



CS 102

Object Oriented Programming

Inner Classes

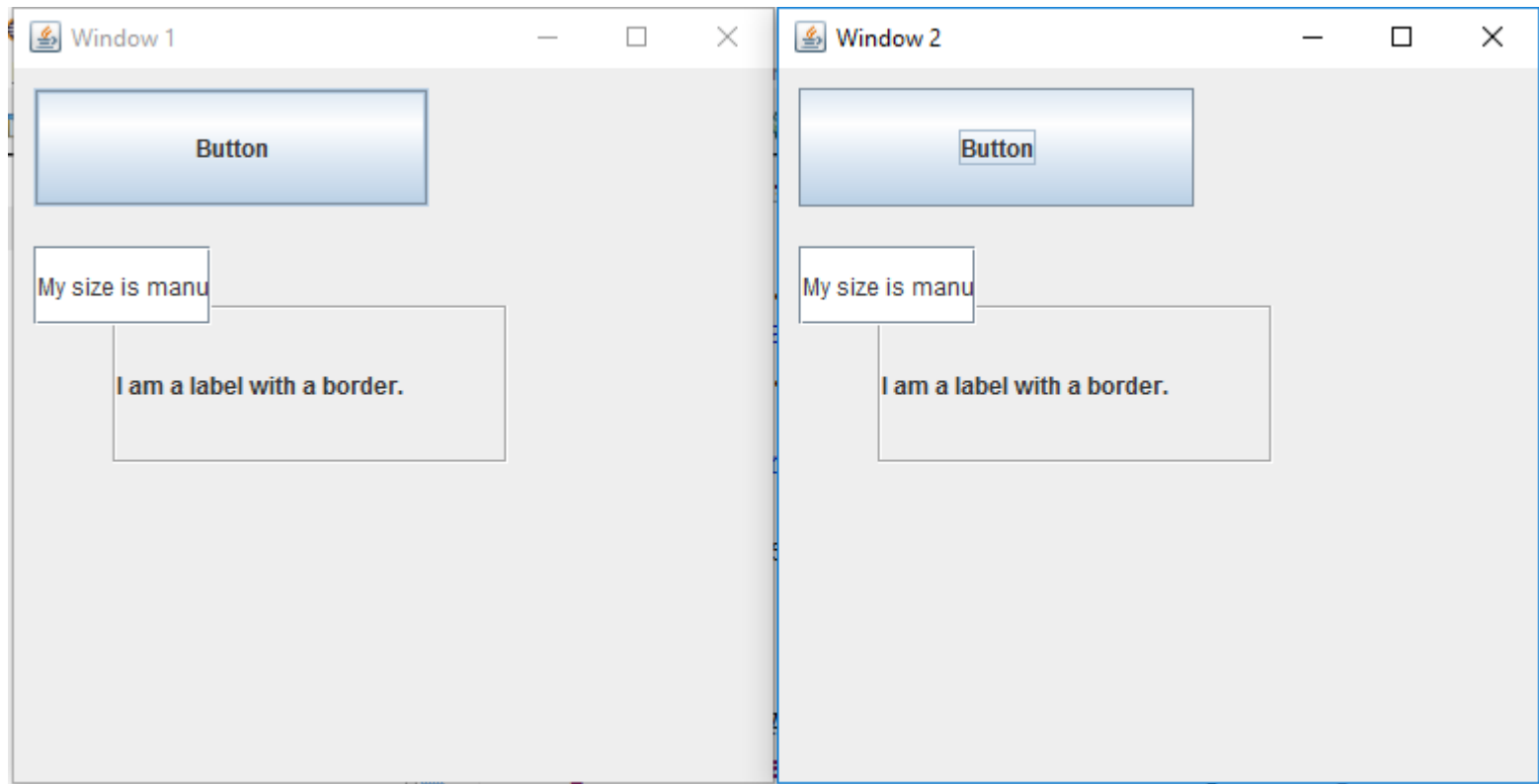
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GUI with several identical frames

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- Remember this GUI?



