



Java – GUI Programming (Layout and Button)

Graphical Applications

- The example programs we've explored thus far have been text-based
- They are called *command-line applications*, which interact with the user using simple text prompts
- Let's examine some Java applications that have graphical components
- These components will serve as a foundation to programs that have true graphical user interfaces (GUIs)

GUI Components

- A *GUI component* is an object that represents a screen element such as a button or a text field
- GUI-related classes are defined primarily in the `java.awt` and the `javax.swing` packages
- The *Abstract Windowing Toolkit* (AWT) was the original Java GUI package
- The *Swing* package provides additional and more versatile components
- Both packages are needed to create a Java GUI-based program

GUI Containers

- A *GUI container* is a component that is used to hold and organize other components
- A *frame* is a container that is used to display a GUI-based Java application
- A frame is displayed as a separate window with a title bar – it can be repositioned and resized on the screen as needed
- A *panel* is a container that cannot be displayed on its own but is used to organize other components
- A panel must be added to another container to be displayed

Labels

- A *label* is a GUI component that displays a line of text
- Labels are usually used to display information or identify other components in the interface
- Let's look at a program that organizes two labels in a panel and displays that panel in a frame
- See [Authority.java](#)
- This program is not interactive, but the frame can be repositioned and resized

```

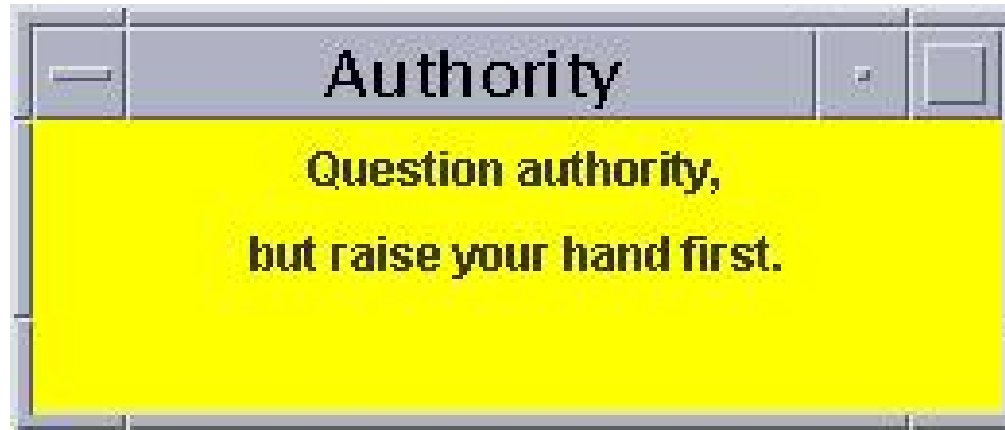
//*****
// Authority.java
//
// Demonstrates the use of frames, panels, and labels.
//*****
import java.awt.*;
import javax.swing.*;
public class Authority {
    //-----
    // Displays some words of wisdom.
    //-----
    public static void main (String[] args) {
        JFrame frame = new JFrame ("Authority");
        frame.setDefaultCloseOperation (JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);

        JPanel primary = new JPanel();
        primary.setBackground (Color.yellow);
        primary.setPreferredSize (new Dimension(250, 75));
        JLabel label1 = new JLabel ("Question authority,");
        JLabel label2 = new JLabel ("but raise your hand first.");

        primary.add (label1);
        primary.add (label2);
        frame.getContentPane().add(primary);
        frame.pack();
        frame.setVisible(true);
    }
}

```

Running Authority.class



Nested Panels

- The following example nests two panels inside a third panel – note the effect this has as the frame is resized
- See [NestedPanels.java](#)


```
//*****
// NestedPanels.java
//
// Demonstrates a basic componenet hierarchy.
//*****
```

```
import java.awt.*;
import javax.swing.*;
```

```
public class NestedPanels
{
    //-----
    // Presents two colored panels nested within a third.
    //-----
    public static void main (String[] args)
    {
        JFrame frame = new JFrame ("Nested Panels");
        frame.setDefaultCloseOperation (JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);

        // Set up first subpanel
        JPanel subPanel1 = new JPanel();
        subPanel1.setPreferredSize (new Dimension(150, 100));
        subPanel1.setBackground (Color.green);
        JLabel label1 = new JLabel ("One");
        subPanel1.add (label1);
```

```

// Set up second subpanel
    JPanel subPanel2 = new JPanel();
    subPanel2.setPreferredSize (new Dimension(150, 100));
    subPanel2.setBackground (Color.red);
    JLabel label2 = new JLabel ("Two");
    subPanel2.add (label2);

    // Set up primary panel
    JPanel primary = new JPanel();
    primary.setBackground (Color.blue);
    primary.add (subPanel1);
    primary.add (subPanel2);

    frame.getContentPane().add(primary);
    frame.pack();
    frame.setVisible(true);
}
}

