



# Graphical User Interfaces

# Introduction

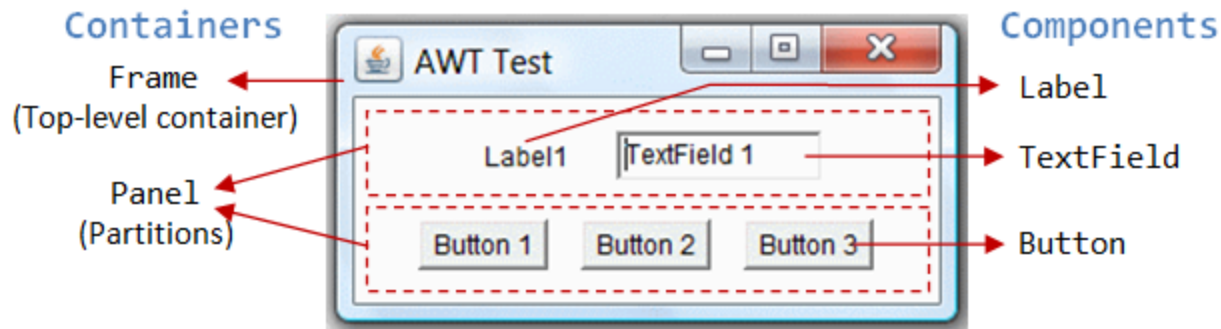
- ❑ Graphical user interface (GUI)
- ❑ Java 1.0
  - ❑ **AWT** (Abstract Windowing Toolkit)
  - ❑ Most of the AWT components have become **obsolete** and should be **replaced by newer Swing components**
- ❑ Java 2 (JDK 1.2)
  - ❑ Java Foundation Classes (JFC)
  - ❑ **Swing** - part of JFC
  - ❑ Java 2D, Accessibility, Internationalization, and Pluggable Look-and-Feel Support APIs
- ❑ Others have also provided Graphics APIs that work with Java
  - ❑ Eclipse's Standard Widget Toolkit (SWT) (used in Eclipse)
  - ❑ Google Web Toolkit (GWT) (used in Android)
  - ❑ etc.

# AWT Packages

- ❑ AWT is huge! It consists of 12 packages
  - ❑ Only 2 packages are commonly-used
- ❑ **java.awt** package contains the **core AWT graphics classes**
  - ❑ GUI Component classes: *Button*, *TextField*, *Label*, etc.
  - ❑ GUI Container classes: *Frame*, *Panel*, *Dialog*, *ScrollPane*, etc.
  - ❑ Layout managers: *FlowLayout*, *BorderLayout*, *GridLayout*, etc.
  - ❑ Custom graphics classes: *Graphics*, *Color*, *Font*, etc.
- ❑ **java.awt.event** package supports **event handling**
  - ❑ Event classes: *ActionEvent*, *MouseEvent*, *KeyEvent* and *WindowEvent*, etc.
  - ❑ Event Listener Interfaces: *ActionListener*, *MouseListener*, *KeyListener*, *WindowListener*, etc.
  - ❑ Event Listener Adapter classes: *MouseAdapter*, *KeyAdapter*, *WindowAdapter*, etc.

# Containers and Components

- ❑ Two types of GUI elements
- ❑ **Component**: Components are elementary **GUI entities**
  - ❑ Button, Label, TextField, etc.
- ❑ **Container**: Containers are used to **hold components in a specific layout** (such as flow or grid)
  - ❑ Containers: Frame, Panel and Applet
  - ❑ Layout: flow, grid, etc.
  - ❑ A container can also hold sub-containers



# AWT Container Classes

## ■ **Top-Level Containers: *Frame*, *Dialog* and *Applet***

- A **Frame** provides the "main window" for the GUI application
- An AWT **Dialog** is a "pop-up window" used for interacting with the users
- An AWT **Applet** is the top-level container for an applet

```
1 // Using Frame class in package java.awt
```

```
2 import java.awt.Frame;
```

```
4 // A GUI program is written as
```

```
5 // - the top-level container
```

```
6 // This subclass inherits all
```

```
7 // e.g., title, icon, buttons,
```

```
8 public class MyGUIProgram exte
```

```
10 // Constructor to setup the
```

```
11 public MyGUIProgram() { ...
```

```
13 // Other methods
```

```
14 .....  
15 .....
```

```
17 // The entry main() method
```

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

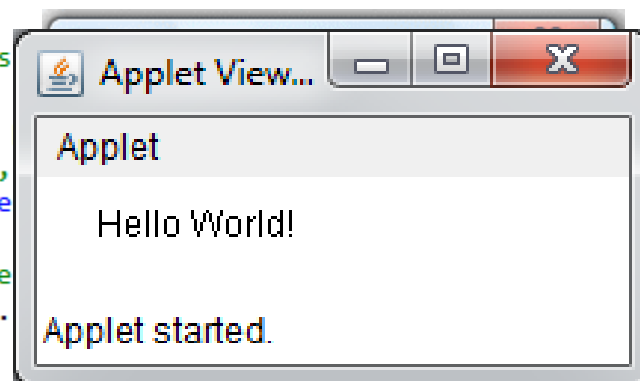
```
19     // Invoke the constructor (to setup the GUI)
```

```
20     // by allocating an instance
```

```
21     new MyGUIProgram();
```

```
22 }
```

```
23 }
```



Window-Buttons

Menu Bar  
(Optional)

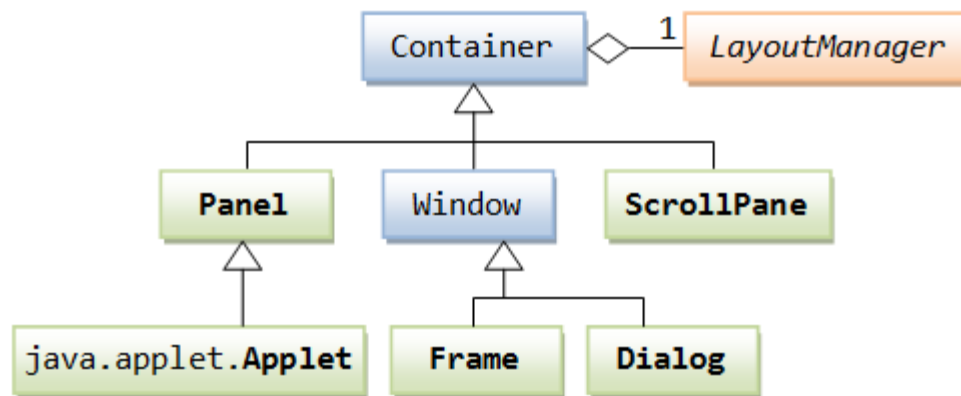
Content Pane

# AWT Container Classes (Cont.)

## ❑ Secondary Containers: *Panel* and *ScrollPane*

- ❑ *Panel*: a rectangular box under a higher-level container, used to layout a set of related GUI components in pattern such as grid or flow
- ❑ *ScrollPane*: provides automatic horizontal and/or vertical scrolling for a single child component
- ❑ Others

## ❑ Hierarchy of the AWT Container Classes



# AWT Component Classes

- ❑ AWT provides many ready-made and reusable GUI components
  - ❑ Button, TextField, Label, Checkbox, CheckboxGroup (radio buttons), List, and Choice

Enter your name here

TextField

Click Me!

Button

This is Label

Label

Red  
Red  
Green  
Blue

Choice

☒ one ☐ two ☐ three

Checkbox

☒ Alpha ☐ Beta ☐ Charlie

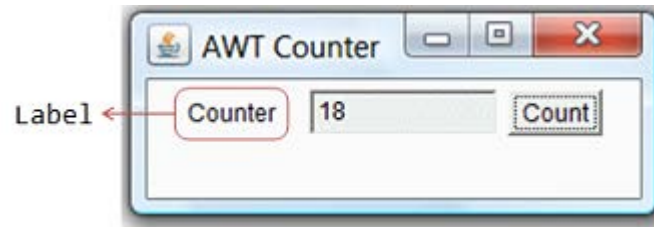
CheckboxGroup

Mercury  
Venus  
Earth  
Mars  
Jupiter  
Saturn  
Uranus  
Neptune

List

# AWT GUI Component: java.awt.Label

- ❑ A java.awt.Label provides a text description message



- ❑ Constructor

- ❑ *public Label(String strLabel, int alignment);*
  - ❑ Alignment: Label.LEFT, Label.RIGHT, and Label.CENTER
- ❑ *public Label(String strLabel);*
  - ❑ Text string in default of left-aligned
- ❑ *public Label();*
  - ❑ Set the label text via the setText() method later

- ❑ Public Methods

- ❑ *public String getText();*
- ❑ *public void setText(String strLabel);*
- ❑ *public int getAlignment();*
- ❑ *public void setAlignment(int alignment);*



# Constructing a Component and Adding the Component into a Container

- ❑ Three steps are necessary to create and place a GUI component:
  - ❑ Declare the component with an identifier (name)
  - ❑ Construct the component by invoking an appropriate constructor via the new operator
  - ❑ Identify the container (such as *Frame* or *Panel*) designed to hold this component

## ❑ Example

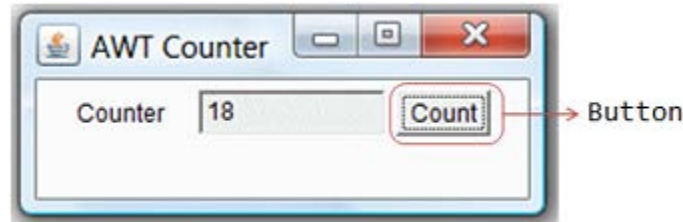
```
1 Label lblInput;           // Declare an Label instance called lblInput
2 lblInput = new Label("Enter ID"); // Construct by invoking a constructor via the new operator
3 add(lblInput);           // this.add(lblInput) - "this" is typically a subclass of Frame
4 lblInput.setText("Enter password"); // Modify the Label's text string
5 lblInput.getText();      // Retrieve the Label's text string
```

## ❑ An Anonymous Instance

```
1 // Allocate an anonymous Label instance. "this" container adds the instance into itself.
2 // You CANNOT reference an anonymous instance to carry out further operations.
3 add(new Label("Enter Name: ", Label.RIGHT));
4
5 // Same as
6 Label lblXxx = new Label("Enter Name: ", Label.RIGHT); // lblXxx assigned by compiler
7 add(lblXxx);
```

# AWT GUI Component: java.awt.Button

- ❑ A `java.awt.Button` is a GUI component that triggers a certain programmed action upon clicking



- ❑ Constructor

- ❑ `public Button(String buttonLabel);`
  - ❑ `public Button();`

- ❑ Public Methods

- ❑ `public String getLabel();`
  - ❑ `public void setLabel(String buttonLabel);`
  - ❑ `public void setEnable(boolean enable);`

- ❑ **Note:** the latest Swing's `JButton`

- ❑ Replace `getLabel()/setLabel()` with `getText()/setText()` to be consistent with all the components

# AWT GUI Component: java.awt.Button (Cont.)

## □ Event

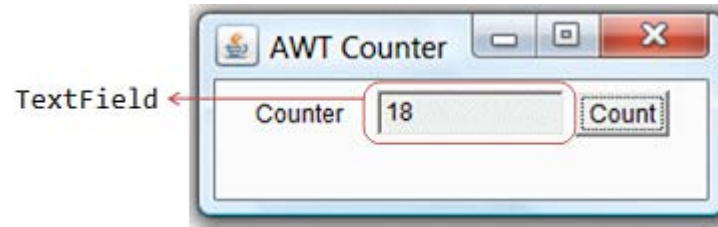
- Clicking a button fires a so-called **ActionEvent** and triggers a certain programmed action

## □ Example

```
1 Button btnColor = new Button("Red"); // Declare and allocate a Button instance called btnColor
2 add(btnColor);                       // "this" Container adds the Button
3 ...
4 btnColor.setLabel("green");           // Change the button's label
5 btnColor.getLabel();                  // Read the button's label
6 ...
7 add(Button("Blue"));                 // Create an anonymous Button. It CANNOT be referenced later
-
```