GUI with several identical frames

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- We have implemented our own window (frame) class and instantiated it multiple times.

```
class MyWindow extends JFrame {
```

```
    JPanel mainPanel;  
    JButton button;  
    JTextField field;  
    JLabel label;
```

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```
public MyWindow() {  
    super();  
    setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);  
    setSize(400, 400);  
  
    mainPanel = new JPanel();  
    add(mainPanel);  
    mainPanel.setLayout(null);  
  
    button = new JButton("Button");  
    button.setBounds(10, 10, 200, 60);  
    mainPanel.add(button);  
  
    field = new JTextField("My size is manually set...");  
    field.setBounds(10, 90, 90, 40);  
    mainPanel.add(field);  
  
    label = new JLabel("I am a label with a border.");  
    label.setBounds(50, 120, 200, 80);  
    mainPanel.add(label);  
    label.setBorder(new EtchedBorder());  
  
    setVisible(true);  
}  
}
```

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```
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JButton button;  
JTextField field;  
JLabel label;
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}
```

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```

```
setVisible(true);
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

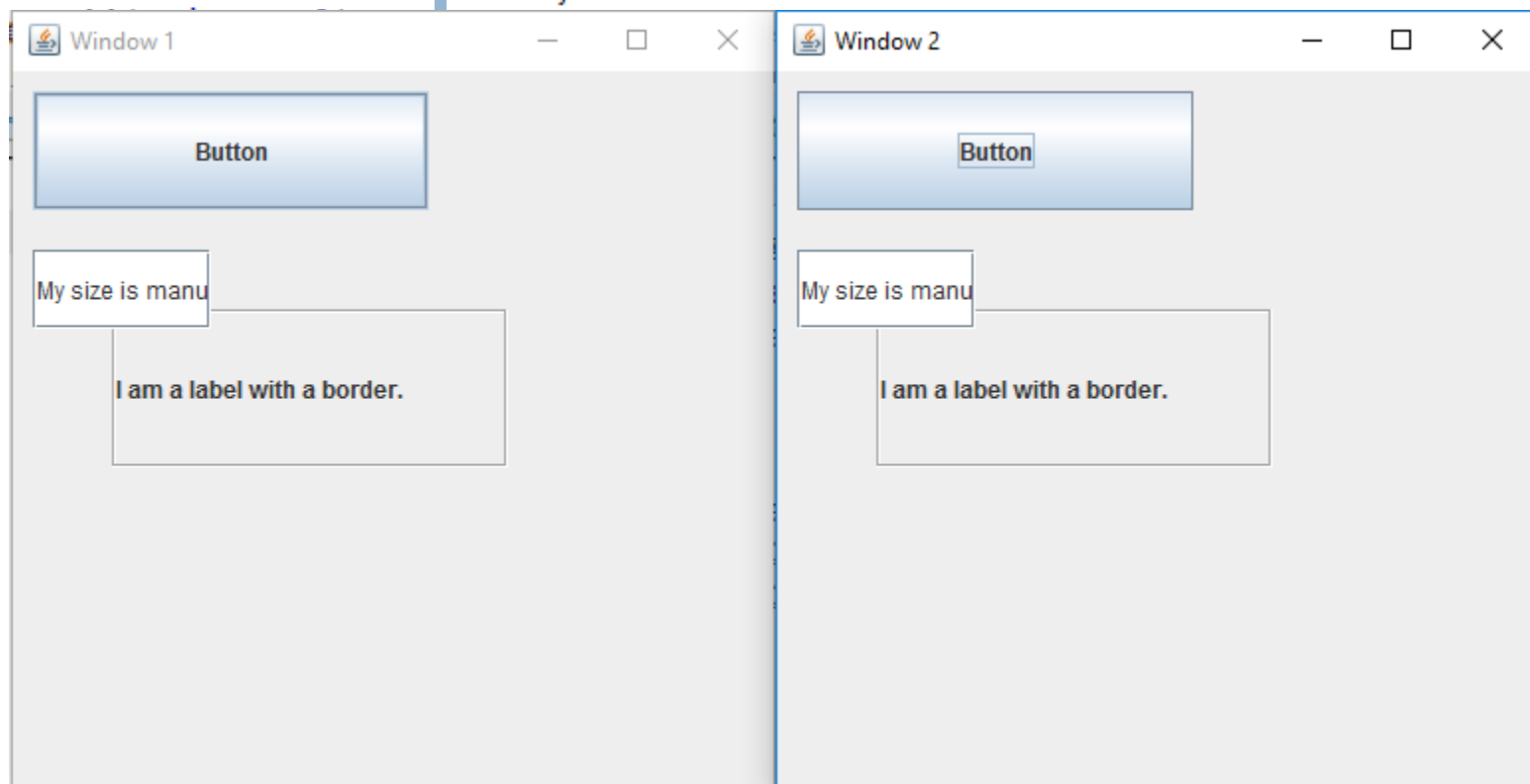
```
public class AbsoluteLayoutWindows {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        JFrame frame = new MyWindow();  
        frame.setTitle("Window 1");  
        frame.setLocation(0, 0);  
  