```

NestedPanels.java - Sample Execution

- The following is a sample execution of NestedPanels.class



Graphical Objects

- Some objects contain information that determines how the object should be represented visually
- Most GUI components are graphical objects
- We can have some effect on how components get drawn

Smiling Face Example

- The `SmilingFace` program draws a face by defining the `paintComponent` method of a panel
- See [SmilingFace.java](#)
- See [SmilingFacePanel.java](#)
- The `main` method of the `SmilingFace` class instantiates a `SmilingFacePanel` and displays it
- The `SmilingFacePanel` class is derived from the `JPanel` class using inheritance

```

//*****
// SmilingFace.java
//
// Demonstrates the use of a separate panel class.
//*****

```

```

import javax.swing.JFrame;

```

```

public class SmilingFace
{
    //-----
    // Creates the main frame of the program.
    //-----
    public static void main (String[] args)
    {
        JFrame frame = new JFrame ("Smiling Face");
        frame.setDefaultCloseOperation (JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);

        SmilingFacePanel panel = new SmilingFacePanel();

        frame.getContentPane().add(panel);

        frame.pack();
        frame.setVisible(true);
    }
}

```

```

//*****
// SmilingFacePanel.java
//
// Demonstrates the use of a separate panel class.
//*****

import javax.swing.JPanel;
import java.awt.*;

public class SmilingFacePanel extends JPanel
{
    private final int BASEX = 120, BASEY = 60; // base point for head

    //-----
    // Constructor: Sets up the main characteristics of this panel.
    //-----
    public SmilingFacePanel ()
    {
        setBackground (Color.blue);
        setPreferredSize (new Dimension(320, 200));
        setFont (new Font("Arial", Font.BOLD, 16));
    }
}

```

```

//-----
// Draws a face.
//-----
public void paintComponent (Graphics page)
{
    super.paintComponent (page);

    page.setColor (Color.yellow);
    page.fillOval (BASEX, BASEY, 80, 80); // head
    page.fillOval (BASEX-5, BASEY+20, 90, 40); // ears

    page.setColor (Color.black);
    page.drawOval (BASEX+20, BASEY+30, 15, 7); // eyes
    page.drawOval (BASEX+45, BASEY+30, 15, 7);

    page.fillOval (BASEX+25, BASEY+31, 5, 5); // pupils
    page.fillOval (BASEX+50, BASEY+31, 5, 5);

    page.drawArc (BASEX+20, BASEY+25, 15, 7, 0, 180); // eyebrows
    page.drawArc (BASEX+45, BASEY+25, 15, 7, 0, 180);

    page.drawArc (BASEX+35, BASEY+40, 15, 10, 180, 180); // nose
    page.drawArc (BASEX+20, BASEY+50, 40, 15, 180, 180); // mouth

```



```
page.setColor (Color.white);  
page.drawString ("Always remember that you are unique!",  
                BASEX-105, BASEY-15);  
page.drawString ("Just like everyone else.", BASEX-45, BASEY+105);  
}  
}
```

SmilingFace.java - Sample Execution

- The following is a sample execution of SmilingFace.class



Smiling Face Example

- Every Swing component has a `paintComponent` method
- The `paintComponent` method accepts a `Graphics` object that represents the graphics context for the panel
- We define the `paintComponent` method to draw the face with appropriate calls to the `Graphics` methods
- Note the difference between drawing on a panel and adding other GUI components to a panel

Splat Example

- The `Splat` example is structured a bit differently
- It draws a set of colored circles on a panel, but each circle is represented as a separate object that maintains its own graphical information
- The `paintComponent` method of the panel "asks" each circle to draw itself
- See [Splat.java](#)
- See [SplatPanel.java](#)
- See [Circle.java](#)

```

//*****
// Splat.java
//
// Demonstrates
//*****

import javax.swing.*.*;
import java.awt.*.*;

public class Splat
{
    //-----
    // Presents a collection of circles.
    //-----
    public static void main (String[] args)
    {
        JFrame frame = new JFrame ("Splat");
        frame.setDefaultCloseOperation (JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);

        frame.getContentPane().add(new SplatPanel());

        frame.pack();
        frame.setVisible(true);
    }
}

