GUI Components: Part 2

Introduction to Layout Managers

- There are three ways for you to arrange components in a GUI:
  - Absolute positioning
    - Greatest level of control.
    - Set `Container`'s layout to `null`.
    - Specify the absolute position of each GUI component with respect to the upper-left corner of the `Container` by using `Component` methods `setSize` and `setLocation` or `setBounds`.
    - Must specify each GUI component's size.

Introduction to Layout Managers (cont.)

- Layout managers
  - Simpler and faster than absolute positioning.
  - Lose some control over the size and the precise positioning of GUI components.
- Visual programming in an IDE
  - Use tools that make it easy to create GUIs.
  - Allows you to drag and drop GUI components from a tool box onto a design area.
  - You can then position, size and align GUI components as you like.

Introduction to Layout Managers (cont.)

- Layout managers arrange GUI components in a container for presentation purposes
- Can use for basic layout capabilities
- Enable you to concentrate on the basic look-and-feel—the layout manager handles the layout details.
- Layout managers implement interface LayoutManager (in package `java.awt`).
- `Container`'s `setLayout` method takes an object that implements the `LayoutManager` interface as an argument.

Layout manager	Description
`FlowLayout`	Default for `javax.swing.JPanel`. Places components sequentially (left to right) in the order they were added. It's also possible to specify the order of the components by using the `Container` method `add`, which takes a `Component` and an integer index position as arguments.
`BorderLayout`	Default for `JFrames` (and other windows). Arranges the components into five areas: `NORTH`, `SOUTH`, `EAST`, `WEST` and `CENTER`.
`GridLayout`	Arranges the components into rows and columns.

FlowLayout

- `FlowLayout` is the simplest layout manager.
- GUI components placed from left to right in the order in which they are added to the container.
- When the edge of the container is reached, components continue to display on the next line.
- `FlowLayout` allows GUI components to be left aligned, centered (the default) and right aligned.

```
1  // Fig. 14.39: FlowLayoutFrame.java
2  // Demonstrating FlowLayout alignments.
3  import java.awt.FlowLayout;
4  import java.awt.Container;
5  import java.awt.event.ActionListener;
6  import java.awt.event.ActionEvent;
7  import javax.swing.JFrame;
8  import javax.swing.JButton;
9
10 public class FlowLayoutFrame extends JFrame
11 {
12    private JButton leftJButton; // button to set alignment left
13    private JButton centerJButton; // button to set alignment center
14    private JButton rightJButton; // button to set alignment right
15    private FlowLayout layout; // layout object
16    private Container container; // container to set layout
17
```

