



Chapter 16

JavaFX UI Controls and Multimedia

Motivations

- 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 (1)

- To create graphical user interfaces with various user-interface controls (§§16.2–16.11).
- To create a label with text and graphic using the Label class and explore properties in the abstract Labeled class (§16.2).
- To create a button with text and graphic using the Button class and set a handler using the setOnAction method in the abstract ButtonBase class (§16.3).
- To create a check box using the CheckBox class (§16.4).
- To create a radio button using the RadioButton class and group radio buttons using a ToggleGroup (§16.5).
- To enter data using the TextField class and password using the PasswordField class (§16.6).

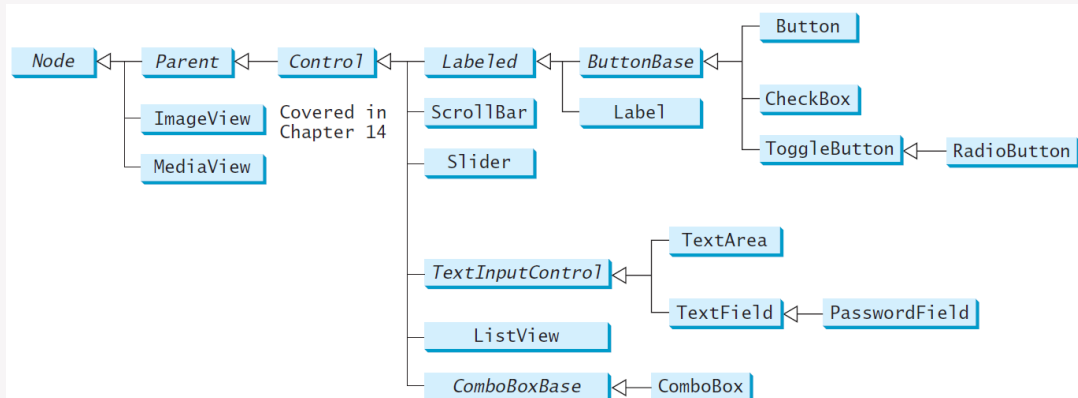
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Objectives (2)

- To enter data in multiple lines using the TextArea class (§16.7).
- To select a single item using ComboBox (§16.8).
- To select a single or multiple items using ListView (§16.9).
- To select a range of values using ScrollBar (§16.10).
- To select a range of values using Slider and explore differences between ScrollBar and Slider (§16.11).
- To develop a tic-tac-toe game (§16.12).
- To view and play video and audio using the Media, MediaPlayer, and MediaView (§16.13).
- To develop a case study for showing the national flag and play anthem (§16.14).

Frequently Used UI Controls

- Throughout this book, the prefixes **lbl**, **bt**, **chk**, **rb**, **tf**, **pf**, **ta**, **cbo**, **lv**, **scb**, **sld**, and **mp** are used to name reference variables for **Label**, **Button**, **CheckBox**, **RadioButton**, **TextField**, **PasswordField**, **TextArea**, **ComboBox**, **ListView**, **ScrollBar**, **Slider**, and **MediaPlayer**.



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Labeled

- A *label* is a display area for a short text, a node, or both. It is often used to label other controls (usually text fields). Labels and buttons share many common properties. These common properties are defined in the **Labeled** class.

javafx.scene.control.Labeled

```

- alignment: ObjectProperty<Pos>
- contentDisplay:
  ObjectProperty<ContentDisplay>
- graphic: ObjectProperty<Node>
- graphicTextGap: DoubleProperty
- textFill: ObjectProperty<Paint>
- text: StringProperty
- underline: BooleanProperty
- wrapText: BooleanProperty
  
```

The getter and setter methods for property values and a getter for property itself are provided in the class, but omitted in the UML diagram for brevity.

Specifies the alignment of the text and node in the labeled.

Specifies the position of the node relative to the text using the constants TOP, BOTTOM, LEFT, and RIGHT defined in ContentDisplay.

A graphic for the labeled.

The gap between the graphic and the text.

The paint used to fill the text.

A text for the labeled.

