

Mouse Events and Instance Variables

Lecture 10

CS106A, Summer 2019

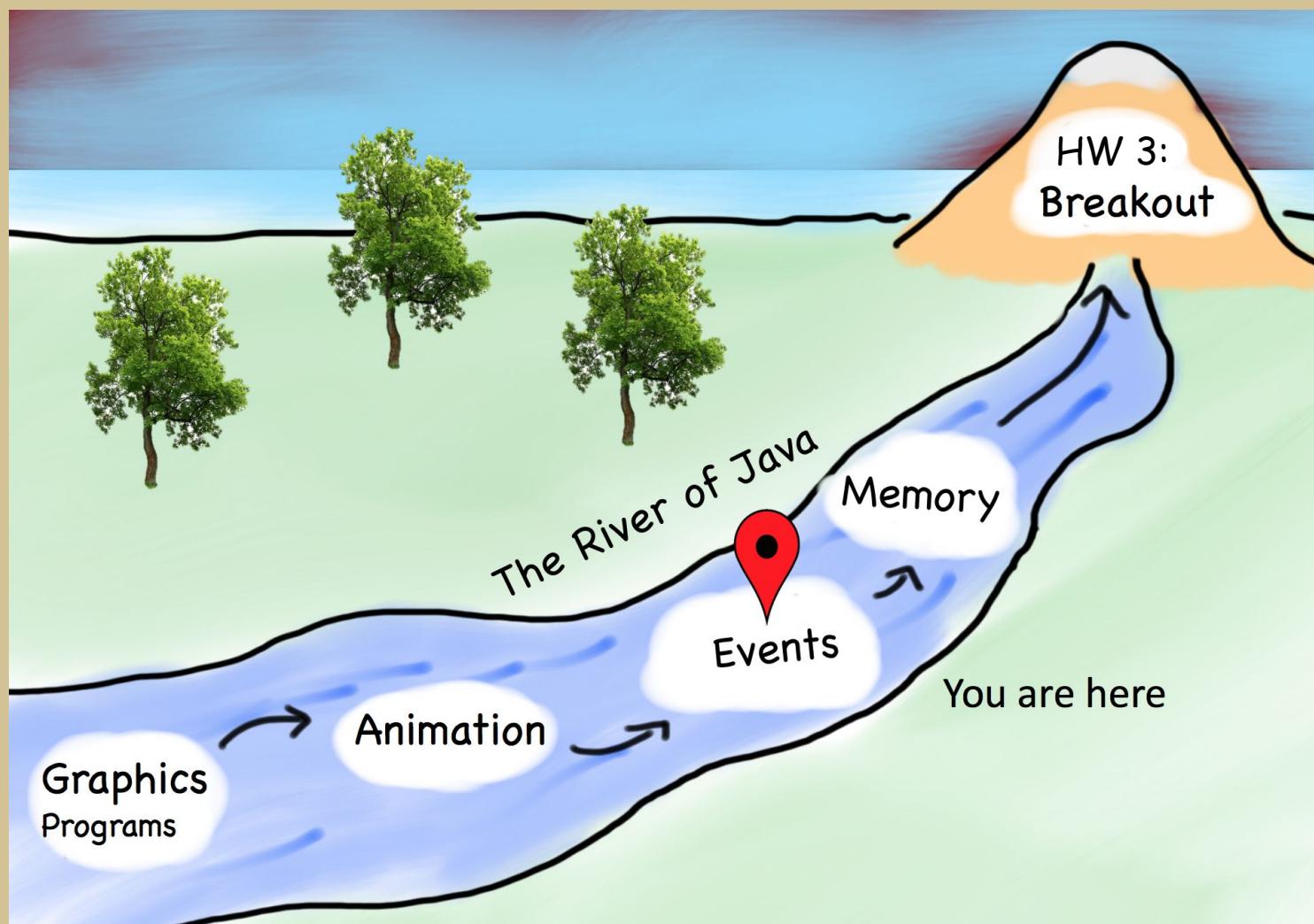
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Announcements

- HW2 was due at 10AM today
- HW 3 goes out today after lecture
 - Due Thursday July 18 at 10AM
 - Can optionally be done in pairs; check out the [Pair Programming](#) link on website



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    // setup  
    Make variables. Add graphics to canvas.  
  
    while (condition) {  
        // update world  
        Update graphics.  
  
