



Chapter 13: GUI Programming

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Objectives

- ▶ GUI and its brief history
- ▶ Build simple GUIs with containers and components
- ▶ Event handling
- ▶ Layout management

What is GUI?

- ▶ The **G**raphical **U**ser **I**nterface (GUI, 图形用户界面), is a type of user interface that allows users to interact with electronic devices through graphical icons and visual indicators.



Windows 10



GUI vs. CLI

- ▶ Before GUI became popular, text-based Command-Line Interface (CLI, 命令行界面) was widely-used (mainly in 1970s and 1980s).
- ▶ Because CLIs consume little resources, they are still available in modern computers with GUIs and are widely-used by professionals.

```
C:\>chkdsk
Volume Serial Number is 3E76-4B58

2,146,467,840 bytes total disk space
 131,072 bytes in 2 hidden files
  32,768 bytes in 1 directories
 7,405,568 bytes in 124 user files
2,138,898,432 bytes available on disk

    32,768 bytes in each allocation unit
    65,505 total allocation units on disk
    65,274 available allocation units on disk

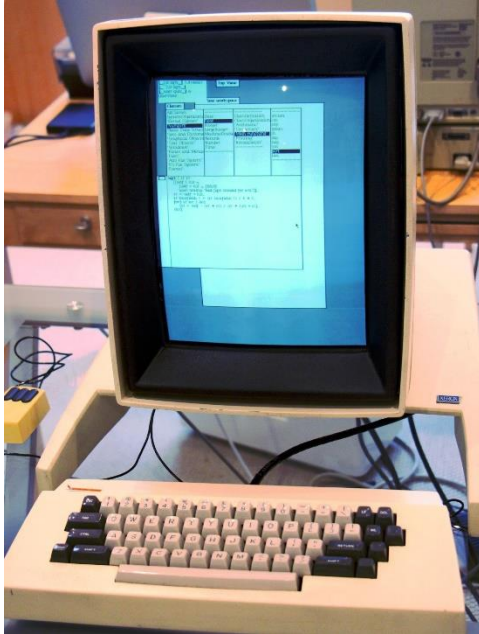
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Instead of using CHKDSK, try using SCANDISK.  SCANDISK can reliably detect
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C:\>_
```

MS-DOS

A bit history about GUI

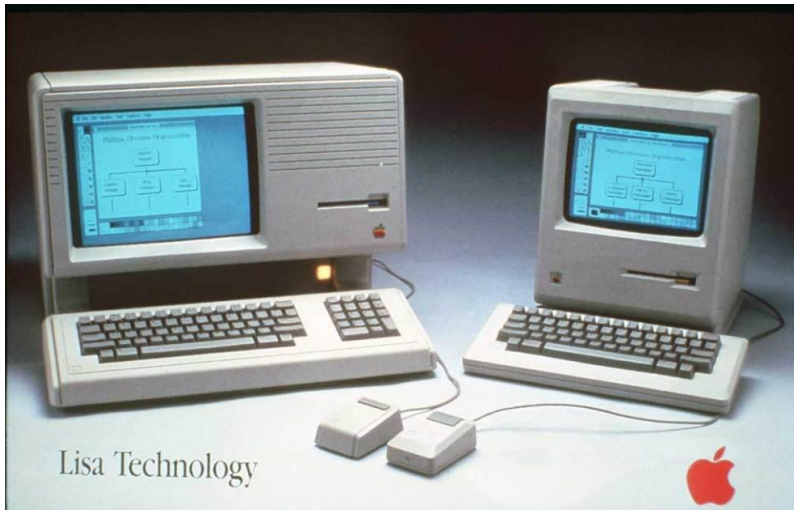


In 1973, Xerox PARC developed **Alto**, the first personal computer with GUI (not commercialized)

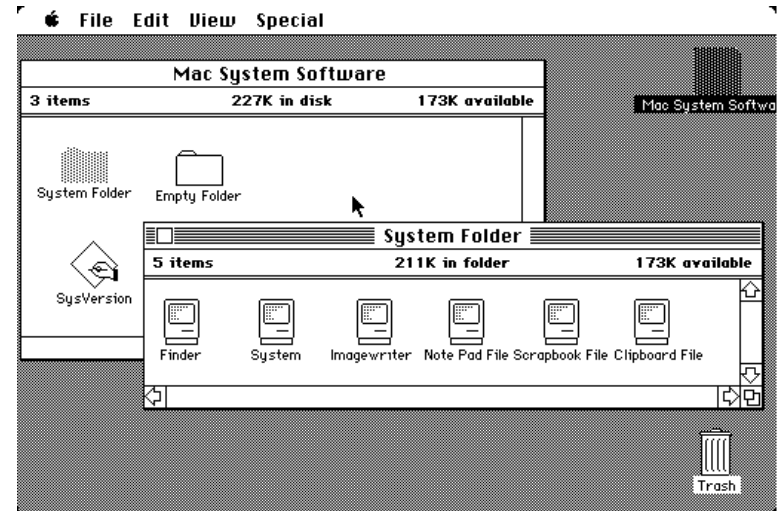


In 1981, **Xerox Star** workstation introduced the first commercial GUI OS (did not achieve market success)

A bit history about GUI

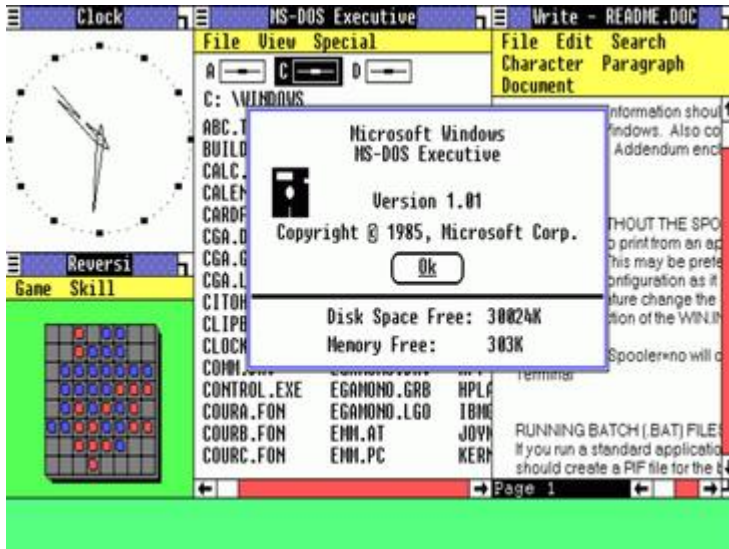


Apple Lisa (1983) and Macintosh (1984)
(Steve Jobs visited Xerox PARC and was amazed by Alto)

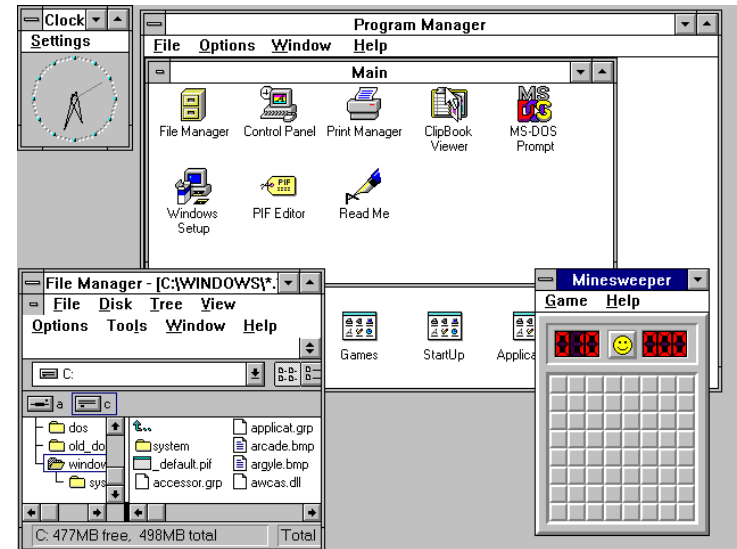


Macintosh GUI (1984)

A bit history about GUI



Windows 1.0, a GUI for the MS-DOS operating system was released in **1985**. The market's response was not so good.



