

# 15.4 Inner Classes

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An **inner class** is a class defined within another class.

Advantages:

- They make the outer class more self contained.
  - » If `WindowDestroyer` is used, must make sure that class is available.
  - » If `InnerDestroyer` (inner class version of `WindowDestroyer`) is used, it will **always be available**.
- Inner class has access **to all instance variables and methods of outer class, including private ones**.
- Avoid name conflicts.
  - » You could have another (outer) class called `InnerDestroyer`
  - » Completely ignore the inner class of the same name.
  - » and there would not be a conflict.



# Listing 15.8 An Inner Class - InnerClassDemo.java

**// Listing 15.8 An Inner Class**

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

```
public class InnerClassDemo extends JFrame  
{
```

```
    public static final int WIDTH = 300;  
    public static final int HEIGHT = 200;
```

```
    /**
```

```
     Creates and displays a window of the class InnerClassDemo.
```

```
    */
```

```
    public static void main(String[] args)
```

```
    {
```

```
        InnerClassDemo sampleGUI = new InnerClassDemo( );  
        sampleGUI.setVisible(true);
```

```
    }
```



```

public InnerClassDemo( )
{
    setSize(WIDTH, HEIGHT);
    setTitle("Inner Class Demo");
    Container contentPane = getContentPane( );
    contentPane.setLayout(new BorderLayout( ));

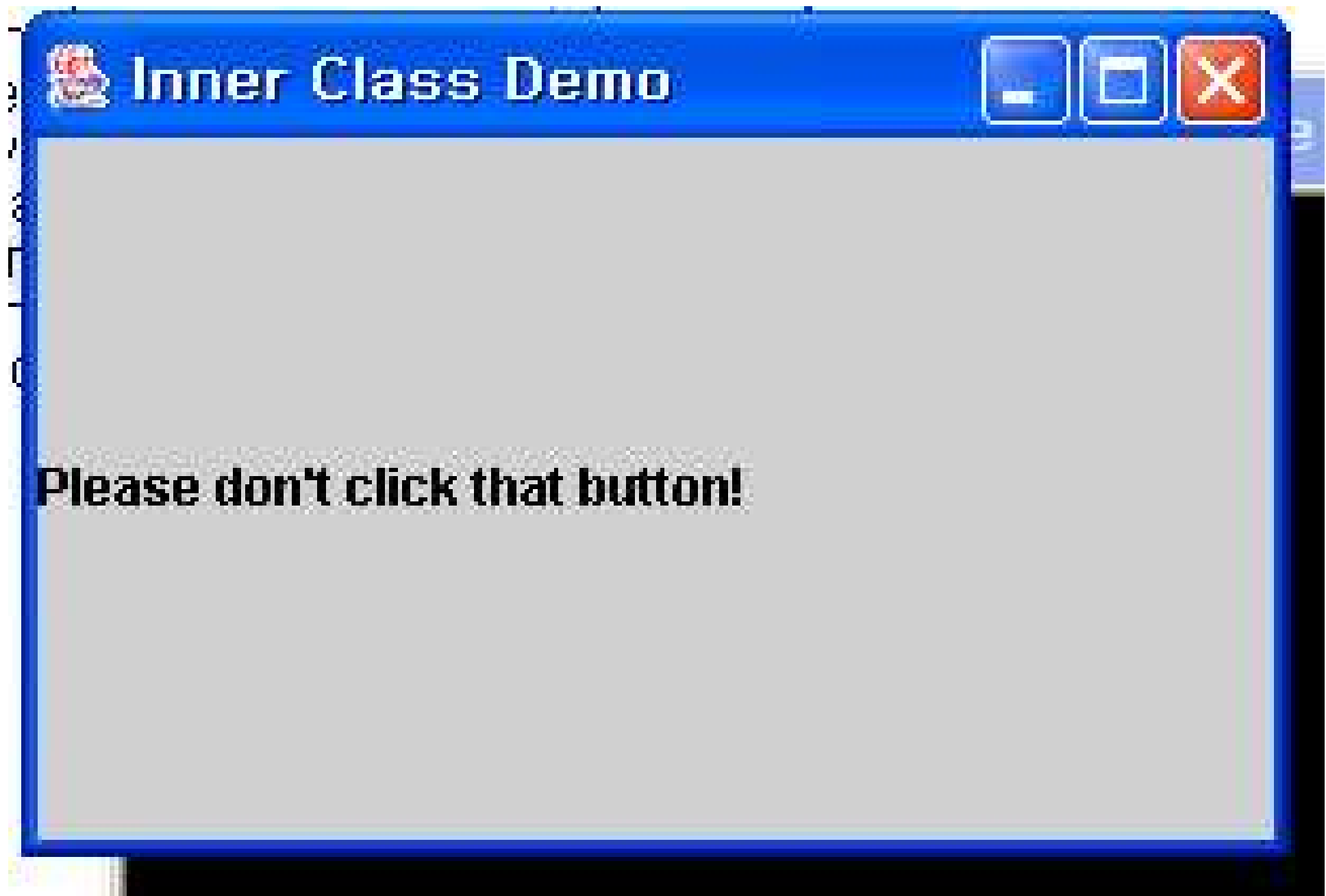
    JLabel label = new JLabel(
        "Please don't click that button!");
    contentPane.add(label, BorderLayout.CENTER);

    addWindowListener(new InnerDestroyer( ));
}

//An inner class with the same functionality
//as the class WindowDestroyer.
private class InnerDestroyer extends WindowAdapter
{
    public void windowClosing(WindowEvent e)
    {
        System.exit(0);
    }
}
}

