

Java Programming

JavaFX Basics



Review of Lecture 6

- **Polymorphism:**

- Used to **write code that does not depends on specific objects.**
 - Create a superclass object
 - Assign subclass objects to superclass references
 - Call superclass method **overridden** in subclasses
- Dynamic binding
- Abstract class – incomplete methods (abstract)
`public abstract void draw();`
- Used only **as superclasses in inheritance hierarchies.**

- Cannot instantiate objects of abstract superclasses.
- Polymorphism can be implemented with abstract superclasses and concrete classes that **override** abstract methods of the superclass.
- `instanceOf` operator
- `getClass` method of Object class
- A **final** method in a superclass cannot be overridden in a subclass

Review of Lecture 6

- A **final** class cannot be extended to create a subclass.
- All methods in a **final** class are implicitly **final**.
- Class **String** is an example of a final class.
- A Java interface **describes a set of methods that can be called on an object**.
- Interfaces offer a capability requiring that **unrelated classes implement a set of common methods**.
- All methods declared in an interface are **implicitly public abstract methods**.
- All fields are **implicitly public, static** and **final**.
- A concrete class must specify that it **implements** the interface and must implement each method in the interface with specified signature.
- In Java SE 8, interfaces also may contain public default methods with concrete default implementations.

Lesson 7 Objectives

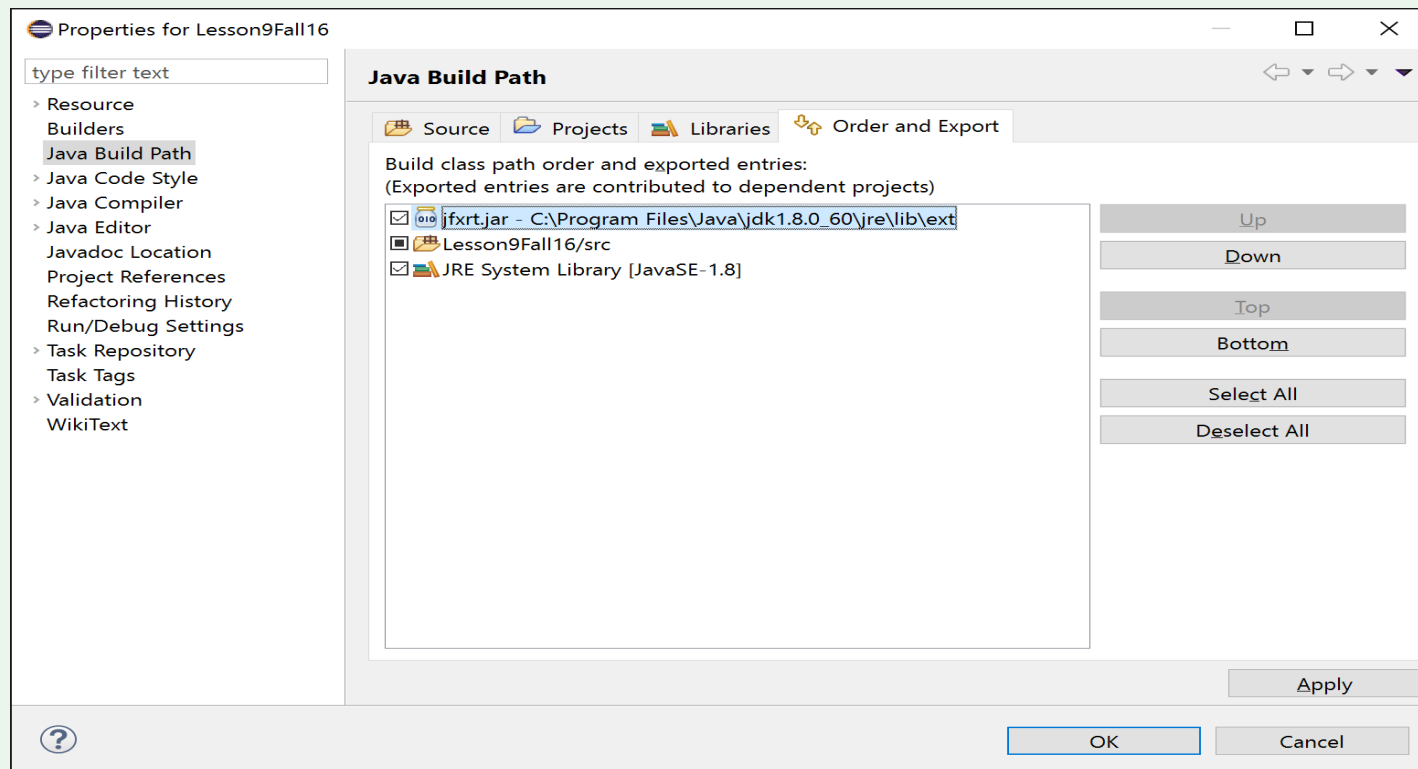
- Explain JavaFX.
- Develop JavaFX application using layout panes, buttons, labels, text fields, colors, fonts, images, image views, and shapes.

Introduction to JavaFX

- JavaFX is a new framework for developing Java GUI programs.
 - Allows the use of **powerful Java features**, such as generics, annotations, multithreading, and Lambda Expressions (introduced in Java SE 8).
 - Makes it easier for Web developers to **use JavaFX from other JVM-based dynamic languages**, such as Groovy and JavaScript.
 - Allows Java developers to **use other system languages**, such as Groovy, for writing large or complex JavaFX applications.