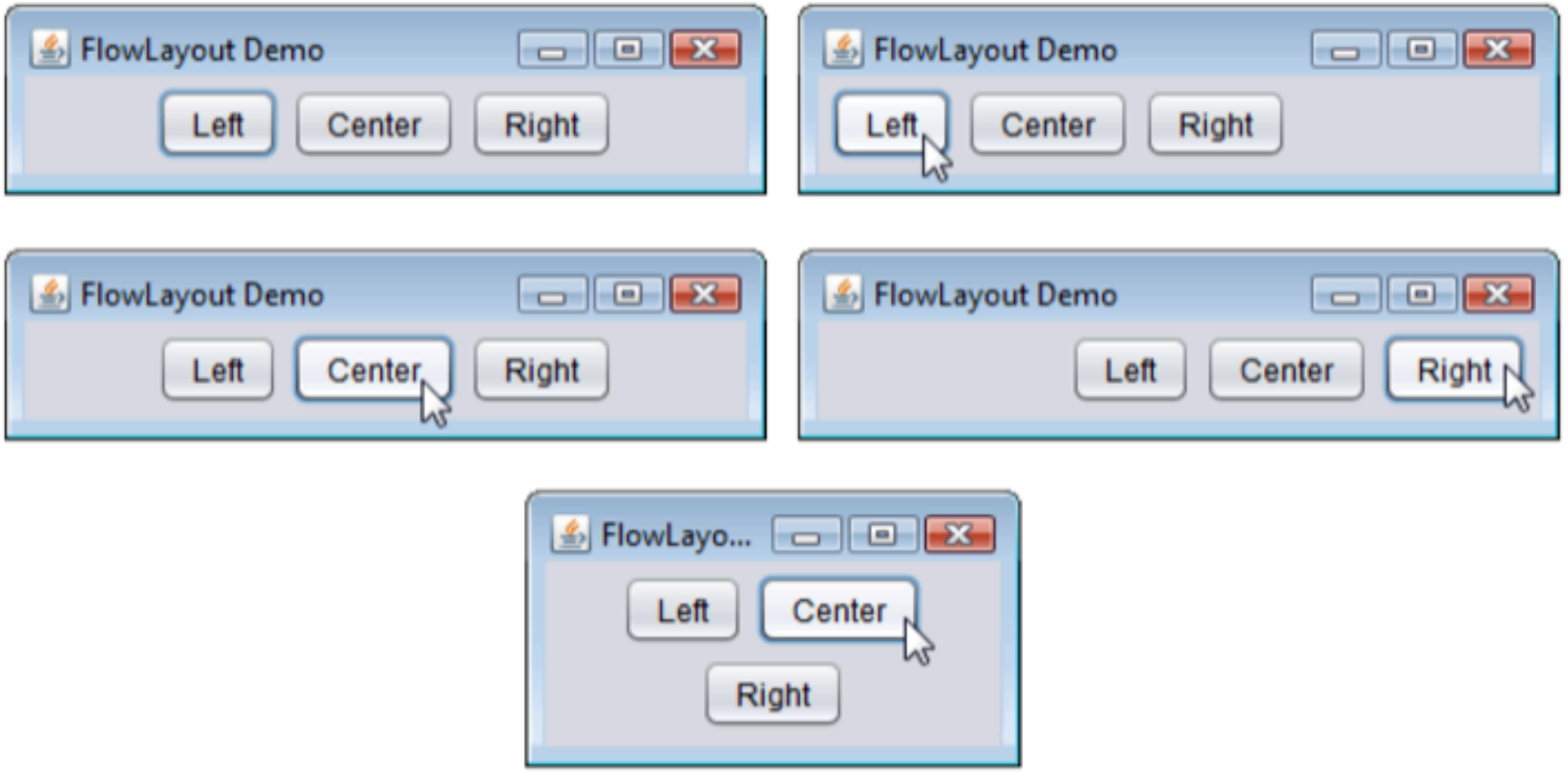
```
18      // set up GUI and register button listeners
19      public FlowLayoutFrame()
20      {
21         super( "FlowLayout Demo" );
22
23         layout = new FlowLayout(); // create FlowLayout
24         container = getContentPane(); // get container to layout
25         setLayout( layout ); // set frame layout
26
27         // set up leftJButton and register listener
28         leftJButton = new JButton( "Left" ); // create Left button
29         add( leftJButton ); // add Left button to frame
30         leftJButton.addActionListener(
31
```

```
32          new ActionListener() // anonymous inner class
33          {
34             // process leftJButton event
35             public void actionPerformed( ActionEvent event )
36             {
37                layout.setAlignment( FlowLayout.LEFT );
38
39                // realign attached components
40                layout.layoutContainer( container );
41             } // end method actionPerformed
42          } // end anonymous inner class
43       ); // end call to addActionListener
44
45       // set up centerJButton and register listener
46       centerJButton = new JButton( "Center" ); // create Center button
47       add( centerJButton ); // add Center button to frame
48       centerJButton.addActionListener(
49
```

```
50            new ActionListener() // anonymous inner class
51            {
52               // process centerJButton event
53               public void actionPerformed( ActionEvent event )
54               {
55                  layout.setAlignment( FlowLayout.CENTER );
56
57                  // realign attached components
58                  layout.layoutContainer( container );
59               } // end method actionPerformed
60            } // end anonymous inner class
61         ); // end call to addActionListener
62
```

```
63          // set up rightJButton and register listener
64          rightJButton = new JButton( "Right" ); // create Right button
65          add( rightJButton ); // add Right button to frame
66          rightJButton.addActionListener(
67
68             new ActionListener() // anonymous inner class
69             {
70                // process rightJButton event
71                public void actionPerformed( ActionEvent event )
72                {
73                   layout.setAlignment( FlowLayout.RIGHT );
74
75                   // realign attached components
76                   layout.layoutContainer( container );
77                } // end method actionPerformed
78             } // end anonymous inner class
79          ); // end call to addActionListener
80       } // end FlowLayoutFrame constructor
81    } // end class FlowLayoutFrame
```

```
1  // Fig. 14.40: FlowLayoutDemo.java
2  // Testing FlowLayoutFrame.
3  import javax.swing.JFrame;
4
5  public class FlowLayoutDemo
6  {
7     public static void main( String[] args )
8     {
9        FlowLayoutFrame flowLayoutFrame = new FlowLayoutFrame();
10       flowLayoutFrame.setDefaultCloseOperation( JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE );
11       flowLayoutFrame.setSize( 300, 75 ); // set frame size
12       flowLayoutFrame.setVisible( true ); // display frame
13    } // end main
14 } // end class FlowLayoutDemo
```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BorderLayout

- BorderLayout
  - the default layout manager for a Jframe
  - arranges components into five regions: NORTH, SOUTH, EAST, WEST and CENTER.
  - NORTH corresponds to the top of the container.

