



Lecture 8

Graphics Part I

Intro to JavaFX

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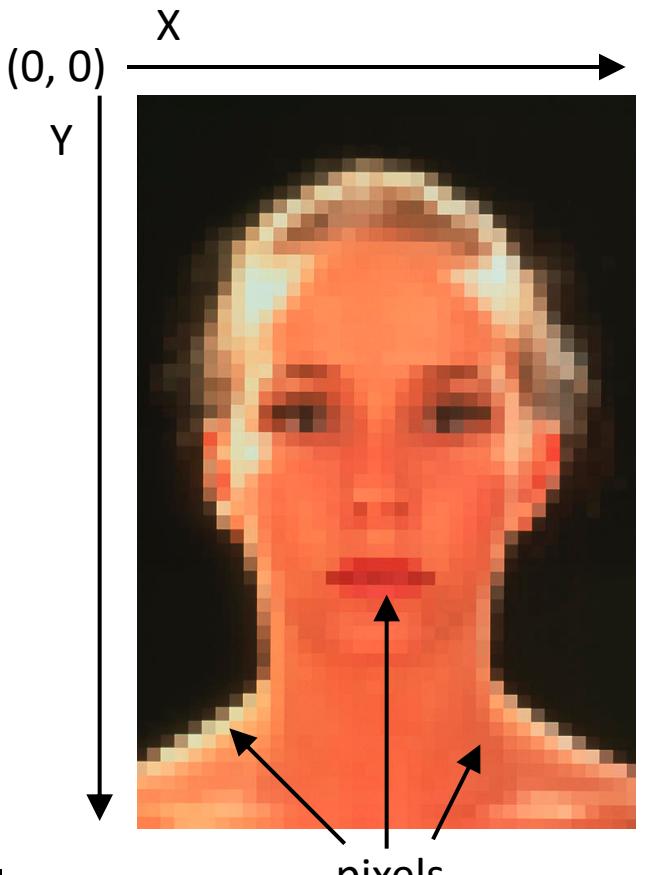
This Lecture

- GUIs and JavaFX
- JavaFX Scene Graph Hierarchy
 - Aside: `VBox`
- Example: ColorChanger
 - Event Handling
 - Private inner classes
 - Random number generation
 - `javafx.scene.paint.Colors`
- Logical vs. Graphical Containment with JavaFX



Pixels and Coordinate System

- Screen is a grid of **pixels** (tiny squares, each with **RGB** components)
- Cartesian plane with:
 - origin in upper-left corner
 - x-axis increasing left to right
 - y-axis increasing top to bottom
 - corresponds to English writing order
- Each graphical element is positioned at specific pixel



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What is JavaFX?



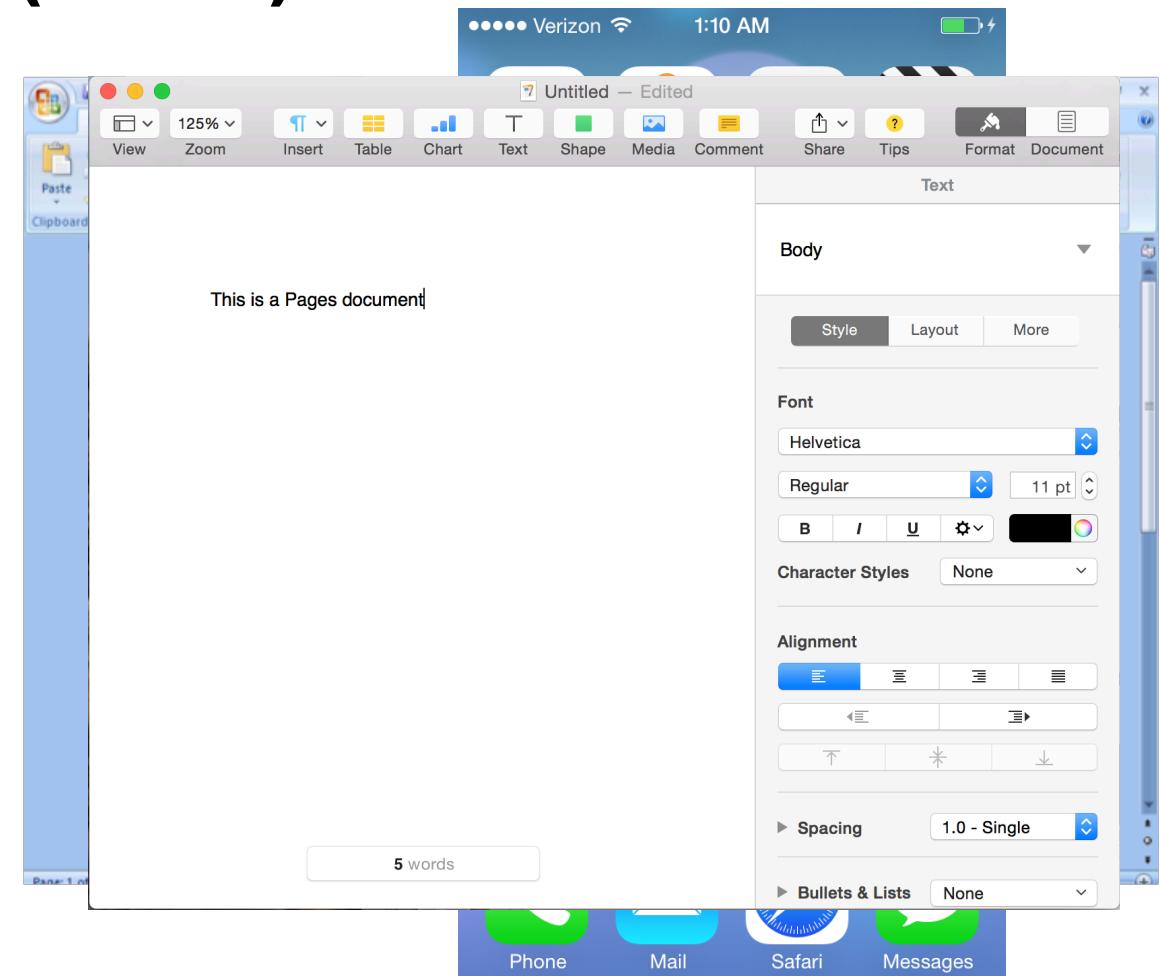
- Usually don't want to program at the pixel level – far too tedious!
- JavaFX is a set of graphics and media packages enabling developers to design, create, and test powerful graphical applications for desktop, web, and mobile devices
- JavaFX is an API (Application Programming Interface) to a graphics and media library: a collection of useful classes and interfaces and their methods (with suitable documentation) – no internals accessible!

Creating Applications from Scratch

- Until now, TAs took care of graphical components for you
 - our support code defined the relevant classes
- *From now on, you are in charge of this!*
- JavaFX is quite powerful but can be a bit tricky to wrap your head around because of the size of the JavaFX library
 - not to fear, all JavaFX packages, classes, and method descriptions can be found in the [JavaFX guide](#) on our website!

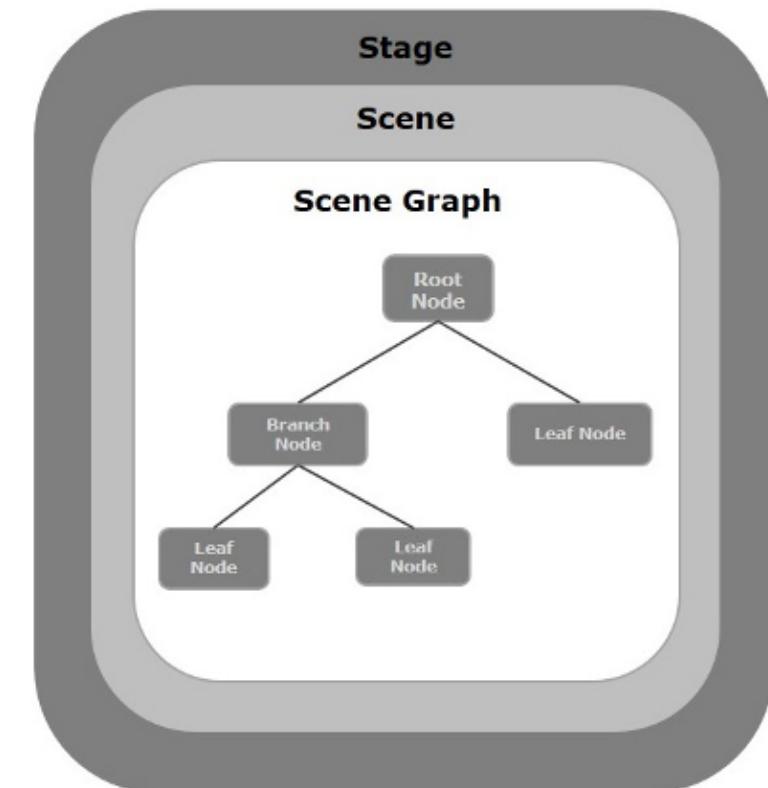
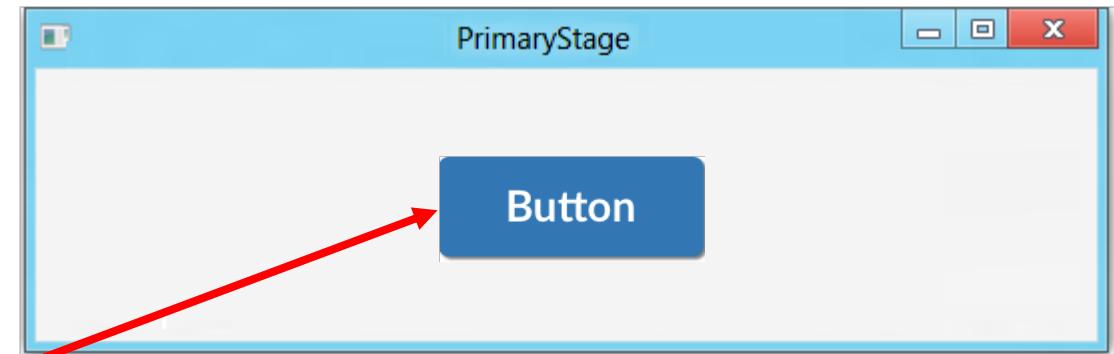
Graphical User Interface (GUIs)

- GUIs provide user- controlled (i.e., graphical) way to send messages to a system of objects, typically your app
- Use JavaFX to create your own GUIs throughout the semester



Components of JavaFX application

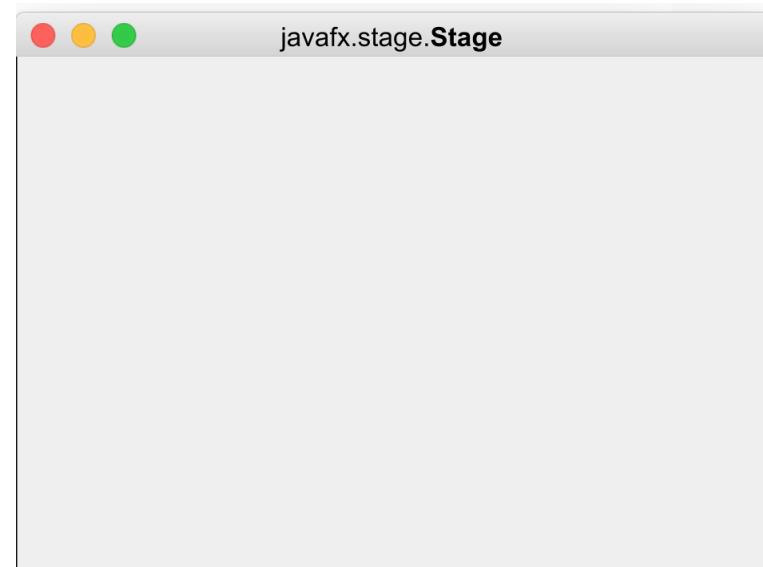
- Stage
 - **location** (or “window”) where all graphic elements will be displayed
- Scene
 - **container** for all UI elements to be displayed on a stage
 - scene must be on a stage to be visible
- Scene Graph
 - family tree of graphical elements
- Nodes
 - all elements of the Scene Graph
 - graphical representation called a UI element, widget or control (synonyms)



Creating GUIs With JavaFX (1/2)

- App class for our main JavaFX application extends the imported abstract class `javafx.application.Application`
- From now on in CS15, we'll begin every project by implementing the `Application` class' `start` method
 - `start` is called automatically by JavaFX to launch program
- Java automatically creates a `Stage` using the imported `javafx.stage.Stage` class, which is passed into `start` method
 - the `stage` becomes a window for the application when `stage's show` method is called in the `Application` class' `start` method.

```
public class App extends Application {  
    //mainline provided by TAs elided  
    @Override  
    public void start( Stage stage ) {  
        stage.show();  
    }  
}
```



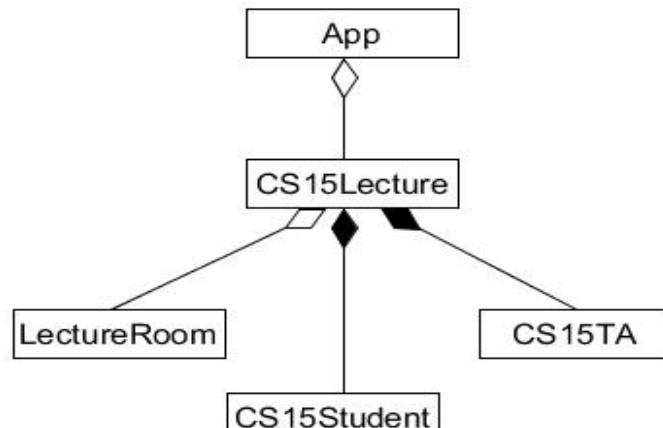
Creating GUIs With JavaFX (2/2)

- In order for our application to provide **content** for what to show on the stage, must first **set (specify) a scene** before **showing it on (in) the stage**
- `javafx.scene.Scene` is the top-level container for all UI elements
 - first instantiate `Scene` within `App` class' `start` method
 - then pass that `Scene` into `Stage`'s `setScene(Scene scene)` method to *set the scene!*
- In CS15, only specify 1 `Scene` – though JavaFX does permit creation of applications with multiple `Scenes`
 - ex: A gaming application where you could select to play either DoodleJump, Tetris or Pacman from the main screen might utilize multiple `Scenes` - one for each subgame
- So what exactly is a `javafx.scene.Scene` ?