The Windows OS becomes popular with the **1990** launch of **Windows 3.0**



Java GUI History

- ▶ Abstract Window Toolkit (AWT)
 - JDK 1.0 (1995)
 - Most of AWT's UI components have become obsolete

- ▶ Swing
 - JDK 1.2 (1997)
 - Enhancement of AWT

- ▶ JavaFX
 - JDK 8 (2008), replacement to Swing
 - Actively maintained and expected to grow in future

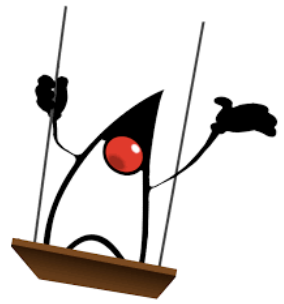


Java GUI Programming APIs

- ▶ **AWT** (Abstract Windowing Toolkit): introduced in JDK 1.0
- ▶ AWT components are **platform-dependent**. Their creation relies on the operating system's high-level user interface module.
 - For example, creating an AWT check box would cause AWT directly to call the underlying native subroutine that creates a check box.
 - This makes GUI programs written in AWT look like native applications
- ▶ AWT contains 12 packages of 370 classes (Swing and FX are more complex, 650+ classes)
 - They are developed by expert programmers with advanced design patterns.
 - Writing your own graphics classes (re-inventing the wheels) is mission impossible!

https://www.ntu.edu.sg/home/ehchua/programming/java/J4a_GUI.html

Java GUI Programming APIs



- ▶ **Swing**, introduced in 1997 after the release of JDK 1.1, provides a much more comprehensive set of UI widgets than AWT
- ▶ Unlike AWT's UI widgets, Swing's are not implemented by platform-specific code. They are written entirely in Java and **platform-independent**.
 - In Swing, user interface elements, such as buttons, menus, and so on, were painted onto blank windows.
- ▶ **Pluggable look and feel**: Swing component can have the native platform's "look and feel" or a cross-platform look and feel (the "Java Look and Feel")

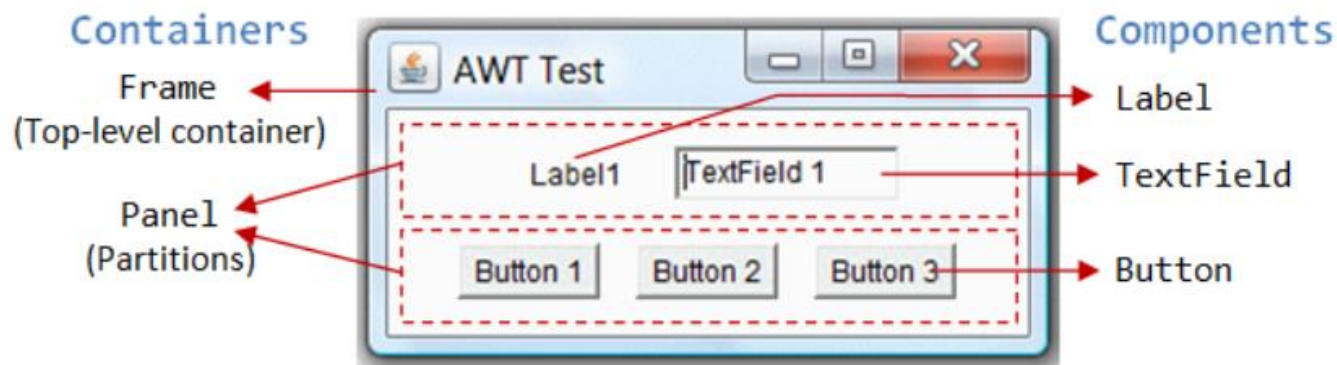


Java GUI Programming APIs

- ▶ **Java FX**, released in 2008, is Java's new GUI library for creating and delivering desktop applications
- ▶ JavaFX 8, which was integrated into JDK 8, was meant to replace Swing
- ▶ JavaFX can run on various OS and devices
 - Windows, Linux, Mac. iOS. Android/Chromebook, Raspberry Pi

Java GUI Core Concepts

- ▶ **Component (组件):** Components are elementary GUI entities, such as Button, Label, and TextField.
- ▶ **Container (容器):** used to hold components in a specific layout
- ▶ **Event handling (事件处理):** decides what should happen if an event occurs (e.g., a button is clicked)



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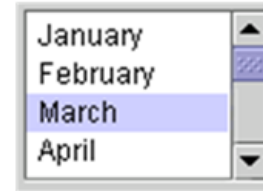
- Swing is built on top of AWT and gives you more capable UI components.
- Whenever you write a Swing program, you use the foundations of the AWT
- We say “Swing” when we mean the “painted” user interface classes, and we say “AWT” when we mean the underlying mechanisms of such as event handling.