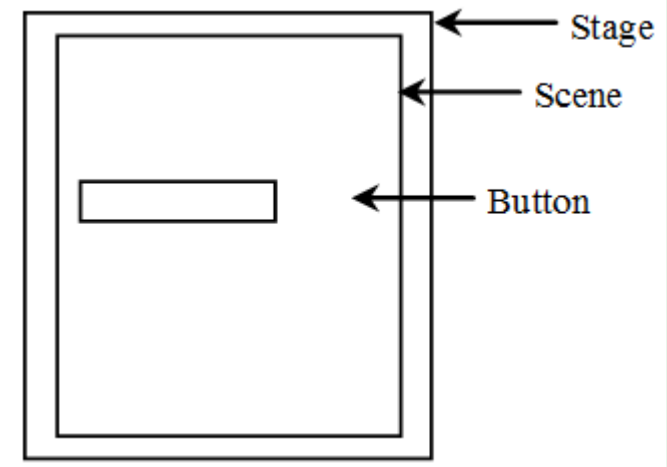
Configuring JavaFX in Eclipse Neone

- See my document on eCentennial:



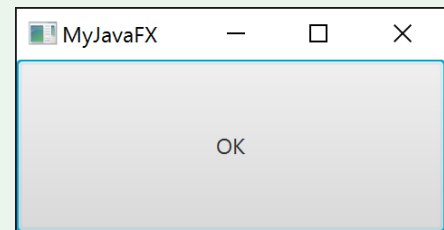
Anatomy of a JavaFX application

- The main class for a JavaFX application **extends** the `javafx.application.Application` class.
- The **start()** method is the **main entry** point for all JavaFX applications.
- A JavaFX application defines the **user interface container** by means of a **stage** and a **scene**.
 - The JavaFX **Stage** class is the top-level JavaFX container.
 - The JavaFX **Scene** class is the container for all content.

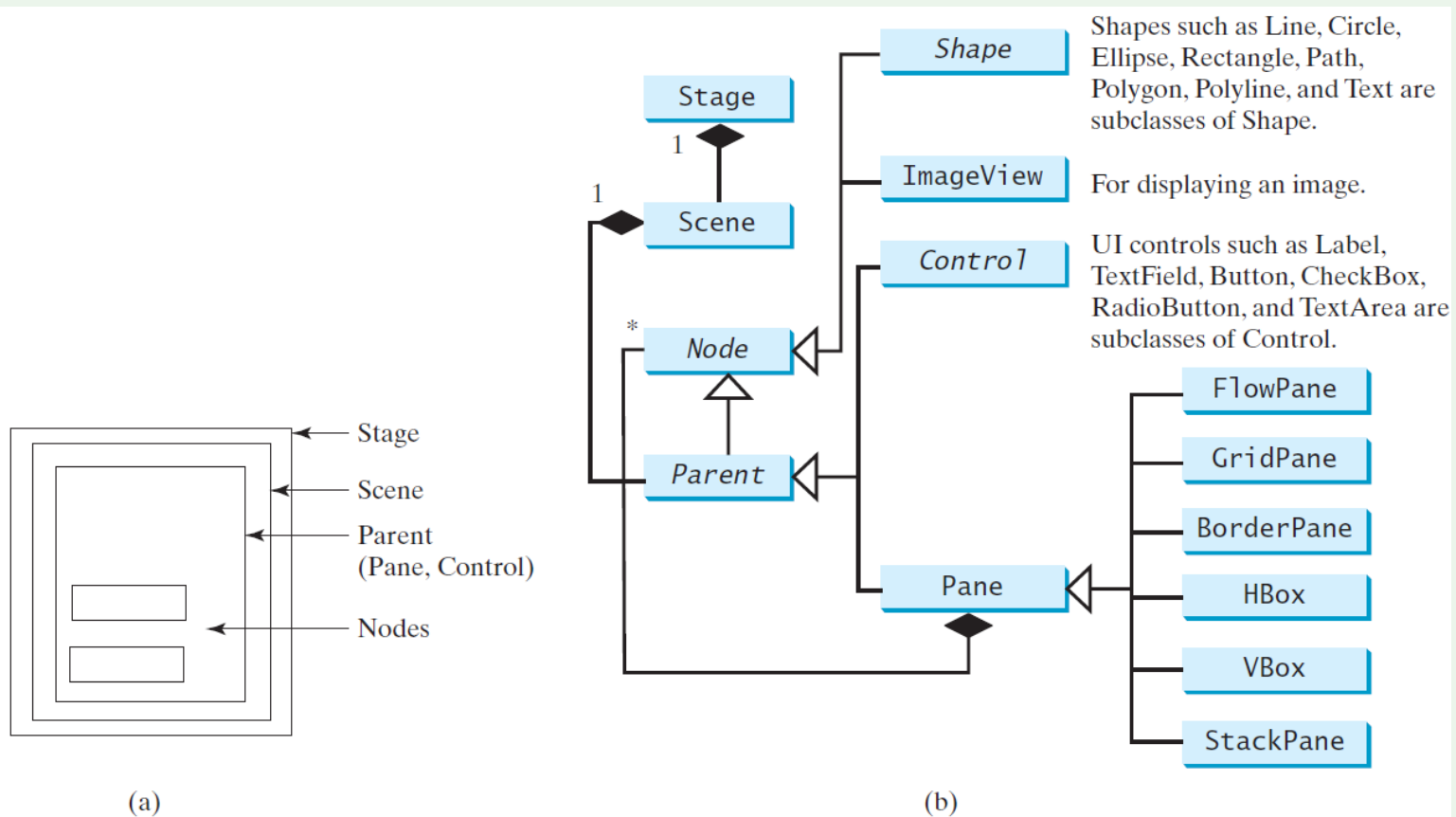


Anatomy of a JavaFX application

```
public class MyJavaFX extends Application {  
    @Override // Override the start method in the Application class  
    public void start(Stage primaryStage) {  
        // Create a button and place it in the scene  
        Button btOK = new Button("OK");  
        Scene scene = new Scene(btOK, 200, 250);  
        primaryStage.setTitle("MyJavaFX"); // Set the stage title  
        primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene in the stage  
        primaryStage.show(); // Display the stage  
    }  
}
```



JavaFX Layout classes



Layout Panes

- JavaFX provides many types of panes for organizing nodes in a container.

<i>Class</i>	<i>Description</i>
Pane	Base class for layout panes. It contains the getChildren() method for returning a list of nodes in the pane.
StackPane	Places the nodes on top of each other in the center of the pane.
FlowPane	Places the nodes row-by-row horizontally or column-by-column vertically.
GridPane	Places the nodes in the cells in a two-dimensional grid.
BorderPane	Places the nodes in the top, right, bottom, left, and center regions.
HBox	Places the nodes in a single row.
VBox	Places the nodes in a single column.

