

4 Simple Animation

- Previously, in 416
 - *JComponent*
 - *JWheels*
 - application level graphics objects that are *JComponents*

Preview

- Java event model
- Basic event-based programming in Java
- Simple time-based animation
 - Mover interface
 - Swing Timer class

Events

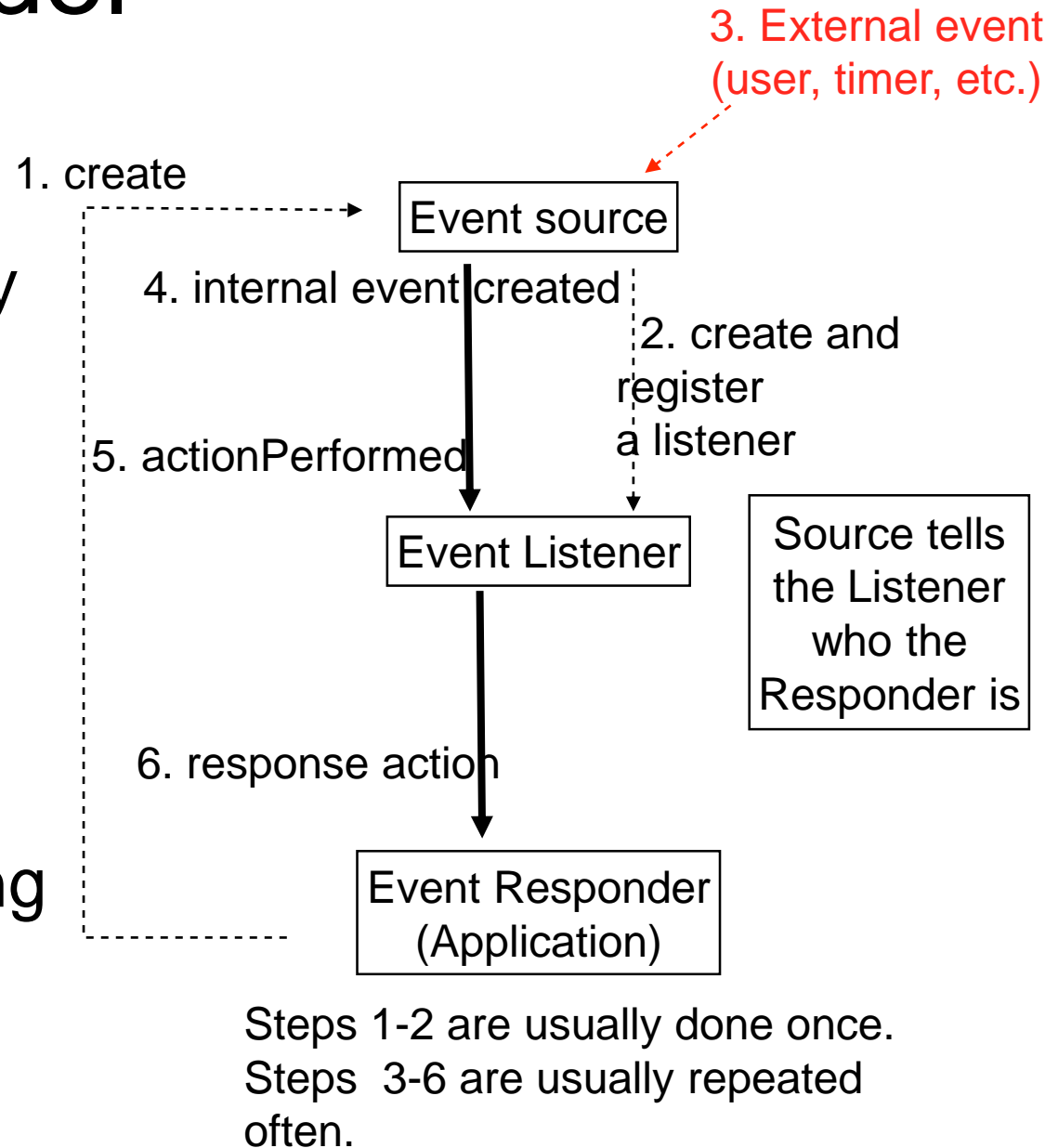
- User presses a mouse button
- User moves the mouse
- User opens or closes a window
- A clock tick occurs
- A *Timer* object's time interval elapses

Event Handling

- Events happen
 - JRE (Java Runtime Environment) knows about them
- Programs want to know about events
 - but not all events and not all the time
- How does program tell JRE which events it cares about?
- How does JRE deliver those events to the program?

Java Event Model

- A Java Event is generated by an event source object
- An event listener object is “registered” with a source, which invokes the listener when an event occurs
- An application object is a responder to the event; the app creates a *source*, passing the responder object as an argument



Timer Event Example

When timer interval elapses,
listener's actionPerformed is called

- *MoveTimer* is the event source
- *MoveListener* is the event listener
- *BallPanel* is the event responder

Create event source; tell it
about responder (this)

```
public class MoveTimer extends
    javax.swing.Timer
{
    public MoveTimer( int t, Mover m )
    { ... _mover = m; ... }
    private class MoveListener implements
        java.awt.event.ActionListener
    {
        public void actionPerformed( Event e )
        {
            _mover.move();
        }
        . . .
    }
}
```

Call responder's move method

```
public class BallPanel implements Mover
{
    public BallPanel( ... )
    {
        MoveTimer = new MoveTimer( 100, this );
    }
    public void move() { . . . }
}
```

MoveTimer

```
public class MoveTimer extends javax.swing.Timer
{
    Mover _mover;
    public MoveTimer( int interval, Mover m )
    {
        super( interval, null );
        _mover = m;
        this.addActionListener( new MoveListener() );
    }
    private class MoveListener implements
        java.awt.event.ActionListener
    {
        public void actionPerformed( Event e )
        {
            _mover.move();
        }
    }
}
```

Register the
ActionListener with the
Timer class object.

interval is in milliseconds
the *Mover* is the event
responder object

ActionListener interface only
has one method.