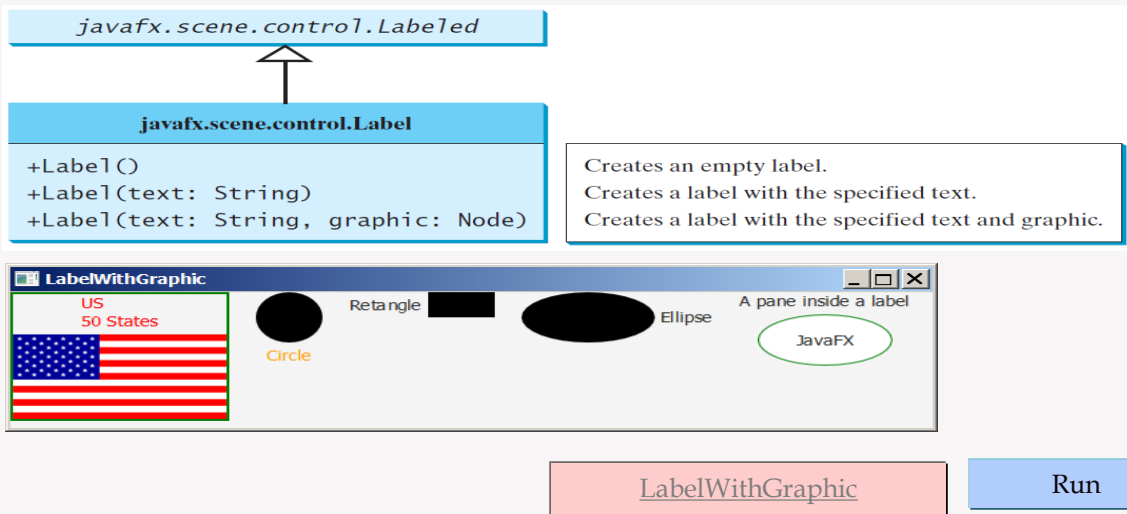
Whether text should be underlined.

Whether text should be wrapped if the text exceeds the width.

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Label

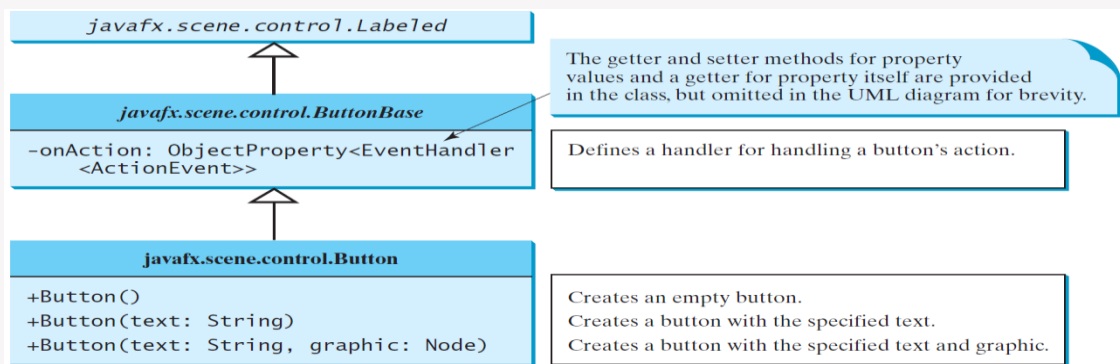
- The Label class defines labels.



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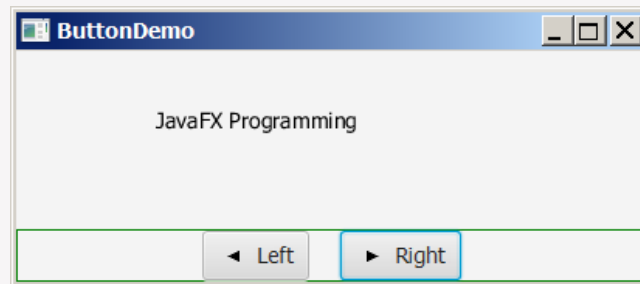
ButtonBase and Button

- A button is a control that triggers an action event when clicked. JavaFX provides regular buttons, toggle buttons, check box buttons, and radio buttons. The common features of these buttons are defined in `ButtonBase` and `Labeled` classes.



