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Lecture – 35 Applet Programming – II

We are discussing about Applet. We have some basic idea about, how to write an applet using Java syntax. So, there are many more things also to be learned so for that applet is concerned. So, today will discuss few more concepts and in the next module also we will discussed more advance concepts.

So, the applet is very important one what is call the concept in Java programming and it has many applications rather and so, we will exactly how the more organized way the applet can be designed.

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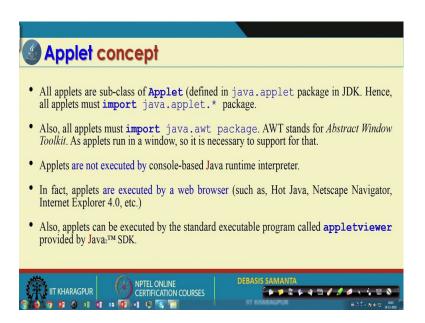
Now, before doing that we should have some basic idea about applet. So, basic idea means, what exactly an applet it is and what its usefulness. Actually, when Java introduced into the concept programming arena that time, it was a highly requirement that, how a programming language can supports internet programming. Now, so far the internet programming is concerned the basic requirement is that how a browser can browse web page. So, usually the web page written in HTML page, HTML what called the HyperText Markup Language.

Now, HTML can include many things. Here for an example this is the one figure that we have shown here this is basically web page, right. And then in this web if we see it contains many elements. For example, this is an image and this is also an image and there are some text box and there are may be some link like as you see here. So, this is the link those are the many links, this is basically menu we can say like this one.

So, there are many elements are there. Now, out of these many elements one elements may be an applet. So, applet maybe we can consider say suppose, this is also an applet look like ok. So, this applet has its own contents and it basically serves some purpose, it can if we click this applet or rather you use this applet to interact to the internet this kind of concept are there.

So, basically the main purpose of the applet is for internet programming and for this internet programming, we have to create an HTML page; and to create the HTML page we may use some code to be executed; some programs to be executed and that code that program is called the applet program actually. So, essentially applet is for this purpose only.

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Now, so this is the idea about this applet. Now, for this applet programming let us see how Java favors us, what are the supports from the Java that we can have. Now, in Java API, there is one package with the package is defined in applet package. So, this java dot applet package we rather say and there is one class called Applet class.

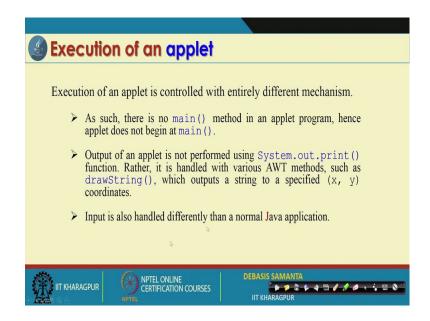
So, in java dot applet package there is a class called the Applet class. So, we can use this applet class to create our applet program actually. Actually, basic idea about applet class is what? Exactly, applet class is an abstract class and it has certain predefined method, those methods are also the abstract methods.

So, if we have to create an applet essentially this will be basically inherited from this applet class. Inheritance in the sense here is that all the methods which are there in applet, that means abstract methods are to be overwritten here. Anyway, so this is the basic idea about writing and applet program. So, we have to import this package first, this package needs to be import whenever we have to write this applet and then once this package is imported, then we have to overwrite this method. And here another one thing is that, applets and the general program has different context in many sense.

The different in the sense that in case of applet as we see we need some separate program. For example, for the Java application, we need the Java command whereas, for applet we need the separate program called appletviewer. So, the Java runtime interpreter called the Java command is not actually applicable to the applet. And again another important thing is that, Java needs to be opened or the applet program needs to be executed with a help of browser, like say Hot Java, Netscape Navigator, Internet Explorer etcetera.

So, we need in order to run the applet, a browser or an appletviewer. So, this is the basic idea about, the applets and then obviously, the difference between the applets and application.

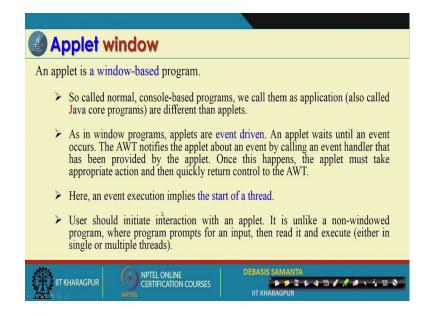
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Now, how the applet is executed as we say there, in case of applet program there is no main method or rather there is no main class as it is there in Java application.