```

```

//*****
// SplatPanel.java
//
// Demonstrates the use of graphical objects.
//*****

import javax.swing.*;
import java.awt.*;

public class SplatPanel extends JPanel
{
    private Circle circle1, circle2, circle3, circle4, circle5;
    //-----
    // Constructor: Creates five Circle objects.
    //-----
    public SplatPanel()
    {
        circle1 = new Circle (30, Color.red, 70, 35);
        circle2 = new Circle (50, Color.green, 30, 20);
        circle3 = new Circle (100, Color.cyan, 60, 85);
        circle4 = new Circle (45, Color.yellow, 170, 30);
        circle5 = new Circle (60, Color.blue, 200, 60);

        setPreferredSize (new Dimension(300, 200));
        setBackground (Color.black);
    }
}

```

```

//-----
//  Draws this panel by requesting that each circle draw itself.
//-----
public void paintComponent (Graphics page)
{
    super.paintComponent(page);

    circle1.draw(page);
    circle2.draw(page);
    circle3.draw(page);
    circle4.draw(page);
    circle5.draw(page);
}
}

```

```

//*****
// Circle.java
//
// Represents a circle with a particular position, size, and color.
//*****

import java.awt.*;

public class Circle
{
    private int diameter, x, y;
    private Color color;

    //-----
    // Constructor: Sets up this circle with the specified values.
    //-----
    public Circle (int size, Color shade, int upperX, int upperY)
    {
        diameter = size;
        color = shade;
        x = upperX;
        y = upperY;
    }
}

```



```

//-----
// Draws this circle in the specified graphics context.
//-----
public void draw (Graphics page)
{
    page.setColor (color);
    page.fillOval (x, y, diameter, diameter);
}

//-----
// Diameter mutator.
//-----
public void setDiameter (int size)
{
    diameter = size;
}

//-----
// Color mutator.
//-----
public void setColor (Color shade)
{
    color = shade;
}

```

```
//-----  
// X mutator.  
//-----  
public void setX (int upperX)  
{  
    x = upperX;  
}  
  
//-----  
// Y mutator.  
//-----  
public void setY (int upperY)  
{  
    y = upperY;  
}  
  
//-----  
// Diameter accessor.  
//-----  
public int getDiameter ()  
{  
    return diameter;  
}
```

```

//-----
// Color accessor.
//-----
public Color getColor ()
{
    return color;
}

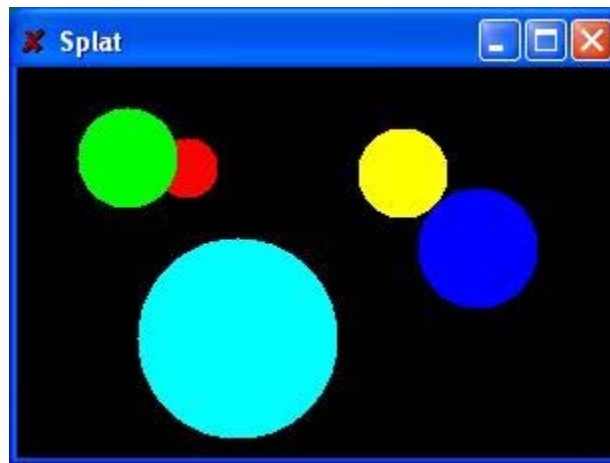
//-----
// X accessor.
//-----
public int getX ()
{
    return x;
}

//-----
// Y accessor.
//-----
public int getY ()
{
    return y;
}
}