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Button Example



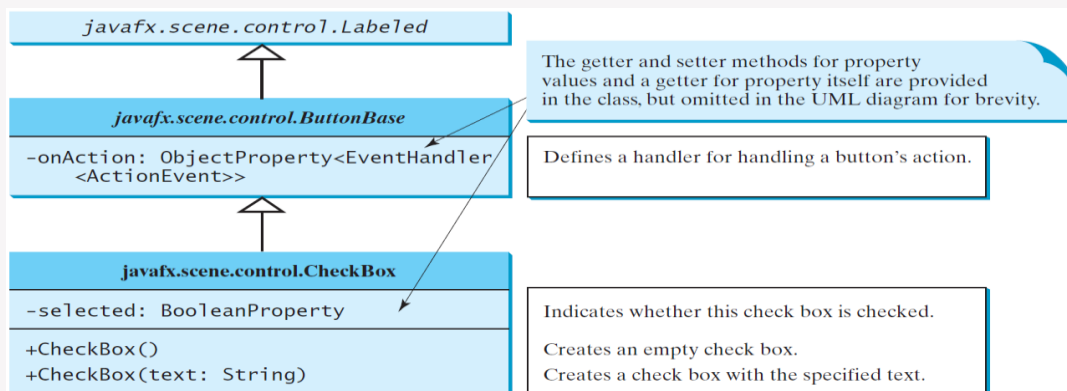
ButtonDemo

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CheckBox

- A CheckBox is used for the user to make a selection. Like Button, CheckBox inherits all the properties such as onAction, text, graphic, alignment, graphicTextGap, textFill, contentDisplay from ButtonBase and Labeled.



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CheckBox Example



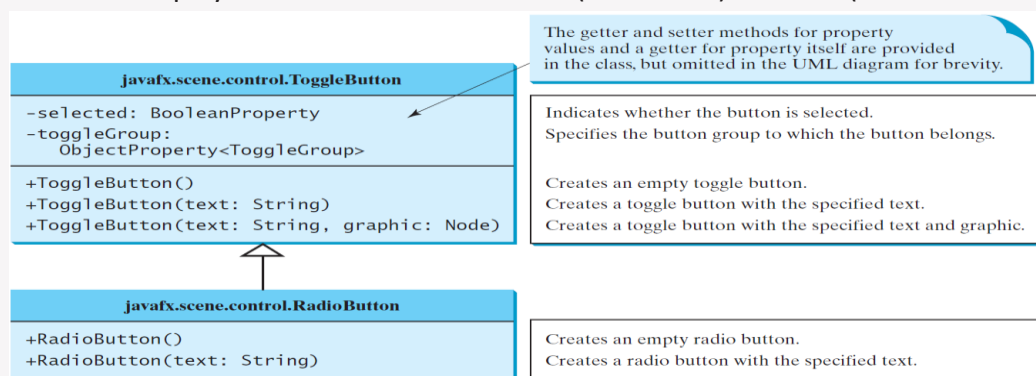
[CheckBoxDemo](#)

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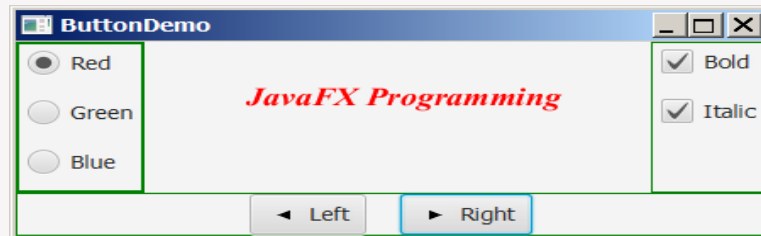
RadioButton

- Radio buttons, also known as option buttons, enable you to choose a single item from a group of choices. In appearance radio buttons resemble check boxes, but check boxes display a square that is either checked or blank, whereas radio buttons display a circle that is either filled (if selected) or blank (if not selected).