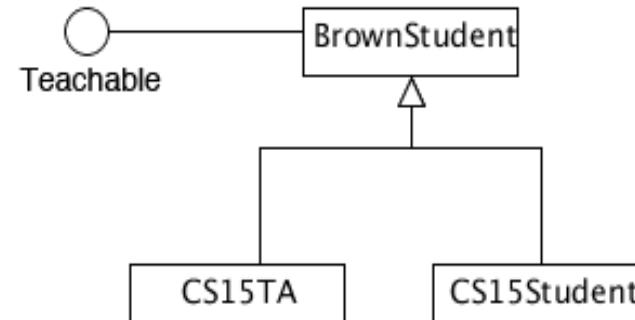
Process shown in
a few slides!

JavaFX Scene Graph Hierarchy (1/3)

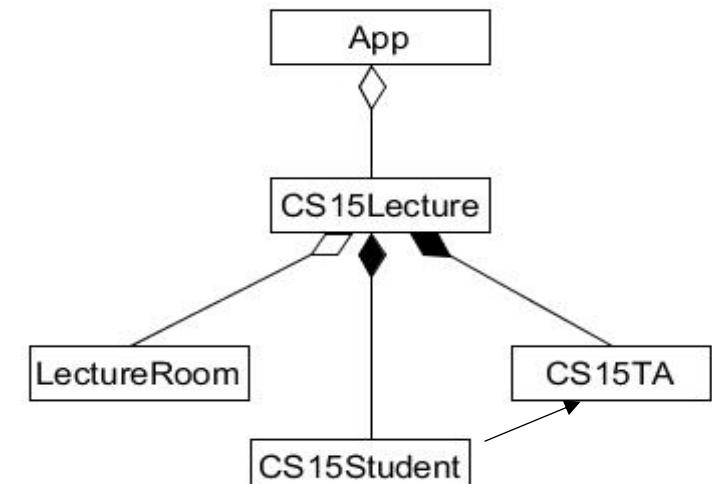
- In JavaFX, contents of the **Scene** (UI elements) are represented as a hierarchical **tree**, known as the Scene Graph
 - you are familiar with some other hierarchies already - **containment** and **inheritance**



containment hierarchy



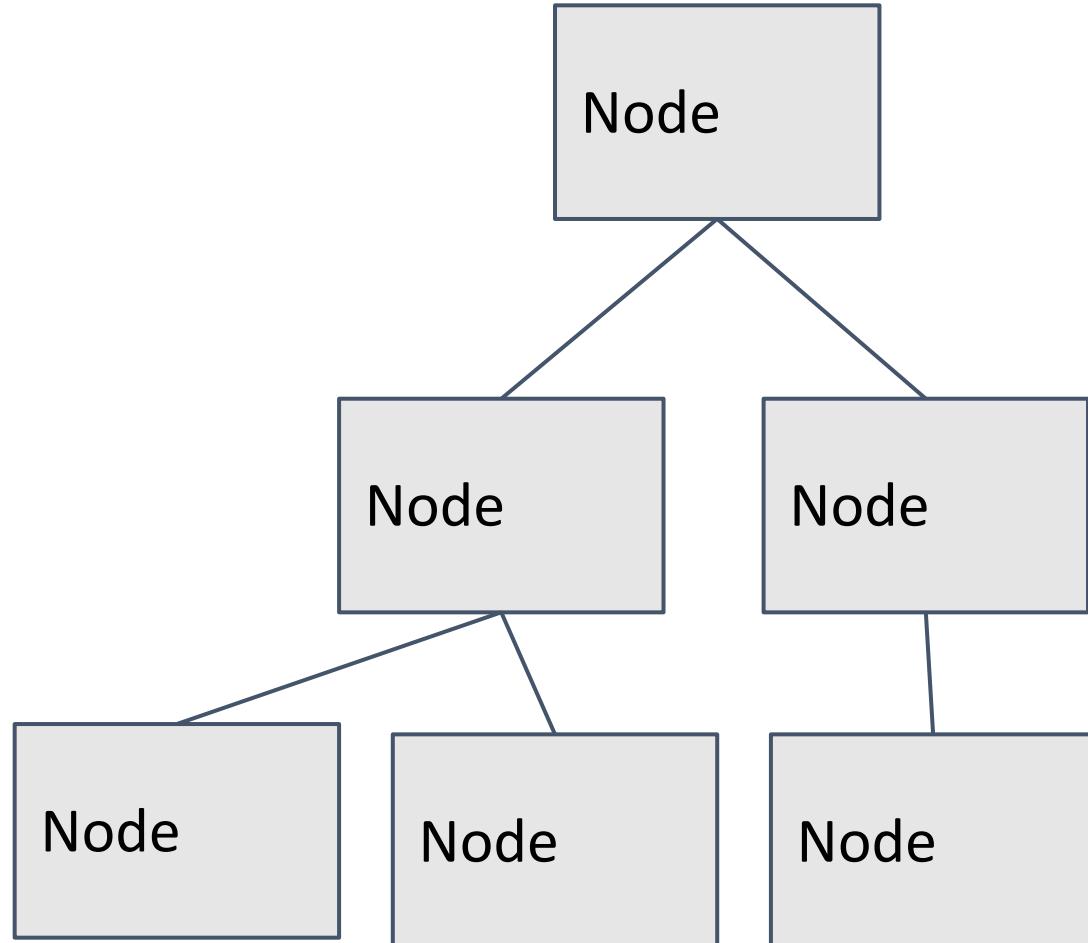
inheritance hierarchy



directed graph

JavaFX Scene Graph Hierarchy (2/3)

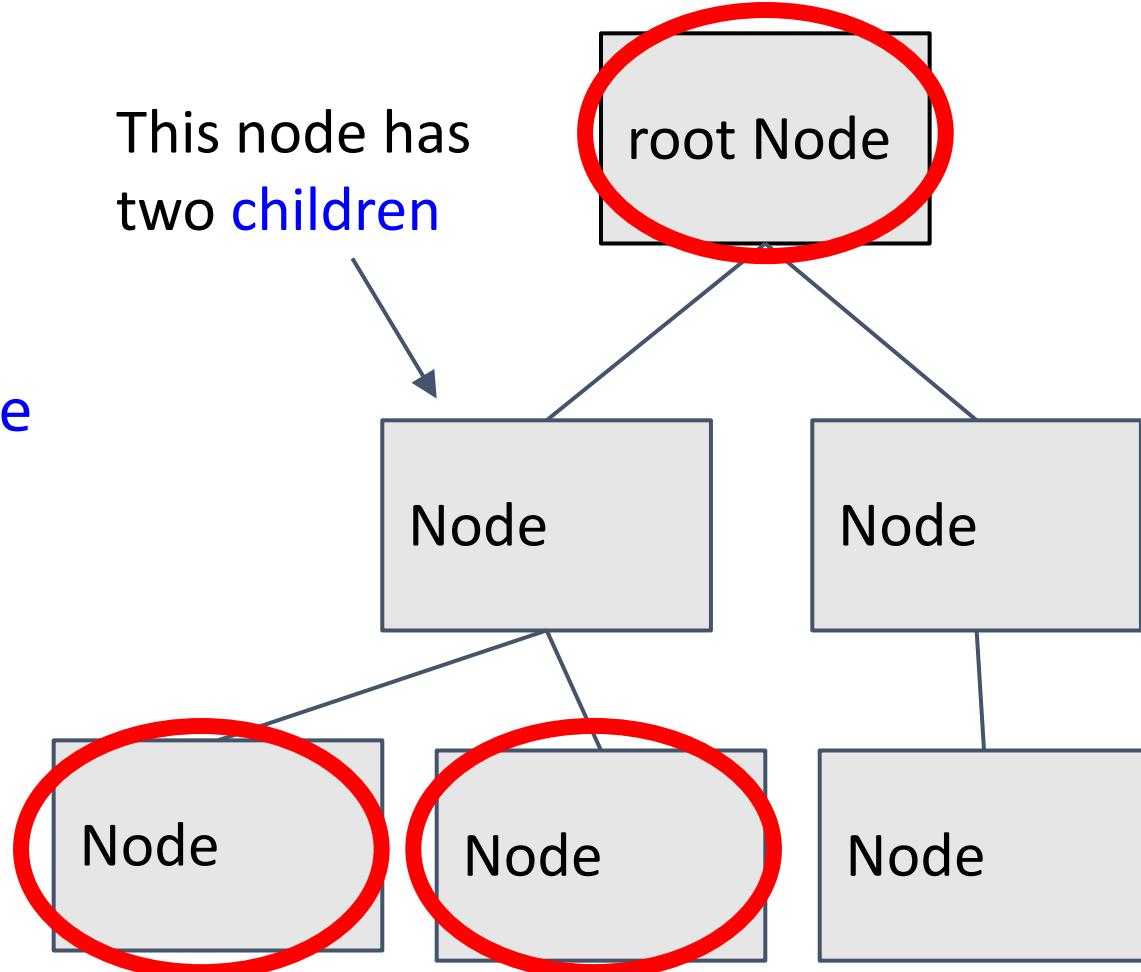
- Think of the Scene Graph as a *family tree of visual elements*
- `javafx.scene.Node` is the abstract superclass for all UI elements that can be added to the `Scene`, such as a `Button` or a `Label`
 - all UI elements are concrete subclasses of `Node` (`Button`, `Label`, `Pane`, etc.)
- Each UI component that is added to the Scene Graph as a `Node` gets displayed *graphically*



JavaFX Scene Graph Hierarchy (3/3)

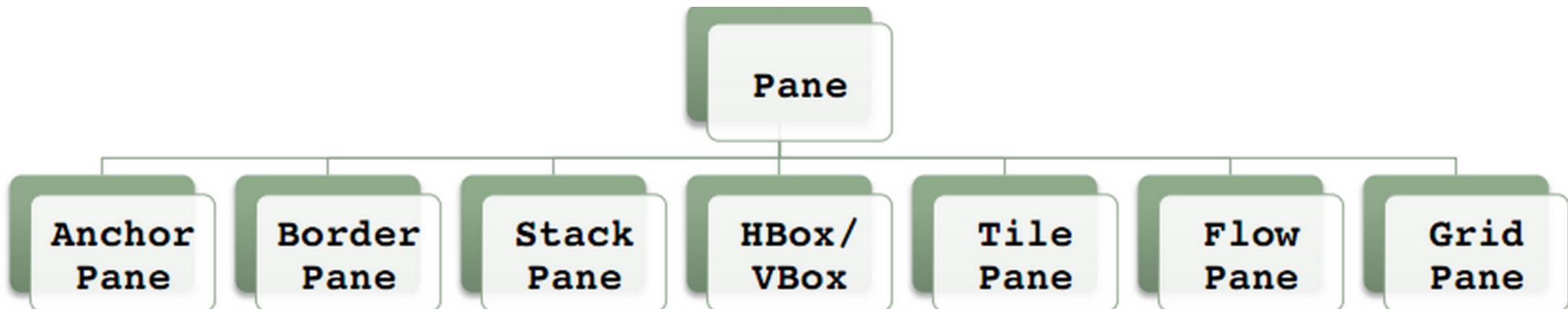
- Each **Node** can have multiple *children* but at most one *parent*
 - child **Nodes** are almost always *graphically contained* in their parent **Node**
 - more on graphical containment later!
- The **Node** at the top of the Scene Graph is called the **root Node**
 - the **root Node** has no parent

