Programming Languages and Techniques (CIS1200)

Lecture 33

Swing II: Inner Classes, Layout, MoD Chapters 29 and 30

Announcements

- HW08: ChatterBot
 - Available now; due on Thursday, April 17th
 - Practice with I/O and Collections
- HW9: Game Project
 - TAs will give you feedback soon
 - Final Program Due: Tuesday, April 29th at 11:59pm
 - Grade based on demo with your TA during/after reading days
 - NO LATE SUBMISSIONS PERMITTED

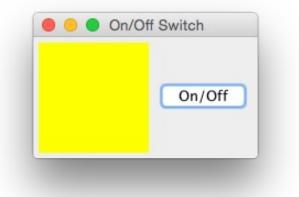
Announcements

- TA position applications are available
 - CIS 1100, 1200, 1600, 1210 (see link on Ed)
 - Other CIS classes (see https://www.cis.upenn.edu/ta-information/)
 - Accepting applications until Friday, April 18th
- Guest Lecturer (Dr. Zdancewic) Wednesday and Friday
 - Today: "Swing II: Inner Classes and Layout"
 - Friday: "Code is Data"

Recap: Swing User Interaction

Start Simple: Light Switch

Task: Program an application that displays a button. When the button is pressed, it toggles a "lightbulb" on and off.

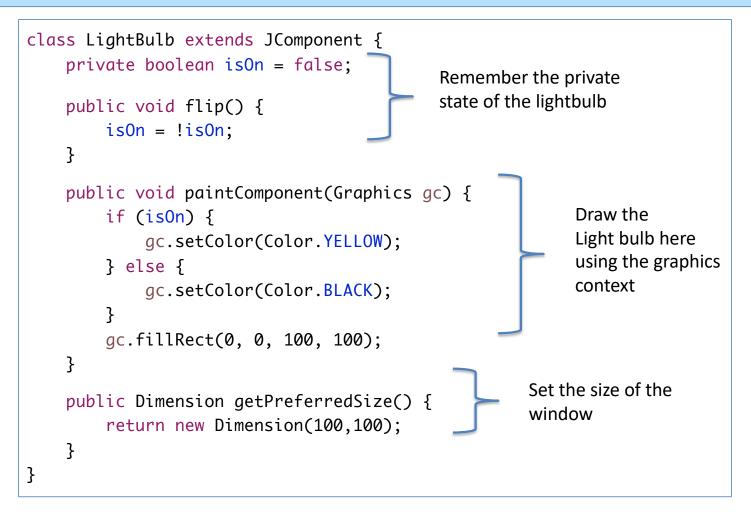


Key idea: use a ButtonListener to toggle the state of the lightbulb

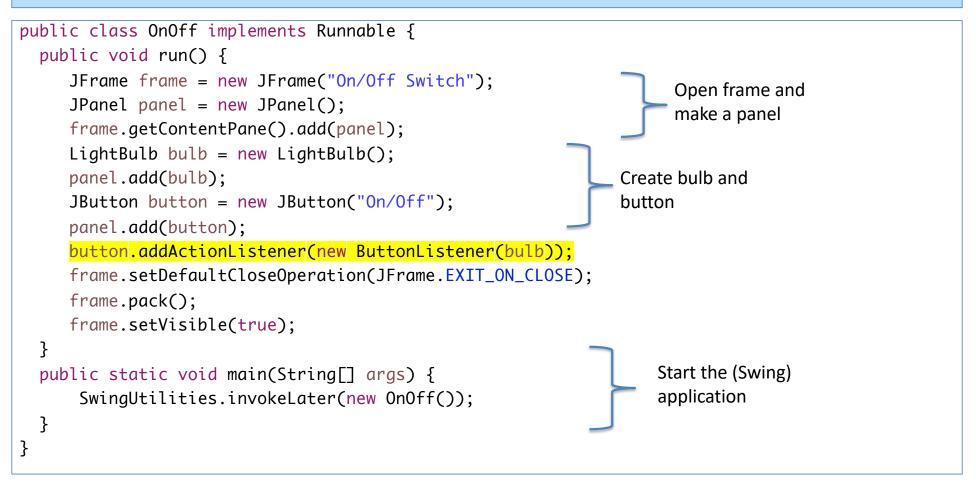
OnOffDemo

The Lightbulb GUI program in Swing.

Display the Lightbulb



Main Class



Making the Button Do Something

```
class ButtonListener implements ActionListener {
    private LightBulb bulb;
    public ButtonListener (LightBulb b) {
        bulb = b;
    }
    @Override
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
        bulb.flip();
                                                        Note that "repaint" does not
        bulb.repaint();
                                                        necessarily do any repainting right now!
    }
                                                        It is simply a notification to Swing that
                                                        something needs repainting. (This is a
}
                                                        difference from our OCaml GUI library.)
                                                        But it is required.
```

An Awkward Comparison

```
class ButtonListener implements ActionListener {
    private LightBulb bulb;
    public ButtonListener (LightBulb b) {
        bulb = b;
    }
    @Override
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
        bulb.flip();
        bulb.repaint();
    }
}
// somewhere in run ...
LightBulb bulb = new LightBulb();
JButton button = new JButton("On/Off");
button.addActionListener(new ButtonListener(bulb));
```

```
let bulb, bulb_flip = make_bulb ()
let onoff,_, bnc = button "On/Off"
;; bnc.add_event_listener (mouseclick_listener bulb_flip)
```

Java



Too much "boilerplate"!