```





# Invoking a Method of the Outer Class

## - innerClassDemo2.java

```
/**  
 Demonstration of invoking a method of the outer  
 class within an inner class.  
 */  
public class InnerClassDemo2 extends JFrame  
{  
    public static final int WIDTH = 300;  
    public static final int HEIGHT = 200;  
  
    public static void main(String[] args)  
    {  
        InnerClassDemo2 gui = new InnerClassDemo2();  
        gui.setVisible(true);  
    }  
}
```



```
public InnerClassDemo2()
{
    setSize(WIDTH, HEIGHT);
    setDefaultCloseOperation(
        WindowConstants.DO_NOTHING_ON_CLOSE);
    addWindowListener(new InnerDestroyer());
    setTitle("Close Window Demo");
    Container contentPane = getContentPane();
    contentPane.setLayout(new BorderLayout());

    JLabel message = new JLabel(
        "Please don't click that button.");
    contentPane.add(message, BorderLayout.CENTER);
}

public void blushMainWindow() // private ???
{
    Container contentPane = getContentPane();
    contentPane.setBackground(Color.PINK);
    repaint();
}
```



```
public void unBlushMainWindow()
{
    Container contentPane = getContentPane();
    contentPane.setBackground(Color.WHITE);
    repaint();
}

//Displays a window that checks if the user wants to exit.
private class InnerDestroyer extends WindowAdapter
{
    public void windowClosing(WindowEvent e)
    {
        ConfirmWindow askWindow = new ConfirmWindow();
        askWindow.setVisible(true);
    }
}
```



//Designed to be used with the inner class InnerDestroyer in  
//the class CloseWindowDemo. Checks if the user wants to exit.

**private class ConfirmWindow** extends JFrame  
implements ActionListener

{

public static final int WIDTH = 200;  
public static final int HEIGHT = 100;

public ConfirmWindow()  
{

**blushMainWindow();** ///  
setSize(WIDTH, HEIGHT);  
Container confirmContent = getContentPane();  
confirmContent.setBackground(Color.WHITE);  
confirmContent.setLayout(new BorderLayout());

JLabel msgLabel = new JLabel(  
"Are you sure you want to exit?");  
confirmContent.add(msgLabel, BorderLayout.CENTER);

JPanel buttonPanel = new JPanel();  
buttonPanel.setLayout(new FlowLayout());

JButton exitButton = new JButton("Yes");  
exitButton.addActionListener(this);  
buttonPanel.add(exitButton);





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JButton cancelButton = new JButton("No");
cancelButton.addActionListener(this);
buttonPanel.add(cancelButton);