This node has two **children**



The root of the Scene

- In CS15, root **Node** will **always** be a `javafx.scene.layout.Pane` or one of **Pane**'s subclasses.
- Different **Panes** have different built-in layout capabilities to allow easy positioning of UI elements - see inheritance tree below for flavors
- For now, use a **VBox** as the root of the **Scene**- more on **VBox** later



Constructing the Scene Graph (1/3)

- Instantiate root Node

VBox
root

```
public class App extends Application {  
  
    @Override  
    public void start(Stage stage) {  
        //code to populate Scene Graph  
        VBox root = new VBox();  
  
    }  
}
```

Constructing the Scene Graph (2/3)

- Instantiate root **Node**
- Then pass it into **Scene constructor** to construct Scene Graph

- Scene Graph starts off as a single root **Node** with no children
- the root is simply a container, without graphical shape

VBox
root

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public class App extends Application {  
  
    @Override  
    public void start(Stage stage) {  
        //code to populate Scene Graph  
        VBox root = new VBox();  
        Scene scene = new Scene(root);
```

```
}
```

Constructing the Scene Graph (3/3)

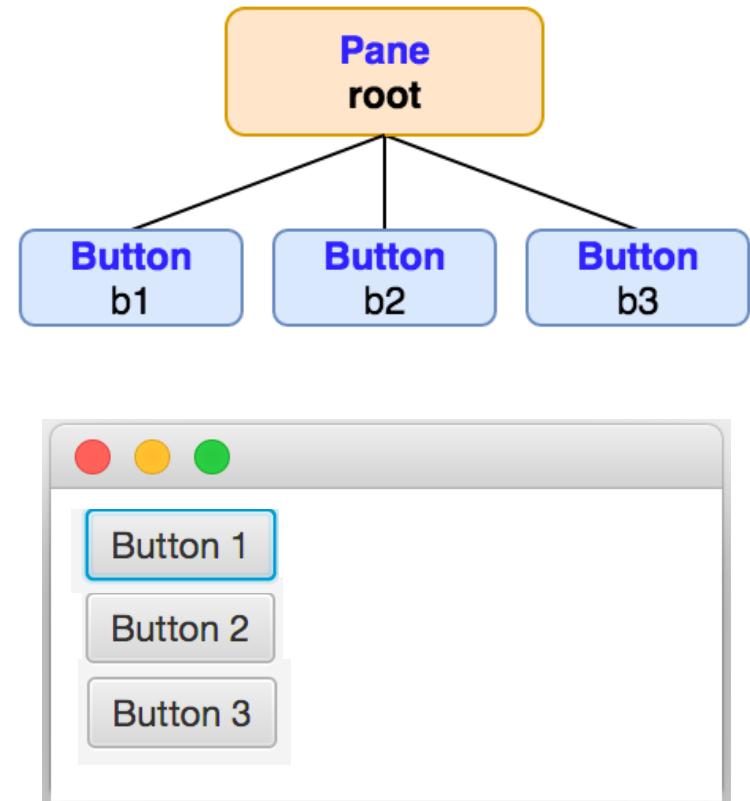
- Once we `setScene()` and `show()` on Stage, we begin populating the Scene Graph

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public class App extends Application {  
  
    @Override  
    public void start(Stage stage) {  
        //code to populate Scene Graph  
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        stage.setScene(scene);  
        stage.show();  
    }  
}
```



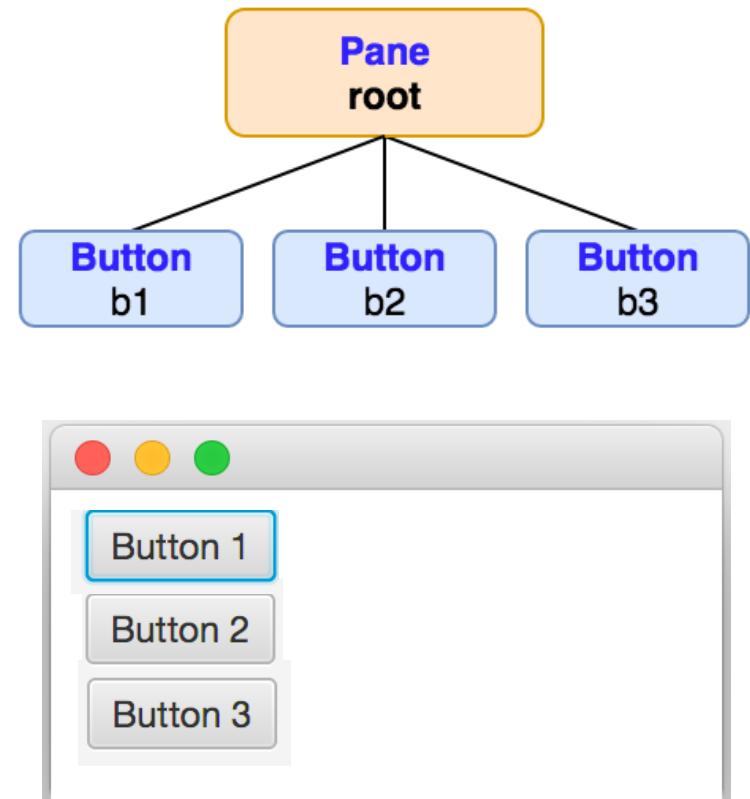
Adding UI Elements to the Scene (1/2)

- How do we add more **Nodes** to the Scene Graph?
- Adding UI elements as **children** of root **Node** will add them to **Scene** and make them appear on the **Stage**!
- Calling **getChildren()** method on a **Node** returns a list of that **Node**'s children
 - by adding/removing **Nodes** from a **Node**'s list of children, we can add/remove **Nodes** from the Scene Graph!



Adding UI Elements to the Scene (2/2)

- `getChildren()` returns a `List` of child `Nodes`
 - in example on right, `root.getChildren()` returns a `List` holding three `Buttons` (assuming we created them previously - next slide)
- To **add** a `Node` to this list of children, call `add(Node node)` on that returned `List`!
 - can also use `addAll(Nodes... node1, node2, ...)` which takes in *any number of Nodes*
 - allowing *any* number of arguments is a new capability of parameter lists
- To **remove** a `Node` from this list of children, call `remove(Node node)` on that returned `List`

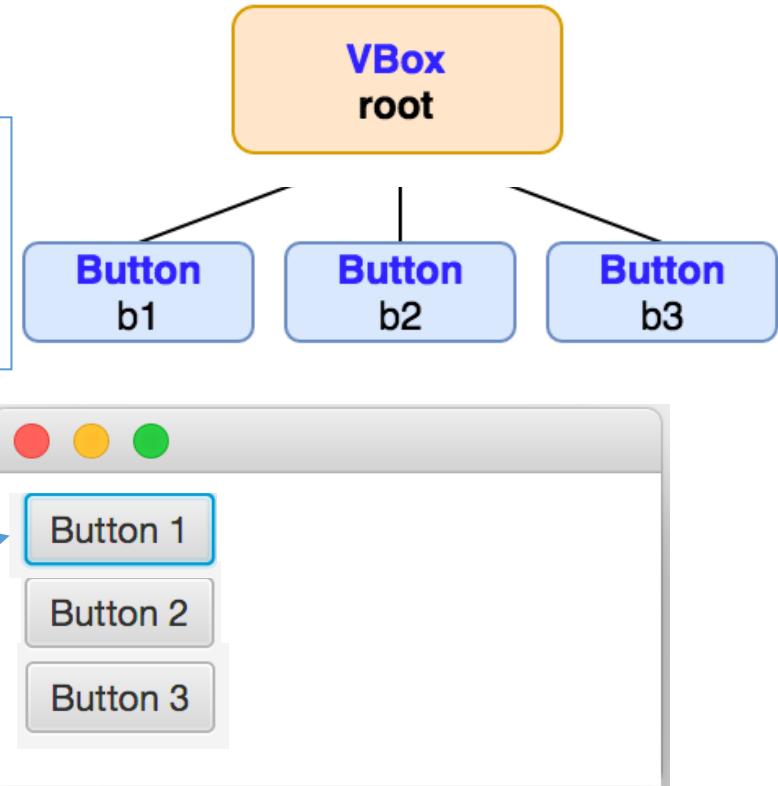


root.getChildren().add(...) in action

- Add 3 Buttons to the Scene by adding them as children of the root Node (no children before this)
- First create buttons
- Then add buttons to Scene Graph

```
/* Within App class */  
@Override  
public void start(Stage stage) {  
    //code for setting root, stage, scene elided  
  
    Button b1 = new Button("Button 1");  
    Button b2 = new Button("Button 2");  
    Button b3 = new Button("Button 3");  
    root.getChildren().addAll(b1,b2,b3);  
}
```

Order matters - order buttons added effects order displayed (b1, b2, b3) vs. (b2, b1, b3)



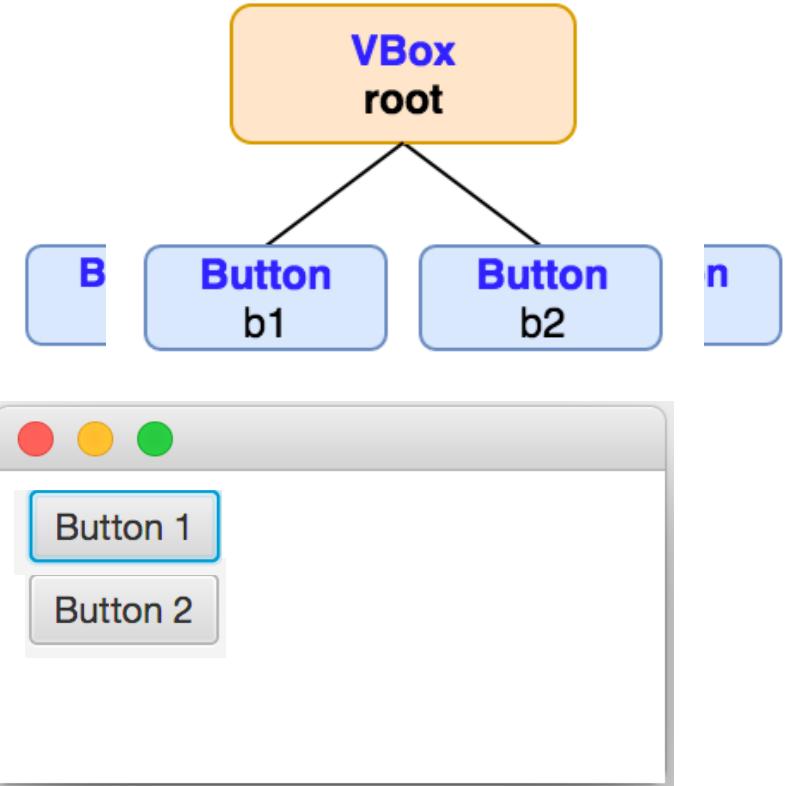
Remember double dot method call shorthand?

`root.getChildren()` returns a `List` of `root`'s children. Rather than storing that returned `List` in a variable and calling `add(...)` on that variable, we can simplify our code by calling `add(...)` directly on the returned `List` of children!

