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属性和绑定

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What Is a Property?

• **define:** a Java class that has public accessors, for all or part of its private fields, is known as a Java bean, and the accessors define the properties of the bean

Property: public accessors define the property

Bean: class that...

通过属性,我们可以定制bean的状态和行为

accessor--->property (state,beavior)

- Java beans are observable
 - o 支持属性更改通知

当一个public property of Java bean改变时,一个通知被发送到所有监听器

- Java bean
 - o define reusable components (定义可重用组件)

这些组件可以通过builder tool去组装然后创建一个Java application 因此我们可以使用第三方 java bean

- o visual or nonvisual
- wraning: A property can be read-only, write-only, ro read/write
 - o read-only: getter but no setter
 - o write-only: setter but no getter

Java ide和其他构建工具(例如,GUI布局构建器),使用内省(introspection)来获得一个bean的一个属性列表,让您在设计时操作这些属性

• use: Properties of a bean can be used in a builder tool or programmatically

构建器和编程都可以使用属性

JavaBeans API

- provides a class library
- java.beans package
- naming conventions(命名规则)
- wraning:用于创建 Java bean

What Is a Binding?

- use: binding is used in many different contexts
 - o context of data binding: defines a relation between data elements

定义了数据元素之间的一种关系,以此来保持它们的同步

- example: x = y + z 建立了x, y, z之间的绑定, 当运行时, x的值同步到y和z的和
 - 当然, 绑定只是这时有效, 之前或者之后, 不一定同步
- 让有效期持续一段时间: 在绑定部分改变时, 我们需要得到改变的通知
 - mechanism: register listeners with the dependencies(依赖部分)

当dependencies失效或者改变时,所有挂接的listeners被通知

A binding may synchronize itself with its dependencies when it receives such notifications

eager or lazy binding

■ eager binding:依赖部分改变时, bound variable马上被计算

lazy binding则不会马上执行计算,而是在下次读取时进行计算,需要再计算,表现得比eager更好

undirectional or bidirectional

undirectional : works only in one direction

依赖项的变化传播到bound variable

■ bidirectional: 依赖项和bound variable互相保持同步

被定义使用在两个变量之间,例如: x = y and y = x、

例如: The data displayed in UI widget have to be synchronized with the underlying data model and vice versa

UI和数据模型的同步需要是双向的

Understanding Bindings Support in JavaBeans

- Java一直支持bean property之间的绑定
- example: two properties (name and salary)

```
import java.beans.PropertyChangeListener;
import java.beans.PropertyChangeSupport;
public class Employee
{
   private String name;
   private double salary;
   private PropertyChangeSupport pcs = new PropertyChangeSupport(this);
   public Employee()
        this.name = "John Doe";
       this.salary = 1000.0;
   public Employee(String name, double salary)
        this.name = name;
       this.salary = salary;
   public String getName()
        return name;
    public void setName(String name)
```

```
this.name = name;
   }
   public double getSalary()
        return salary;
   public void setSalary(double newSalary)
        double oldSalary = this.salary;
        this.salary = newSalary;
        // Notify the registered listeners about the change
        pcs.firePropertyChange("salary", oldSalary, newSalary);
   public void addPropertyChangeListener(PropertyChangeListener listener)
        // 监听
        pcs.addPropertyChangeListener(listener);
   public void removePropertyChangeListener(PropertyChangeListener listener)
        // 取消监听
        pcs.removePropertyChangeListener(listener);
   @Override
   public String toString()
        return "name = " + name + ", salary = " + salary;
    }
}
```

salary属性改变被监听

• PropertyChangeSupport class: 属性改变支持

支持属性修改时的: 点燃属性改变、增加属性改变监听、取消属性改变监听

• PropertyChangeListener interface: 属性改变监听接口

该接口需要一个方法实现用于处理属性改变的通知(firePropertyChange的发送)

