

Event-Driven Programming

Lecture 10



Recall: JavaFX Basics

- So far we've learned about some of the basic GUI classes (e.g. shapes, buttons) and how to arrange them in window(s)
- A big missing piece: interaction
- To have a GUI interact with a user, we have elements respond to user actions, or **event-driven programming**



Big Picture

- When GUI elements want to implement event-driven programming, they will offer ways to “handle” an event via a class that implements an interface
- Typical sequence:
 1. Create GUI
 2. “Register” a class to handle event(s), sometimes referred to as a “listener”
 3. Implement handling code in the listener



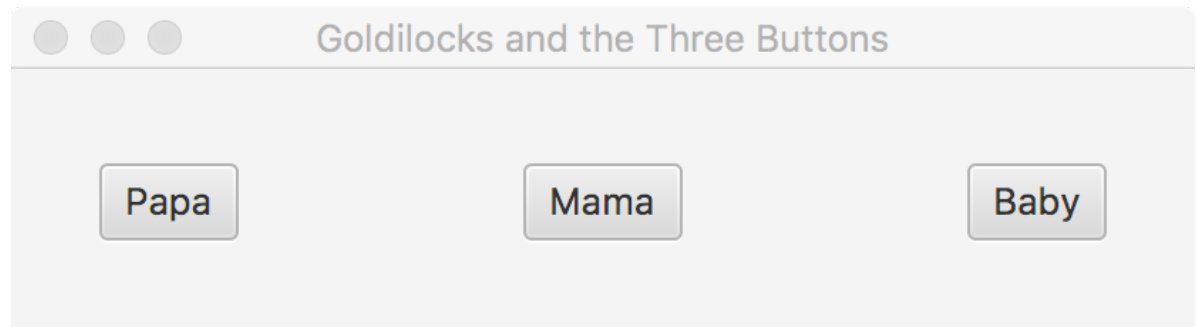
A Simple Example (1)

1. Make a new JavaFX project
2. Create a GUI with three buttons
 - For now, do NOT use SceneBuilder (we'll get to this later)

```
final HBox pane = new HBox(100);
pane.setAlignment(Pos.CENTER);
final Button btnP = new Button("Papa");
final Button btnM = new Button("Mama");
final Button btnB = new Button("Baby");

pane.getChildren().addAll(btnP, btnM, btnB);

primaryStage.setTitle("Goldilocks and the Three Buttons");
primaryStage.setScene(new Scene(pane));
primaryStage.show();
```



A Simple Example (2)

3. Handle event

Any class that implements the appropriate interface can be used, including anonymous inner classes and Lambda's

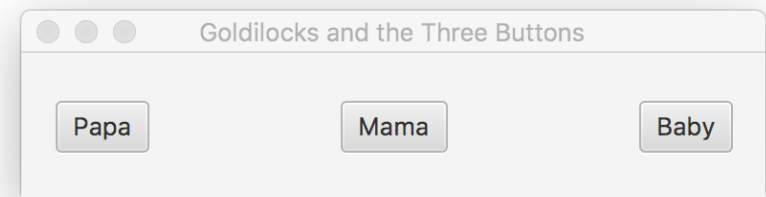
```
private static class JustRight implements
                                EventHandler<ActionEvent> {
    @Override
    public void handle(ActionEvent event) {
        System.out.printf("Just right :)\n");
    }
}

btnP.setOnAction(new EventHandler<ActionEvent>() {
    @Override
    public void handle(ActionEvent event) {
        System.out.printf("Too Hot!\n");
    }
});

btnM.setOnAction(e->{
    System.out.printf("Too Cold!\n");
});

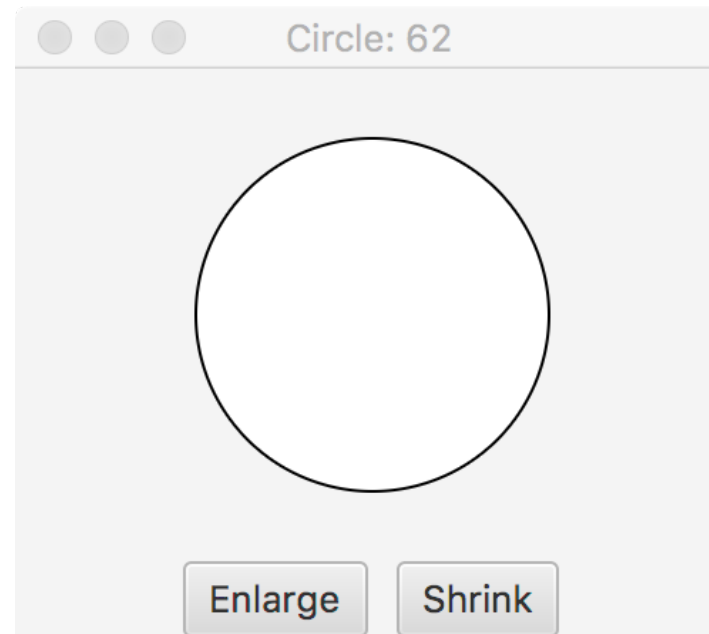
btnB.setOnAction(new JustRight());
```

```
Too Hot!
Too Cold!
Just right :)
```