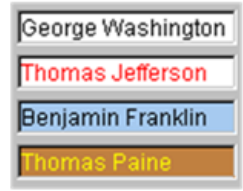
Buttons



Combo Box



List



TextField



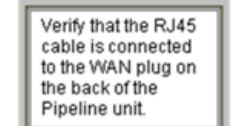
Slider



Menu



Label



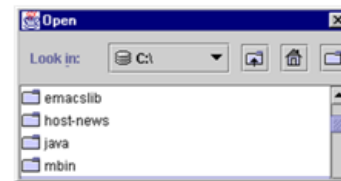
Text Area



Tool Tip



Progress Bar



File Chooser



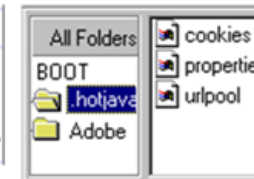
Color Chooser



Table



Tree



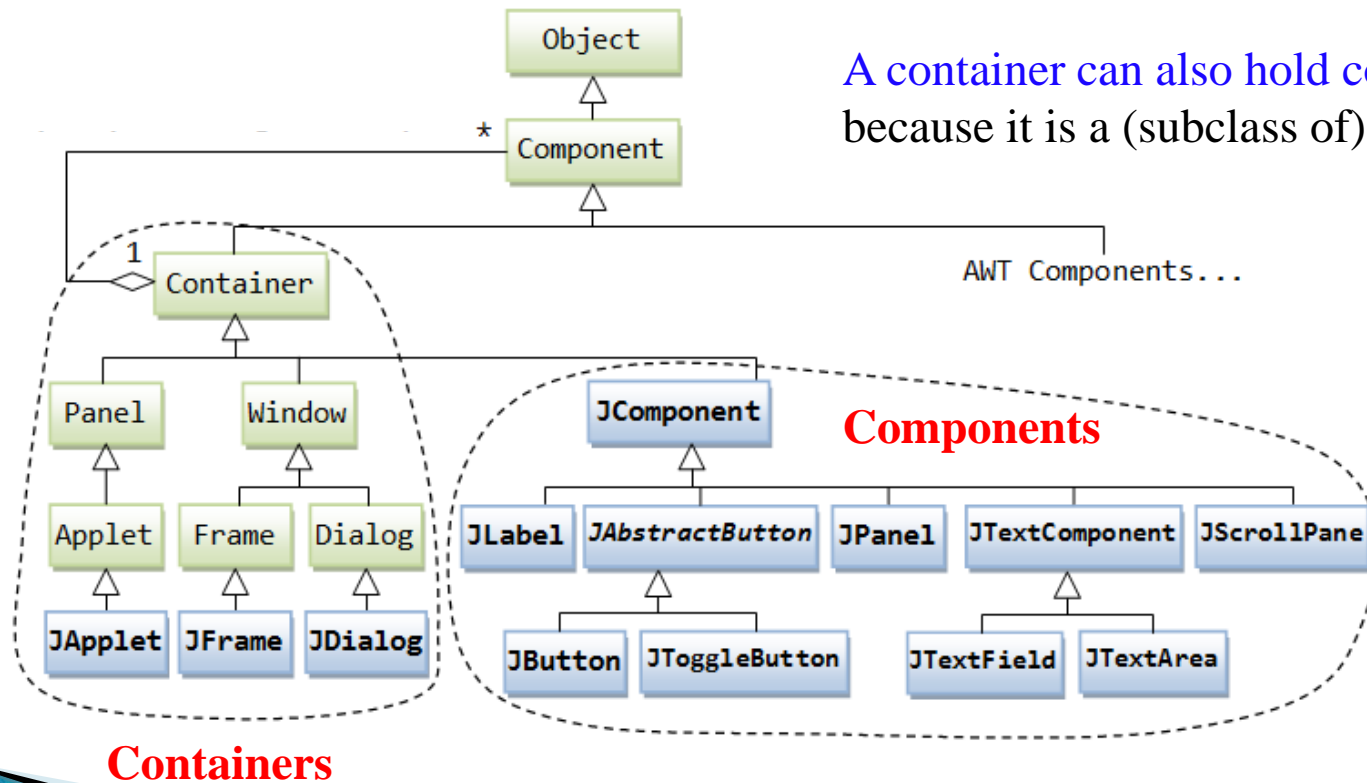
Split Pane



Tabbed Pane

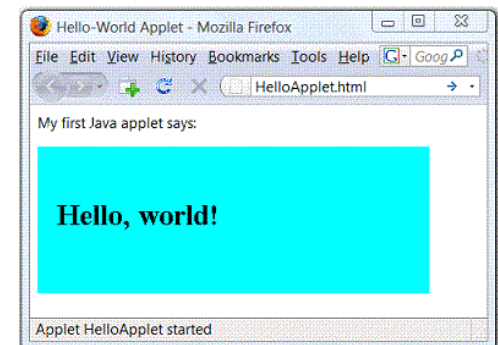
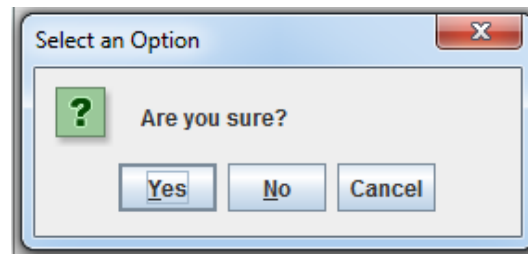
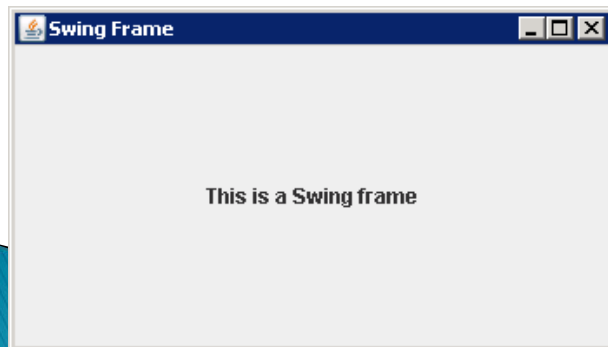
Java GUI Class Hierarchy

- There are two groups of classes (in package `javax.swing`): **containers** and **components**. A container is used to hold components.



Containers: top level container

- ▶ A Swing application requires a **top-level container** (a window that is not contained inside another window)
- ▶ There are three top-level containers in Swing:
 - **JFrame (主窗体)**: used for the application's main window (with an icon, a title, minimize/maximize/close buttons, an optional menu-bar, and a content-pane)
 - **JDialog (对话框)**: used for secondary pop-up window (with a title, a close button, and a content-pane).
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- ▶ There are secondary containers (such as **JPanel面板**) which can be used to group and layout relevant components (布局).

Secondary containers are placed inside a top-level container or another secondary container

Building Our First Swing Program

```
import javax.swing.JFrame;
```

```
public class HelloWorld extends JFrame {  
    public HelloWorld() {  
        super("Our first Swing program");  
    }  
}
```

Select a top-level container
(mostly JFrame)

Creates a new, initially
invisible Frame with the
specified title.

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    HelloWorld gui = new HelloWorld();  
    gui.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);  
    gui.setSize(800, 600);  
    gui.setVisible(true);  
}
```

Exit the application (process) when the close button
is clicked.

Default value HIDE_ON_CLOSE hides the JFrame,
but keeps the application running.

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By default, a frame has a rather useless size of
 0×0 pixels, which need to be resized properly

Display the JFrame



Our first Swing program



The JFrame is one of the few Swing components that is not painted on a canvas. Thus, the decorations (buttons, title bar, icons, and so on) are drawn by the user's windowing system, not by Swing.

Building Our First Swing Program

```
public class HelloWorld extends JFrame {
```

```
private JLabel label;
```

Declaring GUI components as fields makes it easier to interact with the corresponding objects

```
public HelloWorld() {
```

```
    super("Our first Swing program");
```

```
    setLayout(new FlowLayout());
```

Specifying layout
(how to position GUI components)

```
    label = new JLabel("Hello World");
```

```
    label.setFont(new Font("San Serif", Font.PLAIN, 30));
```

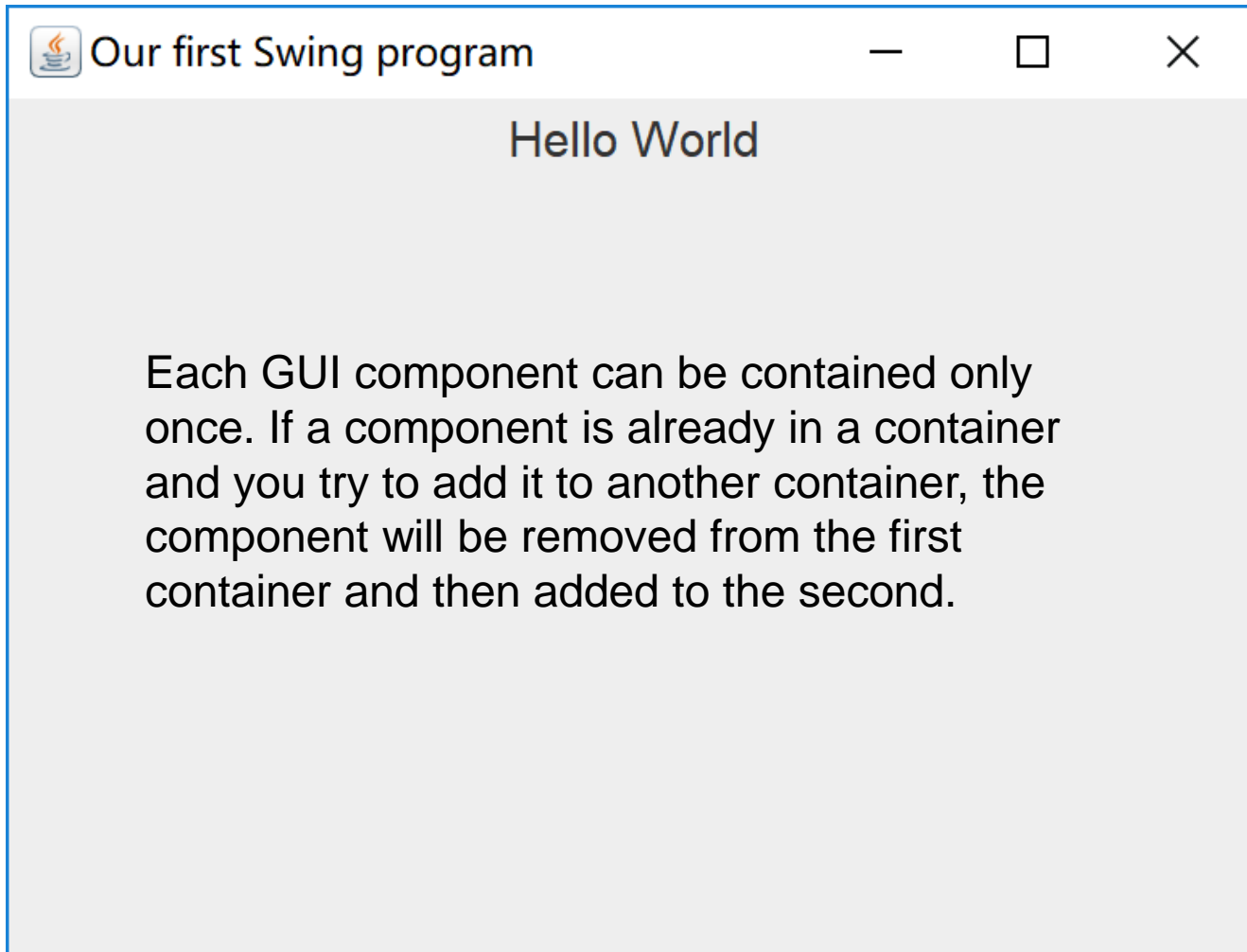
```
    add(label);
```

```
}
```

Creating GUI component (a label here) and add it to the JFrame (actually its content pane)

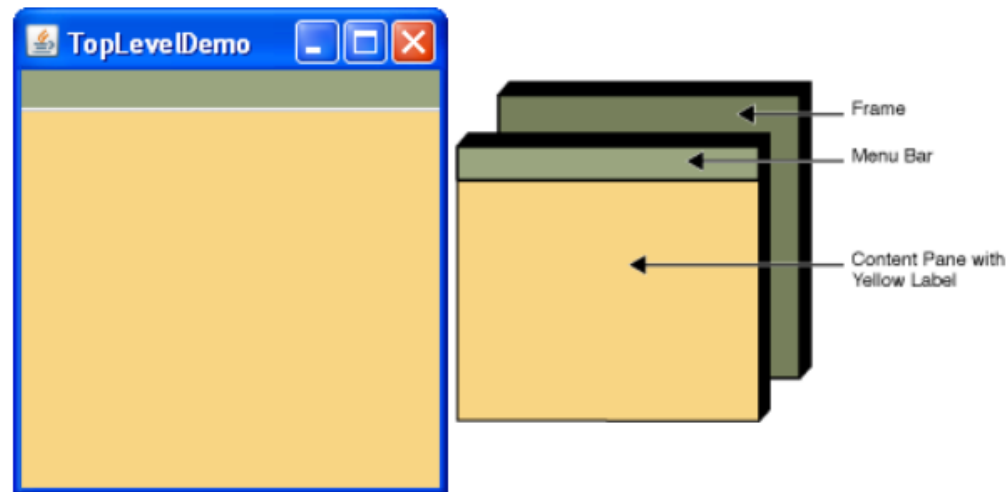
```
public static void main(String[] args) { // same as earlier }
```