Removing UI Elements from the Scene (2/2)

- Similarly, remove a UI element by removing it from **root**'s children
 - note: order of children doesn't matter when removing elements since you specify their variable names
- Let's remove third Button*

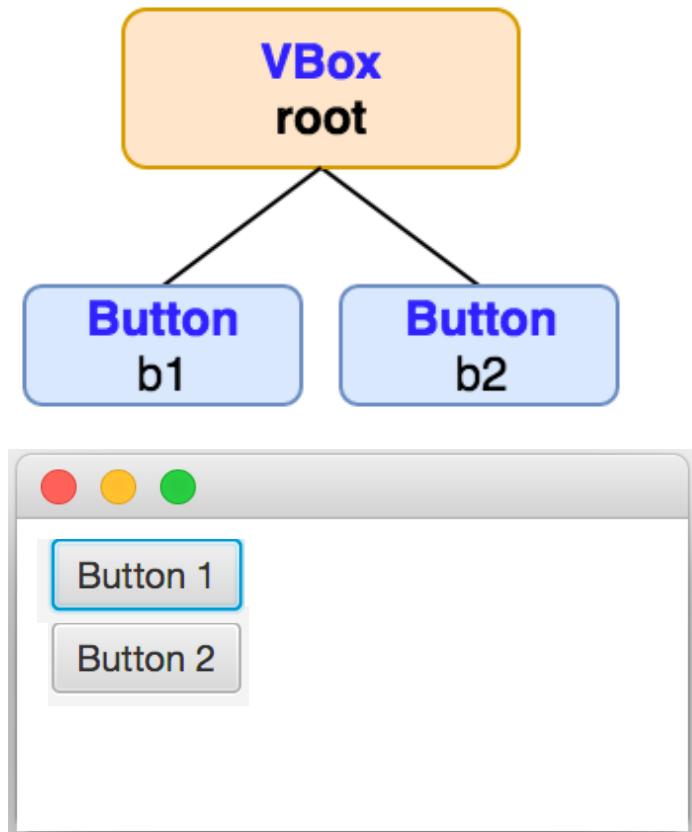
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     Button b1 = new Button("Button 1");  
     Button b2 = new Button("Button 2");  
     Button b3 = new Button("Button 3");  
     root.getChildren().addAll(b1,b2,b3);  
     root.getChildren().remove(b3);  
 }
```



*Note: not a typical design choice to add and then remove a **Node** in the same code block!

Populating the Scene Graph (1/3)

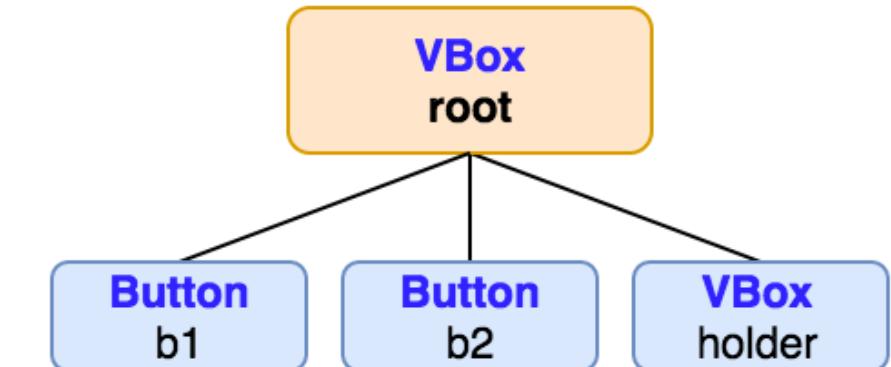
- What if we want to make more complex applications?
- Add specialized layout containers, called **Panes**
- Add another **Pane** as child of root **Node**, then add more UI elements as child **Nodes** of this **Pane** – next slide
- This will continue to populate the scene graph!



Populating the Scene Graph (2/3)

- First, instantiate another **VBox** and add it as child of root **Node**
 - **Note:** **VBox** is a pure container without graphical shape

```
/* Within App class */  
 @Override  
 public void start(Stage stage) {  
     //code for setting scene elided  
  
     Button b1 = new Button(); //no label  
     Button b2 = new Button(); //no label  
     root.getChildren().addAll(b1,b2);  
  
     VBox holder = new VBox();  
     root.getChildren().add(holder);  
 }
```

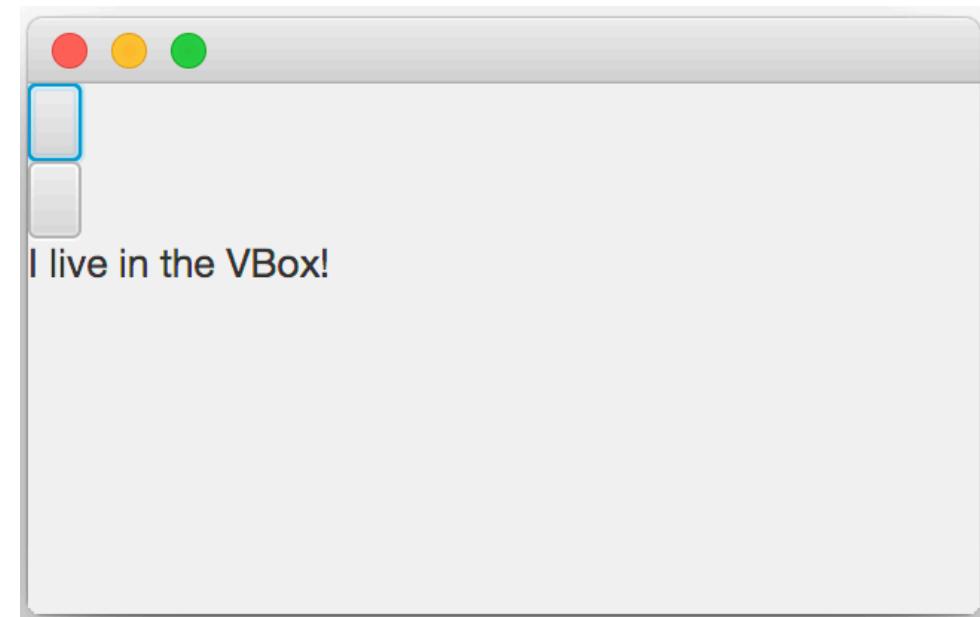
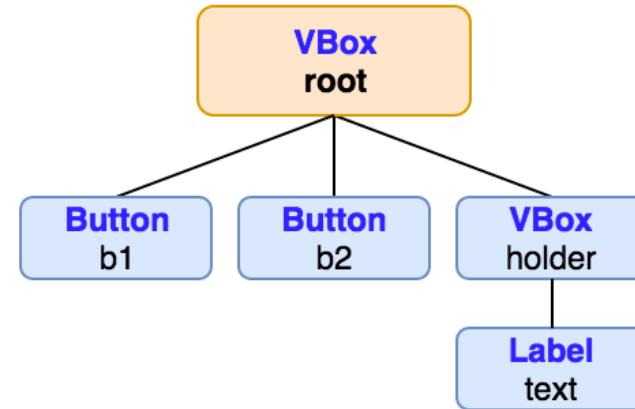


Populating the Scene Graph (3/3)

- Next, add **Label** to **Scene** as child of new **VBox**

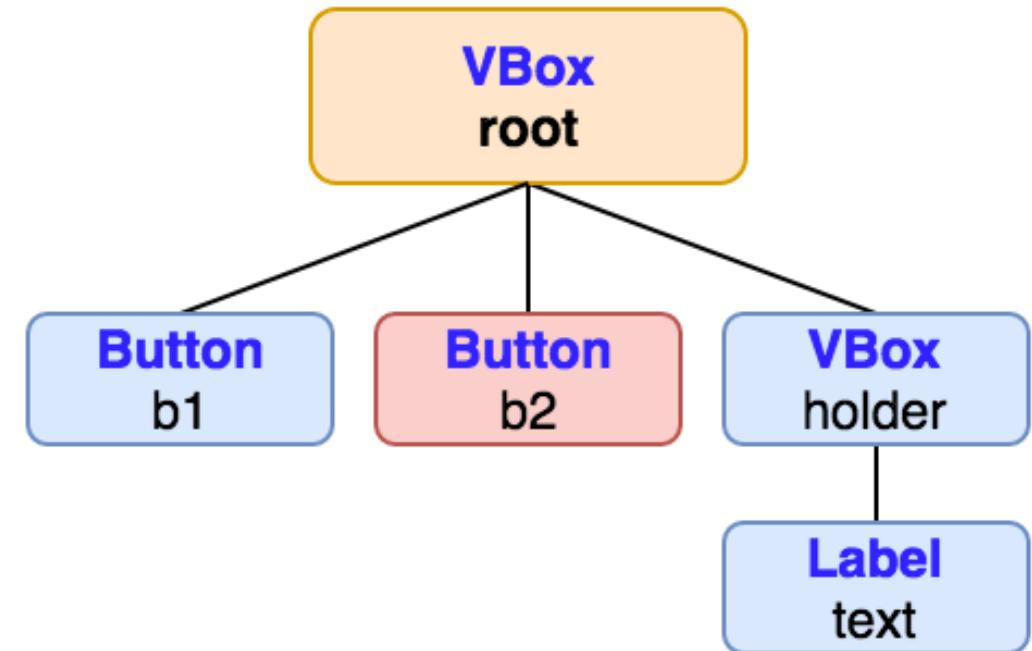
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/* Within App class */
@Override
public void start(Stage stage) {
    //code for setting scene elided

    Button b1 = new Button();
    Button b2 = new Button();
    root.getChildren().addAll(b1,b2);
    VBox holder = new VBox();
    root.getChildren().add(holder);
    Label text = new Label(
        "I live in the VBox!");
    holder.getChildren().add(text);
}
```



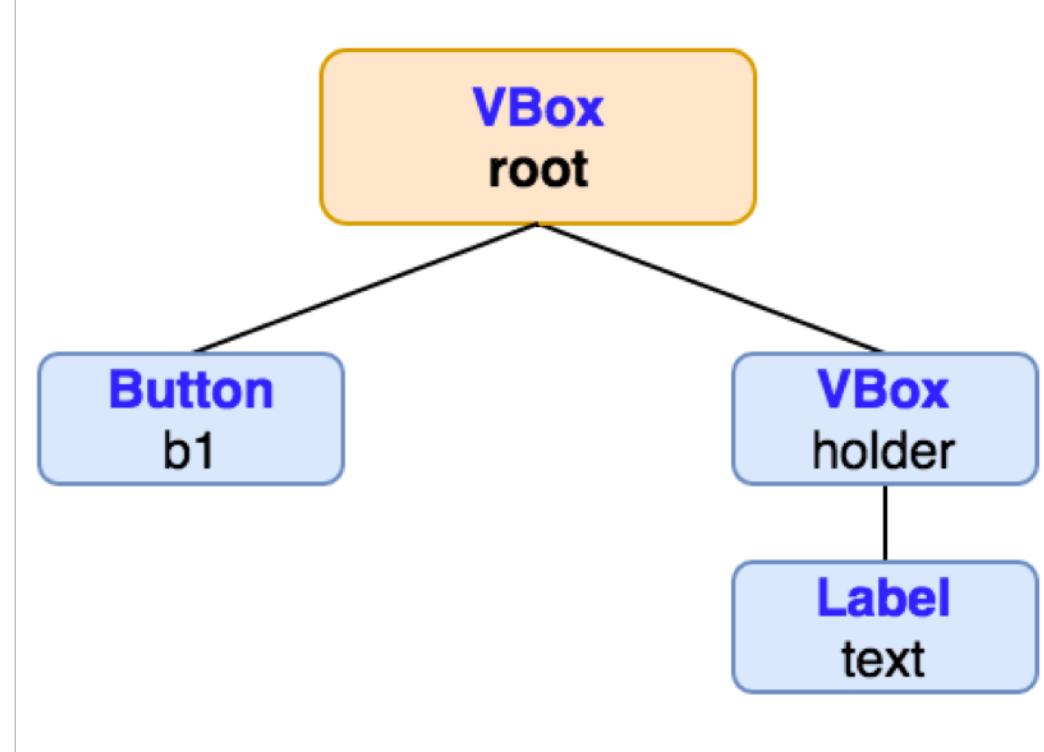
Removing a Node with children (1/3)

- Removing a **Node** with no children simply removes that **Node**...
 - `root.getChildren().remove(b2);`
to remove second **Button**



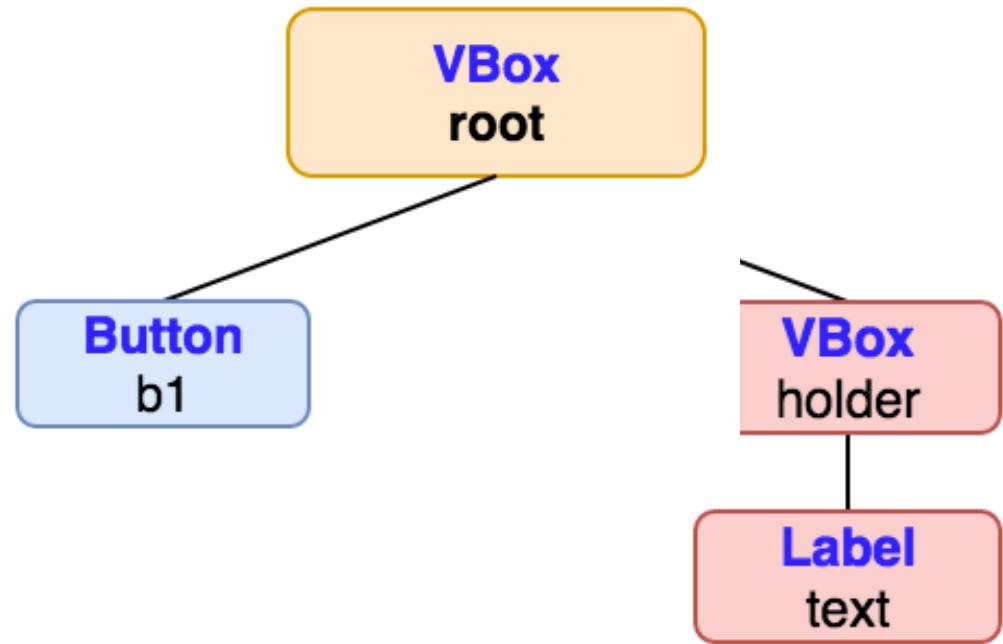
Removing a Node with children (2/3)

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 - `root.getChildren().remove(b2);` to remove second **Button**
- Removing a **Node** with children removes all of its children as well!



