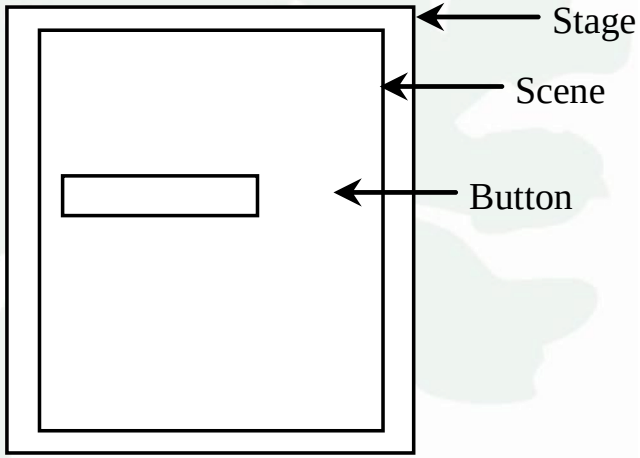
Basic Structure of JavaFX

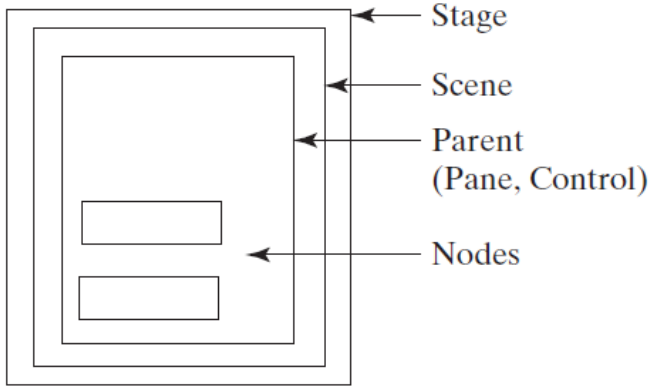
- Application
- Override the start(Stage) method
- Stage, Scene, and Nodes



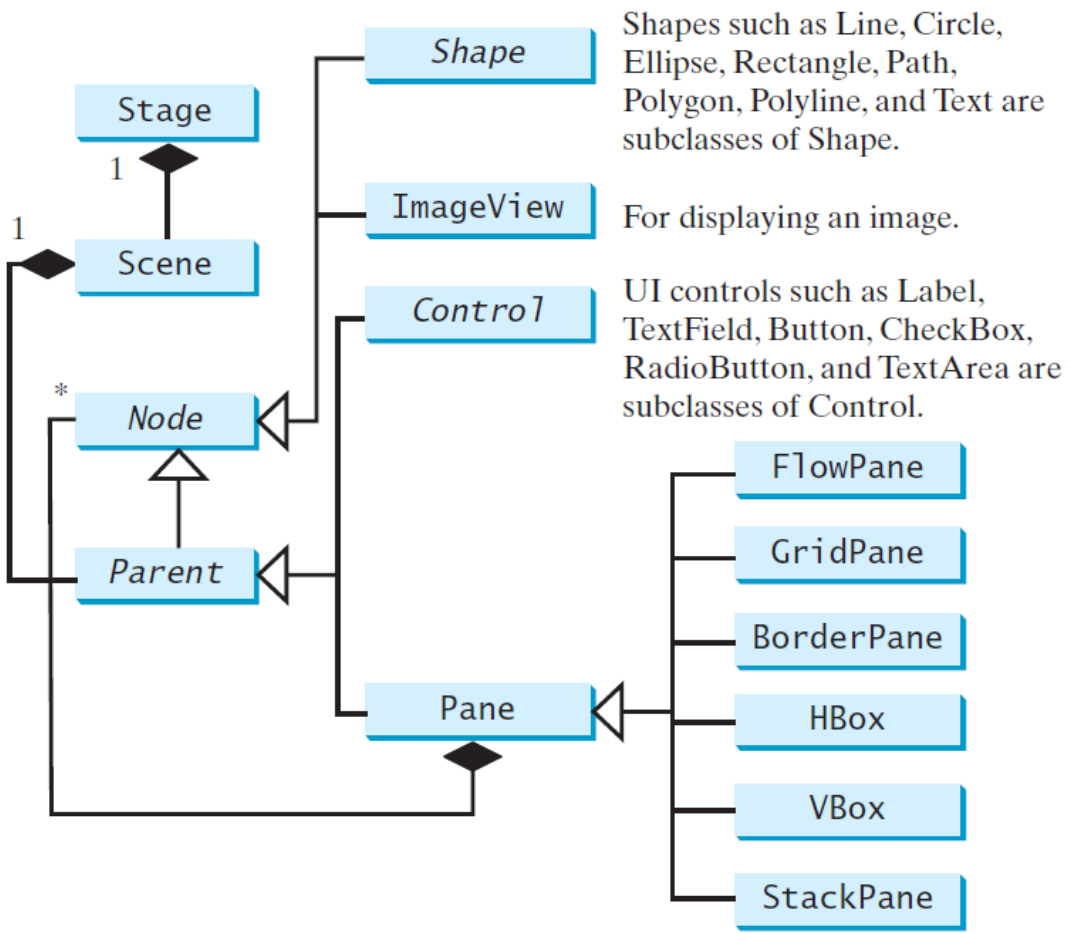
MyJavaFX Run

MultipleStageDemo Run

Panes, UI Controls, and Shapes



(a)

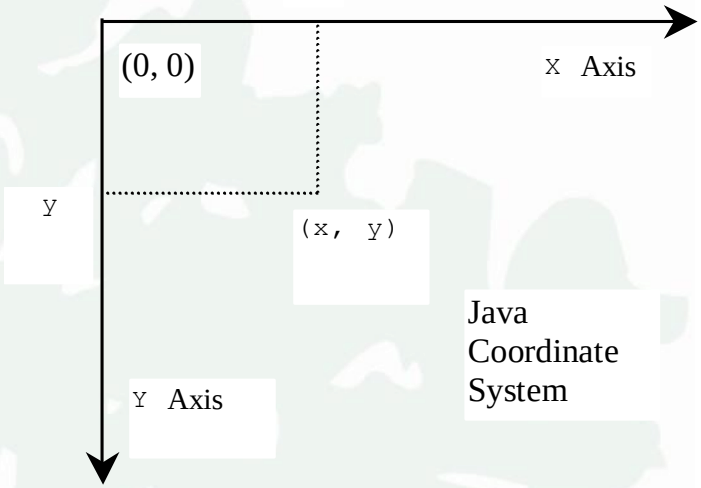


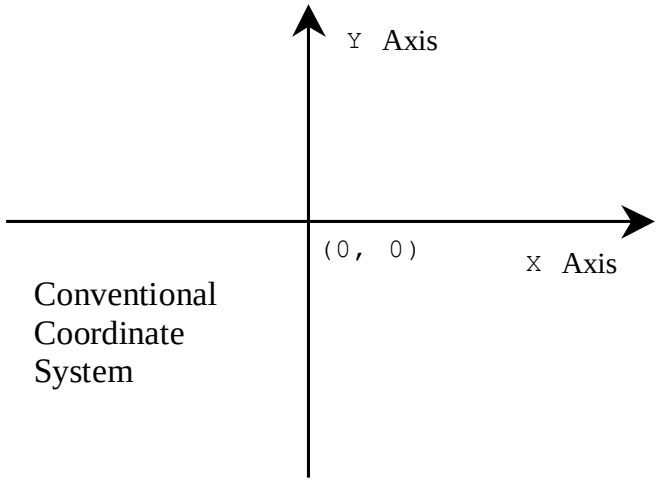
(b)

ButtonInPane Run

Display a Shape

This example displays a circle in the center of the pane.





ShowCircle Run

Binding Properties

JavaFX introduces a new concept called *binding property* that enables a *target object* to be bound to a *source object*. If the value in the source object changes, the target property is also changed automatically. The target object is simply called a *binding object* or a *binding property*.

ShowCircleCentered Run

Binding Property: getter, setter, and property getter

```
public class SomeClassName {

  private PropertyType x;

  /** Value getter method */
  public propertyValueType getX() { ... }

  /** Value setter method */
  public void setX(propertyValueType value) { ... }

  /** Property getter method */
  public PropertyType
    xProperty() { ... }
}
```

(a) x is a binding property

```
public class Circle {

  private DoubleProperty centerX;

  /** Value getter method */
  public double getCenterX() { ... }

  /** Value setter method */
  public void setCenterX(double value) { ... }

  /** Property getter method */
  public DoubleProperty centerXProperty() { ... }
}
```

(b) centerX is binding property

Uni/Bidirectional Binding

BindingDemo Run

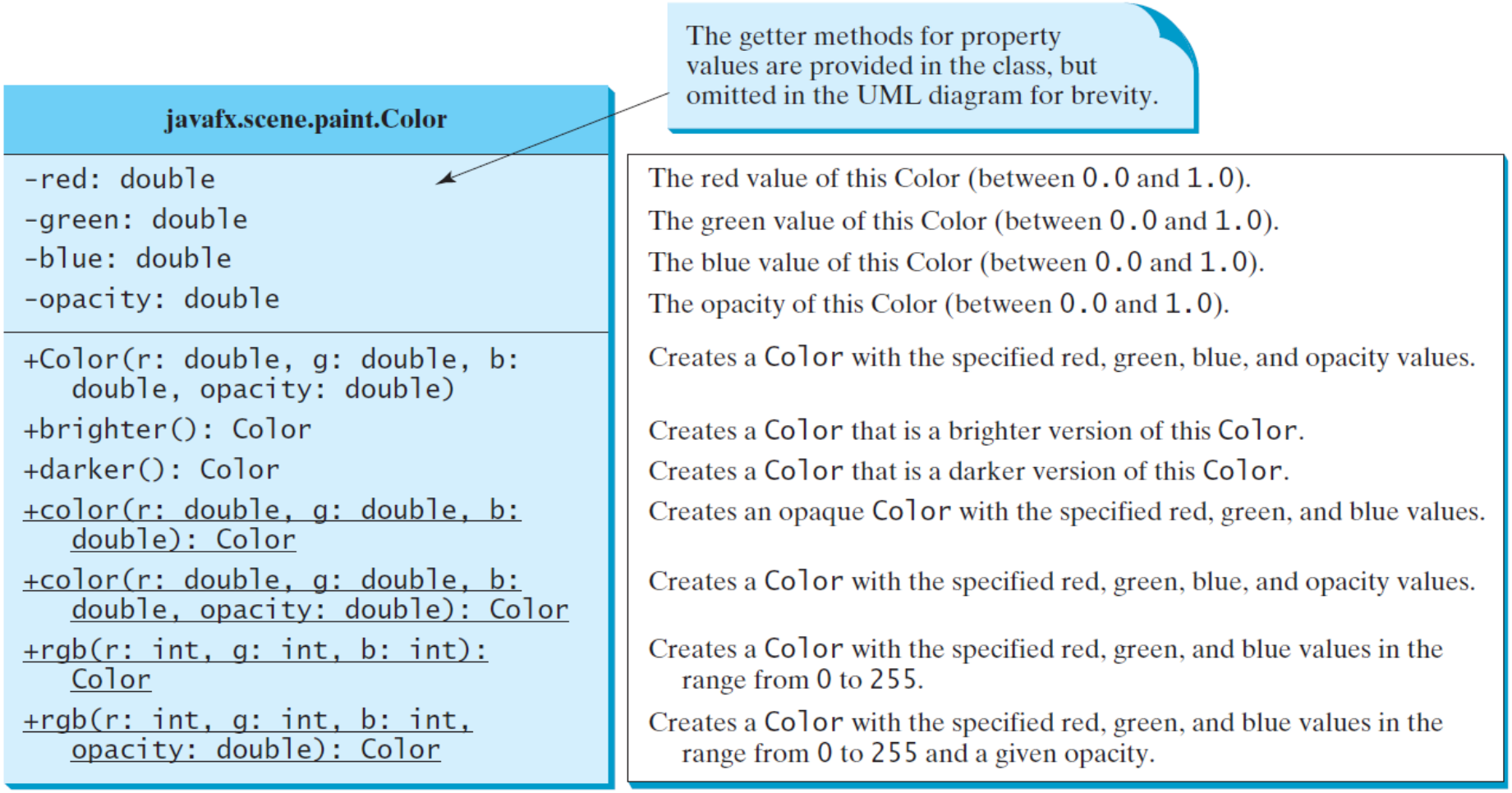
BidirectionalBindingDemo Run

Common Properties and Methods for Nodes

- style: set a JavaFX CSS style
- rotate: Rotate a node

NodeStyleRotateDemo Run

The Color Class



The Font Class

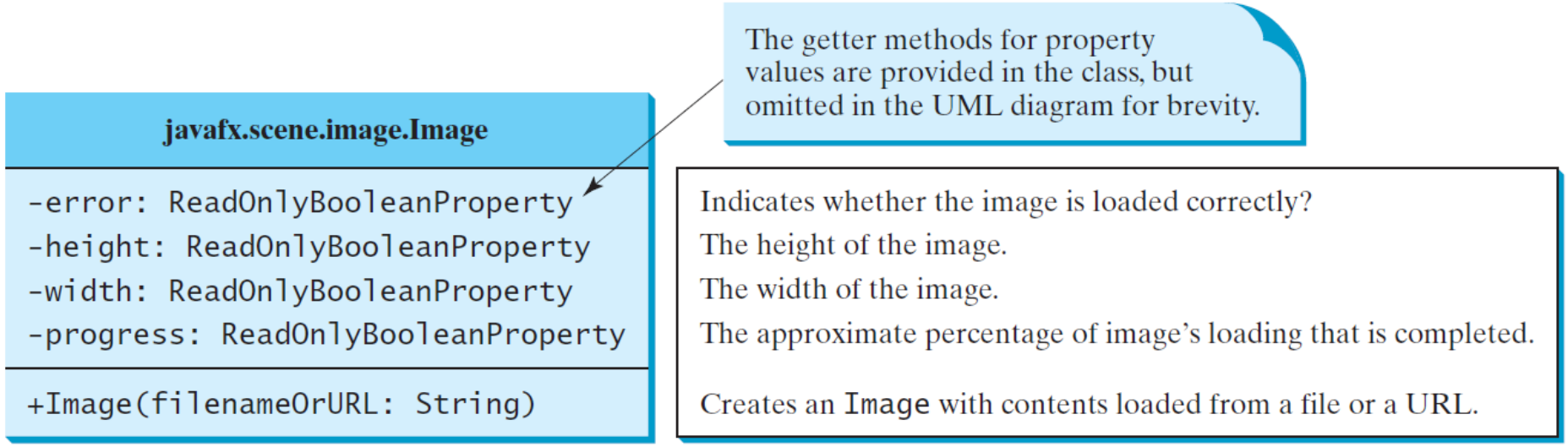
The getter methods for property values are provided in the class, but omitted in the UML diagram for brevity.

javafx.scene.text.Font

-size: double	The size of this font.
-name: String	The name of this font.
-family: String	The family of this font.
+Font(size: double)	Creates a Font with the specified size.
+Font(name: String, size: double)	Creates a Font with the specified full font name and size.
+font(name: String, size: double)	Creates a Font with the specified name and size.
+font(name: String, w: FontWeight, size: double)	Creates a Font with the specified name, weight, and size.
+font(name: String, w: FontWeight, p: FontPosture, size: double)	Creates a Font with the specified name, weight, posture, and size.
+getFamilies(): List<String>	Returns a list of font family names.
+getFontNames(): List<String>	Returns a list of full font names including family and weight.

