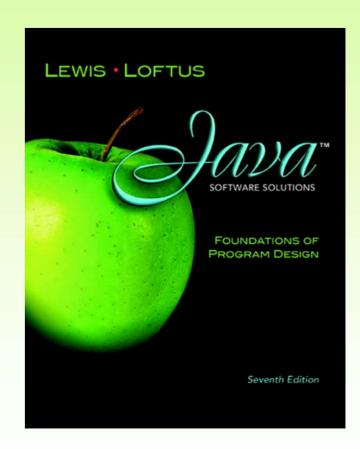
Chapter 4 Writing Classes



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Writing Classes

- We've been using predefined classes from the Java API. Now we will learn to write our own classes.
- Chapter 4 focuses on:
 - class definitions
 - instance data
 - encapsulation and Java modifiers
 - method declaration and parameter passing
 - constructors
 - graphical objects
 - events and listeners
 - buttons and text fields

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Writing Classes

- The programs we've written in previous examples have used classes defined in the Java standard class library
- Now we will begin to design programs that rely on classes that we write ourselves
- The class that contains the main method is just the starting point of a program
- True object-oriented programming is based on defining classes that represent objects with welldefined characteristics and functionality

Examples of Classes

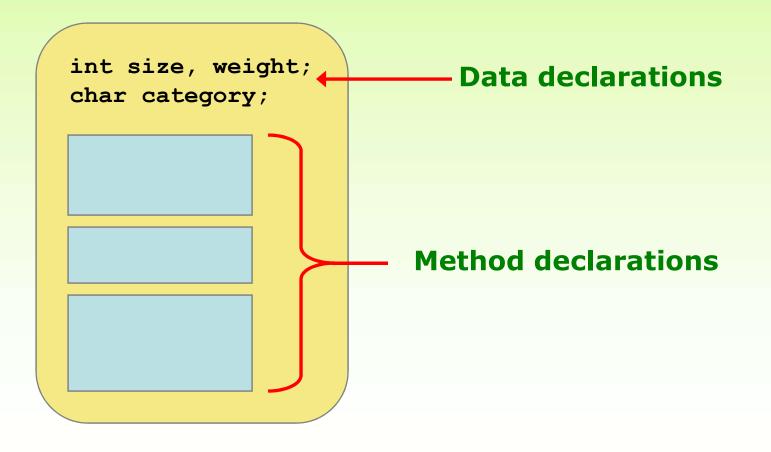
Class	Attributes	Operations
Student	Name Address Major Grade point average	Set address Set major Compute grade point average
Rectangle	Length Width Color	Set length Set width Set color
Aquarium	Material Length Width Height	Set material Set length Set width Set height Compute volume Compute filled weight
Flight	Airline Flight number Origin city Destination city Current status	Set airline Set flight number Determine status
Employee	Name Department Title Salary	Set department Set title Set salary Compute wages Compute bonus Compute taxes

Classes and Objects

- Recall from our overview of objects in Chapter 1 that an object has state and behavior
- Consider a six-sided die (singular of dice)
 - It's state can be defined as which face is showing
 - It's primary behavior is that it can be rolled
- We represent a die by designing a class called Die that models this state and behavior
 - The class serves as the blueprint for a die object
- We can then instantiate as many die objects as we need for any particular program

Classes

A class can contain data declarations and method declarations



Classes

- The values of the data define the state of an object created from the class
- The functionality of the methods define the behaviors of the object
- For our Die class, we might declare an integer called faceValue that represents the current value showing on the face
- One of the methods would "roll" the die by setting faceValue to a random number between one and six