        JFrame frame2 = new MyWindow();  
        frame2.setTitle("Window 2");  
        frame2.setLocation(400, 0);  
    }  
}
```

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class MyWindow extends JFrame {
```

```
    JPanel mainPanel;  
    JButton button;  
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    JLabel label;
```

```
    public MyWindow() {  
        super();  
        setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);  
        setSize(400, 400);  
  
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    }
```

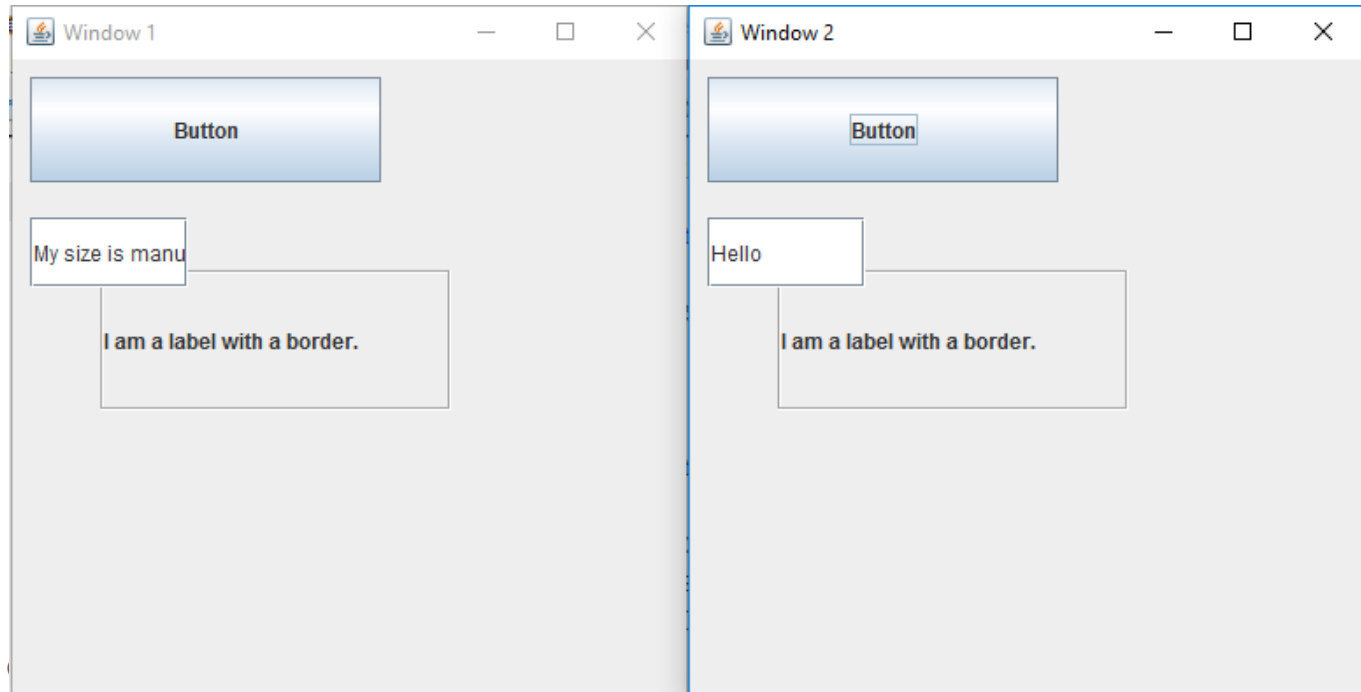
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            frame2.setTitle("Window 2");  
            frame2.setLocation(400, 0);  
        }  
    }
```



Adding an Event

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- We have implemented an `actionListener` for the button. When the button is pressed, the text inside `textBox` is changed to 'Hello'



Add a Button Event

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```

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label.setBounds(50, 120, 200, 80);
mainPanel.add(label);
label.setBorder(new EtchedBorder());
```

```
button.addActionListener(new MyButtonHandler(field));
```

```
setVisible(true);
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

```
class MyButtonHandler implements ActionListener {
```

```
    JTextField T;
```

```
    MyButtonHandler(JTextField T) {
```

```
        this.T = T;
```

```
    }
```

```
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
```

```
        T.setText("Hello");
```

```
    }
```

```
}}
```



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        T.setText("Hello");  
    }  
}
```

- This class won't be commonly used by others.