Exercise

- Create a JavaFX application that allows you to grow/shrink a circle via buttons



Solution

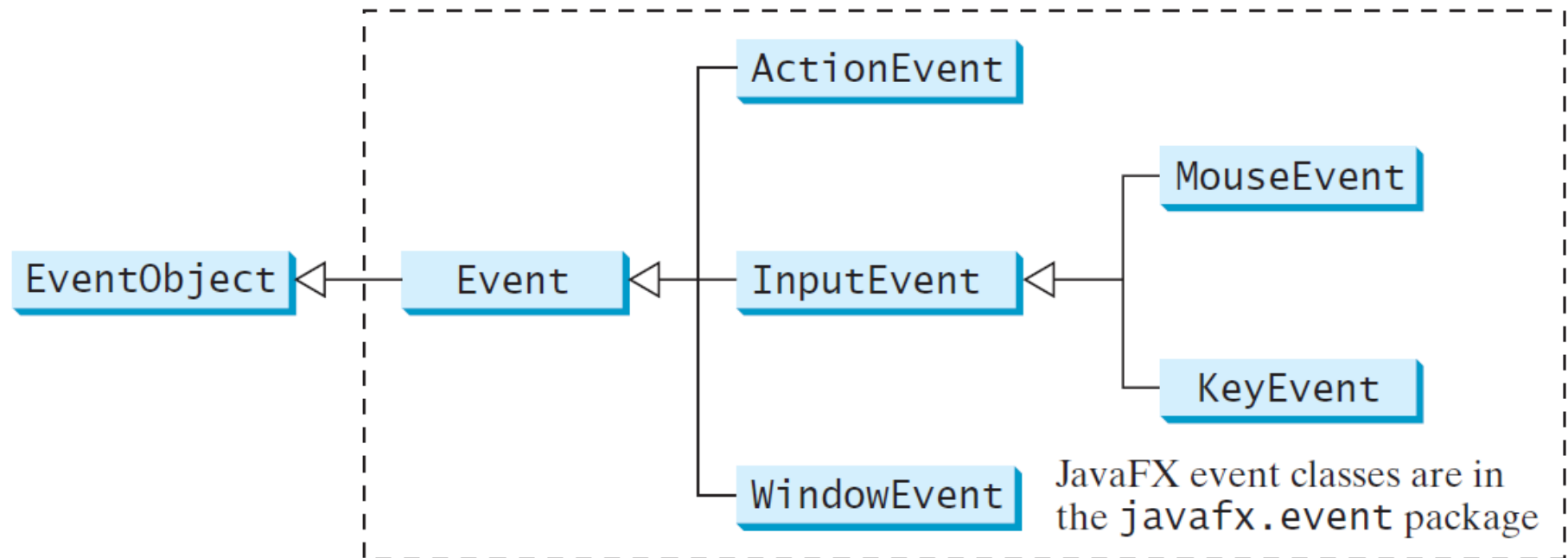
```
StackPane sp = new StackPane();
Circle c = new Circle(50);
c.setStroke(Color.BLACK);
c.setFill(Color.WHITE);
sp.getChildren().add(c);

HBox hBox = new HBox();
hBox.setSpacing(10);
hBox.setAlignment(Pos.CENTER);
Button btnEnlarge = new Button("Enlarge");
btnEnlarge.setOnAction(e->{c.setRadius(c.getRadius()+2);});
Button btnShrink = new Button("Shrink");
btnShrink.setOnAction(e->{c.setRadius(c.getRadius()-2);});
hBox.getChildren().add(btnEnlarge);
hBox.getChildren().add(btnShrink);

BorderPane borderPane = new BorderPane();
borderPane.setCenter(sp);
borderPane.setBottom(hBox);
BorderPane.setAlignment(hBox, Pos.CENTER);
Scene scene = new Scene(borderPane, 250, 200);
primaryStage.titleProperty().bind(c.radiusProperty().asString("Circle: %.0f"));
primaryStage.setScene(scene);
primaryStage.show();
```



