

CS2110. GUIs: Listening to Events

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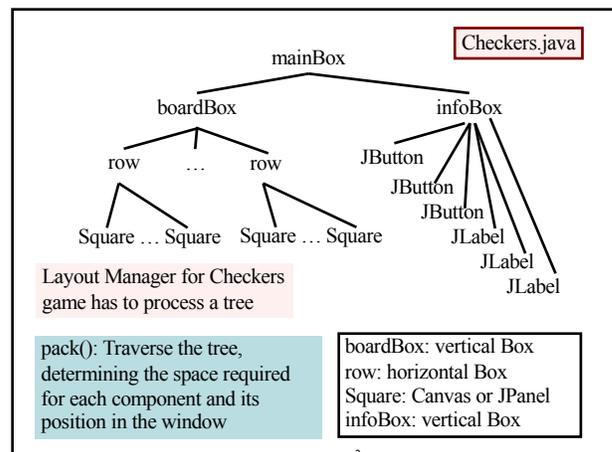
A4 due tonight.

Consider taking course S/U (if allowed) to relieve stress.
Need a letter grade of C- or better to get an S.

Download demo zip file from course website, look at demos of GUI things: sliders, scroll bars, listening to events, etc. We'll update it after today's lecture.

THESE SLIDES WILL PROBABLY BE
REVISED BEFORE THE LECTURE

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Listening to events: mouse click, mouse movement into or out of a window, a keystroke, etc.

- An **event** is a mouse click, a mouse movement into or out of a window, a keystroke, etc.
- To be able to “listen to” a kind of event, you have to:
 1. Have some class C implement an interface IN that is connected with the event.
 2. In class C, override methods required by interface IN; these methods are generally called when the event happens.
 3. Register an object of class C as a *listener* for the event. That object's methods will be called when event happens.

We show you how to do this for clicks on buttons, clicks on components, movements into and out of components, and keystrokes.

Anonymous functions

You know about interface Comparable.

```
public interface Comparable<T> {
    /** Return neg, 0 or pos ... */
    int compareTo(T ob);
}
```

public abstract class Shape implements Comparable {

```
...
/** Return the area of this shape */
public abstract double area();

/** Return neg, 0, or pos ... */
public int compareTo(Shape ob) {
    ...
}
}
```

In some class:
Shape[] s= ...;
...
Arrays.sort(s);

Use an anonymous function to make this easier!

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Anonymous functions

You used anonymous functions in A1 to test whether some statement threw an exception.

The second argument to `assertThrows` is an anonymous function with no parameters. Its body calls `g.setAdvisor`.

```
assertThrows(AssertionError.class,
    () -> {g.setAdvisor1(null);});
```

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Anonymous functions

Here is a function:

```
public int f(Person b, Person c) {
    return b.age - c.age;
}
```

```
public class Person {
    public String name;
    public int age;
    ...
}
```

Written as an anonymous function

```
(Person b, Person c) -> b.age - c.age
```

Anonymous because it does not have a name.

Don't need keyword **return**. Can put braces around the body if it is more than a single expression.

Depending on where it is written, don't need to put in types of b, c if the types can be inferred.

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Anonymous functions

In some class:

```
Person p[] = new Person[10];
... code to put in 10 Persons ...
```

```
public class Person {
    public String name;
    public int age;
    ...
}
```

```
/** Sort p on age
```

```
Arrays.sort(p, (Person b, Person c) -> b.age - c.age);
```

```
/** Sort p in descending order of age
```

```
Arrays.sort(p, (b, c) -> c.age - b.age);
```

When Java compiles these calls, it will eliminate the anonymous functions and turn it into code that uses interface Comparable! This is “syntactic sugar”!

We use anonymous functions to listen to button clicks.

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What is a JButton?

Instance: associated with a “button” on the GUI, which can be clicked to do something

```
jb1 = new JButton() // jb1 has no text on it
jb2 = new JButton("first") // jb2 has label "first" on it
jb2.isEnabled() // true iff a click on button can be
// detected
jb2.setEnabled(b); // Set enabled property
jb2.addActionListener(object); // object must have a method,
// which is called when button jb2 clicked (next page)
```

At least 100 more methods; these are most important

JButton is in package javax.swing

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Listening to a JButton

1. Implement interface ActionListener:

```
public class C extends JFrame
    implements ActionListener { ... }
```

So, C must implement actionPerformed, and it will be called when the button is clicked

```
public interface ActionListener extends ... {
    /** Called when an action occurs. */
    public abstract void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e);
}
```