```

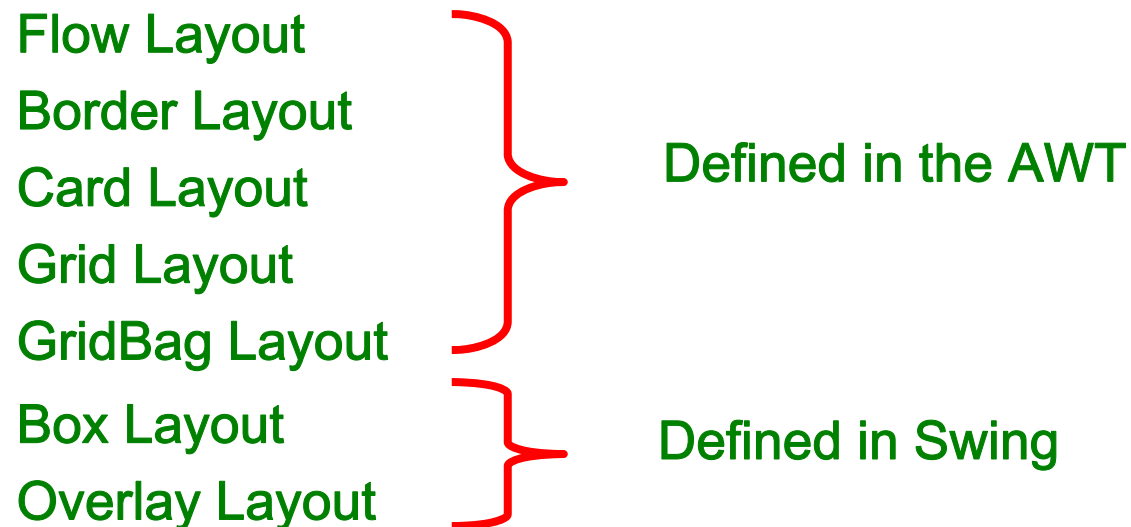
Splat.java - Sample Execution

- The following is a sample execution of Splat.class



Layout Managers

- A *layout manager* is an object that determines the way that components are arranged in a container
- There are several predefined layout managers defined in the Java standard class library:



Layout Managers

- Every container has a default layout manager, but we can explicitly set the layout manager as well
- Each layout manager has its own particular rules governing how the components will be arranged
- Some layout managers pay attention to a component's preferred size or alignment, while others do not
- A layout manager attempts to adjust the layout as components are added and as containers are resized

Layout Managers

- We can use the `setLayout` method of a container to change its layout manager

```
JPanel panel = new JPanel();  
panel.setLayout(new BorderLayout());
```

- The following example uses a *tabbed pane*, a container which permits one of several panes to be selected
- See [LayoutDemo.java](#)
- See [IntroPanel.java](#)

```
//*****
// LayoutDemo.java
//
// Demonstrates the use of flow, border, grid, and box layouts.
//*****
```

```
import javax.swing.*;
```

```
public class LayoutDemo
{
    //-----
    // Sets up a frame containing a tabbed pane. The panel on each
    // tab demonstrates a different layout manager.
    //-----
    public static void main (String[] args)
    {
        JFrame frame = new JFrame ("Layout Manager Demo");
        frame.setDefaultCloseOperation (JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);

        JTabbedPane tp = new JTabbedPane();
        tp.addTab ("Intro", new IntroPanel());
        tp.addTab ("Flow", new FlowPanel());
        tp.addTab ("Border", new BorderPanel());
        tp.addTab ("Grid", new GridPanel());
        tp.addTab ("Box", new BoxPanel());
    }
}
```



```
    frame.getContentPane().add(tp);  
    frame.pack();  
    frame.setVisible(true);  
}  
}
```

```

//*****
// IntroPanel.java
//
// Represents the introduction panel for the LayoutDemo program.
//*****

import java.awt.*;
import javax.swing.*;

public class IntroPanel extends JPanel
{
    //-----
    // Sets up this panel with two labels.
    //-----
    public IntroPanel()
    {
        setBackground (Color.green);

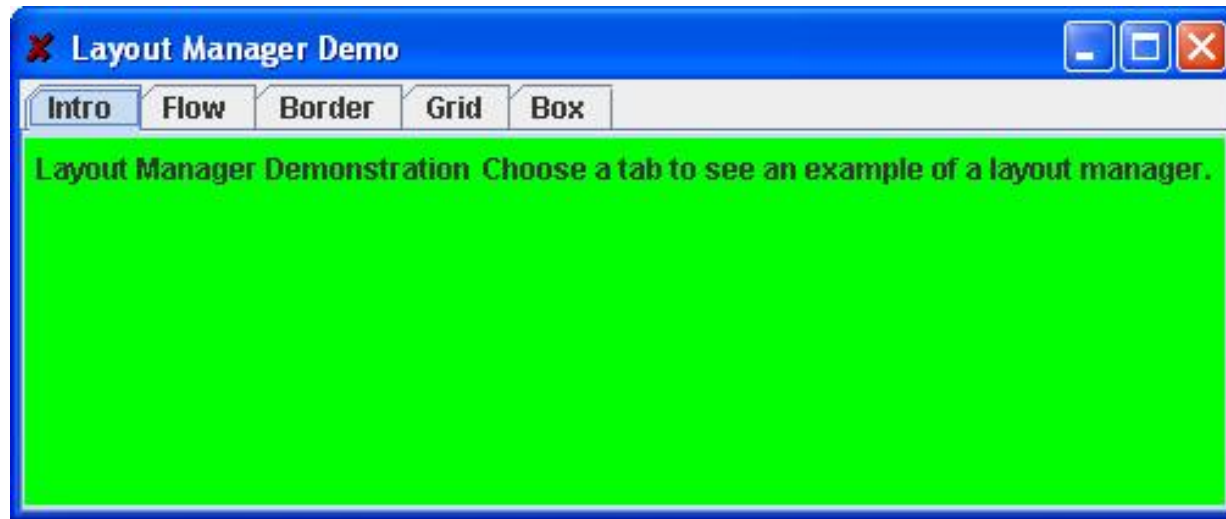
        JLabel l1 = new JLabel ("Layout Manager Demonstration");
        JLabel l2 = new JLabel ("Choose a tab to see an example of " +
                                "a layout manager.");

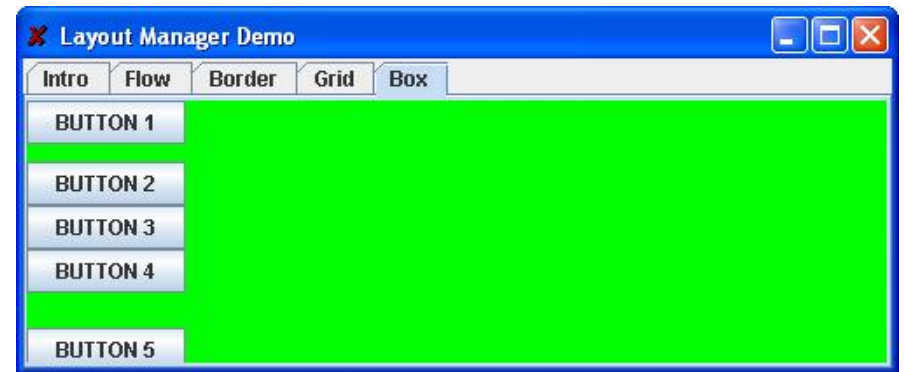
        add (l1);
        add (l2);
    }
}