And again, the outputting form an applet is also totally different. So, for example, in case of Java application in order to produce an output on the screen or in some file we use say System dot out dot print(), println like. But in case of applet, we need drawstring() method, which basically draw something. Essentially applet is a graphical windows or GUI based window themes, where we can draw many things. So, that is why is call the painting an applet.

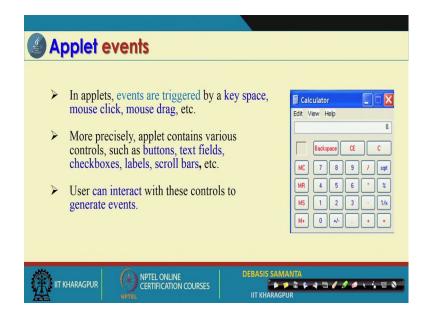
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Anyway, regarding this painting and applet we will discuss many things later time. And one important thing is that apart from this applet being a window based program one important thing is that applet always an event driven program. So, event driven means, applet is ready to view something and it can interact with the user. So, it is basically the user interact with the internet, user can interact with a computer, but this is interaction through applets. So, this interaction is possible in applet using one another concept AWT, it is called Abstract Window Toolkits.

So, basically applet and AWT works together. So, we cannot impact for the actual applet programs AWT and then applet cannot be things in a separate way, both the things can be consider jointly. So, that is why we have to import the java dot applet dot star, that means, all the applet class facilities as well as, we have to import java dot awt dot star. That mean whatever the classes those are defined in AWT has to be there. Regarding AWT we will discuss in details once the applet is covered.

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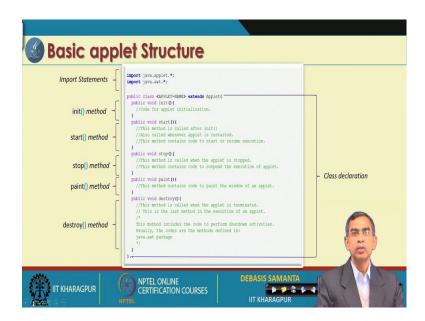


Anyways so, this is the idea about that applet is basically an event driven one program. Now, what is the event driven program that can be better understood using an example, let us have the quick look to this image here, and we see this is basically is an applet. And actually, if you see care carefully this kind of applets you see in your mobile or whatever it is there. And this basically is a calculator program, that means, if we can click 7 and then 8 then plus then 1 2. So, this means that the result will be there.

So, here you see if the click, I said the click. So, mouse click 7 and 8. So, if we click 7, then basically what will happen, the 7 will be selected or it basically appear here. Similarly, 8 after the 7, so 7 will be appear here, plus and then 1 and then 2 if we select, then also those will be there. And then say suppose, the plus this means that, it is an event. That means we want to add whatever the previous selected, plus the next that will be going to select. So, these basically call the event driven.

So, here the idea is that, here the different components. These are the basically the different elements in these applets can be triggered and then once the applets that elements are triggered and event will be generated. This is the concept of event based programming. So, applet is basically an event base programming concept.

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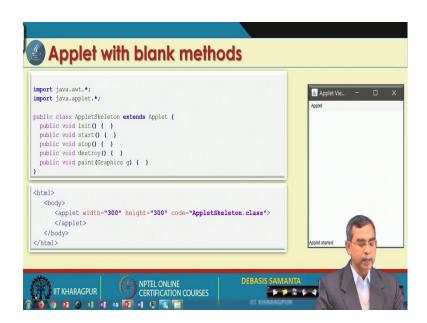
Now, so we have learned about that applet it is basically the window program graphically user based windows program and event driven con program actually. So now, we have to learn about, how this graphical user interface face windows can be created and then how the event can be generated. So, these are the basic concepts, if we can learned it and then our concept of learning applet will be completed.

Now, before going to this things let us see, what is the structure an applet usually it can be. Now so, applet has the some essential components. Now, as I already told you that, these are the 2 packages to be included, whenever you have to do applet programming. And then the next thing is that, we have to create your own class, that is your program and it should be inherited from the applet class. So, our next syntax is basically this one public class this is your name I mean, user define name and then extents applet. So, that can be an extent that mean inherited program.