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    }  
  
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        T.setText("Hello");  
    }  
}
```

- This class won't be commonly used by others.
- Therefore, it can be an inner class.

Nested Class

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- Until now all of our classes were 'top-level'.
- In Java, one can define a class inside another class.
- Nested class
 - ▣ Inner class (non-static nested class)
 - ▣ Static nested class

Nested Class

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 - ▣ Static nested class

Inner Classes

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- They are defined inside another class

```
class topLevelClass {  
    //...  
    class innerClass {  
        //...  
    }  
}
```

The diagram illustrates the relationship between the two classes. A blue bracket on the right side of the code block groups the entire structure under the label "Outer class". A second blue bracket is positioned to the right of the `innerClass` definition, grouping its contents under the label "Inner class".

Static Nested vs. Inner Classes

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```
class topLevelClass {  
    //...  
    class innerClass {  
        //...  
    }  
  
    static class staticNestedClass {  
        //...  
    }  
}
```

Static Nested vs. Inner Classes

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```
class topLevelClass {  
  
    //...  
    class innerClass {  
  
        //...  
    }  
  
    static class staticNestedClass {  
  
        //...  
    }  
}
```

A nested class needs to be static

- If the nested class has static members or functions
- If the nested class is instantiated within a static method of the outer class.

Nested Classes

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- They can be declared like any other class instance or method.
- They are members of the outer class like other class instances and methods.
- They can be placed anywhere in the class.

Visibility

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- They can use the usual access modifiers like public, private and protected.
 - ▣ The same visibility rules apply.
 - ▣ If it is defined private, it cannot be accessed outside the outer class.
- They are local to the outer class.
 - ▣ Another class with the same name can be defined and used outside outer class.

Access Levels


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- Inner (non-static nested) classes can access all variables & methods of enclosing class (including private fields & methods)
- Static nested classes **do not** have access to all members of the enclosing class.
 - ▣ Static nested classes can access to only static variables of the outer class.


Access Levels

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```
class outerClass {  
    private int outerVar;  
  
    class innerClass {  
  
        public void method() {  
            System.out.println(outerVar);  
        }  
    }  
  
    static class staticNestedClass {  
  
        public void method() {  
            System.out.println(outerVar);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

 Cannot make a static reference to the non-static field outerVar

1 quick fix available:

 [Change 'outerVar' to 'static'](#)

Press 'F2' for focus

Access Levels

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```
class outerClass {  
    private int outerVar;  
    static private int staticVar;  
  
    static class staticNestedClass {  
  
        public void method() {  
            System.out.println(outerVar);  
            System.out.println(staticVar);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Static Nested Class

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- Therefore, static nested class is not really an inner class.
- It is actually top-level class placed inside another class.

Access levels in Inner Classes

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- ❑ Inner (non-static nested) classes can access all variables & methods of enclosing class (including private fields & methods)
- ❑ The outer class has also full access to inner class's private members and methods.
- ❑ Between inner and outer classes private access is same as public.

Access levels in Inner Classes

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```
class outerClass {  
    private int outerVar;  
  
    class innerClass {  
        private int innerVar;  
        public void method() {  
            System.out.println(outerVar);  
        }  
    }  
  
    public void method() {  
        innerClass i = new innerClass();  
        System.out.println(i.innerVar);  
    }  
}
```

Why use nested classes?

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- It is a way of logically grouping classes that are only used in one place
 - ▣ If a class is useful to only one other class, then it is logical to embed it in that class and keep the two together.
 - ▣ Nesting such "helper classes" makes their package more streamlined.
- They make the outerclass more self-contained.

Why use nested classes?

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- It increases data encapsulation
 - ▣ Consider two top-level classes, A and B, where B needs access to members of A that would otherwise be declared private.
 - ▣ By hiding class B within class A, A's members can be declared private and B can access them.
 - ▣ In addition, B itself can be hidden from the outside world.

