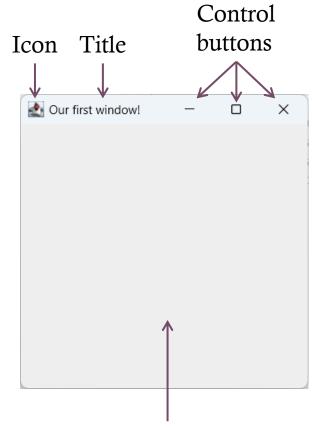
# WEEK FOUR

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#### CREATING A WINDOW

```
public static void main(String args[]){
    JFrame theWindow = new JFrame("Our first window!");
    theWindow.setSize(300, 300);
    theWindow.setLocation(200, 400);
    theWindow.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
    theWindow.setVisible(true);
}
```



Content Pane (usually a JPanel or a subclass of JPanel)

#### OUR FIRST EXECUTION THREAD

• Why is the program still running when main() is done?

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public static void main(String args[]){
    JFrame theWindow = new JFrame("Our first window!");
    theWindow.setSize(300, 300);
    theWindow.setLocation(200, 400);
    theWindow.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
    theWindow.setVisible(true);
    System.out.println("Done!");
}
```

The Event Dispatch Thread (EDT) waits for clicks, drags, re-sizes, keyclicks, and other events and responds to them.

#### OUR FIRST EXECUTION THREAD

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public static void main(String args[]){
    JFrame theWindow = new JFrame("Our first window!");
    theWindow.setSize(300, 300);
    theWindow.setLocation(200, 400);
    theWindow.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
    theWindow.setVisible(true);
    System.out.println("Done!");
}
else if (window-resized){
    do something;
    do something;
    }
    else if ...
}
```

#### KEEPING TRACK OF DATA

- If main() is going to exit, where do we keep all our variables and data?
- There are several approaches, but we'll usually create a **subclass of JFrame** and use **instance variables** for all our persistent data.
- This data will live for as long as our main application window is not closed.

#### KEEPING TRACK OF DATA

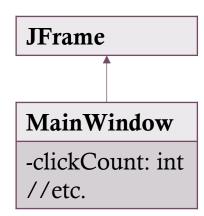
Utilizing inheritance in this way is extremely useful!

#### KEEPING TRACK OF DATA

```
class MainWindow extends JFrame{
   private int clickCount;

public MainWindow(String title){
      super(title);
      clickCount = 0;
   }

public static void main(String args[]){
      JFrame theWindow = new MainWindow("Our first window!");
      theWindow.setSize(300, 300);
      theWindow.setLocation(200, 400);
      theWindow.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
      theWindow.setVisible(true);
      System.out.println("Done!");
   }
}
```



- I can store any data I want to be persistent here
- It is accessible to any method of MainWindow

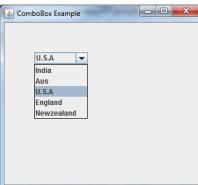
## GUI ELEMENTS IN SWING

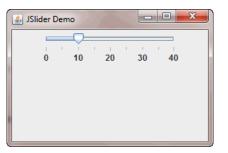
- Includes many useful GUI elements:
  - JButton
  - JLabel
  - JCheckBox
  - JRadioButton and ButtonGroup
  - JList
  - JMenuBar, Jmenu, and JMenuItem
  - JComboBox
  - JSlider, JScrollBar











#### **JBUTTONS**

- Clickable buttons
- Can be labeled, arranged, etc.
- We can listen for the button to be pressed

```
public MainWindow(String title){
    super(title);
    clickCount = 0;

    JButton aButton = new JButton("Click me!");
    this.add(aButton);
}
```

#### ADDING GUI ELEMENTS

• However, the frame will only show the most recently added item

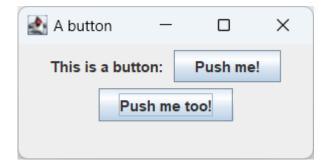
```
public MainWindow(String title){
    super(title);
    clickCount = 0;

    JButton aButton = new JButton("Click me!");
    this.add(aButton);
    JButton otherButton = new JButton("Click me too!");
    this.add(otherButton);
}
```

• How can we display more than one element?