FlowPane layout

- Lays out its children in a flow that wraps at the flowpane's boundary

```
public class ShowFlowPane extends Application {  
    @Override // Override the start method in the Application class  
    public void start(Stage primaryStage) {  
        // Create a pane and set its properties  
        FlowPane pane = new FlowPane();  
        pane.setPadding(new Insets(11, 12, 13, 14));  
        pane.setHgap(5);  
        pane.setVgap(5);  
        // Place nodes in the pane  
        pane.getChildren().addAll(new Label("First Name:"),  
                                   new TextField(), new Label("MI:"));  
        TextField tfMi = new TextField();  
        tfMi.setPrefColumnCount(1);  
        pane.getChildren().addAll(tfMi, new Label("Last Name:"), new TextField());  
    }  
}
```

FlowPane layout

// Create a scene and place it in the stage

```
Scene scene = new Scene(pane, 200, 250);
```

```
primaryStage.setTitle("ShowFlowPane"); // Set the stage title
```

```
primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene in the stage
```

```
primaryStage.show(); // Display the stage
```

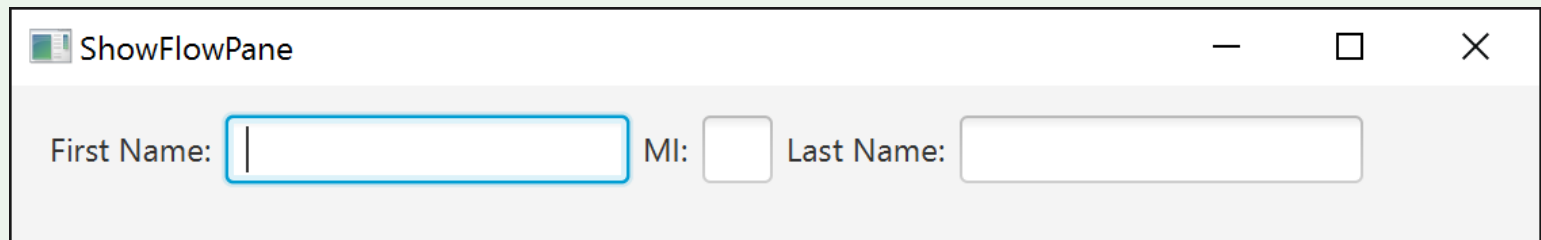
```
}
```

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

```
    launch(args);
```

```
}
```

```
}
```



GridPane layout

- Lays out its children within a flexible grid of rows and columns

```
public class ShowGridPane extends Application {
```

```
    @Override // Override the start method in the Application class
```

```
    public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
```

```
        // Create a pane and set its properties
```

```
        GridPane pane = new GridPane();
```

```
        pane.setAlignment(Pos.CENTER);
```

```
        pane.setPadding(new Insets(11.5, 12.5, 13.5, 14.5));
```

```
        pane.setHgap(5.5);
```

```
        pane.setVgap(5.5);
```

```
        // Place nodes in the pane
```

```
        pane.add(new Label("First Name:"), 0, 0);
```

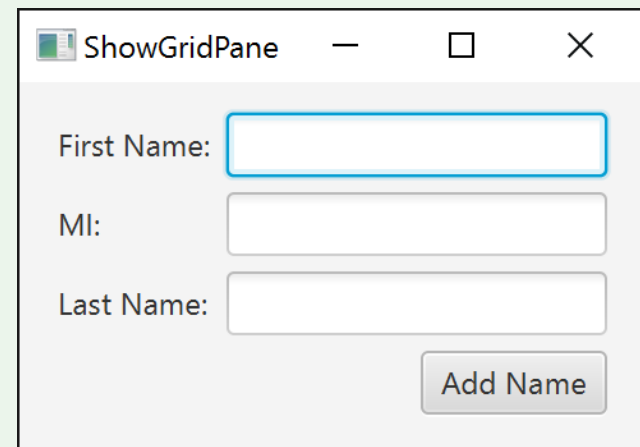
```
        pane.add(new TextField(), 1, 0);
```

```
        pane.add(new Label("MI:"), 0, 1);
```

```
        pane.add(new TextField(), 1, 1);
```

```
        pane.add(new Label("Last Name:"), 0, 2);
```

```
        pane.add(new TextField(), 1, 2);
```



GridPane layout

```
Button btAdd = new Button("Add Name");  
pane.add(btAdd, 1, 3);  
GridPane.setAlignment(btAdd, HPos.RIGHT);
```

// Create a scene and place it in the stage

```
Scene scene = new Scene(pane);  
primaryStage.setTitle("ShowGridPane"); // Set the stage title  
primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene in the stage  
primaryStage.show(); // Display the stage
```

```
}
```

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

```
    launch(args);
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

BorderPane layout

- Lays out children in top, left, right, bottom, and center positions

```
public class ShowBorderPane extends Application {
```

```
    @Override // Override the start method in the Application class
```

```
    public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
```

```
        // Create a border pane
```

```
        BorderPane pane = new BorderPane();
```

```
        // Place nodes in the pane
```

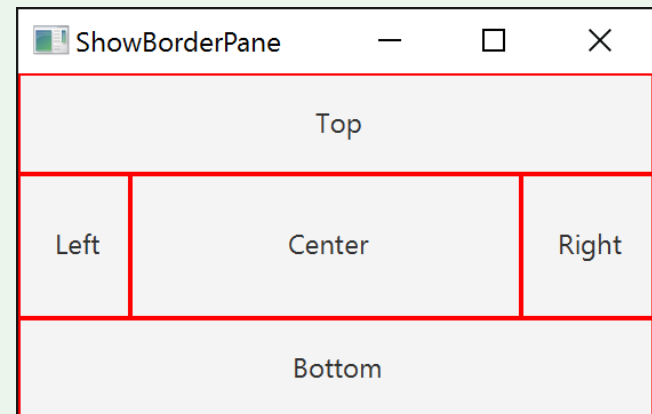
```
        pane.setTop(new CustomPane("Top"));
```

```
        pane.setRight(new CustomPane("Right"));
```

```
        pane.setBottom(new CustomPane("Bottom"));
```

```
        pane.setLeft(new CustomPane("Left"));
```

```
        pane.setCenter(new CustomPane("Center"));
```



BorderPane layout

```
// Create a scene and place it in the stage
    Scene scene = new Scene(pane);
    primaryStage.setTitle("ShowBorderPane"); // Set the stage title
    primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene in the stage
    primaryStage.show(); // Display the stage
}
}