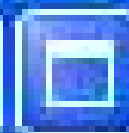
confirmContent.add(buttonPanel, BorderLayout.SOUTH);
}
public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e)
{
    if (e.getActionCommand().equals("Yes"))
        System.exit(0);
    else if (e.getActionCommand().equals("No"))
    {
        unBlushMainWindow();
        dispose();//Destroys only the ConfirmWindow.
    }
    else
        System.out.println("Error in Confirm Window.");
}
}
}

```



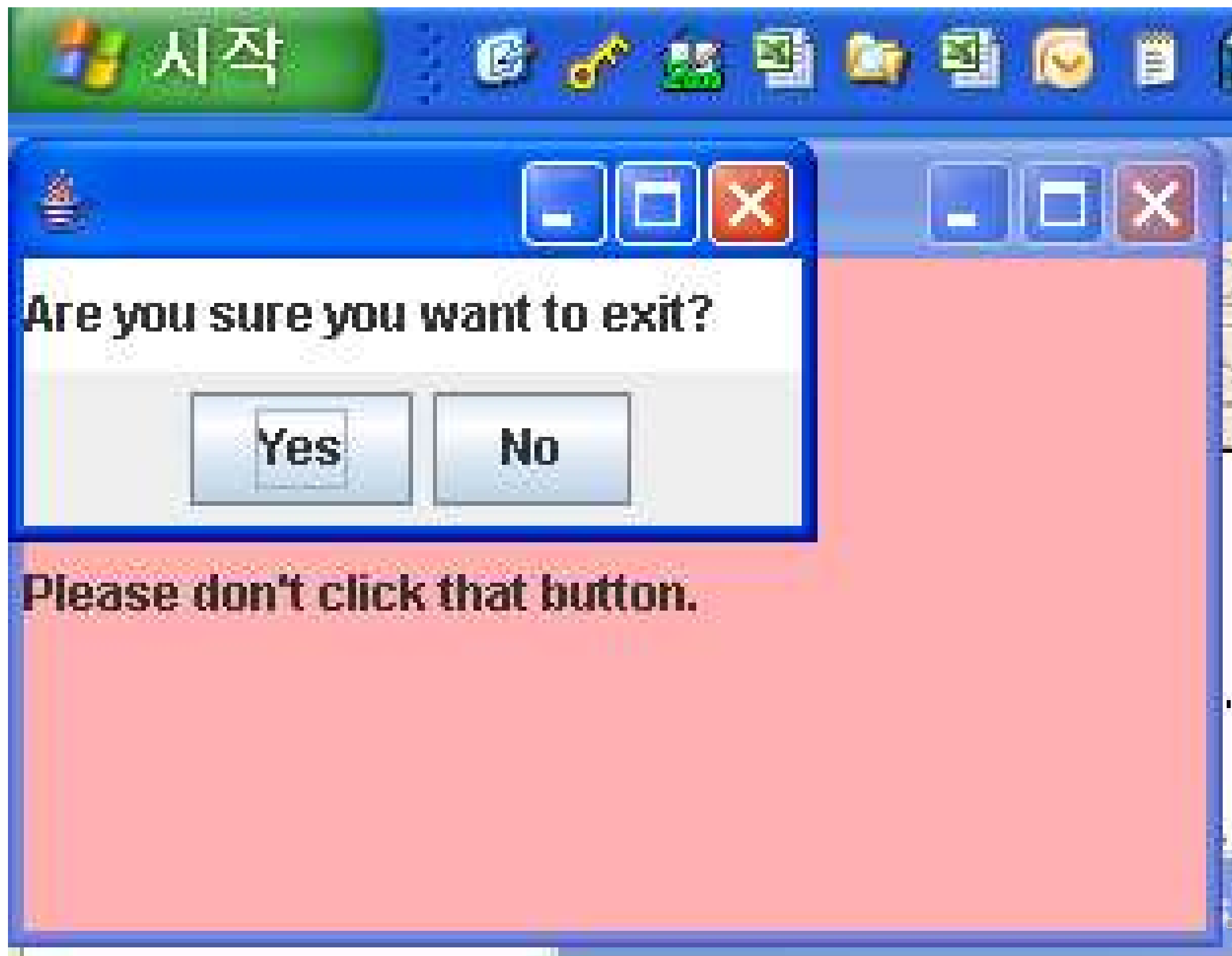


Close Window Demo



**Please don't click that button.**





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