JavaFX Events



Event Information

- An event object contains whatever properties are related to the event
- You can identify the source object of the event using the `getSource()` instance method in the `EventObject` class
- The subclasses of `EventObject` deal with special types of events, such as button actions, window events, component events, mouse movements, and keystrokes



Example User Actions & Handlers

<i>User Action</i>	<i>Source Object</i>	<i>Event Type Fired</i>	<i>Event Registration Method</i>
Click a button	Button	ActionEvent	<code>setOnAction(EventHandler<ActionEvent>)</code>
Press Enter in a text field	TextField	ActionEvent	<code>setOnAction(EventHandler<ActionEvent>)</code>
Check or uncheck	RadioButton	ActionEvent	<code>setOnAction(EventHandler<ActionEvent>)</code>
Check or uncheck	CheckBox	ActionEvent	<code>setOnAction(EventHandler<ActionEvent>)</code>
Select a new item	ComboBox	ActionEvent	<code>setOnAction(EventHandler<ActionEvent>)</code>
Mouse pressed	Node, Scene	MouseEvent	<code>setOnMousePressed(EventHandler<MouseEvent>)</code>
Mouse released			<code>setOnMouseReleased(EventHandler<MouseEvent>)</code>
Mouse clicked			<code>setOnMouseClicked(EventHandler<MouseEvent>)</code>
Mouse entered			<code>setOnMouseEntered(EventHandler<MouseEvent>)</code>
Mouse exited			<code>setOnMouseExited(EventHandler<MouseEvent>)</code>
Mouse moved			<code>setOnMouseMoved(EventHandler<MouseEvent>)</code>
Mouse dragged			<code>setOnMouseDragged(EventHandler<MouseEvent>)</code>
Key pressed	Node, Scene	KeyEvent	<code>setOnKeyPressed(EventHandler<KeyEvent>)</code>
Key released			<code>setOnKeyReleased(EventHandler<KeyEvent>)</code>
Key typed			<code>setOnKeyTyped(EventHandler<KeyEvent>)</code>



MouseEvent

`javafx.scene.input.MouseEvent`

```
+getButton(): MouseButton  
+getClickCount(): int  
+getX(): double  
+getY(): double  
+getSceneX(): double  
+getSceneY(): double  
+getScreenX(): double  
+getScreenY(): double  
+isAltDown(): boolean  
+isControlDown(): boolean  
+isMetaDown(): boolean  
+isShiftDown(): boolean
```

Indicates which mouse button has been clicked.

Returns the number of mouse clicks associated with this event.

Returns the *x*-coordinate of the mouse point in the event source node.

Returns the *y*-coordinate of the mouse point in the event source node.

Returns the *x*-coordinate of the mouse point in the scene.

Returns the *y*-coordinate of the mouse point in the scene.

Returns the *x*-coordinate of the mouse point in the screen.

Returns the *y*-coordinate of the mouse point in the screen.

Returns true if the `Alt` key is pressed on this event.

Returns true if the `Control` key is pressed on this event.

Returns true if the mouse `Meta` button is pressed on this event.

Returns true if the `Shift` key is pressed on this event.