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RadioButton Example



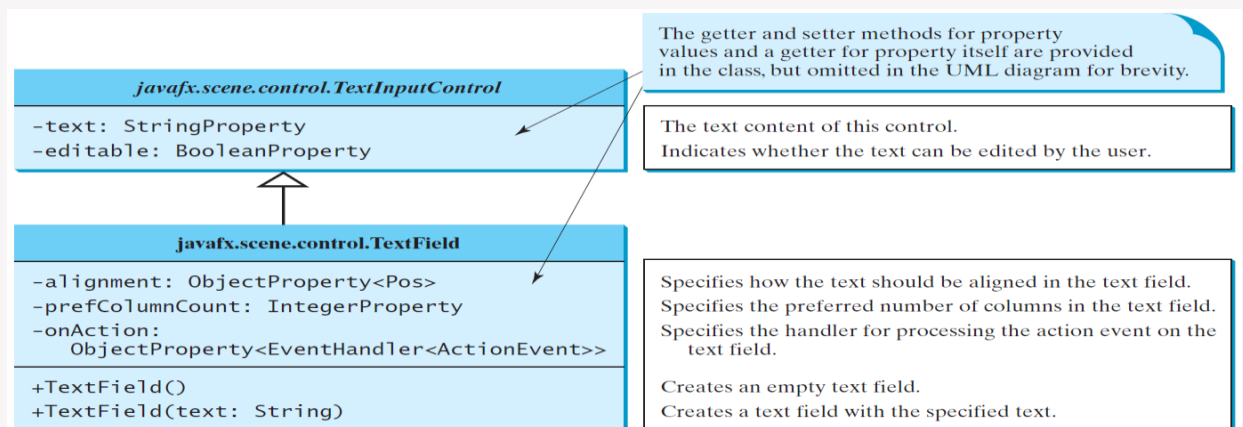
RadioButtonDemo

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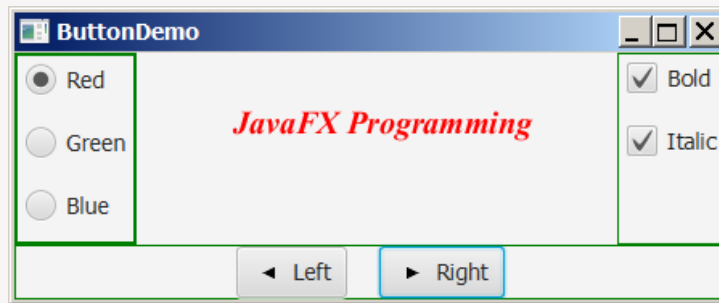
TextField

- A text field can be used to enter or display a string. TextField is a subclass of TextInputControl.