FontDemo Run

The Image Class



The ImageView Class

The getter and setter methods for property values and a getter for property itself are provided in the class, but omitted in the UML diagram for brevity.

javafx.scene.image.ImageView

```
-fitHeight: DoubleProperty
-fitWidth: DoubleProperty
-x: DoubleProperty
-y: DoubleProperty
-image: ObjectProperty<Image>
```

```
+ImageView()
+ImageView(image: Image)
+ImageView(filenameOrURL: String)
```

The height of the bounding box within which the image is resized to fit.
The width of the bounding box within which the image is resized to fit.
The x-coordinate of the ImageView origin.
The y-coordinate of the ImageView origin.
The image to be displayed in the image view.

Creates an `ImageView`.
Creates an `ImageView` with the specified image.
Creates an `ImageView` with image loaded from the specified file or URL.

ShowImage Run

Layout Panes

JavaFX provides many types of panes for organizing nodes in a container.

Class	*Description*
`Pane`	Base class for layout panes. It contains the `getChildren()` method for returning a list of nodes in the pane.
`StackPane`	Places the nodes on top of each other in the center of the pane.
`FlowPane`	Places the nodes row-by-row horizontally or column-by-column vertically.
`GridPane`	Places the nodes in the cells in a two-dimensional grid.
`BorderPane`	Places the nodes in the top, right, bottom, left, and center regions.
`HBox`	Places the nodes in a single row.
`VBox`	Places the nodes in a single column.

FlowPane

The getter and setter methods for property values and a getter for property itself are provided in the class, but omitted in the UML diagram for brevity.

javafx.scene.layout.FlowPane

```
-alignment: ObjectProperty<Pos>
-orientation:
   ObjectProperty<Orientation>
-hgap: DoubleProperty
-vgap: DoubleProperty
```

```
+FlowPane()
+FlowPane(hgap: double, vgap:
   double)
+FlowPane(orientation:
   ObjectProperty<Orientation>)
+FlowPane(orientation:
   ObjectProperty<Orientation>,
   hgap: double, vgap: double
```

The overall alignment of the content in this pane (default: `Pos.LEFT`).
The orientation in this pane (default: `Orientation.HORIZONTAL`).

The horizontal gap between the nodes (default: `0`).
The vertical gap between the nodes (default: `0`).

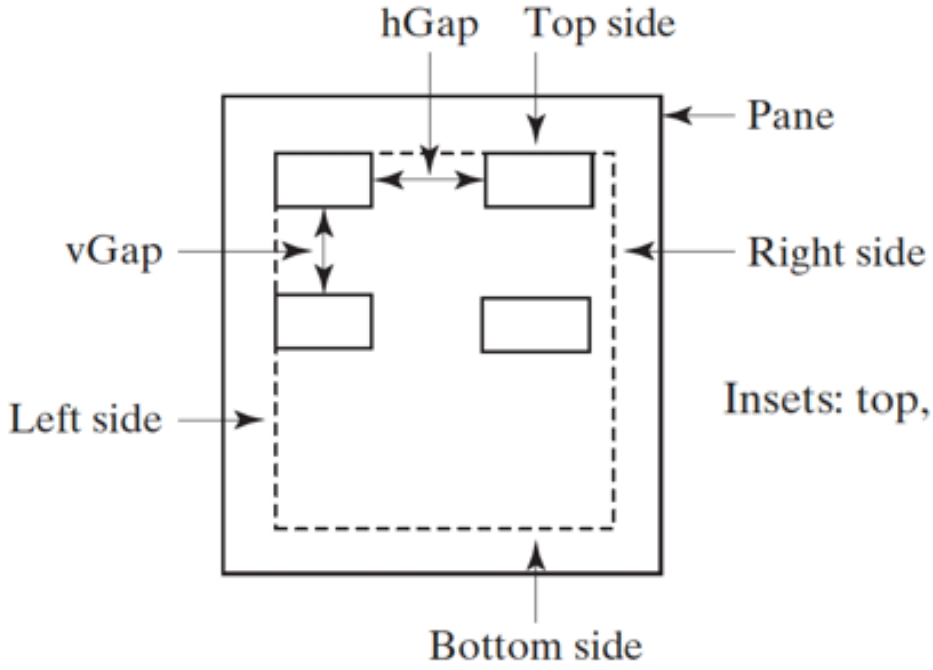
Creates a default `FlowPane`.
Creates a `FlowPane` with a specified horizontal and vertical gap.

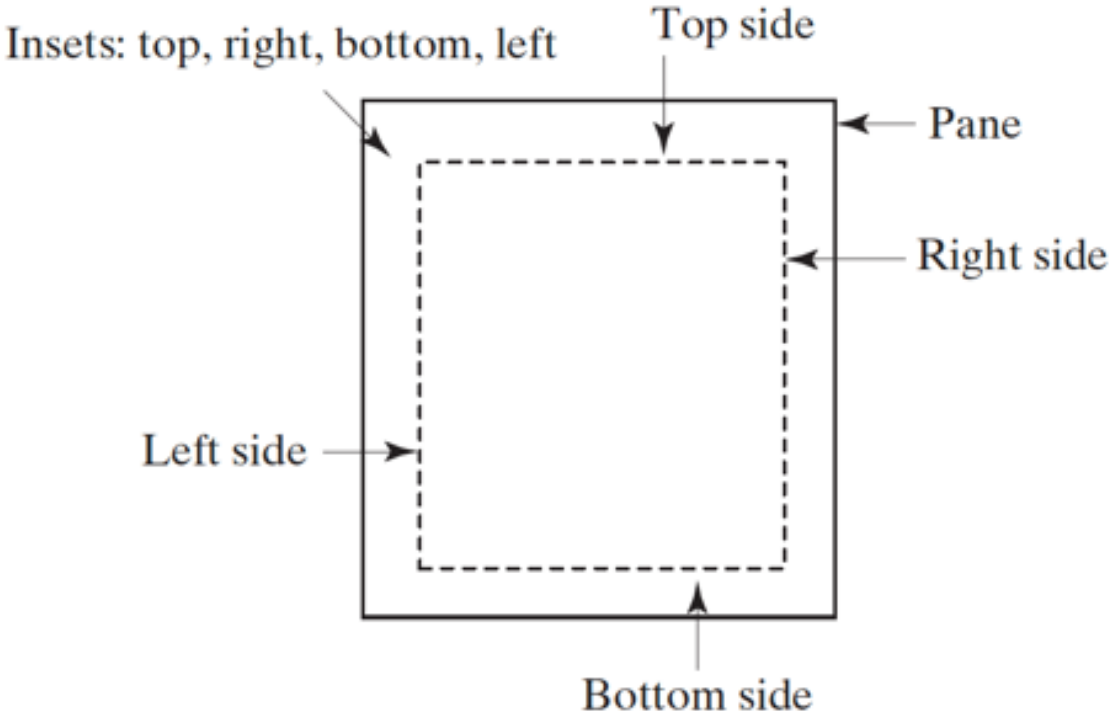
Creates a `FlowPane` with a specified orientation.

Creates a `FlowPane` with a specified orientation, horizontal gap and vertical gap.

MultipleStageDemo Run

Gaps





GridPane

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The getter and setter methods for property values and a getter for property itself are provided in the class, but omitted in the UML diagram for brevity.

javafx.scene.layout.GridPane

```
-alignment: ObjectProperty<Pos>
-gridLinesVisible:
   BooleanProperty
-hgap: DoubleProperty
-vgap: DoubleProperty
```

```
+GridPane()
+add(child: Node, columnIndex:
   int, rowIndex: int): void
+addColumn(columnIndex: int,
   children: Node...): void
+addRow(rowIndex: int,
   children: Node...): void
+getColumnIndex(child: Node):
   int
+setColumnIndex(child: Node,
   columnIndex: int): void
+getRowIndex(child:Node): int
+setRowIndex(child: Node,
   rowIndex: int): void
+setHalighnment(child: Node,
   value: HPos): void
+setValighnment(child: Node,
   value: VPos): void
```

The overall alignment of the content in this pane (default: `Pos.LEFT`).
Is the grid line visible? (default: `false`)

The horizontal gap between the nodes (default: 0).
The vertical gap between the nodes (default: 0).

Creates a `GridPane`.
Adds a node to the specified column and row.

Adds multiple nodes to the specified column.

Adds multiple nodes to the specified row.

Returns the column index for the specified node.

Sets a node to a new column. This method repositions the node.

Returns the row index for the specified node.
Sets a node to a new row. This method repositions the node.

Sets the horizontal alignment for the child in the cell.

Sets the vertical alignment for the child in the cell.

ShowGridPane

Run

BorderPane

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The getter and setter methods for property values and a getter for property itself are provided in the class, but omitted in the UML diagram for brevity.

javafx.scene.layout.BorderPane

```
-top: ObjectProperty<Node>
-right: ObjectProperty<Node>
-bottom: ObjectProperty<Node>
-left: ObjectProperty<Node>
-center: ObjectProperty<Node>
```

```
+BorderPane()
+setAlignment(child: Node, pos: Pos)
```

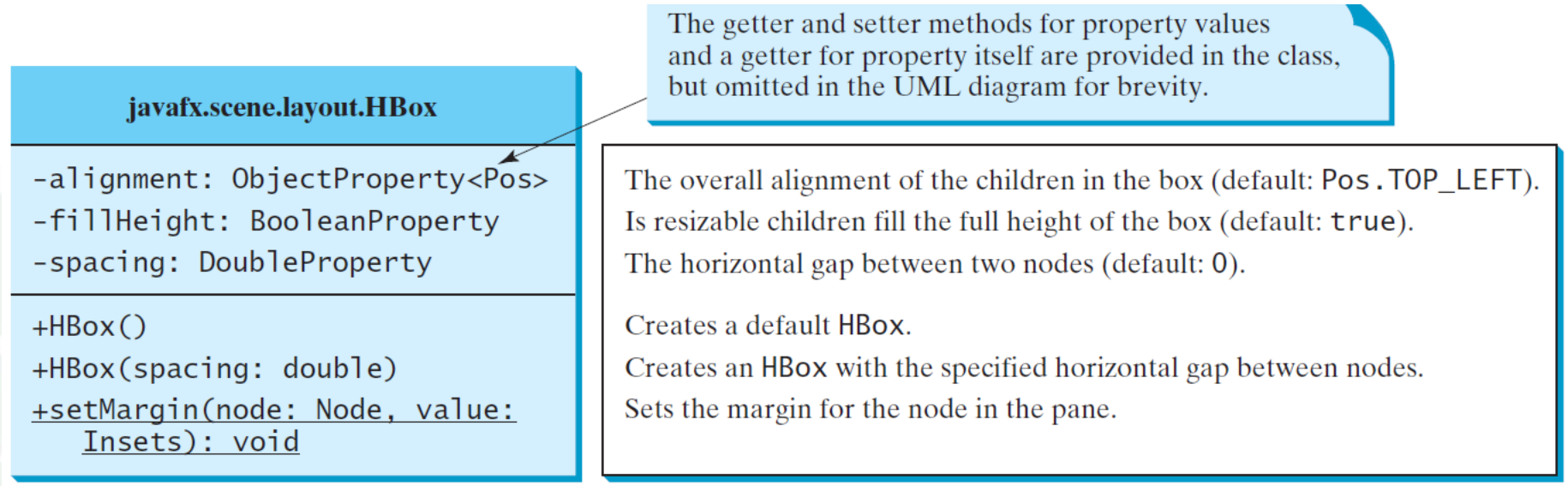
The node placed in the top region (default: `null`).
The node placed in the right region (default: `null`).
The node placed in the bottom region (default: `null`).
The node placed in the left region (default: `null`).
The node placed in the center region (default: `null`).

Creates a `BorderPane`.

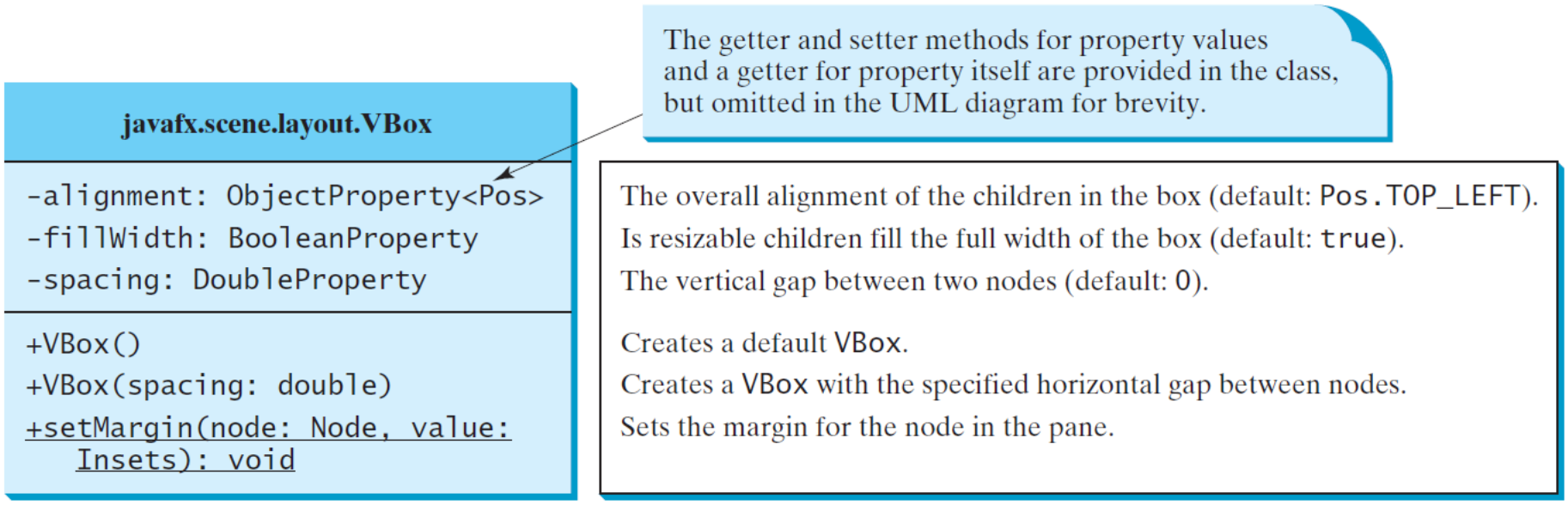
Sets the alignment of the node in the `BorderPane`.