# AWT GUI Component: java.awt.TextField

- ❑ A `java.awt.TextField` is *single-line text box* for users to enter texts



- ❑ Constructor

- ❑ `public TextField(String strInitialText, int columns);`
- ❑ `public TextField(String strInitialText);`
- ❑ `public TextField(int columns);`

- ❑ Public Methods

- ❑ `public String getText();`
- ❑ `public void setText(String strText);`
- ❑ `public void setEnabled(boolean editable);`

# AWT GUI Component: java.awt.TextField (Cont.)

## □ Event

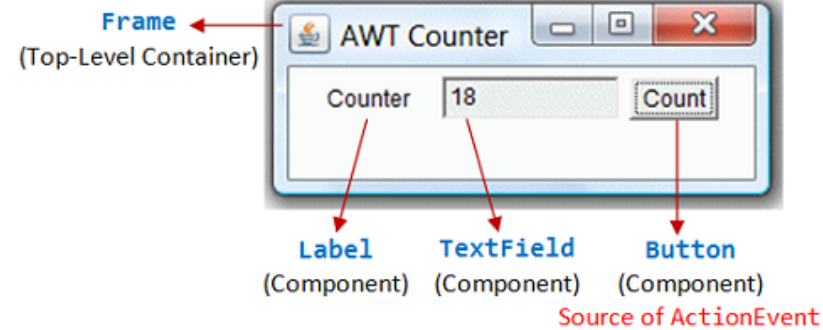
- Hitting the "ENTER" key on a TextField fires a **ActionEvent**, and triggers a certain programmed action

## □ Example

```
1  TextField tfInput = new TextField(30); // Declare and allocate an TextField instance called tfInput
2  add(tfInput);                        // "this" Container adds the TextField
3  TextField tfResult = new TextField(); // Declare and allocate an TextField instance called tfResult
4  tfResult.setEditable(false);         // Set to read-only
5  add(tfResult);                       // "this" Container adds the TextField
6  .....
7  // Read an int from TextField "tfInput", square it, and display on "tfResult".
8  // getText() returns a String, need to convert to int
9  int number = Integer.parseInt(tfInput.getText());
10 number *= number;
11 // setText() requires a String, need to convert the int number to String.
12 tfResult.setText(number + "");
```

# Example: AWTCounter

```
1 import java.awt.*;           // Using AWT container and component classes
2 import java.awt.event.*;     // Using AWT event classes and listener interfaces
3
4 // An AWT program inherits from the top-level container java.awt.Frame
5 public class AWTCounter extends Frame implements ActionListener {
6     private Label lblCount;   // Declare component Label
7     private TextField tfCount; // Declare component TextField
8     private Button btnCount;  // Declare component Button
9     private int count = 0;    // Counter's value
10    /** Constructor to setup GUI components and event handling */
11    public AWTCounter () {
12        setLayout(new FlowLayout());
13        // "super" Frame sets its layout to FlowLayout, which arranges the components
14        // from left-to-right, and flow to next row from top-to-bottom.
15        lblCount = new Label("Counter"); // construct Label
16        add(lblCount);                  // "super" Frame adds Label
17        tfCount = new TextField("0", 10); // construct TextField
18        tfCount.setEditable(false);      // set to read-only
19        add(tfCount);                   // "super" Frame adds tfCount
20        btnCount = new Button("Count");  // construct Button
21        add(btnCount);                  // "super" Frame adds Button
22        btnCount.addActionListener(this);
23        // Clicking Button source fires ActionEvent
24        // btnCount registers this instance as ActionEvent listener
25        setTitle("AWT Counter"); // "super" Frame sets title
26        setSize(250, 100);        // "super" Frame sets initial window size
27        setVisible(true);         // "super" Frame shows
28    }
29    /** The entry main() method */
30    public static void main(String[] args) {
31        // Invoke the constructor to setup the GUI, by allocating an instance
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33    }
34    /** ActionEvent handler - Called back upon button-click. */
35    @Override
36    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent evt) {
37        ++count; // increase the counter value
38        // Display the counter value on the TextField tfCount
39        tfCount.setText(count + ""); // convert int to String
40    }
41 }
```

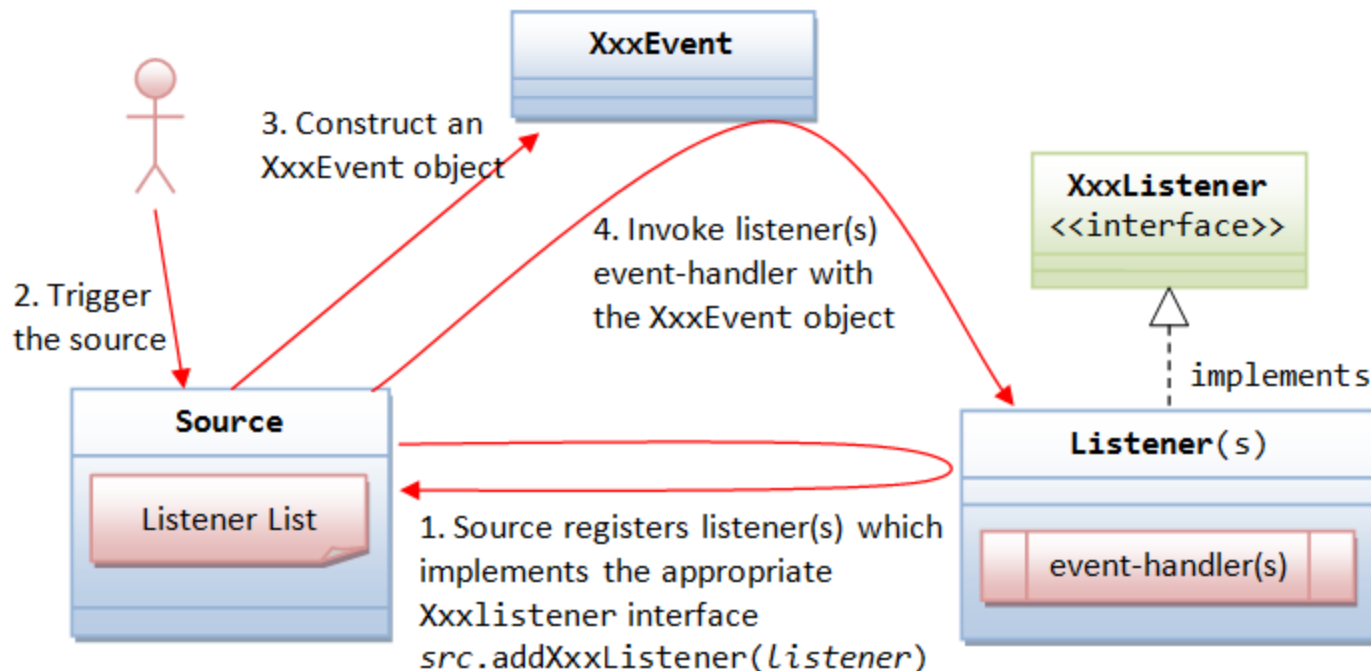


# AWT Event-Handling

- ❑ "Event-Driven" programming model for event-handling
  - ❑ The AWT's event-handling classes are kept in package `java.awt.event`
- ❑ Event-driven programming
  - ❑ When an event has been fired in response to an user input (such as clicking a mouse button or hitting the ENTER key), a piece of event-handling codes is executed
  - ❑ Unlike the **procedural model**, where codes are executed in a sequential manner
- ❑ Three objects are involved in the event-handling: *a source, listener(s) and an event object*
  - ❑ The listener(s) "subscribes" to a source's event
  - ❑ The source "publishes" the event to all its subscribers upon activation
  - ❑ Known as **subscribe-publish** or **observable-observer** design pattern

# AWT Event-Handling (Cont.)

- ❑ 1. The *source* object registers its *listener(s)* for a certain type of *event*
  - ❑ How the *source* and *listener* understand each other?
    - ❑ The answer is via an agreed-upon **interface**
  - ❑ For example, if a *source* is capable of firing an event called XxxEvent (e.g., MouseEvent) involving various operational modes (e.g., mouse-clicked)

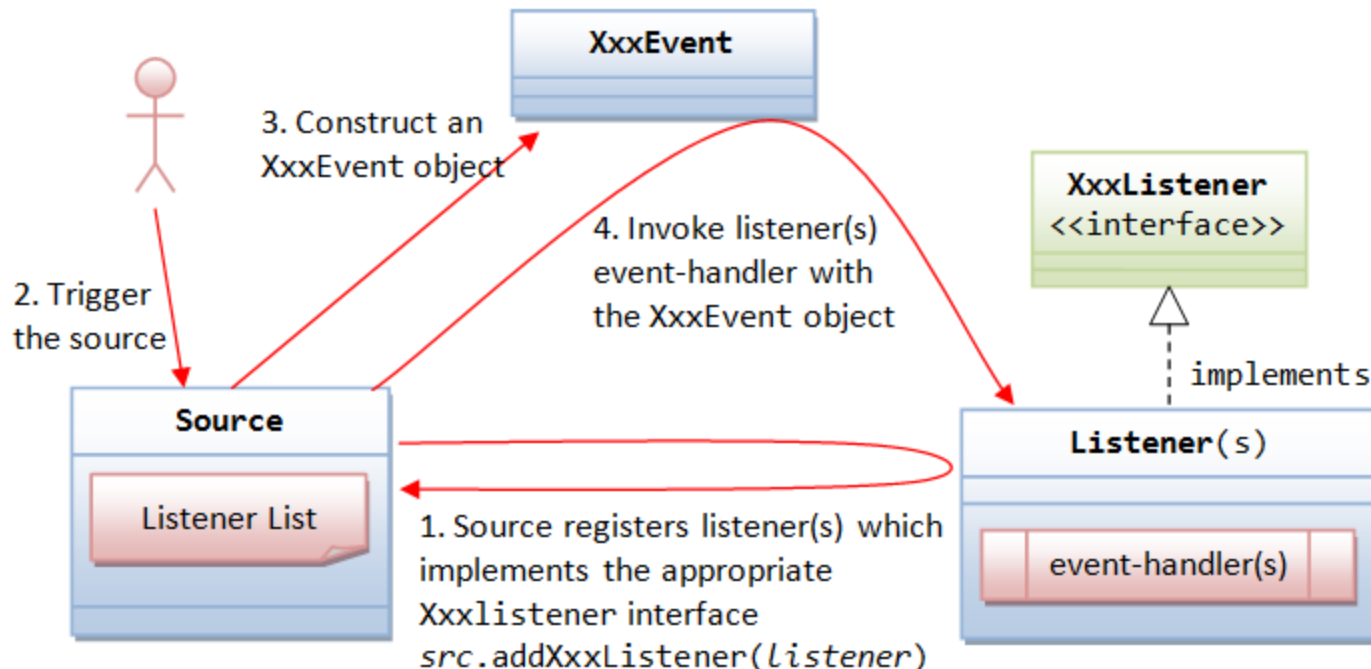




# AWT Event-Handling (Cont.)

- ❑ Declare an interface called XxxListener (e.g., MouseListener) containing the names of the handler methods

```
1 // A MouseListener interface, which declares the signature of the handlers
2 // for the various operational modes.
3 public interface MouseListener {
4     public void mousePressed(MouseEvent evt); // Called back upon mouse-button pressed
5     public void mouseReleased(MouseEvent evt); // Called back upon mouse-button released
6     public void mouseClicked(MouseEvent evt); // Called back upon mouse-button clicked (pressed and released)
7     public void mouseEntered(MouseEvent evt); // Called back when mouse pointer entered the component
8     public void mouseExited(MouseEvent evt); // Called back when mouse pointer exited the component
9 }
```