Classes

- We'll want to design the Die class so that it is a versatile and reusable resource
- Any given program will probably not use all operations of a given class
- See RollingDice.java
- See Die.java

```
//**********************
   RollingDice.java Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
   Demonstrates the creation and use of a user-defined class.
//**********************
public class RollingDice
  // Creates two Die objects and rolls them several times.
  public static void main (String[] args)
    Die die1, die2;
     int sum;
     die1 = new Die();
     die2 = new Die();
     die1.roll();
     die2.roll();
     System.out.println ("Die One: " + die1 + ", Die Two: " + die2);
continue
```

continue die1.roll(); die2.setFaceValue(4); System.out.println ("Die One: " + die1 + ", Die Two: " + die2); sum = die1.getFaceValue() + die2.getFaceValue(); System.out.println ("Sum: " + sum); sum = die1.roll() + die2.roll(); System.out.println ("Die One: " + die1 + ", Die Two: " + die2); System.out.println ("New sum: " + sum); }

Sample Run continue Die One: 5, Die Two: 2 die1.roll(); die2.setFaceV Die One: 1, Die Two: 4 , Die Two: " + die2); System.out.pr Sum: 5 Die One: 4, Die Two: 2 sum = die1.ge lue(); New sum: 6 System.out.pr sum = die1.roll() + die2.roll(); System.out.println ("Die One: " + die1 + ", Die Two: " + die2); System.out.println ("New sum: " + sum); }

```
//*********************
              Author: Lewis/Loftus
   Die.java
   Represents one die (singular of dice) with faces showing values
   between 1 and 6.
//**********************
public class Die
  private final int MAX = 6; // maximum face value
  private int faceValue; // current value showing on the die
  // Constructor: Sets the initial face value.
  public Die()
    faceValue = 1;
continue
```

```
continue
  // Rolls the die and returns the result.
 public int roll()
   faceValue = (int) (Math.random() * MAX) + 1;
   return faceValue;
  //----
  // Face value mutator.
 public void setFaceValue (int value)
   faceValue = value;
  //----
  // Face value accessor.
  //----
 public int getFaceValue()
   return faceValue;
continue
```

```
continue

//-----
// Returns a string representation of this die.
//------
public String toString()
{
    String result = Integer.toString(faceValue);
    return result;
}
```

The Die Class

- The Die class contains two data values
 - a constant MAX that represents the maximum face value
 - an integer faceValue that represents the current face value
- The roll method uses the random method of the Math class to determine a new face value
- There are also methods to explicitly set and retrieve the current face value at any time

The toString Method

- It's good practice to define a toString method for a class
- The toString method returns a character string that represents the object in some way
- It is called automatically when an object is concatenated to a string or when it is passed to the println method
- It's also convenient for debugging problems

Constructors

- As mentioned previously, a constructor is used to set up an object when it is initially created
- A constructor has the same name as the class
- The Die constructor is used to set the initial face value of each new die object to one
- We examine constructors in more detail later in this chapter

Data Scope

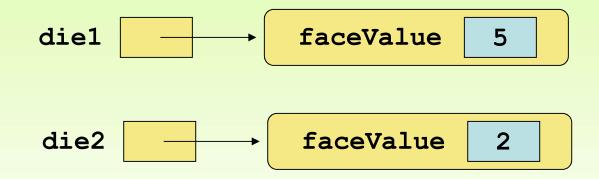
- The scope of data is the area in a program in which that data can be referenced (used)
- Data declared at the class level can be referenced by all methods in that class
- Data declared within a method can be used only in that method
- Data declared within a method is called local data
- In the Die class, the variable result is declared inside the toString method -- it is local to that method and cannot be referenced anywhere else

Instance Data

- A variable declared at the class level (such as faceValue) is called instance data
- Each instance (object) has its own instance variable
- A class declares the type of the data, but it does not reserve memory space for it
- Each time a Die object is created, a new faceValue variable is created as well
- The objects of a class share the method definitions, but each object has its own data space
- That's the only way two objects can have different states

Instance Data

• We can depict the two Die objects from the RollingDice program as follows:



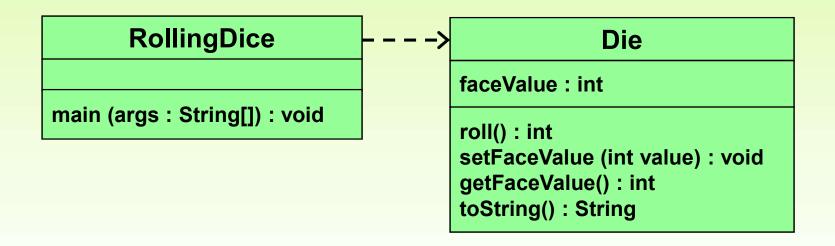
Each object maintains its own faceValue variable, and thus its own state