ShowBorderPane Run

HBox


javafx.scene.layout.HBox
-alignment: ObjectProperty<Pos>
-fillHeight: BooleanProperty
-spacing: DoubleProperty
+HBox()
+HBox(spacing: double)
+setMargin(node: Node, value: Insets): void
The getter and setter methods for property values and a getter for property itself are provided in the class, but omitted in the UML diagram for brevity.
The overall alignment of the children in the box (default: Pos.TOP_LEFT).
Is resizable children fill the full height of the box (default: true).
The horizontal gap between two nodes (default: 0).
Creates a default HBox.
Creates an HBox with the specified horizontal gap between nodes.
Sets the margin for the node in the pane.

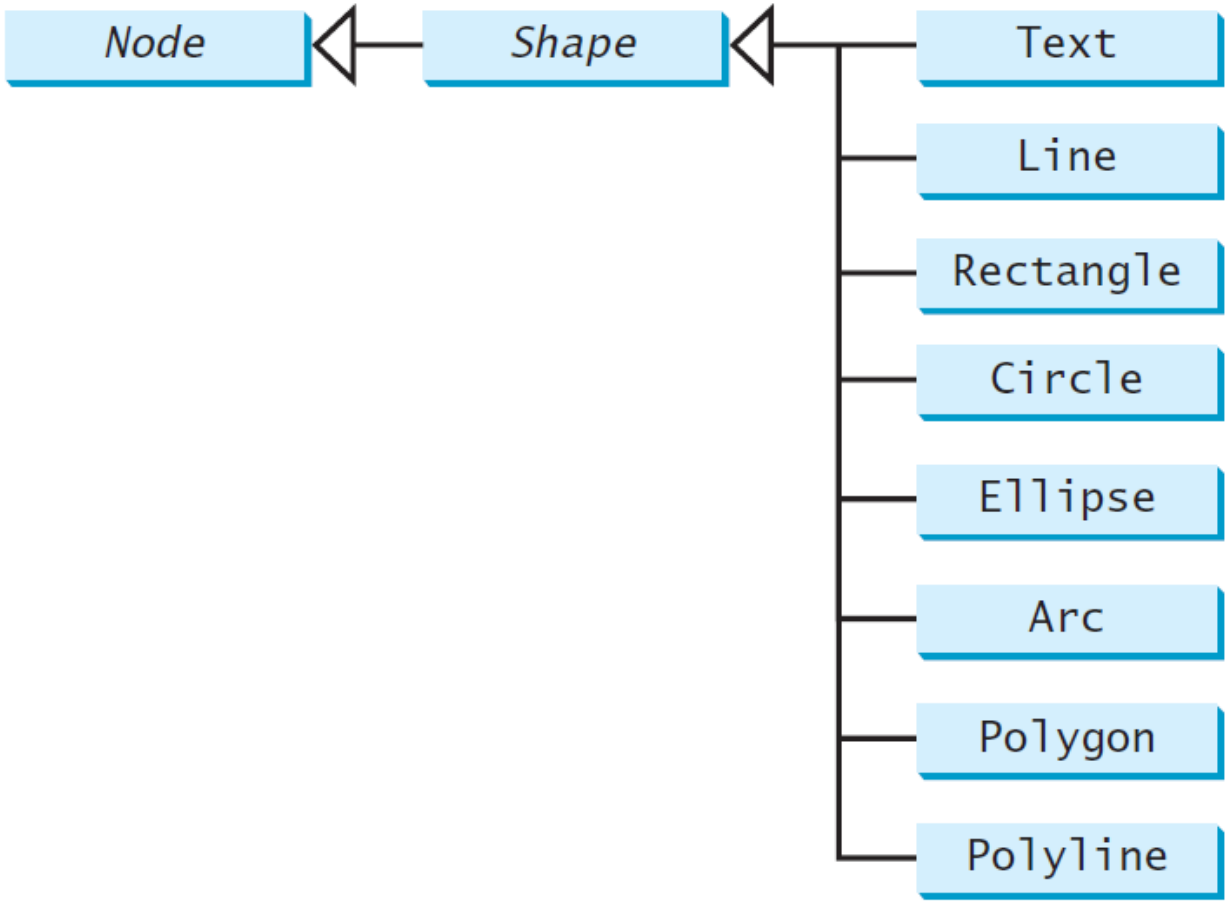
VBox



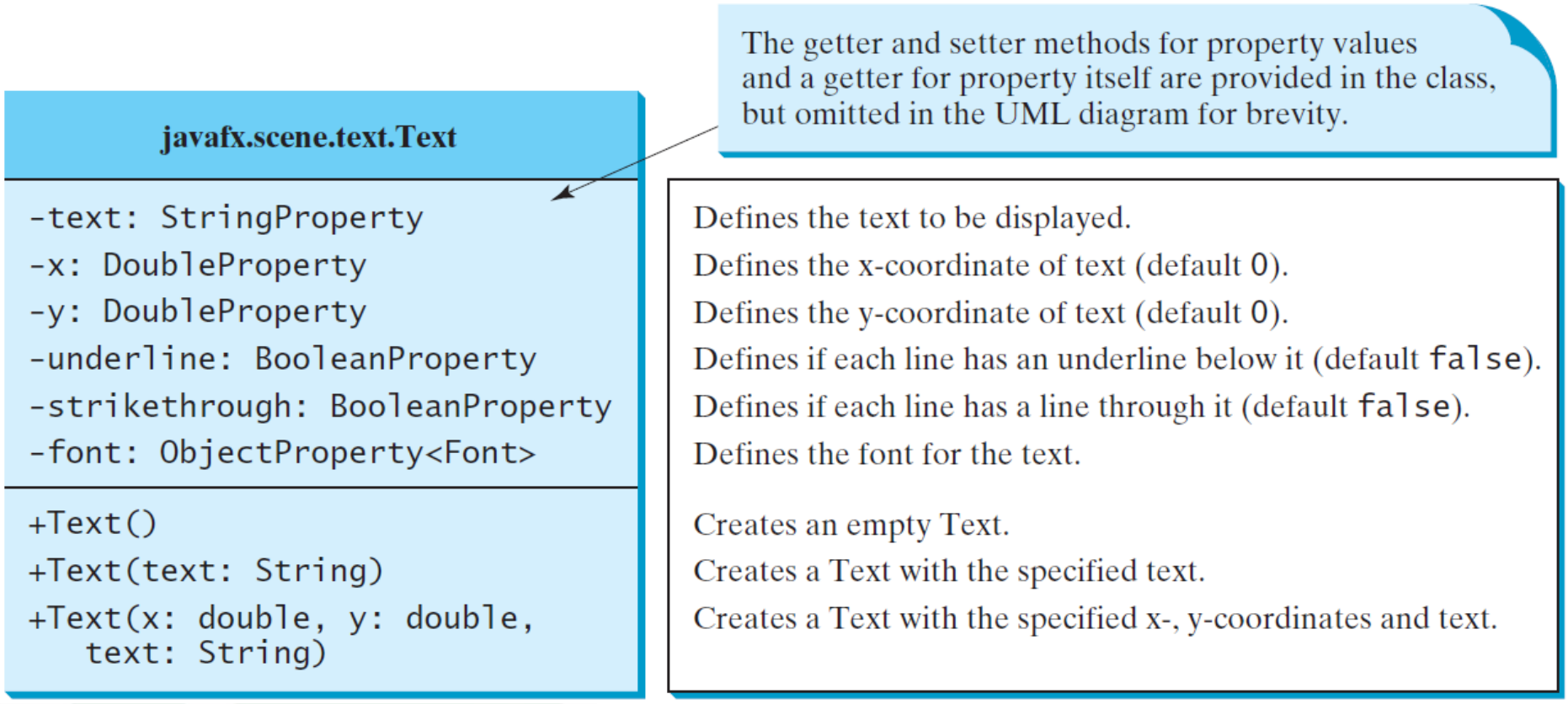
ShowHBoxVBox Run

Shapes

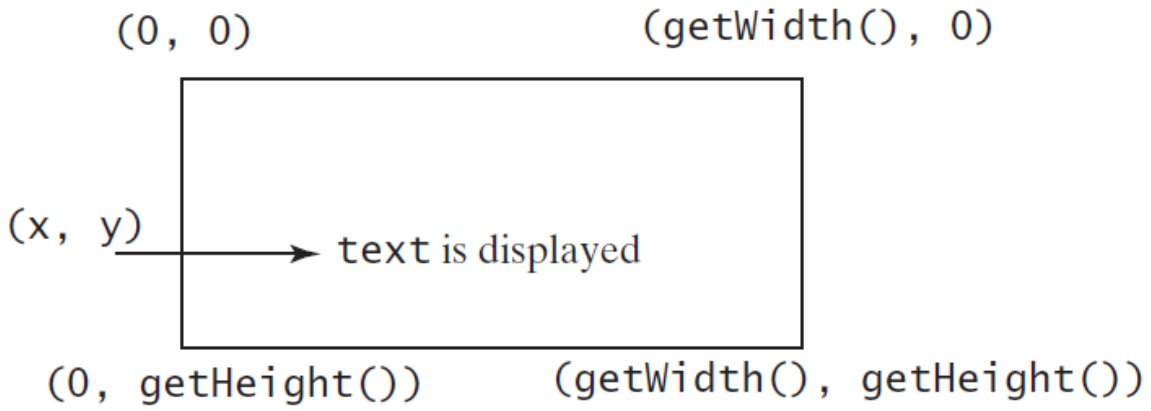
JavaFX provides many shape classes for drawing texts, lines, circles, rectangles, ellipses, arcs, polygons, and polylines.



Text



Text Example



(a) Text(x, y, text)

(b) *Three* Text *objects are displayed*

ShowText Run

Line

The getter and setter methods for property values and a getter for property itself are provided in the class, but omitted in the UML diagram for brevity.

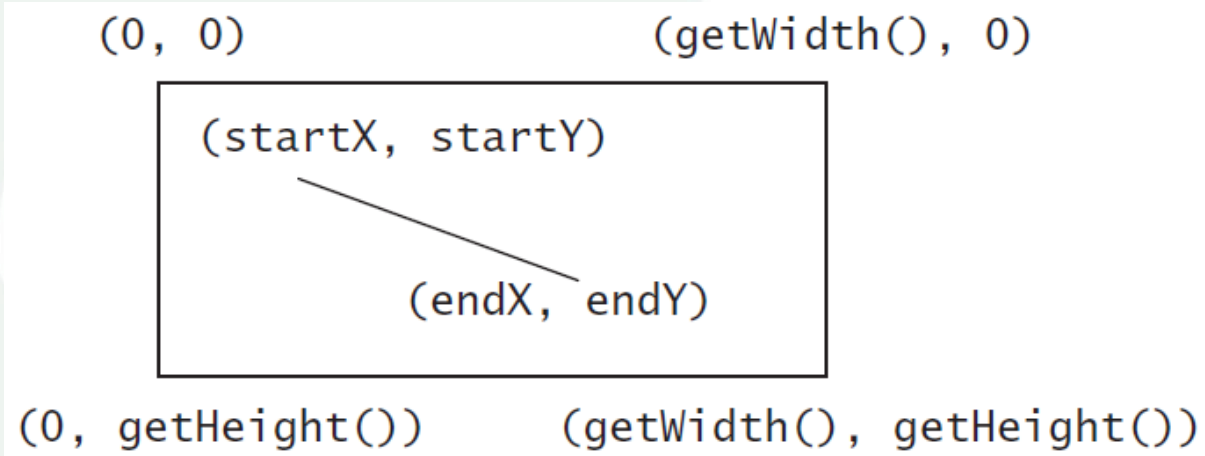
javafx.scene.shape.Line

```
-startX: DoubleProperty
-startY: DoubleProperty
-endX: DoubleProperty
-endY: DoubleProperty
```

```
+Line()
+Line(startX: double, startY:
   double, endX: double, endY:
   double)
```

The x-coordinate of the start point.
The y-coordinate of the start point.
The x-coordinate of the end point.
The y-coordinate of the end point.

Creates an empty `Line`.
Creates a `Line` with the specified starting and ending points.



ShowLine

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Rectangle

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javafx.scene.shape.Rectangle

```
-x: DoubleProperty
-y:DoubleProperty
-width: DoubleProperty
-height: DoubleProperty
-arcWidth: DoubleProperty

-arcHeight: DoubleProperty
```

```
+Rectangle()
+Rectanlge(x: double, y:
   double, width: double,
   height: double)
```

The x-coordinate of the upper-left corner of the rectangle (default 0).

The y-coordinate of the upper-left corner of the rectangle (default 0).

The width of the rectangle (default: 0).

The height of the rectangle (default: 0).