OK,知道了如果去使用ProperChangeSuppor让salary property变成bound property,现在我们需要知道如何相应这种改变

```
import java.beans.PropertyChangeEvent;
public class EmployeeTest
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        final Employee e1 = new Employee("John Jacobs", 2000.0);
        // Compute the tax
        computeTax(e1.getSalary());
        // Add a property change listener to e1
        e1.addPropertyChangeListener(EmployeeTest::handlePropertyChange);
        // Change the salary
```

```
e1.setSalary(3000.00);
            e1.setSalary(3000.00); // No change notification is sent.
            e1.setSalary(6000.00);
        }
        public static void handlePropertyChange(PropertyChangeEvent e)
           String propertyName = e.getPropertyName();
           if ("salary".equals(propertyName)) {
            System.out.print("Salary has changed. ");
            System.out.print("Old:" + e.getOldValue());
            System.out.println(", New:" + e.getNewValue());
            computeTax((Double)e.getNewValue());
        public static void computeTax(double salary)
           final double TAX PERCENT = 20.0;
           double tax = salary * TAX PERCENT/100.0;
           System.out.println("Salary:" + salary + ", Tax:" + tax);
        }
}
```

o PropertyChangeEvent class:属性改变事件,涉及属性的一些信息

例如: getPropertyName可以获取属性名字 getOldValue() 可以获取旧值 getNewValue()可以获取新值

Understanding Properties in JavaFX

Property

• *define*: In JavaFX,property are objects

属性是对数据的封装实例对象(represent a value or a collection of values) 属性的抽象类(abstract class): IntegerProperty、DoubleProperty、StringProperty、...

属性的具体实现类(concrete class): 有读写属性类和只读属性包装器

例如:

SimpleInterProperty: int读写属性类

ReadOnlyDoubleWrapper: double只读属性类

- example: IntegerProperty counter = new SimpleIntegerProperty(100);
- get and set:只有在primitive属性时,涉及参数和返回值均 primitive type
- getValue and setValue:涉及参数和返回值均 object type

例如:对于String这种reference type property, get和getValue均String

Working with read-only property is a bit tricky

使用只读属性有点棘手

• ReadOnlyXXXWrapper class: wraps two properties of XXX type

one read-only and one read/write both properties are synchronized 两者是同步的

o gerReadOnlyProperty method: returns a ReadOnlyXXXProperty object

```
ReadOnlyIntegerWrapper idWrapper = new ReadOnlyIntegerWrapper(100);
ReadOnlyIntegerProperty id = idWrapper.getReadOnlyProperty();
System.out.println("idWrapper:" + idWrapper.get());
System.out.println("id:" + id.get());
// Change the value
idWrapper.set(101);
System.out.println("idWrapper:" + idWrapper.get());
System.out.println("id:" + id.get());
```

```
//prints
idWrapper:100
id:100
idwrapper:101
id:101

>> 当wrapper property被修改时, read-only property object of the wrapper class自动修改, 因此wrapper property—般用于private instance variable of a class

> XXXProperty
> ReadOnlyXXXProperty
> ReadOnlyXXXXProperty
> ReadOnlyXXXWrapper
```

Information of Property object

- wraning: A property object wraps three pieces of information (属性包装了三个信息)
 - o The reference of the bean that contains it (这边假设this的意义)
 - o A name
 - o A value

因此,当你创建属性对象时,你可以提供以上的信息

```
SimpleIntegerProperty()
SimpleIntegerProperty(int initalValue)
SimpleIntegerProperty(Object bean,String name)
SimpleIntegerProperty(Object bean,String name,int initialValue);
// 默认值取决于类型: 0、false | true 、null
```

一个属性对象可以是bean的一部分,也可以是一个独立的(standlone)对象 针对standlone,一般传递实参null给bean,默认是null

- wraning:
 - o getBean method: return the bean reference
 - o **getName** method: return the property name

Using Properties in JavaFX Beans

SimpleXXXProperty

```
public class Person
    private StringProperty name = new SimpleStringProperty(this, "name", "Li");
public class Book
   private StringProperty title = new SimpleStirngProperty(this."title","Unknonw");
   public final StringProperty titleProprty()
        return title;
}
public class Book
    private StringProperty title = new SimpleStringProperty(this, "title", "Unknown");
    public final StringProperty titleProperty()
        return title;
    public final String getTitle()
        return title.get();
    public final void setTitle(String title)
        this.title.set(title);
   }
}
```

