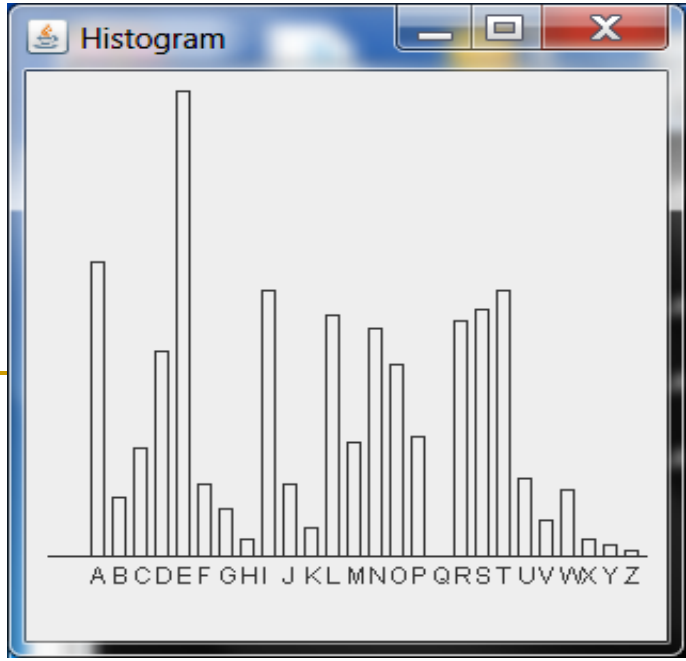
Events, Event Source, Event Listeners



MOTIVATION

- A graphical user interface (GUI) makes a system user-friendly and easy to use. Creating a GUI requires creativity and knowledge of how GUI components work. Since the GUI components in Java are very flexible and versatile, you can create a wide assortment of useful user interfaces.
- Previous chapters briefly introduced several GUI components. This chapter introduces the frequently used GUI components in detail.

OBJECTIVES

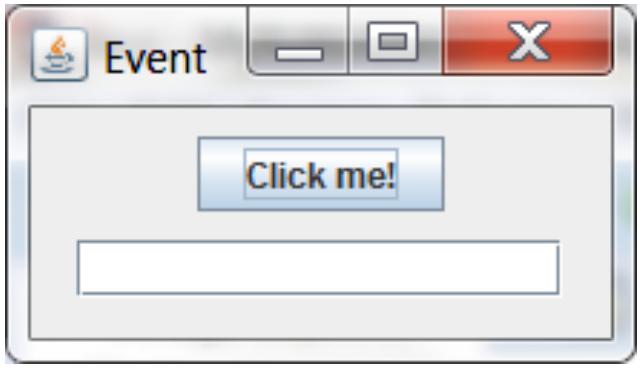
- To create listeners for JButton using inner class
- To create listeners for **JCheckBox**, **JRadioButton**, and **JTextField**
- To enter multiple-line texts using **JTextArea and JScrollPane**
- To select a single item using **JComboBox**
- To select a single or multiple items using **JList**
- To select a range of values using **JScrollBar**
- To select a range of values using **JSlider** and explore differences between **JScrollBar** and **JSlider**
- To display multiple windows in an application

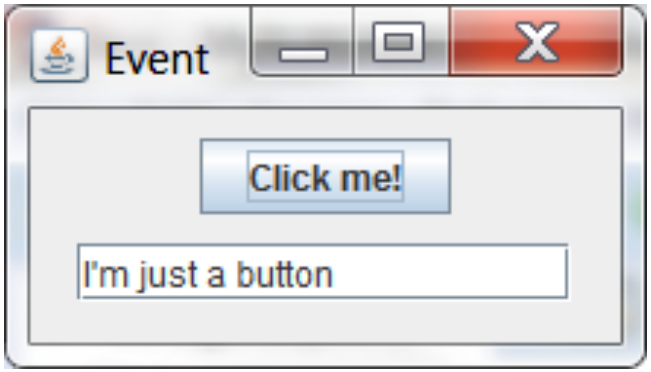
EVENT HANDLING

- What are user interface events? Some examples:
  - button clicks
  - mouse drags
  - key presses
  - Menu selections
- An event-driven program needs to inform the system about the events it is interested in.
- When one of those events occurs, the program will be notified.
- The program will then be able to respond to that event by executing the corresponding event-handling code.

HANDLING BUTTON-CLICK EVENTS

- Suppose we would like the JFrame to display a message when the user clicks on the button.





EVENTS, EVENT SOURCES AND LISTENERS

- Important components involved in event-handling:
  - Events
    - Events are represented as `Event` objects.
    - For example, a button-click event is represented as an `ActionEvent` object.
  - Event sources
    - An **event source** is a component (e.g. a `JButton` object) closely associated with the event which sends notifications to **event listeners**.
    - For example, the `JButton` object associated with a button-click event.

EVENTS, EVENT SOURCES AND LISTENERS

- Event listeners
  - Every program must indicate which events it needs to receive. It does that by installing **event listener** objects.
  - An event listener belongs to a class that is provided by the application programmer. Its methods describe the actions to be taken when an event occur.

HANDLING BUTTON-CLICK EVENTS

- The following steps can be used for handling events:
  1. Declare class as an event listener
  2. Register event listener with event source
  3. Write event-handling code

HANDLING BUTTON-CLICK EVENTS

- Declare class as an event listener :

```
public class BtnHandler extends JFrame implements
    ActionListener {
    public JTextField text;
    public JButton btnOK;

    public BtnHandler() {   } //the constructor
    public actionPerformed(..) {   } //event handling
    public static void main() {   } // main method
}
```

HANDLING BUTTON-CLICK EVENTS

- Register event listener with event source :

```
public BtnHandler()
    {
        text = new JTextField(15);
        btnOK = new JButton("Click me please....");
        add(btnOK);
        add(text);
        // register event listener with event source here
        btnOK.addActionListener(this);

    }
```

HANDLING BUTTON-CLICK EVENTS

- Write event-handling code :

```
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e)
    {
        text.setText("I'm just a button");
    }
}
```

Execution starts here

```
....
....

public static void main (String[] args) {
        BtnHandler frame = new BtnHandler();

        frame.setTitle("Event");
        frame.setLayout(new FlowLayout(FlowLayout.CENTER, 5, 10));
        frame.setSize(250,130);
        frame.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
        frame.setVisible(true);
}
```

HANDLING BUTTON-CLICK EVENTS

- The components involved:
  - Event
    - The `ActionEvent` object
  - Event source
    - The "Click me please …" `JButton` object
      - When the user clicks on the button, the `JButton` object sends an `ActionEvent` object to all event listeners.
  - Event listener
    - The `BtnHandler` object
    - This object will receive an `ActionEvent` object from the `JButton` object when a button-click event occurs.

4. the event listener executes actionPerformed() method

: ButtonViewer

button-click event listener

actionPerformed(e)

3. the event source sends a notification to the event listener

: JFrame

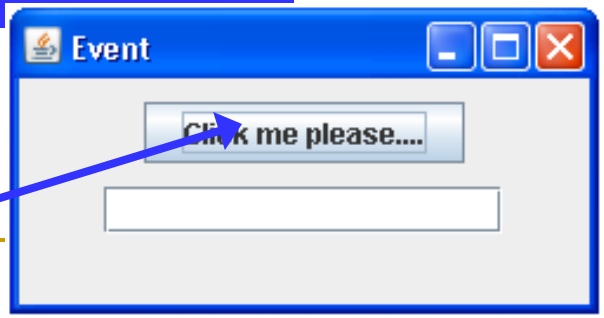
e : ActionEvent

: JButton

: JTextField

2. An ActionEvent object is created

button-click event source



1. User clicks button

2. a button-click event has occurred!

Using inner class for implementing EventListener

```
import java.awt.*;
import java.awt.event.*;
import javax.swing.*;
public class ButtonViewer {
  private static final int FRAME_WIDTH = 200;
  private static final int FRAME_HEIGHT = 120;
  private static JButton button;
  private static JTextField text;
  public static void main(String[] args) {
  JFrame frame = new JFrame();
// The button to trigger an event
    button = new JButton("Click me!");
    // The textfield for displaying the message
    text = new JTextField(15);
    frame.add(button);
    frame.add(text);
```

```
/** An action listener that prints a message :
ClickListerner is an inner class
    */
    class ClickListener implements ActionListener {
       public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent event) {
       Object obj = event.getSource();
       if (obj == button) {
          text.setText("I'm just a button");
       }
       }
    }
    //create an event listener object(specifically
ClickListener) named listener
    ActionListener listener = new ClickListener();
    //Attach an ActionListener to each button.
    button.addActionListener(listener);
```

```
    frame.setTitle("Event");
    frame.setLayout(new FlowLayout(FlowLayout.CENTER, 5, 10));
    frame.setSize(FRAME_WIDTH, FRAME_HEIGHT);
    frame.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
    frame.setVisible(true);

  }

}
```

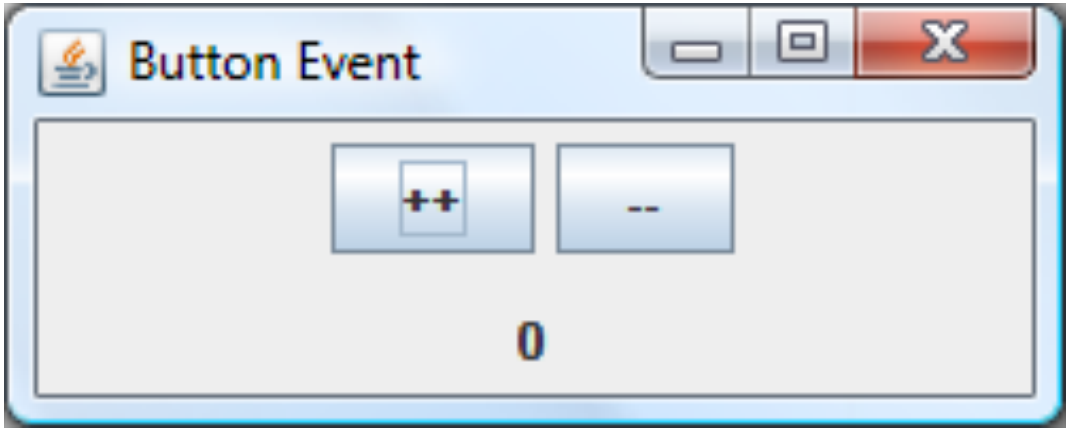
User Action	Event Source	Event Object Created	Type of Listener
Click on a button	JButton	ActionEvent	ActionListener
Select a new item in a combo box	JComboBox	ItemEvent, ActionEvent	ItemListener, ActionListener
Select an item from a list	JList	ListSelectionEvent	ListSelectionListener
Click on a checkbox	JCheckBox	ItemEvent, ActionEvent	ItemListener, ActionListener
Click on a radio button	JRadioButton	ItemEvent, ActionEvent	ItemListener, ActionListener
Drag slider knob	JSlider	ChangeEvent	ChangeListener
Press enter in a textfield	JTextField	ActionEvent	ActionListener

ActionEvent

- An Action Event occurs, whenever an action is performed by the user
- Examples:
  - User clicks a **button**
  - User chooses a **menu item**
  - User presses <Enter> in a **text field**
- Action Listener defines what should be done when an action event occurs, through actionPerformed message

Identifying Event Source

- To identify which object triggers the event, use **getSource()** method
- Example:

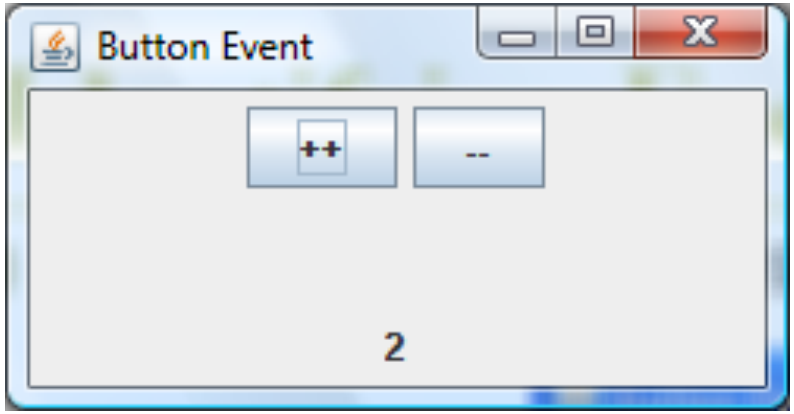


IdentifyingSource

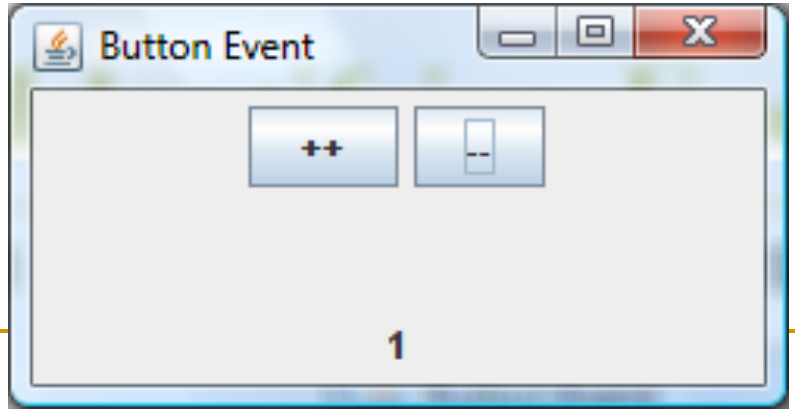
Run

Identifying Event Source

- After button “++” is clicked twice:



- After button “--” is clicked once:



Identifying Event Source

```
public class EvtPlusMinus extends JFrame implements ActionListener
{
        private JButton btnPlus, btnMinus;
        private JLabel lblValue;
        private int value = 0;
        private static JPanel p1, p2;

        public EvtPlusMinus() {
                btnPlus = new JButton("++");
                btnMinus = new JButton("--");
                lblValue = new JLabel("0");
                p1 = new JPanel();
                p2 = new JPanel();
                p1.add(btnPlus);
                p1.add(btnMinus);
                p2.add(lblValue);
                btnPlus.addActionListener(this);
                btnMinus.addActionListener(this);
        }
```

Identifying Event Source

```
public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
        Object obj = e.getSource();

        if (obj == btnPlus) {
                value++;
                lblValue.setText("" + value);
        }
        else if (obj == btnMinus) {
                value--;
                lblValue.setText("" + value);
        }
}
```

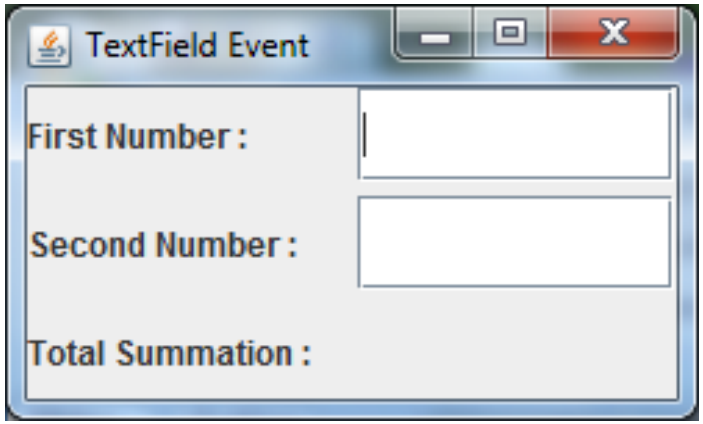
```
    public static void main (String[] args) {
        JFrame frame1 = new EvtPlusMinus();
        frame1.setLayout(new BorderLayout());
        frame1.add(p1,BorderLayout.NORTH);
        frame1.add(p2,BorderLayout.SOUTH);

        frame1.setTitle("Button Event");
        frame1.setSize(250,130);
        frame1.setLocation(300, 200);
        frame1.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
        frame1.setVisible(true);
    }

}
```

ActionEvent with JTextField

- Sometimes it is not necessary to identify the event source
- Example:



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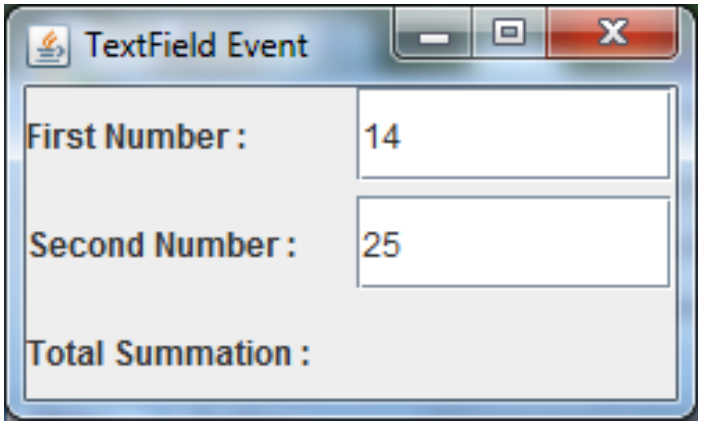
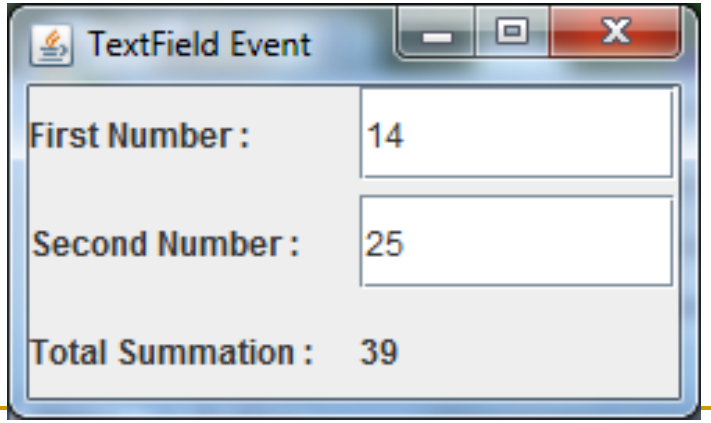
ActionEvent with JTextField

- After user input, say 14 and 25 :



- After “Enter” key is pressed :



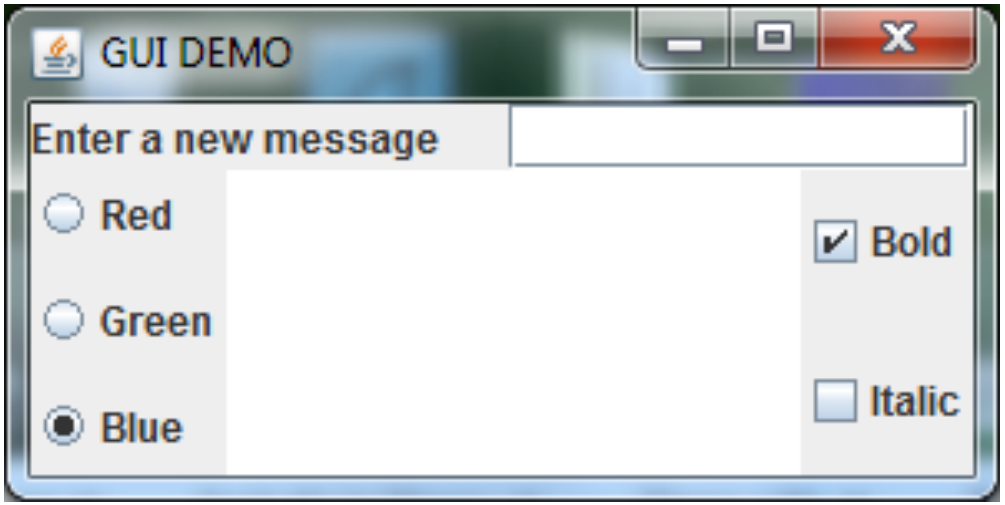
ActionEvent with JTextField

```
public class EvtTextCalc extends JFrame implements
ActionListener  {
        JTextField txtNum1, txtNum2;
        JLabel lblAnswer;
        public EvtTextCalc()
        {
                txtNum1 = new JTextField(10);
                txtNum2 = new JTextField(10);
                add(new JLabel("First Number : "));
                add(txtNum1);
                add(new JLabel("Second Number : "));
                add(txtNum2);
                add(new JLabel("Total Summation : "));
                lblAnswer = new JLabel("");
                add(lblAnswer);
                txtNum1.addActionListener(this);
                txtNum2.addActionListener(this);
        }
```

```
:
public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e)
{
        String str;
        int val1, val2, total;

        str = txtNum1.getText();
        if (str.equals(""))
                val1 = 0;
        else
                val1 = Integer.parseInt(str);
        str = txtNum2.getText();
        if (str.equals(""))
                val2 = 0;
        else
                val2 = Integer.parseInt(str);
        total = val1 + val2;
        lblAnswer.setText("" + total);
}
:
```

Events for JCheckBox, JRadioButton, and JTextField



GuiDemo

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Multiple Events: ActionEvent and ItemEvent

```
public class GuiDemo extends JFrame implements ActionListener,
ItemListener  {
        private JTextField text;
        private JRadioButton red, green, blue;
        private JLabel msg;
        private JCheckBox bold, italic;

        public GuiDemo() { …}  // the constructor
        public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent evt) { …} //Event handling
        public void itemStateChanged(ItemEvent evt) { …} //Event handling
        public static void main () { …} //main method
}
```

Multiple Events

- Register event listener (class GuiDemo –this) with event source (JRadioButton and JCheckBox objects) :

```
public GuiDemo() {
    …
        // register event listener with event source here
        red = new JRadioButton("Red");
        red.addItemListener(this);
        green = new JRadioButton("Green");
        green.addItemListener(this);
        blue = new JRadioButton("Blue", true);
        blue.addItemListener(this);
        bold = new JCheckBox("Bold", true);
        bold.addActionListener(this);
        italic = new JCheckBox("Italic", false);
        italic.addActionListener(this);
    …
```

Multiple Events

- Write event-handling code for ItemEvent :

```
public void itemStateChanged(ItemEvent evt) {
        if (red.isSelected())
                msg.setForeground(Color.RED);
        if (green.isSelected())
                msg.setForeground(Color.GREEN);
        if (blue.isSelected())
                msg.setForeground(Color.BLUE);
}
```

Multiple Events

- Write event-handling code for Action Event :

```
public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent evt) {
        int fontStyle = Font.PLAIN;
        if (bold.isSelected())
                fontStyle += Font.BOLD;
        if (italic.isSelected())
                fontStyle += Font.ITALIC;
        Font myFont = new Font("Serif", fontStyle, 20);
        String str = text.getText();
        msg.setFont(myFont);
        msg.setText(""+str);
    }
```

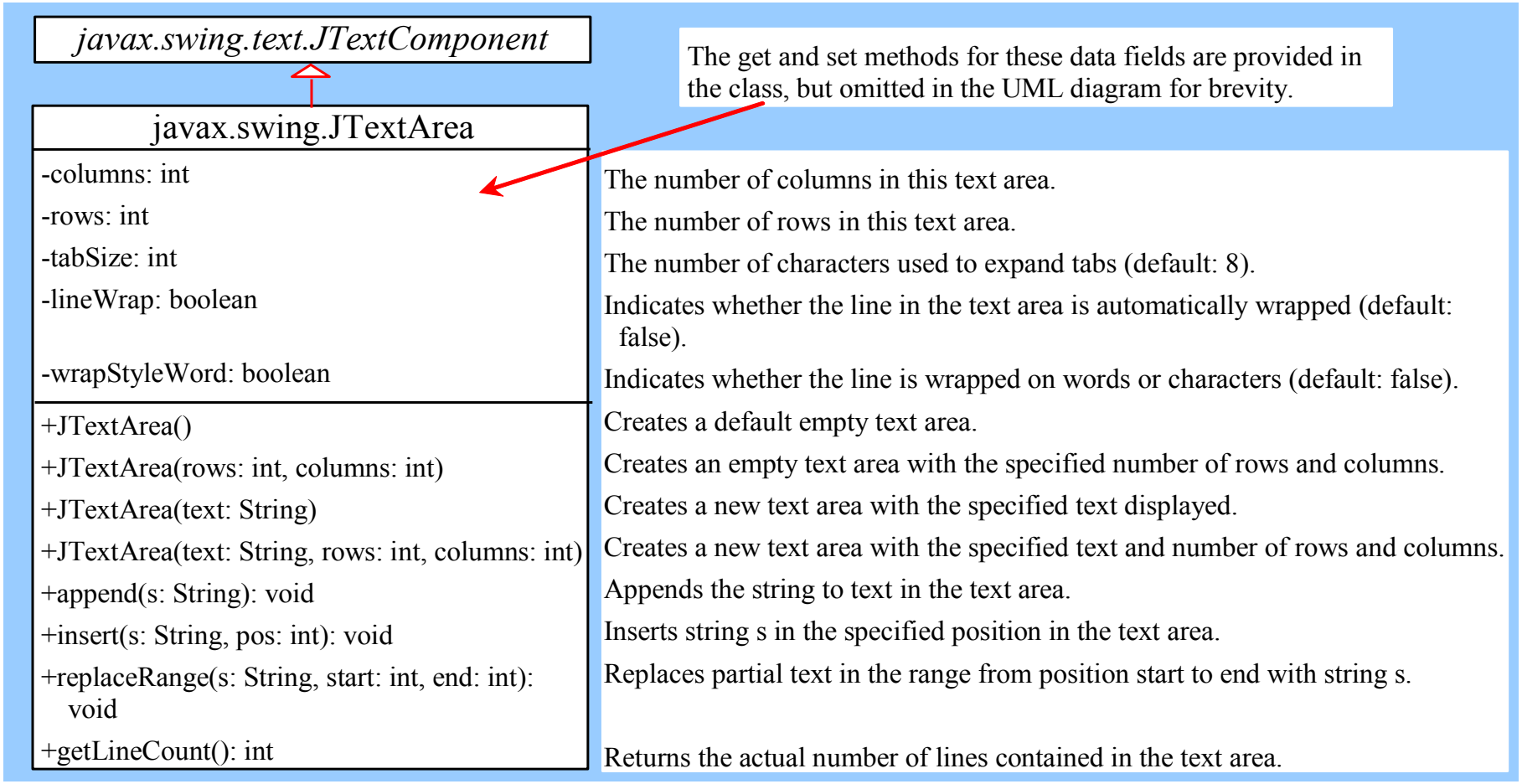
Execution starts here

```
....
....

public static void main (String[] args) {
        GuiDemo frame = new GuiDemo();

        frame.setTitle("GUI DEMO");
        frame.setSize(300,150);
        frame.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
        frame.setVisible(true);
}
```

Advanced GUI and Event Handlings

JTextArea

If you want to let the user enter multiple lines of text, you cannot use text fields unless you create several of them. The solution is to use `JTextArea`, which enables the user to enter multiple lines of text.



JTextArea Constructors

- `JTextArea(int rows, int columns)`

  Creates a text area with the specified number of rows and columns.