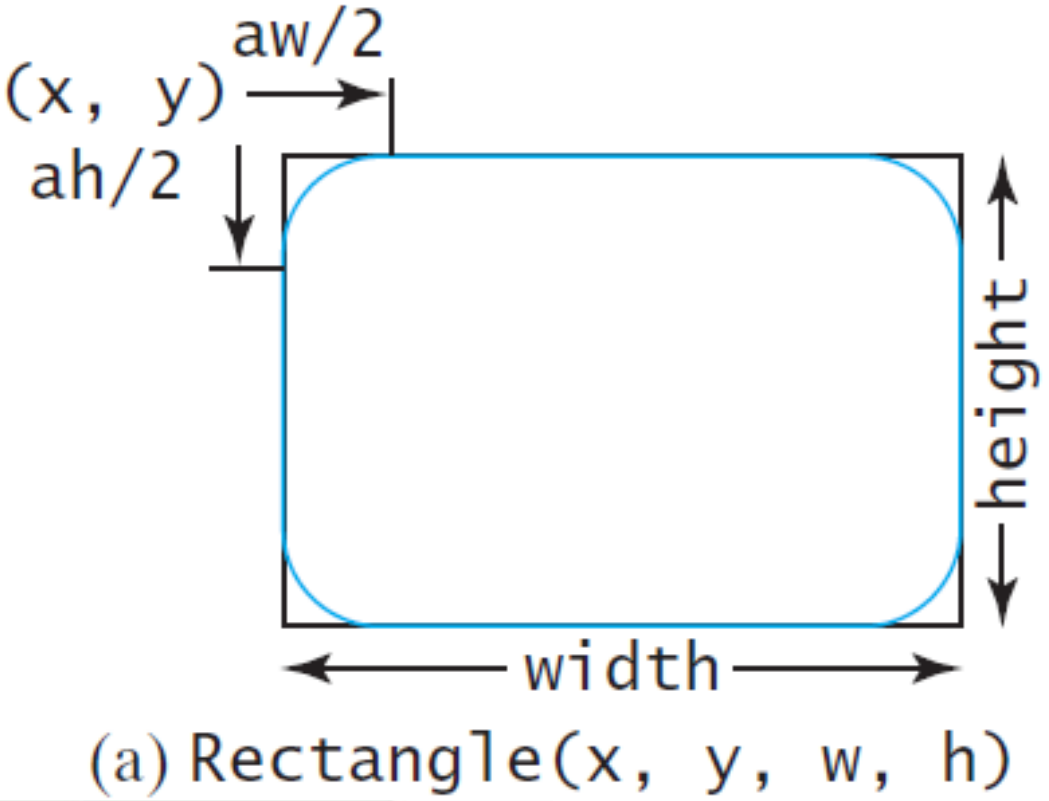
The `arcWidth` of the rectangle (default: 0). `arcWidth` is the horizontal diameter of the arcs at the corner (see Figure 14.31a).

The `arcHeight` of the rectangle (default: 0). `arcHeight` is the vertical diameter of the arcs at the corner (see Figure 14.31a).

Creates an empty `Rectangle`.

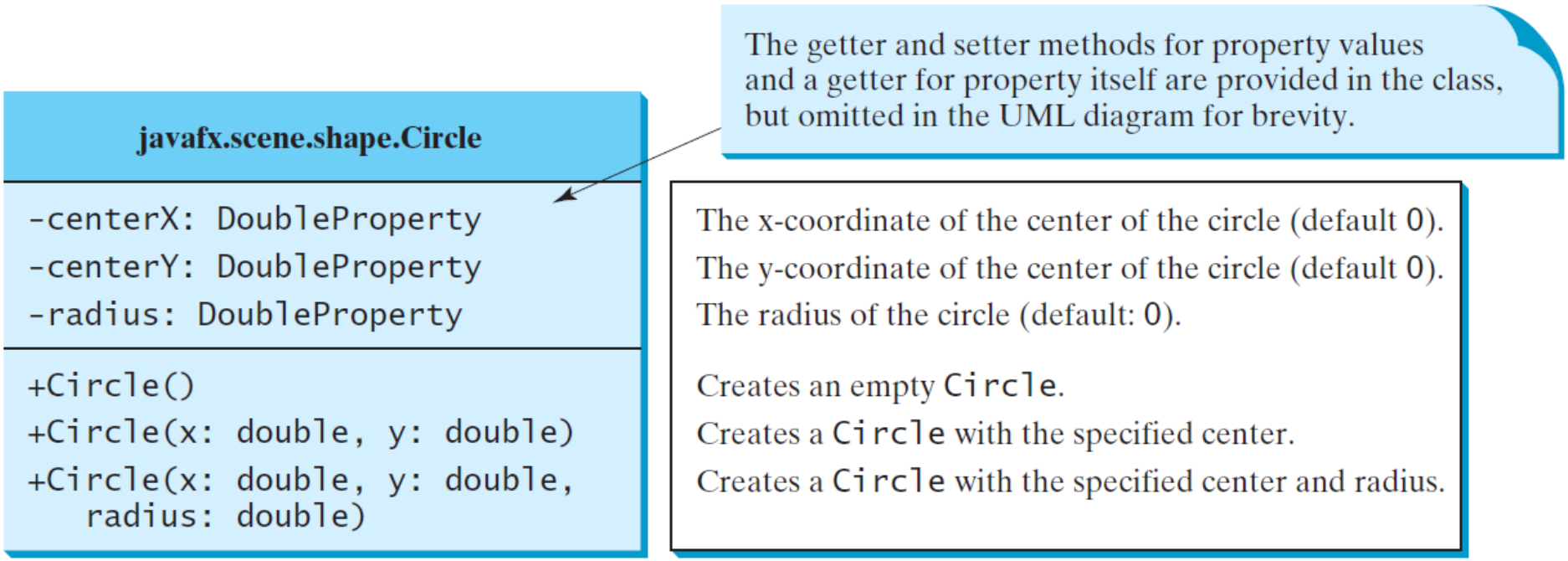
Creates a `Rectangle` with the specified upper-left corner point, width, and height.

Rectangle Example



ShowRectangle Run

Circle



Ellipse

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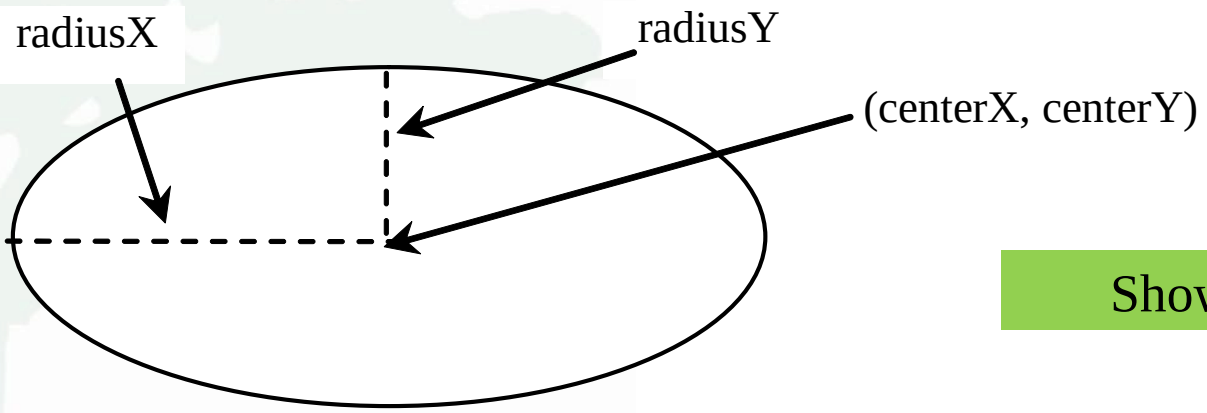
javafx.scene.shape.Ellipse

```
-centerX: DoubleProperty
-centerY: DoubleProperty
-radiusX: DoubleProperty
-radiusY: DoubleProperty
```

```
+Ellipse()
+Ellipse(x: double, y: double)
+Ellipse(x: double, y: double,
   radiusX: double, radiusY:
   double)
```

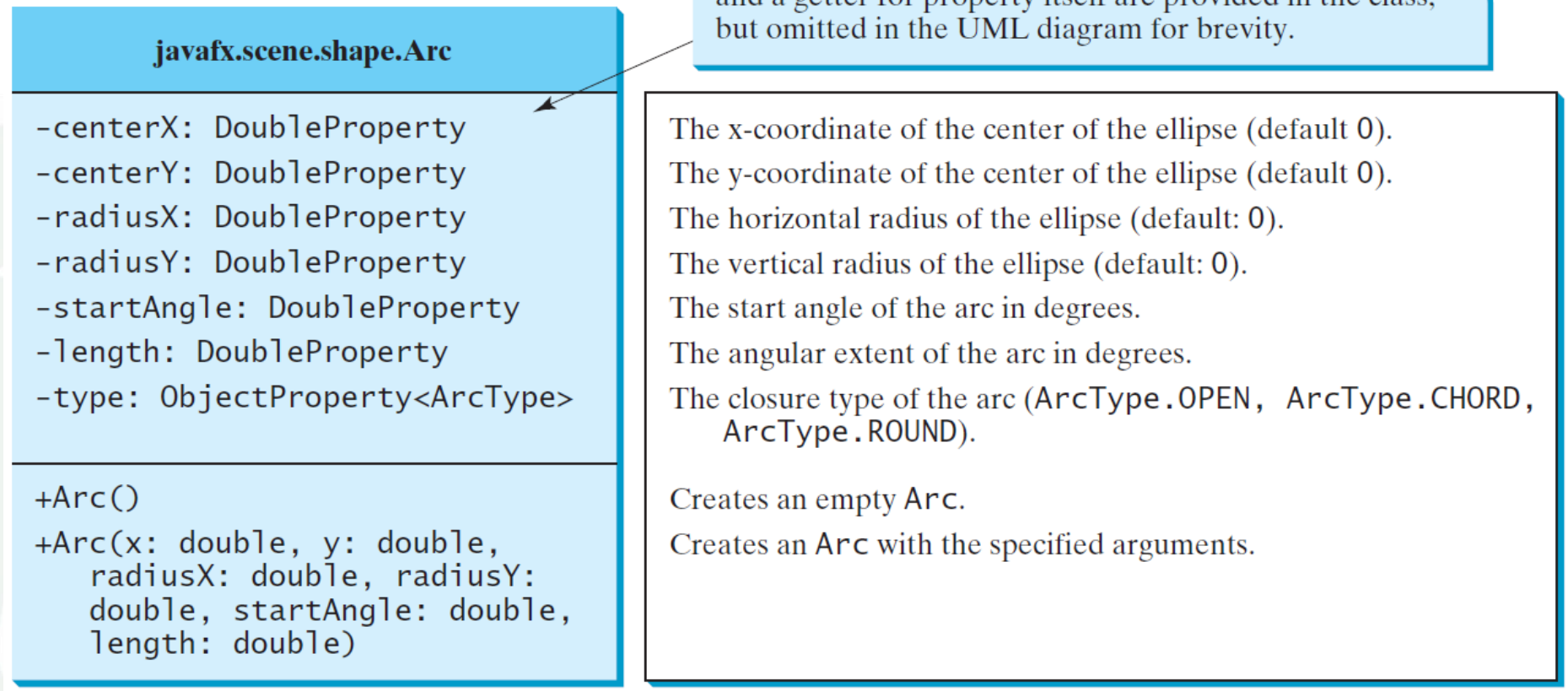
The x-coordinate of the center of the ellipse (default 0).
The y-coordinate of the center of the ellipse (default 0).
The horizontal radius of the ellipse (default: 0).
The vertical radius of the ellipse (default: 0).

Creates an empty `Ellipse`.
Creates an `Ellipse` with the specified center.
Creates an `Ellipse` with the specified center and radiuses.

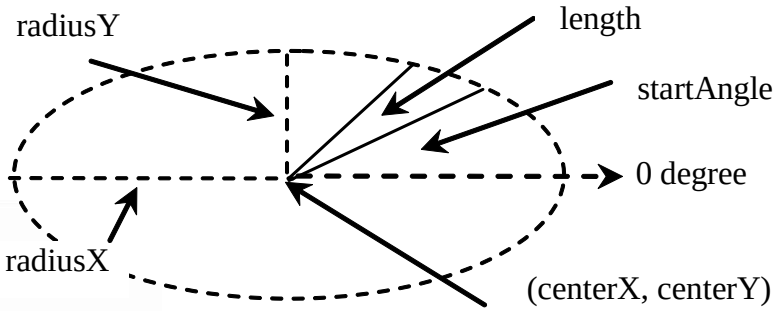


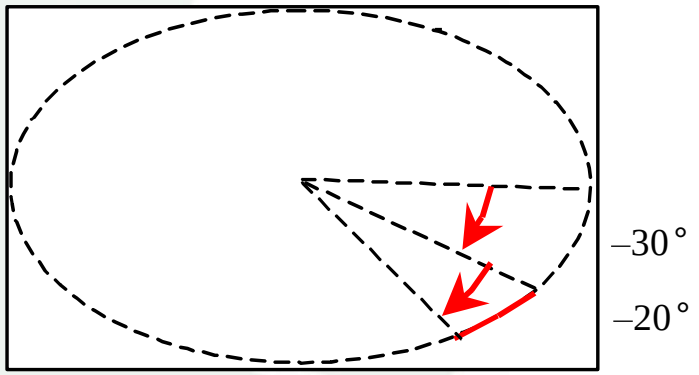
ShowEllipse Run

Arc

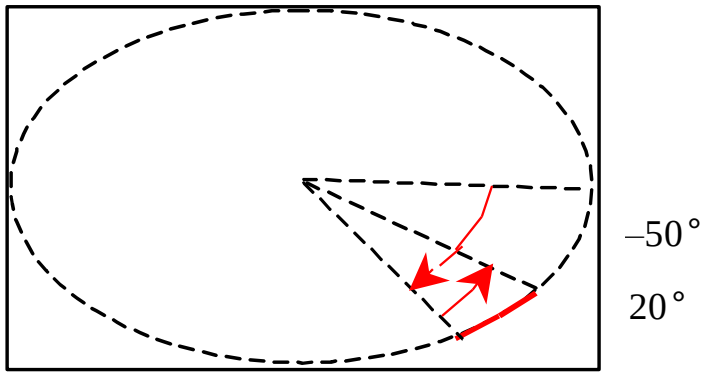

javafx.scene.shape.Arc
-centerX: DoubleProperty
-centerY: DoubleProperty
-radiusX: DoubleProperty
-radiusY: DoubleProperty
-startAngle: DoubleProperty
-length: DoubleProperty
-type: ObjectProperty<ArcType>
+Arc()
+Arc(x: double, y: double, radiusX: double, radiusY: double, startAngle: double, length: double)
The getter and setter methods for property values and a getter for property itself are provided in the class, but omitted in the UML diagram for brevity.
The x-coordinate of the center of the ellipse (default 0).
The y-coordinate of the center of the ellipse (default 0).
The horizontal radius of the ellipse (default: 0).
The vertical radius of the ellipse (default: 0).
The start angle of the arc in degrees.
The angular extent of the arc in degrees.
The closure type of the arc (ArcType.OPEN, ArcType.CHORD, ArcType.ROUND).
Creates an empty Arc.
Creates an Arc with the specified arguments.

