

**Nested and anonymous classes.**

**Events and events handlers.**

- We can define a class within another class.
- Such a class is called a nested class

```
class OuterClass {  
    ...  
    static class StaticNestedClass {  
        ...  
    }  
    class InnerClass {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

- Logical grouping of classes

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

- Increased encapsulation

By hiding class B within class A, A's members can be declared private and B can access them. In addition, B itself can be hidden from the outside world.

- More readable, maintainable code

Nesting small classes within top-level classes places the code closer to where it is used.



- Nested classes are divided into two categories
  - Static

Nested classes that are declared static are simply called **static nested classes**
  - Non-static

non static nested classes are called **inner classes**
- **The nested class has access to all members of the outer class(including private members)**
- **The outer class has access to all members of the inner class**

- A static nested class is associated with its outer class
- They are accessed using the enclosing class name:  
<Outer class name>.<Nested class name>
- They have access only to the static members of the outer class
- Nested class can be *private*

# Static nested classes

```
public class OuterClass {  
    private String value;  
    private static int count;  
  
    void accessMemberFromTheNestedClass(){  
        System.out.println(NestedStaticClass.name);  
        //compilation error:  
        //System.out.println(NestedStaticClass.age);  
    }  
}
```

```
public static class NestedStaticClass {  
    private static String name = "SoftAcad";  
    private String age = "SoftAcad";  
  
    public void printMemberFromOuterClass() {  
        System.out.println(count);  
        //compilation error:  
        //System.out.println(value);  
    }  
}
```

*Access private member  
of the outer class*



# Static nested classes

```
public class OuterTest {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        OuterClass.NestedStaticClass nsc = new OuterClass.NestedStaticClass();  
  
        nsc.printMemberFromOuterClass();  
    }  
}
```

- Non-static nested classes are called inner classes
- An inner class is associated with an **instance** of its enclosing class
- It has direct access to enclosing class' methods and fields (including private members)
- Cannot define any static members itself.
- Objects that are instances of an inner class always exist within an instance of the outer class
- To instantiate an inner class, you must first instantiate the outer class and then:

```
OuterClass.InnerClass innerObject = outerObject.new InnerClass();
```



```
public class OuterClass {  
    private String value;  
    private static int count;  
  
    void useMemberFromInnerClass(){  
        InnerClass inner = new InnerClass();  
        System.out.println(inner.age);  
    }  
  
    public class InnerClass {  
        //compilation error:  
        //private static String name = "SoftAcad";  
        private String age = "SoftAcad";  
  
        public void printMemberFromOuterClass() {  
            System.out.println(count);  
            System.out.println(value);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

There are two additional types of inner classes.

- Local inner class
  - You can declare an inner class within the body of a method.
  - The local class can access only **final** variables declared in the enclosing block of code.
- Anonymous inner class
  - An inner class declared within the body of a method **without naming it.**

# Anonymous classes

```
public class Page {  
    private String title;  
    private String text;  
  
    public Page(){  
  
    }  
  
    public Page(String title, String text) {  
        this.title = title;  
        this.text = text;  
    }  
}
```

```
public class Book {  
    public void addNewPage(Page pageToAdd) {  
        //...  
    }  
}
```



# Anonymous classes

```
public class BookTest {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Page firstPage = new Page("Intro", "Once upon a time...");  
  
        Book book = new Book();  
        book.addNewPage(firstPage);  
  
        book.addNewPage(new Page(){  
            private boolean isReaded;  
  
            public boolean isReaded() {  
                return isReaded;  
            }  
  
            public void setReaded(boolean isReaded) {  
                this.isReaded = isReaded;  
            }  
        });  
    }  
}
```

*Anonymous class which  
extends Page*

# Anonymous classes

- Anonymous classes are widely used for implementing an interface.
- They can be used for implementing event listeners

```
public interface IDVDRemoteController {  
    void play();  
    void eject();  
    void insertDisc();  
    void stop();  
}
```

```
public class Person {  
    public void watchMovieOnDVD(IDVDRemoteController remoteController) {  
        remoteController.play();  
        //...  
    }  
}
```

# Anonymous classes

```
public class PersonDemo {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Person ivan = new Person();  
  
        ivan.watchMovieOnDVD(new IDVDRemoteController() {  
            public void stop() {  
                System.out.println("DVD is stoped");  
            }  
            public void play() {  
                System.out.println("DVD is started");  
            }  
            public void insertDisc() {  
                //...  
            }  
            public void eject() {  
                //...  
            }  
        });  
    }  
}
```

