e) { body }
```

Why not just give
eButt the
function to call?
Can't do it in Java!
Can in some
other languages

```
public void m() { ...  
    eButt.addActionListener(new C());  
}
```

Java says: provide
class C that wraps
method; give eButt
an object of class C

```
public class C implements IN {  
    public void aP(ActionEvent e) { body }  
}
```

C must implement interface IN that has abstract method aP

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Have a class for which only one object is created?

Use an **anonymous class**.

Use sparingly, and only when the anonymous class has 1 or 2 methods
in it, because the syntax is ugly, complex, hard to understand.

```
public class BDemo3 extends JFrame implements ActionListener {  
    private JButton wButt, eButt ...;  
  
    public ButtonDemo3() { ...  
        eButt.addActionListener(new BeListener());  
    }  
  
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) { ... }  
  
    private class BeListener implements ActionListener {  
        public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) { body }  
    }  
}
```

1 object of BeListener created. Ripe for making anonymous

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Making class anonymous will replace new BeListener()

Expression that creates object of BeListener

```
eButt.addActionListener( new BeListener() );  
  
private class BeListener implements ActionListener  
{ declarations in class }  
}  
  
1. Write new  
2. Write new ActionListener  
3. Write new ActionListener ()  
4. Write new ActionListener ()  
    { declarations in class }  
  
5. Replace new BeListener() by new-expression
```

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