UML Diagrams

- UML stands for the Unified Modeling Language
- UML diagrams show relationships among classes and objects
- A UML class diagram consists of one or more classes, each with sections for the class name, attributes (data), and operations (methods)
- Lines between classes represent associations
- A dotted arrow shows that one class uses the other (calls its methods)

UML Class Diagrams

• A UML class diagram for the RollingDice program:



What is the relationship between a class and an object?

What is the relationship between a class and an object?

A class is the definition/pattern/blueprint of an object. It defines the data that will be managed by an object but doesn't reserve memory space for it. Multiple objects can be created from a class, and each object has its own copy of the instance data.

Where is instance data declared?

What is the scope of instance data?

What is local data?

Where is instance data declared?

At the class level.

What is the scope of instance data?

It can be referenced in any method of the class.

What is local data?

Local data is declared within a method, and is only accessible in that method.

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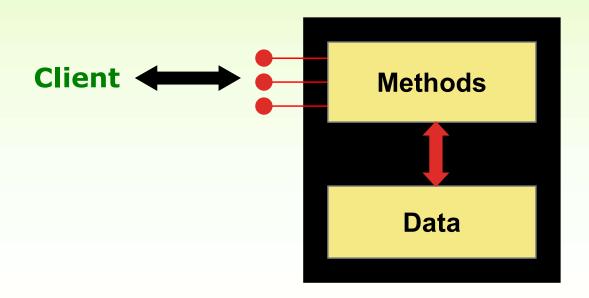
- We can take one of two views of an object:
 - internal the details of the variables and methods of the class that defines it
 - external the services that an object provides and how the object interacts with the rest of the system
- From the external view, an object is an encapsulated entity, providing a set of specific services
- These services define the interface to the object

Encapsulation

- One object (called the *client*) may use another object for the services it provides
- The client of an object may request its services (call its methods), but it should not have to be aware of how those services are accomplished
- Any changes to the object's state (its variables) should be made by that object's methods
- We should make it difficult, if not impossible, for a client to access an object's variables directly
- That is, an object should be self-governing

Encapsulation

- An encapsulated object can be thought of as a black box -- its inner workings are hidden from the client
- The client invokes the interface methods and they manage the instance data

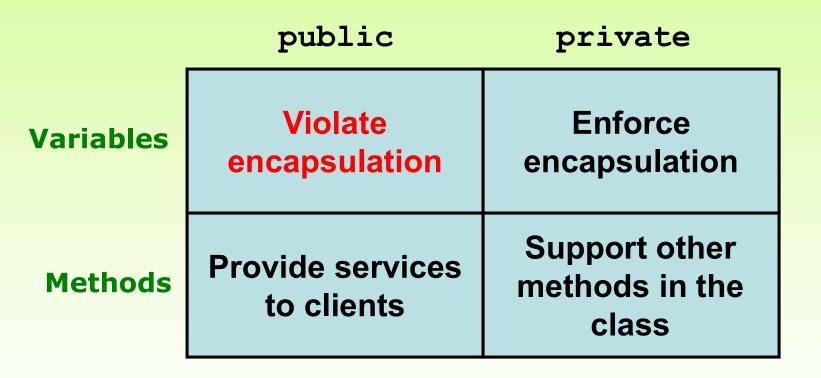


- In Java, we accomplish encapsulation through the appropriate use of visibility modifiers
- A modifier is a Java reserved word that specifies particular characteristics of a method or data
- We've used the final modifier to define constants
- Java has three visibility modifiers: public, protected, and private
- The protected modifier involves inheritance, which we will discuss later

- Members of a class that are declared with public visibility can be referenced anywhere
- Members of a class that are declared with private visibility can be referenced only within that class
- Members declared without a visibility modifier have default visibility and can be referenced by any class in the same package
- An overview of all Java modifiers is presented in Appendix E