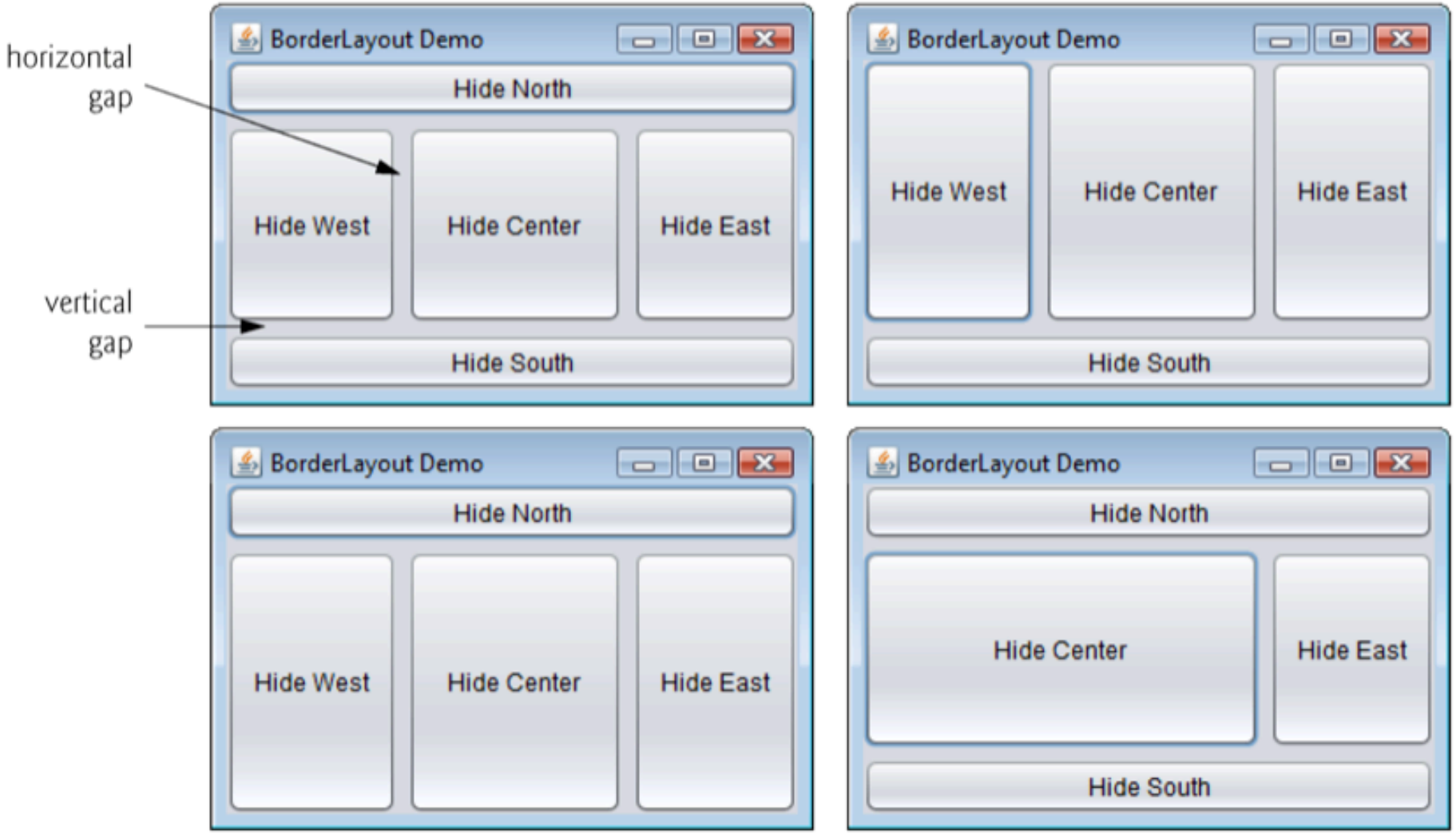
- BorderLayout limits a Container to at most five components—one in each region.
  - The component placed in each region can be a container to which other components are attached.

```
1  // Fig. 14.41: BorderLayoutFrame.java
2  // Demonstrating BorderLayout.
3  import java.awt.BorderLayout;
4  import java.awt.event.ActionListener;
5  import java.awt.event.ActionEvent;
6  import javax.swing.JFrame;
7  import javax.swing.JButton;
8
9  public class BorderLayoutFrame extends JFrame implements ActionListener
10 {
11    private JButton[] buttons; // array of buttons to hide portions
12    private static final String[] names = { "Hide North", "Hide South",
13       "Hide East", "Hide West", "Hide Center" };
14    private BorderLayout layout; // borderlayout object
15
16    // set up GUI and event handling
17    public BorderLayoutFrame()
18    {
19       super( "BorderLayout Demo" );
20
21       layout = new BorderLayout( 5, 5 ); // 5 pixel gaps
22       setLayout( layout ); // set frame layout
23       buttons = new JButton[ names.length ]; // set size of array
24
```

```
25          // create JButtons and register listeners for them
26          for ( int count = 0; count < names.length; count++ )
27          {
28             buttons[ count ] = new JButton( names[ count ] );
29             buttons[ count ].addActionListener( this );
30          } // end for
31
32          add( buttons[ 0 ], BorderLayout.NORTH ); // add button to north
33          add( buttons[ 1 ], BorderLayout.SOUTH ); // add button to south
34          add( buttons[ 2 ], BorderLayout.EAST ); // add button to east