Why use nested classes?

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- It can lead to more readable and maintainable code. Simplifies the coding process.
 - ▣ Nesting small classes within top-level classes places the code closer to where it is used.

When to use nested classes?

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- When nested class needs to be local to the outer class definition.
 - ▣ Nested class won't be or should not be used by other classes
- When the name of an inner class may be reused for something else outside the outer class definition

Example

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- Nested classes are commonly used in GUI event handling
- Put this class inside the Window class

```
class MyButtonHandler implements ActionListener {  
  
    JTextField T;  
    MyButtonHandler(JTextField T) {  
        this.T = T;  
    }  
  
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {  
        T.setText("Hello");  
    }  
}
```

Example

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```
class MyWindow extends JFrame {  
    private JPanel mainPanel;  
    private JButton button;  
    private JTextField field;  
    private JLabel label;  
  
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        private JTextField T;  
        MyButtonHandler(JTextField T) {  
            this.T = T;  
        }  
  
        public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {  
            T.setText("Hello");  
        }  
    }  
}  
  
public MyWindow() {  
    super();  
  
    setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);  
    setSize(400, 400);  
}
```

Inner Class Example

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```
class MyWindow extends JFrame {
```

```
    private JPanel mainPanel;  
    private JButton button;  
    private JTextField field;  
    private JLabel label;
```

These are visible to the
MyButtonHandler class

```
class MyButtonHandler implements ActionListener {
```

```
    private JTextField T;  
    MyButtonHandler(JTextField T) {  
        this.T = T;  
    }
```

```
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {  
        T.setText("Hello");  
    }
```

```
}
```

```
public MyWindow() {  
    super();
```

```
    setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);  
    setSize(400, 400);
```

Inner Class Example

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class MyWindow extends JFrame {
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    private JPanel mainPanel;  
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These are visible to the
MyButtonHandler class

```
class MyButtonHandler implements ActionListener {
```

```
    private JTextField T;  
    MyButtonHandler(JTextField T) {  
        this.T = T;  
    }
```

So we don't have to pass
TextField as parameter

```
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {  
        T.setText("Hello");  
    }
```

```
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```

Inner Class Example

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```

These are visible to the
MyButtonHandler class

```
class MyButtonHandler implements ActionListener {
```

```
    private JTextField T;  
    MyButtonHandler(JTextField T) {  
        this.T = T;  
    }
```

We don't need this part
any more.

```
        public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {  
            T.setText("Hello");  
        }  
    }
```

```
public MyWindow() {  
    super();
```

```
    setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);  
    setSize(400, 400);
```

The inner class
MyButtonHandler can
access all fields of
MyWindow

Inner Class Example

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        }
    }

    public MyWindow() {
        super();

        setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
        setSize(400, 400);

        mainPanel = new JPanel();
        add(mainPanel);

        mainPanel.setLayout(null);
    }
}
```

Inner Class Example

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        setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);  
        setSize(400, 400);  
  
        mainPanel = new JPanel();  
        add(mainPanel);  
  
        mainPanel.setLayout(null);  
    }  
}
```

```
class MyButtonHandler implements ActionListener {  
  
    private String myButtonText = "MyButton";  
  
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {  
        field.setText("Hello");  
    }  
}  
  
public MyWindow() {  
    super();  
    setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);  
    setSize(400, 400);  
  
    mainPanel = new JPanel();  
    add(mainPanel);  
    mainPanel.setLayout(null);  
  
    button = new JButton("Button");  
    button.setBounds(10, 10, 200, 60);  
    mainPanel.add(button);  
  
    MyButtonHandler buttonHandler = new MyButtonHandler();  
    button.addActionListener(buttonHandler);  
    button.setText(buttonHandler.myButtonText);  
}
```

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class MyButtonHandler implements ActionListener {
```

```
    private String myButtonText = "MyButton";
```

```
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {  
        field.setText("Hello");  
    }
```

```
}
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    button.setBounds(10, 10, 200, 60);  
    mainPanel.add(button);
```

```
    MyButtonHandler buttonHandler = new MyButtonHandler();  
    button.addActionListener(buttonHandler);  
    button.setText(buttonHandler.myButtonText);
```

