

UNIT-3 [Around 5 marks]Event Handling

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⊗ Event Handling Concept:

[Imp]

why we need event handling, how event handling works or describe delegation event model?

An event can be defined as changing the state of an object or behaviour by performing actions. Actions can be a button click, cursor movement, mouse clicks, keypress through keyboard, page scrolling etc. Events are of two types:

1) Foreground Events: Events that require user interaction to generate are foreground events. Example: clicking a button, cursor movements etc.

2) Background Events: Events that don't require user interaction to generate are background events. Example: operating system failures/interrupts, operation completion etc.

Event Handling: It is a mechanism to control the events and to decide what should happen after an event occurs. To handle the events, java follows Delegation Event Model. It has Sources and Listeners:

Source: Events are generated from the source. There are various sources like buttons, checkboxes, list, menu-item etc. to generate events.

Listeners: Listeners are used for handling the events generated from the source. Each of these listeners represents interfaces that are responsible for handling events.

To perform Event Handling, we need to register the Source with the listener.

Syntax: `addTypeListener()`

where type represents the type of event.

For Example: For KeyEvent we use `addKeyListener()` to register.

Similarly For ActionEvent we use `addActionListener()` to register.



## \* Listener Interfaces:

### Event Classes

ActionEvent

MouseEvent

MouseWheelEvent

KeyEvent

ItemEvent

TextEvent

WindowEvent

ComponentEvent

FocusEvent

### Listener Interfaces

ActionListener

MouseListener and MouseMotionListener

MouseWheelListener

KeyListener

ItemListener

TextListener

WindowListener

ComponentListener

FocusListener

## Registration Methods:

i) For Button or MenuItem:

⇒ public void addActionListener(ActionListener a) { }

ii) For Checkbox or Choice:

⇒ public void addItemListener(ItemListener a) { }

iii) For TextArea:

⇒ public void addTextListener(TextListener a) { }

iv) For TextField:

⇒ public void addActionListener(ActionListener a) { }

⇒ public void addTextListener(TextListener a) { }

v) For List:

⇒ public void addActionListener(ActionListener a) { }

⇒ public void addItemListener (ItemListener a) { }

## \* Adapter Classes: [Imp] At least concept of Adapter class theory

Java adapter classes provide the default implementation of listener interfaces. If we inherit the adapter class, we will not be forced to provide the implementation of all the methods of listener interfaces. So it saves code.

### Advantages of using Adapter classes:

→ It provides ways to use classes in different ways.

- It increases transparency of classes.
- It provides a way to include related patterns in the class.
- It increases the reusability of the class.

### Adapter class

WindowAdapter  
KeyAdapter  
MouseAdapter  
FocusAdapter  
MouseMotionAdapter

### Listener Interface

WindowListener  
KeyListener  
MouseListener  
FocusListener  
MouseMotionListener

### Java MouseAdapter Example:

```
import java.awt.*;
import java.awt.event.*;
public class MouseAdapterExample extends MouseAdapter {
    Frame f;
    MouseAdapterExample() {
        f = new Frame("Mouse Adapter");
        f.addMouseListener(this);
        f.setSize(300, 300);
        f.setLayout(null);
        f.setVisible(true);
    }
    public void mouseClicked(MouseEvent e) {
        Graphics g = f.getGraphics();
        g.setColor(Color.BLUE);
        g.fillOval(e.getX(), e.getY(), 30, 30);
    }
    public static void main(String args[]) {
        new MouseAdapterExample();
    }
}
```



## \* Handling Action Events: [Imp]

For Action, Key, Mouse  
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```
import java.awt.*;
import java.awt.event.*;
class AEvent extends Frame implements ActionListener {
```

```
    TextField tf;
    AEvent() {
```

//create components

```
    tf = new TextField();
    tf.setBounds(60, 50, 170, 20);
    Button b = new Button("click me");
    b.setBounds(100, 120, 80, 30);
```

//register listener

```
b.addActionListener(this); //passing current instance
```

//add components, set size, layout and visibility

```
add(tf); add(b);
setSize(300, 300);
setLayout(null);
setVisible(true);
```

```
    }
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
        tf.setText("Welcome");
    }
```

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

```
}
```

## \* Handling Key Events: [Imp]

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र त्यसको नाम

//imports same as action events above.

```
class KeyListenerExample extends Frame implements KeyListener {
```

```
    TextField tf; Label l;
```

```
    KeyListenerExample() {
```

//create components same as above  
replacing eliminating button by label

//register listener

```
    textArea.addKeyListener(this);
```

//add components, set size, layout and visibility  
same as above.

```
    public void keyPressed(KeyEvent e) {
        l.setText("Key Pressed");
    }
```

//Finally call KeyListenerExample in main function as we did above.

Similarly we can replace  
this key as  
key need



## ⊗ Handling Mouse Events: [Imp]

// imports same as action events

class MouseListenerExample extends Frame implements MouseListener{

Label l;

MouseListenerExample(){

// create component label

// add, set size, layout and visibility

// register listener

addMouseListener(this);

Similarly we can do  
for mouseEntered, mouseExited,  
mousePressed, mouseReleased

}  
public void mouseClicked(MouseEvent e){  
    l.setText("Mouse Clicked");  
}

// finally call MouseListenerExample from main function.

## ⊗ Handling Window Event: according to past questions window, focus, and item events are lesser important

import java.awt.\*;

import java.awt.event.WindowEvent;

import java.awt.event.WindowListener;

class WindowExample extends Frame implements WindowListener{

WindowExample(){

// set size, layout, and visibility as in action.

addWindowListener(this);

}

// call WindowExample from main method.

// overriding

public void windowActivated(WindowEvent e){  
    System.out.println("activated");

}

Similarly we can do for  
windowClosed, windowClosing,  
windowDeiconified, windowIconified,  
windowOpened, as per our  
need

⊗ Handling Item Event and Handling Focus are skipped, less important and lengthy, little bit harder examples.

## \* Event Listener vs. Adapter class: [Imp]

Many of the listener interfaces have more than one method. When we implement a listener interface in any class then we must have to implement all the methods declared in that interface because all the methods in an interface are final and must be override in class which implement it.

Adapter class makes it easy to deal with this situation. An adapter class provides empty implementations of all methods defined by that interface. Adapter classes are very useful if we want to override only some of the methods defined by that interface.