- Public variables violate encapsulation because they allow the client to modify the values directly
- Therefore instance variables should not be declared with public visibility
- It is acceptable to give a constant public visibility, which allows it to be used outside of the class
- Public constants do not violate encapsulation because, although the client can access it, its value cannot be changed

- Methods that provide the object's services are declared with public visibility so that they can be invoked by clients
- Public methods are also called service methods
- A method created simply to assist a service method is called a support method
- Since a support method is not intended to be called by a client, it should not be declared with public visibility



Accessors and Mutators

- Because instance data is private, a class usually provides services to access and modify data values
- An accessor method returns the current value of a variable
- A mutator method changes the value of a variable
- The names of accessor and mutator methods take the form getX and setX, respectively, where X is the name of the value
- They are sometimes called "getters" and "setters"

Mutator Restrictions

- The use of mutators gives the class designer the ability to restrict a client's options to modify an object's state
- A mutator is often designed so that the values of variables can be set only within particular limits
- For example, the setFaceValue mutator of the Die class should restrict the value to the valid range (1 to MAX)
- We'll see in Chapter 5 how such restrictions can be implemented

Quick Check

Why was the faceValue variable declared as private in the Die class?

Why is it ok to declare MAX as public in the Die class?

Quick Check

Why was the faceValue variable declared as private in the Die class?

By making it private, each Die object controls its own data and allows it to be modified only by the well-defined operations it provides.

Why is it ok to declare MAX as public in the Die class?

MAX is a constant. Its value cannot be changed. Therefore, there is no violation of encapsulation.

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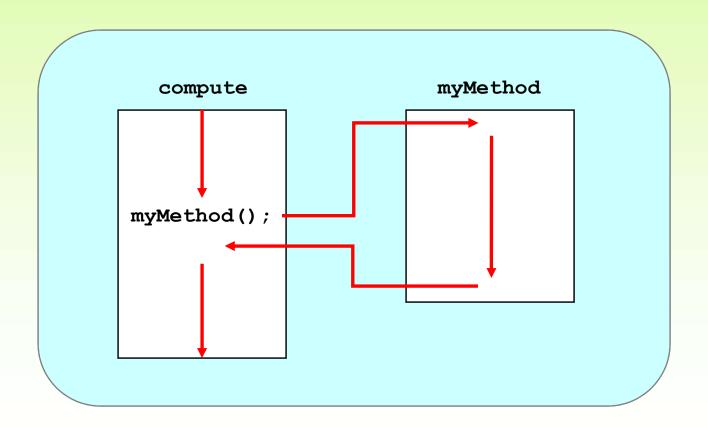
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Method Declarations

- Let's now examine methods in more detail
- A method declaration specifies the code that will be executed when the method is invoked (called)
- When a method is invoked, the flow of control jumps to the method and executes its code
- When complete, the flow returns to the place where the method was called and continues
- The invocation may or may not return a value, depending on how the method is defined