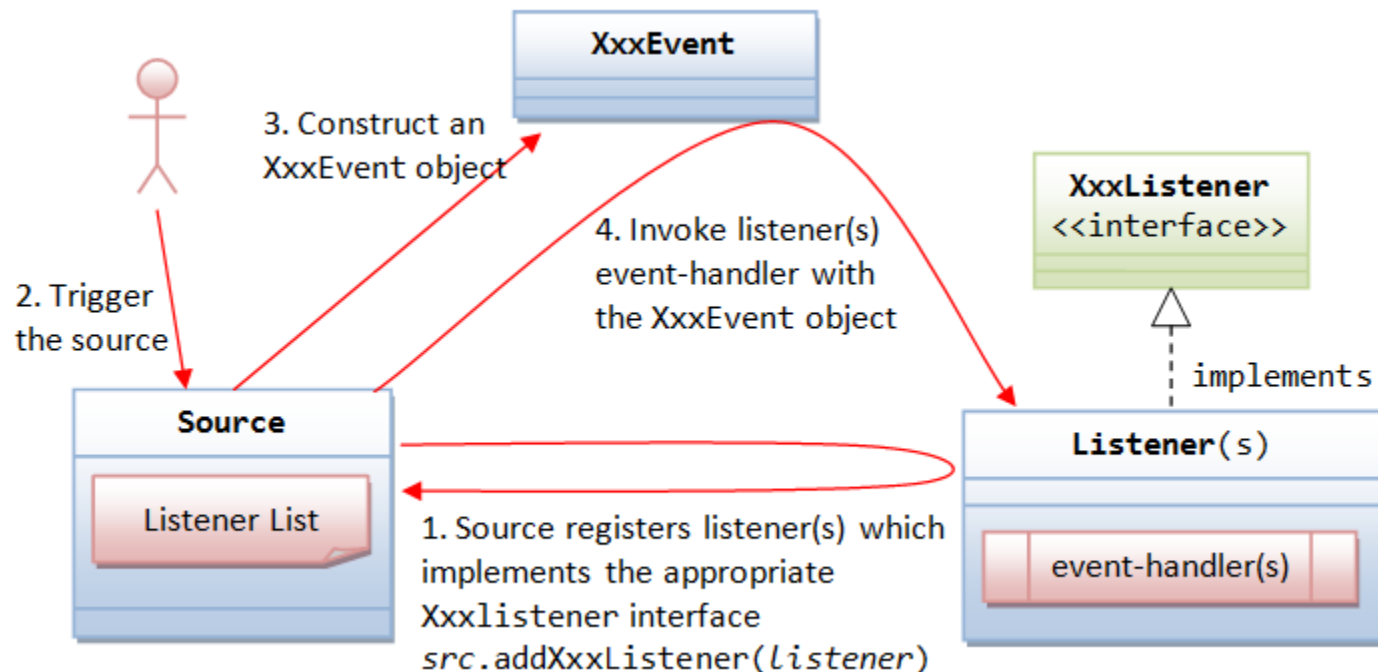
# AWT Event-Handling (Cont.)

- ❑ All the listeners interested in the XxxEvent (e.g., MouseEvent) must implement the XxxListener (e.g., MouseListener) interface

```
1 // An example of MouseListener, which provides implementation to the handler methods
2 class MyMouseListener implement MouseListener {
3     @Override
4     public void mousePressed(MouseEvent e) {
5         System.out.println("Mouse-button pressed!");
6     }
7     @Override
8     public void mouseReleased(MouseEvent e) {
9         System.out.println("Mouse-button released!");
10    }
11    @Override
12    public void mouseClicked(MouseEvent e) {
13        System.out.println("Mouse-button clicked (pressed and released)!");
14    }
15    @Override
16    public void mouseEntered(MouseEvent e) {
17        System.out.println("Mouse-pointer entered the source component!");
18    }
19    @Override
20    public void mouseExited(MouseEvent e) {
21        System.out.println("Mouse exited-pointer the source component!");
22    }
23 }
```

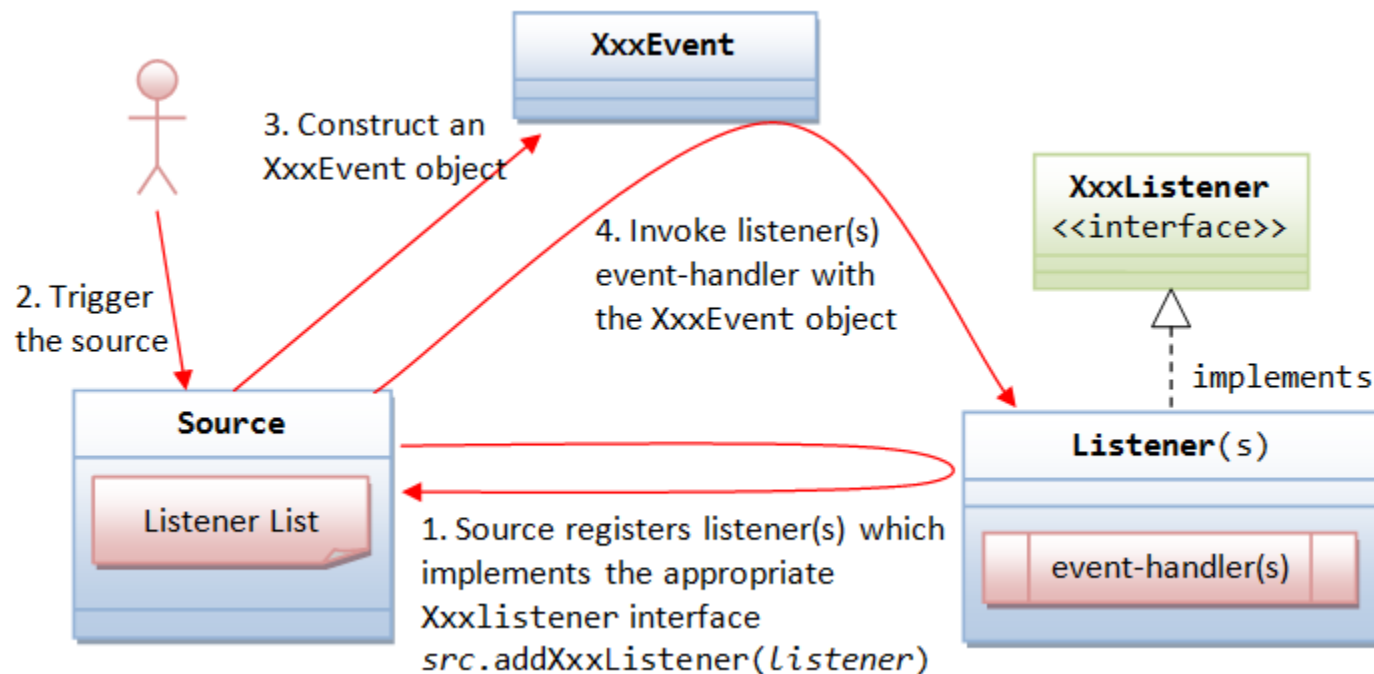
# AWT Event-Handling (Cont.)

- ❑ In the source, a list of listener object(s), and define two methods
  - ❑ `addXxxListener()` and `removeXxxListener()` to add and remove a listener from this list
- ❑ The signature of the methods are:
  - ❑ `public void addXxxListener(XxxListener l);`
  - ❑ `public void removeXxxListener(XxxListener l);`



# AWT Event-Handling (Cont.)

- ❑ 2.The source is triggered by a user
- ❑ 3.The source create an XxxEvent object, which encapsulates the necessary information about the activation
- ❑ 4.Finally, for each of the listeners in the listener list, the source invokes the appropriate handler on the listener(s), which provides the programmed response



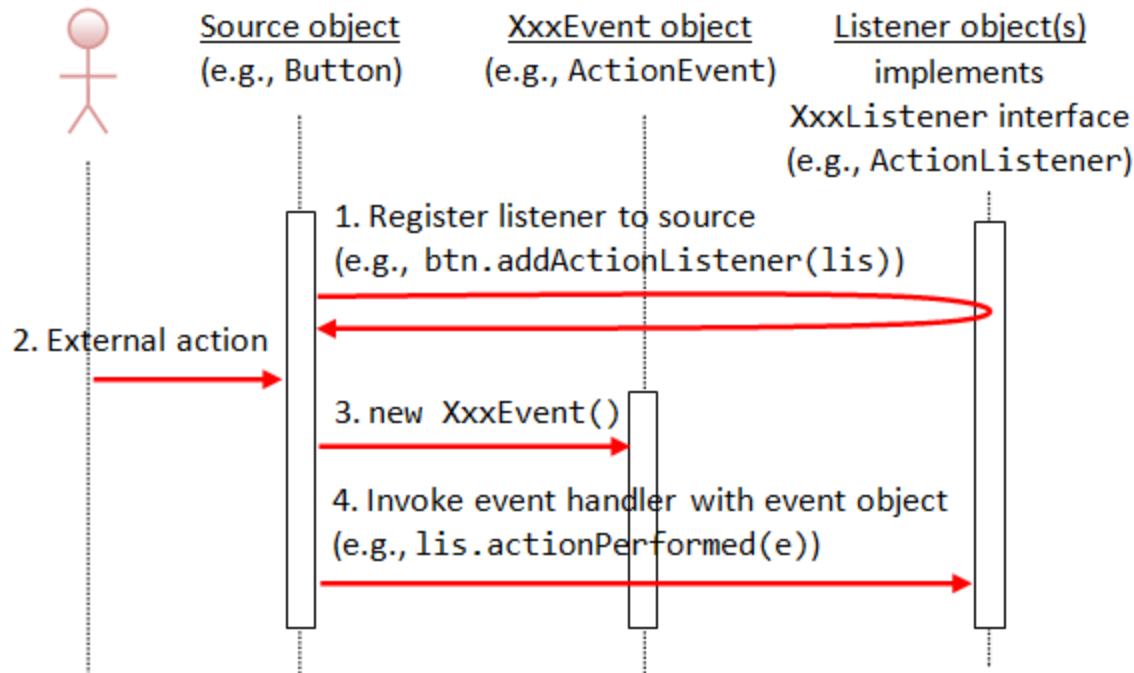
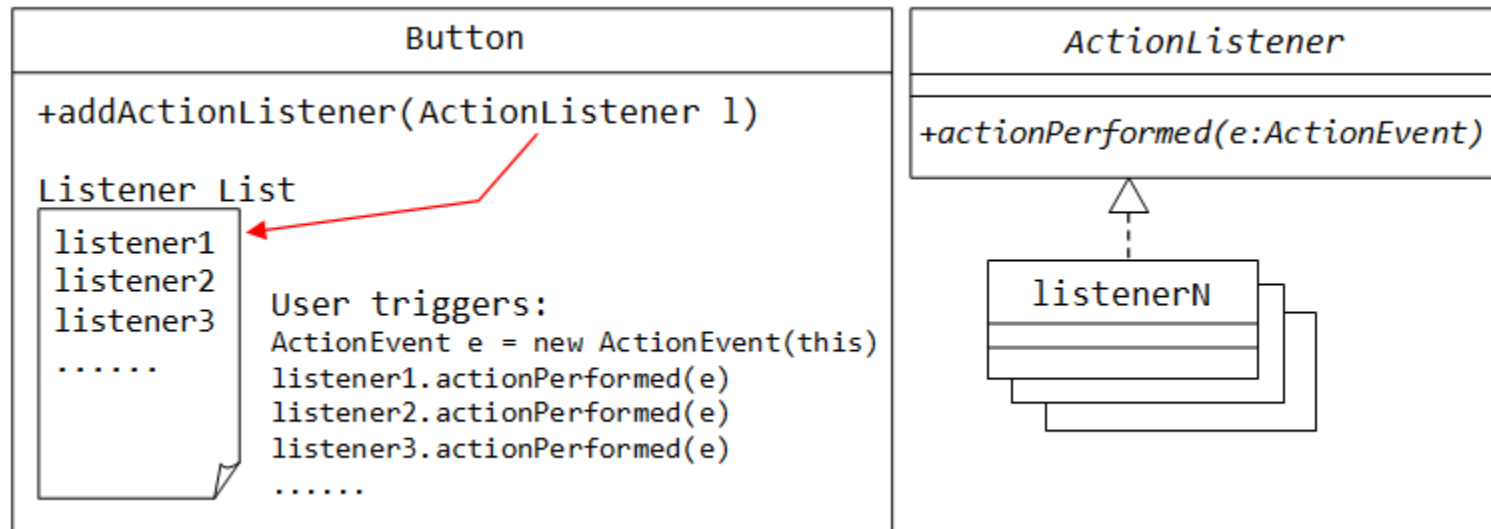
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33    }
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35    @Override
36    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent evt) {
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41 }
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1 public interface ActionListener {
2     public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e);
3     // Called back upon button-click (on Button),
4     // enter-key pressed (on TextField)
5 }
```

- ❑ Identify **btnCount** (**Button**) as the **source object**
- ❑ Clicking Button fires an **ActionEvent** to all its **ActionEvent listener(s)**
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# An Inner Class as Event Listener