Now, next part the different methods. Now, again there are many methods are there. So, as we see there is an init method and then the start method and the stop method then paint method destroy method. So, these are the 5 standard methods that that usually occurs whenever a program are wants to design their own applet. Now, all these method again as I told you, these are the abstract method, which are defined in class applet, which is an abstract class. This means that we have to overwrite this method if we want to do our own applet program.

So, this basically if you want to write applet program this means that you have to implement the init methods, start methods, stop method, paint method and destroy method. Not necessarily that all methods are mandatory, all this methods are basically optional you can use it if you need it.

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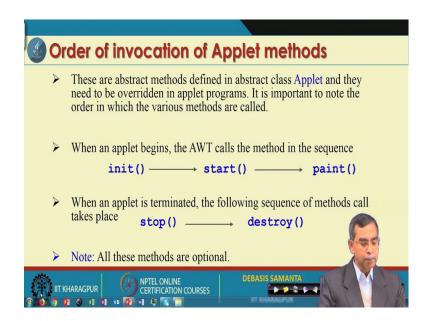


Now, so for, so these are methods optional for an example as we see here, in this example this is the one AppletSkeleton class that we have declare here. And here you see init, start, stop and destroy are these are the methods basically we have just overwritten, but the there is no code, is a null code actually so, but method as over written even if we do not write all these method also, that is also not a problem.

Anyway, so this methods as we see, if we run this applet as you know how to run this applet using an html applet code this is the applet code to run this applet and these basically, so an output here. So, this output if you see this output if you see here, this basically is a applet area and here there is no content and applet is just like a (Refer Time: 12:21) applet actually, it is not doing anything for us, but it is just viewed only.

So, appletviewer, browse it and then display it on your screen and showing that nothing is there, no event, no other content, no other elements etcetera. So, this way want I want to emphasis here is that the methods which we have used, they are mandatory; they are not mandatory they are optional, but preferably if you want to have them then you should implement them properly according to your own requirement.

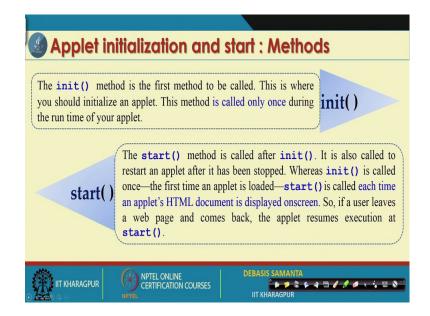
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Now, next thing is that, whether all these methods should be written here and there in the applet program. Actually answer is yes, we can write it is not necessary to write init first then start then paint whatever it is, but we can write in any order. However the execution of all these methods follows a specific order. Here for example, as we have seen here, the applet will be executed if you define all these methods there then init first, once the init is executed then, start will be invoked and then paint in method will be invoked.

These are the 3 methods if it is defined in your applet program they should be executed in that order. And finally, the stop and then destroy if they are declared in your program they should be executed in these orders. So, order is very important as we learn here and then we will give an example so that we can understand that how the order is important here.

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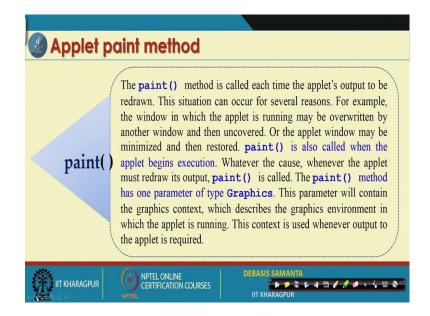


Now ok, now let us see: what is the purpose of this method; init method it basically used to initialize the applet. Initialization means, if we want change the background color of the applet, style of the applet or if you want to do something prior to start the applet. So, it is basically initialization. Anyway, we will have the detail demonstration, detailed illustration of this method how they are used; init has very important many important applications in many applet design actually.

So, we will discuss in details whenever we will consider some case studies. And then finally the stop start method. So, after the init; that mean, init method is for initialization it will not do only the initialize the applet and then start is basically starting and; starting and execution of an applet. So, it is basically usually called after init if it is defined here and, in fact it is basically call to restart an applet whenever it has been stop. For example, you are browsing a web page where than applet is there, you just leave these web page and then come back. Whenever you leave this so, applet basically stop, and when you come back again the same applet started to execution.