        // pause  
        pause(milliseconds);  
    }  
}
```

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public void run() {  
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    while (true) {  
        // update world  
        square.move(1, 0);  
  
        // pause  
        pause(PAUSE_TIME);  
    }  
}
```

Review: RandomGenerator

```
// this variable can generate random values
RandomGenerator rgen = RandomGenerator.getInstance();

// make a random number between 1 and 6 inclusive
int diceRoll = rgen.nextInt(1, 6);

// also: nextDouble, nextBoolean, nextColor, etc
```

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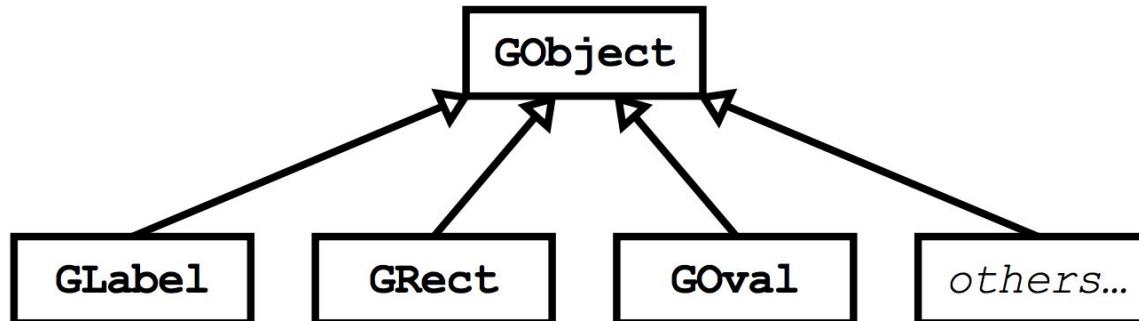
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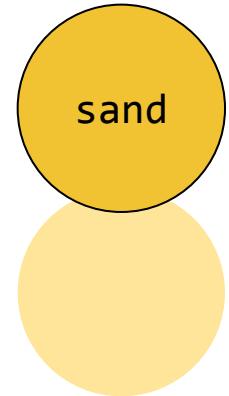
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- If no object is present, the special value `null` is returned.

Sand Art Revisited

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 * collided with any other objects on screen.
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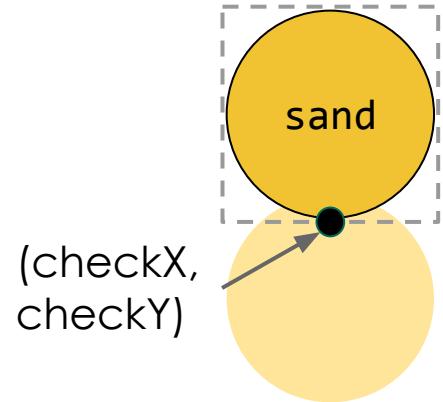
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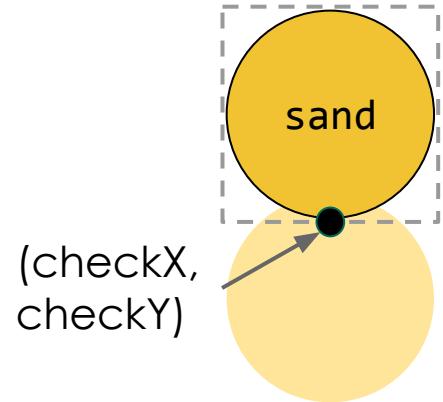
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Objects have the value `null` before being initialized.

```
GObject circle; // initially null
```