Arc Examples





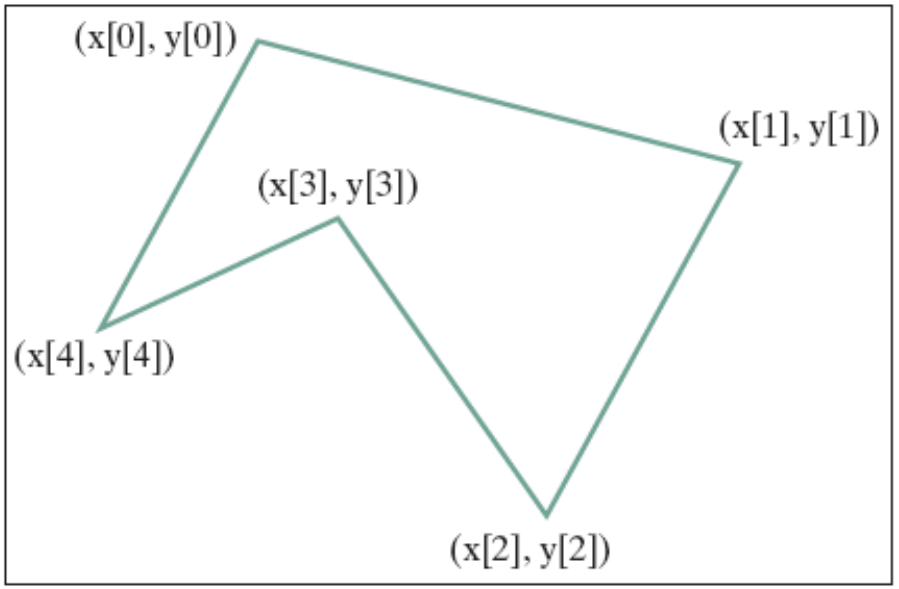
(a) Negative starting angle –30° and negative spanning angle –20°



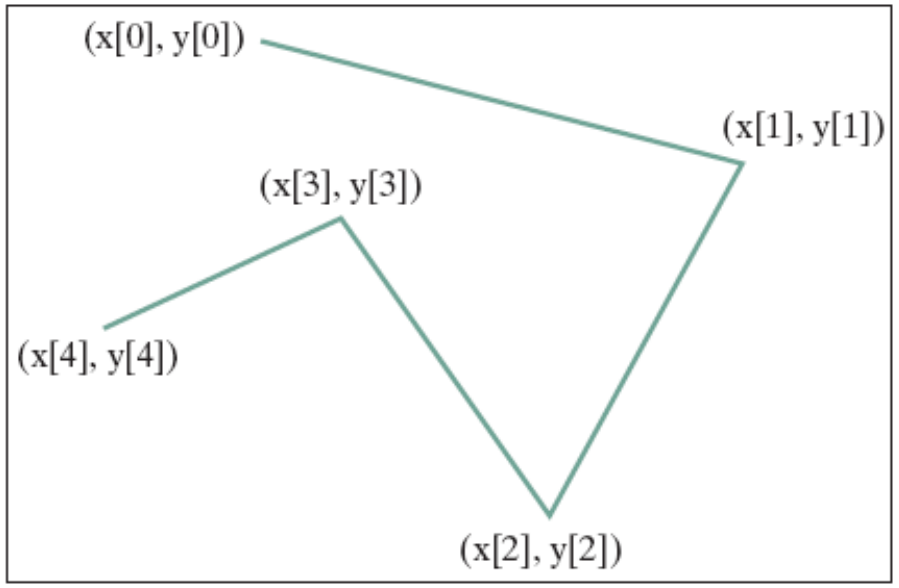
(b) Negative starting angle –50° and positive spanning angle 20°

ShowArc Run

Polygon and Polyline



(a) Polygon



(b) Polyline

Polygon

javafx.scene.shape.Polygon
+Polygon()
+Polygon(double... points)
+getPoints(): ObservableList<Double>

The `getter` and `setter` methods for property values and a getter for property itself are provided in the class, but omitted in the UML diagram for brevity.

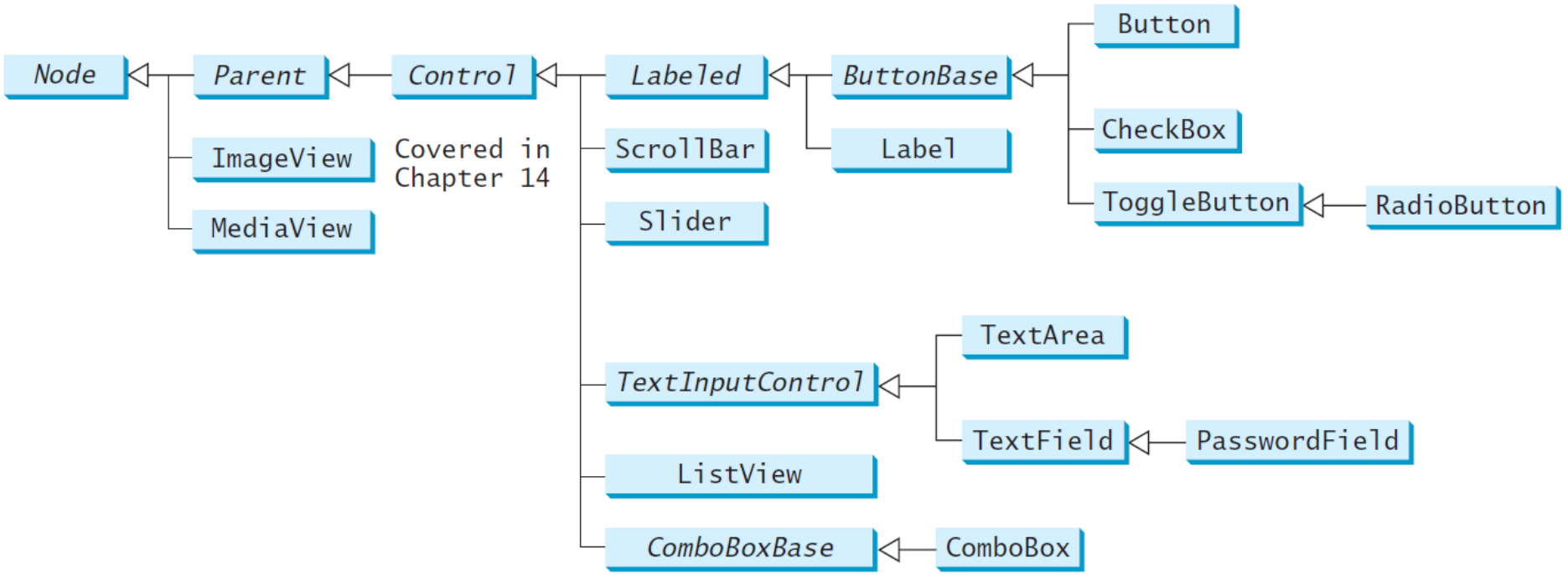
Creates an empty polygon.

Creates a polygon with the given points.

Returns a list of double values as x- and y-coordinates of the points.

ShowPolygon Run

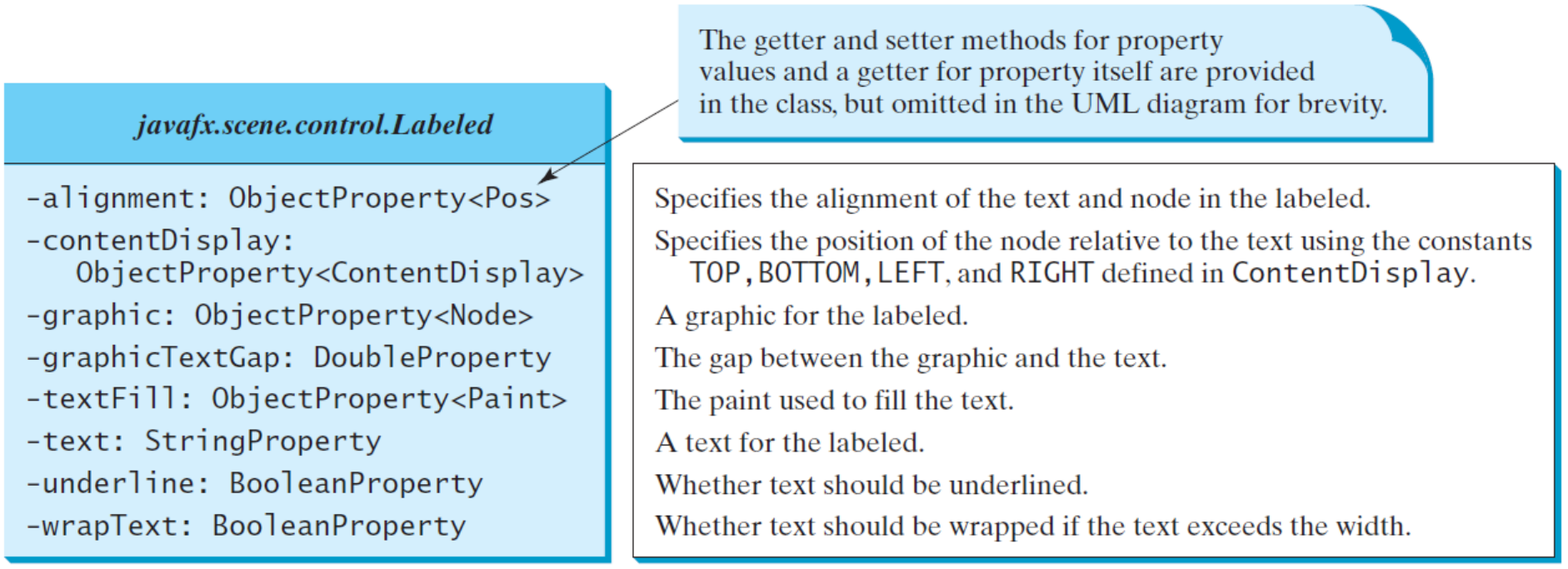
Frequently Used UI Controls



Throughout this book, the prefixes **lbl**, **bt**, **chk**, **rb**, **tf**, **pf**, **ta**, **cbo**, **lv**, **scb**, **sld**, and **mp** are used to name reference variables for **Label**, **Button**, **CheckBox**, **RadioButton**, **TextField**, **PasswordField**, **TextArea**, **ComboBox**, **ListView**, **ScrollBar**, **Slider**, and **MediaPlayer**.

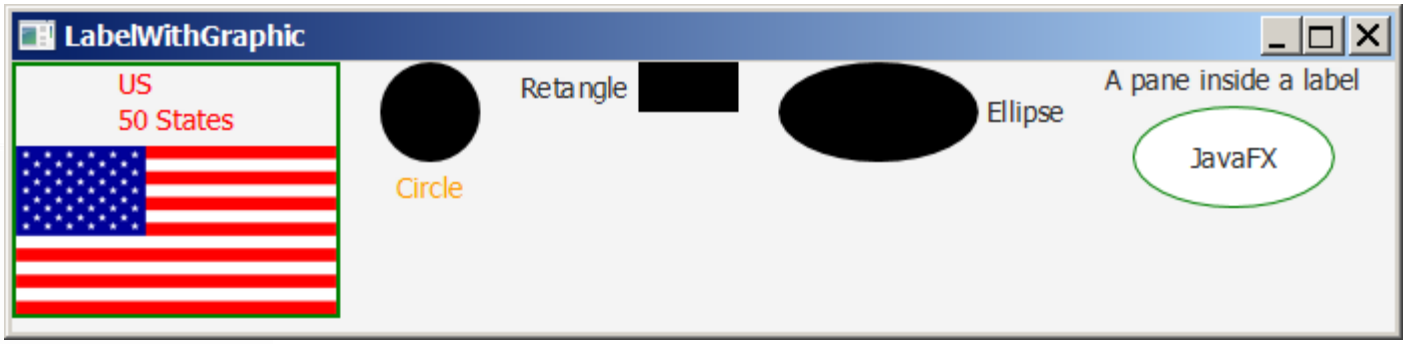
Labeled

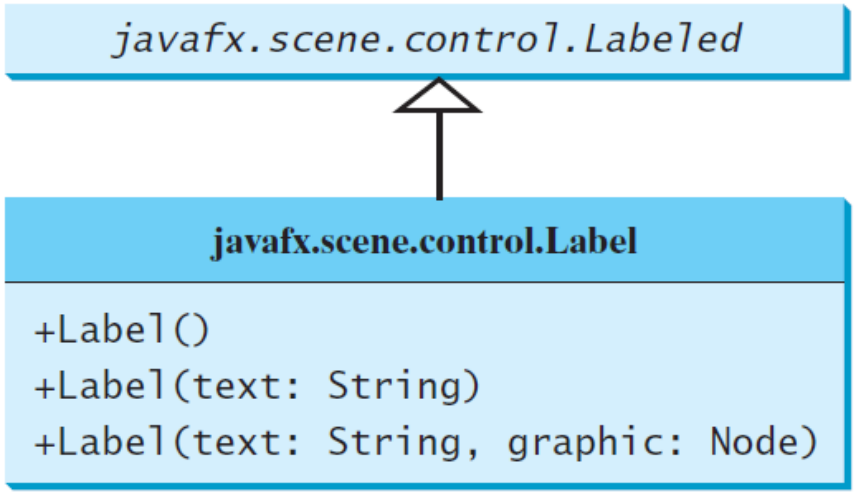
A *label* is a display area for a short text, a node, or both. It is often used to label other controls (usually text fields). Labels and buttons share many common properties. These common properties are defined in the **Labeled** class.



Label

The Label class defines labels.