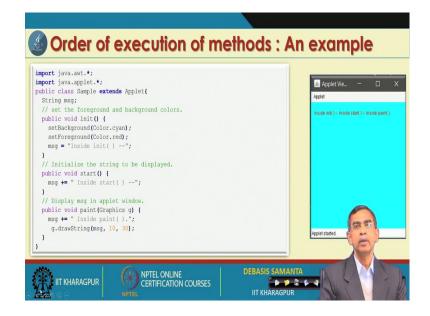
So, it is basically the idea about this method. So, start method.

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And then finally, the paint now you know whatever the things you want to include if you want. So, applet also help allow a user to draw something on the screen using the paint or cursor whatever it is. So, using this paint; paint is in that sense very versatile one method with which user can interact with the screen interface and then draw it, even paint can also displays on screen from the user, the also it can be include many other graphical component into your applet. So, paint is also very important, init is very important, paint is also very important in that sense.

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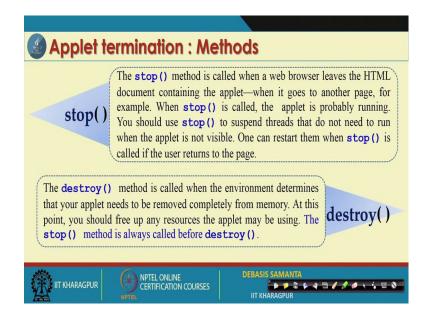
And here is an example; this example basically illustrates the execution of order, order of execution of init, start and paint method. Now, let us look at this program first as we see here we declare one class, that is the Sample the name of our applet, it basically extents applet. And here, msg is basically the message that we want to use it, may be a string, and here you see init method. This is very important here as we see what we have done here, setBackground and these the color dot cyan. That means, the back ground of this applet is set as a cyan color and then foreground, the text if you want to display within this applet.

It basically selected as a red color. And the message is initialized as in that is the with the screen. So, message is initialize at this thing in side init. So, this is basically the init method. Now, here the start method, whenever the method starts is execution. It basically doing nothing only just message is basically updating that Inside start. So, that mean, message is augmented with these plus this one. And then paint method is if we see; the paint method doing exactly again message Inside paint and then g dot drawstring(), this the message that already been write obtained in the store in this message fill, and these basically print the message.

Now, what is the message right now? So, whenever it is initialized. So, message is initially in Inside init and then whenever start is executed, the same method will appended with these method. And finally, whenever the paint is called, the method will be again appended and the message become Inside init, then Inside start and then Inside paint and finally it draw there.

Now, having this is the basically, i mean type of the methods that we have dis discussed here. If we run this, so init, start and then paint and automatically this way you can see the output. So, that means, it shows that all other execution is first init then, start and then the paint method. So, this way the execution will takes place in case of applet, whenever it starts its execution.

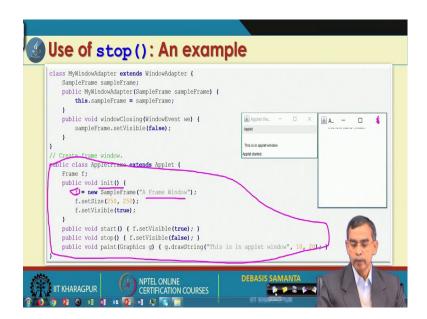
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Now, further termination there are 2 methods are used, stop and destroy method. So, as i told you, stop method means if you want to leave this browser and then actually the applet will stop its execution. So, this is the basically the idea of the stop. Now, stop is basically correctly stop its view, but not the key completely. So, to do it basically the destroy method is there. Once the destroy method is used in your applet program, and whenever this method is invoked.

This means, that it will completely remove from the memory and whenever you open the browse again we have to reload it, but in case if you do not use the destroy. Stop means it will be in the memory, but not completely remove from the memory or destroyed it. So, destroy is basically completely kill the execution of an applet.

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Now, here is an example which basically explains, how the stop method works here, but lot of things basically at this movement will assume. Now, here we discussed one program or class basically, this class we have discussed here although, we do not have any idea about, how this frame and everything. This frame is defined in a AWT, let us assume that we declared one class called the SampleFrame, which extends a Frame.

Basically frame is basically one separate window, that can be included in the applet or a in a separately it can be viewed. So, frame is basically like this, it is just we can say one set up applet window like; it is an window we can say. And these frame we will basically there is an event concept it will takes place ok.