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You can check if something is `null` using `==` and `!=`

```
// may be a GObject, or null if nothing at (x, y)
GObject maybeAnObject = getElementAt(x, y);
if (maybeAnObject != null) {
    // do something with maybeAnObject
} else {
    // null - nothing at that location
}
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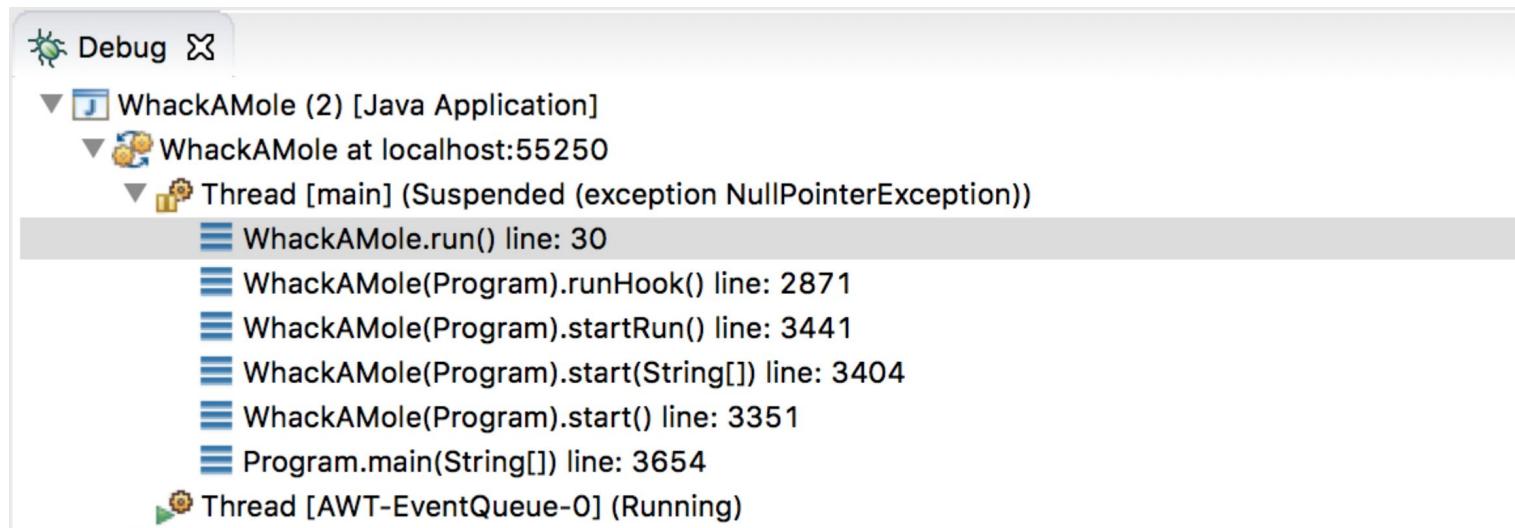
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if (maybeAnObject != null) {
    int x = maybeAnObject.getX();    // OK
} else {
    int x = maybeAnObject.getX();    // CRASH!
}
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⇒ Throws a `NullPointerException`

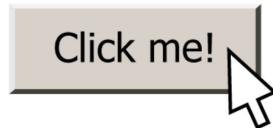


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Events

- An **event** is some external stimulus that your program can respond to.



- **event-driven programming**: A programming paradigm (common in graphical programs) where your code is executed in response to user events.

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public void mouseMoved(MouseEvent event) {  
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Anatomy of a Mouse Method

```
public void mouseClicked(MouseEvent e) {  
}  
}
```

Anatomy of a Mouse Method

Public so other
programs can call it



```
public void mouseClicked(MouseEvent e) {
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```
}
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Anatomy of a Mouse Method

Doesn't return
anything



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public void mouseClicked(MouseEvent e) {  
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*It must have one of the
mouse event names*



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public void mouseClicked(MouseEvent e) {  
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```

Anatomy of a Mouse Method

A collection of information about the mouse event that just occurred



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public void mouseClicked(MouseEvent e) {  
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                                         ← Get information  
                                         about the event
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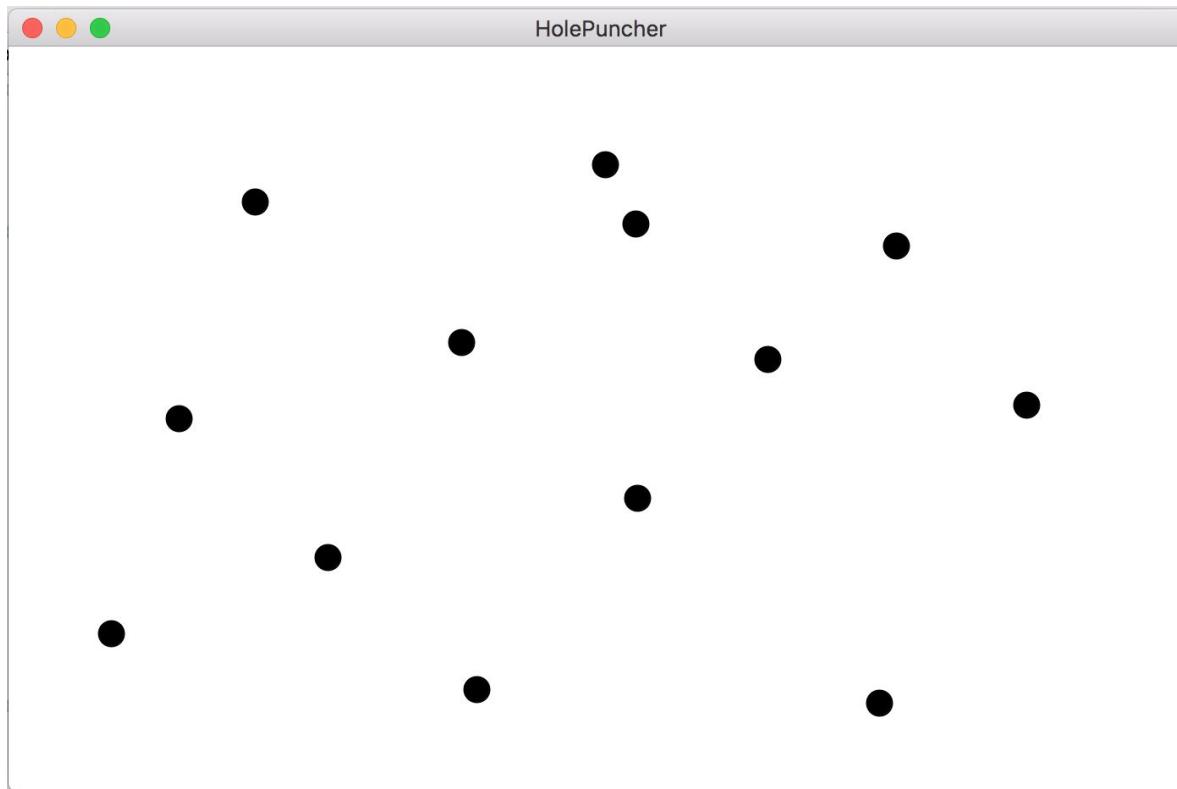
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        // Add hole punch (GOval) at the mouse location
        addHole(x, y);
    }