- ButtonListener really only needs to do bulb.flip() and repaint
- But we need all this extra boilerplate code to build the class
- Often we will instantiate a given Listener class in a GUI exactly one time

```
class ButtonListener implements ActionListener {
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        bulb = b;
    }
    @Override
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
        bulb.flip();
        bulb.repaint();
    }
}
This is a job for...
```

Inner Classes

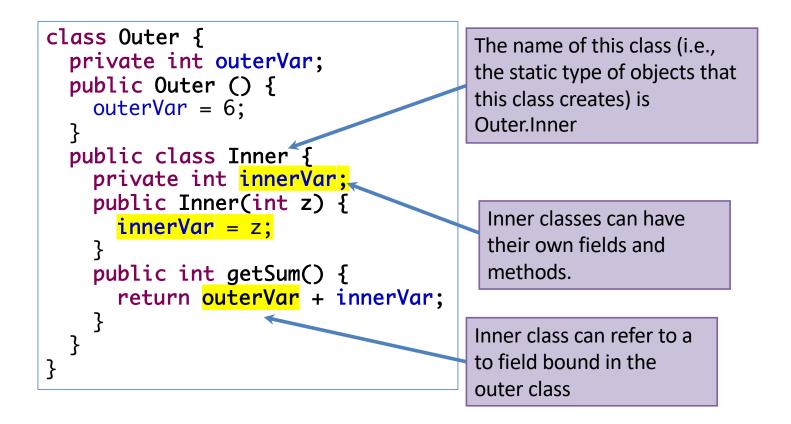


Inner Classes

- Useful in situations where objects require "deep access" to each other's internals
- Replace tangled workarounds like the "owner object" pattern
 - Solution with inner classes is easier to read
 - No need to allow public access to instance variables of outer class
- Also called "dynamic nested classes"

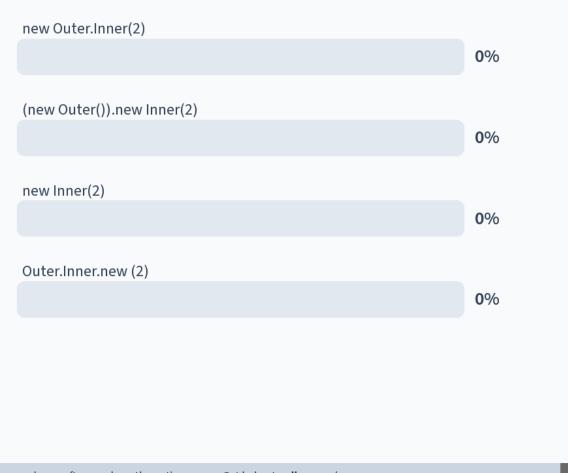
Basic Example

Key idea: Classes can be members of other classes...



34: In Java, which makes sense for creating an object of type Outer.Inner?

```
class Outer {
 private int outerVar;
 public Outer () {
    outerVar = 6;
  }
  public class Inner {
    private int innerVar;
    public Inner(int z) {
      innerVar = z;
    }
    public int getSum() {
      return outerVar +
             innerVar;
```



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Constructing Inner Class Objects

```
class Outer {
   private int outerVar;
   public Outer () {
      outerVar = 6;
   }
   public class Inner {
      private int innerVar;
      public Inner(int z) {
        innerVar = z;
      }
      public int getSum() {
        return outerVar +
            innerVar;
      }
   }
}
```

Based on your understanding of the Java object model, which of the following make sense as ways to construct an object of an inner class type?

- 1. Outer.Inner obj =
 new Outer.Inner(2);
- 2. Outer.Inner obj =
 (new Outer()).new Inner(2);
- 3. Outer.Inner obj =
 new Inner(2);
- 4. Outer.Inner obj =
 Outer.Inner.new(2);

Answer: 2 – the inner class instances can refer to non-static fields of the outer class (even in the constructor), so the invocation of "new" must be relative to an existing instance of the Outer class.