35          add( buttons[ 3 ], BorderLayout.WEST ); // add button to west
36          add( buttons[ 4 ], BorderLayout.CENTER ); // add button to center
37       } // end BorderLayoutFrame constructor
38
```

```
39       // handle button events
40       public void actionPerformed( ActionEvent event )
41       {
42          // check event source and lay out content pane correspondingly
43          for ( JButton button : buttons )
44          {
45             if ( event.getSource() == button )
46                button.setVisible( false ); // hide button clicked
47             else
48                button.setVisible( true ); // show other buttons
49          } // end for
50
51          layout.layoutContainer( getContentPane() ); // lay out content pane
52       } // end method actionPerformed
53    } // end class BorderLayoutFrame
```

```
1  // Fig. 14.42: BorderLayoutDemo.java
2  // Testing BorderLayoutFrame.
3  import javax.swing.JFrame;
4
5  public class BorderLayoutDemo
6  {
7     public static void main( String[] args )
8     {
9        BorderLayoutFrame borderLayoutFrame = new BorderLayoutFrame();
10       borderLayoutFrame.setDefaultCloseOperation( JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE );
11       borderLayoutFrame.setSize( 300, 200 ); // set frame size
12       borderLayoutFrame.setVisible( true ); // display frame
13    } // end main
14 } // end class BorderLayoutDemo
```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BorderLayout Demo
Hide North
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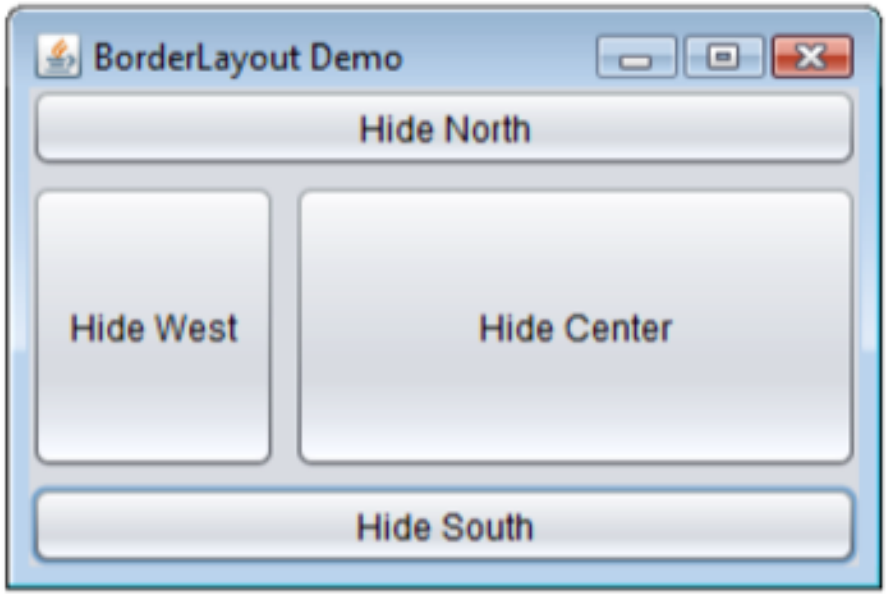
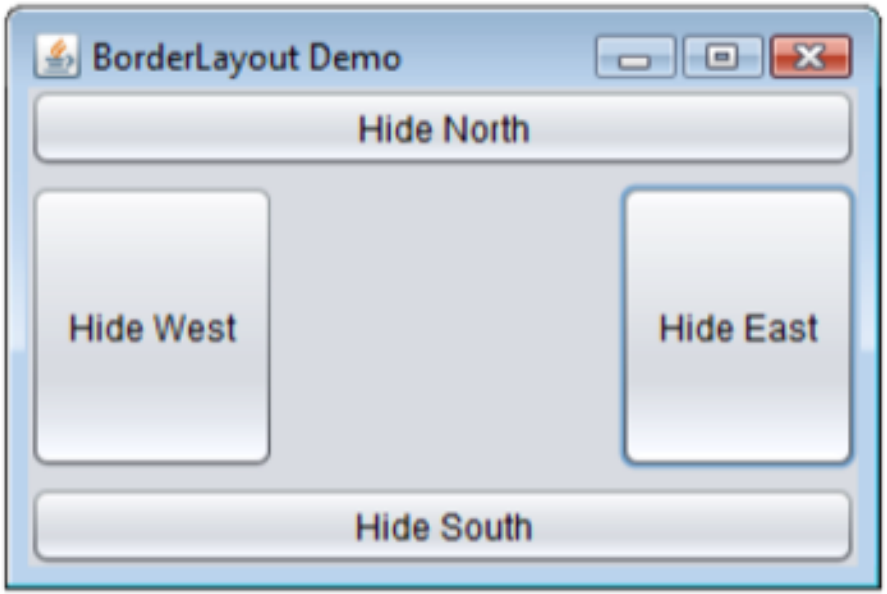