An inner class has access
to instance variables of the
outer class

MoveListener is an inner
class and *private*

BallPanel

```
public class BallPanel extends JPanel implements Mover
{
    AEllipse _ball; // book uses SmartEllipse,
                    // could also use JEllipse
    public BallPanel( )
    {
        _ball = new BouncingBall( Color.RED, this );
        Timer timer = new MoveTimer( 100, this );
        _timer.start();
    }
    ...
    public void move()
    {
        _ball.move();
        repaint();
    }
}
```

Create the timer and start it. The timer keeps generating events every 100 msec until program issues a *timer.stop()* method invocation.

move() gets called by the *MoveListener* object after the time interval has elapsed; the Timer immediately starts up another interval countdown.

BouncingBall

```
public class BouncingBall extends AEllipse implements Mover
{
    ...
    public BouncingBall( Color c, Container parent )
    {
        super( frame, aColor );
        _dX = 5; _dY = 5;
        _f = frame;
    } ...
    public void move()
    {
        int nextX = this.getX() + _dX; // update position
        int nextY = this.getY() + _dY;
        if ( nextX < 0 )
        {
            _dX = -_dX;           // if so, reverse x direction
            nextX = 0;
        }
        else if ( nextX + this.getWidth() >= _parent.getWidth() )
        {
            _dX = -_dX;           // if so, reverse x direction
            nextX = _parent.getWidth() - this.getWidth();
        }
        ... // test top and bottom bounds
    }
}
```

Book version extends *SmartEllipse*. Our *AEllipse* works also, with minor edits to book code

Compute next position

Is it to left of drawing area?

Is it to right of drawing area?

Note: Lab version uses *Animated* interface instead of *Mover* and *FrameTimer* class instead of *Timer*, but they are functionally equivalent

FrameTimer class

NewFrame interface

Animated interface

- We define variations of the *Timer* class and *Mover* interface:
 - *FrameTimer* class represents timer events that signal that a new frame should be created
 - *NewFrame* interface defines a general response to a new frame event, which need not be an animation response
 - *Animated* interface defines a general response for frame-by-frame animation events such that each object's response to a frame event can be dynamically and independently enabled and disabled

NewFrame interface

Animated interface

- *NewFrame* only implies that a new frame is required

```
public interface NewFrame
{
    public void newFrame();
}
```

- *Animated* implies animation may occur over a sequence of new frame events and the animation can be enabled/disabled for each object

```
public interface Animated extends NewFrame
{
    public void setAnimated( boolean onOff );
    public boolean isAnimated();
}
```

Moving Composite Objects

- There are 2 kinds of composite objects we can create:
 - *JComponents* that have their own origin (Lab 3 *JPlayer*)
 - Anything else, whose component coordinates are relative to the drawing panel (*A-classes* and *awt Graphics2D* objects)
- *JComponent* versions are trivial

No need to override the *JComponent setLocation* method; all components are already defined relative to the *JComponent* location.

```
public class JPlayer
extends JComponent
{
    public void newFrame()
    {
        // computes next position
        . . .
        this.setLocation( nextX, nextY );
        repaint();
    }
}
```

Other Composite Objects

- For a composite object that is not a *JComponent* (*SnowMan*)

- newFrame()* delegates the action to the components using their *moveBy* method
- could also use *setLocation* method of components, but *moveBy* is simpler for composite and also useful for dragging.

newFrame() computes new position

```
public class SnowMan implements Animated
{
    public void newFrame()
    {
        // computes next position
        . . .
        this.setLocation( newX, newY );
    }
    public void setLocation( int x, int y )
    {
        int dx = x - this.getX();
        int dy = y - this.getY();

        head.moveBy( dx, dy );
        rightArm.moveBy( dx, dy );
        leftArm.moveBy( dx, dy );
        rightEye.moveBy( dx, dy );
        . . .
        super.setLocation( x, y );
    }
}
```

setLocation gets each component to move itself to its new position.

Draggable interface

- Our *Draggable* interface expands the *wheels* version
 - it allows dragging to be enabled/disabled for each object
 - it requires a *moveBy* method to simplify re-positioning
 - it requires a *contains(Point2D)* method so a container can pass along its mouse events to any of its components that want to be draggable.

```
public interface Draggable
{
    public void setDraggable( boolean onOff );
    public boolean isDraggable();
    public boolean contains( Point2D p );
    public void moveBy( int x, int y );
}
```

Review

- Java Event handling model
 - Source, listener, responder
- *javax.swing.Timer* provides framework for animation
- Can animate *JComponents* (as in *JWheels*) as well as the *Graphics* objects (as in *AEllipse*, *et al.*)

Next, in 416

- User Interface Design
- More Swing features
- Read Chapter 8