- `JTextArea(String s, int rows, int columns)`

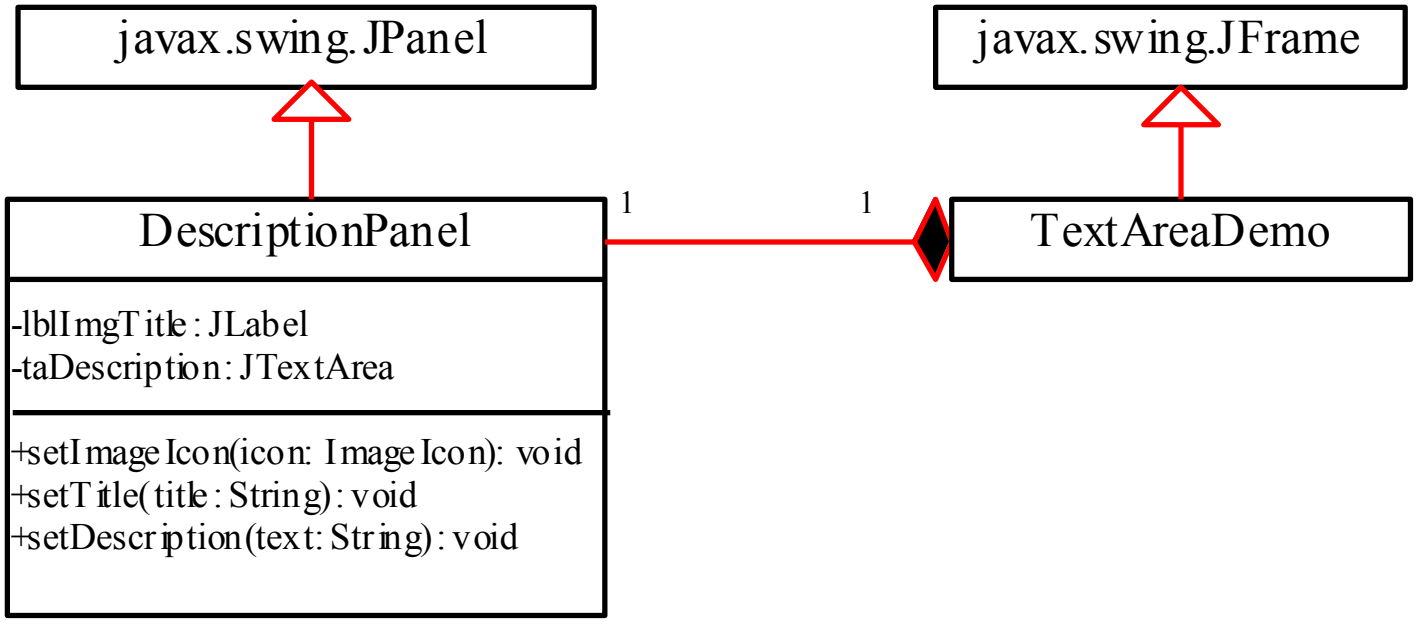
  Creates a text area with the initial text and the number of rows and columns specified.

`JTextArea` Properties

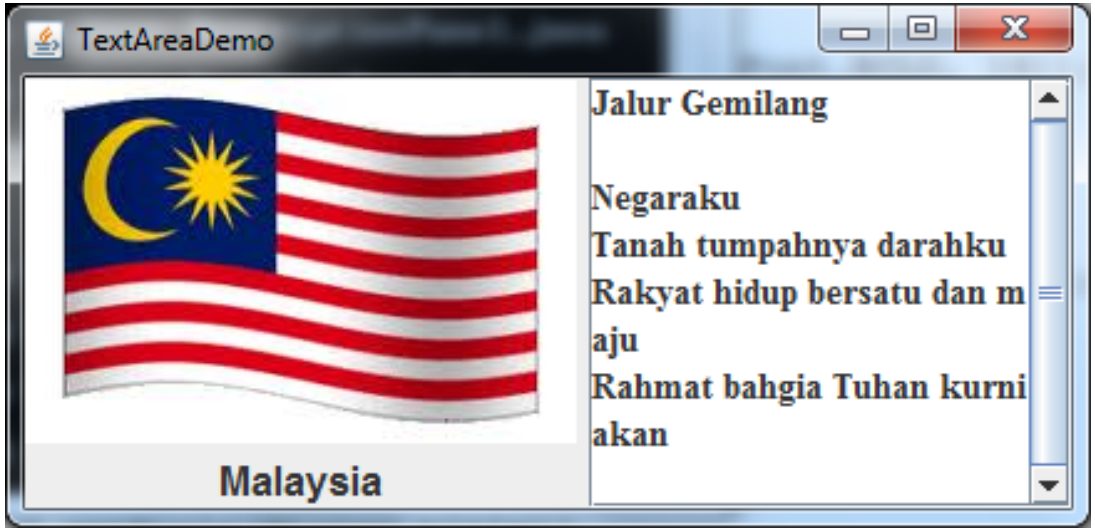
- `text`
- `editable`
- `columns`
- `lineWrap`
- `wrapStyleWord`
- `rows`
- `lineCount`
- `tabSize`

Example: Using Text Areas

- This example gives a program that displays an image in a label, a title in a label, and a text in a text area.



Example: JTextArea and ScrollPane Demo



DescriptionPanel

TextAreaDemo

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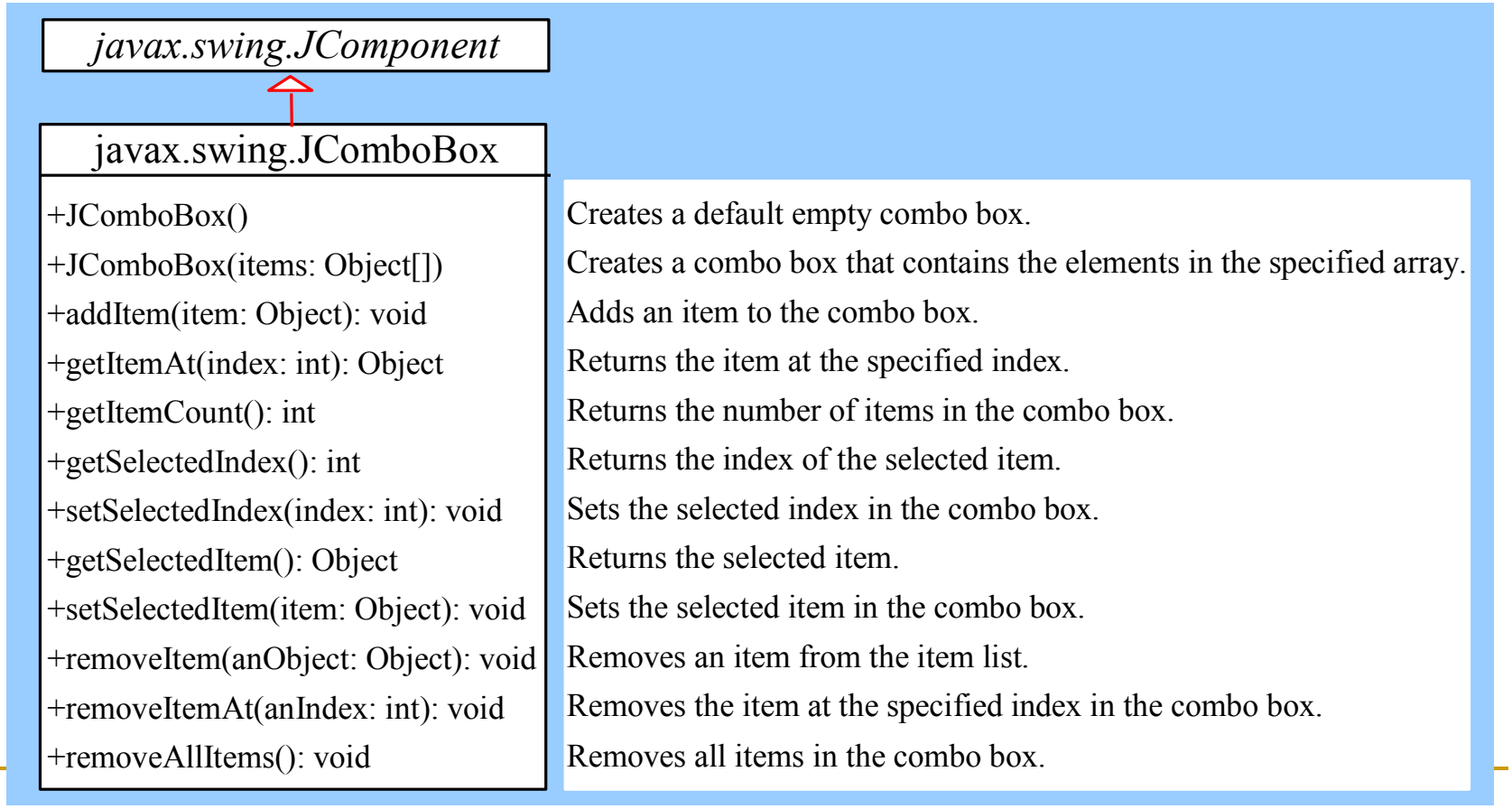
JComboBox

A *combo box* is a simple list of items from which the user can choose. It performs basically the same function as a list, but can get only one value.



JComboBox Methods

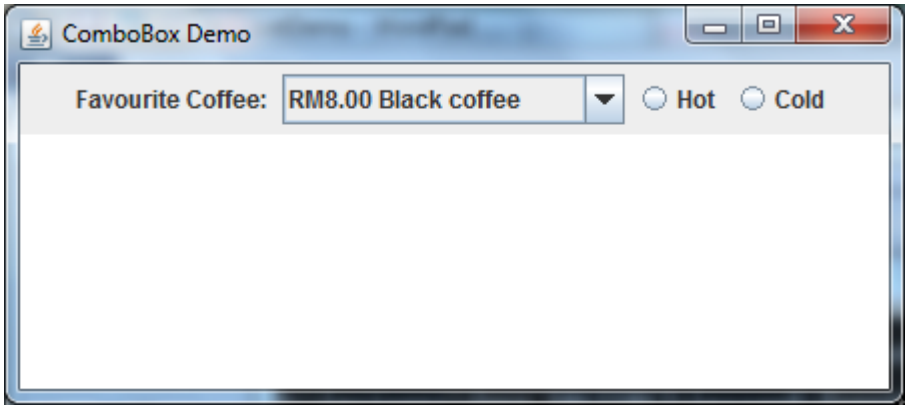
To add an item to a `JComboBox jcbo`, use