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TextField Example



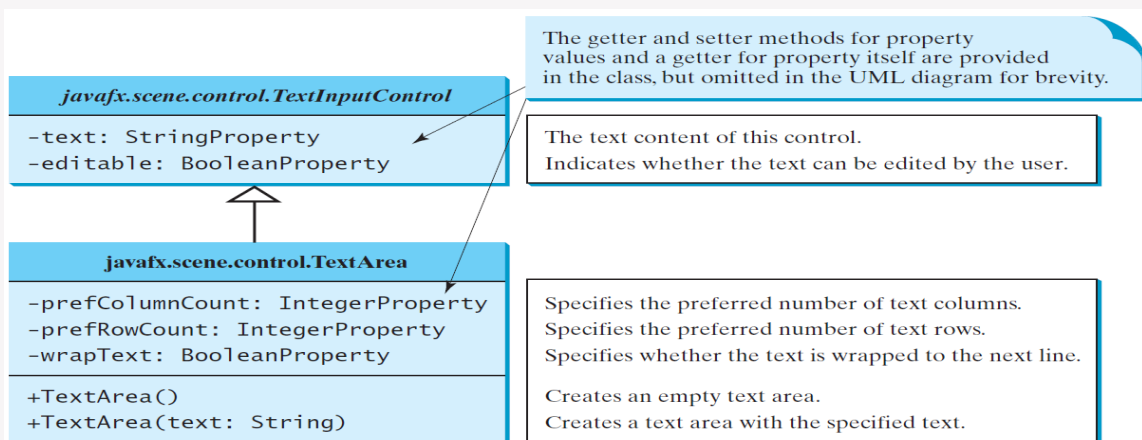
TextFieldDemo

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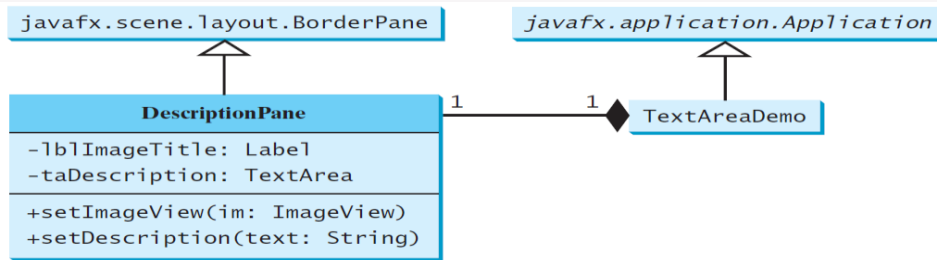
TextArea

- A TextArea enables the user to enter multiple lines of text.



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TextArea Example



DescriptionPane

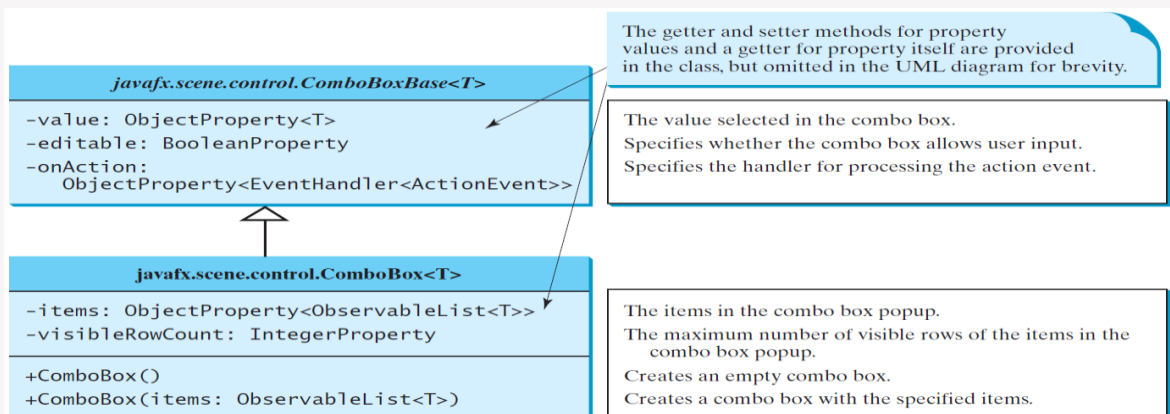
TextAreaDemo

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ComboBox

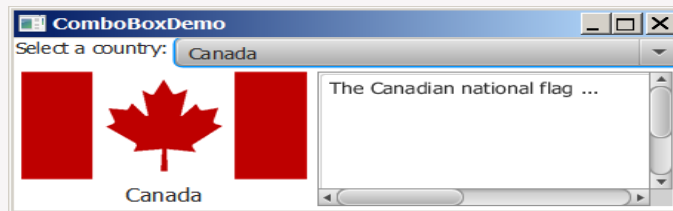
- A combo box, also known as a choice list or drop-down list, contains a list of items from which the user can choose.



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ComboBox Example

- This example lets users view an image and a description of a country's flag by selecting the country from a combo box.



[ComboBoxDemo](#)

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ListView

- A list view 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.

javafx.scene.control.ListView<T>

```
-items: ObjectProperty<ObservableList<T>>
-orientation: BooleanProperty

-selectionModel:
  ObjectProperty<MultipleSelectionModel<T>>

+ListView()
+ListView(items: ObservableList<T>)
```

The getter and setter methods for property values and a getter for property itself are provided in the class, but omitted in the UML diagram for brevity.

The items in the list view.

Indicates whether the items are displayed horizontally or vertically in the list view.

Specifies how items are selected. The `SelectionModel` is also used to obtain the selected items.

Creates an empty list view.

Creates a list view with the specified items.

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Example: Using ListView

- This example gives a program that lets users select countries in a list and display the flags of the selected countries in the labels.