按照规范,我们将getter and getter设置为final

ReadOnlyXXXWrapper

```
public class Book
{
    private ReadOnlyStringWrapper ISBN = new ReadOnlyStringWraper(this, "ISBN", "Unknonw");
    public final String getISBN()
    {
```

```
return ISBN.get(); // value
}
publi final ReadOnlyStringProterty ISBNProperty()
{
    return ISBN.gerReadOnlyProperty(); // read-only property
}
// More code goes here...
}
```

- Notice points
 - 。 使用了ReadOnlyStringWrapper代替了SimpleStringProperty
 - o 没有设置setter,要设置的话必须指定为private final method,这样就不会暴露给外部
 - o getter跟read/write property做了同样的工作
 - o ISBNProperty返回ReadOnlyStringProperty

Lazily Instantiating Property Objects

延迟实例化对象属性(因为有些高级feature没有使用到,或者只要默认值就行了)

- power: observable and binding features
- define: 延迟实例化, 优化内存使用
 - 这种优化的代价是增加了几行代码
- two use cases:
 - o property will use its default value in most of the cases

属性大多数情况下使用默认值

```
public class Monitor
{
    public static final String DEFAULT_SCREEN_TYPE = "flat";
    private StringProperty screenType;
    public String getScreenType()
    {
        return (screenType == null) ? DEFAULT_SCREEN_TYPE : screenType.get();
      }
    public void setScreenType(String newScreenType)
    {
        if (screenType != null || !DEFAULT_SCREEN_TYPE.equals(newScreenType))
        {
            screenTypeProperty().set(newScreenType);
        }
    }
    public StringProperty screenTypeProperty()
    {
        if (screenType == null) {
            screenType = new SimpleStringProperty(this, "screenType",
            DEFAULT_SCREEN_TYPE);
        }
        return screenType;
}
```

```
//
Monitor m = new Monitor();
String st = m.screenTypeProperty().get(); // 实例化
//
Monitor m = new Monitor();
String st = m.getScreenType(); // 没有实例化
```

- o property will not use its observable and binding features in most cases
 - 属性大多数情况下不使用observable and binding features

```
public class Item
    private DoubleProperty weight;
    private double weight = 150;
    public double getWeight()
        return (weight == null)?_weight:weight.get();
    public void setWeight(double newWeight)
        if (weight == null)
            _weight = newWeight;
        }
        else
        {
            weight.set(newWeight);
    public DoubleProperty weightProperty()
        if (weight == null)
            weight = new SimpleDoubleProperty(this, "weight", _weight);
        return weight;
    }
}
```

Understanding the Property Class Hierarchy

- Observable interface: wraps content, and it can be observed for invalidations of its content
 - Observable interface 通过两个 method 支持这个功能
 - addListener method: add an InvalidationListener
 - invalidated method of InvalidationListener: 当content失效时被调用

• removeListener method : remove an InvalidationListener

All JavaFX properties are observable

只有当属性从valid变成invalid时,才会产生一个失效事件

valid to invalid 不是 change,例如排序ObservableList会产生invalidation event,但没有change

```
public interface Observable
{
    // ob content invalid event
    void addListener(InvalidationListener listener);
    void removeListener(InvalidationListener listener);
}
```

- **ObservableValue** interface : wraps a value, which can be observed for changes
 - inherits from the **Observable** interface
 - **getValue** method : returns the value it wraps
 - o invalidation events and change events (扩展)
 - invalidation events : when the value in the ObservableValue is no longer valid
 - change events :when the value changes
 - o addListener method and removeListener method overload
 - **changed** method :
 - three arguments: reference of ObservableValue,old value,new value
 - 当value被change时, listener的changed方法被调用
 - o wraning: can recompute its value lazily or eagerly
 - 可以延迟计算或者立即计算出value
 - lazy: 当value变成invalid,并不知道value是否被change,直到被recomputed 而且值被重新计算只有当需要read时计算,例如调用getValue method
 - eager: 当value变成invalid, 虽然对change一无所知, 但是还是会立即计算
 - generate invalidation event: 为了生成失效事件,你可以使用lazy or eager
 - generate change event:为了产生change事件,要求eager

```
public interface ObservaleValue<T> extends Observable
{
    void addListener(ChangeListener<? super T> listener);
    void removeListener(ChangeListener<? super T> listener);
    T    getValue();
}
```