Outer class can access
the private variables
and methods through
an inner class object

Inner Classes

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- Inner class instance is associated with an instance of outer class
- The inner class instance is tied to outer class instance at the moment of instantiation.
 - ▣ An inner class instance exists within an outer class instance
 - ▣ It cannot be changed afterwards

Inner Classes

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- Inner class instance is associated with an instance of outer class
- The inner class instance is tied to outer class instance at the moment of instantiation.
 - ▣ An inner class instance exists within an outer class instance
 - ▣ It cannot be changed afterwards
- Therefore, in order to instantiate an inner class, an outer class instance needs to be instantiated first. Then the inner class object will be instantiated within outer class object.

Inner Classes

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- If the inner class is public, an inner class object can be instantiated outside the outer class.
- It must be instantiated using the outer class object.

```
OuterClass outerObj = new OuterClass();  
OuterClass.InnerClass innerObj =  
    outerObj.new InnerClass();
```

Inner Classes

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- It must be instantiated using the outer class object.

```
class outerClass {  
    public class innerClass {  
        //...  
    }  
}  
  
public class innerClassExample01 {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        outerClass o = new outerClass();  
        outerClass.innerClass i = o.new innerClass();  
    }  
}
```


Inner Classes

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    public class innerClass {  
        //...  
    }  
}  
  
public class innerClassExample01 {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        outerClass o = new outerClass();  
        outerClass.innerClass i = o.new innerClass();  
    }  
}
```

The outer class object
needs to come before the
new keyword.

Inner Classes

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```
class outerClass {
    private int outerVar;

    class innerClass {
        private int innerVar;
        public void methodIn() {
            System.out.println(outerVar);
        }
    }

    public void methodOut() {
        innerClass i = new innerClass();
        System.out.println(i.innerVar);
    }
}

public class innerClassExample01 {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        outerClass o = new outerClass();

        outerClass.innerClass i = o.new innerClass();
        i.methodIn();
    }
}
```

- Inner class object can call functions of the inner class

Static Nested Classes

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- Unlike inner classes, they don't need to a outer class object during instantiation.
- They are associated with the outer class, not the objects of the outer class.

Static Nested Classes

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```
class outerClass {
    private int outerVar;
    static private int staticVar;

    class innerClass {
        private int innerVar;
    }

    static class staticNestedClass {

        public void method() {
            System.out.println(staticVar);
        }
    }
}

public class innerClassExample01 {
    public static void main(String[] args) {

        outerClass.staticNestedClass sn = new outerClass.staticNestedClass();

        outerClass o = new outerClass();
        outerClass.innerClass i = o.new innerClass();
    }
}
```

Static Nested Classes

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- Unlike inner classes, they don't need to a outer class object during instantiation.
- They are associated with the outer class, not the objects of the outer class.
- An instance of an inner class does not contain an implicit reference to an instance of the outer class
 - ▣ Since they are not connected with outer class objects
 - They cannot reference any instance variables
 - They cannot call any instance methods.

Static Nested Classes

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```
class outerClass {
    private int outerVar;
    static private int staticVar;

    class innerClass {
        private int innerVar;
        public void method() {
            methodOut();
        }
    }

    static class staticNestedClass {

        public void method() {
            methodOut();
            System.out.println(staticVar);
        }
    }

    public void methodOut() {
        System.out.println(outerVar);
    }
}
```

Static Nested Classes

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- A static nested class interacts with objects of its outer class (and other classes) just like any other top-level class.
- Therefore, a static nested class is behaviorally a top-level class that has been placed in another top-level class.

Nested Inner Classes

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- An inner class can have another inner class inside

```
class outerClass {  
    public class innerClass {  
        public class innerinnerClass {  
            //...  
        }  
    }  
}  
  
public class innerClassExample01 {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        outerClass o = new outerClass();  
        outerClass.innerClass i = o.new innerClass();  
        outerClass.innerClass.innerinnerClass ii = i.new innerinnerClass();  
    }  
}
```


Scope Resolution

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- Assume that we have the following main...

```
public class innerClassExample01 {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        outerClass o = new outerClass();  
  
        outerClass.innerClass i = o.new innerClass();  
        i.methodIn();  
    }  
}
```

Scope Resolution

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□ What is the output?

```
class outerClass {  
    private int var = 1;  
  
    class innerClass {  
        private int var = 2;  
        public void methodIn() {  
            int var = 3;  
            System.out.println(var);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Scope Resolution

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□ What is the output?

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```
class outerClass {  
    private int var = 1;  
  
    class innerClass {  
        private int var = 2;  
        public void methodIn() {  
            int var = 3;  
            System.out.println(var);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Scope Resolution

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□ What is the output?