// Define a custom pane to hold a label in the center of the pane
class CustomPane extends StackPane {
    public CustomPane(String title) {
        getChildren().add(new Label(title));
        setStyle("-fx-border-color: red");
        setPadding(new Insets(11.5, 12.5, 13.5, 14.5));
    }
}
```


XBox layout

- Lays out its children in a single horizontal row:

```
public class ShowHBoxVBox extends Application {  
    @Override // Override the start method in the Application class  
    public void start(Stage primaryStage) {  
        // Create a border pane  
        BorderPane pane = new BorderPane();  
        // Place nodes in the pane  
        pane.setTop(getHBox());  
        pane.setLeft(getVBox());  
        // Create a scene and place it in the stage  
        Scene scene = new Scene(pane);  
        primaryStage.setTitle("ShowHBoxVBox"); // Set the stage title  
        primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene in the stage  
        primaryStage.show(); // Display the stage  
    }  
}
```

XBox layout

```
private HBox getHBox() {  
    HBox hBox = new HBox(15);  
    hBox.setPadding(new Insets(15, 15, 15, 15));  
    hBox.setStyle("-fx-background-color: gold");  
    hBox.getChildren().add(new Button("Computer Science"));  
    hBox.getChildren().add(new Button("Chemistry"));  
    ImageView imageView = new ImageView(new Image("images/ca.gif"));  
    hBox.getChildren().add(imageView);  
    return hBox;  
}
```

Vbox layout

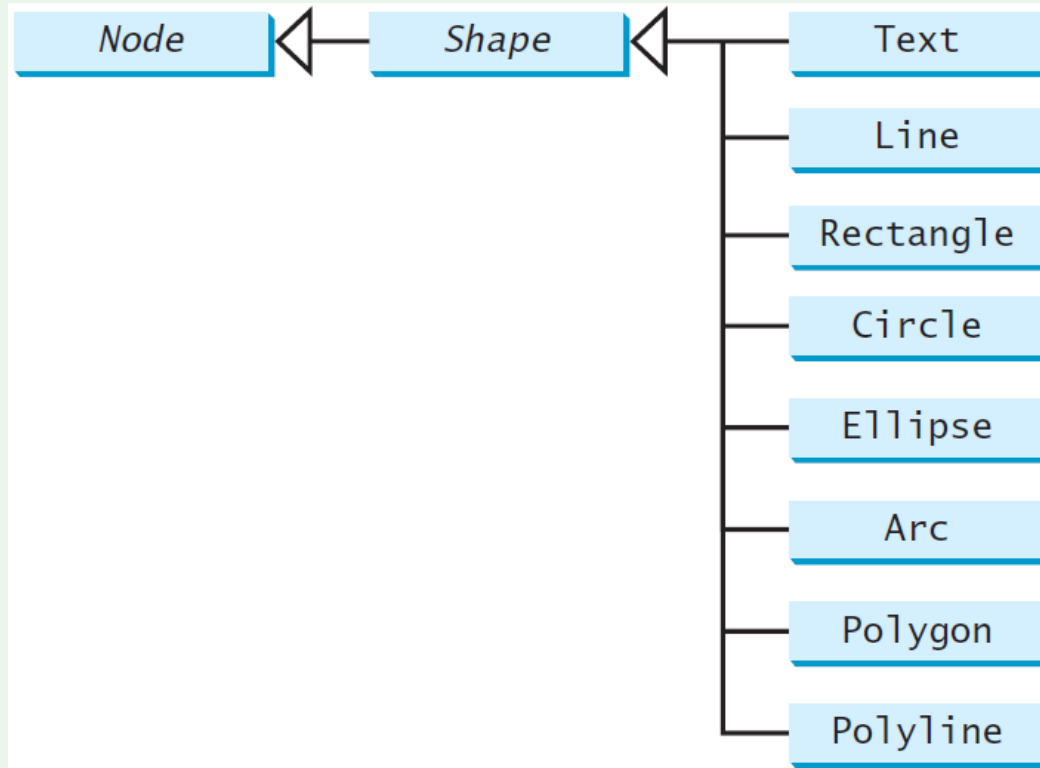
- Lays out its children in a single vertical column:

```
private VBox getVBox() {
    VBox vBox = new VBox(15);
    vBox.setPadding(new Insets(15, 5, 5, 5));
    vBox.getChildren().add(new Label("Courses"));
    Label[] courses = {new Label("CSCI 1301"), new Label("CSCI 1302"),
        new Label("CSCI 2410"), new Label("CSCI 3720")};
    for (Label course: courses) {
        VBox.setMargin(course, new Insets(0, 0, 0, 15));
        vBox.getChildren().add(course);
    }
    return vBox;
}

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

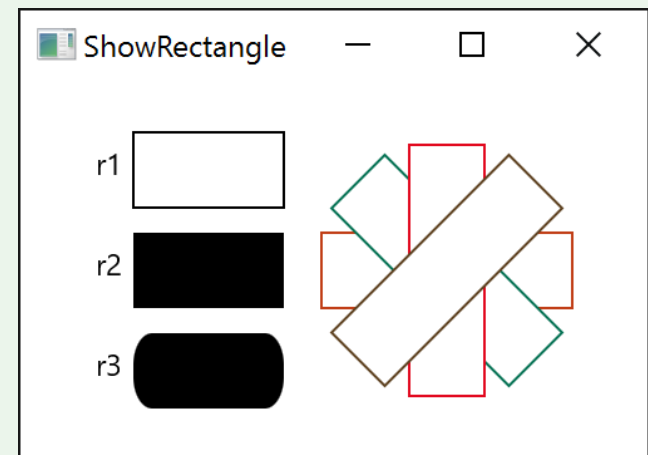
Shapes

- JavaFX provides many shape classes for drawing texts, lines, circles, rectangles, ellipses, arcs, polygons, and polylines.