```
}
```



Content Pane

- ▶ JComponents shall not be added onto the top-level container (e.g., JFrame, JApplet) **directly**
- ▶ JComponents must be added onto the so-called content pane (`java.awt.Container`) of the top-level container



You can optionally add a menu bar to a top-level container. The menu bar is by convention positioned within the top-level container, but outside the content pane.

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- ▶ If a component is added “directly” into a JFrame, it is actually added into the content-pane of JFrame instead

```
// Suppose that "this" is a JFrame
add(new JLabel("add to JFrame directly"));
// is executed as
getContentPane().add(new JLabel("add to JFrame directly"));
```

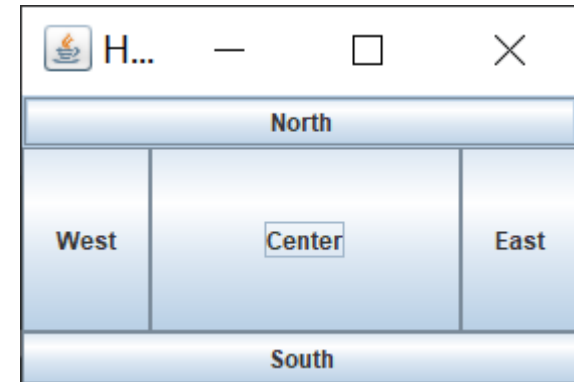
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JPanel

JPanel is a container that can store a group of components and organize components in various layouts

```
public class JPanelTest {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        JFrame frame = new JFrame( title: "Hello World");  
  
        //Create a panel and add components to it.  
        JPanel panel = new JPanel(new BorderLayout());  
        panel.add(new JButton( text: "North"), BorderLayout.NORTH);  
        panel.add(new JButton( text: "South"), BorderLayout.SOUTH);  
        panel.add(new JButton( text: "West"), BorderLayout.WEST);  
        panel.add(new JButton( text: "East"), BorderLayout.EAST);  
        panel.add(new JButton( text: "Center"), BorderLayout.CENTER);  
  
        frame.setContentPane(panel);  
        frame.setSize( width: 300, height: 200);  
        frame.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);  
        frame.setVisible(true);  
    }  
}
```



Draw a Component

- ▶ To draw on a component, you define a class that extends `JComponent` and override the `paintComponent` method in that class.
- ▶ The `paintComponent` method takes one parameter of type `Graphics`, which has methods that draw patterns, images, and text.

```
public class NotHelloWorldComponent extends JComponent
{
    public static final int MESSAGE_X = 75;
    public static final int MESSAGE_Y = 100;

    public void paintComponent(Graphics g)
    {
        g.drawString("Not a Hello, World program", MESSAGE_X, MESSAGE_Y);
    }
    . . .
}
```

Measurement on a `Graphics` object for screen display is done in pixels. The (0, 0) coordinate denotes the **top left corner** of the component on whose surface you are drawing.



Draw a Component

- ▶ Never call the `paintComponent` method yourself. It is called automatically whenever a part of your application needs to be redrawn, and you should not interfere with this automatic process.
- ▶ What sorts of actions trigger this automatic response? For example,
 - Painting occurs when the user increases the size of the window
 - When users minimizes and then restores the window.
- ▶ If you need to force repainting of the screen, call the `repaint` method instead of `paintComponent`. The `repaint` method will cause `paintComponent` to be called for all components, with a properly configured `Graphics` object.

Draw a Component

- ▶ A component should tell its users how big it would like to be. Override the `getPreferredSize` method and return an object of the `Dimension` class with the preferred width and height:

```
public class NotHelloWorldComponent extends JComponent
{
    private static final int DEFAULT_WIDTH = 300;
    private static final int DEFAULT_HEIGHT = 200;
    . . .
    public Dimension getPreferredSize()
    {
        return new Dimension(DEFAULT_WIDTH, DEFAULT_HEIGHT);
    }
}
```

Draw a Component

- ▶ When you fill a frame with one or more components, and you simply want to use their preferred size, call the **pack** method instead of the `setSize` method:

```
class NotHelloWorldFrame extends JFrame
{
    public NotHelloWorldFrame()
    {
        add(new NotHelloWorldComponent());
        pack();
    }
}
```


Draw a Component

- ▶ All Swing components should be configured from the *event dispatch thread*, the thread of control that passes events such as mouse clicks and keystrokes to the user interface components.
- ▶ The code fragment is used to execute statements in the event dispatch thread

```
public class NotHelloWorld
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        EventQueue.invokeLater(() ->
        {
            var frame = new NotHelloWorldFrame();
            frame.setTitle("NotHelloWorld");
            frame.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
            frame.setVisible(true);
        });
    }
}
```



Draw a Component

- ▶ You will see many Swing programs that do not initialize the user interface in the event dispatch thread. It used to be perfectly acceptable to carry out the initialization in the main thread.
- ▶ Sadly, as Swing components got more complex, the developers of the JDK were no longer able to guarantee the safety of that approach.
- ▶ The probability of an error is extremely low, but you would not want to be one of the unlucky few who encounter an intermittent problem. It is better to do the right thing, even if the code looks rather mysterious.

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Dialogs (对话框)

- ▶ A Dialog window is an independent sub window meant to carry temporary notice apart from the main Swing Application Window
- ▶ Most Dialogs present an error message or warning to a user, but Dialogs can present images, directory trees, or just about anything compatible with the main Swing Application that manages them.
- ▶ To create simple, standard dialogs (标准对话框), you use the `JOptionPane` class
- ▶ To create a custom dialog (自定义对话框), use the `JDialog` class directly.

<https://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/uiswing/components/dialog.html>

JOptionPane

- ▶ JOptionPane is a widely-used Swing class for popping up a dialog box that prompts users for a value or informs them of something.
- ▶ Commonly used static methods

Method Name	Description
showConfirmDialog	Asks a confirming question, like yes/no/cancel.
showInputDialog	Prompt for some input.
showMessageDialog	Tell the user about something that has happened.
showOptionDialog	The Grand Unification of the above three.

JOptionPane

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```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    String str1 = JOptionPane.showInputDialog("Enter 1st integer");  
    String str2 = JOptionPane.showInputDialog("Enter 2nd integer");  
    int num1 = Integer.parseInt(str1);  
    int num2 = Integer.parseInt(str2);  
    int sum = num1 + num2;  
    JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null, num1 + " + " + num2 + " = " + sum);  
}
```

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Static method `showInputDialog()`
prompts for user input

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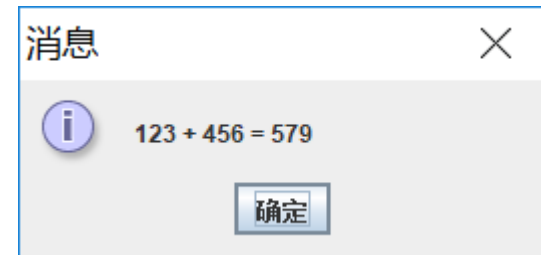