• ReadOnlyProperty interface : add two methods

inherits from ObservableValue

- o getBean method: returns reference of the bean that contains the property
- o **getName** method: returns the name of the property

A read-only proper implements this interface

```
public interface ReadOnlyProperty<T> exrtends ObservableValue<T>
{
    Object getBean();
    String getName();
}
```

- **WritableValue** interface : not herits any interface
 - o getValue method
 - o setValue method

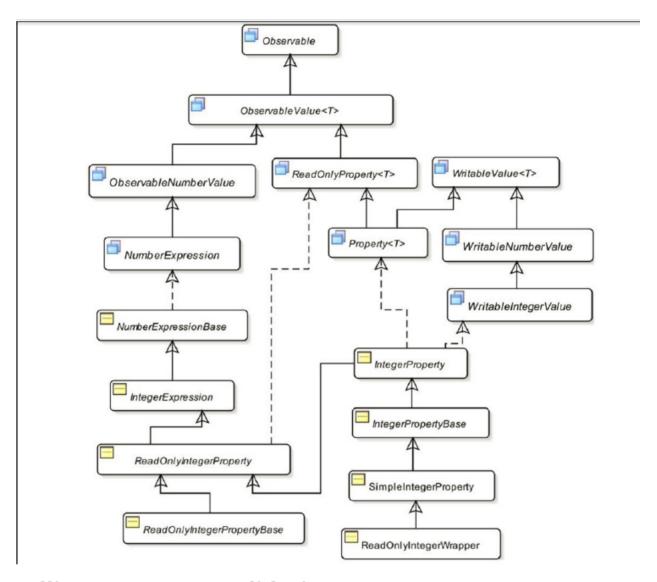
A read/write property implements this interface

```
public interface WritableValue<T>
{
    T getValue();
    void setValue(T value);
}
```

• **Property** interface : inherit from **ReadOnlyProperty** and **WritableValue** interface

继承了只读和读写 interface add five methods to support binding

- o void bind(Observable<? extends T> observable)
 - adds a unidirectional binding between this Property and the specified ObservableValue (单向绑定)
- o void unbind()
- void bindBidirectional(Property<T> other)
 - creates a bidirectional binding between this Property and the specified Property (双向绑定)
- void unbindBidirectional(Property<T> other)
- O boolean isBound()
 - if the **Property** is bound



Handling Property Invalidation Events

- generate an invalidation event: 从valid变成invalid, invalid再变成invalid就没有
- InvalidationListener interface
 - o invalidated method
 - parameter : Observable

Properties in JavaFX use lazy evaluation

当重新计算时(调用get or getValue 时), invalid 变成 valid

o example

```
// 创建 IntegerPropety 属性
IntegerProperty counter = new SimpleIntegerProperty(100);
// 添加失效监听器 InvalidationListener
counter.addListener(InvalidationTest::invalidated);

// 类似
counter.addListener(new InvalidationListener()
```

```
@Override
    public void invalidated(Observable prop)
    {
        InvalidationTest.invalidated(prop);
    }
})
```

。 你可以向属性不止添加一个invalidation listener

记得调用removeListener释放,否则内存泄漏

example

```
import javafx.beans.Observable;
import javafx.beans.property.IntegerProperty;
import javafx.beans.property.SimpleIntegerProperty;
public class TestProperty {
   public static void main(String[] args)
        IntegerProperty counter = new SimpleIntegerProperty(100);
        // Add an invalidation listener to the counter property
        counter.addListener(TestProperty::invalidated);
        System.out.println("before changing");
        counter.set(101);
        System.out.println("after changing");
        System.out.println("before changing");
        counter.set(102);
        System.out.println("after changing");
        // make the counter property valid by calling its get()
        int value = counter.get();
        System.out.println("Counter value = "+ value);
        System.out.println("before changing");
        counter.set(102);
        System.out.println("after changing");
        System.out.println("before changing");
        counter.set(103);
        System.out.println("after changing");
   }
   public static void invalidated(Observable prop)
        System.out.println(prop.getClass() + ": Counter is invalid");
    }
}
```