    private void addHole(double centerX, double centerY) { ... }
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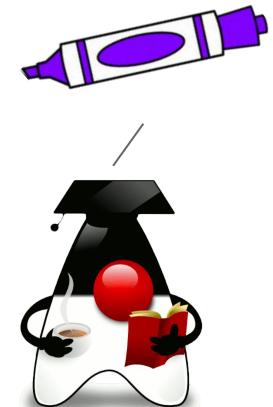
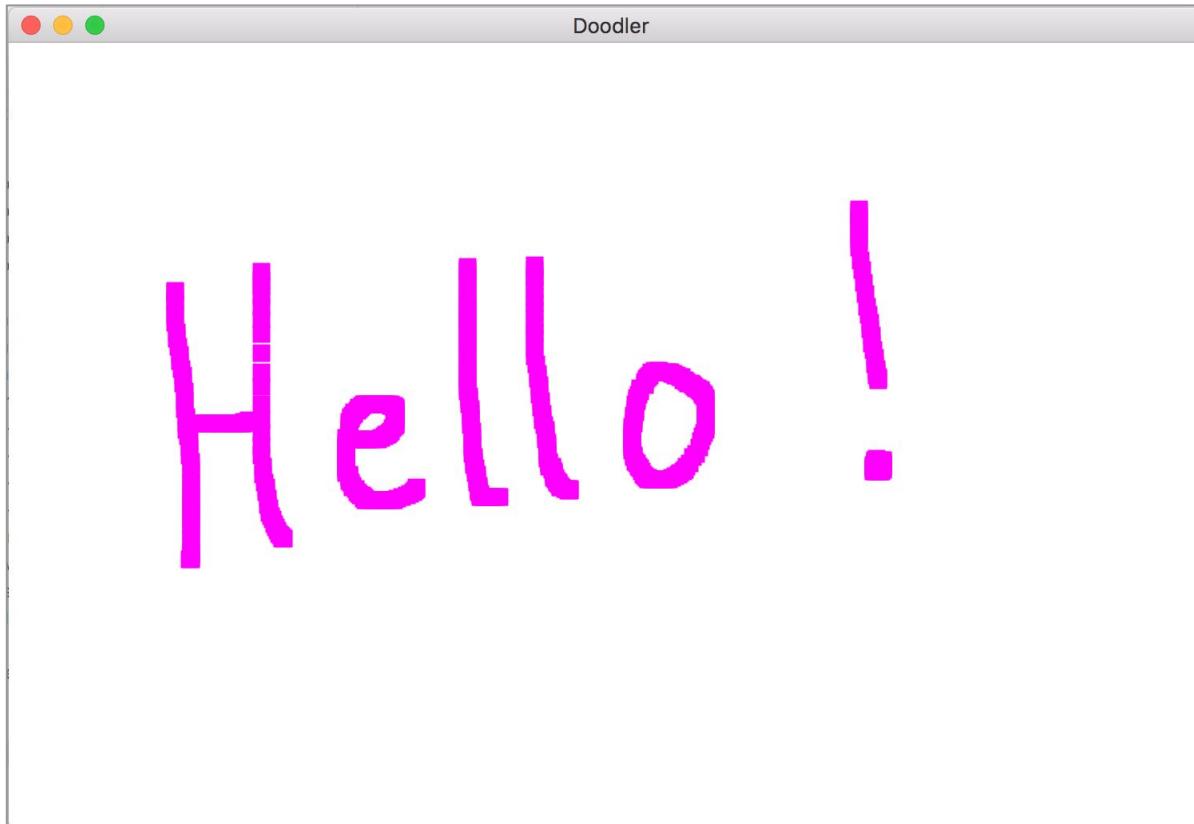
Types of Mouse Events