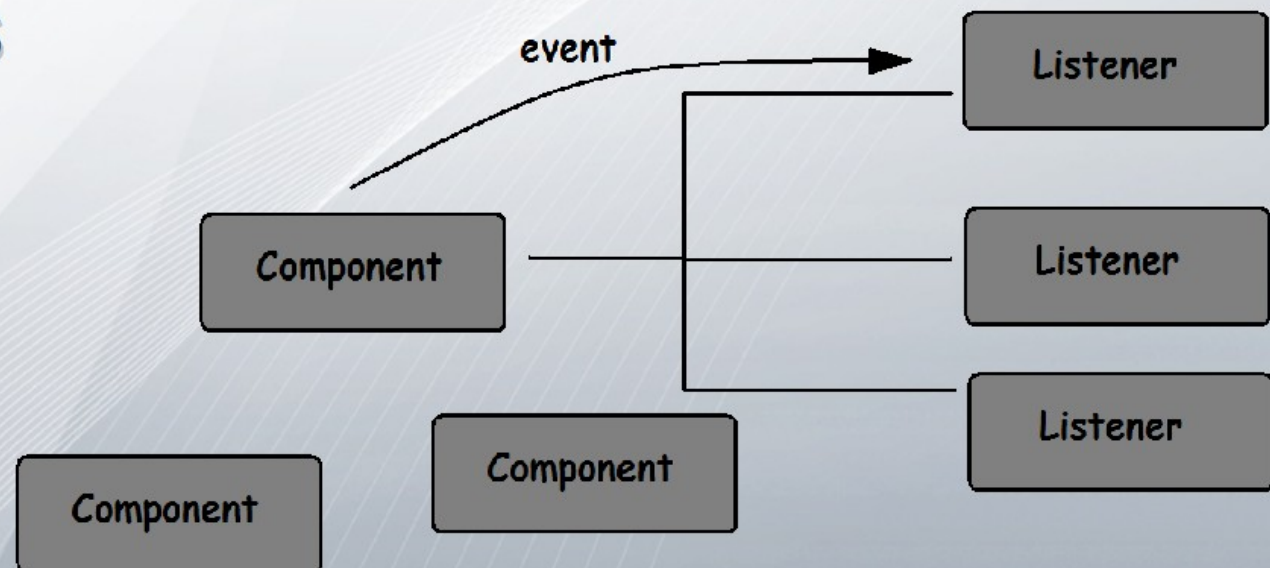
*Anonymous class  
which implements  
IDVDRemoteController*



- Components (JButton, JTextField ...) fire off events to indicate some kind of action.

The concept rely on:

- Components
- Events
- Listeners



Components generate events. An event is a component's way of letting a listener know that something has happened.

- For example, the JButton fires off an ActionEvent whenever the user presses it.
- The entire point of an event is to inform a listener that something has happened to a component in the GUI.
- An event includes all of the information that a listener needs to figure out what happened and to whom it happened.
- In order to receive an ActionEvent, a listener must implement the ActionListener interface and register itself with the component.



# Events and listeners

```
public class ChristmasPanel extends JPanel {
```

```
    private JButton button;
```

```
    private JLabel message;
```

```
    public ChristmasPanel() {  
        button = new JButton("Click Me");  
        add(button);
```

```
        message = new JLabel("");  
        add(message);
```

```
        button.addActionListener(new ChristmasButtonListener());  
    }
```

*Add listener to the button*

*Event*

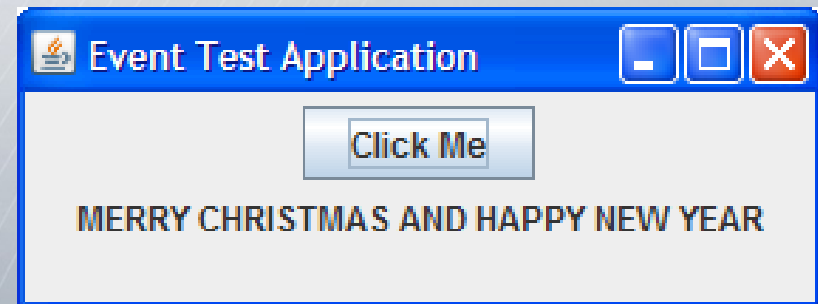
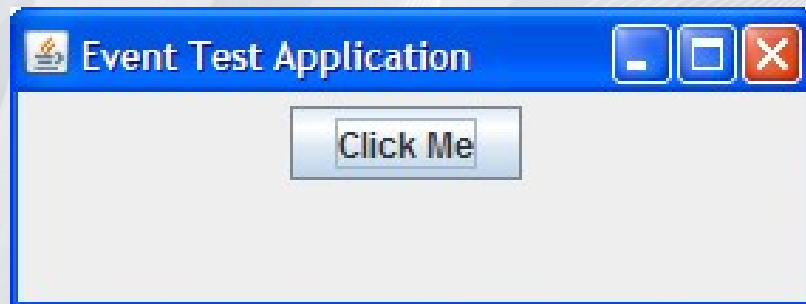
```
public class ChristmasButtonListener implements ActionListener{  
    @Override  
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {  
        message.setText("MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR");  
    }  
}
```

*Implement an ActionListener as inner class*



# Events and listeners

```
public class ChristmasPanelTest {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        JFrame frame = new JFrame("Event Test Application");  
        frame.setSize(800, 600);  
        frame.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);  
  
        ChristmasPanel p = new ChristmasPanel();  
        frame.add(p);  
        frame.setVisible(true);  
    }  
}
```




- There are many events: **XXXEvent**  
(ActionEvent, MouseEvent, KeyEvent ...)
- For each event there is appropriate listener: **XXXListener**  
(ActionListener, MouseListener, KeyListener ...)
- Each component can fire specific events and can add the appropriate listeners for them via method:

**addXXXListener(XXXListener l)**

(addActionListener(ActionListener l),  
addMouseListener(MouseListener l),  
addKeyListener(KeyListener l) ...)

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