BorderLayout Demo
Hide North
Hide West
Hide Center
Hide South


BorderLayout Demo
Hide North
Hide West
Hide East
Hide South

`BorderLayout` (cont.)

- `BorderLayout` constructor arguments specify the number of pixels between components that are arranged horizontally (horizontal gap space) and between components that are arranged vertically (vertical gap space), respectively.
  - The default is one pixel of gap space horizontally and vertically.

GridLayout

- GridLayout divides the container into a grid of rows and columns.
  - Every `Component` has the same width and height.
  - Components are added starting at the top-left cell of the grid and proceeding left to right until the row is full. Then the process continues left to right on the next row of the grid, and so on.

```
1  // Fig. 14.43: GridLayoutFrame.java
2  // Demonstrating GridLayout.
3  import java.awt.GridLayout;
4  import java.awt.Container;
5  import java.awt.event.ActionListener;
6  import java.awt.event.ActionEvent;
7  import javax.swing.JFrame;
8  import javax.swing.JButton;
9
10 public class GridLayoutFrame extends JFrame implements ActionListener
11 {
12    private JButton[] buttons; // array of buttons
13    private static final String[] names =
14       { "one", "two", "three", "four", "five", "six" };
15    private boolean toggle = true; // toggle between two layouts
16    private Container container; // frame container
17    private GridLayout gridLayout1; // first gridlayout
18    private GridLayout gridLayout2; // second gridlayout
19
```

```
20       // no-argument constructor
21       public GridLayoutFrame()
22       {
23          super( "GridLayout Demo" );
24          gridLayout1 = new GridLayout( 2, 3, 5, 5 ); // 2 by 3; gaps of 5
25          gridLayout2 = new GridLayout( 3, 2 ); // 3 by 2; no gaps
26          container = getContentPane(); // get content pane
27          setLayout( gridLayout1 ); // set JFrame layout
28          buttons = new JButton[ names.length ]; // create array of JButtons
29
30          for ( int count = 0; count < names.length; count++ )
31          {
32             buttons[ count ] = new JButton( names[ count ] );
33             buttons[ count ].addActionListener( this ); // register listener
34             add( buttons[ count ] ); // add button to JFrame
35          } // end for
36       } // end GridLayoutFrame constructor
37
```

```
38      // handle button events by toggling between layouts
39      public void actionPerformed( ActionEvent event )
40      {
41         if ( toggle )
42            container.setLayout( gridLayout2 ); // set layout to second
43         else
44            container.setLayout( gridLayout1 ); // set layout to first
45
46         toggle = !toggle; // set toggle to opposite value
47         container.validate(); // re-lay out container
48      } // end method actionPerformed
49   } // end class GridLayoutFrame
```

```java
// Fig. 14.44: GridLayoutDemo.java
// Testing GridLayoutFrame.
import javax.swing.JFrame;

public class GridLayoutDemo
{
   public static void main( String[] args )
   {
      GridLayoutFrame gridLayoutFrame = new GridLayoutFrame();
      gridLayoutFrame.setDefaultCloseOperation( JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE );
      gridLayoutFrame.setSize( 300, 200 ); // set frame size
      gridLayoutFrame.setVisible( true ); // display frame
   } // end main
} // end class GridLayoutDemo
```

Using Panels to Manage More Complex Layouts

- Complex GUIs require that each component be placed in an exact location.
  - Often consist of multiple panels, with each panel's components arranged in a specific layout.

- Class `JPanel` extends `JComponent` and `JComponent` extends class `Container`, so every `JPanel` is a `Container`.

- Every `JPanel` may have components, including other panels, attached to it with `Container` method `add`.