ListViewDemo

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ScrollBar

- 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*.

javafx.scene.control.ScrollBar

```
-blockIncrement: DoubleProperty
-max: DoubleProperty
-min: DoubleProperty
-unitIncrement: DoubleProperty

-value: DoubleProperty
-visibleAmount: DoubleProperty
-orientation: ObjectProperty<Orientation>

+ScrollBar()
+increment()
+decrement()
```

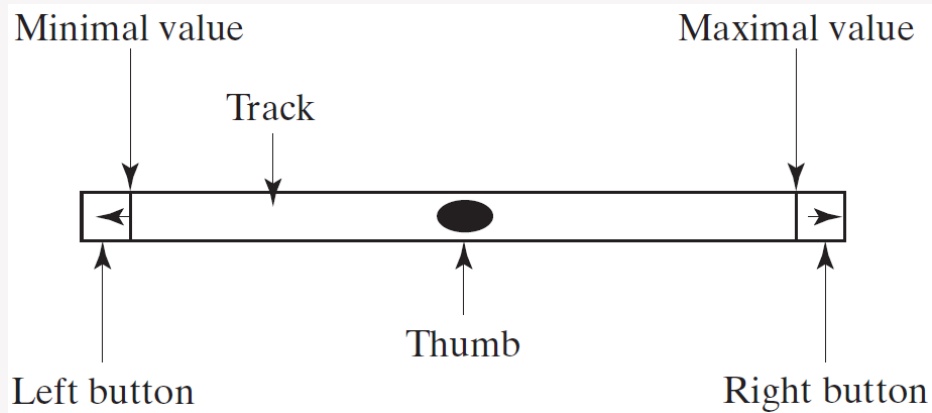
The getter and setter methods for property values and a getter for property itself are provided in the class, but omitted in the UML diagram for brevity.

The amount to adjust the scroll bar if the track of the bar is clicked (default: 10).
 The maximum value represented by this scroll bar (default: 100).
 The minimum value represented by this scroll bar (default: 0).
 The amount to adjust the scroll bar when the `increment()` and `decrement()` methods are called (default: 1).
 Current value of the scroll bar (default: 0).
 The width of the scroll bar (default: 15).
 Specifies the orientation of the scroll bar (default: HORIZONTAL).

Creates a default horizontal scroll bar.
 Increments the value of the scroll bar by `unitIncrement`.
 Decrements the value of the scroll bar by `unitIncrement`.

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Scroll Bar Properties



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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

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Slider

- Slider is similar to ScrollBar, but Slider has more properties and can appear in many forms.

javafx.scene.control.Slider

```
-blockIncrement: DoubleProperty
-max: DoubleProperty
-min: DoubleProperty
-value: DoubleProperty
-orientation: ObjectProperty<Orientation>
-majorTickUnit: DoubleProperty
-minorTickCount: IntegerProperty
-showTickLabels: BooleanProperty
-showTickMarks: BooleanProperty
```

```
+Slider()
+Slider(min: double, max: double,
value: double)
```

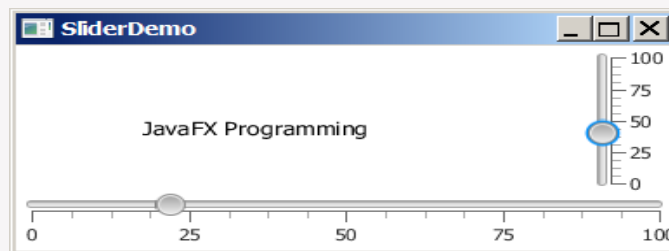
The getter and setter methods for property values and a getter for property itself are provided in the class, but omitted in the UML diagram for brevity.

The amount to adjust the slider if the track of the bar is clicked (default: 10).
 The maximum value represented by this slider (default: 100).
 The minimum value represented by this slider (default: 0).
 Current value of the slider (default: 0).
 Specifies the orientation of the slider (default: HORIZONTAL).
 The unit distance between major tick marks.
 The number of minor ticks to place between two major ticks.
 Specifies whether the labels for tick marks are shown.
 Specifies whether the tick marks are shown.

Creates a default horizontal slider.
 Creates a slider with the specified min, max, and value.