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Listening to a JButton

1. Implement interface ActionListener:

```
public class C extends JFrame
    implements ActionListener { ... }
```

2. In C override actionPerformed --called when button is clicked:

```
/** Process click of button */
public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) { ... }
```

```
public interface ActionListener extends EventListener {
    /** Called when an action occurs. */
    public abstract void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e);
}
```

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Listening to a JButton

1. Implement interface ActionListener:

```
public class C extends JFrame
    implements ActionListener { ... }
```

2. In C override actionPerformed --called when button is clicked:

```
/** Process click of button */
public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) { ... }
```

3. Add an instance of class C an “action listener” for button:
button.addActionListener(**this**);

But instead, we use an anonymous function!

```
Method JButton.addActionListener
public void addActionListener(ActionListener l)
```

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/** USE anonymous function */

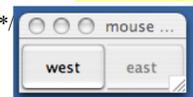
```
class ButtonDemo1 extends JFrame {
    /** exactly one of eastB, westB is enabled */
    JButton westB = new JButton("west");
    JButton eastB = new JButton("east");
```

```
public ButtonDemo1(String t) {
    super(t);
    add(westB, BorderLayout.WEST);
    add(eastB, BorderLayout.EAST);
    westB.setEnabled(false);
    eastB.setEnabled(true);
    eastB.addActionListener(
        e -> {boolean b = eastB.isEnabled();
              eastB.setEnabled(!b);
              westB.setEnabled(b);
            });
}
```

```
ButtonDemo1
```

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blue: placing



Add listener to westB the same way

Listening to a Button

```

/** Save anonymous function in local var*/
class ButtonDemo1 extends JFrame {
    /** exactly one of eastB, westB is enabled */
    JButton westB= new JButton("west");
    JButton eastB= new JButton("east");

    public ButtonDemo1(String t) {
        super(t);
        add(westB, BorderLayout.WEST);
        add(eastB, BorderLayout.EAST);
        westB.setEnabled(false);
        eastB.setEnabled(true);
        ActionListener al=
            e -> {boolean b= eastB.isEnabled();
                eastB.setEnabled(!b);
                westB.setEnabled(b);};
        eastB.addActionListener(al);
        westB.addActionListener(al);
        pack(); setVisible(true);
    }
}

```

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ButtonDemo1

Listening to a Button

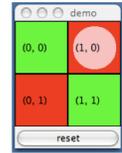
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A JPanel that is painted

MouseDemo2

- The JFrame has a JPanel in its CENTER and a "reset" button in its SOUTH.
- The JPanel has a horizontal box b, which contains two vertical Boxes.
- Each vertical Box contains two instances of class Square.
- Click a Square that has no pink circle, and a pink circle is drawn. Click a square that has a pink circle, and the pink circle disappears.
- Click the rest button and all pink circles disappear.

This GUI has to listen to:
(1) a click on Button reset
These are different kinds of events, and they need different listener methods



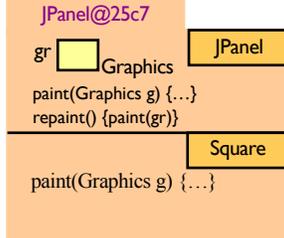
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How painting works

Class Graphics has methods for drawing (painting) on the JPanel. We'll look at them soon.

Override paint to draw on the JPanel

Whenever you want to call paint to repaint the JPanel, call repaint()



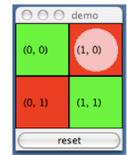
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Instance: JPanel of size (WIDTH, HEIGHT).
Green or red: */

```

public class Square extends JPanel {
    public static final int HEIGHT= 70;
    public static final int WIDTH= 70;
    private int x, y; // Panel is at (x, y)
    private boolean hasDisk= false;
    /** Const: square at (x, y). Red/green? Parity of x+y. */
    public Square(int x, int y) {
        this.x= x;    this.y= y;
        setPreferredSize(new Dimension(WIDTH, HEIGHT));
    }
    /** Complement the "has pink disk" property */
    public void complementDisk() {
        hasDisk= ! hasDisk;
        repaint(); // Ask the system to repaint the square
    }
}

```



Class Square

continued on later

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Class Graphics

An object of abstract class Graphics has methods to draw on a component (e.g. on a JPanel, or canvas).