KeyEvent

`javafx.scene.input.KeyEvent`

```
+getCharacter(): String  
+getCode(): KeyCode  
+getText(): String  
+isAltDown(): boolean  
+isControlDown(): boolean  
+isMetaDown(): boolean  
+isShiftDown(): boolean
```

Returns the character associated with the key in this event.

Returns the key code associated with the key in this event.

Returns a string describing the key code.

Returns true if the `Alt` key is pressed on this event.

Returns true if the `Control` key is pressed on this event.

Returns true if the mouse `Meta` button is pressed on this event.

Returns true if the `Shift` key is pressed on this event.



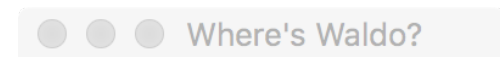
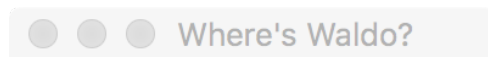
KeyCode Constants

<i>Constant</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Constant</i>	<i>Description</i>
HOME	The Home key	CONTROL	The Control key
END	The End key	SHIFT	The Shift key
PAGE_UP	The Page Up key	BACK_SPACE	The Backspace key
PAGE_DOWN	The Page Down key	CAPS	The Caps Lock key
UP	The up-arrow key	NUM_LOCK	The Num Lock key
DOWN	The down-arrow key	ENTER	The Enter key
LEFT	The left-arrow key	UNDEFINED	The keyCode unknown
RIGHT	The right-arrow key	F1 to F12	The function keys from F1 to F12
ESCAPE	The Esc key	0 to 9	The number keys from 0 to 9
TAB	The Tab key	A to Z	The letter keys from A to Z



Exercise

Write a JavaFX program that allows the user to control the position of the text “Waldo” via Left/Down/Up/Right arrow keys



Waldo



Waldo



Solution

```
Pane pane = new Pane();

Text text = new Text(50, 50, "Waldo");
pane.getChildren().add(text);
text.setOnKeyPressed(e -> {
    switch (e.getCode()) {
        case DOWN:
            text.setY(text.getY() + 5);
            break;
        case UP:
            text.setY(text.getY() - 5);
            break;
        case LEFT:
            text.setX(text.getX() - 5);
            break;
        case RIGHT:
            text.setX(text.getX() + 5);
            break;
        default:
            break;
    }
});

Scene scene = new Scene(pane, 200, 200);
primaryStage.setTitle("Where's Waldo?");
primaryStage.setScene(scene);
primaryStage.show();

text.requestFocus();
```



JavaFX Animations

- JavaFX provides the **Animation** class with the core functionality for all animations
- Look to **PathTransition** for movement along a path
- Look to **FadeTransition** for opacity change over a given time
- The **Timeline** class supports general animation across specified time intervals




Example

```
BorderPane pane = new BorderPane();  
Text text = new Text(50, 50, "");  
pane.setCenter(text);
```

```
Scene scene = new Scene(pane, 200, 200);  
primaryStage.setTitle("Digital Clock");  
primaryStage.setScene(scene);  
primaryStage.show();
```

```
EventHandler<ActionEvent> eH = e->{  
    final LocalDateTime dt = LocalDateTime.now();  
    text.setText(String.format("%d:%02d:%02d %sM",  
        dt.getHour()%12, dt.getMinute(),  
        dt.getSecond(), dt.getHour()>=12?"P":"A"));  
};
```

```
Timeline a = new Timeline(new KeyFrame(Duration.millis(1000), eH));  
a.setCycleCount(Timeline.INDEFINITE);  
a.play();
```

A window title bar for a window titled "Digital Clock". It features three standard macOS-style window control buttons (red, yellow, green) on the left.