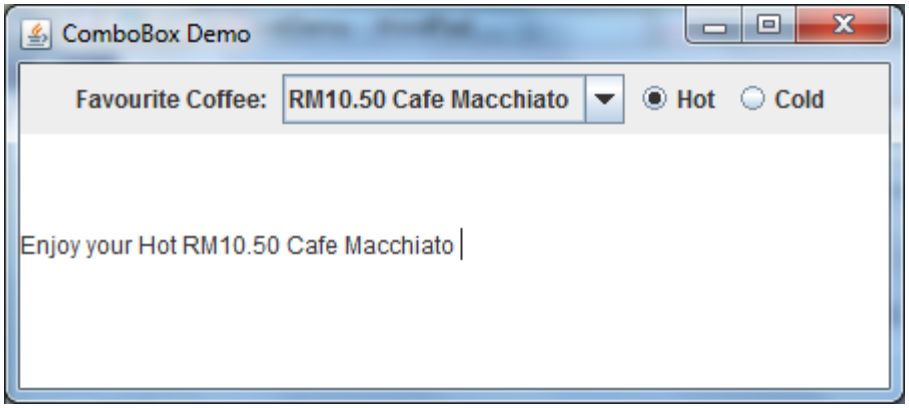
```
jcbo.addItem(Object item)
```

To get an item from `JComboBox jcbo`, use

```
jcbo.getItem()
```

Example: ComboBoxDemo



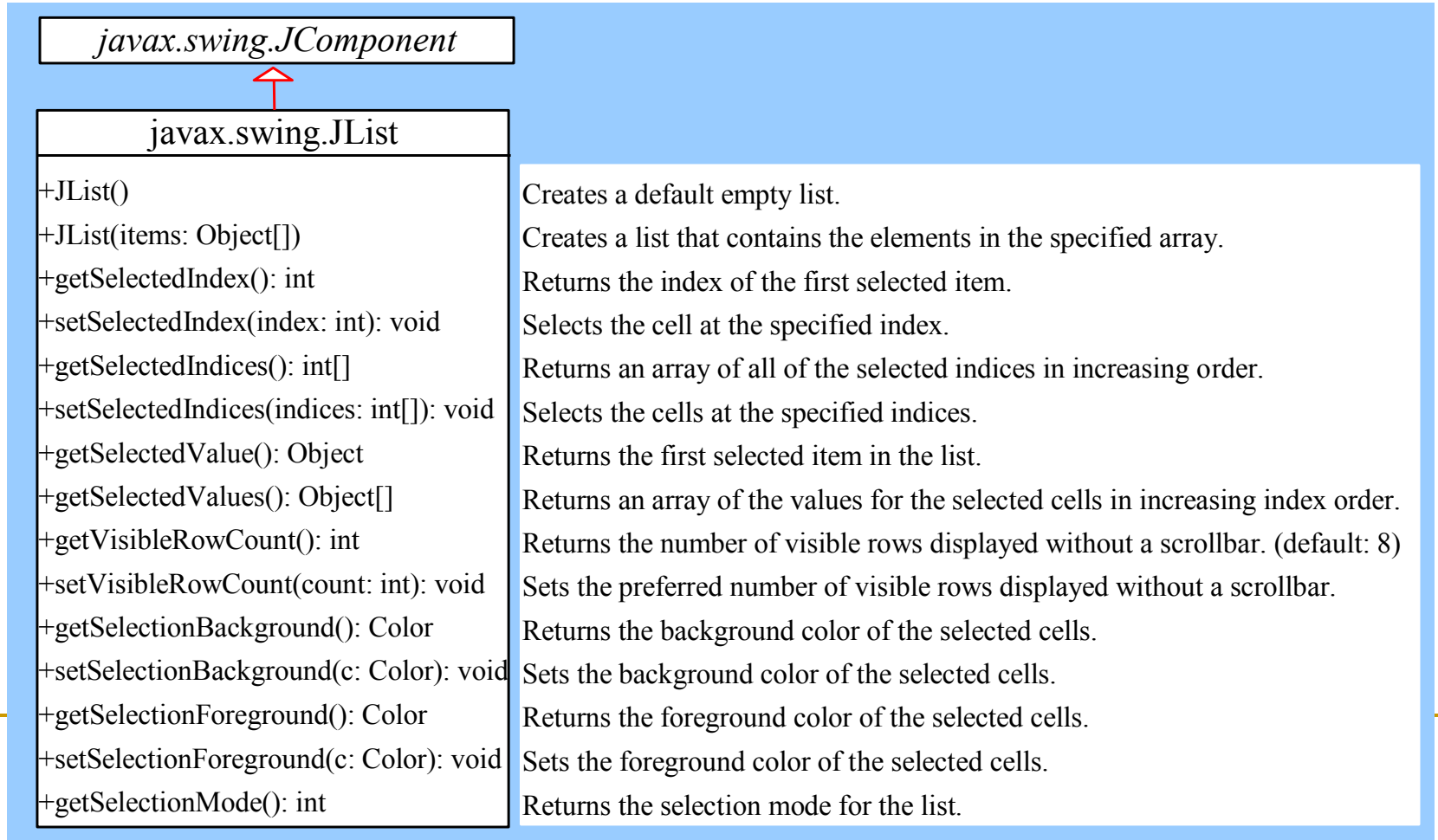


ComboBoxDemo

Run

JList

A *list* is a component that performs basically the same function as a combo box, but it enables the user to choose a single value or multiple values.



`JList` Constructors

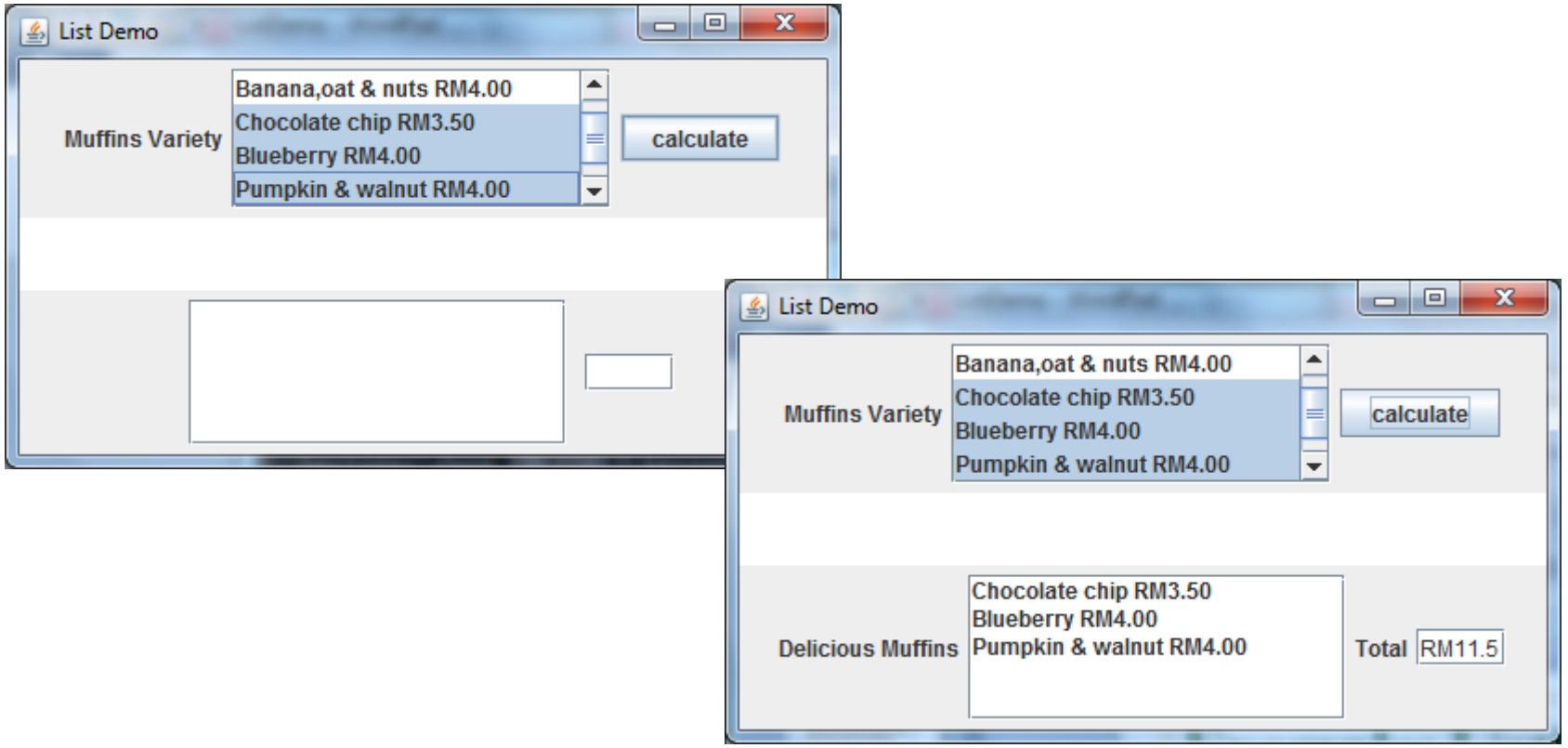
- `JList()`

  Creates an empty list.

- `JList(Object[] stringItems)`

  Creates a new list initialized with items.

Example: ListDemo



ListDemo

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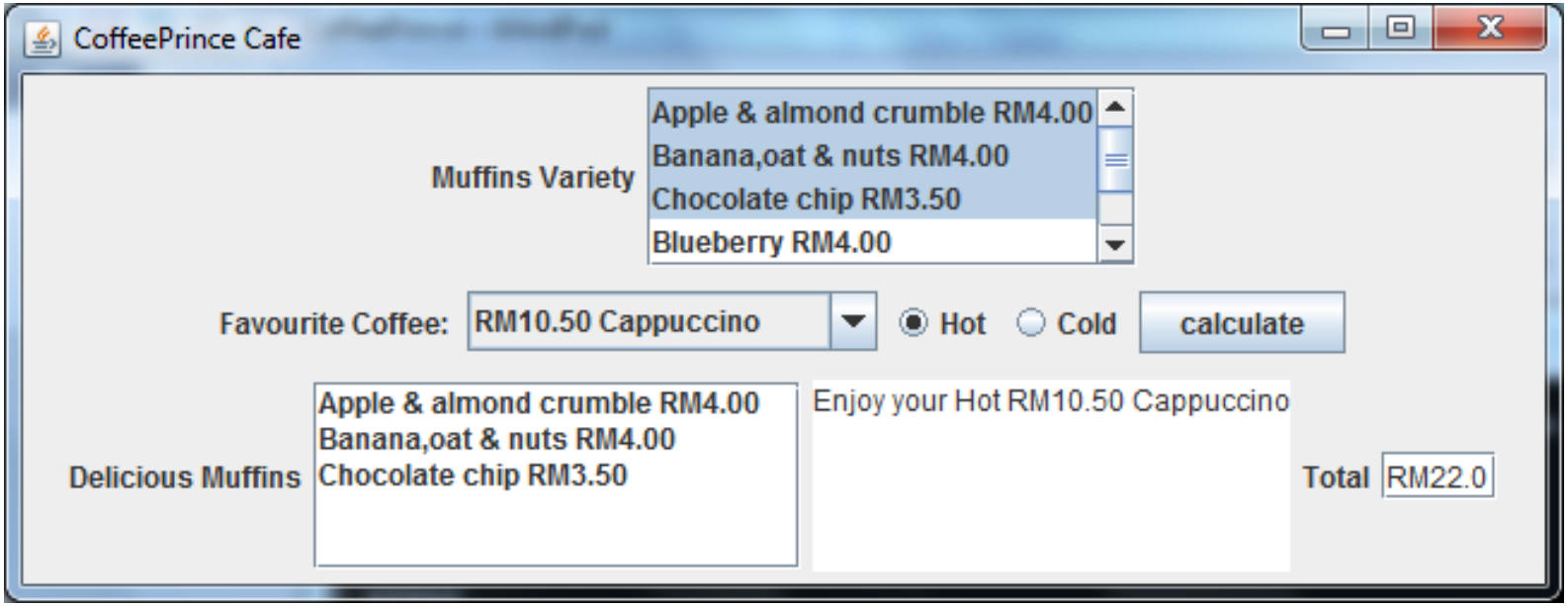
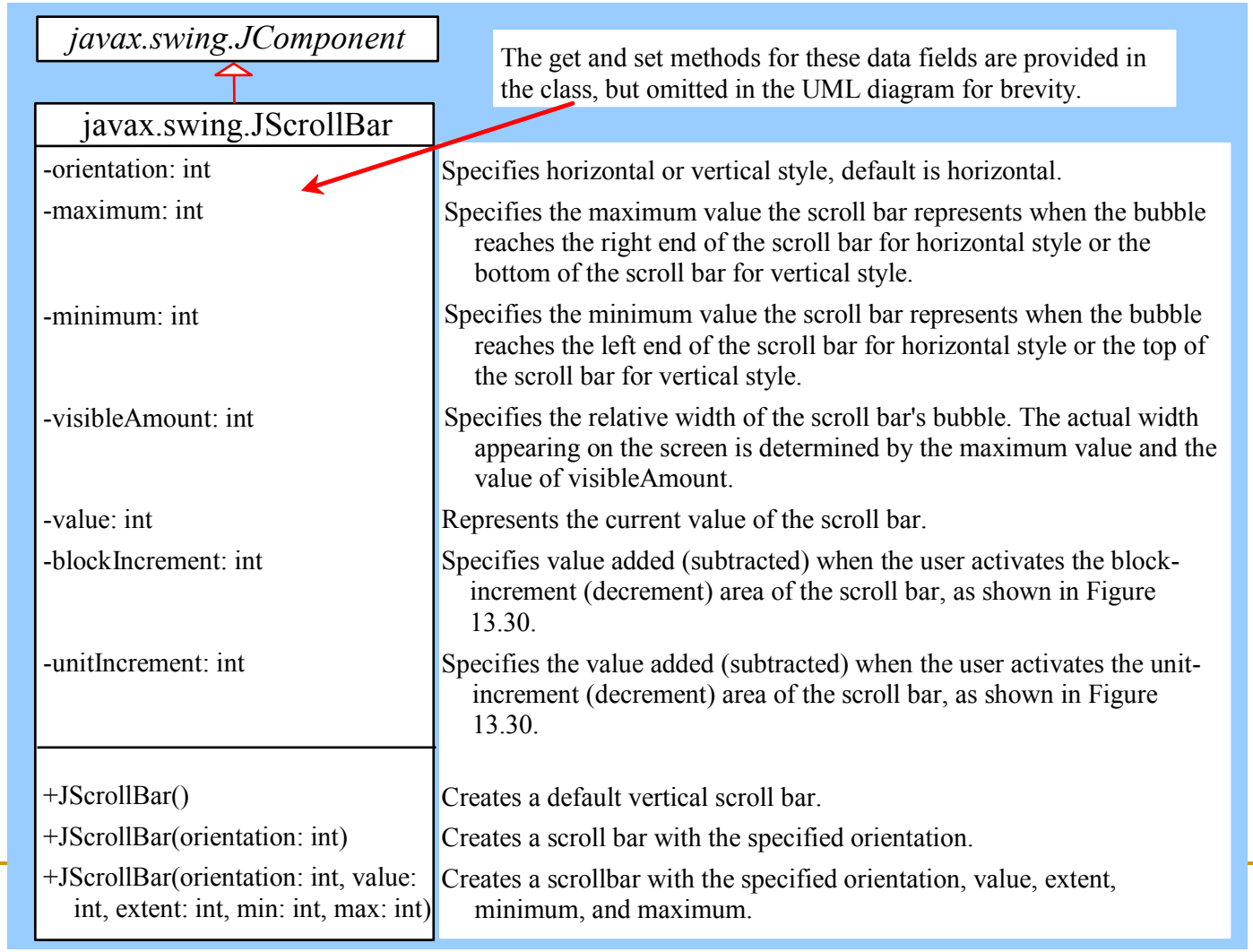
Exercise: ComboBox and List

- Modify previous programs to produce:



JScrollBar

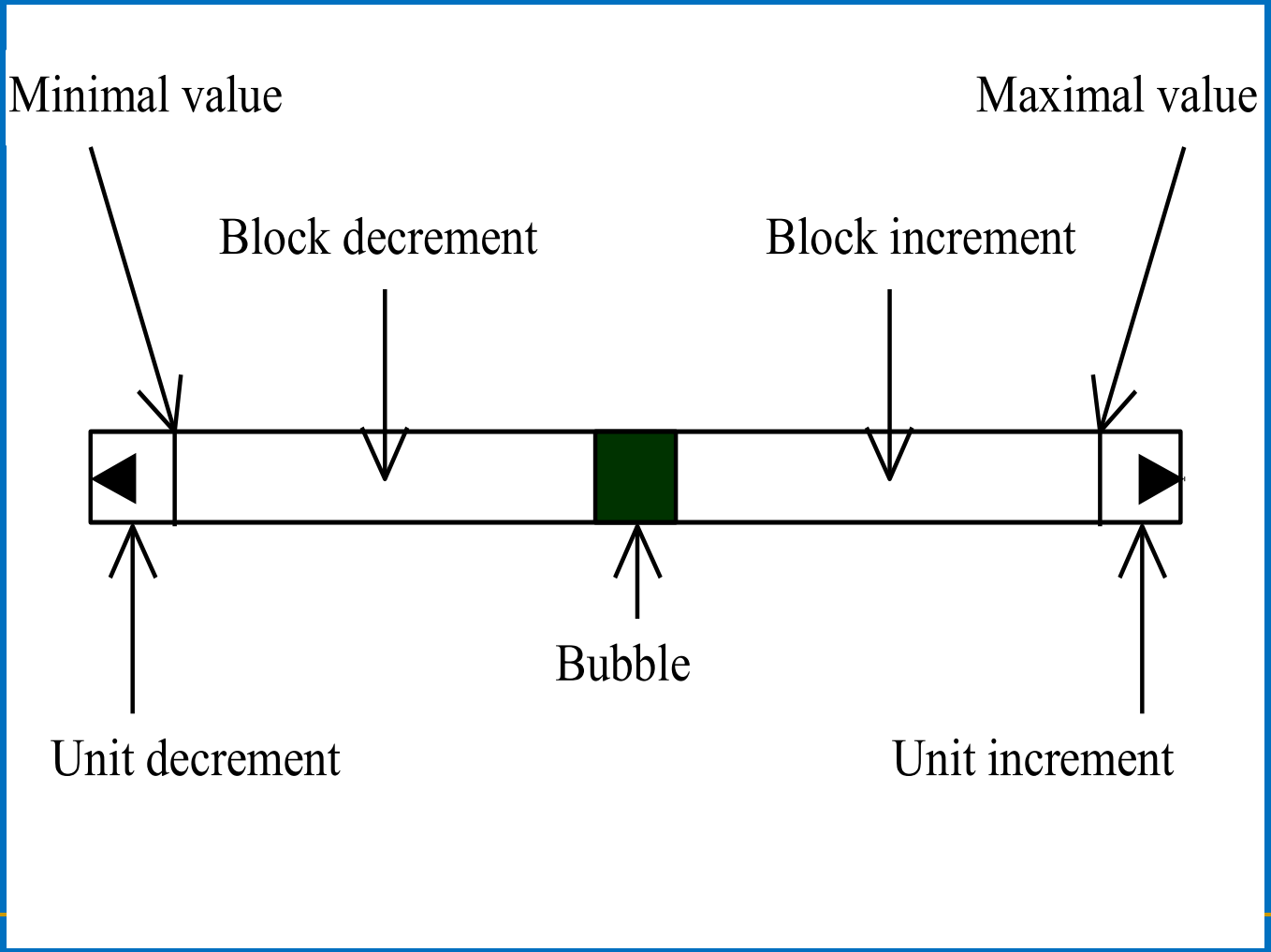
A *scroll bar* is a control that enables the user to select from a range of values. The scrollbar appears in two styles: *horizontal* and *vertical*.



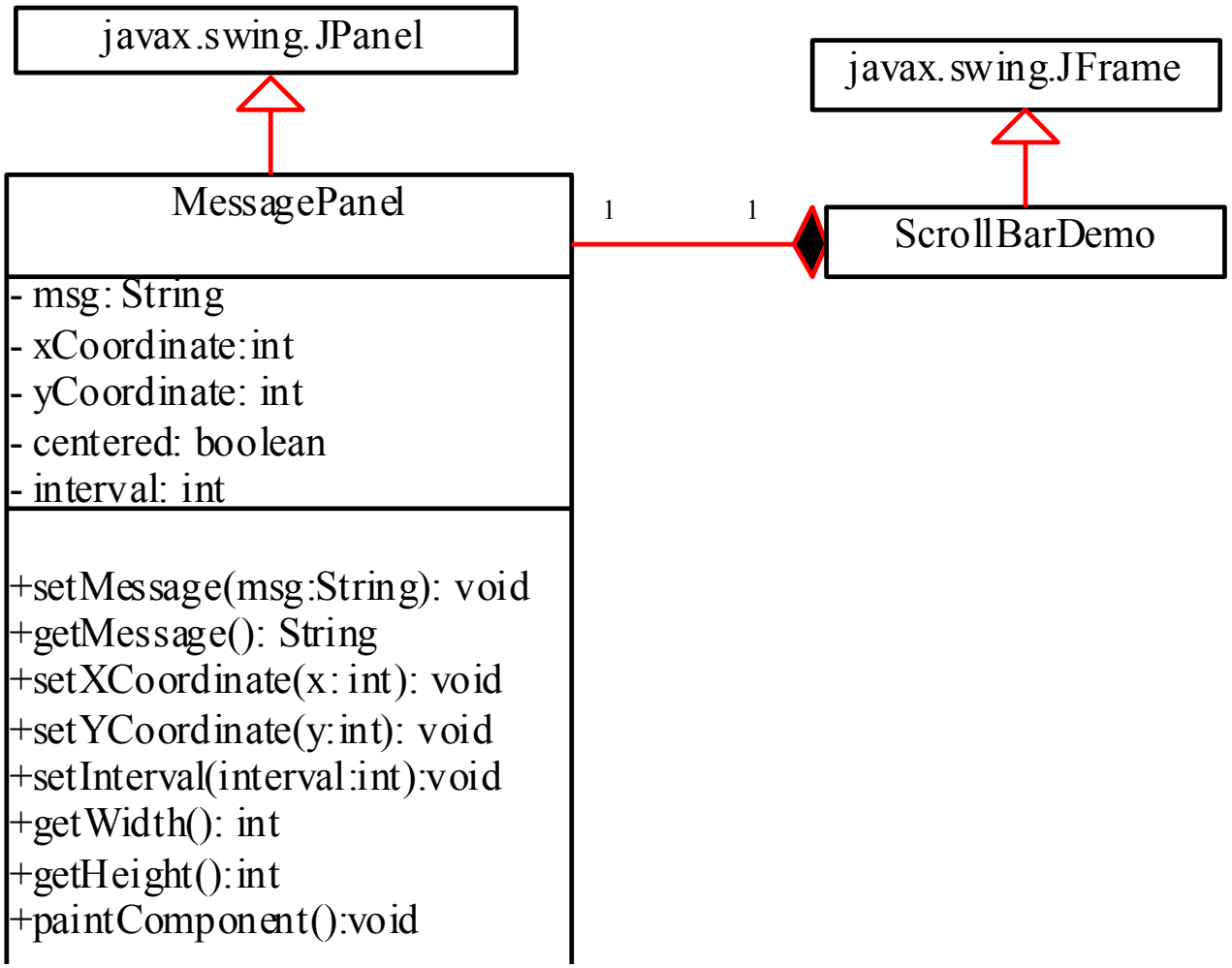
Class JScrollBar

- java.lang.Object
  - java.awt.Component
    - java.awt.Container
      - javax.swing.JComponent
        - javax.swing.JScrollBar
- All Implemented Interfaces:
  - Adjustable, ImageObserver, MenuContainer, Serializable, Accessible
- Direct Known Subclasses:
  JScrollPane.ScrollBar

Scroll Bar Properties

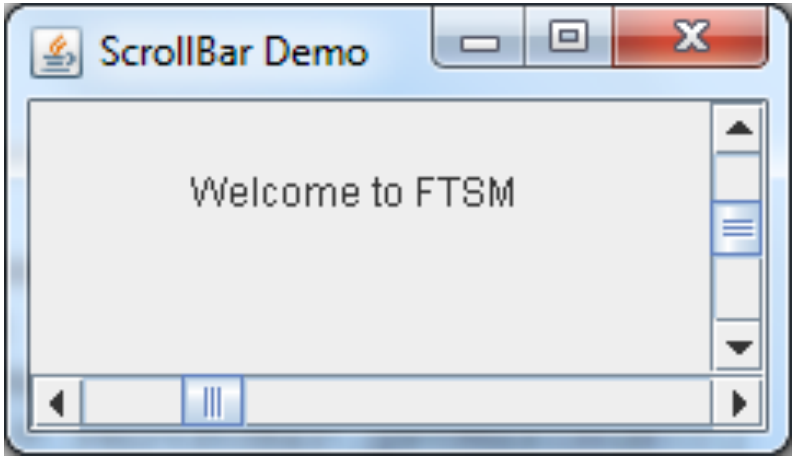


Example: ScrollBar



Example: Using Scrollbars

This example uses horizontal and vertical scrollbars to control a message displayed on a panel. The horizontal scrollbar is used to move the message to the left or the right, and the vertical scrollbar to move it up and down.



ScrollBarDemo

MessagePanel

Run

SLIDERS

- Sliders can be represented as `JSlider` objects.
- To create a `JSlider` object:

```
public JSlider()
public JSlider(int d)
public JSlider(int d, int min, int max, int val)
```

where

`d`: direction of slider

Possible values:

`JSlider.HORIZONTAL`

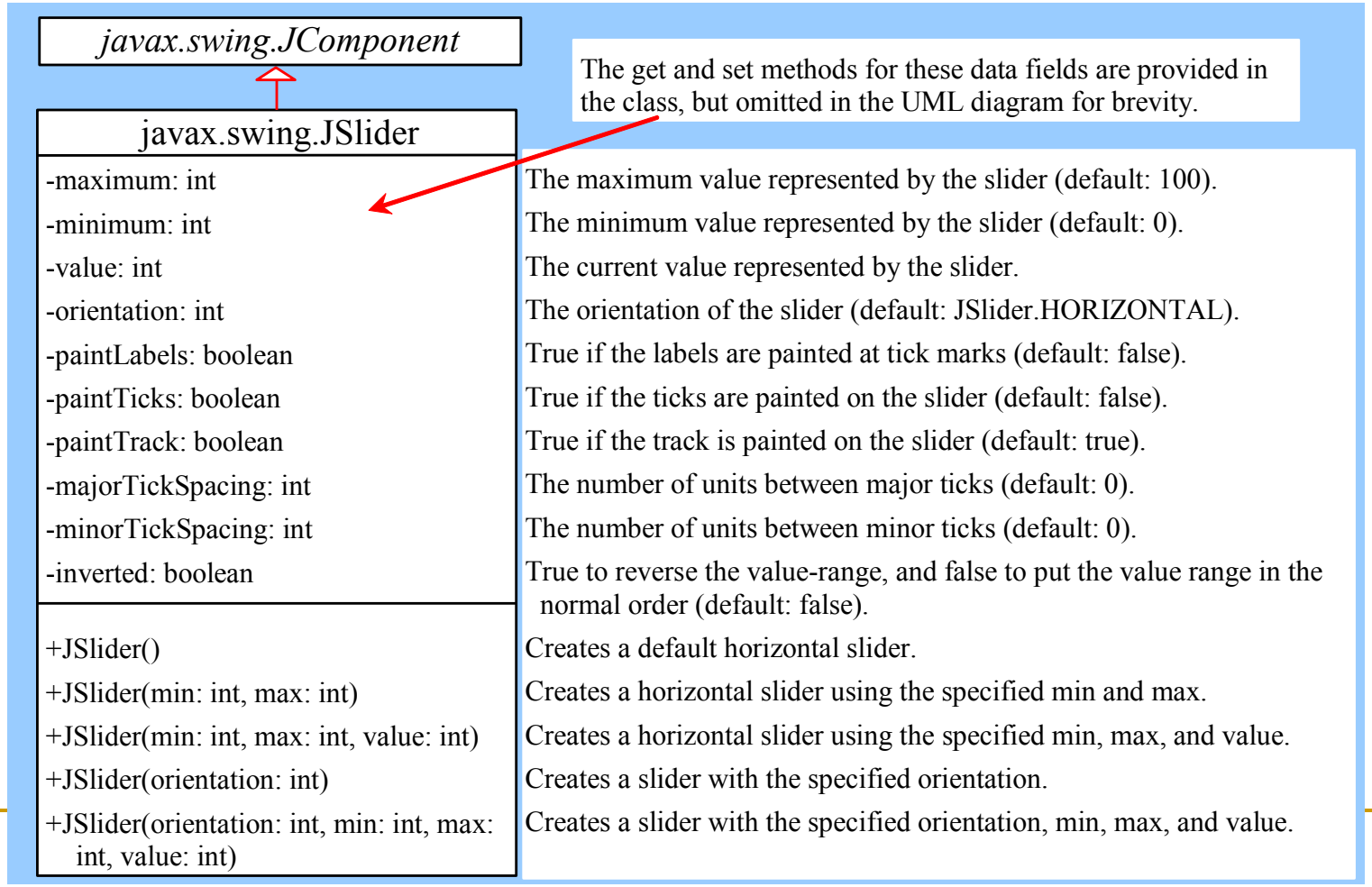
`JSlider.VERTICAL`

`min..max`: range of values for slider

`val`: initial value

JSlider

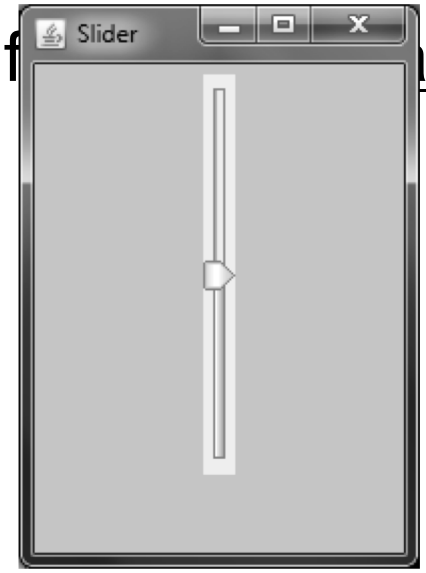
JSlider is similar to JScrollBar, but JSlider has more properties and can appear in many forms.