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}
```

Static method `showMessageDialog()`
tells user about something that has happened





Events (in GUI Programming)

- ▶ All GUI applications are event-driven.
- ▶ In GUI programming, **events** describe the change in the state of a GUI component when users interact with it
- ▶ For example, events will occur when
 - A button is clicked
 - The mouse is moved
 - A character is entered through keyboard
 - An item from a list is selected
 - ...

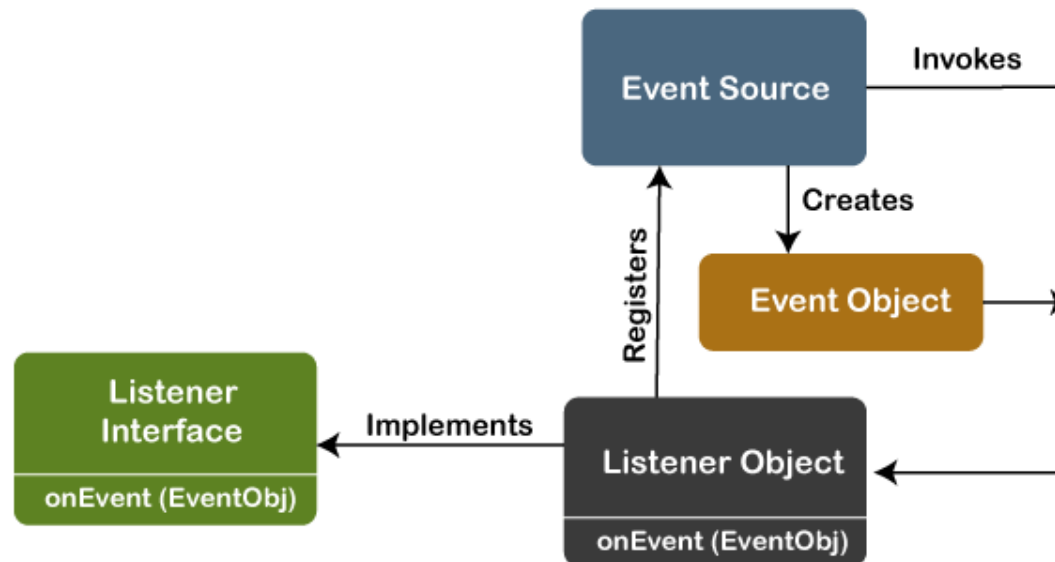


Event Handling

- ▶ Event handling is the mechanism that controls the event and decides what should happen if an event occurs. Three key concepts:
 - **Event source (事件源):** the GUI component with which the user interacts (e.g., a button)
 - **Event object (or simply event):** encapsulate the information about the event that occurred (e.g., a MouseEvent)
 - **Event listener (事件监听器):** an object that is notified by the event source when an event occurs.
 - A method of the event listener receives an event object when the event listener is notified of the event.
 - The listener then uses the event object to respond to the event.

Delegation Event Model

- ▶ UI components delegate an event's processing to an event listener object
 - A source can register one or more listeners to receive notifications for specific events.
 - A source generates an event and forwards it to one or more listeners.
 - The listener waits until it receives an event, and react properly using the info in the event object



<https://www.javatpoint.com/delegation-event-model-in-java>



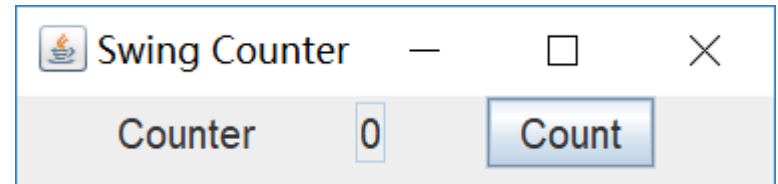
Event Classes and Listener Interfaces

Event Classes	Listener Interfaces
ActionEvent	ActionListener
MouseEvent	MouseListener and MouseMotionListener
MouseWheelEvent	MouseWheelListener
KeyEvent	KeyListener
ItemEvent	ItemListener
TextEvent	TextListener
AdjustmentEvent	AdjustmentListener
WindowEvent	WindowListener
ComponentEvent	ComponentListener
ContainerEvent	ContainerListener
FocusEvent	FocusListener

Event Handling Example

- We use a counter program to illustrate the steps

```
public class SwingCounter extends JFrame {  
    private JTextField tfCount;  
    private JButton btnCount;  
    private int count = 0;  
    public SwingCounter() {  
        setLayout(new FlowLayout(FlowLayout.LEFT, 50, 0));  
        add(new JLabel("Counter"));  
        tfCount = new JTextField("0");  
        tfCount.setEditable(false); add(tfCount);  
        btnCount = new JButton("Count"); add(btnCount);  
    }  
    public static void main(String[] args) { SwingCounter sc = new SwingCounter(); ... }  
}
```



Nothing will happen when we click the button (we have not handled the event yet)



Event Handling Example

- ▶ **Step 1:** check what event will occur when JButton is clicked
- ▶ An `ActionEvent` (in `java.awt.event` package) will occur whenever the user performs a component-specific action on a GUI component
 - When user clicks a button
 - When user chooses a menu item
 - When user presses Enter after typing something in a text field...

Event Handling Example

- ▶ **Step 2:** define the event listener class by implementing the corresponding listener interface

```
public class ButtonClickListener implements ActionListener {  
  
    @Override  
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent arg0) {  
        // code to react to the event  
    }  
  
}
```

ActionListener is from the package `java.awt.event`

Event Handling Example

- ▶ The event listener class is often declared as an inner class

```
public class SwingCounter extends JFrame {
```

```
    private JTextField tfCount;  
    private JButton btnCount;  
    private int count = 0;
```

An inner class is a proper class. It can have constructors, fields, methods ...

```
    public class ButtonClickListener implements ActionListener {  
        @Override  
        public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent arg0) {  
            ++count;  tfCount.setText(count + "");  
        }  
    }
```

An inner class is a member of the outer class. Therefore, it can access the private members of the outer class (this is very useful)

```
}
```



Event Handling Example

- ▶ **Step 3:** register an instance of the event listener class as a listener on the corresponding GUI component (event source)

```
btnCount.addActionListener(new ButtonClickListener());
```

```
public class SwingCounter extends JFrame {
```

```
    private JTextField tfCount;
```

```
    private JButton btnCount; ← Event source
```

```
    private int count = 0;
```

```
    public SwingCounter() {
```

```
        setLayout(new FlowLayout(FlowLayout.LEFT, 50, 0));
```

```
        add(new JLabel("Counter"));
```

```
        tfCount = new JTextField("0");
```

```
        tfCount.setEditable(false); add(tfCount);
```

```
        btnCount = new JButton("Count"); add(btnCount);
```

```
        btnCount.addActionListener(new ButtonClickListener());
```

```
    }
```

```
    public class ButtonClickListener implements ActionListener {
```

```
        @Override
```

```
        public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent arg0) {
```

```
            count++; tfCount.setText(count + "");
```

```
        }
```

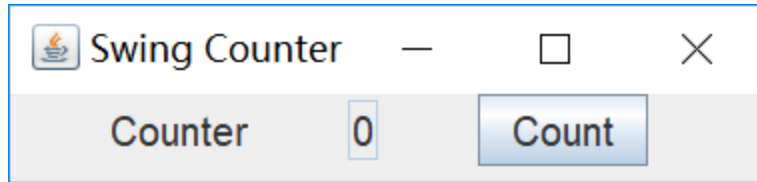
```
    }
```

```
    public static void main(String[] args) { ... }
```

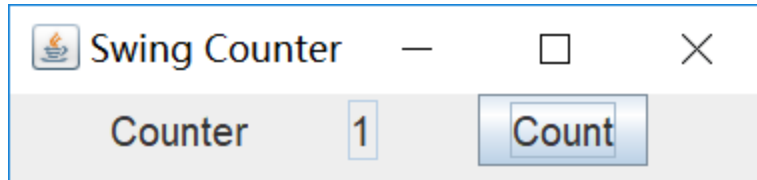
```
}
```

Event listener

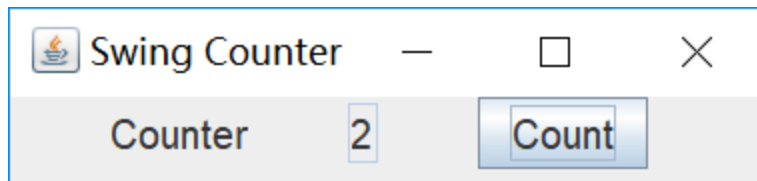
Event object will be
passed here



Initial state

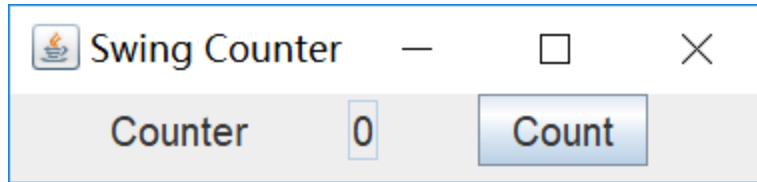


After one click

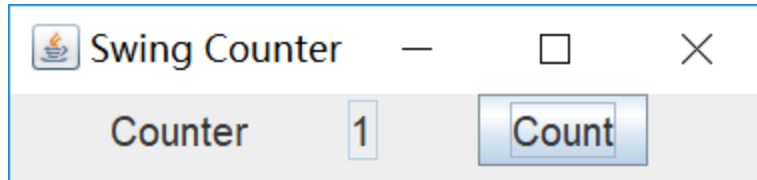


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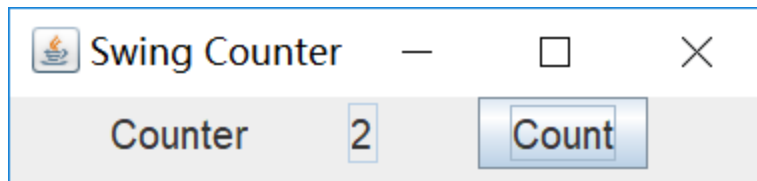
...



After 10 clicks



After 11 clicks



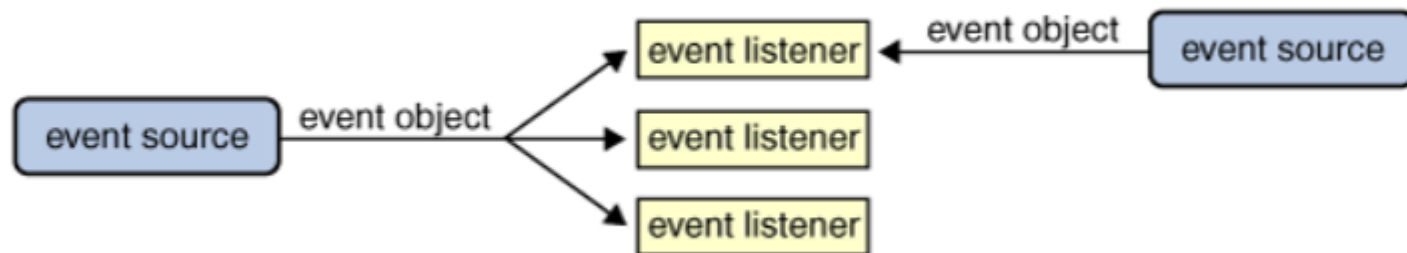
After 12 clicks

...

What's the problem?

Event Listeners

- ▶ A program can have one or more listeners for a single kind of event from a single event source.
- ▶ A program might have a single listener for all events from all sources (e.g., the calculator example in lab 13).



<https://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/uiswing/events/intro.html>



Implementing Event Listeners

- ▶ Inner class
 - A class defined within another class (outer class)
 - 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.
 - An inner class can access private members of the outer class
- ▶ Anonymous class
- ▶ Lambda expression

Implementing Event Listeners

- ▶ Anonymous class
 - Anonymous classes are inner classes with no name
 - We need to declare and instantiate anonymous classes in a single expression at the point of use.

`new InterfaceName() {...}`
name of the interface to implement methods' implementations