Removing a Node with children (3/3)

- Note that removing a **Node** with no children simply removes that **Node**...
 - `root.getChildren().remove(b2);` to remove second **Button**
- Removing a **Node** with children removes all of its children as well!
 - `root.getChildren().remove(holder);` makes both **VBox** and **Label** disappear



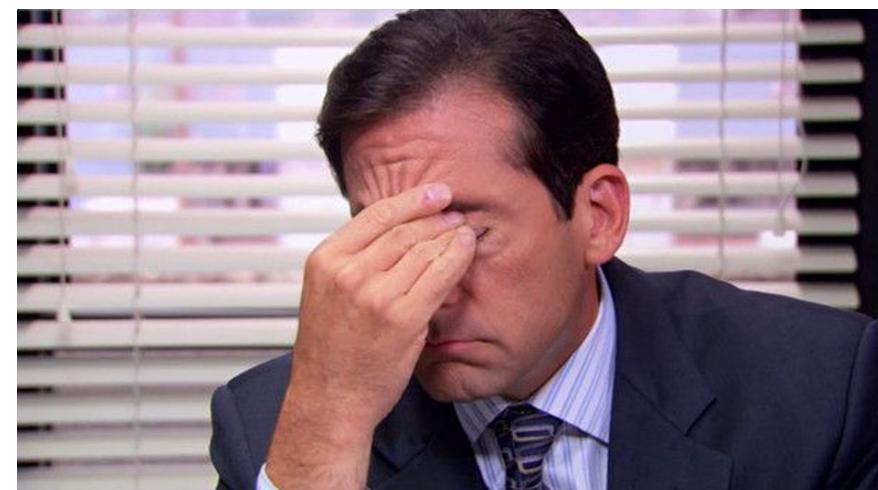
TopHat Question

Given this code:

```
public void start(Stage stage) {  
    //code for setting scene elided  
  
    Button b1 = new Button();  
    Button b2 = new Button();  
    root.getChildren().addAll(b1,b2);  
  
    VBox holder = new VBox();  
    root.getChildren().add(holder);  
    Label removeLabel = new Label("remove me!");  
    holder.getChildren().add(removeLabel);  
}
```

Which of the following correctly would next remove `removeLabel` from the `VBox holder`?

- A. `root.remove(removeLabel);`
- B. `holder.remove(removeLabel);`
- C. `root.getChildren.remove(removeLabel);`
- D. `holder.getChildren().remove(removeLabel);`



VBox layout pane (1/5)

- So what exactly is a `VBox`?
- `VBox` layout `Pane` creates an easy way for arranging a series of `children` in a *single vertical column*
- We can customize vertical spacing *between* children using `VBox`'s `setSpacing(double)` method
 - the larger the `double` passed in, the more space between the `child` UI elements



VBox layout pane (2/5)

- Can also set positioning of entire vertical column of **children**
- Default positioning for the vertical column is in **TOP_LEFT** of **VBox** (Top Vertically, Left Horizontally)
 - can change Vertical/Horizontal positioning of column using **VBox**'s **setAlignment(Pos position)** method, passing in a **javafx.geometry.Pos** constant — **javafx.geometry.Pos** is a class of enums, or fixed set of values, to describe vertical and horizontal positioning. Use these values just like a constants class that you would write yourself!
- **Pos** options are in the form **Pos.<vertical position>_<horizontal position>**
 - e.g. **Pos.BOTTOM_RIGHT** represents positioning on the bottom vertically, right horizontally
 - full list of **Pos** constants can be found [here](#)

Why ALL_CAPS notation ?

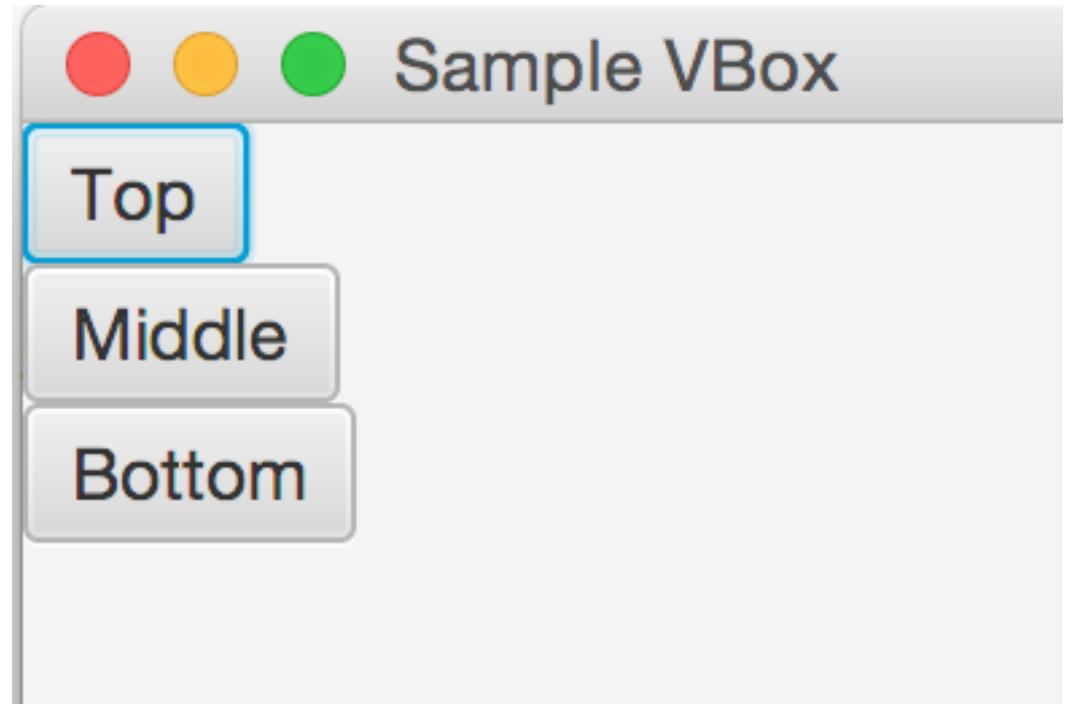
It is a “symbolic constant” with pre-defined meaning.

VBox layout pane (3/5)

- The following code produces the example on the right:

```
VBox root = new VBox();  
  
Button b1 = new Button("Top");  
Button b2 = new Button("Middle");  
Button b3 = new Button("Bottom");  
root.getChildren().addAll(b1,b2,b3);
```

```
Scene scene = new Scene(root, 200, 200);  
stage.setTitle("Sample VBox");  
stage.setScene(scene);  
stage.show();
```

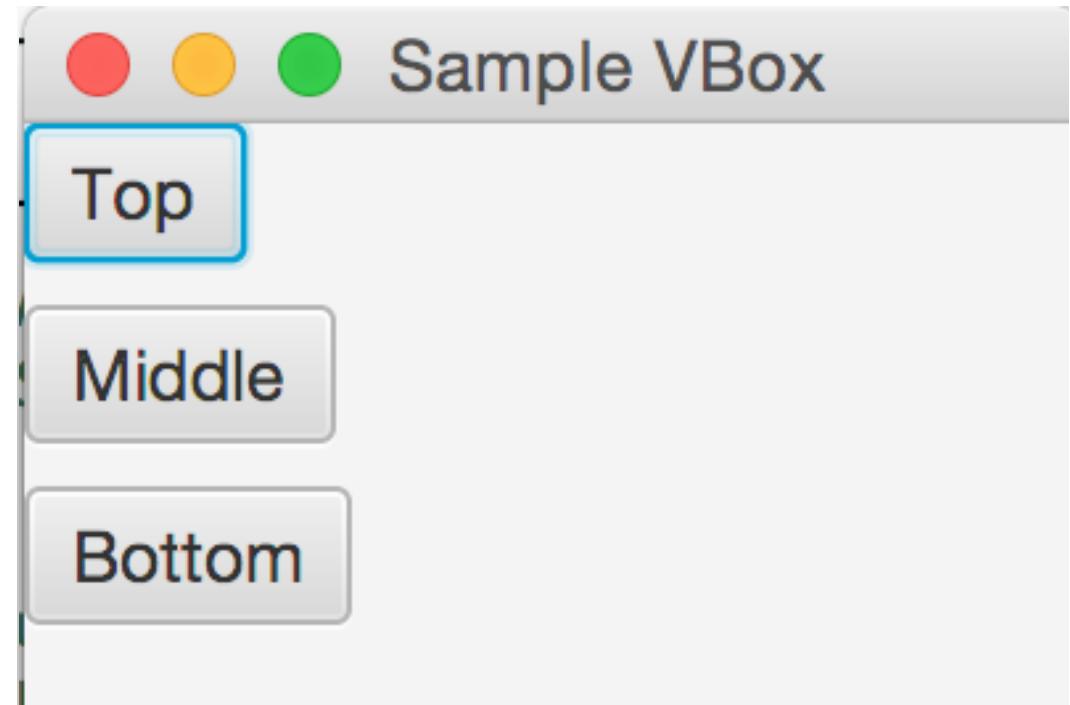


Overloaded **Scene** constructor with
three parameters

VBox layout pane (4/5)

- Adding spacing between children

```
VBox root = new VBox();  
  
Button b1 = new Button("Top");  
Button b2 = new Button("Middle");  
Button b3 = new Button("Bottom");  
root.getChildren().addAll(b1,b2,b3);  
  
root.setSpacing(8);  
  
//code for setting the Scene elided
```



VBox layout pane (5/5)

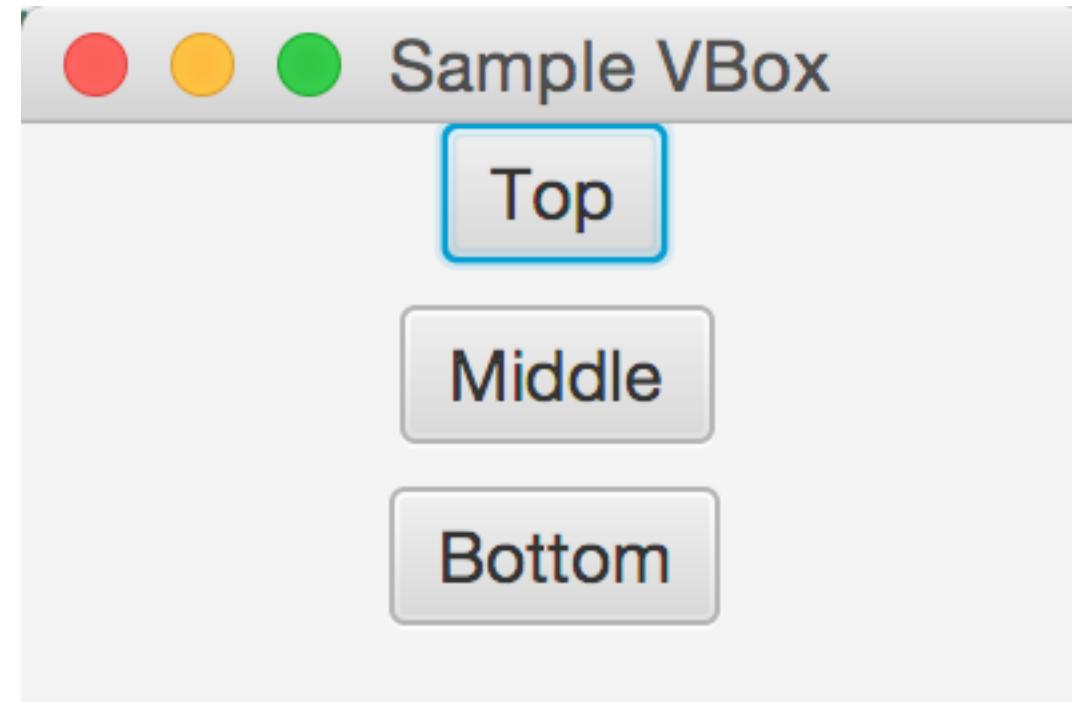
- Setting alignment property to configure children in TOP (vertically) CENTER (horizontally) of the VBox

```
VBox root = new VBox();

Button b1 = new Button("Top");
Button b2 = new Button("Middle");
Button b3 = new Button("Bottom");
root.getChildren().addAll(b1,b2,b3);

root.setSpacing(8);
root.setAlignment(Pos.TOP_CENTER);

//code for setting the Scene elided
```



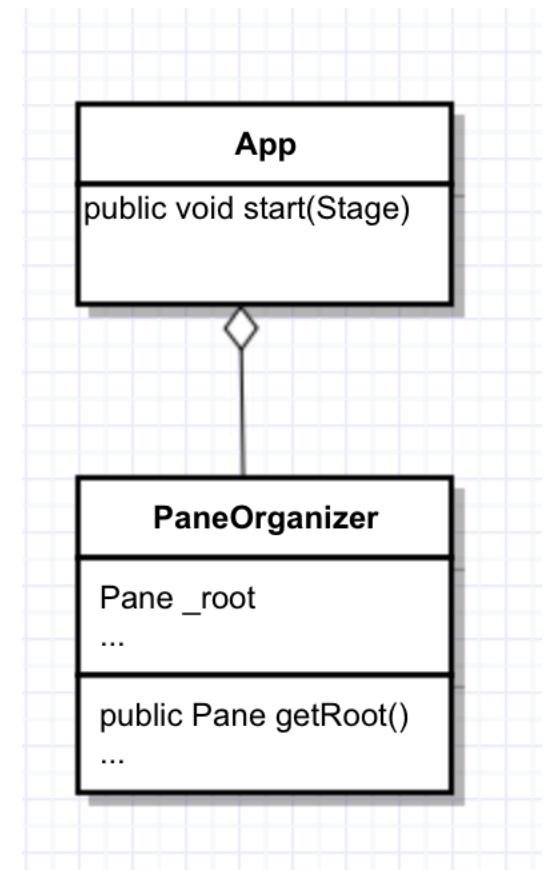
CS15 PaneOrganizer Class (1/2)

- Until now, all code dealing with the `Scene` has been inside `Application`'s `start` method; adding more nodes will clutter it up...
- In CS15, write a `PaneOrganizer` class where all graphical application logic will live – an example of “delegation” pattern
- Delegation removes **application-dependent** code from `App` class, which only creates scene and instantiates a `PaneOrganizer` – another example of “divide et impera”
- `PaneOrganizer` will instantiate root `Pane`, and provide a public `getRoot()` method that returns this root
 - `App` class can now access root `Pane` through `PaneOrganizer`'s public `getRoot()` method and pass root into `Scene` constructor
- We'll do this together soon!