```
class outerClass {  
    private int var = 1;  
  
    class innerClass {  
        private int var = 2;  
        public void methodIn() {  
            int var = 3;  
            System.out.println(this.var);  
            System.out.println(var);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Scope Resolution

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□ What is the output?

```
class outerClass {  
    private int var = 1;  
  
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        private int var = 2;  
        public void methodIn() {  
            int var = 3;  
            System.out.println(this.var);  
            System.out.println(var);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

2
3

Scope Resolution

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□ How can we access `outerClass`'s `var`?

```
class outerClass {  
    private int var = 1;  
  
    class innerClass {  
        private int var = 2;  
        public void methodIn() {  
            int var = 3;  
            System.out.println(this.var);  
            System.out.println(var);  
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    }  
}
```

Scope Resolution

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            System.out.println(this.var);  
            System.out.println(var);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

`outerClass.this.var`

Scope Resolution

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□ What is the output?

```
class outerClass {  
    private int var = 1;  
  
    class innerClass {  
        private int var = 2;  
        public void methodIn() {  
            int var = 3;  
            System.out.println(outerClass.this.var);  
            System.out.println(this.var);  
            System.out.println(var);  
        }  
    }  
}
```


Scope Resolution

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□ What is the output?

```
class outerClass {  
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        private int var = 2;  
        public void methodIn() {  
            int var = 3;  
            System.out.println(outerClass.this.var);  
            System.out.println(this.var);  
            System.out.println(var);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

1
2
3

Scope Resolution

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- Assume that we have the following main...

```
public class innerClassExample01 {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        outerClass o = new outerClass();  
  
        outerClass.innerClass i = o.new innerClass();  
        i.methodIn();  
  
        o.methodOut();  
    }  
}
```

Scope Resolution

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□ What is the output?

```
class outerClass {  
    private int var = 1;  
  
    class innerClass {  
        private int var = 2;  
        public void methodIn() {  
            int var = 3;  
            System.out.println(outerClass.this.var);  
            System.out.println(this.var);  
            System.out.println(var);  
        }  
    }  
    public void methodOut() {  
        innerClass i = new innerClass();  
        System.out.println(var);  
        System.out.println(i.var);  
    }  
}
```

Scope Resolution

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□ What is the output?

```
class outerClass {  
    private int var = 1;  
  
    class innerClass {  
        private int var = 2;  
        public void methodIn() {  
            int var = 3;  
            System.out.println(outerClass.this.var);  
            System.out.println(this.var);  
            System.out.println(var);  
        }  
    }  
    public void methodOut() {  
        innerClass i = new innerClass();  
        System.out.println(var);  
        System.out.println(i.var);  
    }  
}
```

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Inner Classes – Method Resolution

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- A method is called inside the inner class
 - ▣ Method is resolved within the inner class
 - ▣ If there is not such a method inside the inner class, then method can be resolved within the corresponding outer class
 - ▣ If there is not such a method inside the outer class, and if there are multiple levels of nested classes, keep on looking

Inner Classes – Method Resolution

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- Both the inner and outer class have *method()*

- ▣ *method()* or *this.method()*

the method inside the inner class will be called

(*this* inside the inner class refers to inner class object)

- ▣ *OuterClassName.this.method()*

the method inside the outer class will be called

Inner Classes – Method Resolution

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```
class outerClass {
    private int outerVar = 10;
    class innerClass {
        private int innerVar = 5;
        public void method() {
            System.out.println(innerVar);
        }
        public void method1() {
            method();
            outerClass.this.method();
        }
    }
    public void method() {
        System.out.println(outerVar);
    }
    public void methodOut() {
        System.out.println(outerVar);
    }
}

public class innerClassExample01 {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        outerClass o = new outerClass();
        outerClass.innerClass i = o.new innerClass();
        i.method1();
    }
}
```

□ What is the output?

Inner Classes – Method Resolution

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```
class outerClass {  
    private int outerVar = 10;  
    class innerClass {  
        private int innerVar = 5;  
        public void method() {  
            System.out.println(innerVar);  
        }  
        public void method1() {  
            method();  
            outerClass.this.method();  
        }  
    }  
    public void method() {  
        System.out.println(outerVar);  
    }  
    public void methodOut() {  
        System.out.println(outerVar);  
    }  
}  
public class innerClassExample01 {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        outerClass o = new outerClass();  
        outerClass.innerClass i = o.new innerClass();  
        i.method1();  
    }  
}
```

□ What is the output?