- There are many different types of mouse events!
- Each takes the form:

```
public void eventMethodName(MouseEvent e) { ... }
```

Method	Description
mouseMoved	mouse cursor moves
mouseDragged	mouse cursor moves while button is held down
mousePressed	mouse button is pressed down
mouseReleased	mouse button is lifted up
mouseClicked	mouse button is pressed and then released
mouseEntered	mouse cursor enters your program's window
mouseExited	mouse cursor leaves your program's window

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    GRect rect = new GRect(rectX, rectY, SIZE, SIZE);  
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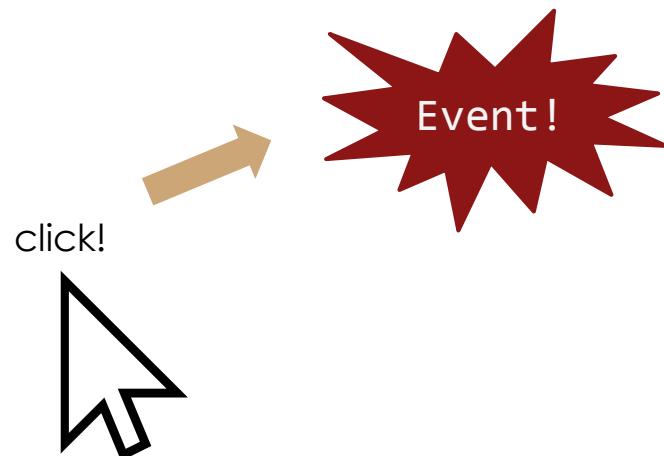