CS15 PaneOrganizer Class (2/2)

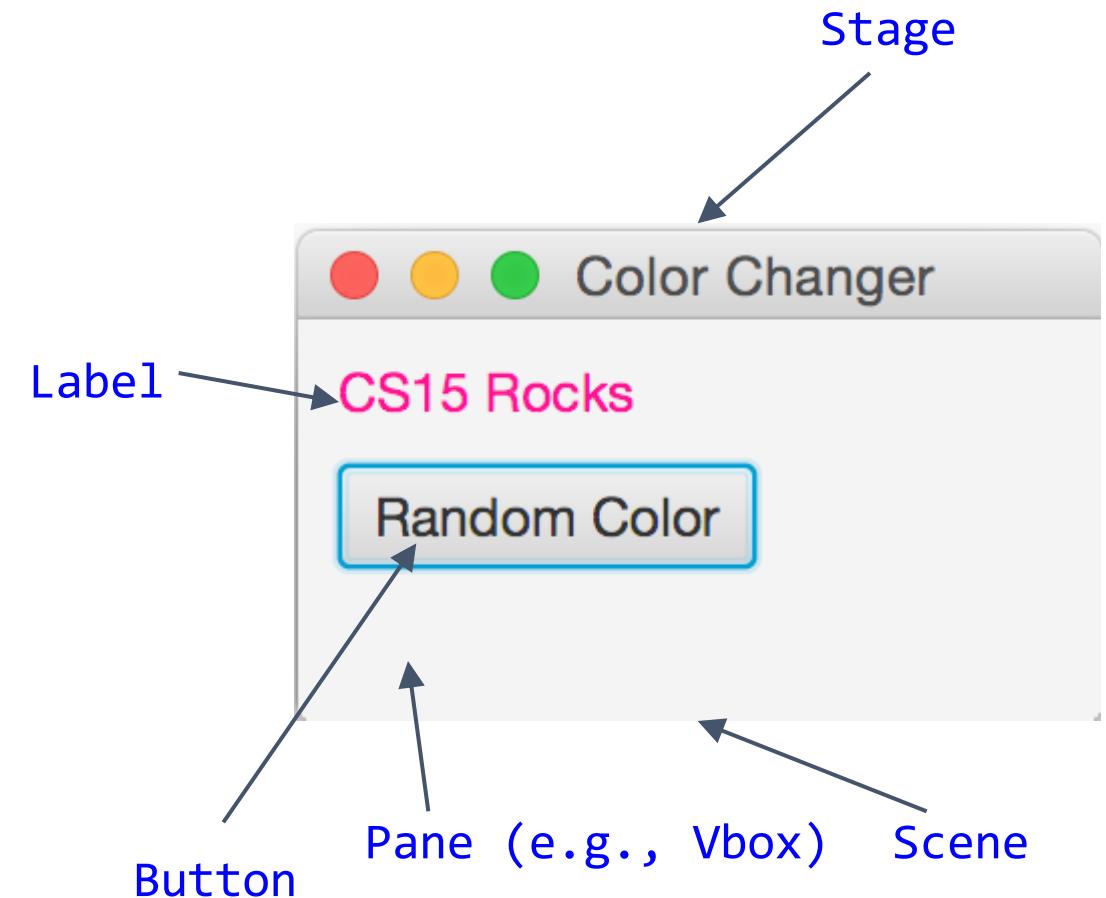
Pattern

1. App class instantiates a **PaneOrganizer**, which creates root
2. Then App class passes return value from **getRoot()** to **Scene** constructor, so **Scene** has a root
3. Top-level **PaneOrganizer** class instantiates JavaFX UI components (**Button**, **Label**, **Pane**...)
4. These UI components are then added to root **Pane** (and the **Scene**, indirectly) using
`root.getChildren().add(...);` or
`root.getChildren().addAll(...);`



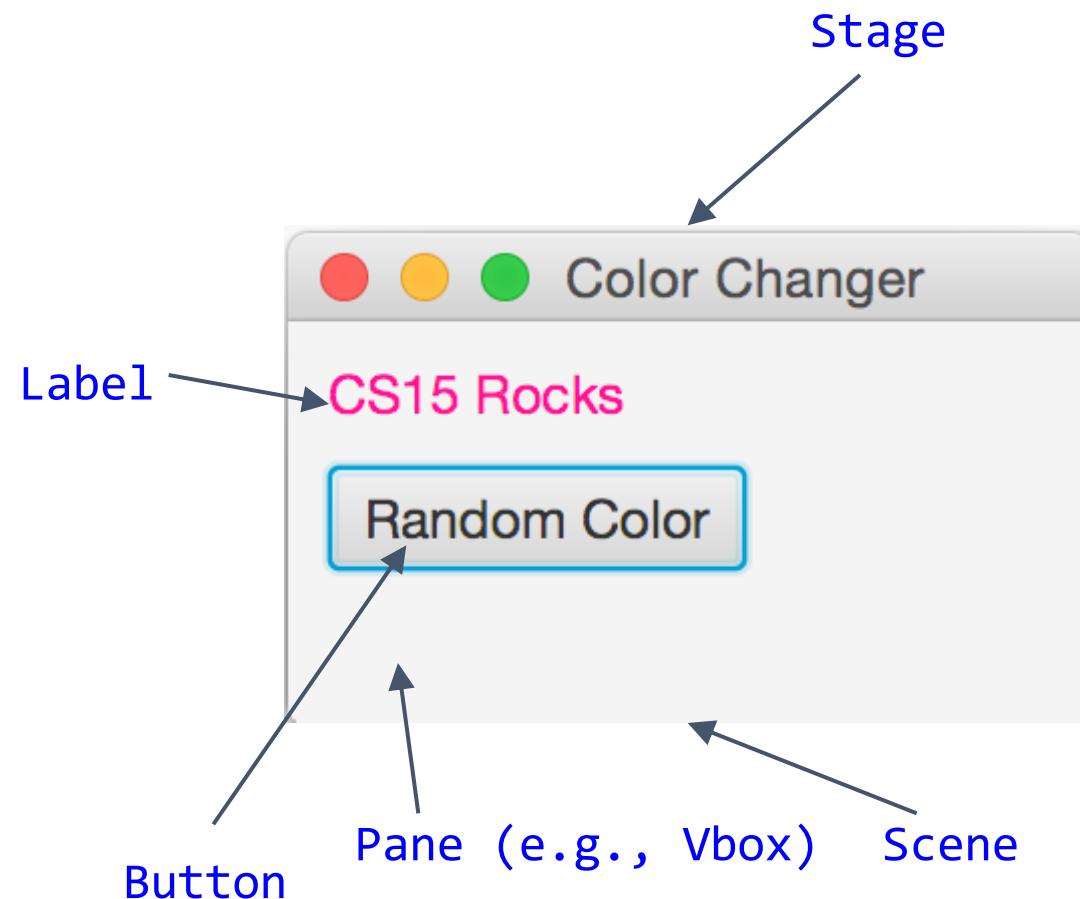
Our First JavaFX Application: ColorChanger

- Spec: App that contains text reading “CS15 Rocks!” and a **Button** that randomly changes text’s color with every click
- Useful classes: **Stage**, **Scene**, **VBox**, **Label**, **Button**, **EventHandler**



Process: ColorChanger

1. Create App class that extends `javafx.application.Application` and implements `start` (where you set Scene) – the standard pattern
2. Create `PaneOrganizer` class that instantiates root `Pane` and provides public `getRoot()` method to return the `Pane`. In `PaneOrganizer`, instantiate a `Label` and `Button` and add them as children of root `Pane`
3. Set up a custom `EventHandler` that changes `Label`'s color each time `Button` is clicked, and register `Button` with this new `ClickHandler`



ColorChanger: App class (1/3)

1. To implement start:

- A. Instantiate a PaneOrganizer and store it in the local variable organizer

```
public class App extends Application {  
    @Override  
    public void start(Stage stage) {  
        PaneOrganizer organizer = new PaneOrganizer();  
        /*write our PaneOrganizer class later,  
        where we will instantiate the root Pane */  
    }  
}
```

ColorChanger: App class (2/3)

1. To implement start:

A. Instantiate a **PaneOrganizer** and store it in the local variable organizer

B. Instantiate a new **Scene**, passing in:

- root Pane, accessed through organizer's public `getRoot()`
- along with desired width and height of Scene

```
public class App extends Application {  
  
    @Override  
    public void start(Stage stage) {  
        PaneOrganizer organizer = new PaneOrganizer();  
        /*write our PaneOrganizer class later,  
        where we will instantiate the root Pane */  
        Scene scene =  
            new Scene(organizer.getRoot(),80,80);  
  
        stage.setScene(scene);  
        stage.show();  
    }  
}
```

root width height

ColorChanger: App class (3/3)

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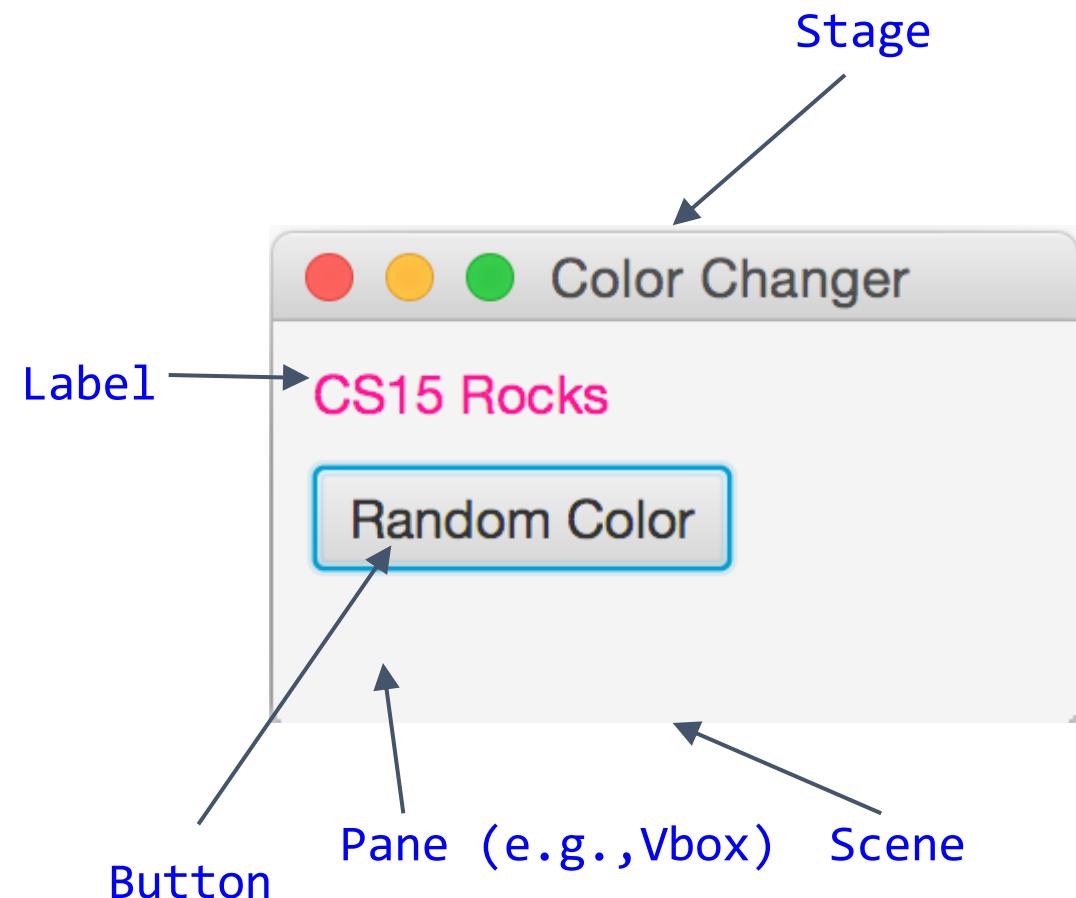
- the root **Pane**, which is accessed through organizer public **getRoot()** method
- along with desired width and height of **Scene**