set相同的值不会 fire invalidation event get使得valid

Handling Property Change Events

- property change events : every time the value of a property changes
- ChangeListener interface
 - o changed method
 - parameter:
 - **ObservableValue<? super T>**: the reference of the property object
 - T: the old value
 - T: the new value

```
// method - 1
counter.addListener(new ChangeListener<Number>()
    @Override
    public void changed(ObservableValue<? extends Number> prop,
    Number oldValue,
   Number newValue)
        System.out.print("Counter changed: ");
        System.out.println("Old = " + oldValue + ", new = " + newValue);
});
// method - 2
counter.addListener(new ChangeListener<Object>()
   @Override
    public void changed(ObservableValue<? extends Object> prop,
   Object oldValue,
   Object newValue)
        System.out.print("Counter changed: ");
        System.out.println("Old = " + oldValue + ", new = " + newValue);
});
```

- Calling the set() method with the name value does not fire a property change event
- eager evaluation

Avoiding Memory Leaks in Listeners

除了RemoveListener还可以使用自动回收

- Use weak listener: grabage collected automatically
- A weak listener is an instance of the **WeakListener** interface
- JavaFX provides two implementtation classes of the WeakListener interface

- WeakInvalidationlistener class
- WeakChangeListener class

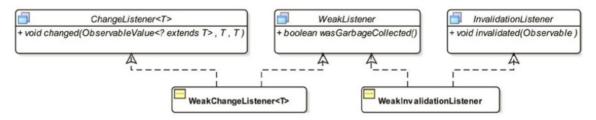


Figure 2-3. A class diagram for WeakChangeListener and WeakInvalidationListener

WeakChangeListener

- wrapper for a ChangeListener
 - 只要一个构造函数,接受一个ChangeListener的实例

```
ChangeListener<Number> cListener = ...
WeakChangeListener<Number> wListener = new WeakChangeListener(cListener);

counter.addLister(wListener);

wListener = null;

System.gc();

则被自动回收
```

Handling Invalidation and Change Events

- invalidation listeners perform better than change listeners
 - o compute the value lazily
 - Multiple invalidations in a row fire only one invalidation event

按情况使用

Using Bindings in JavaFX

- 绑定观察其依赖部分的改变,并自动重新计算其值
- JavaFX use lazy evaluation for all bindings
- example

```
IntegerProperty x = new IntegerProperty(100);
IntegerProperty y = new IntegerProperty(200);

NumberBinding sum = x.add(y); // sum = x + y 单向绑定
```

NumberBinding class

- isValid method : return true if valid
- intValue method : get int value and valid
- longValue method : get long value and valid
- floatValue method : get float value and valid
- doubleValue method : get double value and valid
- initValue method : compute its value and mark itself as valid
- wraning: A binding adds invalidation listeners to all of its dependencies

任何dependencies变成invalid则绑定自己也变成invalid invalid不意味着值改变了,而是意味着需要重新计算值

- bind a property to a binding
 - o example

```
IntegerProperty x = new SimpleIntegerProperty(10);
IntegerProperty y = new SimpleIntegerProperty(20);
IntegerProperty z = new SimpleIntegerProperty(60);
z.bind(x.add(y));
```

bind the property z to an expression x + y 现在,如果x或者y改变,则z变成invalid 下次获取z,就会自动计算 x.add(y) 获取新值更新z

- bind method
- o unbind method
 - such as: z.unbind()

Unidirectional and Bidirectional Bindings

- unidirectional binding: should bind to a expression
 - o such as: bind method
- bidirectional binding: must bind to a property
 - such as: bindBidirectional method
 - between a property and another property of the same type

Unidirectional binding restriction

• 一旦将property绑定到表达式之后,你无法直接修改property,而是要计算更新值

如果非要这么做,必须unbind再进行直接修改

```
IntegerProperty x = new SimpleIntegerProperty(10);
IntegerProperty y = new SimpleIntegerProperty(20);
IntegerPtoperty z = new SimpleIntegerProperty(60);

z.bind(x.add(y)); // bind to an expression
z.set(7878); // will throw a RuntimeException

// 正确
z.unbind();
z.set(7878);
```