Rectangle example

```
public class ShowRectangle extends Application {  
    @Override // Override the start method in the Application class  
    public void start(Stage primaryStage) {  
        // Create rectangles  
        Rectangle r1 = new Rectangle(25, 10, 60, 30);  
        r1.setStroke(Color.BLACK);  
        r1.setFill(Color.WHITE);  
        Rectangle r2 = new Rectangle(25, 50, 60, 30);  
        Rectangle r3 = new Rectangle(25, 90, 60, 30);  
        r3.setArcWidth(15);  
        r3.setArcHeight(25);  
  
        // Create a group and add nodes to the group  
        Group group = new Group();  
        group.getChildren().addAll(new Text(10, 27, "r1"), r1,  
            new Text(10, 67, "r2"), r2, new Text(10, 107, "r3"), r3);  
    }  
}
```

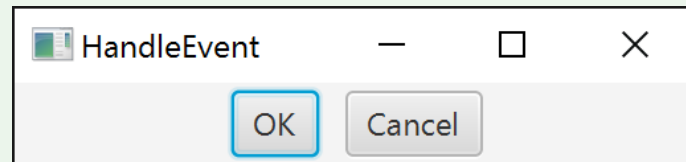


Rectangle example

```
for (int i = 0; i < 4; i++) {  
    Rectangle r = new Rectangle(100, 50, 100, 30);  
    r.setRotate(i * 360 / 8);  
    r.setStroke(Color.color(Math.random(), Math.random(), Math.random()));  
    r.setFill(Color.WHITE);  
    group.getChildren().add(r);  
}  
  
// Create a scene and place it in the stage  
Scene scene = new Scene(new BorderPane(group), 250, 150);  
primaryStage.setTitle("ShowRectangle"); // Set the stage title  
primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene in the stage  
primaryStage.show(); // Display the stage  
}
```

Event Handling in JavaFX

```
public class HandleEvent extends Application {  
    @Override // Override the start method in the Application class  
    public void start(Stage primaryStage) {  
        // Create a pane and set its properties  
        HBox pane = new HBox(10);  
        pane.setAlignment(Pos.CENTER);  
        Button btOK = new Button("OK");  
        Button btCancel = new Button("Cancel");  
        OKHandlerClass handler1 = new OKHandlerClass();  
        btOK.setOnAction(handler1);  
        CancelHandlerClass handler2 = new CancelHandlerClass(); //create handler object  
        btCancel.setOnAction(handler2); //register the handler object  
        pane.getChildren().addAll(btOK, btCancel); //add buttons to the scene  
    }  
}
```



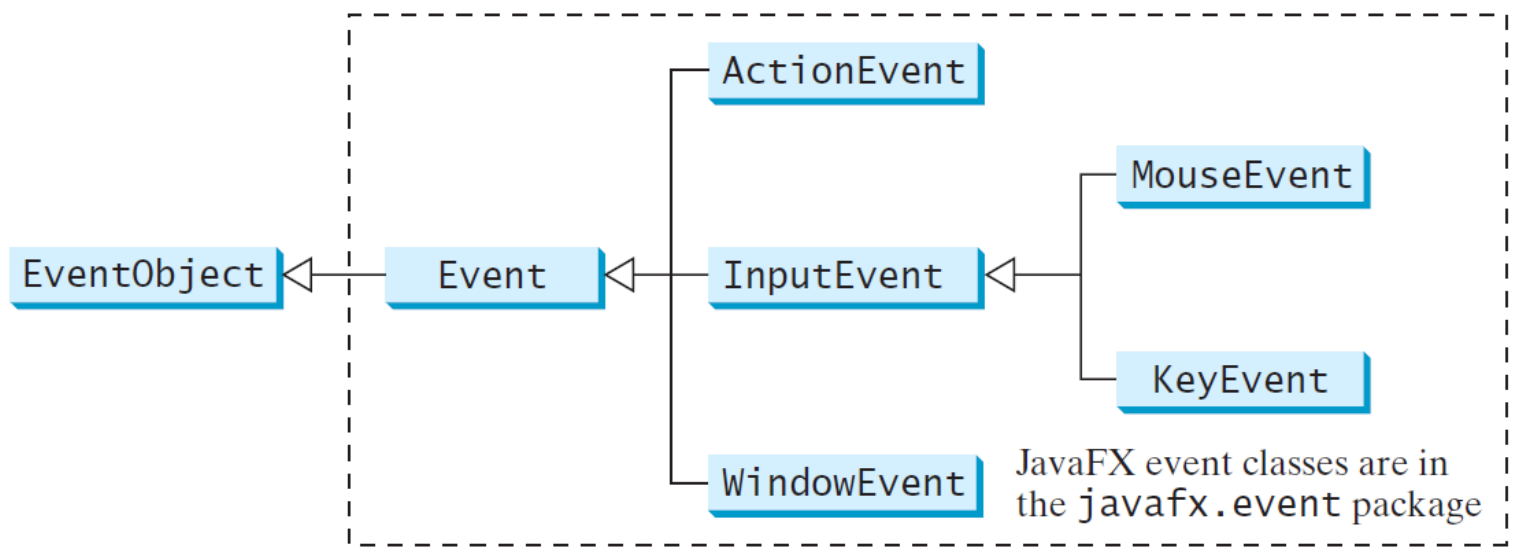
Event Handling in JavaFX

```
// Create a scene and place it in the stage
Scene scene = new Scene(pane);
primaryStage.setTitle("HandleEvent"); // Set the stage title
primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene in the stage
primaryStage.show(); // Display the stage
}

class OKHandlerClass implements EventHandler<ActionEvent> {
    @Override
    public void handle(ActionEvent e) {    System.out.println("OK button clicked"); }
}

class CancelHandlerClass implements EventHandler<ActionEvent> {
    @Override
    public void handle(ActionEvent e) { System.out.println("Cancel button clicked"); }
}
```


Event classes in JavaFX

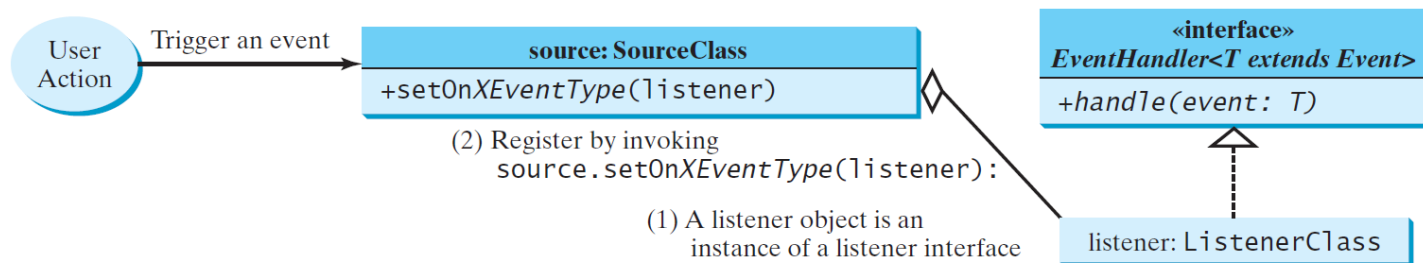


- You can identify the source object of the event using the `getSource()` instance method in the `EventObject` class.