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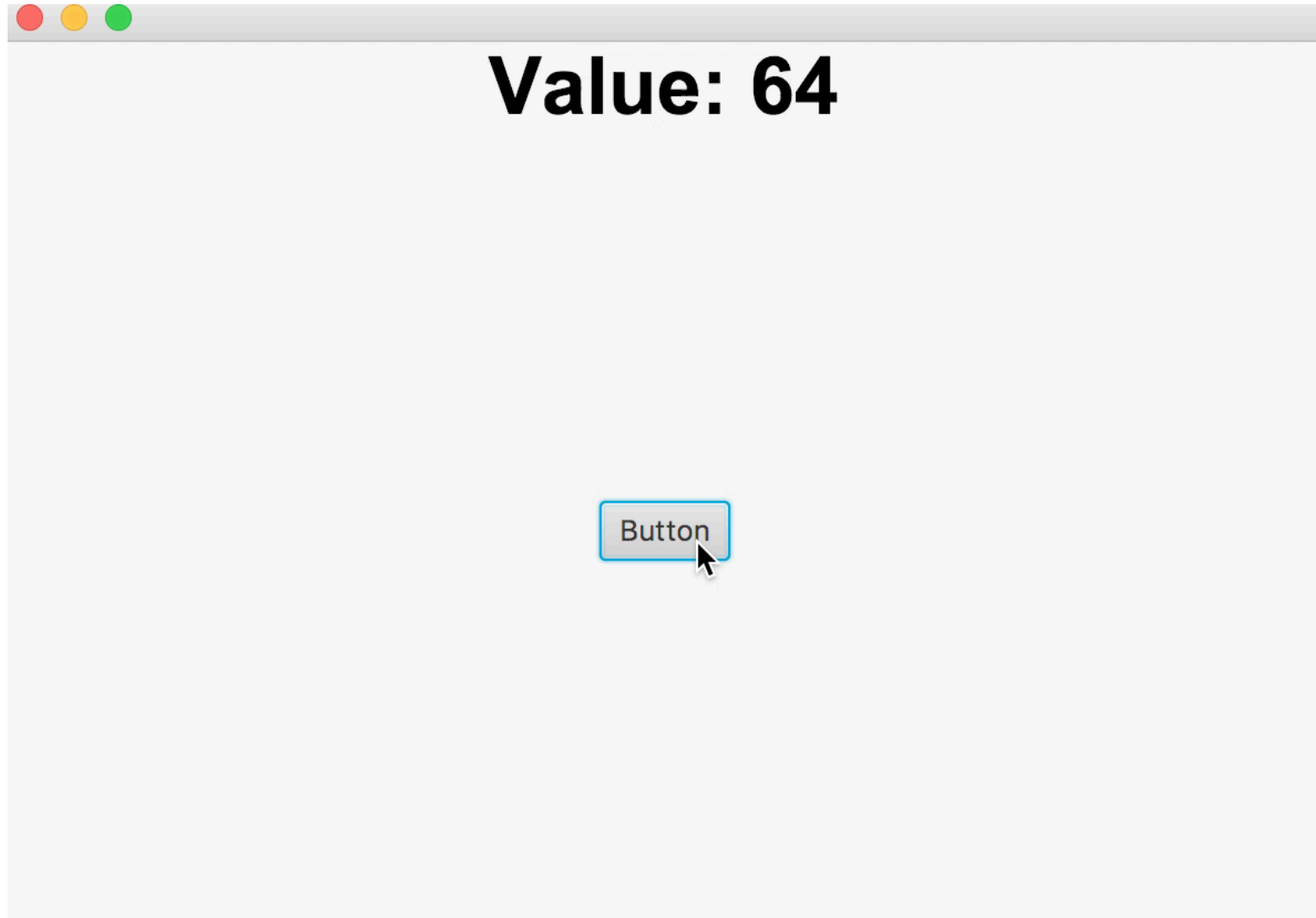


Using SceneBuilder

1. Make a class that extends **Application** and implements **Initializable**
2. Create an FXML file, open in SceneBuilder
3. Lower left, Controller: set “Controller class” to your class from drop-down list
4. For any element you wish to access in code...
 - a) Create an instance variable of the appropriate type, annotate with **@FXML**
 - b) Click element; right, code: set “fx:id” to variable name from drop-down list
5. For any events to handle, either...
 - a) Choose instance method via “On Action”; OR
 - b) Register event handler in **initialize** method
6. Fill in **start** method for FXML load