Example: Using Sliders

- Rewrite the preceding program using the sliders to control a message displayed on a panel instead of using scroll bars.

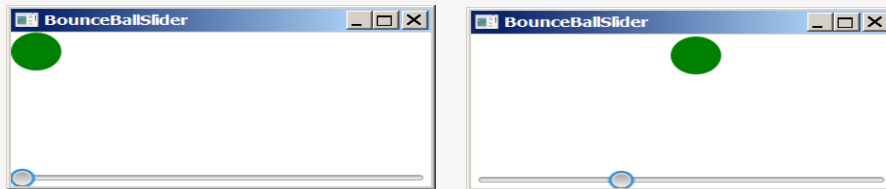


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Case Study: Bounce Ball

- Listing 15.17 gives a program that displays a bouncing ball. You can add a slider to control the speed of the ball movement.

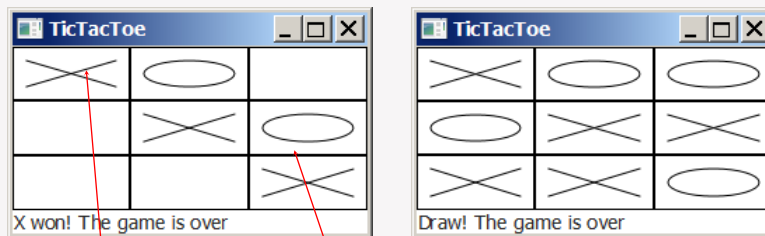


[Slider Demo](#)

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Case Study: TicTacToe



`javafx.scene.layout.Pane`

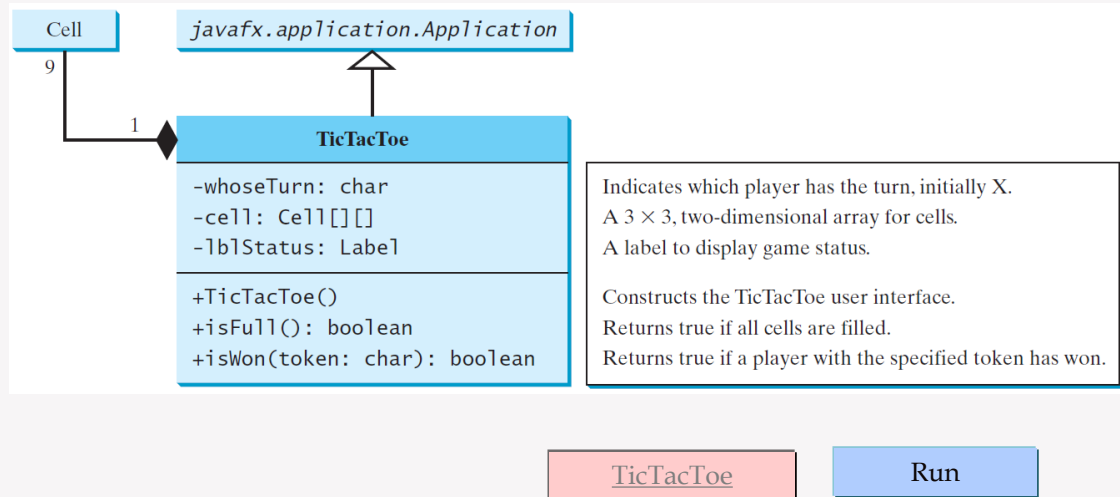
Cell

```
-token: char
+getToken(): char
+setToken(token: char): void
-handleMouseClicked(): void
```

Token used in the cell (default: ' ').
Returns the token in the cell.
Sets a new token in the cell.
Handles a mouse click event.

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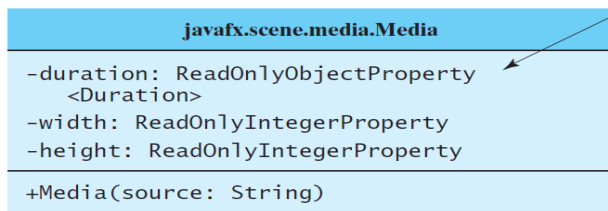
Case Study: TicTacToe, cont.