```
1 import java.awt.*;
2 import java.awt.event.*;
3 // An AWT GUI program inherits from the top-level container java.awt.Frame
4 public class AWTCounterNamedInnerClass extends Frame {
5     // This class is NOT a ActionListener, hence, it does not implement ActionListener
6     // The event-handler actionPerformed() needs to access these "private" variables
7     private TextField tfCount;
8     private int count = 0;
9     /** Constructor to setup the GUI */
10    public AWTCounterNamedInnerClass () {
11        setLayout(new FlowLayout()); // "super" Frame sets to FlowLayout
12        add(new Label("Counter")); // anonymous instance of Label
13        tfCount = new TextField("0", 10);
14        tfCount.setEditable(false); // read-only
15        add(tfCount); // "super" Frame adds tfCount
16
17        Button btnCount = new Button("Count");
18        add(btnCount); // "super" Frame adds btnCount
19
20        // Construct an anonymous instance of BtnCountListener (a named inner class).
21        // btnCount adds this instance as a ActionListener.
22        btnCount.addActionListener(new BtnCountListener());
23
24        setTitle("AWT Counter");
25        setSize(250, 100);
26        setVisible(true);
27    }
28    /** The entry main method */
29    public static void main(String[] args) {
30        new AWTCounterNamedInnerClass(); // Let the constructor do the job
31    }
32    /**
33     * BtnCountListener is a "named inner class" used as ActionListener.
34     * This inner class can access private variables of the outer class.
35     */
36    private class BtnCountListener implements ActionListener {
37        @Override
38        public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
39            ++count;
40            tfCount.setText(count + "");
41        }
42    }
43 }
```

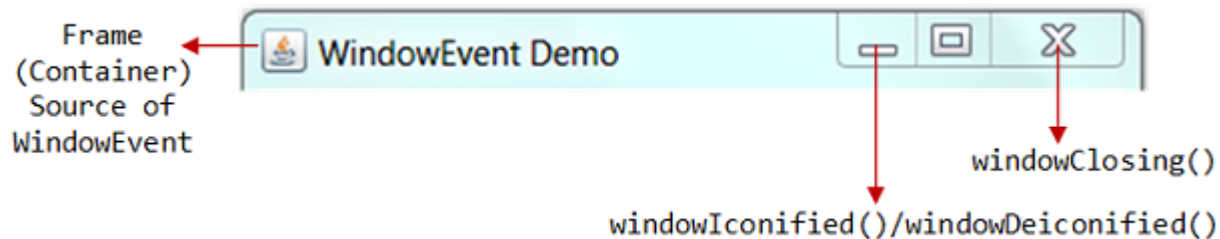


# An Anonymous Inner Class as Event Listener

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10    public AWTCounterAnonymousInnerClass () {
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17        Button btnCount = new Button("Count");
18        add(btnCount); // "super" Frame adds btnCount
19
20        // Construct an anonymous instance of an anonymous class.
21        // btnCount adds this instance as a ActionListener.
22        btnCount.addActionListener(new ActionListener() {
23            @Override
24            public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
25                ++count;
26                tfCount.setText(count + "");
27            }
28        });
29
30        setTitle("AWT Counter");
31        setSize(250, 100);
32        setVisible(true);
33    }
34
35    /** The entry main method */
36    public static void main(String[] args) {
37        new AWTCounterAnonymousInnerClass(); // Let the constructor do the job
38    }
39 }
```

# WindowEvent and WindowListener Interface

- A **WindowEvent** is fired (to all its **WindowEvent** listeners) when a window (e.g., Frame) has been opened/closed, activated/deactivated, iconified/deiconified via the 3 buttons at the top-right corner or other means. The source of **WindowEvent** shall be a top-level window-container such as Frame.



# *WindowEvent* and *WindowListener* Interface

- ❑ A ***WindowEvent*** listener must implement ***WindowListener*** interface, which declares 7 abstract event-handling methods, as follows

```
1 public void windowClosing(WindowEvent evt)
2     // Called-back when the user attempts to close the window by clicking the window close button.
3     // This is the most-frequently used handler.
4 public void windowOpened(WindowEvent evt)
5     // Called-back the first time a window is made visible.
6 public void windowClosed(WindowEvent evt)
7     // Called-back when a window has been closed as the result of calling dispose on the window.
8 public void windowActivated(WindowEvent evt)
9     // Called-back when the Window is set to be the active Window.
10 public void windowDeactivated(WindowEvent evt)
11     // Called-back when a Window is no longer the active Window.
12 public void windowIconified(WindowEvent evt)
13     // Called-back when a window is changed from a normal to a minimized state.
14 public void windowDeiconified(WindowEvent evt)
15     // Called-back when a window is changed from a minimized to a normal state.
```

# Event Listener's Adapter Classes

- ❑ A WindowEvent listener is required to implement the WindowListener interface, which declares 7 abstract methods
- ❑ Although we are only interested in **windowClosing()**, we need to provide an empty body to the other 6 methods in order to compile the program

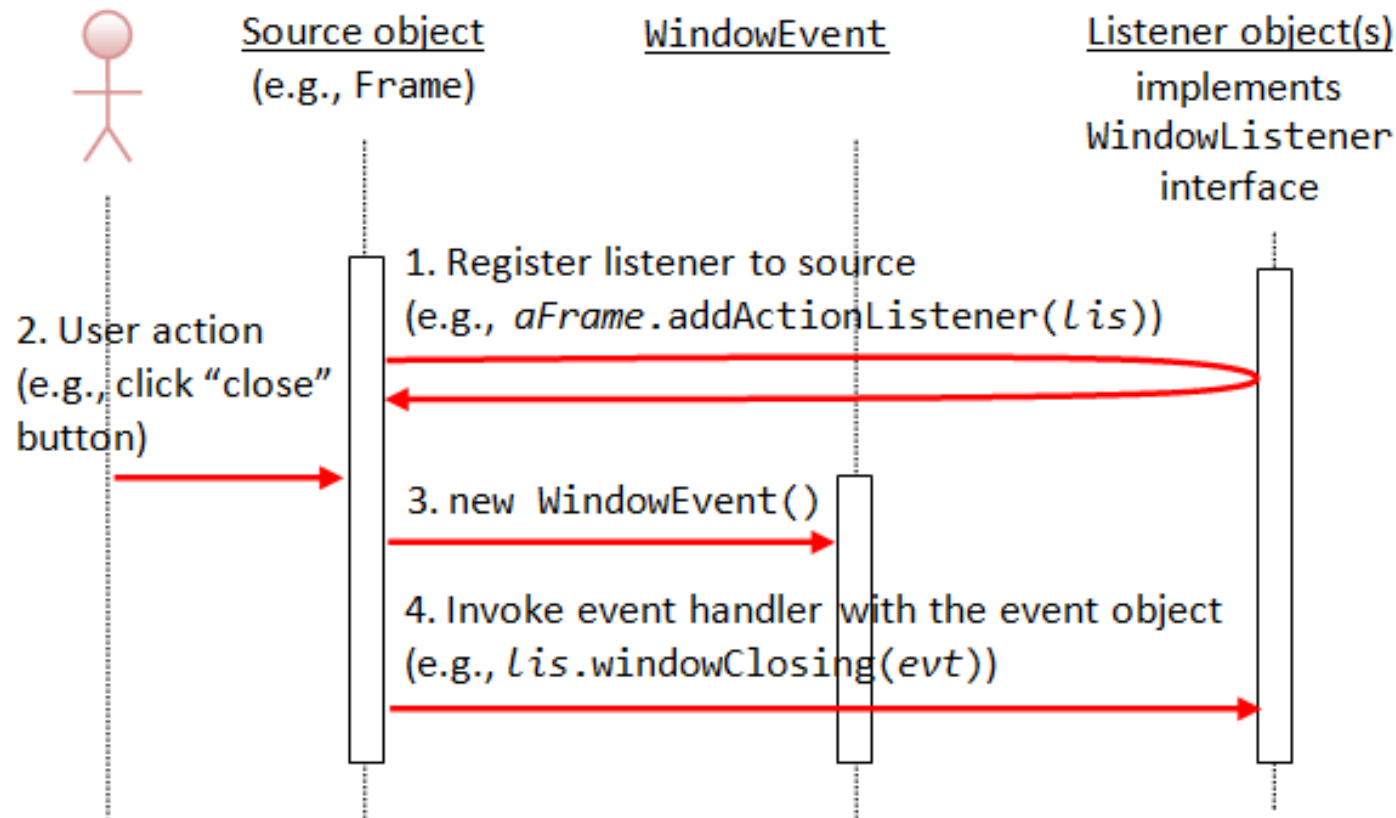
```
27      // Allocate an anonymous instance of an anonymous inner class
28      // that implements WindowListener.
29      // "this" Frame adds the instance as WindowEvent listener.
30      addWindowListener(new WindowListener() {
31          @Override
32          public void windowClosing(WindowEvent e) {
33              System.exit(0); // terminate the program
34          }
35          // Need to provide an empty body for compilation
36          @Override public void windowOpened(WindowEvent e) { }
37          @Override public void windowClosed(WindowEvent e) { }
38          @Override public void windowIconified(WindowEvent e) { }
39          @Override public void windowDeiconified(WindowEvent e) { }
40          @Override public void windowActivated(WindowEvent e) { }
41          @Override public void windowDeactivated(WindowEvent e) { }
42      });
```

# Event Listener's Adapter Classes (Cont.)

- ❑ An adapter class called **WindowAdapter** is therefore provided, which implements the WindowListener interface and provides **default implementations** to all the 7 abstract methods
- ❑ You can override only methods of interest and leave the rest to their default implementation

```
27      // Allocate an anonymous instance of an anonymous inner class
28      // that extends WindowAdapter.
29      // "this" Frame adds the instance as WindowEvent listener.
30      addWindowListener(new WindowAdapter() {
31          @Override
32          public void windowClosing(WindowEvent e) {
33              System.exit(0); // Terminate the program
34          }
35      });
```

# Event Listener's Adapter Classes (Cont.)



# *MouseEvent* and *MouseListener* Interface

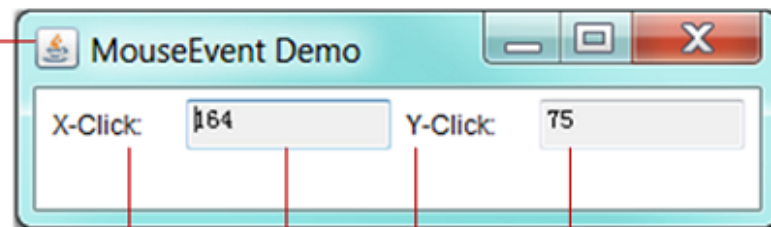
- ❑ A ***MouseEvent*** is fired to all its registered listeners, when you press, release, or click (press followed by release) a mouse-button (left or right button) at the source object; or position the mouse-pointer at (enter) and away (exit) from the source object.
- ❑ A ***MouseEvent*** listener must implement the ***MouseListener*** interface, which declares the following five abstract methods:

```
1 public void mouseClicked(MouseEvent evt)
2     // Called-back when the mouse-button has been clicked (pressed followed by released) on the source.
3 public void mousePressed(MouseEvent evt)
4 public void mouseReleased(MouseEvent evt)
5     // Called-back when a mouse-button has been pressed/released on the source.
6     // A mouse-click invokes mousePressed(), mouseReleased() and mouseClicked().
7 public void mouseEntered(MouseEvent evt)
8 public void mouseExited(MouseEvent evt)
9     // Called-back when the mouse-pointer has entered/exited the source.
```