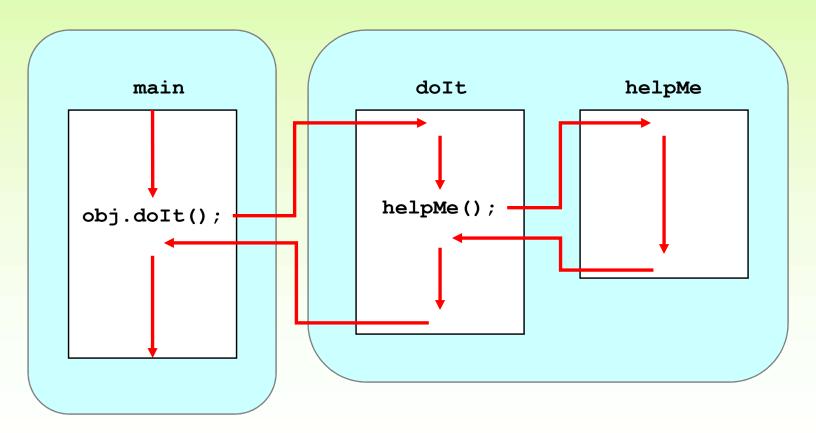
Method Control Flow

 If the called method is in the same class, only the method name is needed



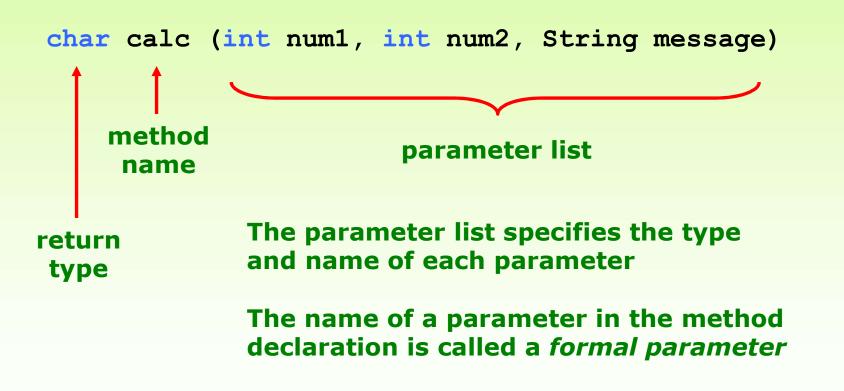
Method Control Flow

The called method is often part of another class or object



Method Header

A method declaration begins with a method header



Method Body

The method header is followed by the method body

```
char calc (int num1, int num2, String message)
   int sum = num1 + num2;
   char result = message.charAt (sum);
   return result;
                              sum and result.
                              are local data
                              They are created
  The return expression
                              each time the
   must be consistent with
                              method is called, and
  the return type
                              are destroyed when
                              it finishes executing
```

The return Statement

- The return type of a method indicates the type of value that the method sends back to the calling location
- A method that does not return a value has a void return type
- A return statement specifies the value that will be returned

return expression;

Its expression must conform to the return type

Parameters

 When a method is called, the actual parameters in the invocation are copied into the formal parameters in the method header

```
ch = obj.calc (25, count, "Hello");

char calc (int num1, int num2, String message)
{
  int sum = num1 + num2;
  char result = message.charAt (sum);

  return result;
}
```

Local Data

- As we've seen, local variables can be declared inside a method
- The formal parameters of a method create automatic local variables when the method is invoked
- When the method finishes, all local variables are destroyed (including the formal parameters)
- Keep in mind that instance variables, declared at the class level, exists as long as the object exists

Bank Account Example

- Let's look at another example that demonstrates the implementation details of classes and methods
- We'll represent a bank account by a class named Account
- It's state can include the account number, the current balance, and the name of the owner
- An account's behaviors (or services) include deposits and withdrawals, and adding interest

Driver Programs

- A driver program drives the use of other, more interesting parts of a program
- Driver programs are often used to test other parts of the software
- The Transactions class contains a main method that drives the use of the Account class, exercising its services
- See Transactions.java
- See Account.java

```
//***********************
   Transactions.java Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
   Demonstrates the creation and use of multiple Account objects.
//*********************
public class Transactions
  // Creates some bank accounts and requests various services.
  public static void main (String[] args)
     Account acct1 = new Account ("Ted Murphy", 72354, 102.56);
     Account acct2 = new Account ("Jane Smith", 69713, 40.00);
     Account acct3 = new Account ("Edward Demsey", 93757, 759.32);
     acctl.deposit (25.85);
     double smithBalance = acct2.deposit (500.00);
     System.out.println ("Smith balance after deposit: " +
                      smithBalance);
continue
```



```
Output
continue
             Smith balance after deposit: 540.0
     System.
             Smith balance after withdrawal: 107.55
             72354
                     Ted Murphy
                                       $132.90
     acct1.a
     acct2.a 69713
                     Jane Smith
                                       $111.52
                                       $785.90
            93757
                     Edward Demsey
     acct3.a
     System.out.println ();
     System.out.println (acct1);
     System.out.println (acct2);
     System.out.println (acct3);
}
```