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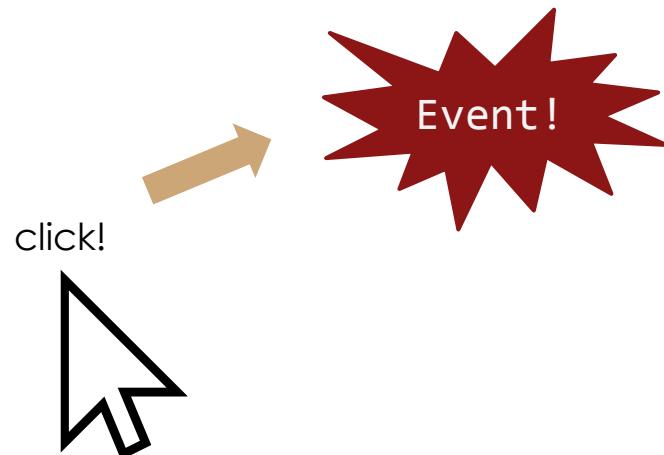
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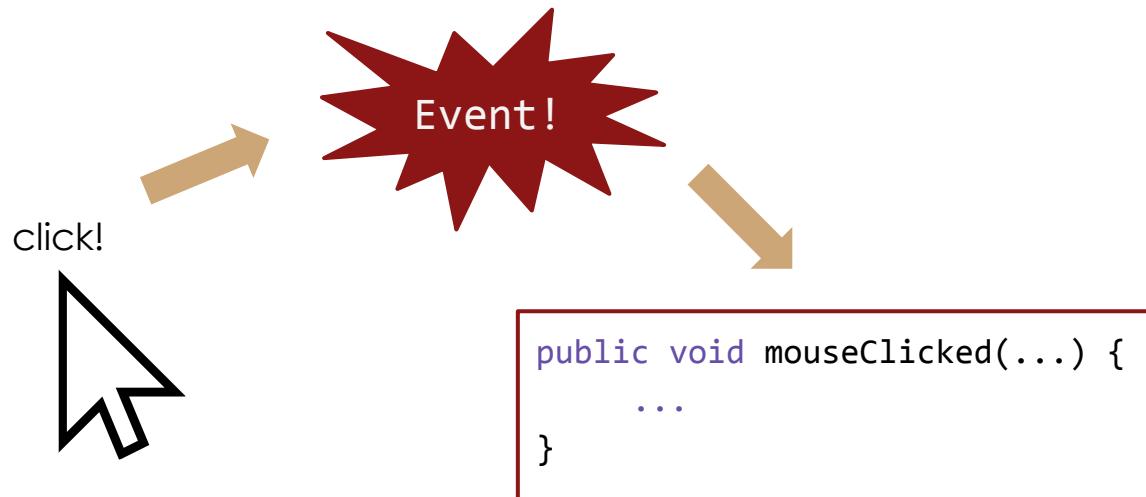
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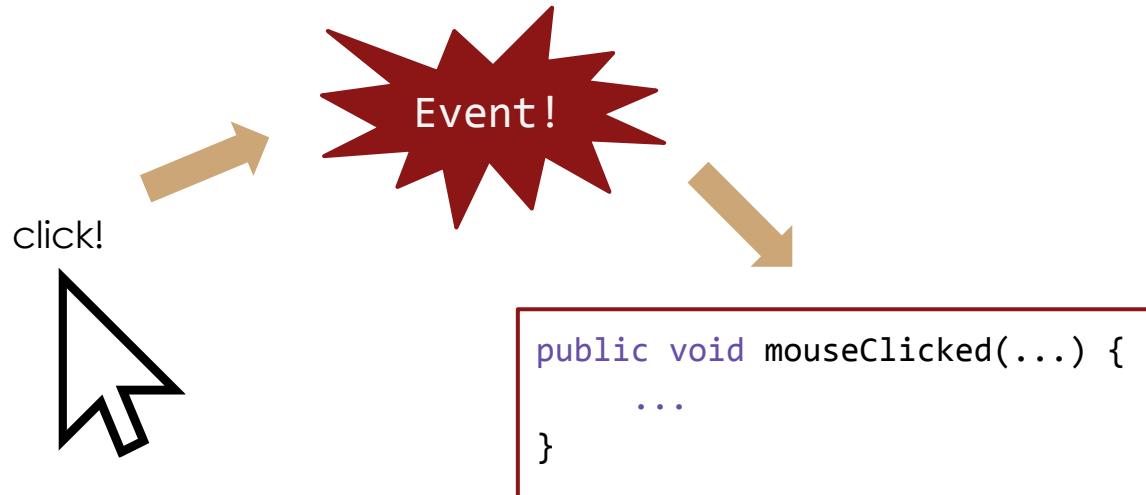
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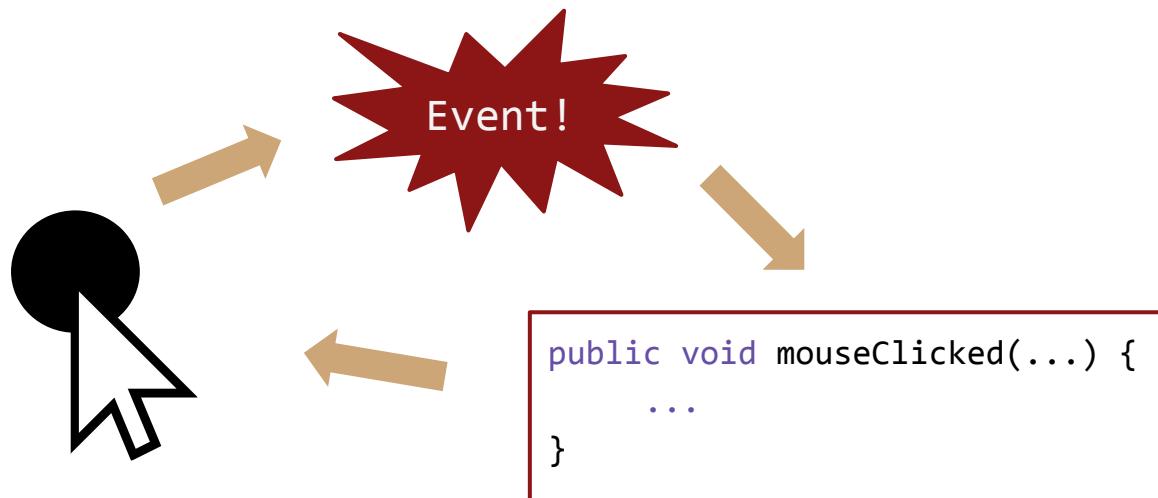
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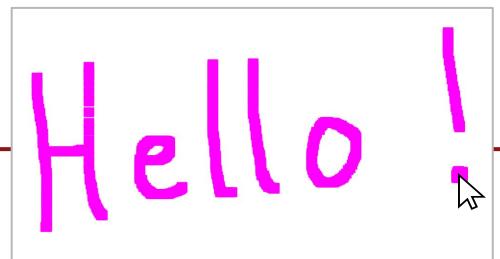
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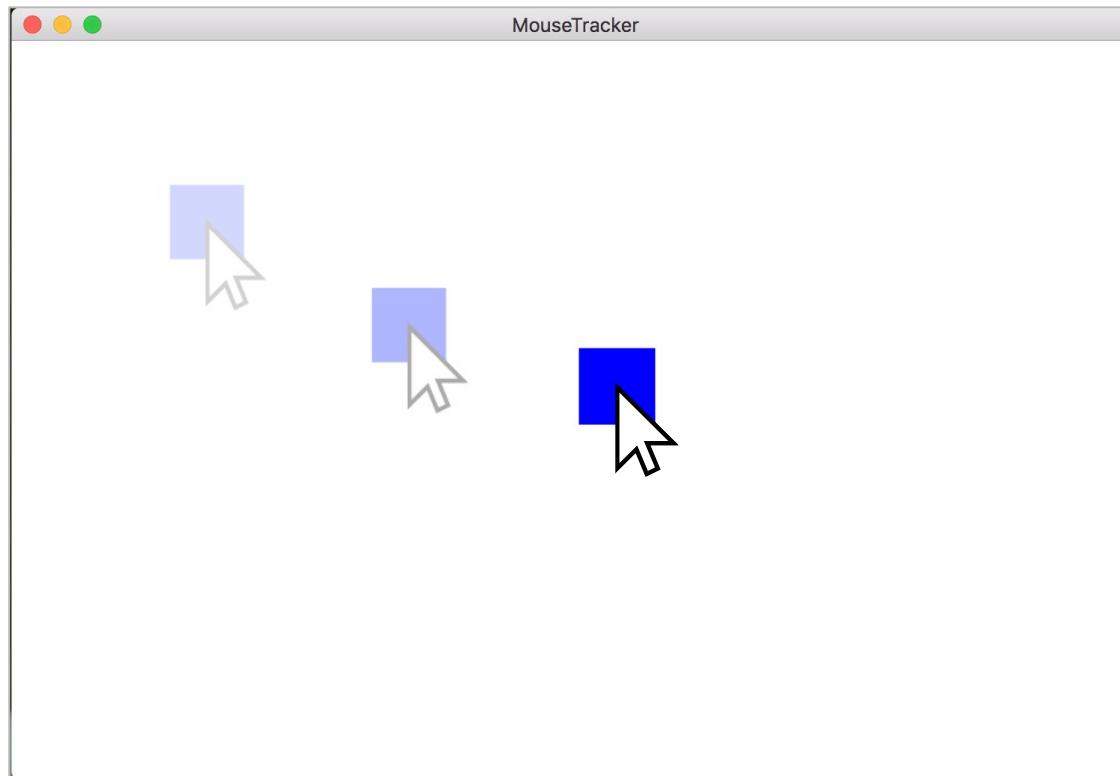
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What if we wanted the **same** GRect to track the mouse, instead of making a new one each time?



