Programming Languages and Techniques (CIS120)

Lecture 34

Swing I: Drawing and Event Handling Chapter 29

HW9: Game Project



Swing

Java's GUI library

Quiz

Have you ever used the Swing library to build a Java app before?

- 1. Nope
- 2. No, but I've used a different GUI library in Java
- 3. Yes, but I didn't really understand how it worked
- 4. Yes, I'm an expert

Why study GUIs (yet again)?

- Most common example of *event*based programming
- Heavy and effective use of OO inheritance
- Case study in library organization
 and some advanced Java features
- Ideas applicable everywhere:
 - Web apps
 - Mobile apps
 - Desktop apps
- Fun!



Terminology overview

	GUI (OCaml)	Swing
Graphics Context	Gctx.gctx	Graphics
Widget type	Widget.widget	JComponent
Basic Widgets	button label checkbox	JButton JLabel JCheckBox
Container Widgets	hpair, vpair	JPanel, Layouts
Events	event	ActionEvent MouseEvent KeyEvent
Event Listener	<pre>mouse_listener mouseclick_listener (any function of type event -> unit)</pre>	ActionListener MouseListener KeyListener

Swing practicalities

- Java library for GUI development
 - javax.swing.*
- Built on existing library: AWT
 - java.awt.*
 - When there are two versions of something, use Swing's.
 (e.g., java.awt.Button vs. javax.swing.JButton)
 - The "JFoo" version is usually the one you want, not plain "Foo"
- Portable
 - Communicates with underlying OS's native window system
 - Same Java program looks appropriately different when run on PC, Linux, and Mac

Simple Drawing

DrawingCanvas.java DrawingCanvasMain.java

Fractal Drawing Demo



How do we draw a picture?

• In the OCaml GUI HW, we created widgets whose repaint function used the graphics context to draw an image

OCam

• In Swing, the preferred idiom is to *extend* the class JComponent ...

Fundamental class: JComponent

- Analog of widget type from OCaml GUI project
 - (Terminology: widget == JComponent)
- Subclasses should *override* methods of JComponent
 - paintComponent (like repaint, displays the component)
 - getPreferredSize (like size, calculates the size of the component)
- Events are handled by listeners (don't need to use overriding...)
- Richer functionality
 - minimum/maximum size
 - font
 - foreground/background color
 - borders
 - what is visible
 - many more...

Recursive function for drawing

```
private static void fractal(Graphics2D gc, int x, int y,
          double angle, double len) {
   if (len > 1) {
      double af = (angle * Math.PI) / 180.0;
      int nx = x + (int)(len * Math. cos(af));
       int ny = y + (int)(len * Math.sin(af));
      gc.setStroke(new BasicStroke(3));
      gc.drawLine(x, y, nx, ny);
       fractal(gc, nx, ny, angle + 20, len - 8);
       fractal(gc, nx, ny, angle - 10, len - 8);
   }
}
```

Simple Drawing Component

```
public class DrawingCanvas extends JComponent {
   // paint the drawing panel on the screen
    public void paintComponent (Graphics gc) {
        super.paintComponent(gc);
        // set the pen color
        gc.setColor(Color.GREEN);
        // draw a fractal tree
        fractal((Graphics2d)gc, 200, 450, 270, 80);
    }
    // give the size of the drawing panel
    public Dimension getPreferredSize() {
        return new Dimension(200,200);
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```

How do we put this component on the screen?

JFrame

- Represents a top-level window
 - Displayed directly by OS (looks different on Mac, PC, etc.)
- Contains JComponents
- Can be moved, resized, iconified, closed

```
public void run() {
    JFrame frame = new JFrame("Tree");
```

```
// set the content of the window to be our drawing
frame.getContentPane().add(new DrawingCanvas());
```

// make sure the application exits when the frame closes
frame.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);

```
// resize the frame based on the size of the panel
frame.pack();
```

```
// show the frame
frame.setVisible(true);
```

User Interaction

Start Simple: Lightswitch

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 Lightswitch 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
    }
                                        now! It is simply a notification to
                                        Swing that something needs
}
                                        repainting.
```