# MouseEvent and MouseListener Interface

```
1 import java.awt.*;
2 import java.awt.event.*;
3
4 public class MouseEventDemo extends Frame {
5     private TextField tfMouseX; // to display mouse-click-x
6     private TextField tfMouseY; // to display mouse-click-y
7
8     // Constructor - Setup the UI components and event handlers
9     public MouseEventDemo() {
10         setLayout(new FlowLayout()); // "super" frame sets its layout to FlowLayout
11         // Label (anonymous)
12         add(new Label("X-Click: ")); // "super" frame adds Label component
13         // TextField
14         tfMouseX = new TextField(10); // 10 columns
15         tfMouseX.setEditable(false); // read-only
16         add(tfMouseX); // "super" frame adds TextField component
17         // Label (anonymous)
18         add(new Label("Y-Click: ")); // "super" frame adds Label component
19         // TextField
20         tfMouseY = new TextField(10);
21         tfMouseY.setEditable(false); // read-only
22         add(tfMouseY); // "super" frame adds TextField component
23
24         addMouseListener(new MouseListener{
25             /* MouseEvent handlers */
26             // Called back upon mouse clicked
27             @Override
28             public void mouseClicked(MouseEvent evt) {
29                 tfMouseX.setText(evt.getX() + "");
30                 tfMouseY.setText(evt.getY() + "");
31             }
32
33             // Not used - need to provide an empty body to compile.
34             @Override public void mousePressed(MouseEvent evt) { }
35             @Override public void mouseReleased(MouseEvent evt) { }
36             @Override public void mouseEntered(MouseEvent evt) { }
37             @Override public void mouseExited(MouseEvent evt) { }
38         });
39
40         // "super" frame (source) fires the MouseEvent.
41         // "super" frame adds "this" object as a MouseEvent listener.
42         setTitle("MouseEvent Demo"); // "super" Frame sets title
43         setSize(350, 100); // "super" Frame sets initial size
44         setVisible(true); // "super" Frame shows
45     }
46
47     public static void main(String[] args) {
48         new MouseEventDemo(); // Let the constructor do the job
49     }
50 }
```

Frame  
(Container)  
Source of  
MouseEvent



(Components)    Label        TextField    Label    TextField



# Layout Managers and Panel

- ❑ A container has a so-called *layout manager* to arrange its components
- ❑ AWT provides the following layout managers
  - ❑ *FlowLayout*, *GridLayout*, *BorderLayout*, *GridBagLayout*, *BoxLayout*, *CardLayout*, etc.
- ❑ A container has a *setLayout()* method to set its layout manager
  - ❑ `public void setLayout(LayoutManager mgr)`
- ❑ To set up the layout of a Container (such as Frame, Panel), you have to:
  - ❑ Construct an instance of the chosen layout object, via new and constructor, e.g., *new FlowLayout()*
  - ❑ Invoke the *setLayout()* method of the Container, with the layout object created as the argument
  - ❑ Place the GUI components into the Container using the *add()* method in the correct order; or into the correct zones

# Layout Managers and Panel

## ❑ For example

```
1 // Allocate a Panel (container)
2 Panel p = new Panel();
3 // Allocate a new Layout object. The Panel container sets to this layout.
4 p.setLayout(new FlowLayout());
5 // The Panel container adds components in the proper order.
6 p.add(new JLabel("One"));
7 p.add(new JLabel("Two"));
8 p.add(new JLabel("Three"));
9 .....
```

## ❑ Container's getLayout()

```
1 Panel awtPanel = new Panel();
2 System.out.println(awtPanel.getLayout());
3 // java.awt.FlowLayout[hgap=5,vgap=5,align=center]
```

## ❑ Panel's Initial Layout

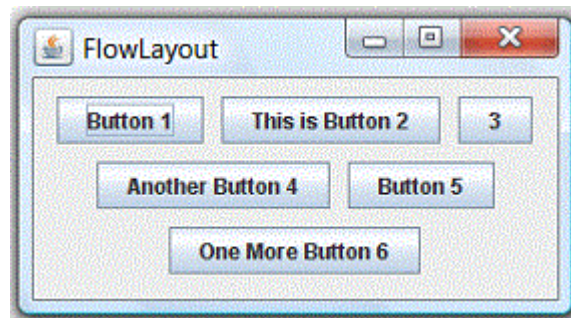
### ❑ Panel provides a constructor to set its initial layout manager

```
1 public void Panel (LayoutManager layout)
2 // Construct a Panel in the given layout
3 // By default, Panel (and JPanel) has FlowLayout
4
5 // For example, create a Panel in BorderLayout
6 Panel mainPanel = new Panel(new BorderLayout());
```

- ❑ Components are arranged from **left-to-right** inside the container in the order that they are added
  - ❑ When one row is filled, a new row will be started
  - ❑ The actual appearance depends on the width of the display window

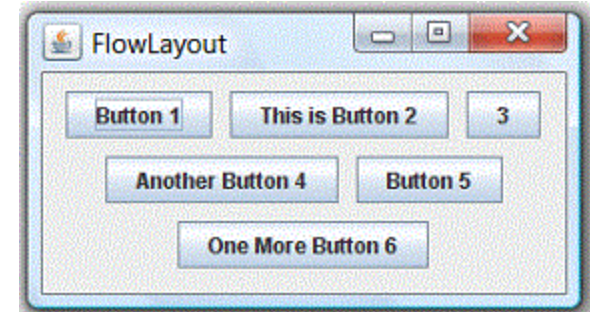
## ❑ Constructor

- ❑ *public FlowLayout();*
- ❑ *public FlowLayout(int align);*
- ❑ *public FlowLayout(int align, int hgap, int vgap);*



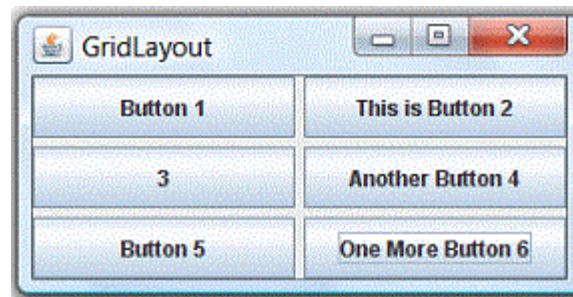
# java.awt.FlowLayout (Cont.)

```
1 import java.awt.*;
2 import java.awt.event.*;
3
4 // An AWT GUI program inherits the top-level container java.awt.Frame
5 public class AWTFlowLayoutDemo extends Frame {
6     private Button btn1, btn2, btn3, btn4, btn5, btn6;
7
8     /** Constructor to setup GUI components */
9     public AWTFlowLayoutDemo () {
10         setLayout(new FlowLayout());
11         // "this" Frame sets layout to FlowLayout, which arranges the components
12         // from left-to-right, and flow from top-to-bottom.
13
14         btn1 = new Button("Button 1");
15         add(btn1);
16         btn2 = new Button("This is Button 2");
17         add(btn2);
18         btn3 = new Button("3");
19         add(btn3);
20         btn4 = new Button("Another Button 4");
21         add(btn4);
22         btn5 = new Button("Button 5");
23         add(btn5);
24         btn6 = new Button("One More Button 6");
25         add(btn6);
26
27         setTitle("FlowLayout Demo"); // "this" Frame sets title
28         setSize(280, 150);           // "this" Frame sets initial size
29         setVisible(true);             // "this" Frame shows
30     }
31
32     /** The entry main() method */
33     public static void main(String[] args) {
34         new AWTFlowLayoutDemo(); // Let the constructor do the job
35     }
36 }
```



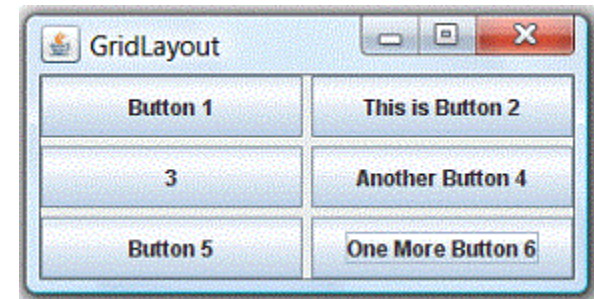
# java.awt.GridLayout

- ❑ Components are arranged in a grid (matrix) of rows and columns inside the Container
- ❑ Components are added in a **left-to-right, top-to-bottom** manner in the order they are added
- ❑ Constructor
  - ❑ *public GridLayout(int rows, int columns);*
  - ❑ *public GridLayout(int rows, int columns, int hgap, int vgap);*
    - ❑ By default: rows=1, cols=0, hgap=0, vgap=0



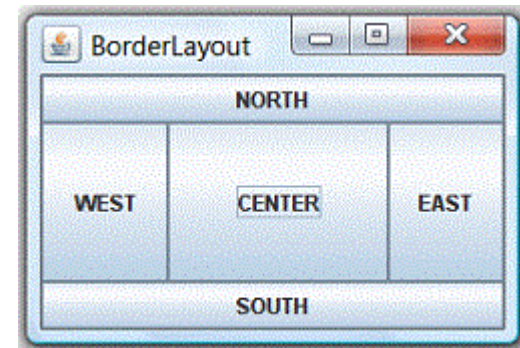
# java.awt.GridLayout (Cont.)

```
1 import java.awt.*;
2 import java.awt.event.*;
3
4 // An AWT GUI program inherits the top-level container java.awt.Frame
5 public class AWTGridLayoutDemo extends Frame {
6     private Button btn1, btn2, btn3, btn4, btn5, btn6;
7
8     /** Constructor to setup GUI components */
9     public AWTGridLayoutDemo () {
10         setLayout(new GridLayout(3, 2, 3, 3));
11         // "this" Frame sets layout to 3x2 GridLayout, horizontal and verical gaps of 3 pixels
12
13         // The components are added from left-to-right, top-to-bottom
14         btn1 = new Button("Button 1");
15         add(btn1);
16         btn2 = new Button("This is Button 2");
17         add(btn2);
18         btn3 = new Button("3");
19         add(btn3);
20         btn4 = new Button("Another Button 4");
21         add(btn4);
22         btn5 = new Button("Button 5");
23         add(btn5);
24         btn6 = new Button("One More Button 6");
25         add(btn6);
26
27         setTitle("GridLayout Demo"); // "this" Frame sets title
28         setSize(280, 150);          // "this" Frame sets initial size
29         setVisible(true);           // "this" Frame shows
30     }
31
32     /** The entry main() method */
33     public static void main(String[] args) {
34         new AWTGridLayoutDemo(); // Let the constructor do the job
35     }
36 }
```



# java.awt.BorderLayout

- ❑ The container is divided into 5 zones
  - ❑ EAST, WEST, SOUTH, NORTH, and CENTER
- ❑ Components are added using method `aContainer.add(aComponent, aZone)`
  - ❑ azone is either `BorderLayout.NORTH` (or `PAGE_START`), `BorderLayout.SOUTH` (or `PAGE_END`), `BorderLayout.WEST` (or `LINE_START`), `BorderLayout.EAST` (or `LINE_END`), or `BorderLayout.CENTER`