C. Set the **Scene**, title the **Stage**, and show the **Stage**

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    @Override  
    public void start(Stage stage) {  
        PaneOrganizer organizer = new PaneOrganizer();  
        /*write our PaneOrganizer class later,  
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        Scene scene =  
            new Scene(organizer.getRoot(),80,80);  
        stage.setScene(scene);  
        stage.setTitle("Color Changer!");  
        stage.show();  
    }  
}
```

Process: ColorChanger

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ColorChanger: Our PaneOrganizer Class (1/4)

2. To write **PaneOrganizer** class:

- A. Instantiate root **VBox** and store it in instance variable **_root**

```
public class PaneOrganizer {  
    private VBox _root;
```

```
    public PaneOrganizer() {  
        _root = new VBox();
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

ColorChanger: Our PaneOrganizer Class (2/4)

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- B. Create a public **getRoot()**
method that returns **_root**

- reminder: this makes root Pane
accessible from within App's start
`for new Scene(root)`

```
public PaneOrganizer() {  
    _root = new VBox();
```

```
}
```

```
public VBox getRoot() {  
    return _root;  
}
```

ColorChanger: Our PaneOrganizer Class (3/4)

2. To write **PaneOrganizer** class:

C. Instantiate Label and Button, passing in String representations of text we want displayed

- _label is an instance variable because need to access it elsewhere in P.O. to change its color
- btn is a local variable because only need to access it from within constructor

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public class PaneOrganizer {  
    private VBox _root;  
    private Label _label;  
  
    public PaneOrganizer() {  
        _root = new VBox();  
        _label = new Label("CS15 Rocks!");  
        Button btn = new Button("Random  
        Color");  
  
        }  
  
    public VBox getRoot() {  
        return _root;  
    }  
}
```

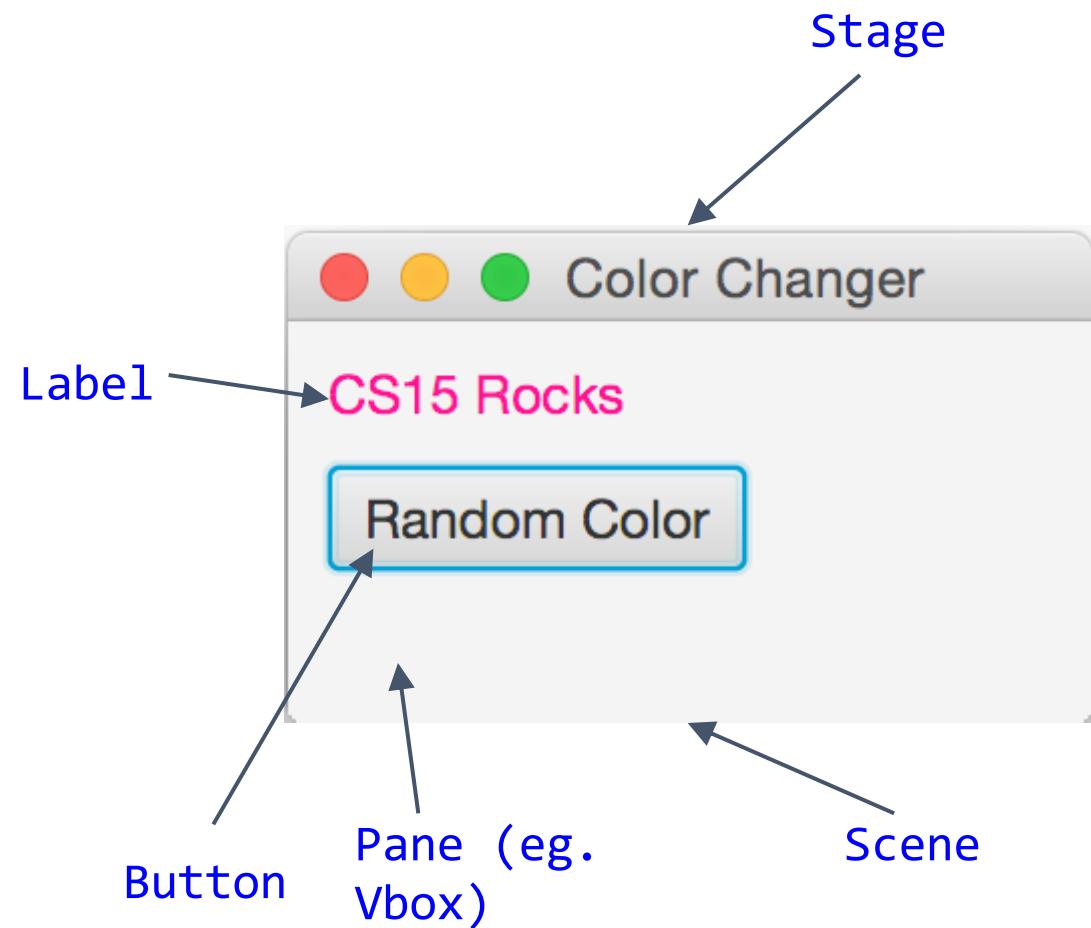
ColorChanger: Our PaneOrganizer Class (4/4)

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- **_label** is an instance variable because need to access it elsewhere in P.O. to change its color
 - **btn** is a local variable because only need to access it from within constructor
- D. Add **Label** and **Button** as children of root
- **root.setSpacing(8)** is optional but creates a nice vertical distance between Label and Button

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    private Label _label;  
  
    public PaneOrganizer() {  
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            _label,btn);  
        _root.setSpacing(8);  
    }  
  
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    }  
}
```

Process: ColorChanger

1. Create `App` class that extends `javafx.application.Application` and implements `start` (where you set `Scene!`)
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3. Set up a custom `EventHandler` that changes `Label`'s color each time `Button` is clicked, and register `Button` with this new `ClickHandler`



Responding to User Input

- Need a way to **respond** to stimulus of **Button** being clicked
- We refer to this as **Event Handling**
 - a source (**Node**), such as a **Button**, generates an **Event** (such as a mouse click) and notifies all registered **EventHandler** objects
 - **EventHandler** is an interface, so all classes that implement **EventHandler** must implement **handle(Event event)** method, which defines response to event
 - note that **handle(Event event)** is called by JavaFX, not the programmer



EventHandlers (1/3)

- Button click causes JavaFX to generate a `javafx.event.ActionEvent`
 - `ActionEvent` is only one of many JavaFX `EventTypes` that are subclasses of `Event` class
- Classes that implement `EventHandler` interface can polymorphically handle any subclass of `Event`
 - when a class implements `EventHandler` interface, it must specify what type of `Event` it should know how to handle
 - how do we do this?
- `EventHandler` interface declared as: `public interface EventHandler<T extends Event>...`
 - the code inside literal `< >` is known as a “generic parameter” – this is magic for now
 - lets you **specialize** the interface to deal in all its methods only with a specialized subclass of `Event`
 - forces *you* to replace what is inside the literal `< >` with some subclass of `Event`, such as `ActionEvent`, whenever *you* write a class that implements `EventHandler` interface (next slide)

EventHandlers (2/3)

- We can create an `EventHandler` and call it `ClickHandler`
- This `EventHandler` will handle an `ActionEvent`, meaning that `ClickHandler` will implement the “`EventHandler<ActionEvent>`” interface
 - literally, “`< >`” included!!

```
public class ClickHandler implements EventHandler<ActionEvent> {  
    }  
}
```

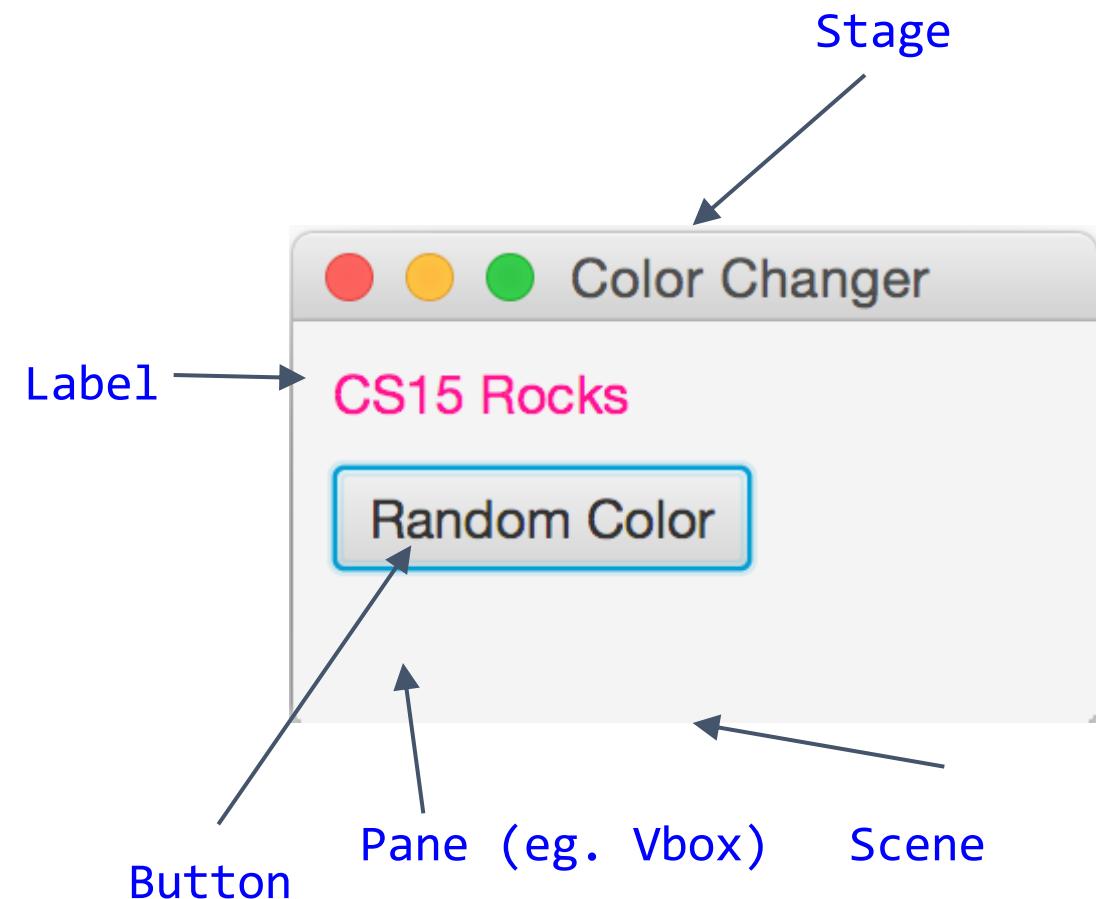
EventHandlers (3/3)

- Our `ClickHandler` must implement the `handle(ActionEvent e)` method of the `EventHandler` interface, which will specify the response to the `ActionEvent` (in this case, a click)
 - for now, you most likely won't need to use the parameter `e`
- To tell this new `ClickHandler` to *listen* for the `Button`'s `ActionEvent`, **register** `Button` with the `ClickHandler` by calling `btn.setOnAction`, passing in an instance of our `ClickHandler` class
 - the mechanics of handing off the event to the handler happen under hood of JavaFX

```
public class ClickHandler implements EventHandler<ActionEvent> {  
    public ClickHandler() { //code elided }  
  
    @Override  
    public void handle(ActionEvent e) {  
        //code to change _myLabel Label  
    }  
-----  
//elsewhere in program  
public class PaneOrganizer {  
    //instance variable declarations elided  
    public PaneOrganizer() {  
        _root = new VBox();  
        _label = new Label("CS15 Rocks!");  
        Button btn = new Button("Random Color");  
        _root.getChildren().addAll(_label,btn);  
        _root.setSpacing(8);  
        btn.setOnAction(new ClickHandler());  
    }  
    //code to return root elided  
}
```

Back to Process: ColorChanger

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ColorChanger: ClickHandler class

3. Defining our custom

EventHandler,
ClickHandler:

- ClickHandler must listen for click event and respond to it by changing the color of “CS15 Rocks!” Label
- How will ClickHandler access Label?
 - multiple ways to do this:
could have ClickHandler constructor take in a Label as a parameter
 - this works, but is there a better way?

```
public class ClickHandler implements EventHandler<ActionEvent> {  
    private Label _myLabel;  
    public ClickHandler(Label label) {  
        _myLabel = label;  
    }  
    @Override  
    public void handle(ActionEvent e) {  
        //code to change _myLabel Label  
    }  
}
```

Aside: Private Inner Classes (1/2)

- Until now, all classes we have created have been public
 - live in their own file
 - can be accessed from within any class
- Introducing private inner classes!
 - useful when there is a class, such as an [EventHandler](#), for which you only need to create a single instance, from within a single class
 - **private inner classes have access to instance variables/methods of the class that contains them (that declared them)**
 - **inner classes are a convenient and safe shortcut -- don't require a file**



Aside: Private Inner Classes (2/2)

- Rather than making the `ClickHandler` class a public class in its own file, we can make it a private inner class of the `PaneOrganizer` class
- Our `ClickHandler` will then have access to `PaneOrganizer`'s `_label` instance variable
- Can then set `_label`'s text color from within `ClickHandler`'s `handle(ActionEvent)` method, without needing to deal with any unnecessary passing around of references to `Label`

ColorChanger: ClickHandler Private Inner Class (1/2)

3. Defining our custom EventHandler, ClickHandler:

- In order to make ClickHandler a private inner class of PaneOrganizer class, we simply declare ClickHandler as a private class and place it within braces of public PaneOrganizer class

```
public class PaneOrganizer {  
    private VBox _root;  
    private Label _label;  
  
    public PaneOrganizer() {  
        _root = new VBox();  
        _label = new Label("CS15 Rocks!");  
        Button btn = new Button("Random Color");  
        _root.getChildren().addAll(_label,btn);  
        _root.setSpacing(8);  
    }  
  
    public VBox getRoot() {  
        return _root;  
    }  
  
    private class ClickHandler implements EventHandler<ActionEvent> {  
        }  
    }  
}
```

ColorChanger: ClickHandler Private Inner Class (2/2)

3. Defining our custom EventHandler, ClickHandler:

- Now must implement handle method
- How will ClickHandler generate a random color whenever btn's ActionEvent is detected?

```
public class PaneOrganizer {  
    private VBox _root;  
    private Label _label;  
  
    public PaneOrganizer() {  
        _root = new VBox();  
        _label = new Label("CS15 Rocks!");  
        Button btn = new Button("Random Color");  
        _root.getChildren().addAll(_label,btn);  
        _root.setSpacing(8);  
    }  
  
    public VBox getRoot() {  
        return _root;  
    }  
  
    private class ClickHandler implements EventHandler<ActionEvent> {  
        public ClickHandler() { //code and annotations elided}  
            public void handle(ActionEvent event) {  
                //implementation elided for now  
            }  
    }  
}
```

Generating `javafx.scene.paint.Color`

- We can generate most colors of visible color spectrum by additive mixtures of Red, Green and Blue “primaries” generated by display hardware
 - each display pixel has a R, G, and B sub-pixels to do this color mixing



- `javafx.scene.paint.Color` has static method `rgb(int red, int green, int blue)` that returns a custom color according to specific passed-in Red, Green, and Blue integer values in [0-255]
 - ex: `Color.WHITE` can be expressed as `Color.rgb(255, 255, 255)`

ColorChanger: Our EventHandler, ClickHandler

3. Defining our custom EventHandler, ClickHandler:

- `Math.random()` returns a random `double` between 0 inclusive and 1 exclusive
- Multiplying this value by 256 turns `[0, 1) double` into a `[0, 255) double`, which we cast to a `[0,255]` `int` by using `(int)` cast operator
- Use these `ints` as Red, Green, and Blue RGB values for a custom `javafx.scene.paint.Color`
- Call `setTextFill` on `_label`, passing in new random `Color` we've created

```
private class ClickHandler implements EventHandler<ActionEvent> {  
    public ClickHandler() {  
        //code elided  
    }  
    @Override  
    public void handle(ActionEvent event) {  
        int red = (int) (Math.random()*256);  
        int green = (int) (Math.random()*256);  
        int blue = (int) (Math.random()*256);  
        Color customColor = Color.rgb(red,green,blue);  
        _label.setTextFill(customColor);  
    }  
}
```

ColorChanger: Back to our PaneOrganizer Class

3. Defining our custom EventHandler, ClickHandler:

- Last step is to *register* the Button with the click Event
- To do so, call `setOnAction` on `btn`, passing in an instance of our ClickHandler (Did this on S49)

```
public class PaneOrganizer {  
    private VBox _root;  
    private Label _label;  
  
    public PaneOrganizer() {  
        _root = new VBox();  
        _label = new Label("CS15 Rocks!");  
        Button btn = new Button("Random Color");  
        _root.getChildren().addAll(_label,btn);  
        _root.setSpacing(8);  
        btn.setOnAction(new ClickHandler());  
    }  
  
    public VBox getRoot() {  
        return _root;  
    }  
  
    private class ClickHandler implements EventHandler<ActionEvent> {  
        // code on previous slide  
    }  
}
```

The Whole App: ColorChanger

```
//App class imports
import javafx.stage.Stage;
import javafx.scene.Scene;
import javafx.application.*;
// package includes Pane class and its subclasses
import javafx.scene.layout.*;
//package includes Label, Button classes
import javafx.scene.control.*;
//package includes ActionEvent, EventHandler classes
import javafx.event.*;
import javafx.scene.paint.Color;
```

```
public class App extends Application {

    @Override
    public void start(Stage stage) {
        PaneOrganizer organizer = new PaneOrganizer();
        Scene scene = new Scene(organizer.getRoot(),80,80);
        stage.setScene(scene);
        stage.setTitle("Color Changer");
        stage.show();
    }
}
```

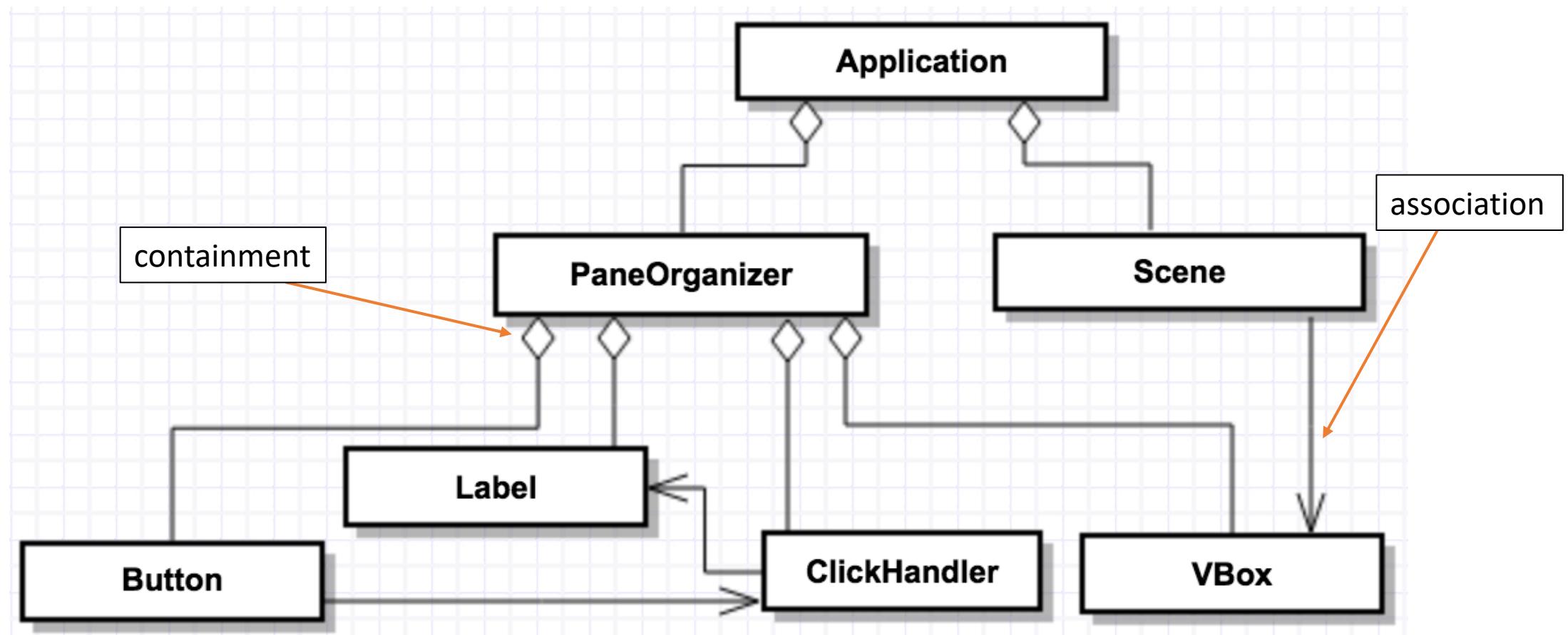
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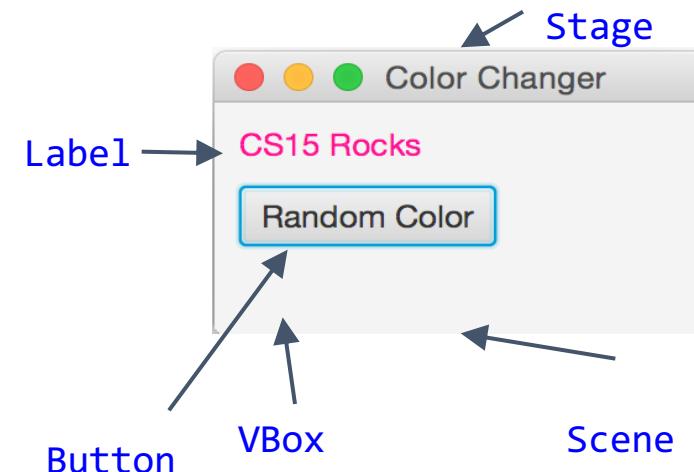
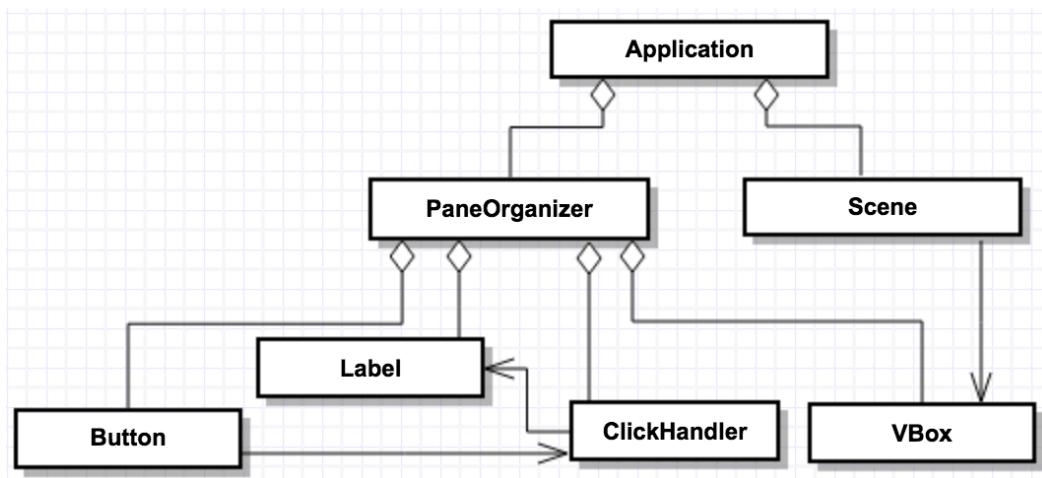
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            Color customColor =
            Color.rgb(red,green,blue);
            _label.setTextFill(customColor);
        }
    }
}
```

Putting It All Together



Logical vs. Graphical Containment/Scene Graph



- *Graphically*, **VBox** is a **pane** contained within **Scene**, but *logically*, **VBox** is contained within **PaneOrganizer**
- *Graphically*, **Button** and **Label** are contained within **VBox**, but *logically*, **Button** and **Label** are contained within **PaneOrganizer**, which has no graphical appearance
- *Logical* containment is based on where objects are instantiated, while *graphical* containment is based on JavaFX elements being added to other JavaFX elements via `getChildren.add(...)` method, and the resulting scene graph

Announcements

- FruitNinja deadlines:
 - Early: Friday, 10/4 at 11:59pm
 - On-time: Sunday, 10/6 at 11:59pm
 - Late: Tuesday, 10/8 at 11:59pm
- Sections will be a Design Discussion this week!
- Please spend some time reviewing these slides on your own to make sure you fully understand them
 - JavaFX is a dense topic that will be essential to all future assignments
 - There is a [JavaFX guide](#) on the website!
 - All material will be covered by Graphics III