- Examples:

```
new JSlider()
```

- creates a slider with the f ult properties:



- horizontal
- range 0..100
- initial value: 50

```
new JSlider(JSlider.VERTICAL)
new JSlider(JSlider.HORIZONTAL, 1, 100, 20)
```

METHODS FOR `JSlider` OBJECTS

- **void setMajorTickSpacing(int spacing)**
  - Sets spacing between major ticks
- **void setMinorTickSpacing(int spacing)**
  - Sets spacing between minor ticks
- **void setPaintTicks(boolean status)**
  - Sets status on whether ticks are to be displayed
- **void setPaintLabels(boolean status)**
  - Sets status on whether labels are to be displayed

```
public class SliderDemo extends JFrame {
    public SliderDemo() {
        Container pane = getContentPane();
        pane.setBackground(Color.white);
        pane.setLayout(new FlowLayout());
        JSlider slider = new JSlider(JSlider.HORIZONTAL, 0, 100, 1);
        slider.setMajorTickSpacing(25);
        slider.setMinorTickSpacing(1);
        slider.setPaintTicks(true);
        slider.setPaintLabels(true);
        pane.add(new JLabel("Volume:"));
        pane.add(slider);
        pane.add(new JLabel("Brightness:"));
        pane.add(new JSlider());
        pane.add(new JButton("ON/OFF"));
    }
//main  here
}
```

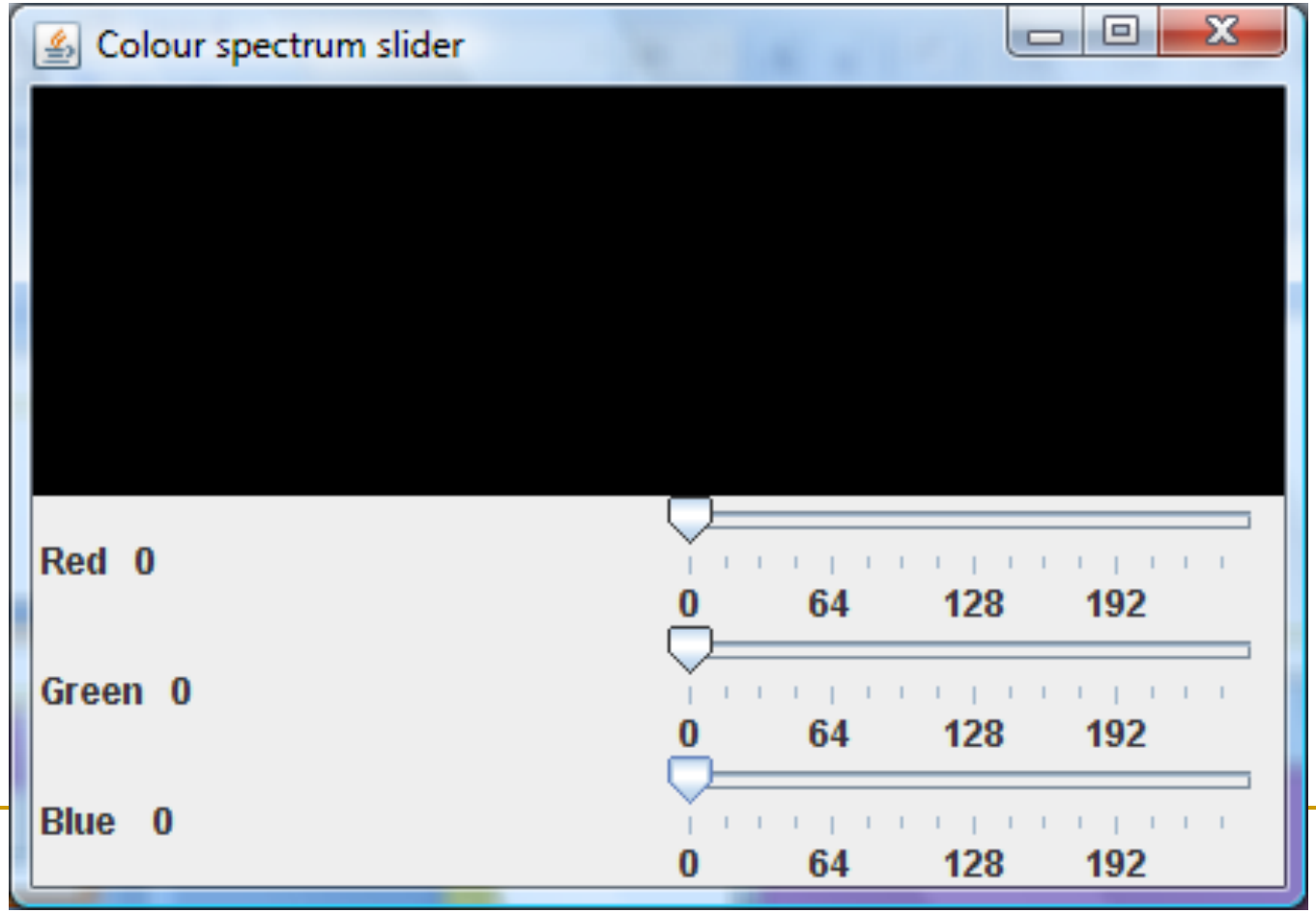
Run

ChangeEvent

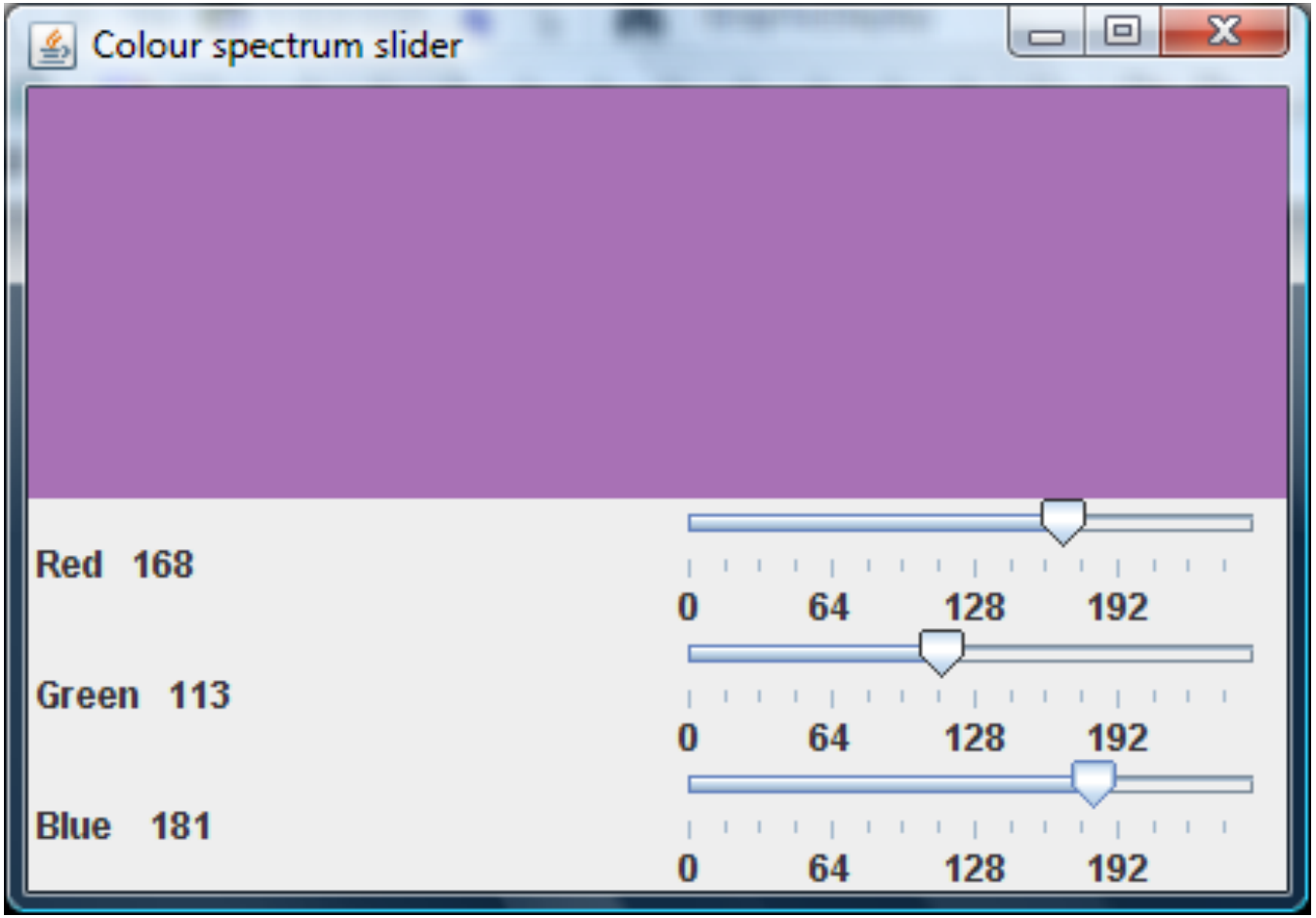
- Change events are created when there are changes to the event source.
- The Swing components that fire change events include **JSlider**
- Change Listener defines what should be done when an item StateChanged message
- Change event is included in javax.swing.event package

ChangeEvent

- Example:



ChangeEvent



ColorSpectrumSlider

Run

ChangeEvent

```
import java.awt.*;
import javax.swing.*;
import javax.swing.event.*;
import java.awt.event.*;
public class ColourSlider extends JFrame implements ChangeListener
    {
    private JLabel rLabel, gLabel, bLabel;
    private JSlider red, green, blue;
    private Color colour;
    private JPanel c;
```

```
public static void main (String[] args) {
        ColourSlider frame = new ColourSlider();
        frame.setTitle("Colour spectrum slider");
        frame.setSize(430,300);
        frame.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
        frame.setVisible(true);
}
```

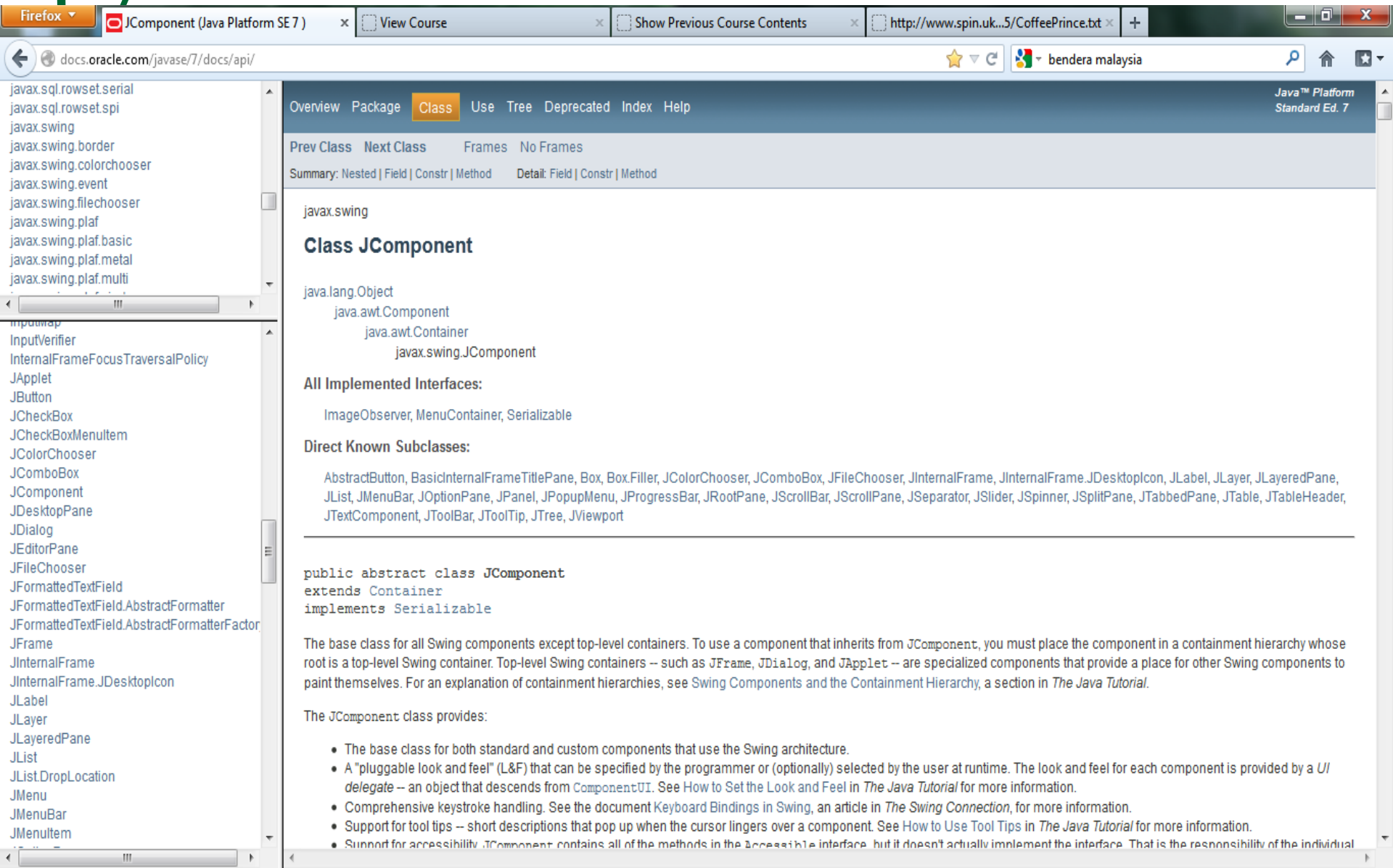
```
public ColourSlider() {
    Container pane = getContentPane();
    pane.setBackground(Color.white);
    pane.setLayout(new BorderLayout());
     JPanel p = new JPanel();
    p.setLayout(new GridLayout(3, 2));
    rLabel = new JLabel(" Red 0");
    p.add(rLabel);
    red = new JSlider(JSlider.HORIZONTAL, 0, 255, 0);
    red.setMajorTickSpacing(64);
    red.setMinorTickSpacing(16);
    red.setPaintTicks(true);
    red.setPaintLabels(true);
    red.addChangeListener(this); //register event source
    p.add(red);
    gLabel = new JLabel(" Green 0");
    p.add(gLabel);
    green = new JSlider(JSlider.HORIZONTAL, 0, 255, 0);
    green.setMajorTickSpacing(64);
    green.setMinorTickSpacing(16);
    green.setPaintTicks(true);
    green.setPaintLabels(true);
    green.addChangeListener(this); //register event source
```

```
    p.add(green);
    bLabel = new JLabel(" Blue 0");
    p.add(bLabel);
    blue = new JSlider(JSlider.HORIZONTAL, 0, 255, 0);
    blue.setMajorTickSpacing(64);
    blue.setMinorTickSpacing(16);
    blue.setPaintTicks(true);
    blue.setPaintLabels(true);
    blue.addChangeListener(this); //register event source
    p.add(blue);
    pane.add(p, BorderLayout.SOUTH);


    c = new JPanel();
    colour = new Color(0, 0, 0);
    c.setBackground(colour);
    pane.add(c, BorderLayout.CENTER);
  } // end of constructor Slider
```

```
    public void stateChanged(ChangeEvent e) {
        int r, g, b;
        r = red.getValue();
        g = green.getValue();
        b = blue.getValue();
        rLabel.setText(" Red   " + r);
        gLabel.setText(" Green   " + g);
        bLabel.setText(" Blue    " + b);
        colour = new Color(r, g, b);
        c.setBackground(colour);
        c.repaint();  //method inherited from class Component
    }
} // end of program
```