Major methods:

```

drawString("abc", 20, 30);    drawLine(x1, y1, x2, y2);
drawRect(x, y, width, height); fillRect(x, y, width, height);
drawOval(x, y, width, height); fillOval(x, y, width, height);
setColor(Color.red);         getColor()
getFont()                    setFont(Font f);

```

More methods

You won't create an object of Graphics; you will be given one to use when you want to paint a component

Graphics is in package java.awt

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continuation of class Square

Class Square

```

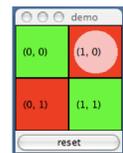
/** Paint this square using g. System calls
    paint whenever square has to be redrawn.*/
public void paint(Graphics g) {
    if ((x+y)%2 == 0) g.setColor(Color.green);
    else g.setColor(Color.red);
    g.fillRect(0, 0, WIDTH-1, HEIGHT-1);
    if (hasDisk) {
        g.setColor(Color.pink);
        g.fillOval(7, 7, WIDTH-14, HEIGHT-14);
    }
    g.setColor(Color.black);
    g.drawRect(0, 0, WIDTH-1, HEIGHT-1);
    g.drawString(""+x+" "+y+", 10, 5+HEIGHT/2);
}
}

```

```

/** Remove pink disk
    (if present) */
public void clearDisk() {
    hasDisk= false;
    // Ask system to
    // repaint square
    repaint();
}

```



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Listen to mouse event
(click, press, release, enter, leave on a component)

```
public interface MouseListener { In package java.awt.event
    void mouseClicked(MouseEvent e);
    void mouseEntered(MouseEvent e);
    void mouseExited(MouseEvent e);
    void mousePressed(MouseEvent e);
    void mouseReleased(MouseEvent e);
}
```

Having to write all of these in a class that implements **MouseListener**, even though you don't want to use all of them, can be a pain. So, a class is provided that implements them in a painless way.

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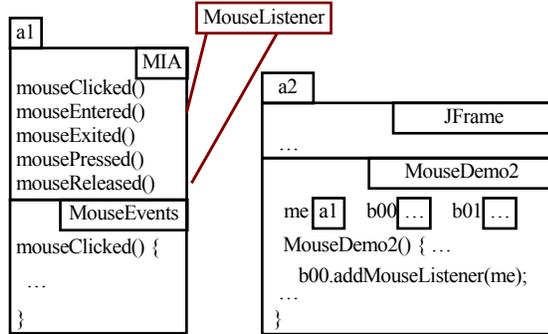
Listen to mouse event
(click, press, release, enter, leave on a component)

```
In package java.swing.event MouseEvents
public class MouseInputAdaptor
    implements MouseListener, MouseInputListener {
    public void mouseClicked(MouseEvent e) {}
    public void mouseEntered(MouseEvent e) {}
    public void mouseExited(MouseEvent e) {}
    public void mousePressed(MouseEvent e) {}
    public void mouseReleased(MouseEvent e) {}
    ... others ...
```

So, just write a subclass of **MouseInputAdaptor** and override only the methods appropriate for the application

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javax.swing.event.MouseInputAdaptor
implements **MouseListener**

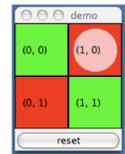


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A class that listens to a mouseclick in a Square

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

/** Contains a method that responds to a
    mouse click in a Square */
public class MouseEvents
    extends MouseInputAdaptor {
    // Complement "has pink disk" property
    public void mouseClicked(MouseEvent e) {
        Object ob = e.getSource();
        if (ob instanceof Square) {
            ((Square)ob).complementDisk();
        }
    }
}
```



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This class has several methods (that do nothing) to process mouse events:
 mouse click
 mouse press
 mouse release
 mouse enters component
 mouse leaves component
 mouse dragged beginning in component

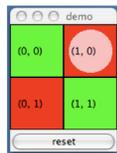
Our class overrides only the method that processes mouse clicks

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```
public class MD2 extends JFrame {
    Box b= new Box(...X_AXIS);
    Box leftC= new Box(...Y_AXIS);
    Square b00, b01= new squares;
    Box riteC= new Box(...Y_AXIS);
    Square b10, b01= new squares;
    JButton jb= new JButton("reset");
    MouseEvents me= new MouseEvents();
    /** Constructor: ... */
    public MouseDemo2() {
        super("MouseDemo2");
        place components in JFrame;
        pack, make unresizable, visible;
        jb.addActionListener(e -> clearDisks(e));
        b00.addMouseListener(me);
        b01.addMouseListener(me);
        b10.addMouseListener(me);
        b11.addMouseListener(me);
        public void clearDisks(ActionEvent e) {
            call clearDisk() for b00, b01, b10, b11
        }
    }
}
```