```

LayoutDemo.java - Sample Execution

- The following is a sample execution of LayoutDemo.class





Flow Layout

- *Flow layout* puts as many components as possible on a row, then moves to the next row
- Rows are created as needed to accommodate all of the components
- Components are displayed in the order they are added to the container
- Each row of components is centered horizontally in the window by default, but could also be aligned left or right
- Also, the horizontal and vertical gaps between the components can be explicitly set
- See [FlowPanel.java](#)
 - JButton class defines a GUI component corresponding to a push button. More descriptions can be found in the later part.

```

//*****
// FlowPanel.java
//
// Represents the panel in the LayoutDemo program that demonstrates
// the flow layout manager.
//*****

import java.awt.*;
import javax.swing.*;

public class FlowPanel extends JPanel
{
    //-----
    // Sets up this panel with some buttons to show how flow layout
    // affects their position.
    //-----
    public FlowPanel ()
    {
        setLayout (new FlowLayout());

        setBackground (Color.green);

        JButton b1 = new JButton ("BUTTON 1");
        JButton b2 = new JButton ("BUTTON 2");
        JButton b3 = new JButton ("BUTTON 3");
    }
}

```

```
    JButton b4 = new JButton ("BUTTON 4");  
    JButton b5 = new JButton ("BUTTON 5");  
  
    add (b1);  
    add (b2);  
    add (b3);  
    add (b4);  
    add (b5);  
}  
}
```