## JPANEL (AND LAYOUT MANAGERS) TO THE RESCUE!

• JPanel can hold many GUI elements and allows you to set a Layout Manager to keep them neatly arranged



## JPANEL (AND LAYOUT MANAGERS) TO THE RESCUE!

- The default layout manager is called FlowLayout
- Elements are added to a row until there is no more space, then starts another row

```
public MainWindow(String title){
    super(title);
    clickCount = 0;

JPanel content = new JPanel();
    this.setContentPane(content);

JButton aButton = new JButton("Click me!");
    content.add(aButton);
    JButton otherButton = new JButton("Click me too!");
    content.add(otherButton);
}
```

## **BORDERLAYOUT**

| BorderLayout.NORTH |                     |      |  |
|--------------------|---------------------|------|--|
| WEST               | BorderLayout.CENTER | EAST |  |
| BorderLayout.SOUTH |                     |      |  |

#### **BOXLAYOUT**

content.setLayout(new BoxLayout(content, BoxLayout.X\_AXIS)); Push me too! content.setLayout(new BoxLayout(content, BoxLayout.Y\_AXIS)); Push me too! Push me too!

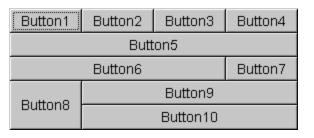
## **GRIDLAYOUT**

content.setLayout(new GridLayout(3, 3));

| Button | Button | Button |
|--------|--------|--------|
| Button | Button | Button |
| Button | Button | Button |

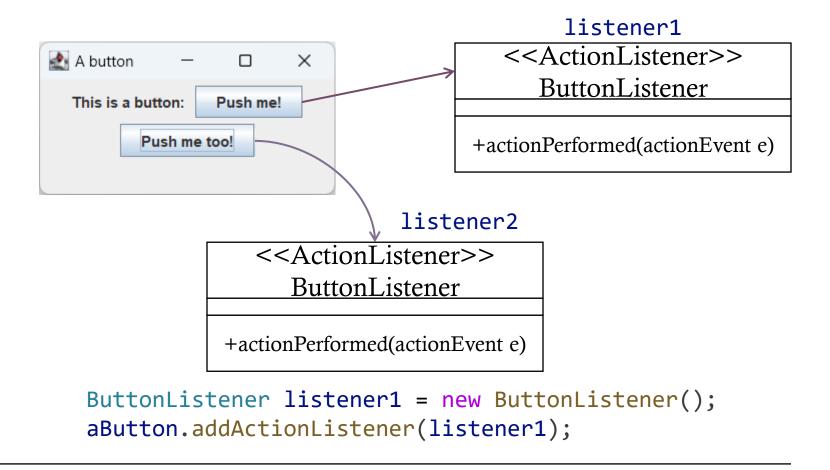
#### GRIDBAGLAYOUT

- Dynamic Grid created as you add elements
- Set Sizes and insets (padding) as you go
- You can span rows and columns
- Complex, but powerful
- See examples in ZyBooks



#### LISTENING FOR EVENTS

• Wouldn't it be nice if our buttons did more than just look like buttons?



#### LISTENING FOR EVENTS

- The ActionListener interface has just one method: actionPerformed
- @Override prevents errors caused by typos
- The ActionEvents hold information about the event

```
public class ButtonListener implements ActionListener{
    @Override
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e){
        System.out.println("The button was pressed!");
    }
}
```

#### WHY WON'T THIS WORK?

```
public static void main(String args[]){
     JFrame theWindow = new MainWindow("Our first window!");
     theWindow.setSize(300, 300);
     theWindow.setLocation(200, 400);
     theWindow.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT ON CLOSE);
     JPanel content = new JPanel();
     theWindow.setContentPane(content);
     int clickCount = 0;
     JButton aButton = new JButton("Click me!");
     ButtonListener listener1 = new ButtonListener();
     aButton.addActionListener(listener1);
     content.add(aButton);
     theWindow.setVisible(true);
                                          public class ButtonListener implements ActionListener{
                                             @Override
                                             public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e){
                                                clickCount++;
                                                System.out.println("The button has been clicked " + clickCount + " times");
```