Button -> Random Text

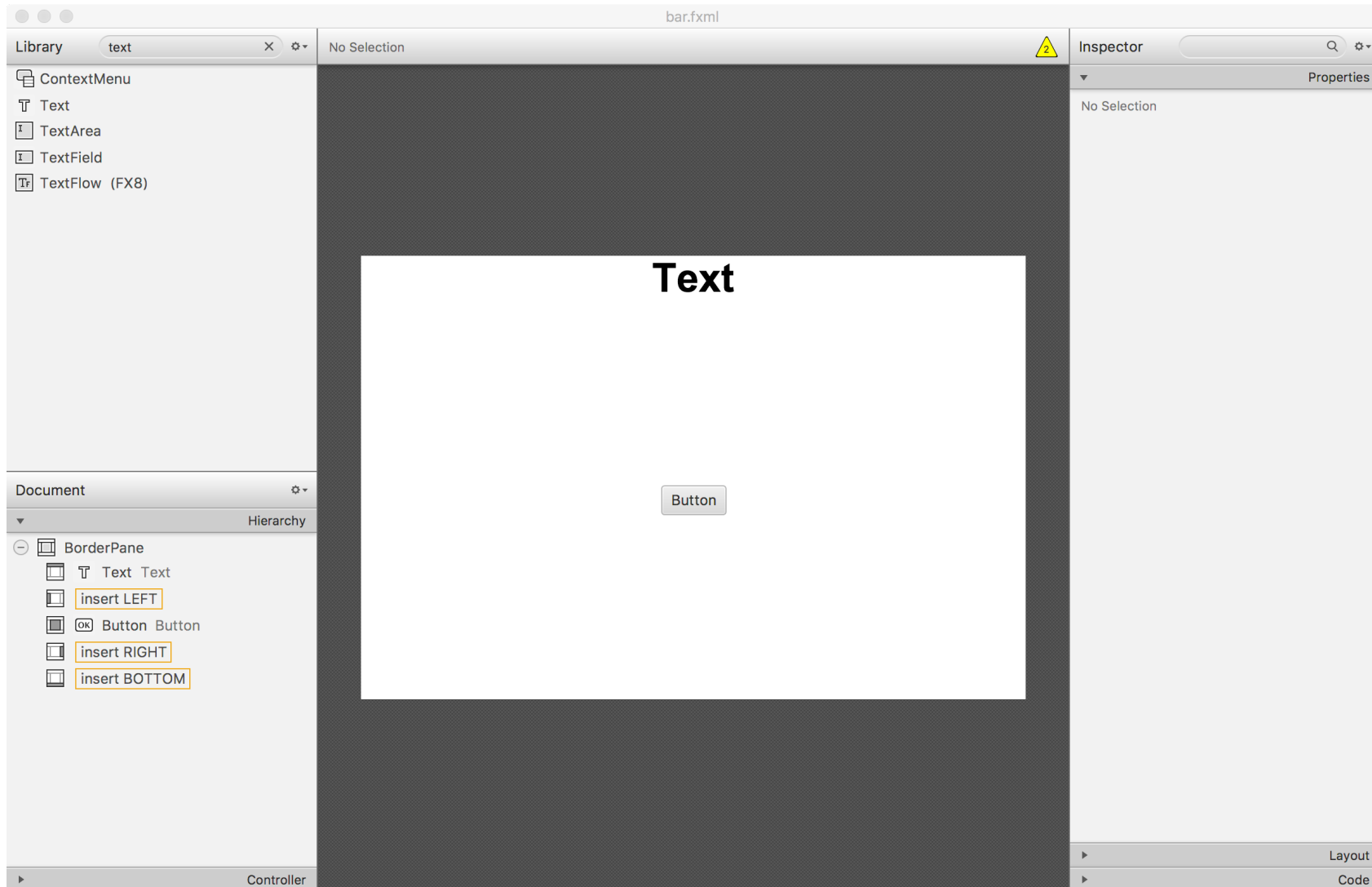


Example (1)

```
public class MainController extends Application implements Initializable {  
    @Override public void start(Stage primaryStage) throws Exception {  
    }  
  
    @Override  
    public void initialize(URL location, ResourceBundle resources) {  
    }  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        launch(args);  
    }  
}
```



Example (2)



Example (3)

The screenshot displays an IDE interface for a JavaFX application. The main window, titled "bar.fxml", shows a simple UI with a "Text" label and a "Button". The "Library" panel on the left lists various JavaFX components. The "Inspector" panel on the right is currently empty. The "Document" panel at the bottom left shows the "Controller class" dropdown menu open, with "p13.MainController" selected. The "Assigned fx:id" table is empty, showing "No content in table".