http://docs.oracle.com/javase/7/docs/api/



Class JComponent

- The following are a number of member method inherited from Class `JComponent`:

Rectangle	getBounds(Rectangle rv) Stores the bounds of this component into "return value" rv and returns rv.
Graphics	getGraphics() Returns this component's graphics context, which lets you draw on a component.
int	getHeight() Returns the current height of this component.
Point	getLocation(Point rv) Stores the x,y origin of this component into "return value" rv and returns rv.
Dimension	getSize(Dimension rv) Stores the width/height of this component into "return value" rv and returns rv.
int	getWidth() Returns the current width of this component.
int	getX() Returns the current x coordinate of the component's origin.
int	getY() Returns the current y coordinate of the component's origin.

void	paint(Graphics g) Invoked by Swing to draw components.
protected void	paintComponent(Graphics g) Calls the UI delegate's paint method, if the UI delegate is non-null.
void	reshape(int x, int y, int w, int h) Moves and resizes this component.
void	setBackground(Color bg) Sets the background color of this component.
void	setBorder(Border border) Sets the border of this component.
void	setFont(Font font) Sets the font for this component.
void	setForeground(Color fg) Sets the foreground color of this component.
void	setVisible(boolean aFlag) Makes the component visible or invisible.
void	update(Graphics g) Calls paint.

Class `Container`

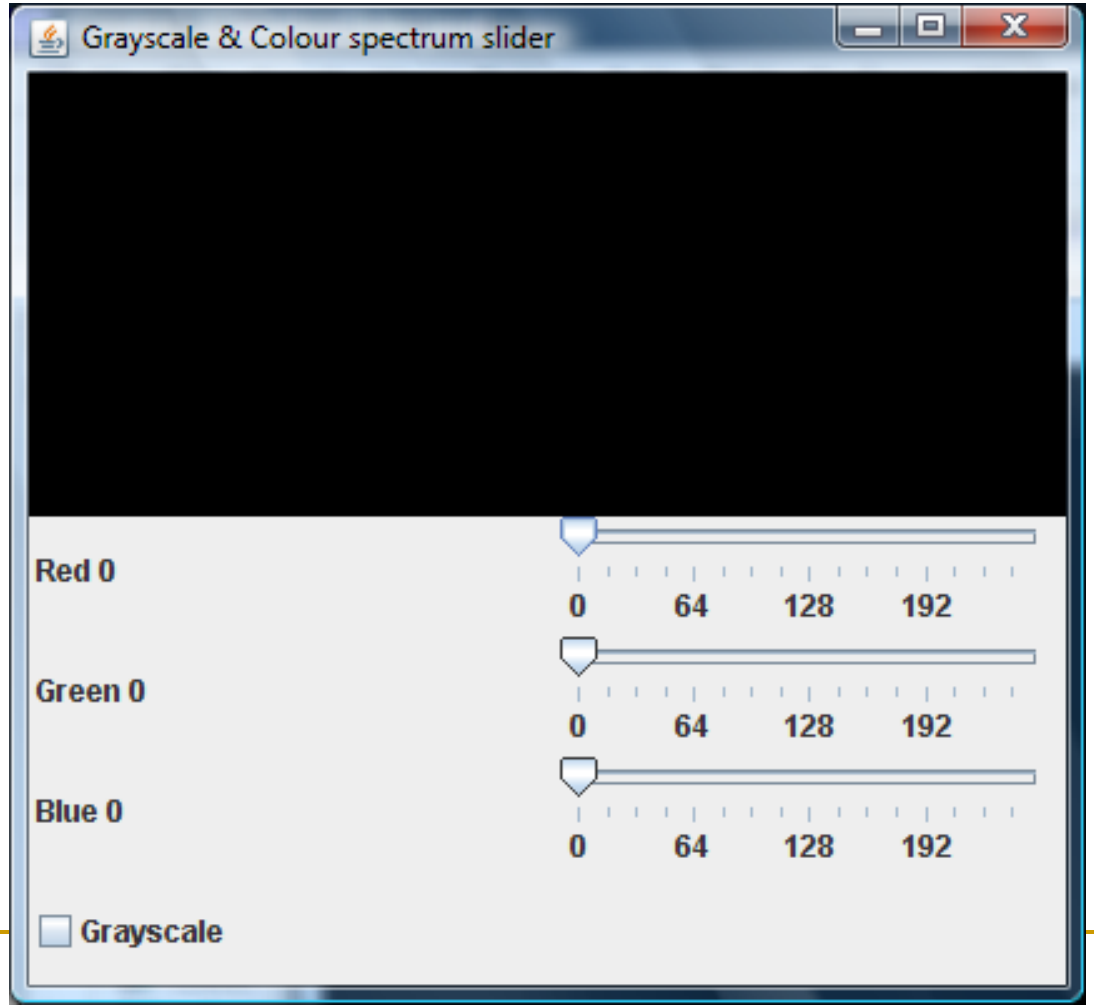
- The following are a number of member methods inherited from class `Container` :

Component	add(Component comp) **Appends the specified component to the end of this container.**
Component	add(Component comp, int index) **Adds the specified component to this container at the given position.**
void	add(Component comp, Object constraints) **Adds the specified component to the end of this container.**
Component	add(String name, Component comp) **Adds the specified component to this container.**
Component	getComponent(int n) **Gets the nth component in this container.**
Component	getComponentAt(int x, int y) **Locates the component that contains the x,y position.**
int	getComponentCount() **Gets the number of components in this panel.**
Component[]	getComponents() **Gets all the components in this container.**

LayoutManager	getLayout() Gets the layout manager for this container.
void	paint(Graphics g) Paints the container.
void	paintComponents(Graphics g) Paints each of the components in this container.
void	remove(Component comp) Removes the specified component from this container.
void	remove(int index) Removes the component, specified by index, from this container.
void	removeAll() Removes all the components from this container.
void	setLayout(LayoutManager mgr) Sets the layout manager for this container.

Multiple Events

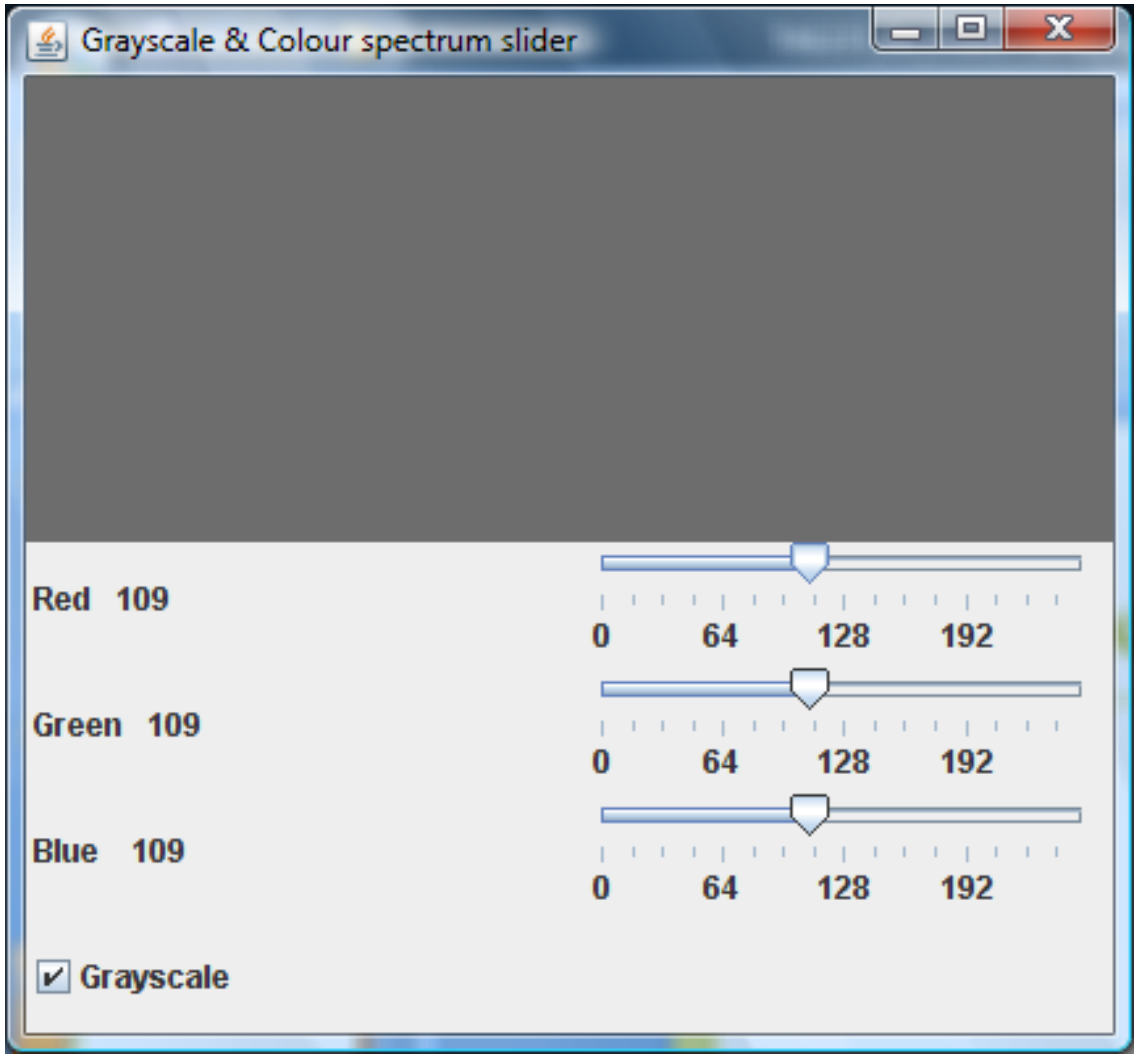
- A modification of the same appliaction:



CheckBoxSlider

Run

Multiple Events



Multiple Events

```
import javax.swing.*;
import java.awt.*;
import java.awt.event.*;
import javax.swing.event.*;

public class CheckboxSlider extends JFrame implements
    ChangeListener, ItemListener {
    private JLabel rLabel, gLabel, bLabel;
    private JSlider red, green, blue;
    private Color colour;
    private JPanel c;
    private JCheckBox cbGrayscale;
    private boolean grayscale = false;
```

Multiple Events

```
public CheckboxSlider() {
    Container pane = getContentPane();
      pane.setBackground(Color.white);
      pane.setLayout(new BorderLayout());

      JPanel p = new JPanel();
      p.setLayout(new GridLayout(4,2,5,5));
     …
     …
      cbGrayscale = new JCheckBox("Grayscale", false);
      cbGrayscale.addItemListener(this);
      p.add(cbGrayscale);
}
```

```
public void itemStateChanged(ItemEvent e) {
        if (cbGrayscale.isSelected())
                grayscale = true;
        else
                grayscale = false;
}
public void stateChanged(ChangeEvent e) {
        int r, g, b;
        if (grayscale) {
                JSlider slider = (JSlider) e.getSource();
                r = g = b = slider.getValue();
                red.setValue(r);
                green.setValue(g);
                blue.setValue(b);
        }
        else {
                r = red.getValue();
                g = green.getValue();
                b = blue.getValue();
        }
        ::::: //same as in Slider
}
```

Other Events

- KeyEvent
- MouseEvent
- FocusEvent
- ComponentEvent
- ContainerEvent
- WindowEvent
- AdjustmentEvent

Other Event Listeners

- KeyListener
- MouseListener
- MouseMotionListener
- FocusListener
- ComponentListener
- ContainerListener
- WindowListener
- AdjustmentListener

Creating Multiple Windows

The following slides show step-by-step how to create an additional window from an application or applet.

