

- Since Java was first released, its user interface facilities have been a significant weakness
  - The Abstract Windowing Toolkit (AWT) was part of the JDK form the beginning, but it really was not sufficient to support a complex user interface
- JDK 1.1 fixed a number of problems, and most notably, it introduced a new event model. It did not make any major additions to the basic components

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- Sun make a distinction between *lightweight* and *heavyweight* components
  - Lightweight components are not dependent on native peers to render themselves. They are coded in Java.
  - Heavyweight components are rendered by the host operating system. They are resources managed by the underlying window manager.

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- Heavyweight components were unwieldy for two reasons
  - Equivalent components on different platforms do not necessarily act alike.
  - The look and feel of each component was tied to the host operating system

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- Almost all Swing components are lightweight except
  - JApplet, JFrame, JDialog, and JWindow





- · Using Swing it is possible to create two different types of GUI programs
  - Standalone applications
  - · Programs that are started from the command line
  - · Code resides on the machine on which they are run
  - Applets
    - Programs run inside a web browser
    - · Code is downloaded from a web server
    - · JVM is contained inside the web browser

    - For security purposes Applets are normally prevented from doing certain things (for example opening files)
- For now we will write standalone applications



Creating a JFrame	
<pre>import javax.swing.*;</pre>	
<pre>public class SwingFrame {     public static void main( String args[] ) {         JFrame win = new JFrame( "My First GUI Program" );</pre>	
<pre>win.show(); } // SwingFrame</pre>	
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- JLabels are components that you can put text into.
- When creating a label you can specify the initial value and the alignment you wish to use within the label.
- You can use getText() and setText() to get and change the value of the label.

lbl = new JLabel( "text", JLabel.RIGHT ) ; 3/14/01 Swing 16

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	Hello World	
import	javax.swing.*;	
public	class SwingFrame {	
pub	lic static void main( String args[] ) {	
	JFrame win = new JFrame( "My First GUI Program" );	
	JLabel label = new JLabel( "Hello World" );	
	win.getContentPane().add( label );	
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	win.show();	
}		
} // Sw:	ingFrame	
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# Components, Containers, and Layout Managers

- Containers may contain components (which means containers can contain containers!!).
- All containers come equipped with a layout manager which positions and shapes (lays out) the container's components.
- Much of the action in the AWT occurs between components, containers, and their layout managers.

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- Layouts allow you to format components on the screen in a platform independent way
- The standard JDK provides five classes that implement the LayoutManager interface:
   FlowLayout
  - GridLayout
  - BorderLayout
  - CardLayout
  - GridBagLayout
  - GIIGDAGDAyout
- Layout managers are defined in the AWT package
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	Flow Layout	
import import	javax.swing.*; java.awt.*;	
public pub	class SwingFrame { blic static void main( String args[] ) { JFrame win = new JFrame( *My First GUI Program* );	
	<pre>win.getContentPane().setLayout( new FlowLayout() ) for ( int i = 0; i &lt; 10; i++ )     win.getContentPane().add(     new JButton( String.valueOf( i ) ));</pre>	;
} } // Sw	win.pack(); win.show(); ringFrame	
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	BorderLayout	
import import	javax.swing.*; java.awt.*;	
public pu	<pre>class SwingPrame {    blic static void main (String args[]) {       JFrame win = new JFrame( *My First GUI Program* );       Container content = win.getContenPane();       content.add( *North*, new JButton( *North* ));       content.add( *North*, new JButton( *North* ));       content.add( *South*, new JButton( *Eat* ));       content.add( *South*, new JButton( *Eat* ));       content.add( *Center*, new JButton( *South* ));       content.add( *Center*, new JButton( *Center* ));     } </pre>	
} } // s	<pre>win.pack(); win.show(); wingFrame</pre>	
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• This avoids naming a class, at the cost of only ever being able to create one instance of that anonymous class.

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• This is handy in the AWT.















#### **Event Driven Programming**

- Programs respond to events that are generated *outside* the control of the program
  - User types a key

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- The left mouse button is pressed
- A CD is removed from the CD drive
- When an event occurs, it is handled by an event handler
- Event driven programming involves writing the handlers and arranging for the handler to be notified when certain events occur

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### Event Handling

- Events are represented by objects that gives information about the event and identifies the event source
  - Event sources are typically components, but other kinds of objects can also be event sources
- A *listener* is an object that wants to be notified when a particular event occurs
  - An event source can have multiple listeners registered on it
  - A single listener can register with multiple event sources
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Action	Listener Type		
User clicks a button, presses return while	ActionListener		
typing in a text filed, or chooses a menu			
Usurs closes a frame (main window)	WindowListener		
User presses a mouse button while the	MouseListener		
cursor is over a component			
User moves the move over a component	MouseMotionListener		
A component becomes visible	ComponentListener		
A component gets the keyboard focus	FocusListener		
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• A class that implements will down is certain 3/14/01 must implement all of these methods!

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#### WindowAdapter

- A class that implements the WindowListener interface
  - The methods in this class are empty. The class exists as convenience for creating listener objects.
- To use the WindowAdapter class:
  - Extend this class to create a WindowEvent listener
  - Override the methods for the events of interest
  - Create a listener object using the extended class and then register it with a Window using the window's addWindowListener() method.
- When the window's status changes the appropriate <sup>3/1401</sup> method in the listener object is invoked, and the



















## **GUI** Program Design

- The GUI provides a view of the program, it is clearly not the program
- Making the GUI code as independent of the program code is a good strategy
  - Changes in the program do not necessarily change the GUI
  - Different GUIs can be developed for the same program
     Debugging and maintaining both the GUI and the program code is easier

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