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Media

- You can use the **Media** class to obtain the source of the media, the **MediaPlayer** class to play and control the media, and the **MediaView** class to display the video.



The getter and setter methods for property values and a getter for property itself are provided in the class, but omitted in the UML diagram for brevity.

The durations in seconds of the source media.

The width in pixels of the source video.
The height in pixels of the source video.

Creates a **Media** from a URL source.

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MediaPlayer

- The MediaPlayer class plays and controls the media with properties such as `autoPlay`, `currentCount`, `cycleCount`, `mute`, `volume`, and `totalDuration`.

javafx.scene.media.MediaPlayer

```

- autoPlay: BooleanProperty
- currentCount: ReadOnlyIntegerProperty
- cycleCount: IntegerProperty
- mute: BooleanProperty
- volume: DoubleProperty
- totalDuration:
  ReadOnlyObjectProperty<Duration>

+ MediaPlayer(media: Media)
+ play(): void
+ pause(): void
+ seek(): void

```

The getter and setter methods for property values and a getter for property itself are provided in the class, but omitted in the UML diagram for brevity.

Specifies whether the playing should start automatically.
 The number of completed playback cycles.
 Specifies the number of time the media will be played.
 Specifies whether the audio is muted.
 The volume for the audio.
 The amount of time to play the media from start to finish.

Creates a player for a specified media.
 Plays the media.
 Pauses the media.
 Seeks the player to a new playback time.

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MediaView

- The MediaView class is a subclass of Node that provides a view of the Media being played by a MediaPlayer. The MediaView class provides the properties for viewing the media.

javafx.scene.media.MediaView

```

- x: DoubleProperty
- y: DoubleProperty
- mediaPlayer:
  ObjectProperty<MediaPlayer>
- fitWidth: DoubleProperty
- fitHeight: DoubleProperty

+ MediaView()
+ MediaView(mediaPlayer: MediaPlayer)

```

The getter and setter methods for property values and a getter for property itself are provided in the class, but omitted in the UML diagram for brevity.

Specifies the current x-coordinate of the media view.
 Specifies the current y-coordinate of the media view.
 Specifies a media player for the media view.

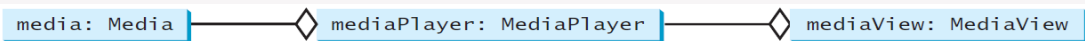
Specifies the width of the view for the media to fit.
 Specifies the height of the view for the media to fit.

Creates an empty media view.
 Creates a media view with the specified media player.

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Example: Using Media

- This example displays a video in a view. You can use the play/pause button to play or pause the video and use the rewind button to restart the video, and use the slider to control the volume of the audio.



MediaDemo

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Case Study: National Flags and Anthems

- This case study presents a program that displays a nation's flag and plays its anthem.



FlagAnthem

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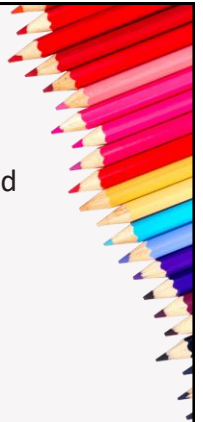


Chapter Summary



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- The abstract Labeled class is the base class for Label, Button, CheckBox, and RadioButton.
- The abstract ButtonBase class is the base class for Button, CheckBox, and RadioButton. It defines the onAction property for specifying a handler for action events.
- The abstract TextInputControl class is the base class for TextField and TextArea. It defines the properties text and editable.
- A TextField fires an action event when clicking the Enter key with the text field focused. A TextArea is often used for editing a multiline text.



Chapter Summary

- `ComboBox<T>` and `ListView<T>` are generic classes for storing elements of type `T`. The elements in a combo box or a list view are stored in an observable list.
- A `ComboBox` fires an action event when a new item is selected.
- You can set a single item or multiple item selection for a `ListView` and add a listener for processing selected items.
- You can use a `ScrollBar` or `Slider` to select a range of values and add a listener to the value property to respond to the change of the value.
- JavaFX provides the `Media` class for loading a media, the `MediaPlayer` class for controlling a media, and the `MediaView` for displaying a media.

Programming Exercises

*3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 12, 14,
16, 17, 18, 22, 26*