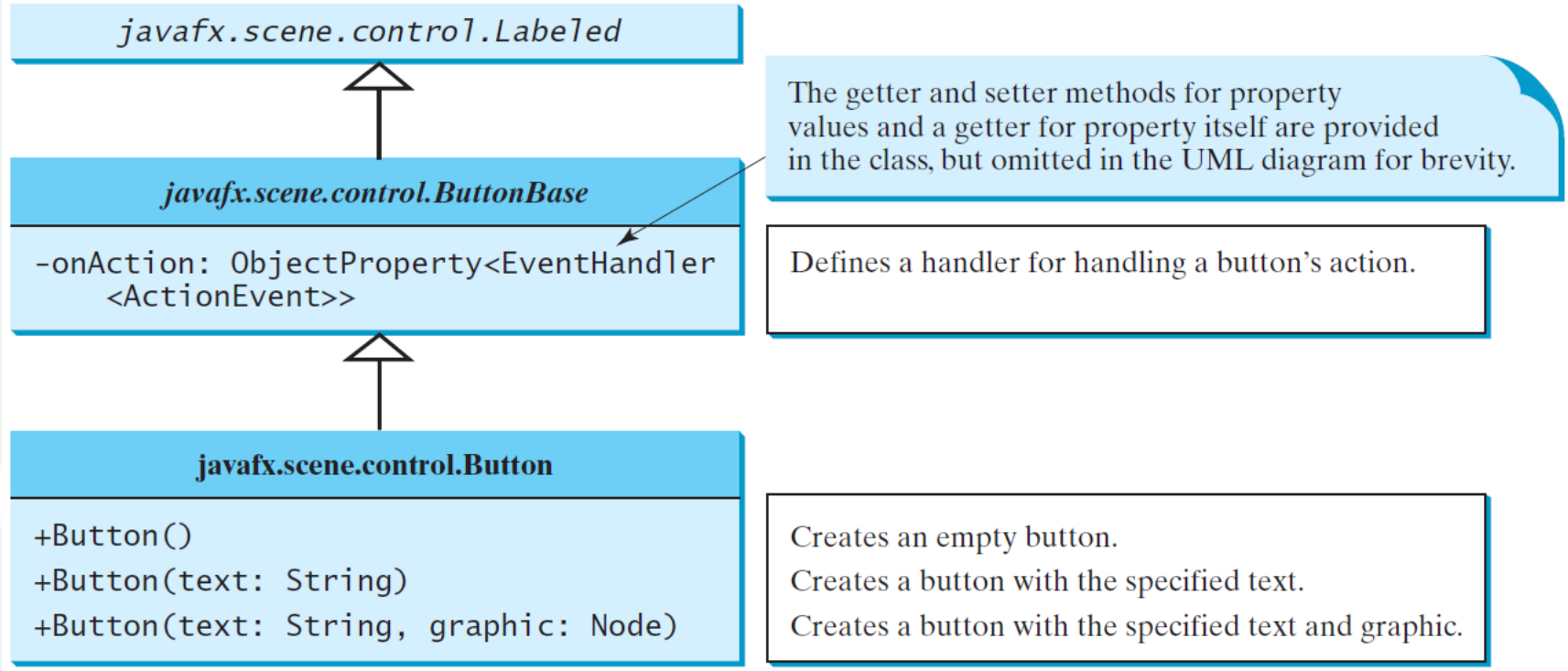


Creates an empty label.
Creates a label with the specified text.
Creates a label with the specified text and graphic.

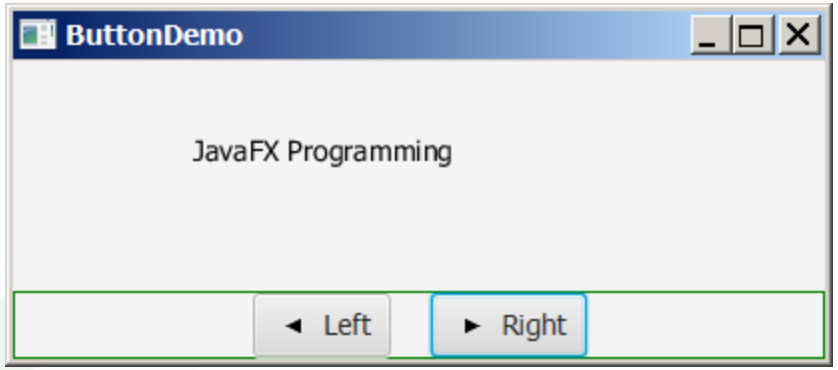
LabelWithGraphic Run

ButtonBase and Button

A *button* is a control that triggers an action event when clicked. JavaFX provides regular buttons, toggle buttons, check box buttons, and radio buttons. The common features of these buttons are defined in **ButtonBase** and **Labeled** classes.



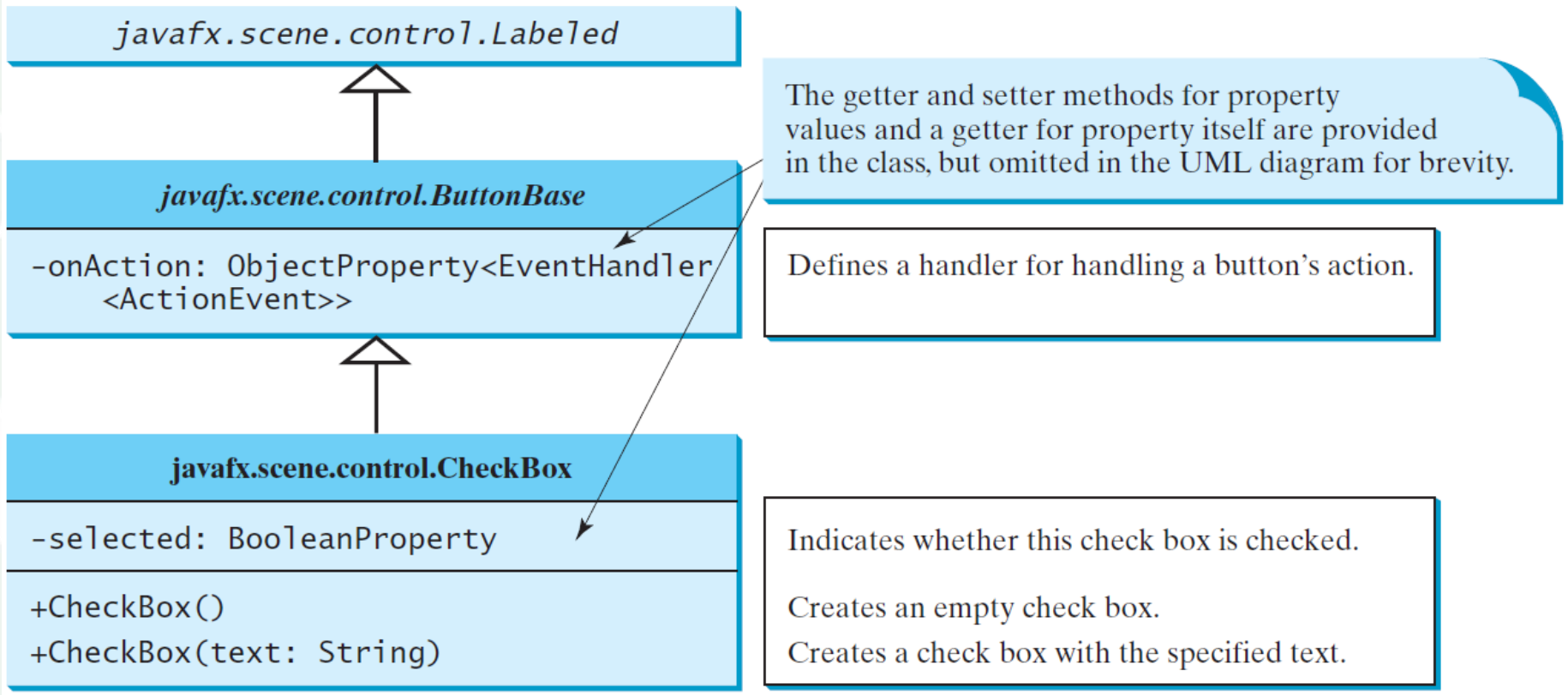
Button Example



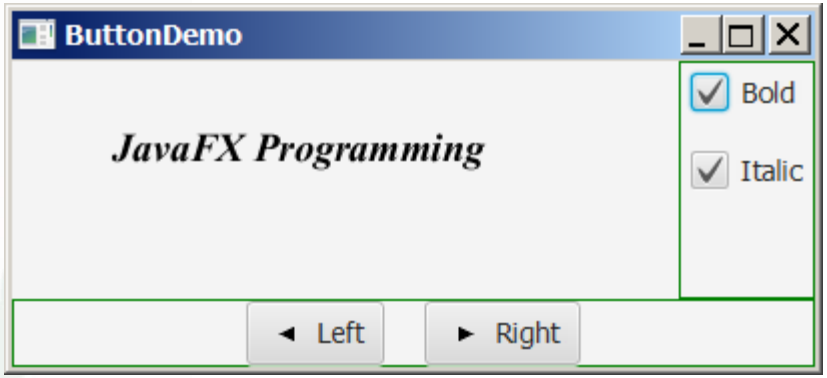
ButtonDemo Run

CheckBox

A **CheckBox** is used for the user to make a selection. Like **Button**, **CheckBox** inherits all the properties such as **onAction**, **text**, **graphic**, **alignment**, **graphicTextGap**, **textFill**, **contentDisplay** from **ButtonBase** and **Labeled**.



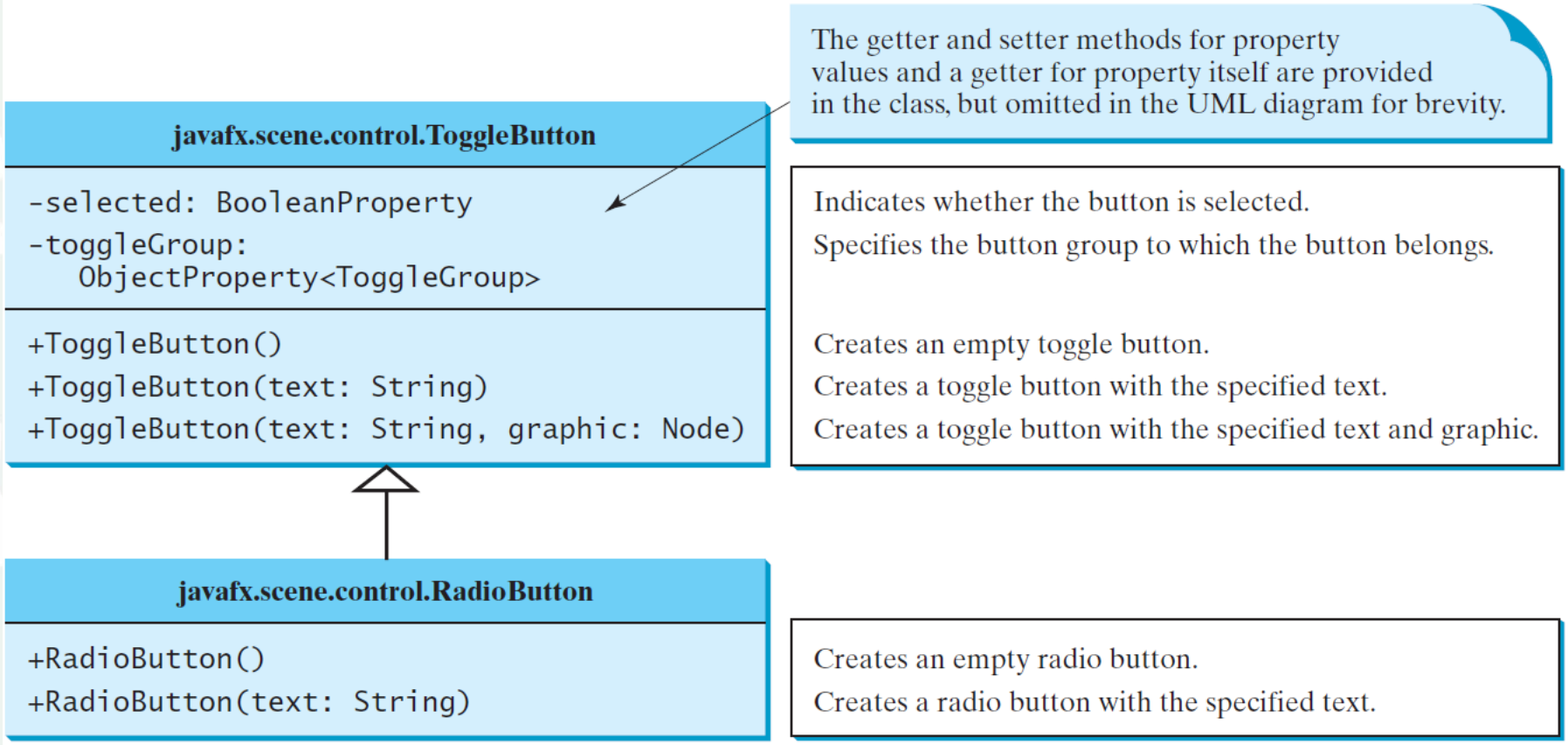
CheckBox Example



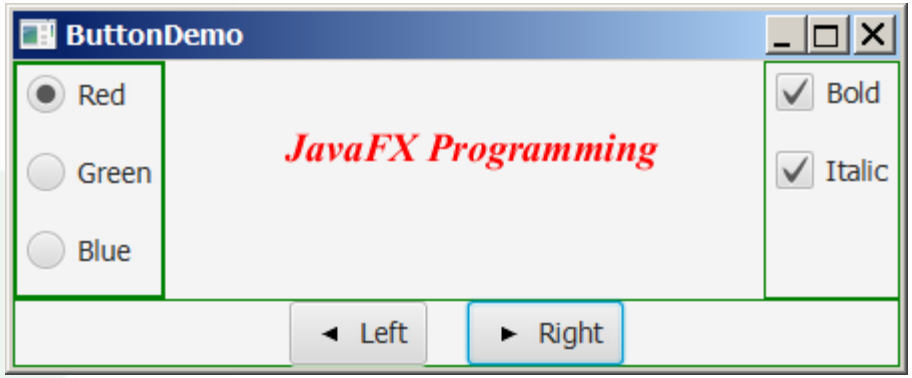
CheckBoxDemo Run

RadioButton

Radio buttons, also known as *option buttons*, enable you to choose a single item from a group of choices. In appearance radio buttons resemble check boxes, but check boxes display a square that is either checked or blank, whereas radio buttons display a circle that