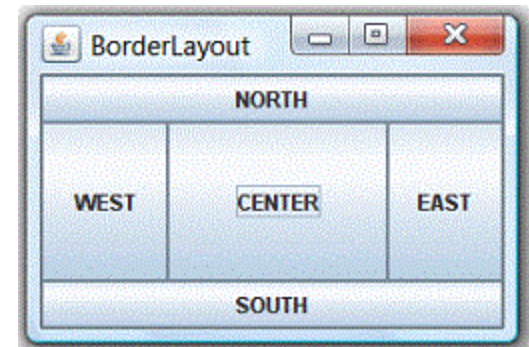
## ❑ Constructor

- ❑ `public BorderLayout();`
- ❑ `public BorderLayout(int hgap, int vgap);`
  - ❑ By default: `hgap=0, vgap=0`



# java.awt.GridLayout (Cont.)

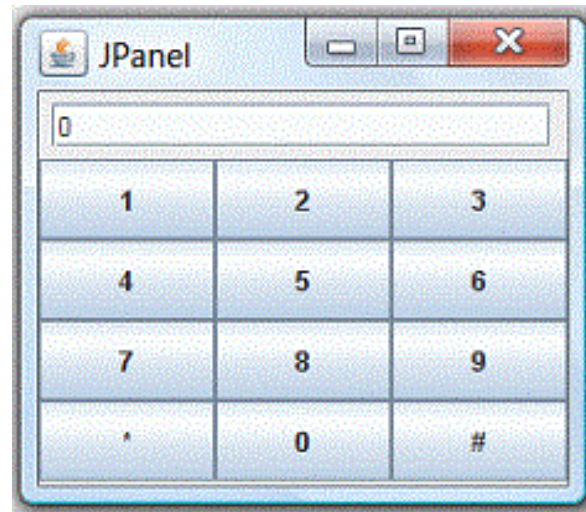
```
1 import java.awt.*;
2 import java.awt.event.*;
3
4 // An AWT GUI program inherits the top-level container java.awt.Frame
5 public class AWTBorderLayoutDemo extends Frame {
6     private Button btnNorth, btnSouth, btnCenter, btnEast, btnWest;
7
8     /** Constructor to setup GUI components */
9     public AWTBorderLayoutDemo () {
10         setLayout(new BorderLayout(3, 3));
11         // "this" Frame sets layout to BorderLayout,
12         // horizontal and vertical gaps of 3 pixels
13
14         // The components are added to the specified zone
15         btnNorth = new Button("NORTH");
16         add(btnNorth, BorderLayout.NORTH);
17         btnSouth = new Button("SOUTH");
18         add(btnSouth, BorderLayout.SOUTH);
19         btnCenter = new Button("CENTER");
20         add(btnCenter, BorderLayout.CENTER);
21         btnEast = new Button("EAST");
22         add(btnEast, BorderLayout.EAST);
23         btnWest = new Button("WEST");
24         add(btnWest, BorderLayout.WEST);
25
26         setTitle("BorderLayout Demo"); // "this" Frame sets title
27         setSize(280, 150);           // "this" Frame sets initial size
28         setVisible(true);             // "this" Frame shows
29     }
30
31     /** The entry main() method */
32     public static void main(String[] args) {
33         new AWTBorderLayoutDemo(); // Let the constructor do the job
34     }
35 }
```





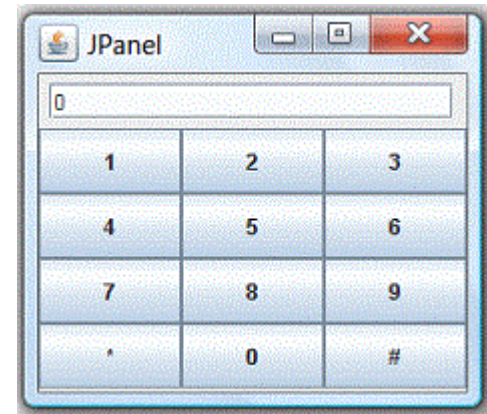
# Using Panels as Sub-Container to Organize Components

- ❑ **An AWT Panel is a rectangular pane**
  - ❑ **Used as sub-container to organized a group of related components in a specific layout (e.g., FlowLayout, BorderLayout)**
- ❑ **Panels are secondary containers**
  - ❑ **Can be added into a top-level container (such as Frame), or another Panel**



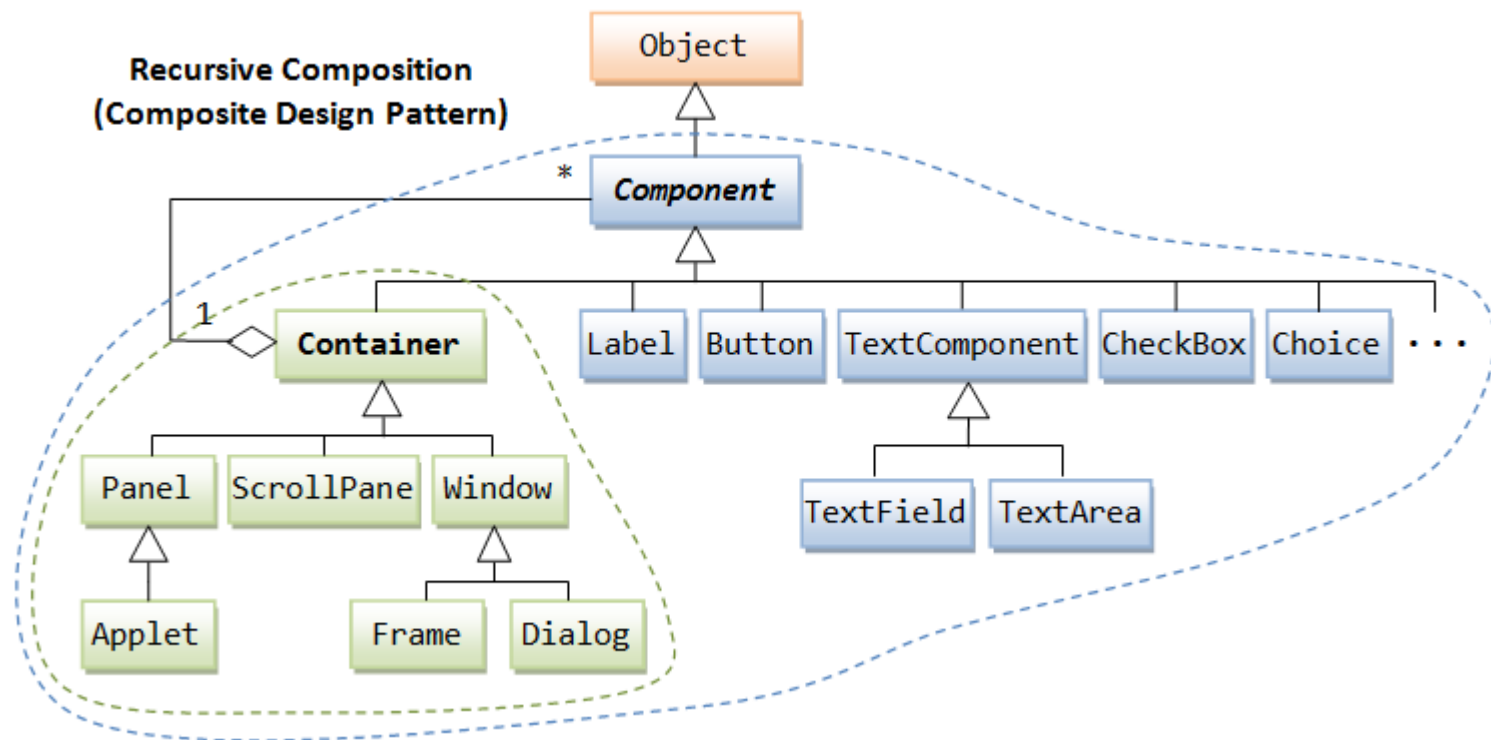
# Using Panels as Sub-Container to Organize Components (Cont.)

```
1 import java.awt.*;
2 import java.awt.event.*;
3 // An AWT GUI program inherits the top-level container java.awt.Frame
4 public class AWTPanelDemo extends Frame {
5     private Button[] btnNumbers = new Button[10]; // Array of 10 numeric buttons
6     private Button btnHash, btnStar;
7     private TextField tfDisplay;
8
9     /** Constructor to setup GUI components */
10    public AWTPanelDemo () {
11        // Set up display panel
12        Panel panelDisplay = new Panel(new FlowLayout());
13        tfDisplay = new TextField("0", 20);
14        panelDisplay.add(tfDisplay);
15        // Set up button panel
16        Panel panelButtons = new Panel(new GridLayout(4, 3));
17        btnNumbers[1] = new Button("1");
18        panelButtons.add(btnNumbers[1]);
19        .....
20        btnNumbers[9] = new Button("9");
21        panelButtons.add(btnNumbers[9]);
22        // Can use a loop for the above statements!
23        btnStar = new Button("*");
24        panelButtons.add(btnStar);
25        btnNumbers[0] = new Button("0");
26        panelButtons.add(btnNumbers[0]);
27        btnHash = new Button("#");
28        panelButtons.add(btnHash);
29
30        setLayout(new BorderLayout()); // "this" Frame sets to BorderLayout
31        add(panelDisplay, BorderLayout.NORTH);
32        add(panelButtons, BorderLayout.CENTER);
33
34        setTitle("BorderLayout Demo"); // "this" Frame sets title
35        setSize(200, 200); // "this" Frame sets initial size
36        setVisible(true); // "this" Frame shows
37    }
38    /** The entry main() method */
39    public static void main(String[] args) {
40        new AWTPanelDemo(); // Let the constructor do the job
41    }
42 }
```



# Composite Design Pattern

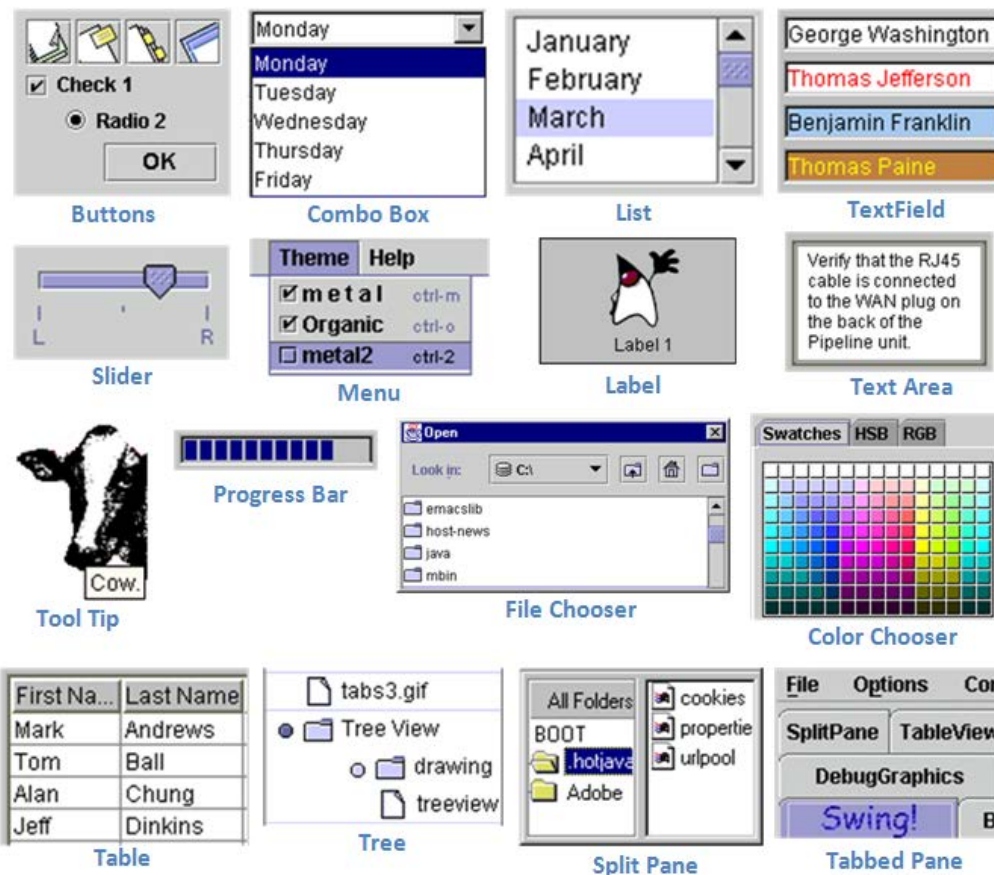
- Two groups of classes in the AWT hierarchy: containers and components
  - A container holds components
  - A container (e.g., Frame and Panel) can also hold sub-containers