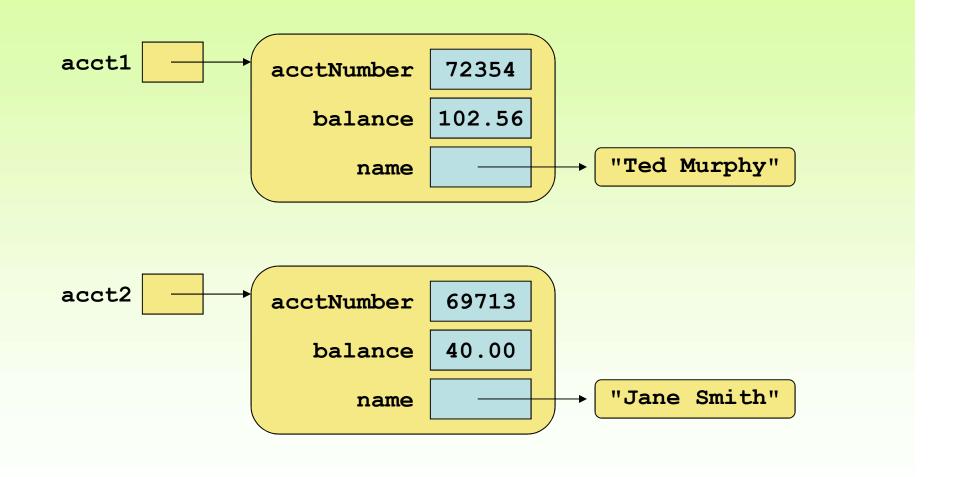
```
//**********************
  Account.java Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
   Represents a bank account with basic services such as deposit
// and withdraw.
//***********************
import java.text.NumberFormat;
public class Account
  private final double RATE = 0.035; // interest rate of 3.5%
  private long acctNumber;
  private double balance;
  private String name;
  // Sets up the account by defining its owner, account number,
  // and initial balance.
  public Account (String owner, long account, double initial)
     name = owner;
     acctNumber = account;
     balance = initial;
```

continue

```
continue
  // Deposits the specified amount into the account. Returns the
  // new balance.
  //-----
  public double deposit (double amount)
    balance = balance + amount;
    return balance;
  //-----
  // Withdraws the specified amount from the account and applies
  // the fee. Returns the new balance.
  public double withdraw (double amount, double fee)
    balance = balance - amount - fee;
    return balance;
continue
```

```
continue
  // Adds interest to the account and returns the new balance.
  //-----
  public double addInterest ()
    balance += (balance * RATE);
    return balance;
  //-----
  // Returns the current balance of the account.
  public double getBalance ()
    return balance;
  // Returns a one-line description of the account as a string.
  //----
  public String toString ()
    NumberFormat fmt = NumberFormat.getCurrencyInstance();
    return (acctNumber + "\t" + name + "\t" + fmt.format(balance));
}
```

Bank Account Example



Bank Account Example

- There are some improvements that can be made to the Account class
- Formal getters and setters could have been defined for all data
- The design of some methods could also be more robust, such as verifying that the amount parameter to the withdraw method is positive

Constructors Revisited

- Note that a constructor has no return type specified in the method header, not even void
- A common error is to put a return type on a constructor, which makes it a "regular" method that happens to have the same name as the class
- The programmer does not have to define a constructor for a class
- Each class has a default constructor that accepts no parameters

Quick Check

How do we express which Account object's balance is updated when a deposit is made?

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How do we express which Account object's balance is updated when a deposit is made?