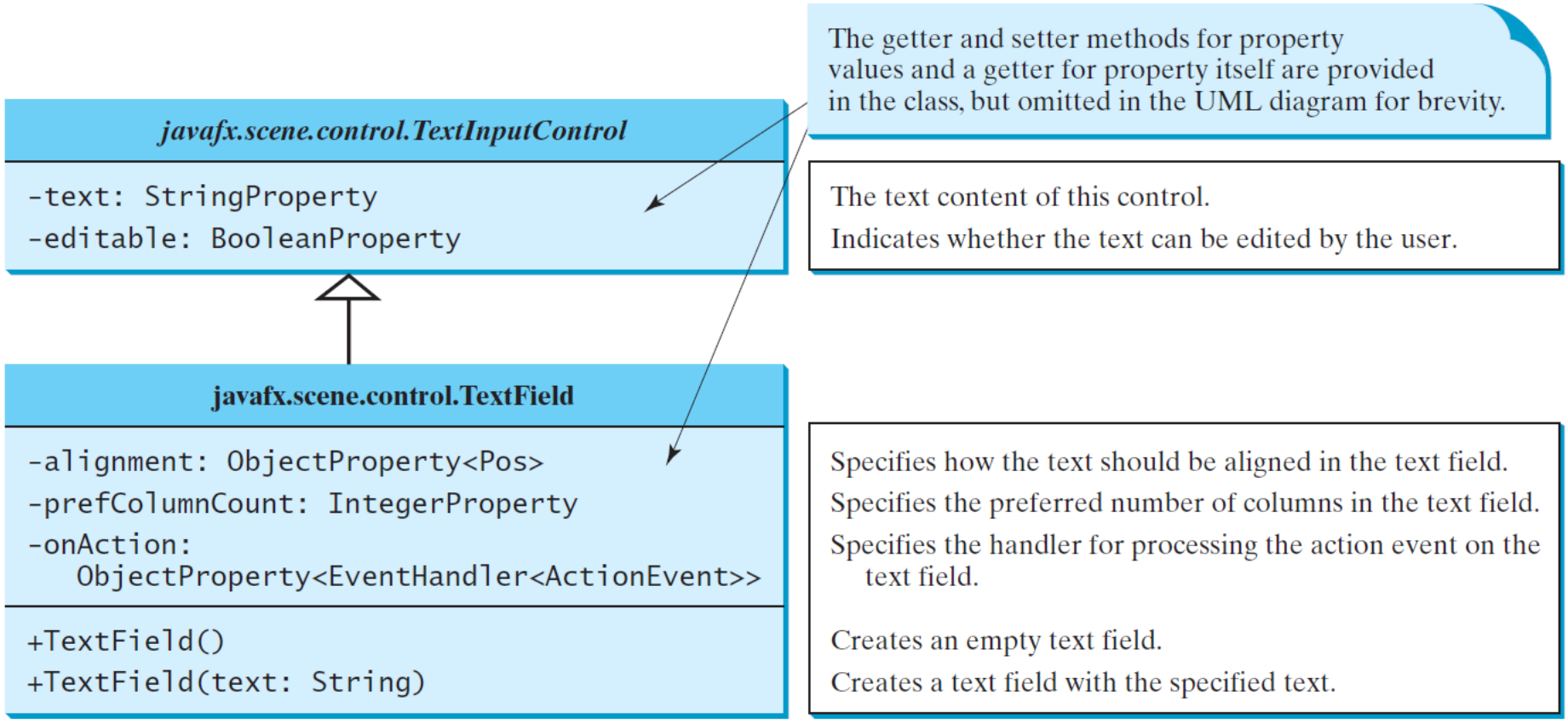
RadioButton Example



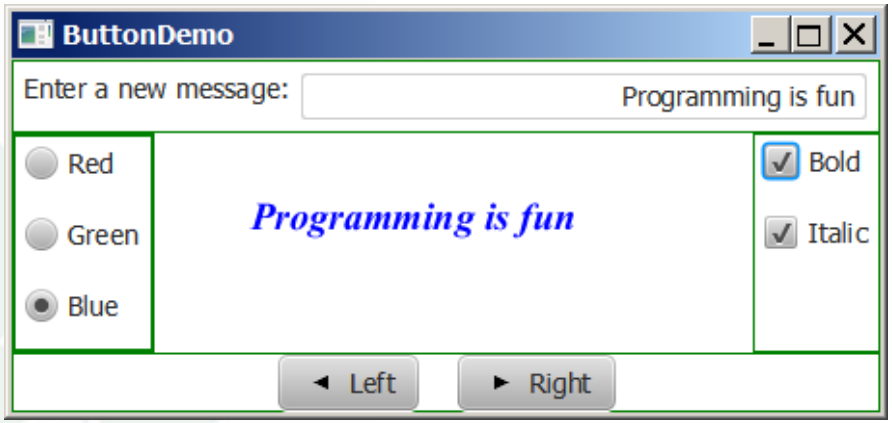
RadioButtonDemo Run

TextField

A text field can be used to enter or display a string. **TextField** is a subclass of **TextInputControl**.



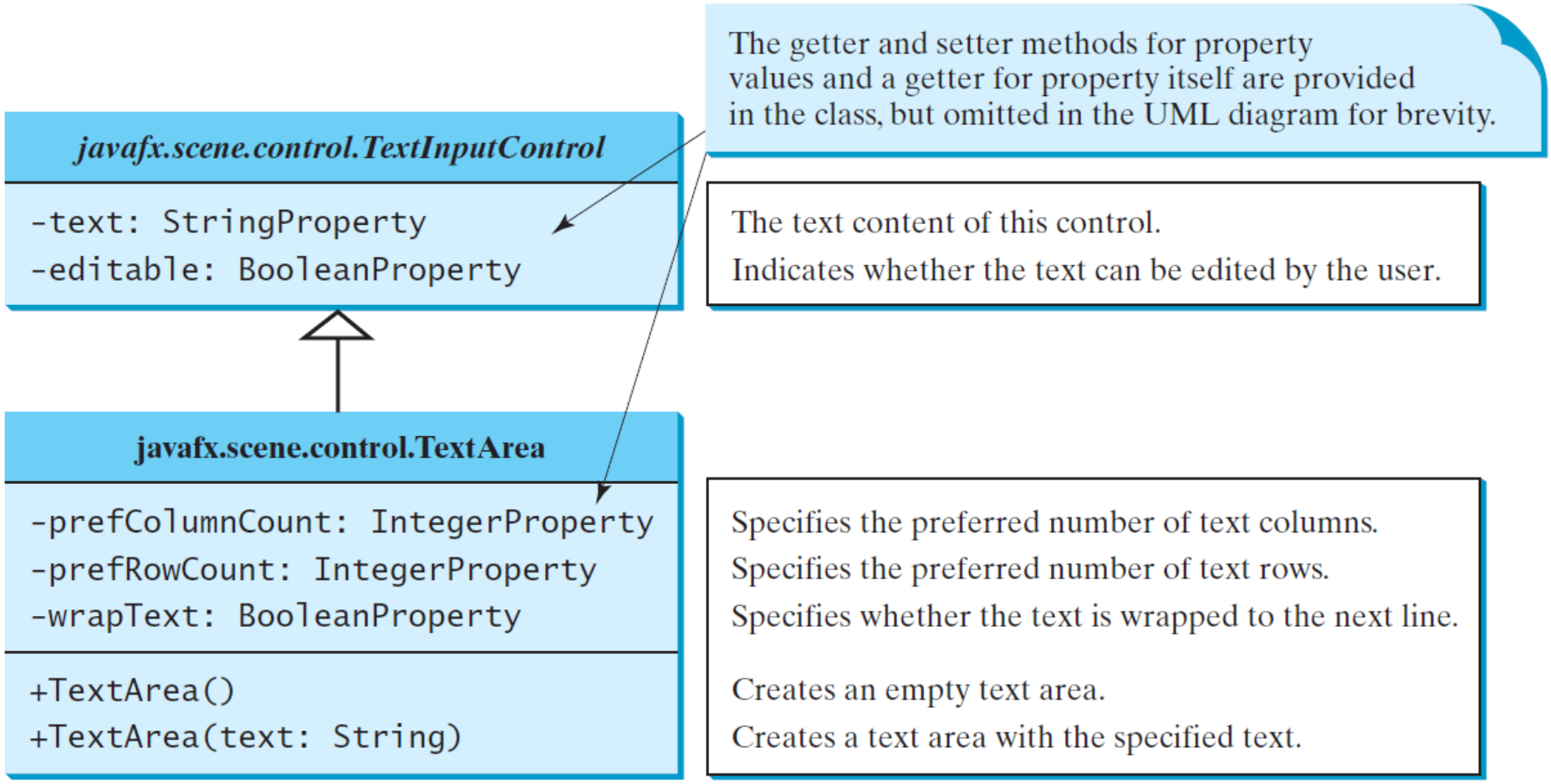
TextField Example



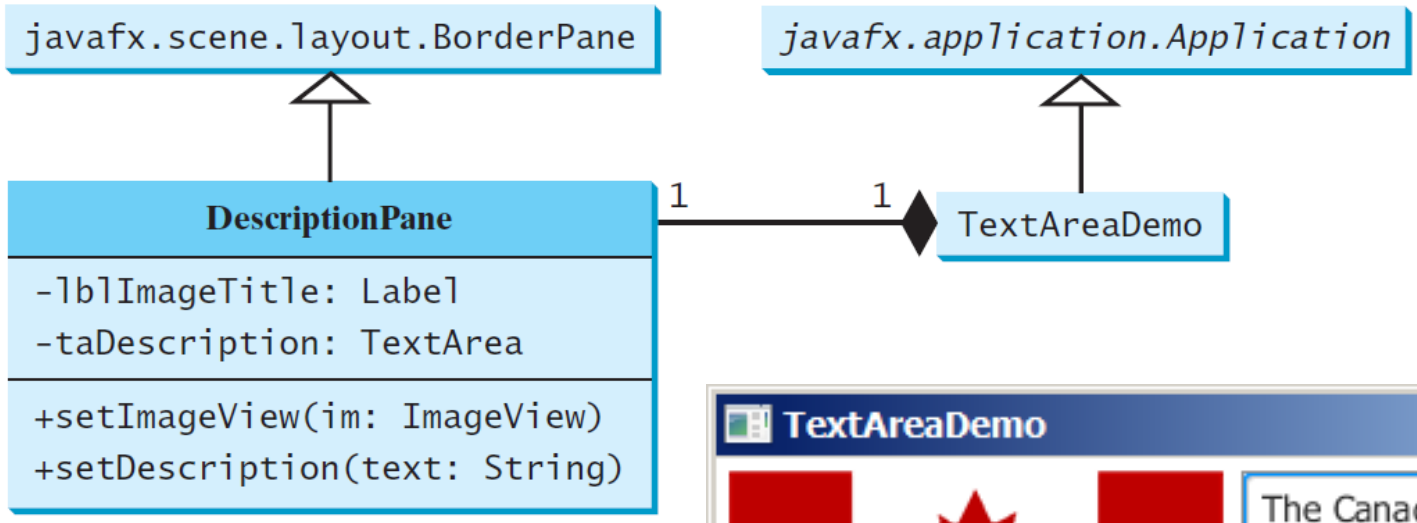
TextFieldDemo Run

TextArea

A **TextArea** enables the user to enter multiple lines of text.



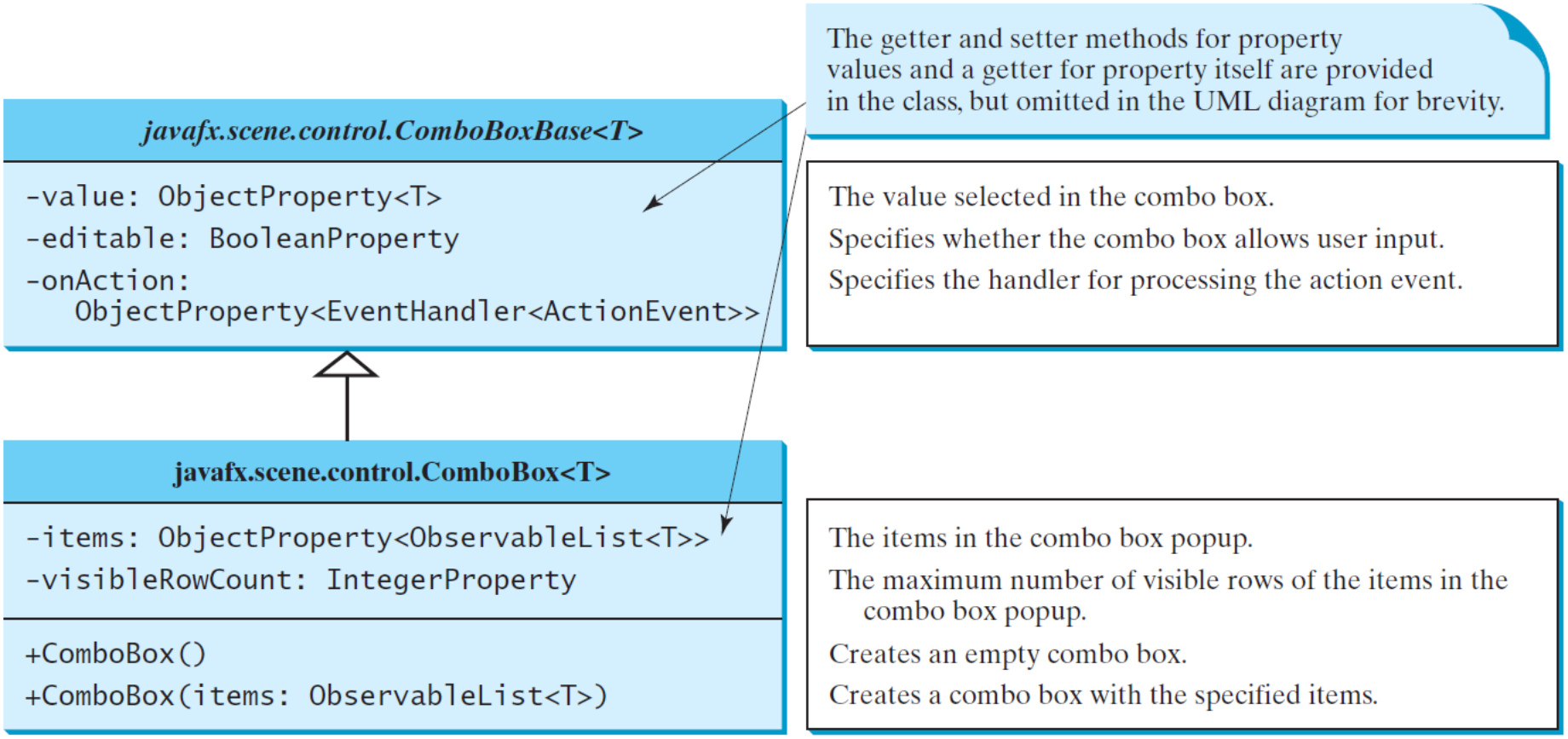
TextArea Example



DescriptionPane TextAreaDemo Run

ComboBox

A combo box, also known as a choice list or drop-down list, contains a list of items from which the user can choose.