• 只能绑定到一个

```
o such as:不能 z = x+y 又 z = a+b
```

将会 unbind the previous binding

```
z.bind(x.add(y)); // z bind to x.add(y)
z.bind(a.add(b)); // unbind; and z bind to a.add(b)
```

Bidrectional binding

去除了单向绑定的缺点

• multiple bidirectional bindings at the same time

```
x = y
x = z
// 三者同步,最后全为z的值
```

change independent

Understanding the Binding API

- Hight-level binding API
 - using the JavaFX class library
- Low-level binding API
 - 。 从已经存在的绑定类中派生出其他类再编写

The Hight-level Binding API

- Fluent API
- Bindings class

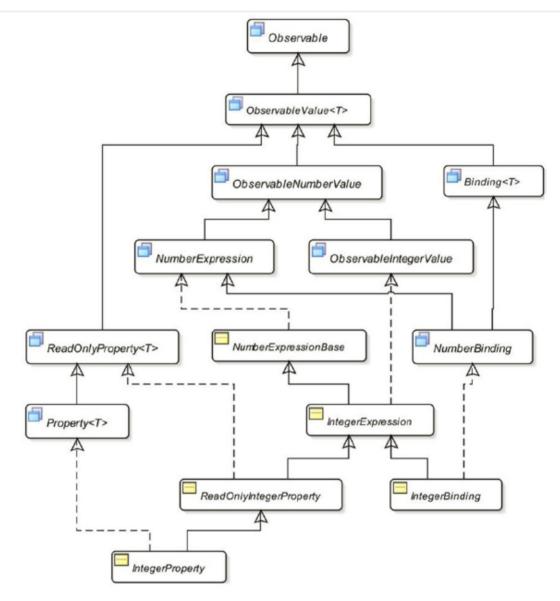
Using the Fluent API

• define: consists of several methods in different interfaces and classes

method chaning: 一条语句中进行联合方法调用

• example

```
// 原来
x.add(y);
x.add(z);
// 后来
x.add(y).add(z)
```



• XXXExpression classes : have the methods that used to create bingding expressions

The Binding interface

- define: An instance of the Binding interface represents a value that is derived from one or more sources konwn as dependencies
 - o four methods
 - public void dispose ()
 - remove references to other objects (删除对其他对象的引用)
 - public ObservableList<?> getDependencies()

- 这个方法用于调试目的,产品代码中不出现
- public void invalidate()
 - 让一个绑定失效 (invalidated a Binding)
- public boolean isValid()
 - 判定是否是有效绑定

The NumberBinding Interface

• It is implemented by DoubleBinding, FloatBinding, IntegerBinding, and LongBinding classes

The ObservableNumberValue Interface

- An instance of the ObservableNumber interface wraps a numeric value of int,long,...
 - o double doubleValue() method
 - o float floatValue() method
 - o int intValue() method
 - o long longValue() method

The ObservableIntegerValue Interface

• The ObservableIntegerValue interface defines a get() method that returns the type specific int value

The NumberExpression Interface

- contatin several convenience methods to create bindings using a fluent style
- return a **Bingding** type
 - o such as NumberBinding, BooleanBinding,...

Table 2-2. Summary of the Methods in the Number Expression Interface

Method Name	Return Type	Description
<pre>add() subtract() multiply() divide()</pre>	NumberBinding	These methods create a new NumberBinding that is the sum, difference, product, and division of the NumberExpression, and a numeric value or an ObservableNumberValue.
<pre>greaterThan() greaterThanOrEqualTo() isEqualTo() isNotEqualTo() lessThan() lessThanOrEqualTo()</pre>	BooleanBinding	These methods create a new BooleanBinding that stores the result of the comparison of the NumberExpression and a numeric value or an ObservableNumberValue. Method names are clear enough to tell what kind of comparisons they perform.
negate()	NumberBinding	It creates a new NumberBinding that is the negation of the NumberExpression.
asString()	StringBinding	It creates a StringBinding that holds the value of the NumberExpression as a String object. This method also supports locale-based string formatting.

• If one of the operands is a double, the result is a double.