Example (4a)

```
public class MainController extends Application implements Initializable {
    @FXML
    Button myButton;

    @FXML
    Text myText;

    @Override
    public void start(Stage primaryStage) throws Exception {
    }

    @Override
    public void initialize(URL location, ResourceBundle resources) {
    }

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        launch(args);
    }
}
```



Example (4b)

The screenshot displays the Adobe Animate IDE interface for a document named 'bar.fxml'. The central workspace shows a white rectangular area with the word 'Text' centered at the top. Below the text, a small grey 'Button' component is being positioned, indicated by blue dashed lines around it. The 'Library' panel on the left lists various components, including 'Containers' (Accordion, AnchorPane, BorderPane, FlowPane, GridPane, HBox, Pane, ScrollPane) and 'Controls' (Menu, Miscellaneous, Shapes, Charts, 3D). The 'Inspector' panel on the right shows the properties for the selected 'Button' component. The 'Identity' section includes a dropdown menu for 'fx:id' with 'myButton' selected. The 'On Action' section has a dropdown menu with 'myText' selected. The 'DragDrop' section lists various events such as 'On Drag Detected', 'On Drag Done', 'On Drag Dropped', 'On Drag Entered', 'On Drag Exited', 'On Drag Over', 'On Mouse Drag Entered', 'On Mouse Drag Exited', 'On Mouse Drag Over', and 'On Mouse Drag Released', each with a corresponding dropdown menu.



Example (5a)

The screenshot shows the IntelliJ IDEA IDE interface for editing an FXML file named `bar.fxml`. The main editor area displays a visual representation of the FXML content, which includes a `Text` component and a `Button` component. The `Button` component is highlighted with a blue border and a small blue tooltip that reads `myInstanceMethod`. The `Inspector` tool on the right side of the IDE shows the properties and actions for the selected `Button` component. The `On Action` event handler is set to `#myInstanceMethod`. The `Inspector` tool also shows the `Properties`, `Layout`, and `Code` tabs for the `Button` component. The `Document` tool on the left side of the IDE shows the hierarchy of the FXML document, which includes a `BorderPane` container containing a `Text` component and a `Button` component. The `Document` tool also shows the `insert LEFT`, `insert RIGHT`, and `insert BOTTOM` actions for the `Button` component.



Example (5b)

```
public class MainController extends Application implements Initializable {
    @FXML
    Button myButton;

    @FXML
    Text myText;

    @Override
    public void start(Stage primaryStage) throws Exception {
    }

    @Override
    public void initialize(URL location, ResourceBundle resources) {
        myButton.setOnAction(e->{
            myText.setText(String.format("Value: %d", (new Random()).nextInt(100)));
        });
    }

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        launch(args);
    }
}
```



Example (6)

```
public class MainController extends Application implements Initializable {
    @FXML
    Button myButton;

    @FXML
    Text myText;

    @Override
    public void start(Stage primaryStage) throws Exception {
        final FXMLLoader loader = new FXMLLoader(getClass().getResource("bar.fxml"));
        final Pane p = loader.load();

        primaryStage.setScene(new Scene(p));
        primaryStage.show();
    }

    @Override
    public void initialize(URL location, ResourceBundle resources) {
        myButton.setOnAction(e->{
            myText.setText(String.format("Value: %d", (new Random()).nextInt(100)));
        });
    }

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        launch(args);
    }
}
```



Take Home Points

- Event-driven programming is a way of delegating responsibility for handling an event to a class
- JavaFX makes heavy use of this model via the `EventHandler` interface
- You now have the basics to create interactive GUIs via code and/or `SceneBuilder`