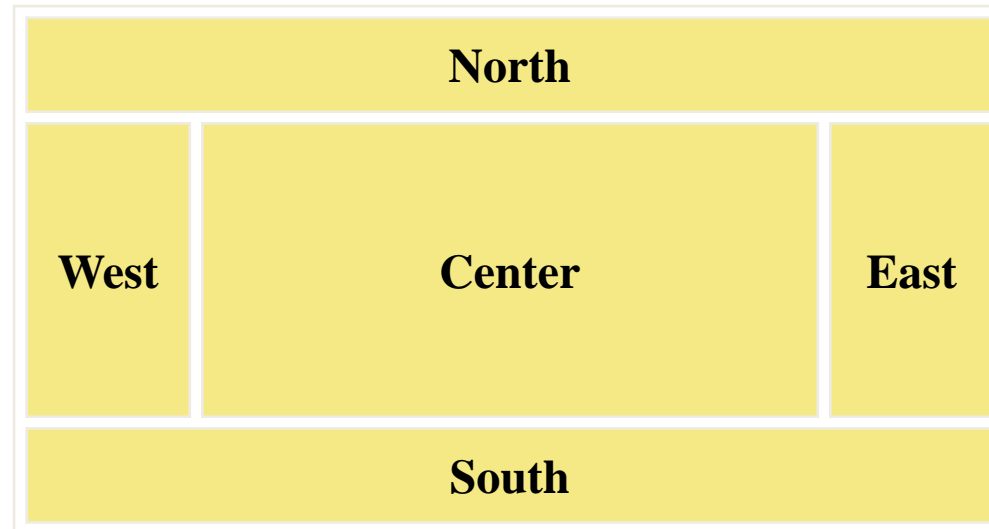
FlowPanel.java - Sample Execution

- The following is a sample execution of FlowPanel.class



Border Layout

- A *border layout* defines five areas into which components can be added



Border Layout

- Each area displays one component (which could be a container such as a `JPanel`)
- Each of the four outer areas enlarges as needed to accommodate the component added to it
- If nothing is added to the outer areas, they take up no space and other areas expand to fill the void
- The center area expands to fill space as needed
- See [BorderPanel.java](#)

```
//*****
// BorderLayout.java
//
// Represents the panel in the LayoutDemo program that demonstrates
// the border layout manager.
//*****
```

```
import java.awt.*;
import javax.swing.*;
```

```
public class BorderLayout extends JPanel
{
    //-----
    // Sets up this panel with a button in each area of a border
    // layout to show how it affects their position, shape, and size.
    //-----
    public BorderLayout()
    {
        setLayout (new BorderLayout());

        setBackground (Color.green);

        JButton b1 = new JButton ("BUTTON 1");
        JButton b2 = new JButton ("BUTTON 2");
        JButton b3 = new JButton ("BUTTON 3");
```

```
    JButton b4 = new JButton ("BUTTON 4");  
    JButton b5 = new JButton ("BUTTON 5");  
  
    add (b1, BorderLayout.CENTER);  
    add (b2, BorderLayout.NORTH);  
    add (b3, BorderLayout.SOUTH);  
    add (b4, BorderLayout.EAST);  
    add (b5, BorderLayout.WEST);  
}  
}
```

BorderPanel.java - Sample Execution

- The following is a sample execution of BorderPanel.class



Grid Layout

- A *grid layout* presents a container's components in a rectangular grid of rows and columns
- One component is placed in each cell of the grid, and all cells have the same size
- As components are added to the container, they fill the grid from left-to-right and top-to-bottom (by default)
- The size of each cell is determined by the overall size of the container
- See [GridPanel.java](#)

```

//*****
// GridPanel.java
//
// Represents the panel in the LayoutDemo program that demonstrates
// the grid layout manager.
//*****

```

```

import java.awt.*;
import javax.swing.*;

```

```

public class GridPanel extends JPanel
{
    //-----
    // Sets up this panel with some buttons to show how grid
    // layout affects their position, shape, and size.
    //-----
    public GridPanel()
    {
        setLayout (new GridLayout (2, 3));

        setBackground (Color.green);

        JButton b1 = new JButton ("BUTTON 1");
        JButton b2 = new JButton ("BUTTON 2");
        JButton b3 = new JButton ("BUTTON 3");
    }
}

```

```
        JButton b4 = new JButton ("BUTTON 4");  
        JButton b5 = new JButton ("BUTTON 5");  
  
        add (b1);  
        add (b2);  
        add (b3);  
        add (b4);  
        add (b5);  
    }  
}
```


GridPanel.java - Sample Execution

- The following is a sample execution of GridPanel.class



Box Layout

- A *box layout* organizes components horizontally (in one row) or vertically (in one column)
- Components are placed top-to-bottom or left-to-right in the order in which they are added to the container
- By combining multiple containers using box layout, many different configurations can be created
- Multiple containers with box layouts are often preferred to one container that uses the more complicated gridbag layout manager
- The details of Box Layout can be found in the textbook

Graphical User Interfaces

- A Graphical User Interface (GUI) in Java is created with at least three kinds of objects:
 - components
 - events
 - listeners
- We've previously discussed *components*, which are objects that represent screen elements
 - labels, buttons, text fields, menus, etc.
- Some components are *containers* that hold and organize other components
 - frames, panels, applets, dialog boxes