## OK, WHAT ABOUT THIS?

```
class MainWindow extends JFrame{
   private int clickCount;
   public MainWindow(String title){
      super(title);
      JPanel content = new JPanel();
      this.setContentPane(content);
      clickCount = 0;
      JButton aButton = new JButton("Click me!");
      ButtonListener listener1 = new ButtonListener();
      aButton.addActionListener(listener1);
      content.add(aButton);
                                           public class ButtonListener implements ActionListener{
                                              @Override
                                              public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e){
                                                 clickCount++;
                                                 System.out.println("The button has been clicked " + clickCount + " times");
```

#### INNER CLASSES

- We need a way to access clickCount from actionPerformed!
- If we create the class ButtonListener *inside* the class MainWindow, it can access every field of MainWindow, **even private ones**
- This is called an Inner Class in Java

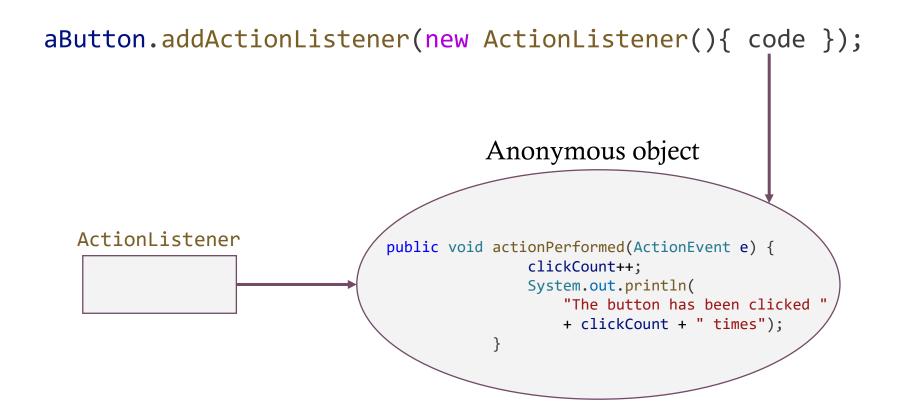
#### USING AN INNER CLASS

```
class MainWindow extends JFrame {
   private int clickCount;
   public MainWindow(String title) {
       super(title);
       clickCount = 0;
       JPanel content = new JPanel();
       this.setContentPane(content);
       // This Inner Class can see all of MainWindow's private variables:
       class ButtonListener implements ActionListener {
           @Override
            public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
               clickCount++;
               System.out.println("The button has been clicked " + clickCount + " times");
       JButton aButton = new JButton("Click me!");
       aButton.addActionListener(new ButtonListener());
       content.add(aButton);
```

#### ANONYMOUS INNER CLASSES

• If we aren't going to re-use the class, we can create it **inside** the call to addActionListener()

#### ANONYMOUS INNER CLASSES



#### LAMBDA EXPRESSIONS

• Can we make this even more concise?

#### **HOW DOES JAVA KNOW?**

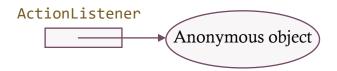
addActionListener expects one parameter, an ActionListener, so I need to create an ActionListener reference variable.



aButton.addActionListener(e -> {code});

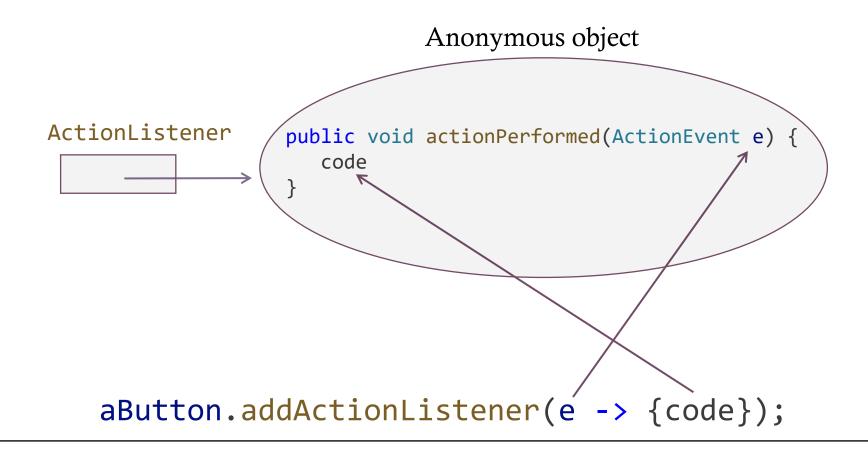
#### **HOW DOES JAVA KNOW?**

What kind of object should I point it to? I guess an anonymous one, but an ActionListener **must** have actionPerformed(ActionEvent e), so I guess that's where the code goes.