- `JPanel` can be used to create a more complex layout in which several components are in a specific area of another container.

```
1  // Fig. 14.45: PanelFrame.java
2  // Using a JPanel to help lay out components.
3  import java.awt.GridLayout;
4  import java.awt.BorderLayout;
5  import javax.swing.JFrame;
6  import javax.swing.JPanel;
7  import javax.swing.JButton;
8
9  public class PanelFrame extends JFrame
10 {
11    private JPanel buttonJPanel; // panel to hold buttons
12    private JButton[] buttons; // array of buttons
13
14    // no-argument constructor
15    public PanelFrame()
16    {
17       super( "Panel Demo" );
18       buttons = new JButton[ 5 ]; // create buttons array
19       buttonJPanel = new JPanel(); // set up panel
20       buttonJPanel.setLayout( new GridLayout( 1, buttons.length ) );
21
```

```
22          // create and add buttons
23          for ( int count = 0; count < buttons.length; count++ )
24          {
25             buttons[ count ] = new JButton( "Button " + ( count + 1 ) );
26             buttonJPanel.add( buttons[ count ] ); // add button to panel
27          } // end for
28
29          add( buttonJPanel, BorderLayout.SOUTH ); // add panel to JFrame
30       } // end PanelFrame constructor
31    } // end class PanelFrame
```

```
1  // Fig. 14.46: PanelDemo.java
2  // Testing PanelFrame.
3  import javax.swing.JFrame;
4
5  public class PanelDemo extends JFrame
6  {
7     public static void main( String[] args )
8     {
9        PanelFrame panelFrame = new PanelFrame();
10       panelFrame.setDefaultCloseOperation( JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE );
11       panelFrame.setSize( 450, 200 ); // set frame size
12       panelFrame.setVisible( true ); // display frame
13    } // end main
14 } // end class PanelDemo
```

`JPanel` Subclass for Drawing with the Mouse

- Use a `JPanel` as a dedicated drawing area in which the user can draw by dragging the mouse.

- Lightweight Swing components that extend class `JComponent` (such as `JPanel`) contain method paintComponent
  - called when a lightweight Swing component is displayed

- Override this method to specify how to draw.

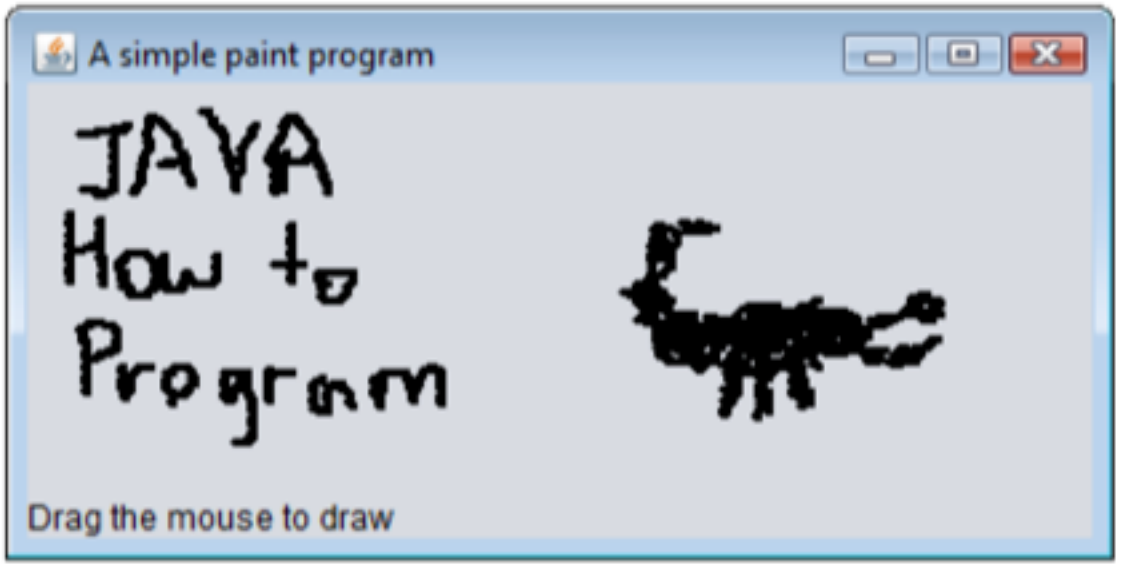
```
1  // Fig. 14.34: PaintPanel.java
2  // Using class MouseMotionAdapter.
3  import java.awt.Point;
4  import java.awt.Graphics;
5  import java.awt.event.MouseEvent;
6  import java.awt.event.MouseMotionAdapter;
7  import javax.swing.JPanel;
8
9  public class PaintPanel extends JPanel
10 {
11    private int pointCount = 0; // count number of points
12
```