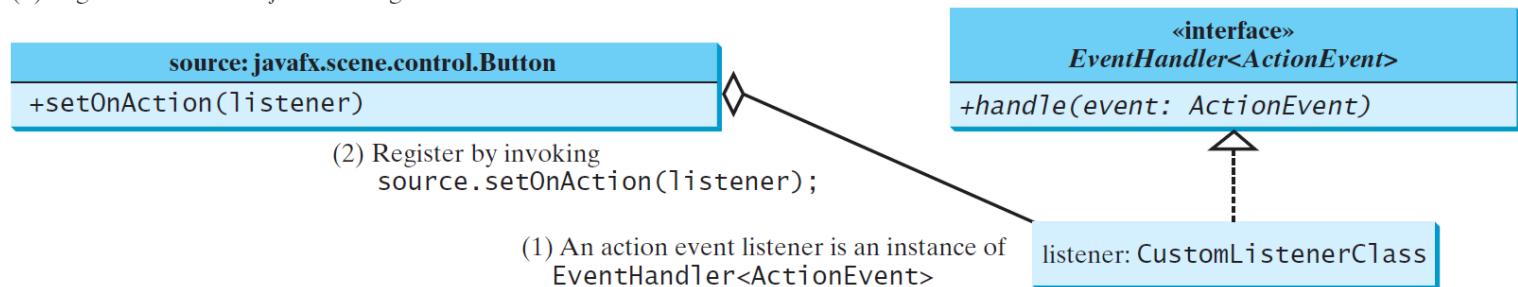
Selected User Actions and Handlers

<i>User Action</i>	<i>Source Object</i>	<i>Event Type Fired</i>	<i>Event Registration Method</i>
Click a button	Button	ActionEvent	setOnAction(EventHandler<ActionEvent>)
Press Enter in a text field	TextField	ActionEvent	setOnAction(EventHandler<ActionEvent>)
Check or uncheck	RadioButton	ActionEvent	setOnAction(EventHandler<ActionEvent>)
Check or uncheck	CheckBox	ActionEvent	setOnAction(EventHandler<ActionEvent>)
Select a new item	ComboBox	ActionEvent	setOnAction(EventHandler<ActionEvent>)
Mouse pressed	Node, Scene	MouseEvent	setOnMousePressed(EventHandler<MouseEvent>)
Mouse released			setOnMouseReleased(EventHandler<MouseEvent>)
Mouse clicked			setOnMouseClicked(EventHandler<MouseEvent>)
Mouse entered			setOnMouseEntered(EventHandler<MouseEvent>)
Mouse exited			setOnMouseExited(EventHandler<MouseEvent>)
Mouse moved			setOnMouseMoved(EventHandler<MouseEvent>)
Mouse dragged			setOnMouseDragged(EventHandler<MouseEvent>)
Key pressed		KeyEvent	setOnKeyPressed(EventHandler<KeyEvent>)
Key released			setOnKeyReleased(EventHandler<KeyEvent>)
Key typed			setOnKeyTyped(EventHandler<KeyEvent>)

The Delegation Model



(a) A generic source object with a generic event T



(b) A Button source object with an ActionEvent

```
Button btOK = new Button("OK");
OKHandlerClass handler = new OKHandlerClass();
btOK.setOnAction(handler);
```

Lambda Expressions

- Lambda expression is a new feature in Java 8. Lambda expressions can be viewed as an anonymous method with a concise syntax.
- For example, the following code in (a) can be greatly simplified using a lambda expression in (b) in three lines.

```
btEnlarge.setOnAction(  
    new EventHandler<ActionEvent>() {  
        @Override  
        public void handle(ActionEvent e) {  
            // Code for processing event e  
        }  
    }  
);
```

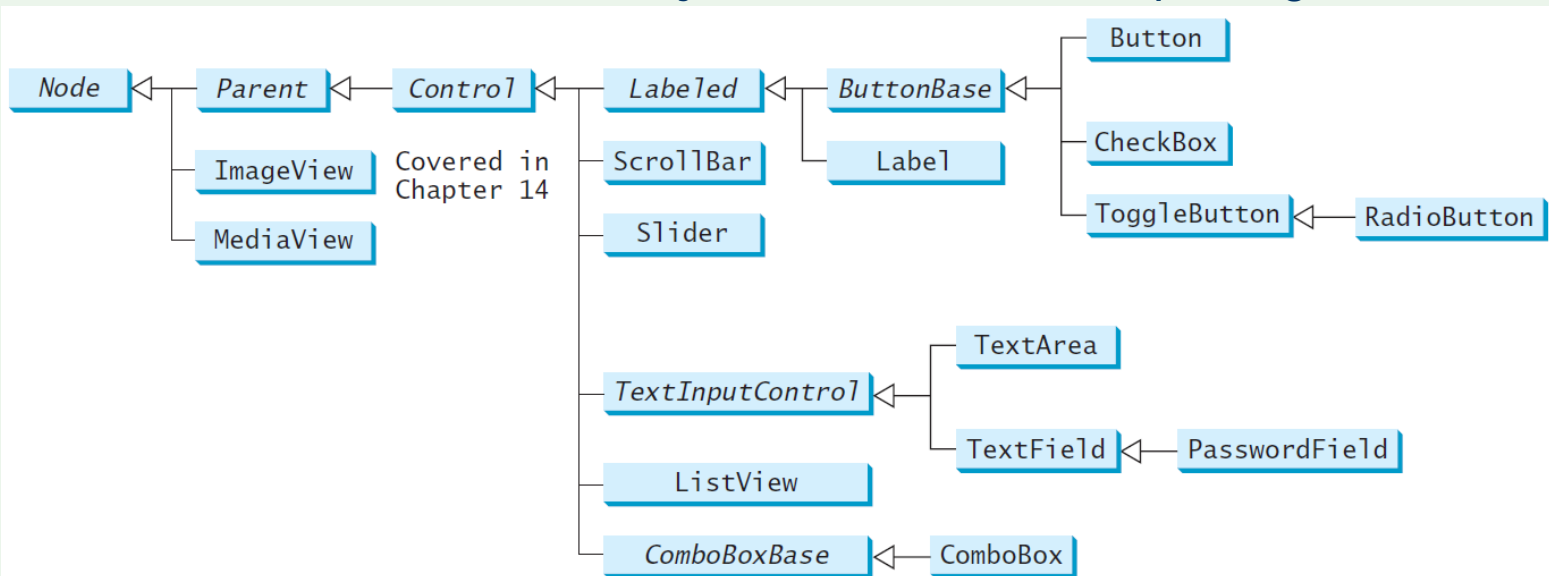
(a) Anonymous inner class event handler

```
btEnlarge.setOnAction(e -> {  
    // Code for processing event e  
});
```