- If none of the operands is a double and one of them is a float, the result is a float.
- If none of the operands is a double or a float and one of them is a long, the result is a long
- Otherwise, the result is an int

```
IntegerProperty x = new SimpleIntegerProperty(1);
IntegerProperty y = new SimpleIntegerProperty(2);
NumberBinding sum = x.add(y);
int value = sum.intValue();

IntegerProperty x = new SimpleIntegerProperty(1);
IntegerProperty y = new SimpleIntegerProperty(2);
// Casting to IntegerBinding is safe
IntegerBinding sum = (IntegerBinding)x.add(y);
int value = sum.get();
```

NumberExpressionBase class

• implementation of the **NumberExpression**

IntegerExpression class

- extends the **NumberExpressionBase** class
- overrride methods in its superclass to provide a type-specific return type

```
public class CircleArea
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
        DoubleProperty radius = new SimpleDoubleProperty(7.0);
        // Create a binding for computing arae of the circle
        DoubleBinding area = radius.multiply(radius).multiply(Math.PI);
        System.out.println("Radius = " + radius.get() +
        ", Area = " + area.get());
        // Change the radius
        radius.set(14.0);
        System.out.println( "Radius = " + radius.get() +
        ", Area = " + area.get());
        // Create a DoubleProperty and bind it to an expression
        // that computes the area of the circle
        DoubleProperty area2 = new SimpleDoubleProperty();
        area2.bind(radius.multiply(radius).multiply(Math.PI));
        System.out.println("Radius = " + radius.get() +
        ", Area2 = " + area2.get());
   }
}
```

The StringBinding Class

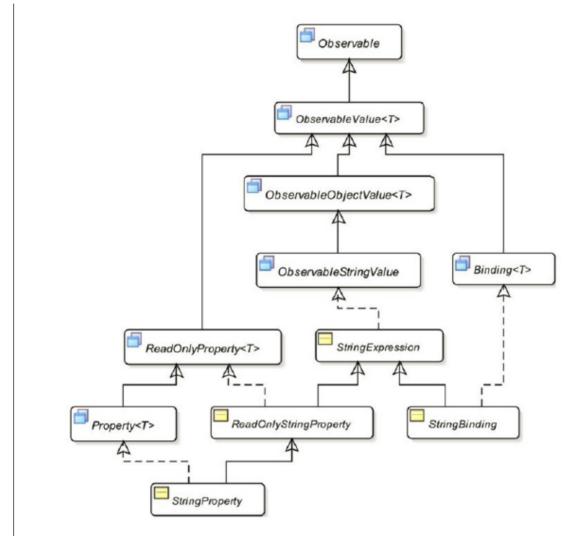


Figure 2-5. A partial class diagram for StringBinding

ObservableStringValue interface

• get () method whose return type is String

StringExpression class

- let you create binding using a fluent style
- methods 连接对象到StringExpression
 - compare two strings
 - o check for null
 - o others
 - o getValue method
 - o getValueSafe method : return empty String if current value is null

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

The ObjectExpressionn and ObjectBinding Classes

- create bingdings of any type of objects
- The ObjectExpression class has methods to compare objects for equality and to check for null values

```
public class ObjectBindingTest
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Book b1 = new Book("J1", 90, "1234567890");
        Book b2 = new Book("J2", 80, "0123456789");
        ObjectProperty<Book> book1 = new SimpleObjectProperty<>(b1);
        ObjectProperty<Book> book2 = new SimpleObjectProperty<>(b2);
        // Create a binding that computes if book1 and book2 are equal
        BooleanBinding isEqual = book1.isEqualTo(book2);
        System.out.println(isEqual.get());
        book2.set(b1);
        System.out.println(isEqual.get());
    }
}
```

The BooleanExpression and BooleanBinding Classes

- The BooleanExpression class contains methods
 - o and
 - o or
 - o not
 - isEqualTo
 - o isNotEqualTo

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

```
IntegerProperty x = new SimpleIntegerProperty(1);
IntegerProperty y = new SimpleIntegerProperty(2);
IntegerProperty z = new SimpleIntegerProperty(3);
// Create a boolean expression for x > y && y <> z
BooleanExpression condition = x.greaterThan(y).and(y.isNotEqualTo(z));
System.out.println(condition.get());
// Make the condition true by setting x to 3
x.set(3);
System.out.println(condition.get());
}
```