MouseTracker



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So, how can we give
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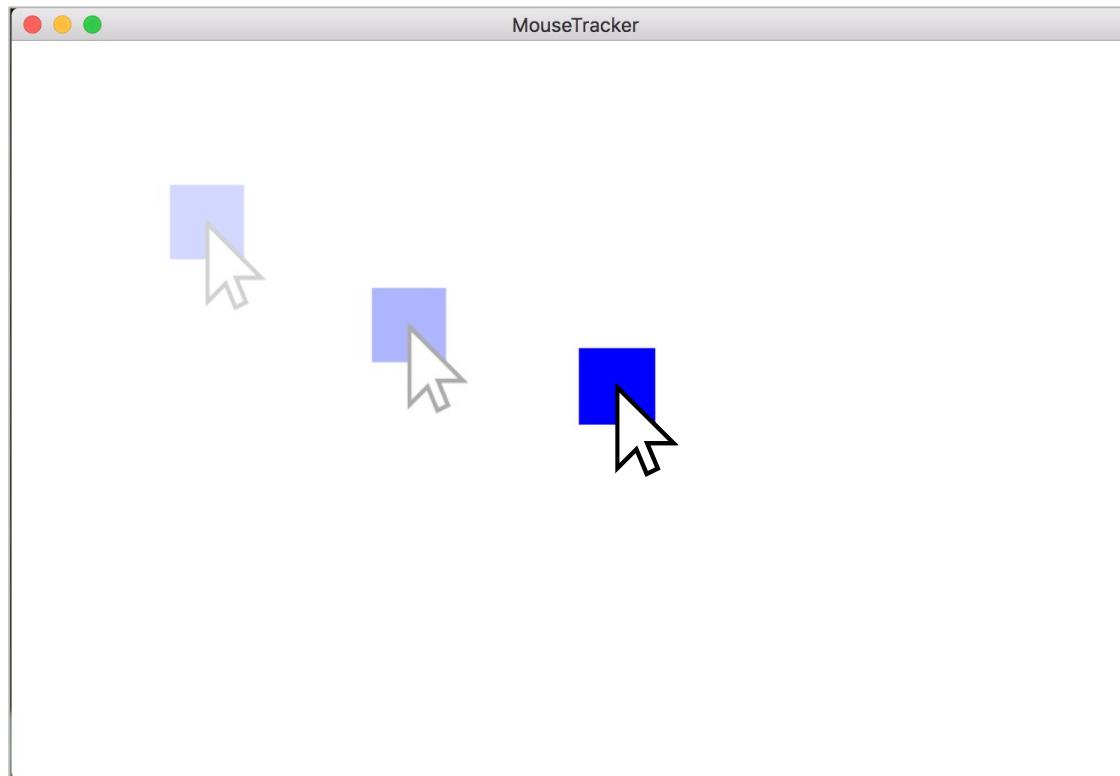
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private GRect square;