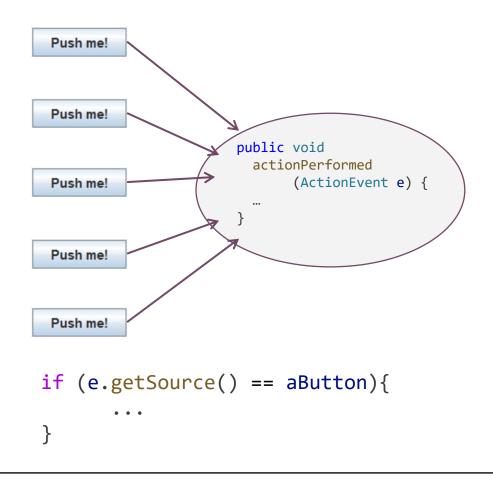


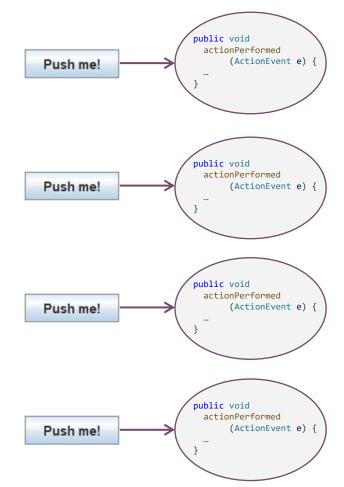
aButton.addActionListener(e -> {code});

#### **HOW DOES JAVA KNOW?**



## ONE ACTIONLISTENER OR MANY?





#### ACTIONLISTENERS AND THE EDT

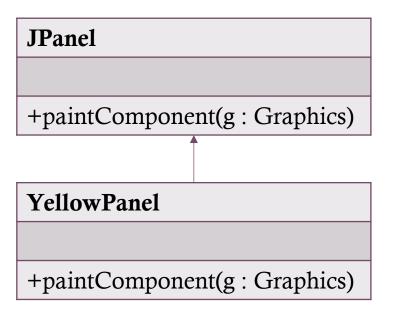
• ActionListener code runs in the EDT, which means it is **dangerous** to perform long calculations. Your program will lag, and user events will pile up.

```
countButton.addActionListener(e -> {
    for (int i = 1; i <= 10; i++){
        System.out.println("Counting: " + i);
        try {
            Thread.sleep(1000);
        } catch (InterruptedException ex) {
            ex.printStackTrace();
        }
    }
});</pre>
```

#### A SIDE EXPERIMENT

Java calls void paintComponent(Graphics g) when a GUI component needs to be re-drawn

Think of a Graphics object like a pen, it can be used to change colors and draw things like lines and shapes.

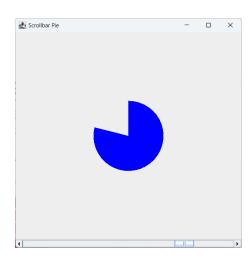


#### DRAWING YOUR OWN OBJECTS

- **JComponent** is the parent (or grandparent) class for most Swing GUI components
- Override **paintComponent()** to draw graphics

```
public class Drawing extends JComponent{

    // When we re-paint this JComponent, draw a few simple shapes:
    @Override
    public void paintComponent(Graphics g){
        g.setColor(Color.BLACK);
        g.drawOval(50, 50, 75, 75);
        g.drawRect(this.getWidth()/2, this.getHeight()/2, 50, 50);
    }
}
```



#### ANIMATION

• Animation can be done using the main() thread, using timers, or by creating new threads, which we will discuss later.