(b) Lambda expression event handler

JavaFX GUI classes

- The JavaFX UI controls are built by **using nodes in the scene graph**.
- They can take full advantage of the **visually rich** features of the JavaFX platform and are **portable** across different platforms.
- JavaFX CSS allows for **theming** and **skinning** of the UI controls.
- These controls reside in the **javafx.scene.control** package.



Using Label class

- Used to display a text element and/or image

```
ImageView ca = new ImageView(new Image("image/ca.gif"));
```

```
Label lb1 = new Label("Canada", ca);
```

```
lb1.setStyle("-fx-border-color: green; -fx-border-width: 2");
```

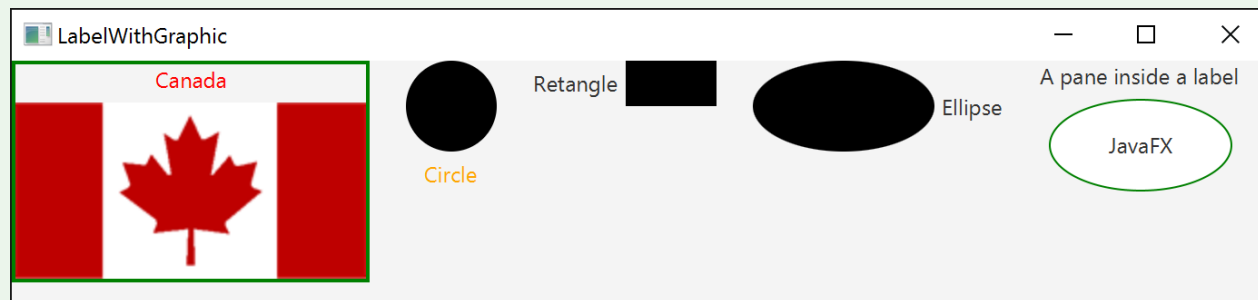
```
lb1.setContentDisplay(ContentDisplay.BOTTOM);
```

```
lb1.setTextFill(Color.RED);
```

```
HBox pane = new HBox(20);
```

```
pane.getChildren().add(lb1);
```

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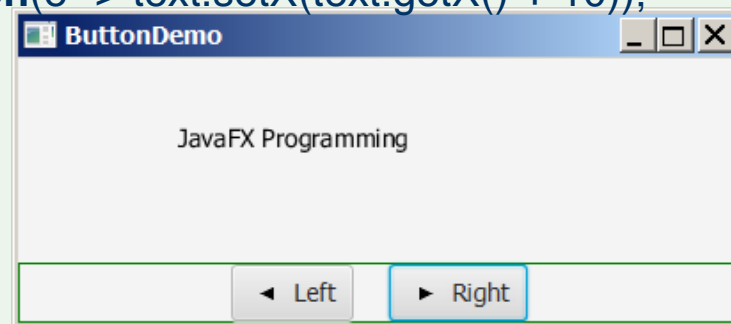


Button class

- Enables developers to process an action when a user clicks a button

```
HBox paneForButtons = new HBox(20);
Button btLeft = new Button("Left", new ImageView("image/left.gif"));
Button btRight = new Button("Right", new ImageView("image/right.gif"));
paneForButtons.getChildren().addAll(btLeft, btRight);
BorderPane pane = new BorderPane();
pane.setBottom(paneForButtons);
btLeft.setOnAction(e -> text.setX(text.getX() - 10));
btRight.setOnAction(e -> text.setX(text.getX() + 10));
```

.....

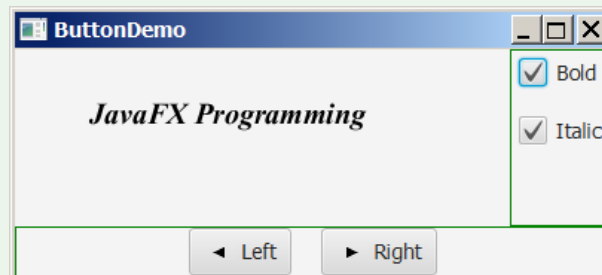


CheckBox class

- Allow users to select or deselect a set of choices

```
VBox paneForCheckBoxes = new VBox(20);
paneForCheckBoxes.setPadding(new Insets(5, 5, 5, 5));
paneForCheckBoxes.setStyle("-fx-border-color: green");
CheckBox chkBold = new CheckBox("Bold");
CheckBox chkItalic = new CheckBox("Italic");
paneForCheckBoxes.getChildren().addAll(chkBold, chkItalic);
pane.setRight(paneForCheckBoxes);
```

.....