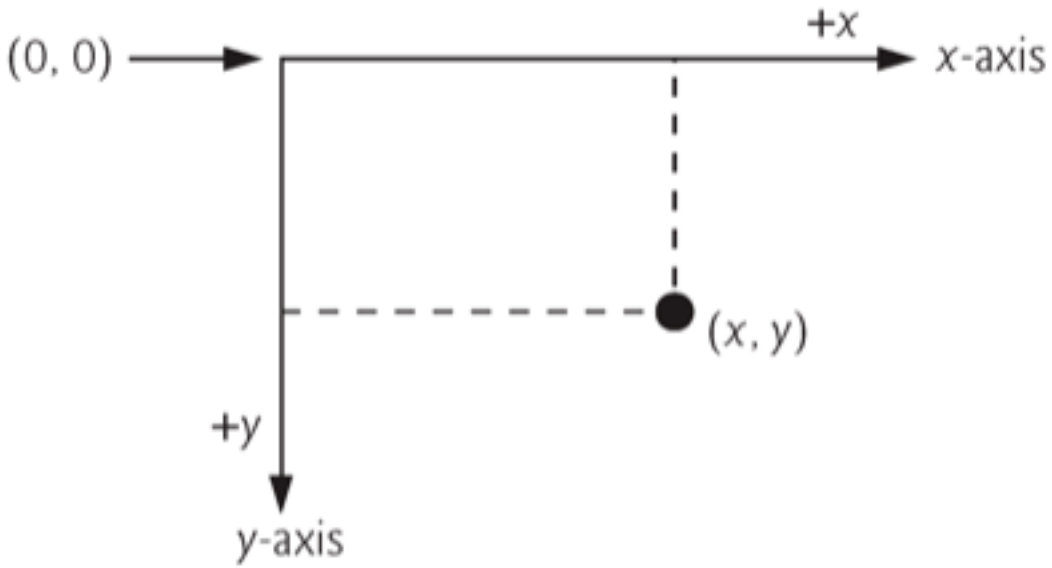
```
13       // array of 10000 java.awt.Point references
14       private Point[] points = new Point[ 10000 ];
15
16       // set up GUI and register mouse event handler
17       public PaintPanel()
18       {
19          // handle frame mouse motion event
20          addMouseMotionListener(
21
22             new MouseMotionAdapter() // anonymous inner class
23             {
24                // store drag coordinates and repaint
25                public void mouseDragged( MouseEvent event )
26                {
27                   if ( pointCount < points.length )
28                   {
29                      points[ pointCount ] = event.getPoint(); // find point
30                      ++pointCount; // increment number of points in array
31                      repaint(); // repaint JFrame
32                   } // end if
33                } // end method mouseDragged
34             } // end anonymous inner class
35          ); // end call to addMouseMotionListener
36       } // end PaintPanel constructor
```

```
37
38       // draw ovals in a 4-by-4 bounding box at specified locations on window
39       public void paintComponent( Graphics g )
40       {
41          super.paintComponent( g ); // clears drawing area
42
43          // draw all points in array
44          for ( int i = 0; i < pointCount; i++ )
45             g.fillOval( points[ i ].x, points[ i ].y, 4, 4 );
46       } // end method paintComponent
47    } // end class PaintPanel
```

```
1  // Fig. 14.35: Painter.java
2  // Testing PaintPanel.
3  import java.awt.BorderLayout;
4  import javax.swing.JFrame;
5  import javax.swing.JLabel;
6
7  public class Painter
8  {
9     public static void main( String[] args )
10    {
11       // create JFrame
12       JFrame application = new JFrame( "A simple paint program" );
13
14       PaintPanel paintPanel = new PaintPanel(); // create paint panel
15       application.add( paintPanel, BorderLayout.CENTER ); // in center
16
17       // create a label and place it in SOUTH of BorderLayout
18       application.add( new JLabel( "Drag the mouse to draw" ),
19          BorderLayout.SOUTH );
20
21       application.setDefaultCloseOperation( JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE );
22       application.setSize( 400, 200 ); // set frame size
23       application.setVisible( true ); // display frame
24    } // end main
```

```
25   } // end class Painter
```