```
btnCount.addActionListener(new ButtonClickListener());
```

```
public class ButtonClickListener implements ActionListener {  
    @Override  
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent arg0) {  
        count++;  
        tfCount.setText(count + "");  
    }  
}
```



```
btnCount.addActionListener(new ActionListener() {  
    @Override  
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {  
        count++;  
        tfCount.setText(count + "");  
    }  
});
```

Implementing Event Listeners

- ▶ Lambda Expression
 - To implement interfaces that have just one method, we could use lambda expressions

```
public interface ActionListener extends EventListener {  
  
    Invoked when an action occurs.  
    Params: e – the event to be processed  
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e);  
}
```

```
btnCount.addActionListener(new ActionListener() {  
    @Override  
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {  
        count++;  
        tfCount.setText(count + "");  
    }  
});
```



```
btnCount.addActionListener(e -> {  
    count++;  
    tfCount.setText(count + "");  
});
```

Simplifying code with lambda expressions

```
public class SwingCounter extends JFrame {
    private JTextField tfCount;
    private JButton btnCount;
    private int count = 0;

    public SwingCounter() {
        setLayout(new FlowLayout(FlowLayout.LEFT, 50, 0));
        add(new JLabel( text: "Counter"));
        tfCount = new JTextField("0");
        tfCount.setEditable(false);
        add(tfCount);
        btnCount = new JButton( text: "Count");
        add(btnCount);
        btnCount.addActionListener(new ButtonClickListener());
    }

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        SwingCounter gui = new SwingCounter();
        gui.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
        gui.setSize( width: 400, height: 100);
        gui.setVisible(true);
    }

    public class ButtonClickListener implements ActionListener {
        @Override
        public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
            ++count;
            tfCount.setText(count + "");
        }
    }
}
```



```
public class SwingCounterWithLambda extends JFrame {
    private JTextField tfCount;
    private JButton btnCount;
    private int count = 0;

    public SwingCounterWithLambda() {
        setLayout(new FlowLayout(FlowLayout.LEFT, 50, 0));
        add(new JLabel( text: "Counter"));
        tfCount = new JTextField("0");
        tfCount.setEditable(false);
        add(tfCount);
        btnCount = new JButton( text: "Count");
        add(btnCount);
        btnCount.addActionListener(e -> {
            ++count;
            tfCount.setText(count + "");
        });
    }

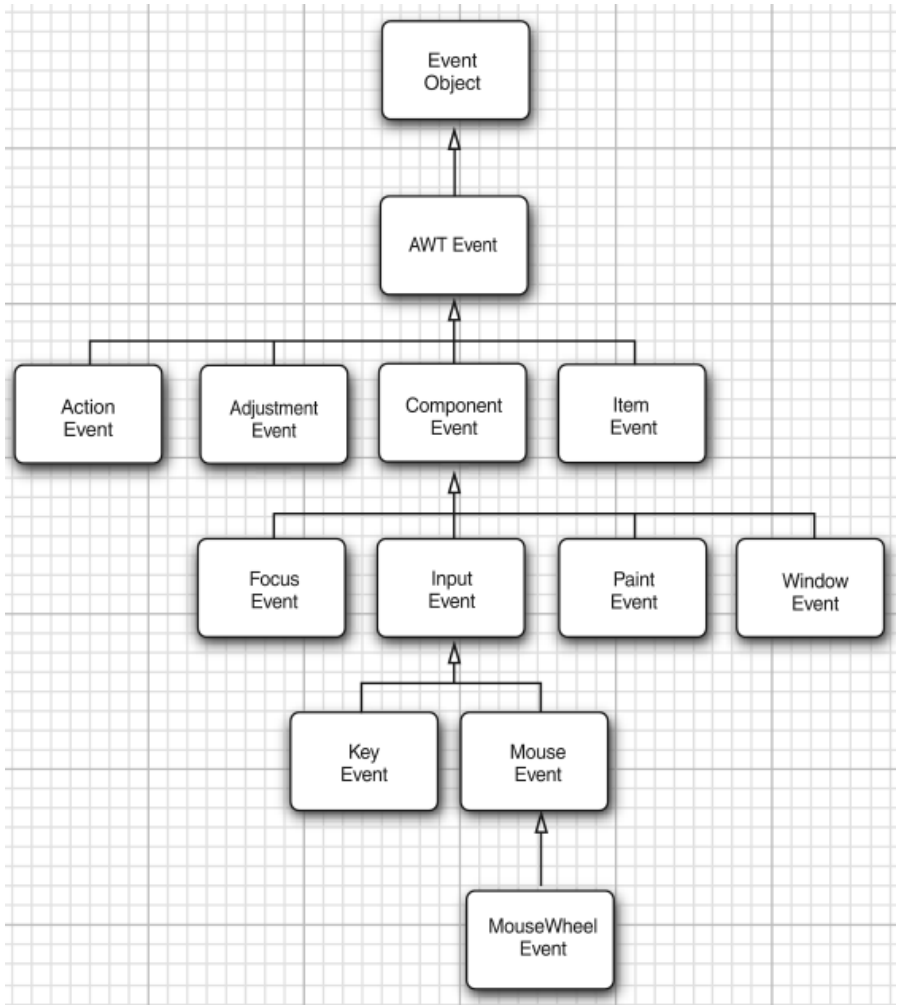
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        SwingCounterWithLambda gui = new SwingCounterWithLambda();
        gui.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
        gui.setSize( width: 400, height: 100);
        gui.setVisible(true);
    }
}
```

In Java, you can use Lambda expressions to simplify classes that implement interfaces that have just one method

The AWT Event Hierarchy

- ▶ The **event objects** encapsulate information about the event that the **event source** communicates to its **listeners**.
- ▶ When necessary, you can then analyze the event objects that were passed to the listener object

Reference: Core Java, Volume I.
Chapter 10.4





Semantic & Low-level Events

- ▶ Semantic events: expresses what the user is doing
 - `ActionEvent`: e.g., button click, menu selection
 - `AdjustmentEvent`: e.g., adjust a scrollbar
 - `ItemEvent`: e.g., selecting from a list item or checkbox

- ▶ Low-level events: events that make semantic events possible
 - `KeyEvent`: e.g., a key is pressed or released
 - `MouseEvent`: e.g., a mouse is pressed, moved, or dragged
 - `MouseEvent`
 - `FocusEvent`
 - `WindowEvent`

Reference: Core Java, Volume I. Chapter 10.4

Semantic & Low-level Events

Interface	Methods	Parameter/Accessors	Events Generated By
ActionListener	actionPerformed	ActionEvent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • getActionCommand • getModifiers 	AbstractButton JComboBox JTextField Timer
AdjustmentListener	adjustmentValueChanged	AdjustmentEvent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • getAdjustable • getAdjustmentType • getValue 	JScrollbar
ItemListener	itemStateChanged	ItemEvent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • getItem • getItemSelectable • getStateChange 	AbstractButton JComboBox

Reference: Core Java, Volume I. Chapter 10.4

Semantic & Low-level Events

FocusListener	focusGained focusLost	FocusEvent <ul style="list-style-type: none">• isTemporary	Component
KeyListener	keyPressed keyReleased keyTyped	KeyEvent <ul style="list-style-type: none">• getKeyChar• getKeyCode• getKeyModifiersText• getKeyText• isActionKey	Component
MouseListener	mousePressed mouseReleased mouseEntered mouseExited mouseClicked	MouseEvent <ul style="list-style-type: none">• getClickCount• getX• getY• getPoint• translatePoint	Component

Reference: Core Java, Volume I. Chapter 10.4

Semantic & Low-level Events

Interface	Methods	Parameter/Accessors	Events Generated By
MouseListener	mouseDragged mouseMoved	MouseEvent	Component
MouseWheelListener	mouseWheelMoved	MouseWheelEvent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • getWheelRotation • getScrollAmount 	Component
WindowListener	<div style="border: 2px solid #008080; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> windowClosing windowOpened windowIconified windowDeiconified windowClosed windowActivated windowDeactivated </div>	WindowEvent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • getWindow <p>Should we implement all these methods in this interface even if we're interested in only one of them?</p>	Window
WindowFocusListener	windowGainedFocus windowLostFocus	WindowEvent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • getOppositeWindow 	Window

Reference: Core Java, Volume I. Chapter 10.4



Adapter Class

- ▶ Each AWT listener interface that has more than one method comes with a companion **adapter** class, which implements all methods in the interface but does nothing with them
- ▶ For example, **WindowAdapter** is an abstract adapter class for receiving window events. The methods in this class are empty. This class exists as convenience for creating listener objects.

Reference: Core Java, Volume I. Chapter 10.4

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Adapter Class

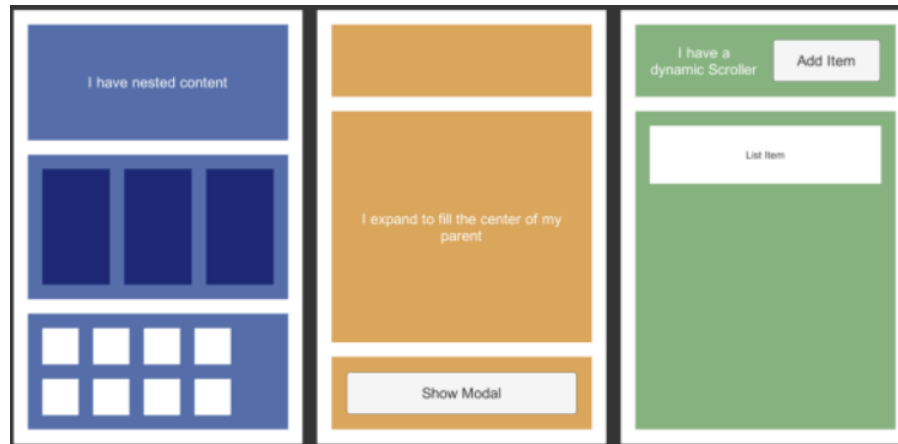
- ▶ Extend this class to create a `WindowEvent` listener and override the methods for the events of interest.
- ▶ If you implement the `WindowListener` interface, you have to define all of the methods in it. This abstract class defines null methods for them all, so you can only have to define methods for events you care about.