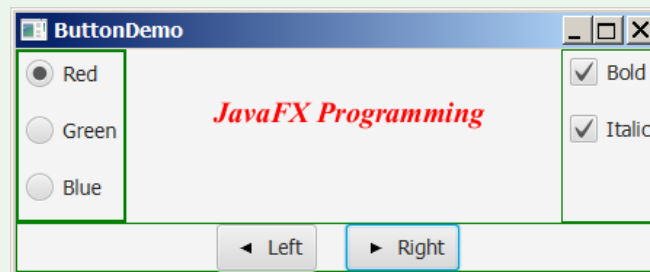


RadioButton class

- Allow users to select among mutually exclusive choices:

```
VBox paneForRadioButtons = new VBox(20);
paneForRadioButtons.setPadding(new Insets(5, 5, 5, 5));
paneForRadioButtons.setStyle("-fx-border-color: green");
paneForRadioButtons.setStyle("-fx-border-width: 2px; -fx-border-color: green");
RadioButton rbRed = new RadioButton("Red");
RadioButton rbGreen = new RadioButton("Green");
RadioButton rbBlue = new RadioButton("Blue");
paneForRadioButtons.getChildren().addAll(rbRed, rbGreen, rbBlue);
pane.setLeft(paneForRadioButtons);
```

.....

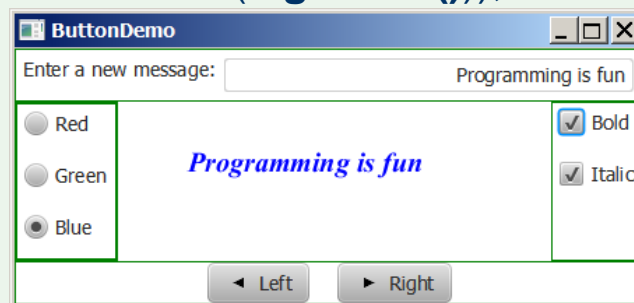


TextField class

- Used to accept and display text input:

```
BorderPane paneForTextField = new BorderPane();
paneForTextField.setPadding(new Insets(5, 5, 5, 5));
paneForTextField.setStyle("-fx-border-color: green");
paneForTextField.setLeft(new Label("Enter a new message: "));
TextField tf = new TextField();
tf.setAlignment(Pos.BOTTOM_RIGHT);
paneForTextField.setCenter(tf);
pane.setTop(paneForTextField);
tf.setOnAction(e -> text.setText(tf.getText()));
```

.....



TextArea class

```
TextArea taDescription = new TextArea();  
ScrollPane scrollPane = new ScrollPane(taDescription);  
setCenter(scrollPane);  
setPadding(new Insets(5, 5, 5, 5));
```

.....



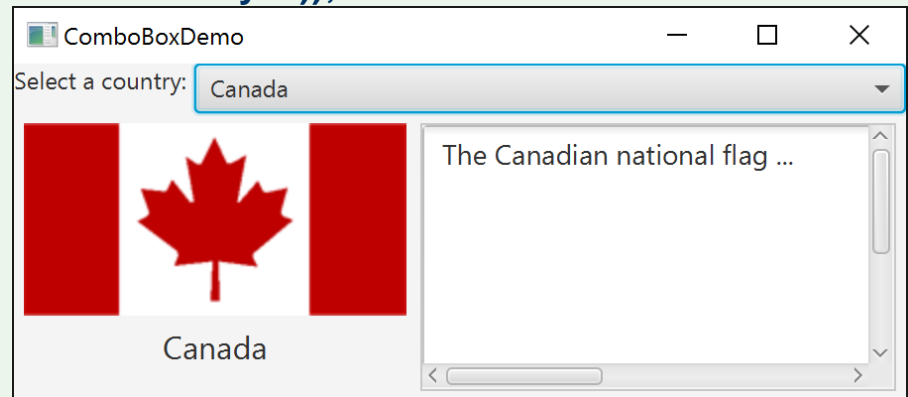
ComboBox

- Enables users to choose one of several options
- Define the items as an observable list

```
ComboBox<String> cbo = new ComboBox<>();  
ObservableList<String> options = FXCollections.observableArrayList("Canada","USA");  
BorderPane paneForComboBox = new BorderPane();  
paneForComboBox.setLeft(new Label("Select a country: "));  
paneForComboBox.setCenter(cbo);  
pane.setTop(paneForComboBox);  
cbo.setPrefWidth(400);  
cbo.setValue("Canada");  
cbo.getItems().addAll(items);
```

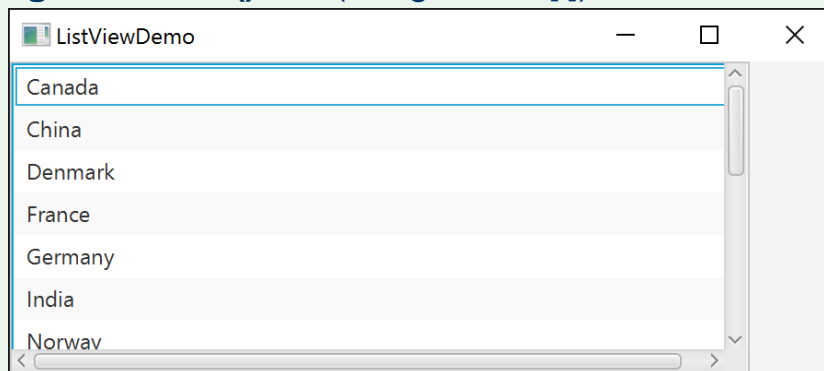
```
cbo.setOnAction(e -> setDisplay(items.indexOf(cbo.getValue())));
```

.....



ListView - scrollable list of items

```
ListView<String> lv = new ListView<> (FXCollections.observableArrayList(flagTitles));
lv.setPrefSize(400, 400);
lv.getSelectionModel().setSelectionMode(SelectionMode.MULTIPLE);
FlowPane imagePane = new FlowPane(10, 10);
BorderPane pane = new BorderPane();
pane.setLeft(new ScrollPane(lv));
pane.setCenter(imagePane);
lv.getSelectionModel().selectedItemProperty().addListener(ov -> {
    imagePane.getChildren().clear();
    for (Integer i: lv.getSelectionModel().getSelectedIndices()) {
        imagePane.getChildren().add(ImageViews[i]);
    }
});
```



UI Controls example

- Use a `BorderPane` for the Scene layout
- Use a `GridPane` to create the entries form
- Use `Label`, `TextField`, `Button` controls for the form
- Use `Radio` buttons for mutually exclusive options
- Use `TextArea` to display the entries
- Use a `ScrollPane` to provide scrolling abilities.
- Use styles to provide change the format of controls and text.
- Use lambda expressions to handle events

UI Controls example

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