So, without knowing much about these things we assume that, there is a frame will be created and this frame will just wait for something's to happen. So, this basically code will do this. And this is the paint method, as we see in this class, this paint method whenever it is called, this paint method will draw a string, this is in the window in the title of the frame actually.

Now, so this is the first part of this program, and then the next part as we see, we have to define the method that we have declare Mywindow. So, this basically the method that is declare. Again this method is basically will not doing this thing only whenever an applet is started its execution, it will basically display the window on the screen.

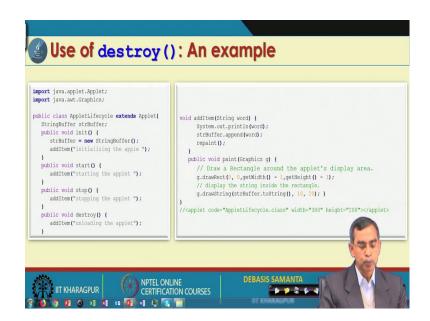
And then finally, this is basically the applet class program and this is the main program we can say, here we declare the init method. Init method create a frame, this is the f is the frame. And then this frame is initialized a frame window and then its set size; what is the size? For example, this; if this is the frame and this is the applet, this is the size of the frame. And A frame window it will basically show here like this, and here in this is the string basically paint within the applet, this is the; this is in the applet window.

Now, here in this program if we start, so whenever this applet is run by means of applet viewer. Then it basically display this one and as we display this one also display frame. So, both the things will be displayed on your screen. And then so, start means it will do this things, then it stop (Refer Time: 21:52) for you.

Now, if we click this one then what will happened, it basically invoke the stop method. So, stop method means it will kill it. So, it will stop, that means this frame will go out and, but this applet will remain it there. On the other hand, if we stop this applet, then what will happen? So, this is basically the entire things will go there. So, stopping a frame means only frame will go out, but stopping an applet means the entire things will go out.

Now, again so this is basically the idea about that stop means it will be basically close the view of this one. So, this idea says that, this is the use of the stop method that is there in the applet. And the destroy method is basically, completely removing this one.

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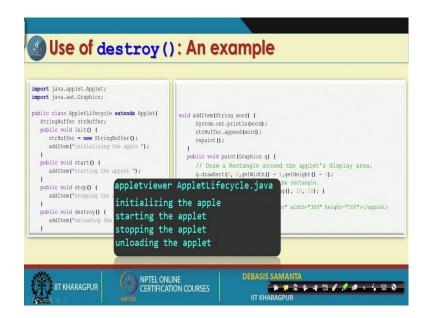
Now, here is an example again if we see; so, this is the definition of an applet class and this is that complete applet class include. Now, in this applet class if we see; we the init method, the start method, stop method and destroy method. For the illustration we make all this method very simple. It basically, use one string and the string will be initialize by this one and then add item one method is basically called this all this methods basically.

Now, addItem method is defined here, is basically take an argument of the string and it basically print the string on the console, that means, use as the java console window and then it basically whatever the strings are there will append it and then basically the just similar the message concept, that is shown in the last example. And repaint means it basically, clean it and then paint it actually.

So, this is the repaint; repaint method is basically clear showing the output all the time. Now, so addItem here for the start staring the applet it will, whenever this method is called or the applet is executed start will be invoke automatically. And then starting the applet will be showing, and then so; so then the stop and then destroy will come into the applet.

Now, here in the paint method, so for the applet is concern; so it will basically draw rectangle and within this rectangle it will basically draw a string. Now, let us see, the output of this program, how it look like then you can understand.

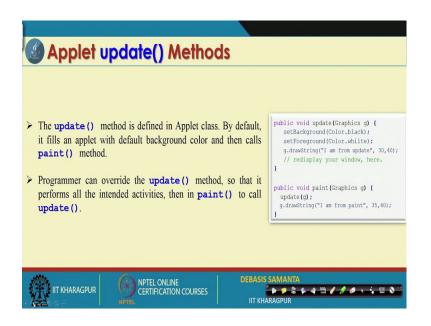
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So, is basically whenever we start this it basic initialize the applet and starting the applet, because of this addItem concept it is there go to the console. And also applet will be there, which is not show here. Anyway, so applet will come there and applet will display the string on the applet area. And then whenever you stop it, then it will basically stop the applet and then unloading the applet means, completely clearing from the memory.