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Inner Classes

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- A class can have multiple inner classes.
- Inner classes can access each other's private members as long as the its objst is used as the calling object.

Compiling Java classes

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- Compiling a java class creates a *classname.class* file
- Inner classes compile to separate .class files with a \$ symbol in their names.
 - *outerClassName.class*
 - *outerClassName\$innerClassName.class*

Inheritance and Inner Classes

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- A class derived from the outer class inherits the inner class as well.
- The derived class cannot override the inner class
- Both outer and inner class can be derived classes.

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Anonymous Classes

Anonymous Inner Classes

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- These are inner classes without the class name.
- They are defined at the same place an instance is created.
 - ▣ The class definition is embedded inside the new operator expression.
 - ▣ Can be inside a method
- Use them when you only need to create instances of inner class in one location (only one object)

Anonymous Inner Classes

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- These classes don't have any constructors.
- They are either
 - ▣ Derived from a class or
 - ▣ Implements an interface

Anonymous Inner Classes

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- Assume that we have the following class

```
class class1 {  
    void method () {  
        System.out.println("1");  
    }  
}
```

Anonymous Inner Classes

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- Implement an anonymous inner class derived from `class1`

```
class class1 {  
    void method () {  
        System.out.println("1");  
    }  
}  
  
class outerClass {  
  
    public void methodOut() {  
        class1 c = new class1() {  
            void method () {  
                System.out.println("2");  
            }  
        };  
        c.method();  
    }  
}
```


Anonymous Inner Classes

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- Implement an anonymous inner class derived from `class1`

```
class class1 {  
    void method () {  
        System.out.println("1");  
    }  
}  
class outerClass {
```

```
    public void methodOut() {  
        class1 c = new class1() {  
            void method () {  
                System.out.println("2");  
            }  
        };  
        c.method();  
    }  
}
```

No class name is given.
Only the name of the
superclass or interface
is used for referencing

Anonymous Inner Classes

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- What is the output?

```
class class1 {  
    void method () {  
        System.out.println("1");  
    }  
}  
class outerClass {  
  
    public void methodOut() {  
        class1 c = new class1() {  
            void method () {  
                System.out.println("2");  
            }  
        };  
        c.method();  
    }  
}  
public class innerClassExample01 {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        outerClass o = new outerClass();  
        o.methodOut();  
    }  
}
```

Anonymous Inner Classes

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- What is the output?

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```
class class1 {  
    void method () {  
        System.out.println("1");  
    }  
}  
class outerClass {  
  
    public void methodOut() {  
        class1 c = new class1() {  
            void method () {  
                System.out.println("2");  
            }  
        };  
        c.method();  
    }  
}  
public class innerClassExample01 {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        outerClass o = new outerClass();  
        o.methodOut();  
    }  
}
```

Anonymous Inner Classes

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□ Defining anonymous inner classes

```
button.addActionListener(new ActionListener() {  
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {  
        field.setText("Hello");  
    }  
});
```

Anonymous Inner Classes

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□ Defining anonymous inner classes

```
button.addActionListener(new ActionListener() {  
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {  
        field.setText("Hello");  
    }  
});
```

Anonymous Inner Classes

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- Defining anonymous inner classes

```
button.addActionListener(new ActionListener() {  
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {  
        field.setText("Hello");  
    }  
});
```

- Like inner classes, anonymous inner classes have full access to the fields and methods of the outer class

Summary: Nested Class

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- Non-Static Nested (Inner) Class
 - ▣ Like any other ordinary class, just defines inside another class
 - ▣ Has full access to outer class variables
 - ▣ Anonymous Class:
 - Useful for one time instantiated objects
- Static Nested Class
 - ▣ Static inner class
 - ▣ Acts like an outer class

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Any Questions ?