Using Ternary Operation in Expressions

when-then-otherwise (三元运算符)

```
new When(condition).then(value1).otherwise(value2);
// condition must be an ObservableBooleanValue
// the type of value1 and value2 must be the same
// Values may be constants or instances of ObservableValue
```

Using the Bindings Utility Class

- The **Bindings** class is a helper class to create simple bindings
- more 150 static methods

```
StringExpression desc = Bindings.concat(
    "Radius = ",radius.asString(Locale.US,"%.2f"), // java.util.Locale
    ",Area = ",area.asString(Locale.US,"%.2f")
);
```

Using the selectXXX() method

```
public class Address
{
    private StringProperty zip = new SimpleStringProperty("36106");
    public StringProperty zipProperty()
    {
        return zip;
    }
}

public class Person
{
    private ObjectProperty<Address> addr = new SimpleObjectProperty(new Address());
    public ObjectProperty<Address> addrProperty()
    {
        return addr;
    }
}
```

```
ObjectProperty<Person> p = new SimpleObjectProperty(new Person());
StringBinding zipBinding = Bindings.selectString(p,"addr","zip");
```

create a binding for a nested property

Combining the Fluent API and the Bindings Class

```
DoubleProperty radius = new SimpleDoubleProperty(7.0);
DoubleProperty area = new SimpleDoubleProperty(0);

// Combine the Fluent API and Bindings class API
area.bind(Bindings.multiply(Math.PI, radius.multiply(radius)));
```

Using the Low-level Binding API

- The high-level binding API is not sufficient in all cases
- step
 - o Create a class the extends one of the binding classes
 - if you want to create a **DoubleBinding**, you need to extend the **DoubleBingding** class
 - Call the **bind()** method of the superclass to bind all dependencies
 - Override the **computeValue()** method of the superclass to write the logic for your binding
- example

- o calls the bind() method passing the reference of the radius property
- o the computeValue() method computes and returns the area of the circle
- o final radius property, because it used inside the anonymous class

example

```
import java.util.Formatter;
import java.util.Locale;
import javafx.beans.binding.DoubleBinding;
import javafx.beans.binding.StringBinding;
import javafx.beans.property.DoubleProperty;
import javafx.beans.property.SimpleDoubleProperty;
import javafx.collections.FXCollections;
import javafx.collections.ObservableList;
public class LowLevelBinding
{
   public static void main(String[] args)
        final DoubleProperty radius = new SimpleDoubleProperty(7.0);
        final DoubleProperty area = new SimpleDoubleProperty(0);
        DoubleBinding areaBinding = new DoubleBinding()
        {
            {
                this.bind(radius);
            }
        @Override
        protected double computeValue()
            double r = radius.get();
            double area = Math.PI * r *r;
            return area;
        }
        };
        //Bind area to areaBinding
        area.bind(areaBinding);
        // Create a StringBinding
        StringBinding desc = new StringBinding()
            {
                this.bind(radius, area);
            }
            @Override
            protected String computeValue()
            {
                Formatter f = new Formatter();
                f.format(Locale.US, "Radius = %.2f, Area = %.2f",
                radius.get(), area.get());
                String desc = f.toString();
                return desc;
            @Override
            public ObservableList<?> getDependencies()
                return FXCollections.unmodifiableObservableList(
                FXCollections.observableArrayList(radius, area));
```

Using Bindings to Center a Circle

```
package com.javafx;
import javafx.application.Application;
import javafx.beans.binding.Bindings;
import javafx.stage.Stage;
import javafx.scene.Scene;
import javafx.scene.Group;
import javafx.scene.shape.Circle;
public class CenteredCircle extends Application
{
    public static void main(String... args)
       Application.launch(args);
    @Override
    public void start(Stage stage)
        Circle c = new Circle();
        Group root = new Group(c);
        Scene scene = new Scene(root, 100, 100);
        c.centerXProperty().bind(scene.widthProperty().divide(2));
        c.centerYProperty().bind(scene.heightProperty().divide(2));
        c.radiusProperty().bind(Bindings.min(scene.widthProperty(),
                scene.heightProperty()).divide(2));
        stage.setTitle("Binding in JavaFX");
        stage.setScene(scene);
        stage.sizeToScene();
        stage.show();
```