- ❑ **Swing is part of the so-called "Java Foundation Classes (JFC)" (have you heard of MFC?)**
  - ❑ **Introduced in 1997 after the release of JDK 1.1**
  - ❑ **JFC was subsequently included as an integral part of JDK since JDK 1.2**
- ❑ **JFC consists of:**
  - ❑ **Swing API: for advanced graphical programming**
  - ❑ **Accessibility API: provides assistive technology for the disabled**
  - ❑ **Java 2D API: for high quality 2D graphics and images**
  - ❑ **Pluggable look and feel supports**
  - ❑ **Drag-and-drop support between Java and native applications**

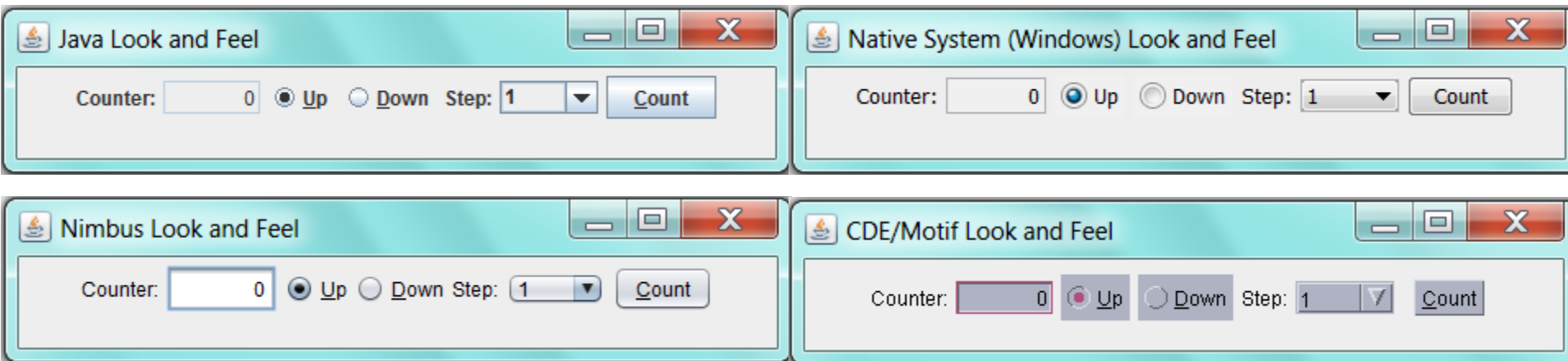
# Swing's Features

- ❑ Swing is huge (consists of 18 API packages as in JDK 1.8) and has great depth
- ❑ Swing provides a huge and comprehensive collection of reusable GUI components



# Swing's Features (Cont.)

- ❑ Swing is written in pure Java (except a few classes) and therefore is 100% *portable*
- ❑ Swing components are *lightweight*
- ❑ Swing components support *pluggable look-and-feel*



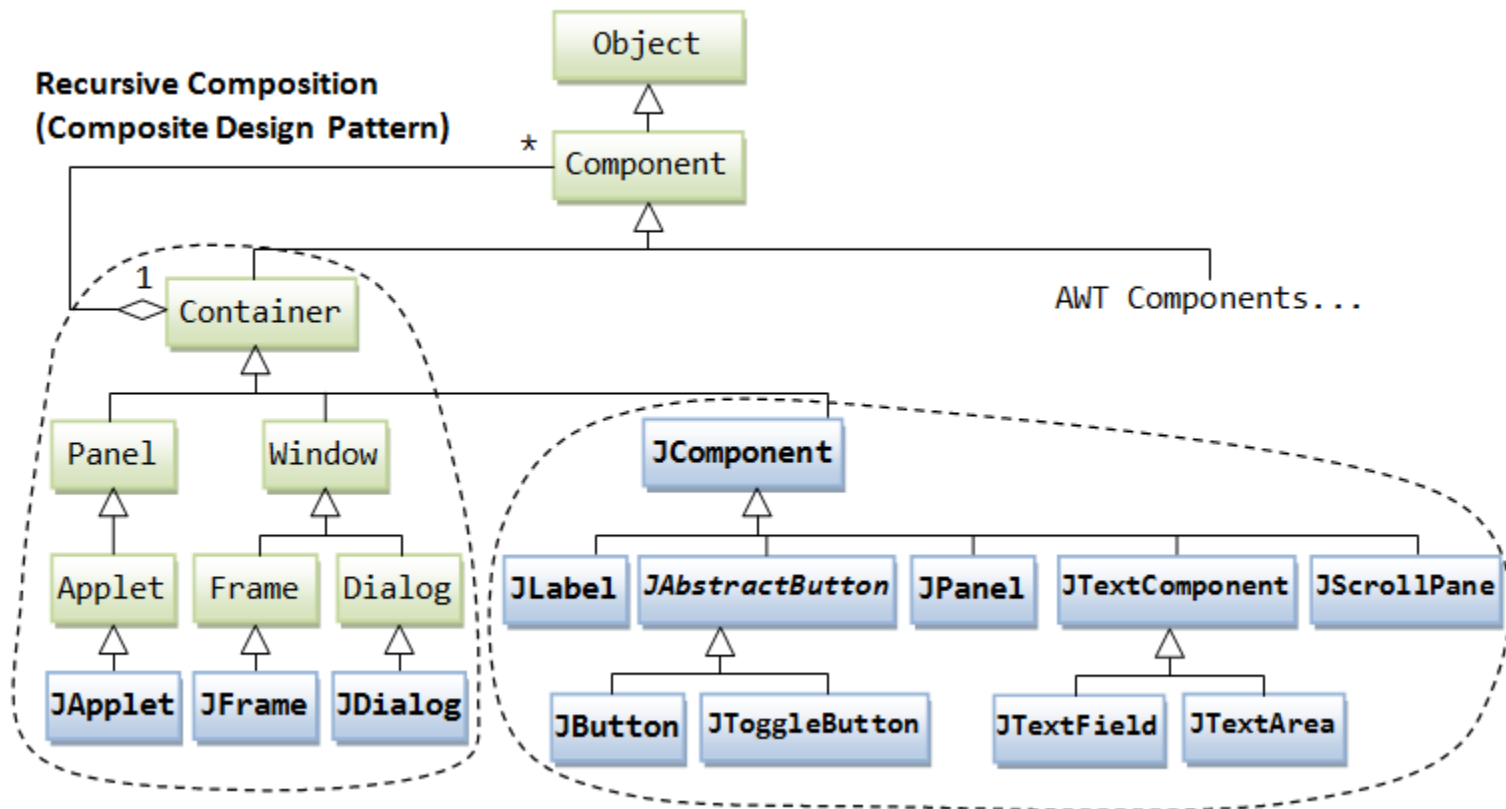
- ❑ Swing supports *mouse-less operation*
- ❑ Swing components support "*tool-tips*"
- ❑ Swing components are *JavaBeans* – a Component-based Model used in Visual Programming

# Swing's Features (Cont.)

- ❑ **Swing application uses AWT event-handling classes**
  - ❑ Swing event: `javax.swing.event`, but not frequently used
- ❑ **Swing application uses AWT's layout manager**
  - ❑ Add new layout managers, such as `Spring`s, `Struts`, and `BoxLayout`
- ❑ **Swing implements double-buffering and automatic repaint batching for smoother screen repaint**
- ❑ **Swing introduces `JLayeredPane` and `JInternalFrame` for creating Multiple Document Interface (MDI) applications**
- ❑ **Swing supports floating toolbars (in `JToolBar`), splitter control, "undo "**
- ❑ **Others - check the Swing website**

# Using Swing API

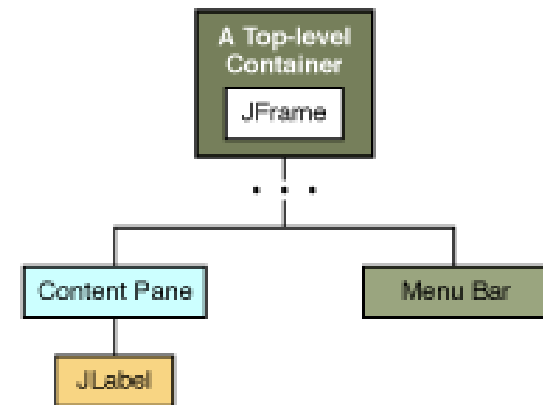
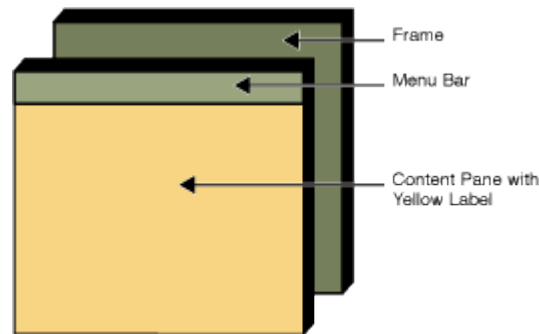
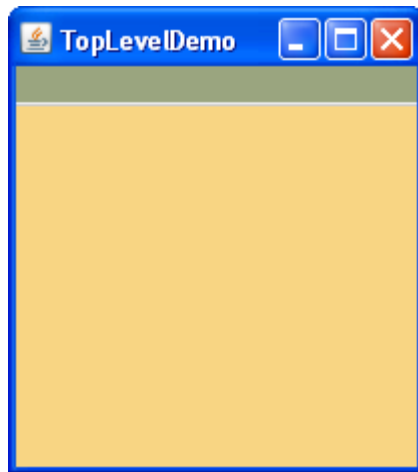
- ❑ If you understood the AWT programming, switching over to **Swing** is straight-forward
- ❑ Swing component classes begin with a prefix "J "
  - ❑ E.g., JButton, JTextField, JLabel, JPanel, JFrame, or JApplet
- ❑ Two groups of classes: containers and components



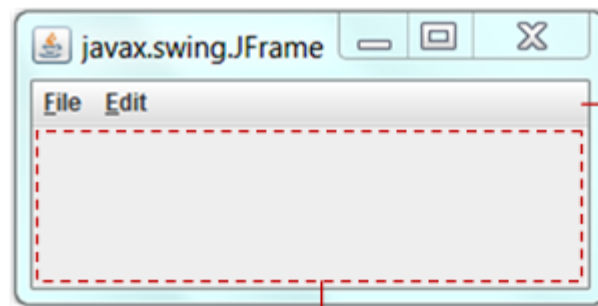


# The Content-Pane of Swing's Top-Level Container

- ❑ The **JComponents** must be added onto the so-called *content-pane* of the top-level container (e.g., **JFrame**)
- ❑ **JComponents** are *lightweight* components



`javax.swing.JFrame`



Menu Bar  
(Optional)

**Content Pane**

```
Container cp = aJFrame.getContentPane();  
aJFrame.setContentPane(aPanel);
```

# The Content-Pane of Swing's Top-Level Container

- ❑ Get the content-pane via ***getContentPane()*** from a top-level container, and add components onto it

```
1 public class TestGetContentPane extends JFrame {
2     // Constructor
3     public TestGetContentPane() {
4         // Get the content-pane of this JFrame, which is a java.awt.Container
5         // All operations, such as setLayout() and add() operate on the content-pane
6         Container cp = this.getContentPane();
7         cp.setLayout(new FlowLayout());
8         cp.add(new JLabel("Hello, world!"));
9         cp.add(new JButton("Button"));
10        .....
11    }
12    .....
13 }
```