So, this way the destroy method will clear it. Now, these are the methods has many application, whenever we have to have a very complex the web base browsing application these are there.

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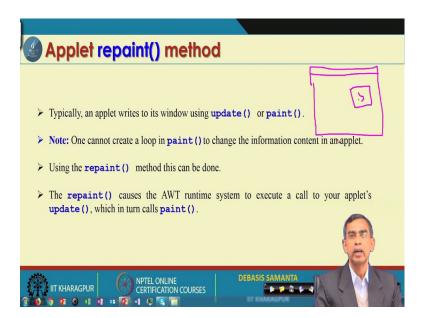


Now, other than this update destroy and stop there is another two very important methods are there. There called the update and then paint method. So, update method is basically, just opposite it is on set of init method is basically re-initialization we can say updating the applet class. So, we can change it as an example as we see, if we define an update method and then we can change the background color, foreground color we can do something like this.

So, if we have initialization with some settings by means of updating we can resetting sort of things are there. And then these update method if we have do it, it cannot be invoked automatically. In the paint method you have to call it in order to update this one. So, it is basically update in the paint methods, so it will update it and then after the

updation, whatever you can do in the paint method you will do it. So, update is basically setting changing the settings in your applet

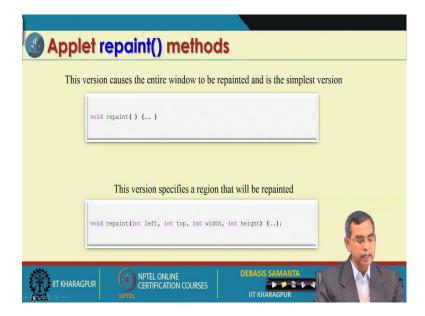
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Now, repaint method is another example here, you want to update it. Now, for an example say suppose, this is your the entire applet view, these are entire applet. Now, a particular portion I want to change it, say suppose this portion I want to change it, but other portion will remain index. So, whenever you drawing some graphics or something using like paintbrush and like this one, I can select it; and the selected portion I can repaint it and then there something we can use it.

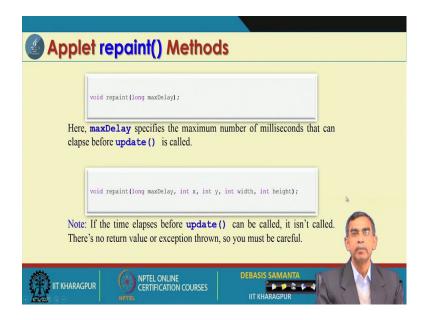
So, the repaint method is basically, a not the may be entire applets view or a particular portion of the applet view can be redrawn or repaint it. So, this is the idea about the repaint method. Now, I can have an example, so that we can understand, how this update and repaint method works it, there is very interesting program. This program is called Banner example.

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Now, again before going to this repaint has the 3 different constructors. This is the one constructor without any arguments, so these are another constructor, it shows that which is the portion. So, it is basically left, top, width and height. So left, top is the one portion and then weight and then height. That means, this amount of area that we want to do the repaint.

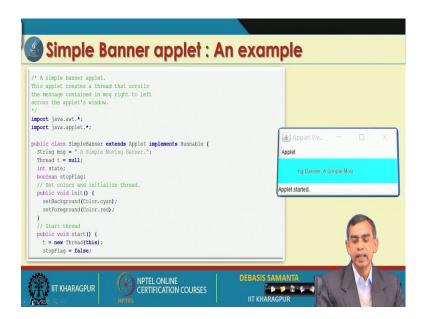
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And then another constructor, it is basically with some delay, that means repaint and update should be used together. So, once the repaint is there, then the following by the

update is there. So, a time delay we can specify, repaint long maxDelay it indicates that, what is the maximum number of time in milliseconds, that is should be that applet should wait before the update is called. So, it is basically, now if you do immediately the effect cannot be seen. So, that is why some delay should be then repaint. So, that some view, some impression can be obtained here.

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Now, this can be better understand with an example, it is call the banner example the idea it is there. So, suppose this is the applet, it can be viewed here but this is fine. We can run it; once you run it, then you will see this basically the banner will scroll it from right to left. So, it will change there. So, simple moving banner it will go there and then it will come here and then. So, base; basically this text will move. So, that is the banner text we can say.