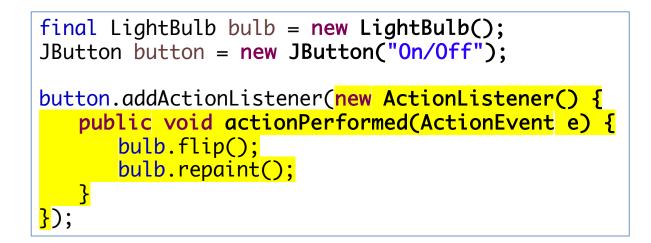
Object Creation

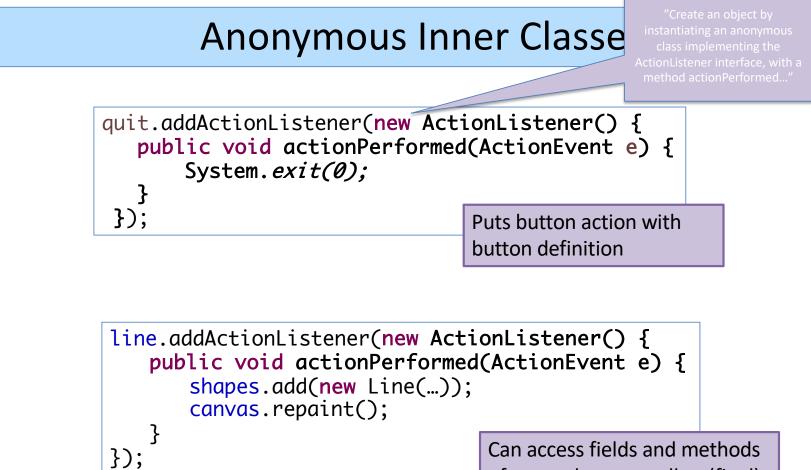
- Inner classes can refer to the instance variables and methods of the outer class
- Inner class instances usually created by the methods/constructors of the outer class public Outer () {
 Inner b = new Inner ();
 }
- Inner class instances *cannot* be created independently of a containing class instance

```
Outer.Inner b = new Outer.Inner()
Outer a = new Outer();
Outer.Inner b = a.new Inner();
Outer.Inner b = (new Outer()).new Inner();
```

Anonymous Inner Classes

We can define a class and create an object from it *all at once* inside a method body

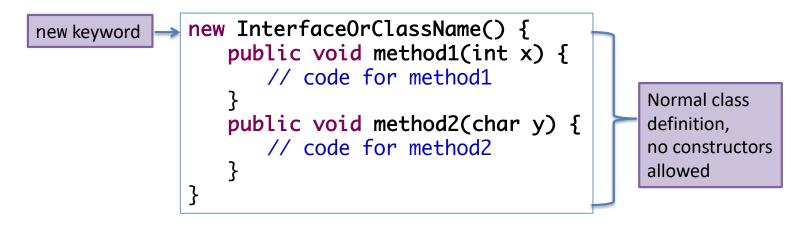




Can access fields and methods of outer class, as well as (final) local variables

Anonymous Inner Classes

• New *expression* form: define a class and create an object from it all at once



Static type of the expression is the interface / superclass named after the new

Dynamic class of the created object is anonymous! Can't refer to it.

Like first-class functions...

- Anonymous inner classes are a Java equivalent of OCaml's first-class functions
- Both create "delayed computations" that can be stored in a data structure and run later
 - E.g., code stored by the event / action listener
 - Code only runs when the button is pressed
 - Could run once, many times, or not at all
- Both sorts of computation can refer to variables in the current scope
 - OCaml: Any available variable
 - Java: only variables marked final (i.e., immutable)

But we can do even better...

"Lambdas" are Anonymous Inner Classes

- Often the implementation of an anonymous class is simple
 - e.g., an interface that contains only one method
- Lambda* expressions
 - treat functionality as method argument, or code as data
 - Java's version of first-class functions
- Pass functionality as an argument to another method,
 - e.g., what action should be taken when someone clicks a button.
- *Any* interface that has exactly one method can be implemented via a "lambda" (anonymous function).
 - Method's "name" implicitly determined by the type at which the lambda is used
 - <u>https://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/java/javaOO/lambdaexpressions.html</u>

*The term "lambda" comes from the *lambda calculus,* which was introduced by Alonzo Church in the 1930s. The lambda calculus forms the theoretical basis of all functional programming languages.

Lambda Expressions

• Java includes *lambda expressions,* which can implement classes that define only a single method

```
final LightBulb bulb = new LightBulb();
JButton button = new JButton("On/Off");
button.addActionListener((ActionEvent e) -> {
        bulb.flip();
        bulb.repaint();
    });
```

- Any interface with exactly one method is a *functional interface*
- Syntax: x -> { body } // type of x inferred (T x) -> { body } // arg x has type T (T x, W y) -> { body } // multiple arguments

Lambdas In A Nutshell		
X -> X + X	Lambda Notation	<pre>"Ordinary" Java Notation int method1(int x) { return x + x; }</pre>
(x,y) -> x.m(y)		<pre>int method2(A x, B y) { return x.m(y); }</pre>
<pre>(x,y) -> { System.out.println(x); System.out.println(y); }</pre>		<pre>void method3(String x, String y) { System.out.println(x); System.out.println(y);</pre>
	Method names and types are inferred from the context.	}

Swing Layout Demo

LayoutDemo.java