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blue: placing

MouseDemo2



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Listening to the keyboard

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

public class AllCaps extends KeyAdapter {
    JFrame capsFrame= new JFrame();
    JLabel capsLabel= new JLabel();

    public AllCaps() {
        capsLabel.setHorizontalAlignment(SwingConstants.CENTER);
        capsLabel.setText("");
        capsFrame.setSize(200,200);
        Container c= capsFrame.getContentPane();
        c.add(capsLabel);
        capsFrame.addKeyListener(this);
        capsFrame.show();
    }

    public void keyPressed(KeyEvent e) {
        char typedChar= e.getKeyChar();
        capsLabel.setText("" + typedChar + "").toUpperCase();
    }
}
```

red: listening
blue: placing

1. Extend this class.

2. Override this method. It is called when a key stroke is detected.



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```

public class BDemo3 extends JFrame {
    private JButton wB, eB ...;
    public ButtonDemo3() {
        Add buttons to JFrame, ...
        wB.addActionListener(this);
        eB.addActionListener(new BeListener());
    }
    public void disableE(ActionEvent e) {
        eB.setEnabled(false); wB.setEnabled(true);
    }
    public void disableW(ActionEvent e) {
        eB.setEnabled(true); wB.setEnabled(false);
    }
}

```

Have a different listener for each button

ButtonDemo3

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ANONYMOUS CLASS

You will see anonymous classes in A5 and other GUI programs

Use sparingly, and only when the anonymous class has 1 or 2 methods in it, because the syntax is ugly, complex, hard to understand.

The last two slides of this ppt show you how to eliminate BeListener by introducing an anonymous class.

You do not have to master this material

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Have a class for which only one object is created?
Use an **anonymous class**.
Use sparingly, and only when the anonymous class has 1 or 2 methods in it, because the syntax is ugly, complex, hard to understand.

```

public class BDemo3 extends JFrame implements ActionListener {
    private JButton wButt, eButt ...;
    public ButtonDemo3() { ...
        eButt.addActionListener(new BeListener());
    }
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) { ... }
    private class BeListener implements ActionListener {
        public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) { body }
    }
}

```

1 object of BeListener created. Ripe for making anonymous

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Making class anonymous will replace **new BeListener()**

Expression that creates object of BeListener

```

eButt.addActionListener( new BeListener () );
private class BeListener implements ActionListener
{ declarations in class }
}

```

1. Write **new**
2. Use name of interface that BeListener implements
3. Put in arguments of constructor call
4. Put in class body

```

1. Write new
2. Write new ActionListener
3. Write new ActionListener ()
4. Write new ActionListener ()
{ declarations in class }
5. Replace new BeListener() by new-expression

```

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ANONYMOUS CLASS IN A6. PaintGUI. setUpMenuBar, fixing item "New"

```

Save new JMenuItem
JMenuItem newItem= new JMenuItem("New");
newItem.setMnemonic(KeyEvent.VK_N);
newItem.setAccelerator(KeyStroke.getKeyStroke(KeyEvent.VK_N,
ActionEvent.CTRL_MASK));
newItem.addActionListener(new ActionListener() {
public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
newAction(e);
}
});

```

Fix it so that control-N selects this menu item

new ActionListener() { ... } declares an anonymous class and creates an object of it. The class implements **ActionListener**. Purpose: call **newAction(e)** when **actionPerformed** is called

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Using an A6 function (only in Java 8!) PaintGUI. setUpMenuBar, fixing item "New"

```

Save new JMenuItem
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newItem.setMnemonic(KeyEvent.VK_N);
newItem.setAccelerator(KeyStroke.getKeyStroke(KeyEvent.VK_N,
ActionEvent.CTRL_MASK));
newItem.addActionListener(e -> { newAction(e); });

```

Fix it so that control-N selects this menu item

argument **e -> { newAction(e); }** of **addActionListener** is a function that, when called, calls **newAction(e)**.

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ANONYMOUS CLASS VERSUS FUNCTION CALL

PaintGUI.setUpMenuBar, fixing item "New"

The Java 8 compiler will change this:

```
newItem.addActionListener(e -> { newAction(e); });
```

back into this:

```
newItem.addActionListener(new ActionListener() {  
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {  
        newAction(e);  
    }  
});
```

and actually change that back into an inner class