```
class Terminator extends WindowAdapter
{
    public void windowClosing(WindowEvent e)
    {
        if (user agrees)
            System.exit(0);
    }
}
```

```
WindowListener listener = new Terminator();
frame.addWindowListener(listener);
```

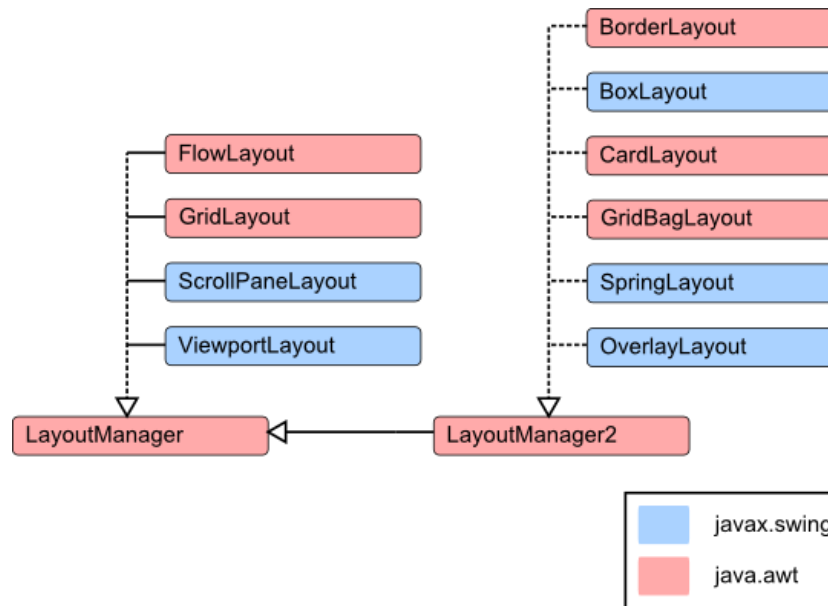
Layout Management (布局管理)

- ▶ Layout managers control how to place the GUI components (**containers can also be treated as components**) in a container for presentation purposes.
- ▶ You can use the layout manager for basic layout capabilities instead of determine every GUI component's exact position and size (which is non-trivial and error-prone)



Layout Management (布局管理)

- ▶ All layout managers in Java implement the interface `LayoutManager` (in the package `java.awt`)
- ▶ Commonly-used layout managers: `FlowLayout`, `BorderLayout`, `GridLayout`

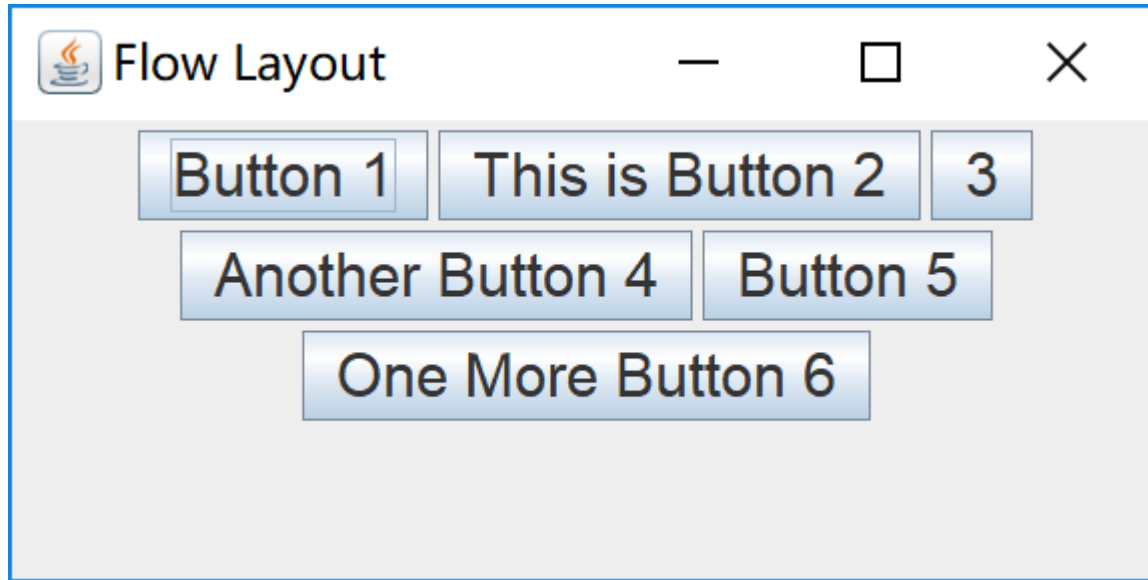




FlowLayout

```
public class FlowLayoutDemo extends JFrame {  
    private JButton btn1, btn2, btn3, btn4, btn5, btn6;  
  
    public FlowLayoutDemo() {  
        super("Flow Layout");  
        setLayout(new FlowLayout());  
        btn1 = new JButton("Button 1"); add(btn1);  
        btn2 = new JButton("This is Button 2"); add(btn2);  
        btn3 = new JButton("3"); add(btn3);  
        btn4 = new JButton("Another Button 4"); add(btn4);  
        btn5 = new JButton("Button 5"); add(btn5);  
        btn6 = new JButton("One More Button 6"); add(btn6);  
    }  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) { ... }  
}
```

FlowLayout



- Default layout manager for the secondary container `javax.swing.JPanel`
- Places components in a straight horizontal line. If there is no enough space to fit all component into one line, simply move the next line

FlowLayout: Alignment