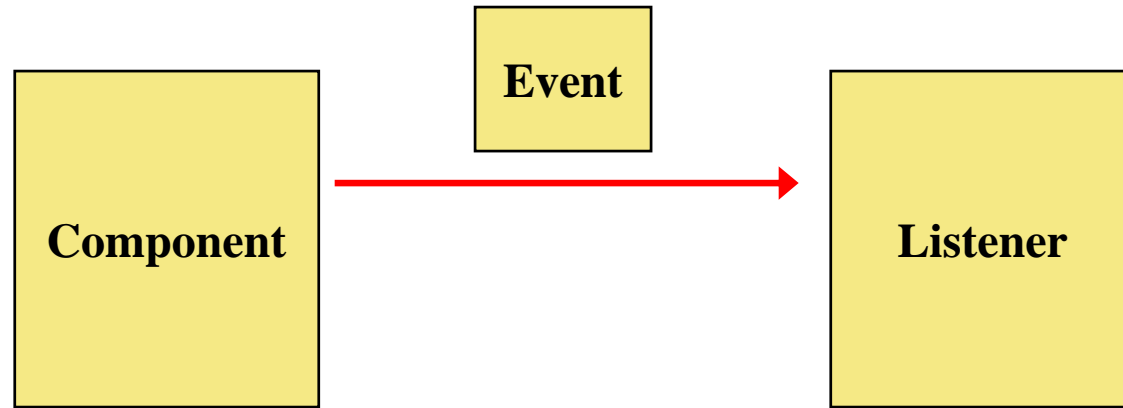
Events

- An *event* is an object that represents some activity to which we may want to respond
- For example, we may want our program to perform some action when the following occurs:
 - the mouse is moved
 - the mouse is dragged
 - a mouse button is clicked
 - a graphical button is clicked
 - a keyboard key is pressed
 - a timer expires
- Events often correspond to user actions, but not always

Events and Listeners

- The Java standard class library contains several classes that represent typical events
- Components, such as a graphical button, generate (or fire) an event when it occurs
- A *listener* object "waits" for an event to occur and responds accordingly
- We can design listener objects to take whatever actions are appropriate when an event occurs

Events and Listeners



A component object
may generate an event

A corresponding listener
object is designed to
respond to the event

When the event occurs, the component calls
the appropriate method of the listener,
passing an object that describes the event

GUI Development

- Generally we use components and events that are predefined by classes in the Java class library
- Therefore, to create a Java program that uses a GUI we must:
 - instantiate and set up the necessary components
 - implement listener classes for any events we care about
 - establish the relationship between listeners and components that generate the corresponding events
- Let's now explore some new components and see how this all comes together

Buttons

- A *push button* is a component that allows the user to initiate an action by pressing a graphical button using the mouse
- A push button is defined by the `JButton` class
- It generates an *action event*
- The `PushCounter` example displays a push button that increments a counter each time it is pushed
- See [PushCounter.java](#)
- See [PushCounterPanel.java](#)


```

//*****
// PushCounter.java
//
// Demonstrates a graphical user interface and an event listener.
//*****

```

```

import javax.swing.JFrame;

```

```

public class PushCounter
{
    //-----
    // Creates the main program frame.
    //-----
    public static void main (String[] args)
    {
        JFrame frame = new JFrame ("Push Counter");
        frame.setDefaultCloseOperation (JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);

        frame.getContentPane().add(new PushCounterPanel());

        frame.pack();
        frame.setVisible(true);
    }
}

```

```

//*****
// PushCounterPanel.java
//
// Demonstrates a graphical user interface and an event listener.
//*****

import java.awt.*;
import java.awt.event.*;
import javax.swing.*;

public class PushCounterPanel extends JPanel
{
    private int count;
    private JButton push;
    private JLabel label;

    //-----
    // Constructor: Sets up the GUI.
    //-----
    public PushCounterPanel ()
    {
        count = 0;
    }

```

```

push = new JButton ("Push Me!");
push.addActionListener (new ButtonListener());

label = new JLabel ("Pushes: " + count);

add (push);
add (label);

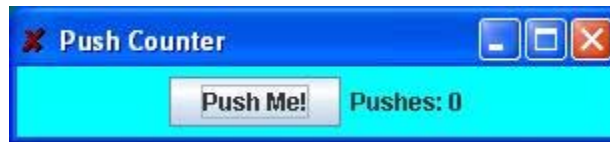
setPreferredSize (new Dimension(300, 40));
setBackground (Color.cyan);
}

//*****
// Represents a listener for button push (action) events.
//*****
private class ButtonListener implements ActionListener
{
    //-----
    // Updates the counter and label when the button is pushed.
    //-----
    public void actionPerformed (ActionEvent event)
    {
        count++;
        label.setText("Pushes: " + count);
    }
}
}