Creating Additional Windows, Step 1

Step 1: Create a subclass of `JFrame` (called a `SubFrame`) that tells the new window what to do. For example, all the GUI application programs extend `JFrame` and are subclasses of `JFrame`.

Creating Additional Windows, Step 2

Step 2: Create an instance of `SubFrame` in the application or applet.

Example:

```
SubFrame subFrame = new
   SubFrame("SubFrame Title");
```

Creating Additional Windows, Step 3

Step 3: Create a `JButton` for activating the `subFrame`.

```
add(new JButton("Activate SubFrame"));
```

Creating Additional Windows, Step 4

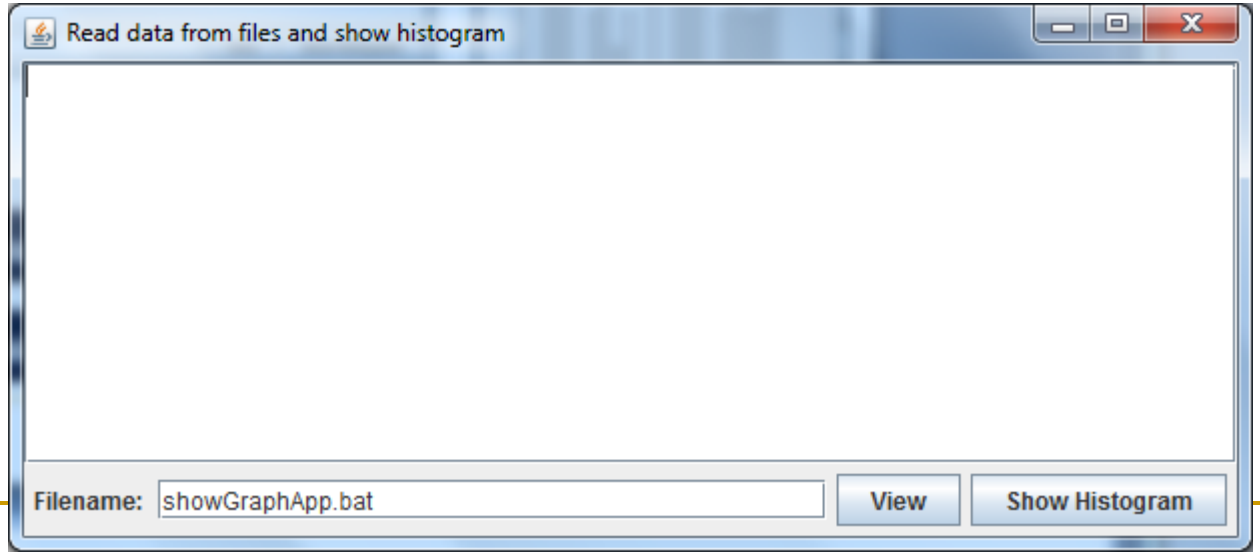
Step 4: Override the `actionPerformed()` method as follows:

```
public actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
  String actionCommand = e.getActionCommand();
  if (e.target instanceof Button) {
    if ("Activate SubFrame".equals(actionCommand)) {
      subFrame.setVisible(true);
    }
  }
}
```

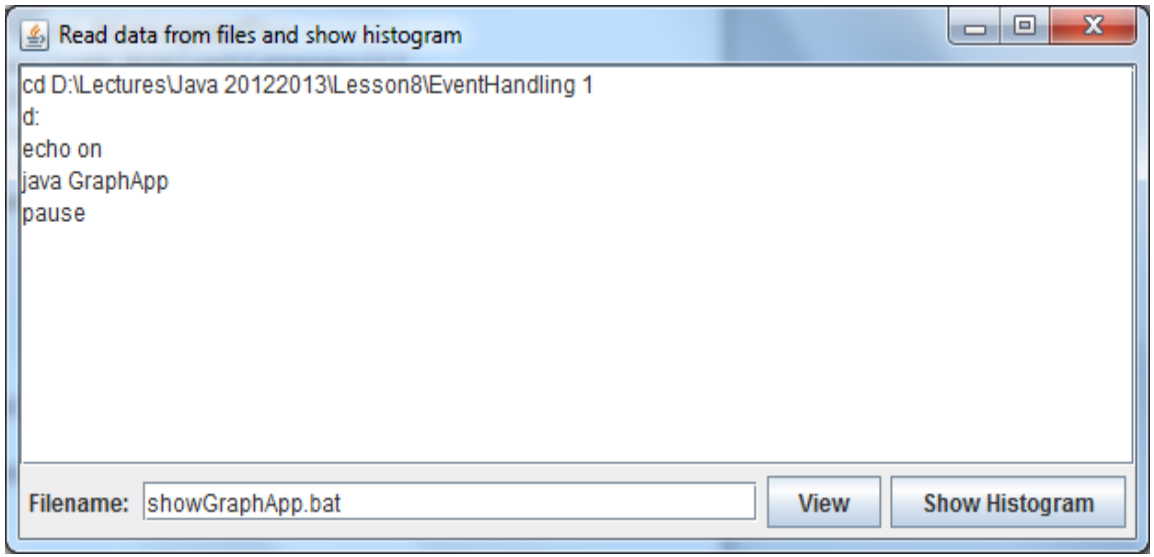
Example: Creating Multiple Windows

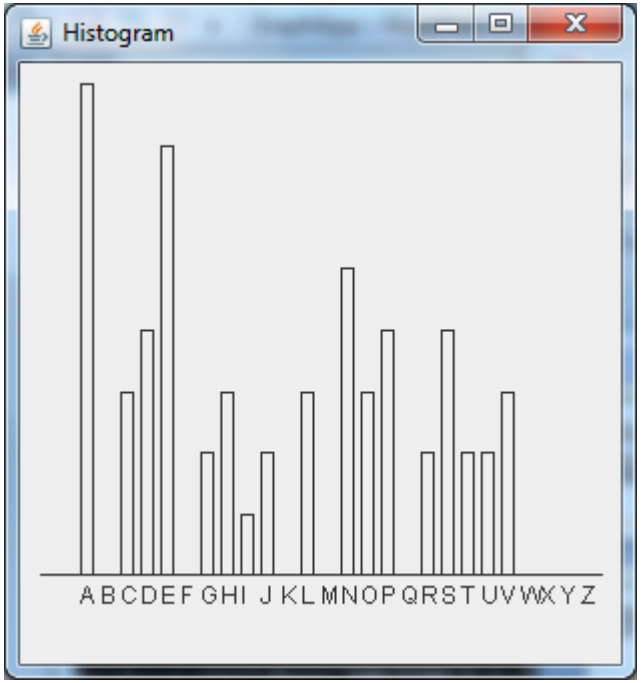
This program will :

- display the content of the filename in a text area when user entered the filename in the textfield and click the button “View”
- create another window to display a histogram of letter counts from the text area



Example, cont.



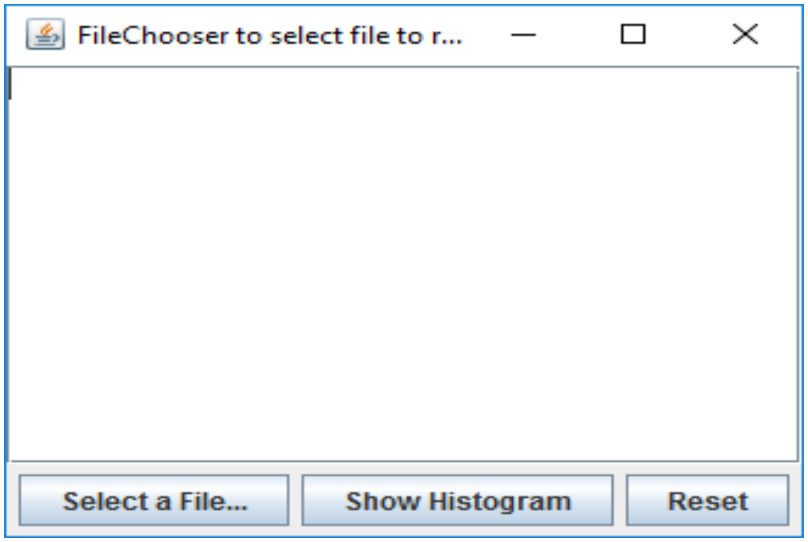


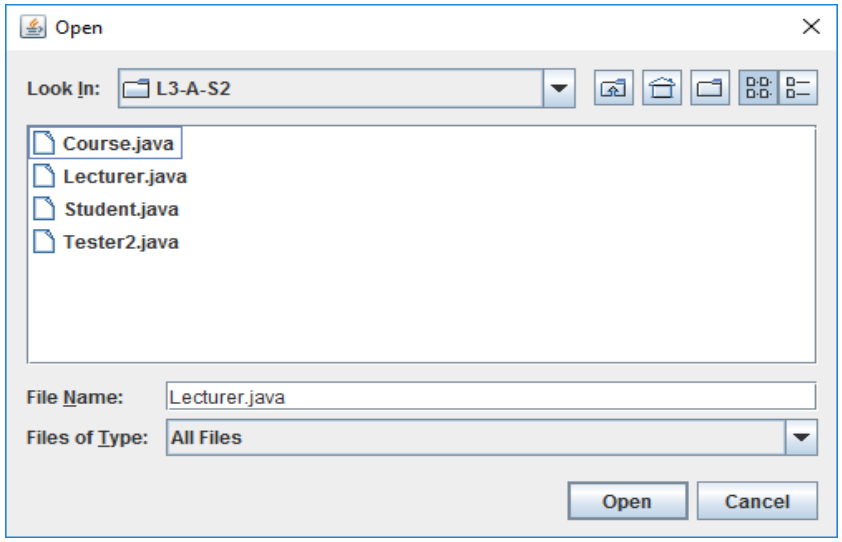
GraphApp

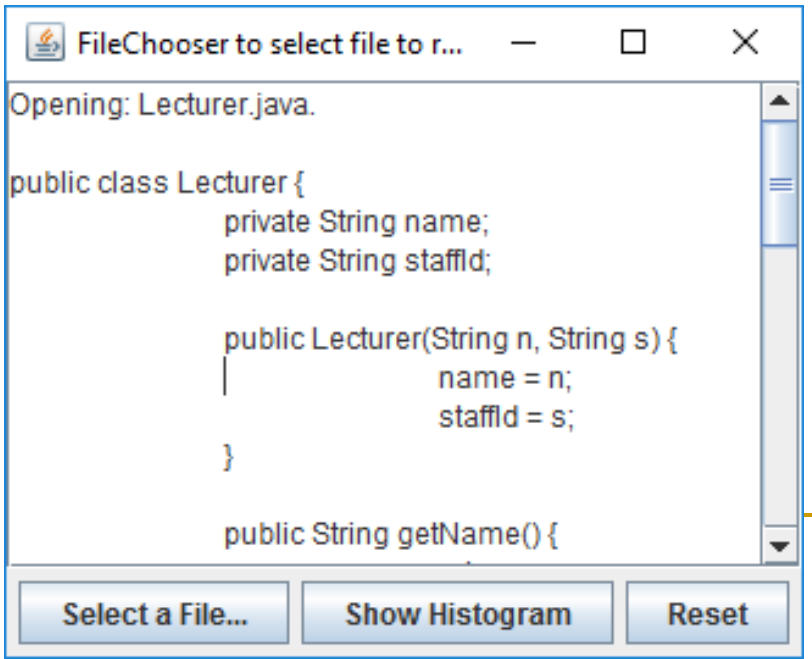
Run

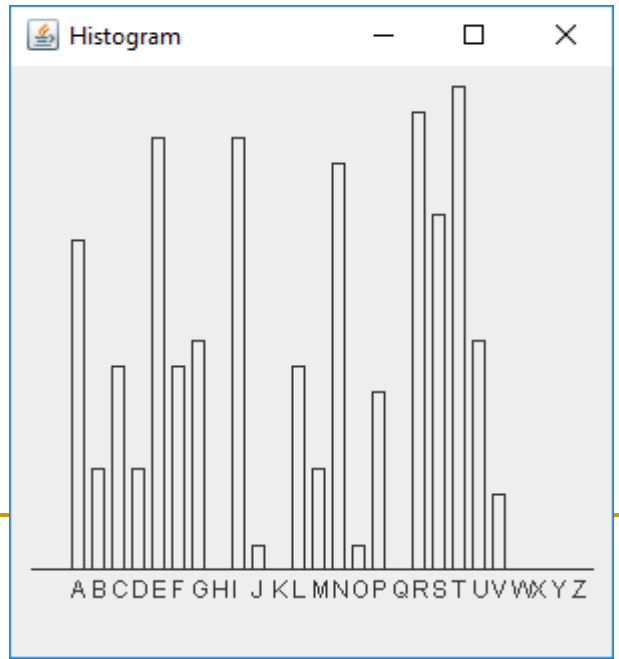
Histogram

Graph App Using FileChooser









Program

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