```
setLayout(new FlowLayout(FlowLayout.LEFT));
```



```
setLayout(new FlowLayout(FlowLayout.RIGHT));
```

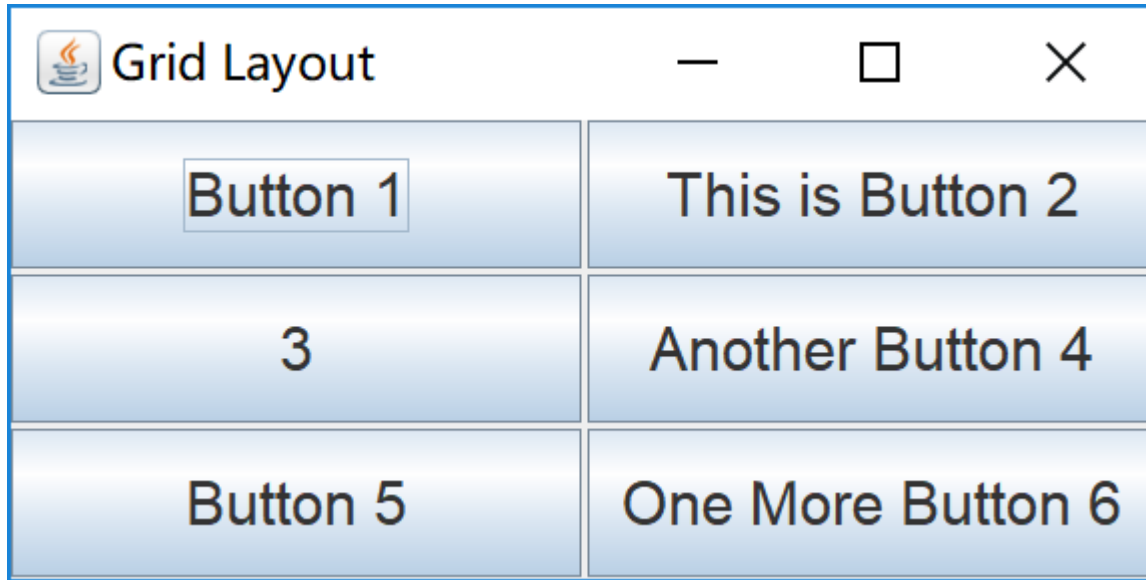


GridLayout

```
public class GridLayoutDemo extends JFrame {  
    private JButton btn1, btn2, btn3, btn4, btn5, btn6;  
  
    public GridLayoutDemo() {  
        super("Grid Layout");  
        setLayout(new GridLayout(3, 2, 3, 3));  
        btn1 = new JButton("Button 1"); add(btn1);  
        btn2 = new JButton("This is Button 2"); add(btn2);  
        btn3 = new JButton("3"); add(btn3);  
        btn4 = new JButton("Another Button 4"); add(btn4);  
        btn5 = new JButton("Button 5"); add(btn5);  
        btn6 = new JButton("One More Button 6"); add(btn6);  
    }  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) { ... }  
}
```

3 x 2 grid layout (3 rows, 2 columns)
Horizontal and vertical gaps between components: 3 pixels

GridLayout



- Places components into rows and columns

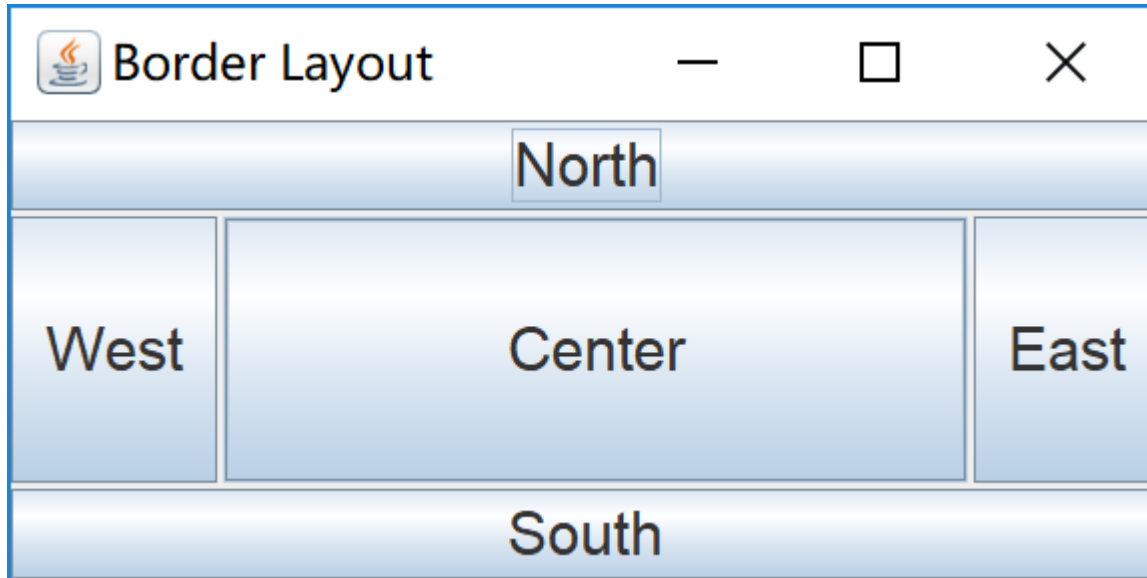


BorderLayout

```
public class BorderLayoutDemo extends JFrame {  
    private JButton btnNorth, btnSouth, btnCenter, btnEast, btnWest;  
  
    public BorderLayoutDemo() {  
        super("Border Layout");  
        setLayout(new BorderLayout(3, 3));  
        btnNorth = new JButton("North"); add(btnNorth, BorderLayout.NORTH);  
        btnSouth = new JButton("South"); add(btnSouth, BorderLayout.SOUTH);  
        btnCenter = new JButton("Center"); add(btnCenter, BorderLayout.CENTER);  
        btnEast = new JButton("East"); add(btnEast, BorderLayout.EAST);  
        btnWest = new JButton("West"); add(btnWest, BorderLayout.WEST);  
    }  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) { ... }  
}
```

Horizontal and vertical gaps: 3 pixels

BorderLayout



- Default layout manager for the content pane of top level container
`javax.swing.JFrame`
- Arranges the GUI components into five pre-defined areas: NORTH, SOUTH, EAST, WEST, CENTER



Using secondary containers for layout management

```
public class LayoutDemo extends JFrame {  
    private JButton btn1, btn2, btn3, btn4, btn5, btn6;
```

```
    public LayoutDemo() {  
        super("Layout demo");  
        setLayout(new GridLayout(2, 1));
```

```
        JPanel panel1 = new JPanel(new FlowLayout());  
        JPanel panel2 = new JPanel(new GridLayout(2, 2, 3, 3));  
        add(panel1); add(panel2);
```

Create two JPanels

```
        btn1 = new JButton("Button 1"); panel1.add(btn1);  
        btn2 = new JButton("This is Button 2"); panel1.add(btn2);
```

Group buttons

```
        btn3 = new JButton("Button 3"); panel2.add(btn3);  
        btn4 = new JButton("Button 4"); panel2.add(btn4);  
        btn5 = new JButton("Button 5"); panel2.add(btn5);  
        btn6 = new JButton("Button 6"); panel2.add(btn6);
```

```
    }  
    public static void main(String[] args) {...}
```

```
}
```



Using secondary containers for layout management

```
public class LayoutDemo extends JFrame {  
    private JButton btn1, btn2, btn3, btn4, btn5, btn6;  
  
    public LayoutDemo() {  
        super("Layout demo");  
        setLayout(new GridLayout(2, 1)); // Set the layout of JFrame's content pane  
        JPanel panel1 = new JPanel(new FlowLayout());  
        JPanel panel2 = new JPanel(new GridLayout(2, 2, 3, 3));  
        add(panel1); add(panel2); // add the two JPanels to the JFrame  
        btn1 = new JButton("Button 1"); panel1.add(btn1);  
        btn2 = new JButton("This is Button 2"); panel1.add(btn2);  
        btn3 = new JButton("Button 3"); panel2.add(btn3);  
        btn4 = new JButton("Button 4"); panel2.add(btn4);  
        btn5 = new JButton("Button 5"); panel2.add(btn5);  
        btn6 = new JButton("Button 6"); panel2.add(btn6);  
    }  
    public static void main(String[] args) {...}  
}
```

Set layout for the JPanels



Read the Doc!

- ▶ <https://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/uiswing/TOC.html>

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