```

PushCounter.java - Sample Execution

- The following is a sample execution of PushCounter.class



Push Counter Example

- The components of the GUI are the button, a label to display the counter, a panel to organize the components, and the main frame
- The `PushCounterPanel` class represents the panel used to display the button and label
- The `PushCounterPanel` class is derived from `JPanel` using inheritance
- The constructor of `PushCounterPanel` sets up the elements of the GUI and initializes the counter to zero

Push Counter Example

- The `ButtonListener` class is the listener for the action event generated by the button
- It is implemented as an *inner class*, which means it is defined within the body of another class
- That facilitates the communication between the listener and the GUI components
- Inner classes should only be used in situations where there is an intimate relationship between the two classes and the inner class is not needed in any other context

Push Counter Example

- Listener classes are written by implementing a *listener interface*
- The `ButtonListener` class implements the `ActionListener` interface
- An interface is a list of methods that the implementing class must define
- The only method in the `ActionListener` interface is the `actionPerformed` method
- The Java class library contains interfaces for many types of events

Push Counter Example

- The `PushCounterPanel` constructor:
 - instantiates the `ButtonListener` object
 - establishes the relationship between the button and the listener by the call to `addActionListener`
- When the user presses the button, the button component creates an `ActionEvent` object and calls the `actionPerformed` method of the listener
- The `actionPerformed` method increments the counter and resets the text of the label

Text Fields

- Let's look at another GUI example that uses another type of component
- A *text field* allows the user to enter one line of input
- If the cursor is in the text field, the text field component generates an action event when the enter key is pressed
- See [Fahrenheit.java](#)
- See [FahrenheitPanel.java](#)

```

//*****
// Fahrenheit.java
//
// Demonstrates the use of text fields.
//*****

```

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

```

public class Fahrenheit
{
    //-----
    // Creates and displays the temperature converter GUI.
    //-----
    public static void main (String[] args)
    {
        JFrame frame = new JFrame ("Fahrenheit");
        frame.setDefaultCloseOperation (JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);

        FahrenheitPanel panel = new FahrenheitPanel();

        frame.getContentPane().add(panel);
        frame.pack();
        frame.setVisible(true);
    }
}

```

```

//*****
// FahrenheitPanel.java
//
// Demonstrates the use of text fields.
//*****

import java.awt.*;
import java.awt.event.*;
import javax.swing.*;

public class FahrenheitPanel extends JPanel
{
    private JLabel inputLabel, outputLabel, resultLabel;
    private JTextField fahrenheit;

    //-----
    // Constructor: Sets up the main GUI components.
    //-----
    public FahrenheitPanel()
    {
        inputLabel = new JLabel ("Enter Fahrenheit temperature:");
        outputLabel = new JLabel ("Temperature in Celsius: ");
        resultLabel = new JLabel ("---");
    }

```

```

    fahrenheit = new JTextField (5);
    fahrenheit.addActionListener (new TempListener());

    add (inputLabel);
    add (fahrenheit);
    add (outputLabel);
    add (resultLabel);

    setPreferredSize (new Dimension(300, 75));
    setBackground (Color.yellow);
}
//*****
// Represents an action listener for the temperature input field.

//*****
private class TempListener implements ActionListener
{
    //-----
    // Performs the conversion when the enter key is pressed in
    // the text field.
    //-----

```

```

public void actionPerformed (ActionEvent event)
{
    int fahrenheitTemp, celsiusTemp;

    String text = fahrenheit.getText();

    fahrenheitTemp = Integer.parseInt (text);
    celsiusTemp = (fahrenheitTemp-32) * 5/9;

    resultLabel.setText (Integer.toString (celsiusTemp));
}
}

```

Fahrenheit.java - Sample Execution

- The following is a sample execution of Fahrenheit.class



Fahrenheit Example

- Like the `PushCounter` example, the GUI is set up in a separate panel class
- The `TempListener` inner class defines the listener for the action event generated by the text field
- The `FahrenheitPanel` constructor instantiates the listener and adds it to the text field
- When the user types a temperature and presses enter, the text field generates the action event and calls the `actionPerformed` method of the listener
- The `actionPerformed` method computes the conversion and updates the result label