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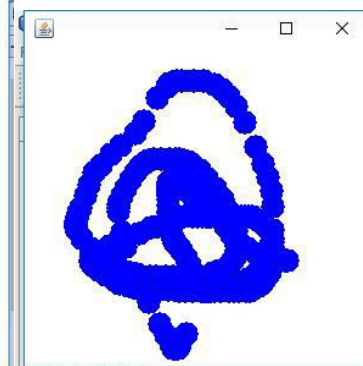
Java

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Menu and MenuItem Example

Menu

- Item 1
- Item 2
- Item 3
- Sub Menu
 - Item 4
 - Item 5



Sound beep event.

GUIs generate events when the user interacts with GUI. For example,

- Clicking a button
- Moving the mouse
- Closing Window etc.

Both AWT and swing components (not all) generate even

- `java.awt.event.*`;
- `javax.swing.event.*`;

These objects tells us about event and its source. Examples are:

- `ActionEvent` (Clicking a button)
- `WindowEvent` (Doing something with window e.g. closing , minimizing)

Event Handling Steps

For a programmer the event Handling is a three step process in terms of code

- **Step 1:** Create components which can generate events (Event Generators)
- **Step 2:** Build component (objects) that can handle events (Event Handlers)
- **Step 3:** Register handlers with generators

Event Handling Process

Step 1: Event Generators

The first step is that you create an event generator. You have already seen a lot of event generators like:

- Buttons
- Mouse
- Key
- Window etc

Most of GUI components can be created by calling their constructors. For example

```
JButton b1 = new JButton("Hello");
```

Now b1 can generate events

Note: We do not create Mouse/Keys etc as they are system components

Step 2: Event Handlers/ Event Listener

The second step is that you build components that can handle events

First Technique - *By Implementing Listener Interfaces*

- Java defines interfaces for every event type
- If a class needs to handle an event. It needs to implement the corresponding listener interface
- To handle “ActionEvent” a class needs to implement “ActionListener”
- To handle “KeyEvent” a class needs to implement “KeyListener”
- To handle “MouseEvent” a class needs to implement “MouseListener” and so on

Step 3: Registering Handler with Generator

The event generator is told about the object which can handle its events

Event Generators have a method

— addXXXListener(_reference to the object of Handler class_)

For example, if b1 is JButton then

— b1.addActionListener(this); // if listener and generator are same class

Event Handling Example

```
1. import java.awt.*;
2. import javax.swing.*;
3. import java.awt.event.*;
/* Implementing the interface according to the type of the event, i.e. creating event handler part of step 2 of our process) */
4. public class ActionEventTest
implements ActionListener{
5.     JFrame frame;
6.     JButton hello;

    // setting layout components
7.     public void initGUI () {
8.         frame = new JFrame();
9.         Container cont = frame.getContentPane();
10.        cont.setLayout(new FlowLayout());
        //Creating event generator step-1 of our process
11. hello = new JButton("Hello");
        /* Registering event handler with event generator.
        Since event handler is in same object that contains
        button, we have used this to pass the reference.(step
        3 of the process) */
12. hello.addActionListener(this);
13.        cont.add(hello);
14.        frame.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
15.        frame.setSize(150, 150);
16.        frame.setVisible(true);
17.    }
    //constructor
18.    public ActionEventTest () {
19.        initGUI();
20.    }
    /* Override actionPerformed method of ActionListener's
    interfacemethod of which will be called when event
    takes place (second part of step 2 of our process) */
21. public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent event) {
22. JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null,"Hello is pressed");
23. }
24. public static void main(String args[]) {
25.     ActionEventTest aeTest = new ActionEventTest();
26. }
```

27.} // end class