- ❑ Set the content-pane to a JPanel via JFrame's ***setContentPane()***

```
1 public class TestSetContentPane extends JFrame {
2     // Constructor
3     public TestSetContentPane() {
4         // The "main" JPanel holds all the GUI components
5         JPanel mainPanel = new JPanel(new FlowLayout());
6         mainPanel.add(new JLabel("Hello, world!"));
7         mainPanel.add(new JButton("Button"));
8
9         // Set the content-pane of this JFrame to the main JPanel
10        this.setContentPane(mainPanel);
11        .....
12    }
13    .....
14 }
```

# The Content-Pane of Swing's Top-Level Container

- ❑ **Notes:** If a component is added directly into a JFrame, it is added into the content-pane of JFrame instead, i.e.,

```
1  // "this" is a JFrame
2  add(new JLabel("add to JFrame directly"));
3  // is executed as
4  getContentPane().add(new JLabel("add to JFrame directly"));
-
```

# The Content-Pane of Swing's Top-Level Container

## ❑ Event-Handling in Swing

- ❑ Swing uses the AWT event-handling classes (in package `java.awt.event`)
- ❑ Swing introduces a few new event-handling classes (in package `javax.swing.event`) but they are not frequently used

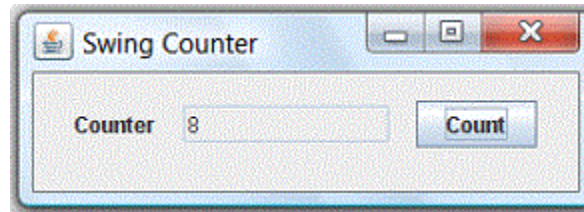
## ❑ Writing Swing Applications

- ❑ Use the Swing components with prefix "J" in package `javax.swing`, e.g., `JFrame`, `JButton`, `JTextField`, `JLabel`, etc.
- ❑ A top-level container (such as `JFrame` or `JApplet`) is needed. The `JComponents` shall be added onto the content-pane of the top-level container.
  - ❑ Retrieve a reference to the content-pane by invoking method `getContentPane()` from the top-level container
  - ❑ Set the content-pane to the main `JPanel` created in your program
- ❑ Swing applications uses AWT event-handling classes, e.g., **ActionEvent/ActionListener**, **MouseEvent/MouseListener**, etc.
- ❑ Run the constructor in the Event Dispatcher Thread (instead of Main thread) for thread safety, as shown in the following program template

# Swing Program Template

```
1 import java.awt.*;
2 import java.awt.event.*;
3 import javax.swing.*;
4 // A Swing GUI application inherits from top-level container javax.swing.JFrame
5 public class ..... extends JFrame {
6     // private variables
7     // .....
8
9     /** Constructor to setup the GUI components */
10    public .....() {
11        Container cp = this.getContentPane();
12
13        // Content-pane sets layout
14        cp.setLayout(new ....Layout());
15
16        // Allocate the GUI components
17        // .....
18
19        // Content-pane adds components
20        cp.add(....);
21
22        // Source object adds listener
23        // .....
24
25        setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
26        // Exit the program when the close-window button clicked
27        setTitle("....."); // "this" JFrame sets title
28        setSize(300, 150); // "this" JFrame sets initial size (or pack())
29        setVisible(true); // show it
30    }
31
32    /** The entry main() method */
33    public static void main(String[] args) {
34        // Run GUI codes in Event-Dispatching thread for thread-safety
35        SwingUtilities.invokeLater(new Runnable() {
36            @Override
37            public void run() {
38                new .....(); // Let the constructor do the job
39            }
40        });
41    }
42 }
```

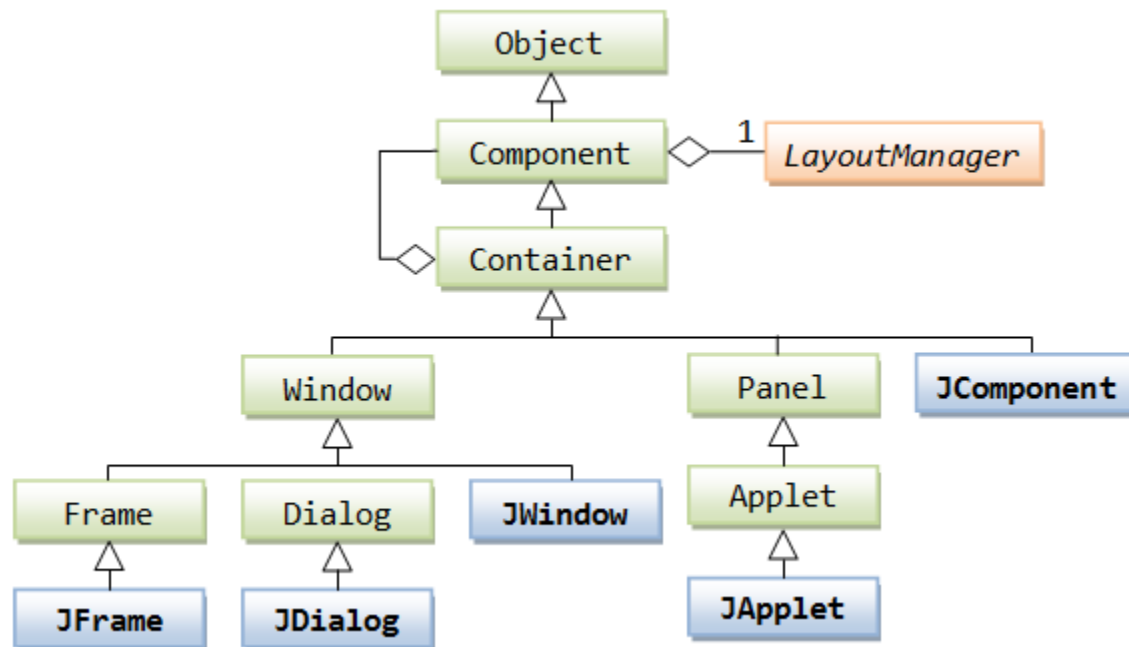
# Swing Example: SwingCounter



```
1 import java.awt.*;           // Using AWT containers and components
2 import java.awt.event.*;     // Using AWT events and listener interfaces
3 import javax.swing.*;        // Using Swing components and containers
4
5 // A Swing GUI application inherits from top-level container
6 // javax.swing.JFrame
7 public class SwingCounter extends JFrame {
8     private JTextField tfCount;
9     // Use Swing's JTextField instead of AWT's TextField
10    private int count = 0;
11
12    /** Constructor to setup the GUI */
13    public SwingCounter () {
14        // Retrieve the content-pane of the top-level container JFrame
15        // All operations done on the content-pane
16        Container cp = getContentPane();
17        cp.setLayout(new FlowLayout());
18
19        cp.add(new JLabel("Counter"));
20        tfCount = new JTextField("0", 10);
21        tfCount.setEditable(false);
22        cp.add(tfCount);
23
24        JButton btnCount = new JButton("Count");
25        cp.add(btnCount);
26
27        // Allocate an anonymous instance of an anonymous inner class
28        // that implements ActionListener as ActionListener listener
29        btnCount.addActionListener(new ActionListener() {
30            @Override
31            public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
32                ++count;
33                tfCount.setText(count + "");
34            }
35        });
36
37        setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
38        // Exit program if close-window button clicked
39        setTitle("Swing Counter"); // "this" JFrame sets title
40        setSize(300, 100);         // "this" JFrame sets initial size
41        setVisible(true);          // "this" JFrame shows
42    }
43
44    /** The entry main() method */
45    public static void main(String[] args) {
46        // Run the GUI construction in the Event-Dispatching thread
47        // for thread-safety
48        SwingUtilities.invokeLater(new Runnable() {
49            @Override
50            public void run() {
51                new SwingCounter(); // Let the constructor do the job
52            }
53        });
54    }
55 }
```

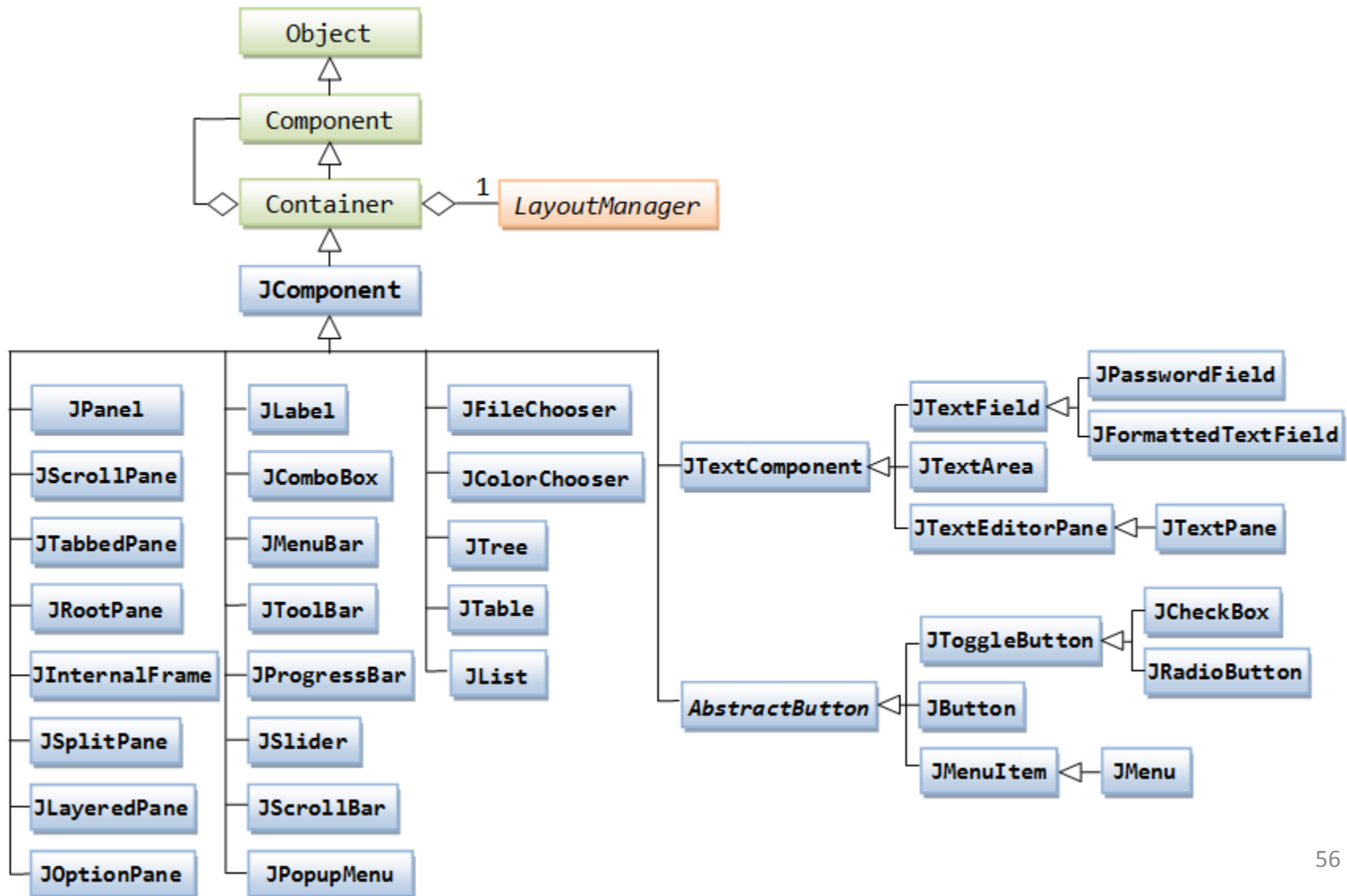
# Class Hierarchy of Swing's Top-level Containers

- ❑ JFrame, JDialog, JApplet
- ❑ These top-level Swing containers are heavyweight, that rely on the underlying windowing subsystem of the native platform



# Class Hierarchy of Swing's JComponents

- JComponent and its descendants are lightweight components







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