Now, so do this things here you see we cannot simply use the paint and then redraw string. So, it is the static paint, but here actually painting will be always update, repaint and then display; update, repaint and display; update, repaint and display is a basically in an iterative method. So, that it will appear that this text is moving.

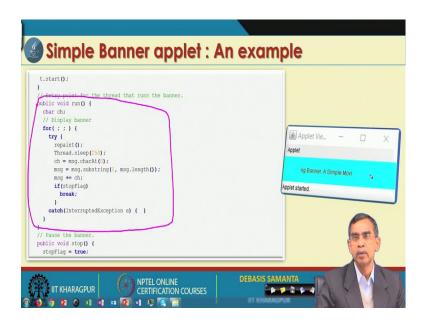
So, that can be understood by means a simple program here let us have a quick look of the program. First we declare one applet, this is the SimpleBanner extends Applet and it require set to be executed. So, we implement Runnable. So, it is a (Refer Time: 29:00) program also. So, applet combined you threading, both the things together here. Now

here, so a thread class is created t is the thread class and this is the state int. Now, so this is one boolean variables stopFlag.

Now, here the init method that we have declare; init methods is doing nothing is basically changing the background and foreground. So, as the background foreground we change like this one. And then here is basically the start method that we have declare here. In the start method we create the thread of this own applet.

So, this thread means, it will run independently until you stop it like. So, this basically, defining the state thread is basically created, which is the thread means these are thread of this applet, so applet is thread. And then stopFlag is false, means it is run. So, if we click some like, so this one stopFlag will be true line.

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So, this is the first part of the applet and then; then the next stage basically, the next portion is basically run as you know this is the thread program. So, thread should be accompanied with say run method. This is the run() method here and t.start you know; you see this start is basically starting the thread not that the applet start method. So, that is the totally different as you have implements runnable. So, start will automatically; that mean, we start the execution of thread. So, in the start method of the applet, we start the thread.

Then run method if you see, this is the more intelligent one code actually here. This run method what it will do is basically, here initially it will repaint, whatever repaint means initialize repaint is there, then thread will sleep for 250, because some weight to be there. So, that user cannot, otherwise if you constantly change you cannot find that change right.

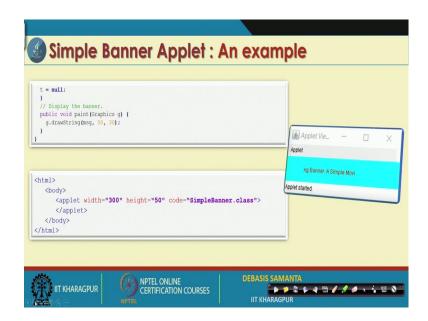
So, delay it is there. So, this is the sleep means, the thread will just wait without doing anything and then the character will be corrected from the message; that means, fast corrector from the strings of the characters and then message it will basically next is the message will be obtained by competing the substring of the next corrector of 1 to the maximum 1.

So, basically each time, say suppose welcome; so first character is well then the next substring basically, after preponing well come like this. So, this will basically the run method as the thread will execute. So, it will go on, one by one, one by one. So, it will take 1 character at a time from the front 1, and then get the substring, and then substring will be displayed the next and then again it basically update it and repaint it.

So, this way update and repaint will be go on go on and the idea it is there it first is A and then A will move here, then simple moving will come here, then this will come here and then other portion will be there and this way that that applet will start moving. So, if we run it and then we can see this actually applet gives a life to this and then is a beautiful one program that you can check it. Anyway, whenever we will give the demonstration, we will show its execution. Then stop here, so whenever stop means say, suppose user select this one. So, the stop will be invoke and then stopFlag is true then thread will stop and then the applet that the banner will stop its execution.

Anyway, so basic idea that different methods, which are there in an applet like init, start, stop then paint, update, repaint all this methods we have try to give an idea about, how these methods are there. And whenever you run different application, different program you can innovate also, different way of viewing the different applet you can see. And more over, all those things also will come into great effect whenever we develop a calculator. So, will see exactly in our demonstration, how all those advance applet can be designed and then those methods will be used to do that.

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So, these are the methods we have discussed there and so fine. So, these are the methods last standard methods. Apart from these standard methods, there are many more method also can be any method also user can implement and add into the applet. And all those things, we will discuss whenever we will discuss more advance features about applet programming.

Thank you.