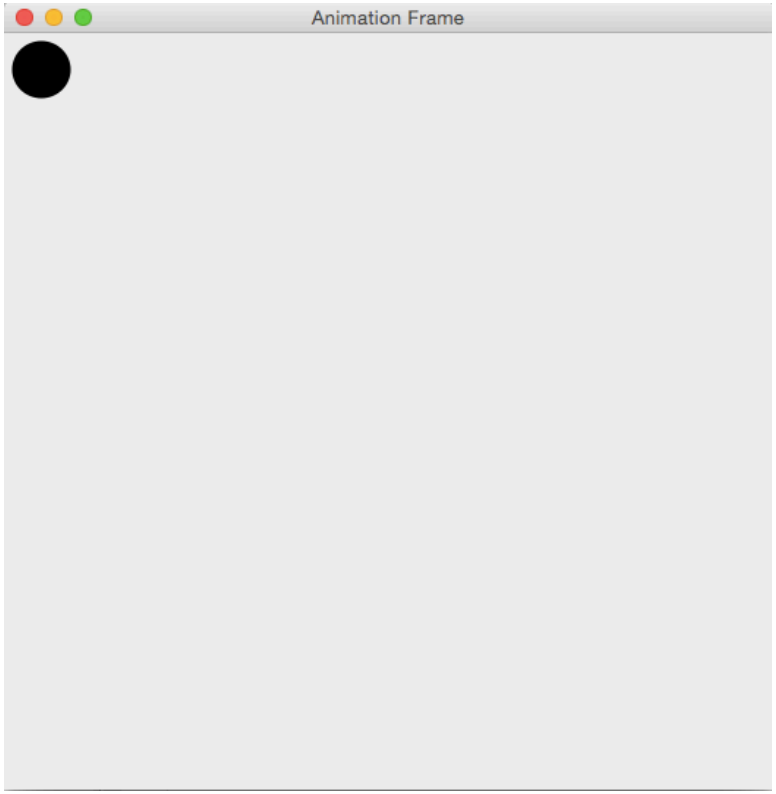


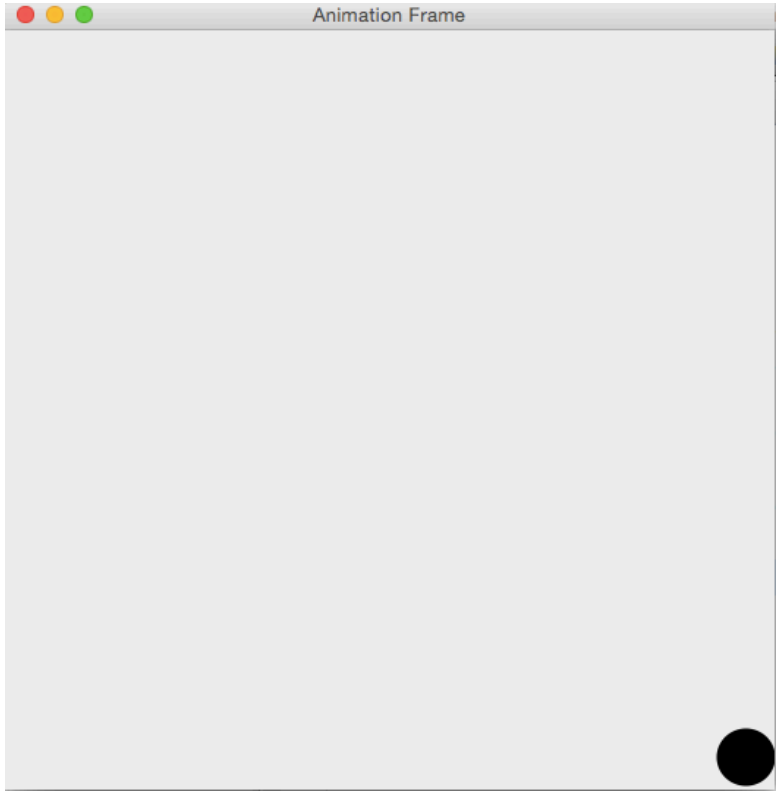
Java coordinate system. Units are measured in pixels.

Java Graphics (cont.)

- Class Graphics contains methods for drawing strings, lines, rectangles and other shapes.
- Class Graphics2D, which extends class `Graphics`, is used for drawing with the Java 2D API.
- Class Color contains methods and constants for manipulating colors.
- Class Font contains methods and constants for manipulating fonts.
- Class FontMetrics contains methods for obtaining font information.

Simple Animation





```java
import java.awt.Graphics;
import javax.swing.JFrame;
import javax.swing.JPanel;


public class AnimationFrame extends JFrame {

    int x, y;
    AnimationPanel panel;

    AnimationFrame(){
        super("Animation Frame");
        //initial position for the oval
        x = 5;
        y = 5;
        panel = new AnimationPanel();
        add(panel);
    }

```

```
20      //panel for drawing the ball
21      private class AnimationPanel extends JPanel{
22
23          public void paintComponent(Graphics g){
24
25              super.paintComponent(g);
26              //draw an oval at given x and y positions
27              g.fillOval(x, y, 40, 40);
28          }
29      }
30
```

```
30
31      //method for starting the animation
32      public void animate(){
33
34          for(int i=0;i<this.getHeight()-70;i++){
35              //increment x and y positions and repaint
36              x++;
37              y++;
38              repaint();
39
40              // put the application to sleep in order to slow things down
41              try{
42                  Thread.sleep(10);
43              }
44              catch(Exception e){
45                  e.printStackTrace();
46              }
47          }
48      }
49  }
```

```java
import javax.swing.JFrame;


public class AnimationTest {

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        // TODO Auto-generated method stub

        // creating the animation frame and setting its properties
        AnimationFrame frame = new AnimationFrame();
        frame.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
        frame.setSize(525, 550);
        frame.setVisible(true);
        //starting the animation
        frame.animate();

    }

}
```

- A little exercise