public void run() {
    square = new GRect(...);
    GRect localSquare = new GRect(...);
}
```

Example: MouseTracker



Instance Variables + Events

Use instance variables if you need to pass information between the **run method** and the **mouse event methods**.

```
/* Instance variable for the square to be tracked */
private GRect square;

public void run() {
    square = makeSquare();
    add(square);
}

public void mouseMoved(MouseEvent e) {
    double x = e.getX() - SQUARE_SIZE / 2.0;
    double y = e.getY() - SQUARE_SIZE / 2.0;
    square.setLocation(x, y);
}
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Putting it all together



Whack-a-Mole

Let's use instance variables and events to make Whack-A-Mole!

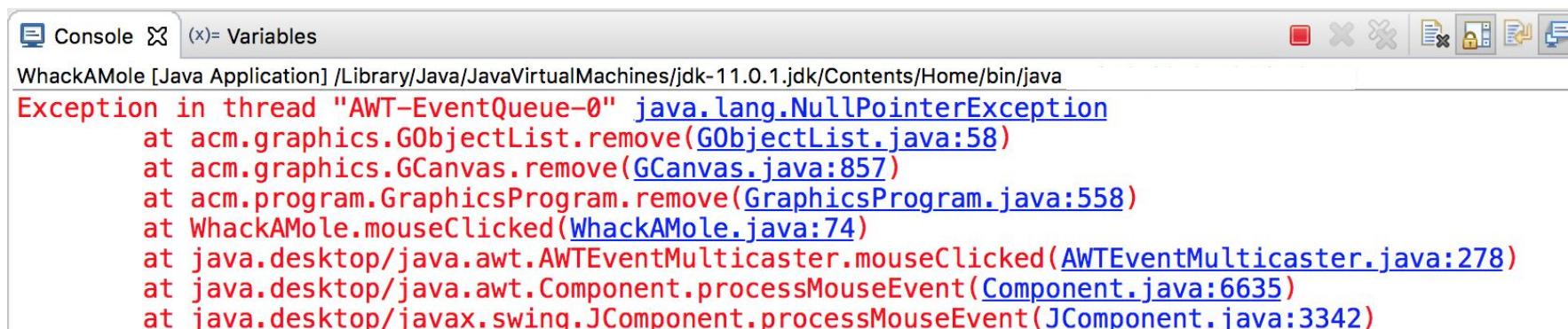
- A mole should appear every second at a random location, and stop once the user has gotten at least 10 points.
- If the user clicks a mole, remove it and increase their score by 1
- There should be a GLabel in the left corner showing their score



Let's Code It!

Exception

- If the user clicks an area with no mole, the program crashes
 - A program crash in Java is called an **exception**
 - When you get an exception, Eclipse shows red error text
 - The error text shows the line number where the error occurred
 - Why did this error happen?
 - How can we avoid it?



The screenshot shows the Eclipse IDE interface with the 'Console' view selected. The title bar indicates the project is 'WhackAMole [Java Application]'. The console output shows a stack trace in red text, indicating a `java.lang.NullPointerException` occurred in the `mouseClicked` method of the `WhackAMole` class. The stack trace is as follows:

```
Exception in thread "AWT-EventQueue-0" java.lang.NullPointerException
  at acm.graphics.GObjectList.remove(GObjectList.java:58)
  at acm.graphics.GCanvas.remove(GCanvas.java:857)
  at acm.program.GraphicsProgram.remove(GraphicsProgram.java:558)
  at WhackAMole.mouseClicked(WhackAMole.java:74)
  at java.desktop/java.awt.AWTEventMulticaster.mouseClicked(AWTEventMulticaster.java:278)
  at java.desktop/java.awt.Component.processMouseEvent(Component.java:6635)
  at java.desktop/javax.swing.JComponent.processMouseEvent(JComponent.java:3342)
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