Each account is referenced by an object reference variable:

```
Account myAcct = new Account (...);
```

and when a method is called, you call it through a particular object:

```
myAcct.deposit(50);
```

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- 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
- We did this in Chapter 2 when we defined the paint method of an applet
- Let's look at some other examples of graphical objects

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 Author: Lewis/Loftus
   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);
```

```
//*****
                              Smiling Face
                                                         *****
   SmilingFac
                  Always remember that you are unique!
   Demonstrat
//******
                                                         ******
import javax.s
public class S
                         Just like everyone else.
   // Creates
  public stat
      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 Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
   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));
continue
```

```
continue
  //----
  // 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
continue
```

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 Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
   Demonstrates the use of graphical objects.
//*********************
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);
```

```
//********
                                                       *****
                                Splat
   Splat.java
   Demonstrate
//********
                                                       *****
import javax.sw
import java.awt
public class Sr
     Presents
  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
                  Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
   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);
```

continue

```
//********************
// Circle.java Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
   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;
continue
```

```
continue
  // 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;
continue
```

```
continue
 //-----
 // 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;
continue
```

```
continue
 //----
 // Color accessor.
 //-----
 public Color getColor ()
   return color;
 //-----
 // X accessor.
 public int getX ()
   return x;
 // Y accessor.
 //----
 public int getY ()
   return y;
```

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Graphical User Interfaces

- A Graphical User Interface (GUI) in Java is created with at least three kinds of objects:
 - components, events, and 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

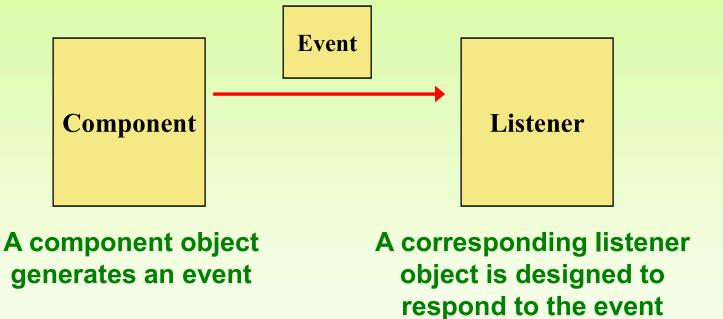
Events

- 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 pressed
 - a keyboard key is pressed
 - a timer expires

Events and Listeners

- The Java API contains several classes that represent typical events
- Components, such as a graphical button, generate (or fire) an event when it occurs
- We set up a *listener* object to respond to an event when it occurs
- We can design listener objects to take whatever actions are appropriate when an event occurs

Events and Listeners



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

GUI Development

- 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 the components that generate the corresponding events
- Let's now explore some new components and see how this all comes together

Outline

Anatomy of a Class

Encapsulation

Anatomy of a Method

Graphical Objects

Graphical User Interfaces



Buttons and Text Fields

Buttons

- 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 Authors: Lewis/Loftus
  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);
```

```
//*****
                                                 *********
                          Push Counter
// PushCounte
                        Push Me! Pushes: 7
   Demonstrat
                                                  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");
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     frame.getContentPane().add(new PushCounterPanel());
     frame.pack();
     frame.setVisible(true);
```

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//***********************
   PushCounterPanel.java Authors: Lewis/Loftus
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   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());
continue
```

```
continue
     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);
```

- 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

- 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

- 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 API contains interfaces for many types of events
- We discuss interfaces in more detail in Chapter 6

- 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

Quick Check

Which object in the Push Counter example generated the event?

What did it do then?

Quick Check

Which object in the Push Counter example generated the event?

The button component generated the event.

What did it do then?

It called the actionPerformed method of the listener object that had been registered with it.

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 object generates an action event when the enter key is pressed
- See Fahrenheit.java
- See FahrenheitPanel.java

```
//***********************
  Fahrenheit.java Author: Lewis/Loftus
  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);
```

```
//******
                                                        **********
                              Fahrenheit
  Fahrenheit
                  Enter Fahrenheit temperature: 74
   Demonstrat
                        Temperature in Celsius: 23
//*****
                                                        ****
import javax.s
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 Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
   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());
continue
```

```
continue
    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();
continue
```

```
continue

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

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

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

Summary

- Chapter 4 focused on:
 - class definitions
 - instance data
 - encapsulation and Java modifiers
 - method declaration and parameter passing
 - constructors
 - graphical objects
 - events and listeners
 - buttons and text fields