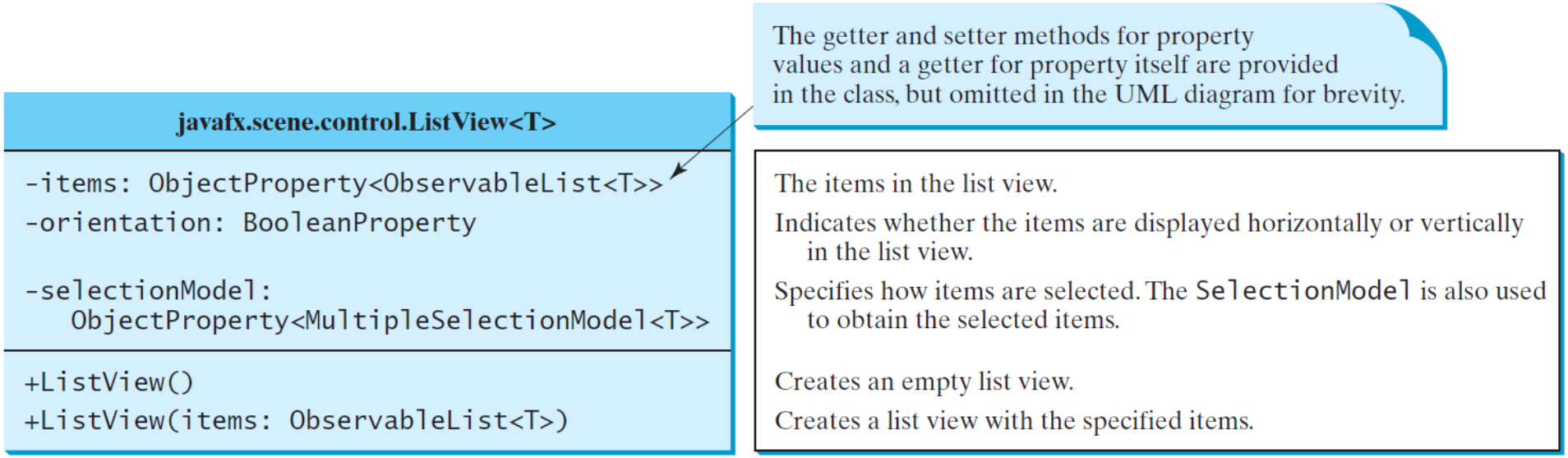
ComboBox Example

This example lets users view an image and a description of a country's flag by selecting the country from a combo box.

ComboBoxDemo Run

ListView

A *list view* is a component that performs basically the same function as a combo box, but it enables the user to choose a single value or multiple values.



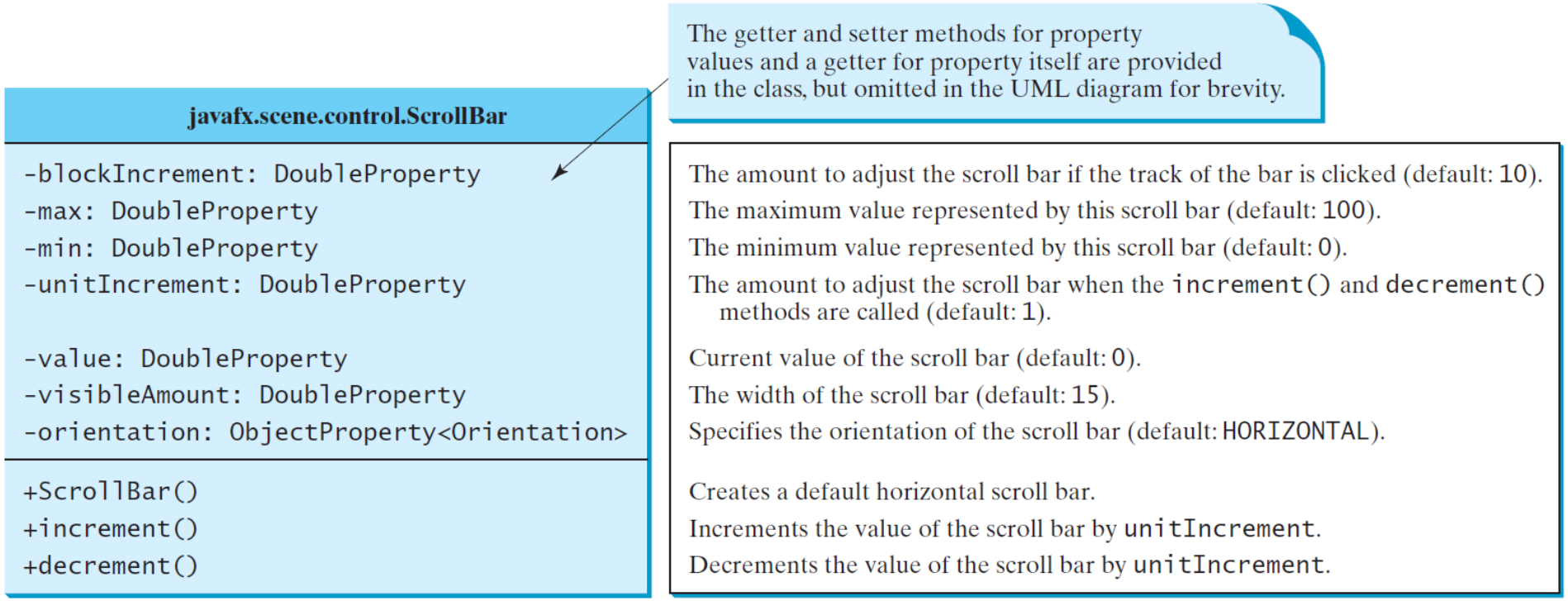
Example: Using ListView

This example gives a program that lets users select countries in a list and display the flags of the selected countries in the labels.

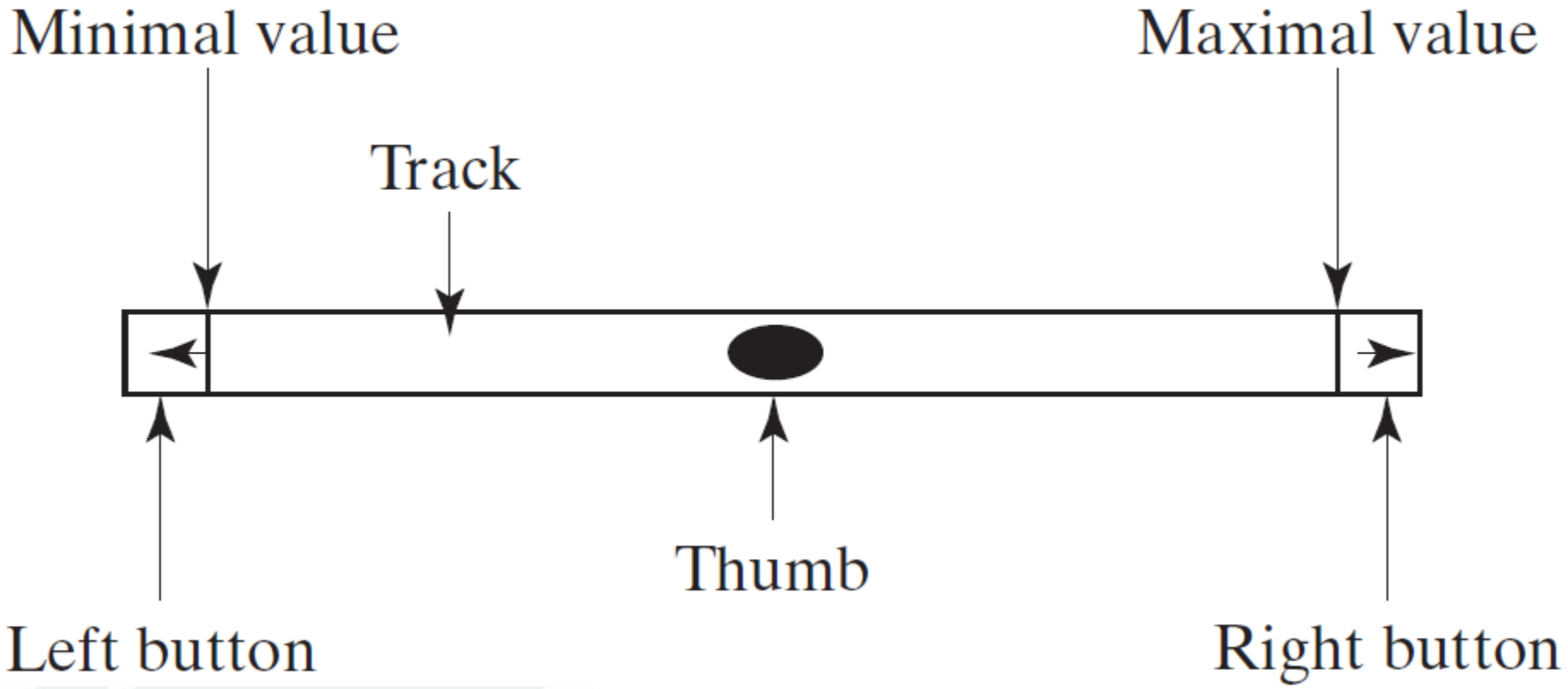
ListViewDemo Run

ScrollBar

A *scroll bar* is a control that enables the user to select from a range of values. The scrollbar appears in two styles: *horizontal* and *vertical*.

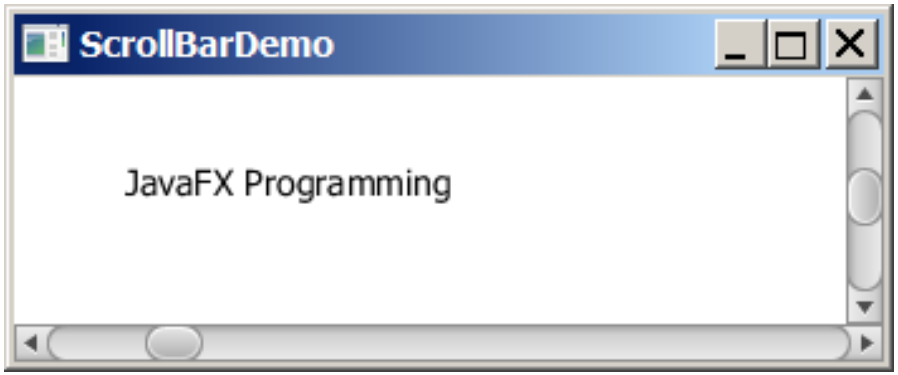


Scroll Bar Properties



Example: Using Scrollbars

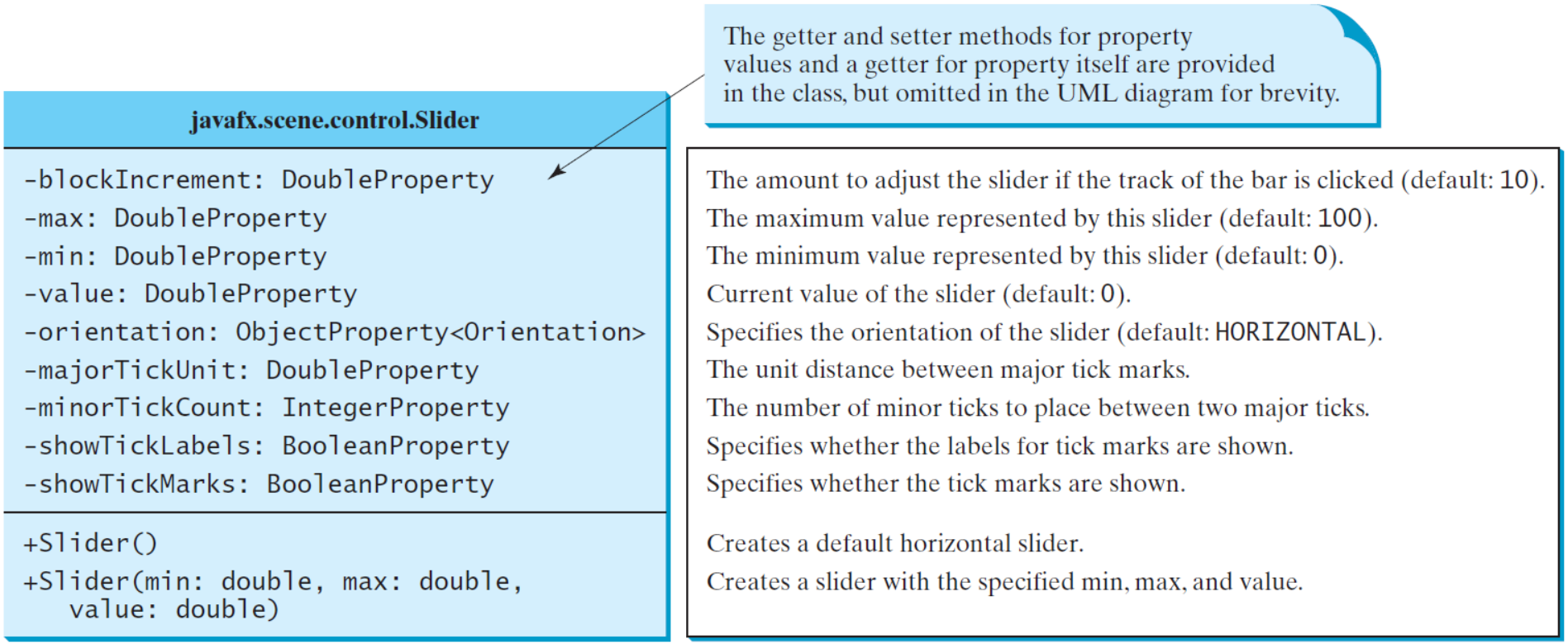
This example uses horizontal and vertical scrollbars to control a message displayed on a panel. The horizontal scrollbar is used to move the message to the left or the right, and the vertical scrollbar to move it up and down.



ScrollBarDemo Run

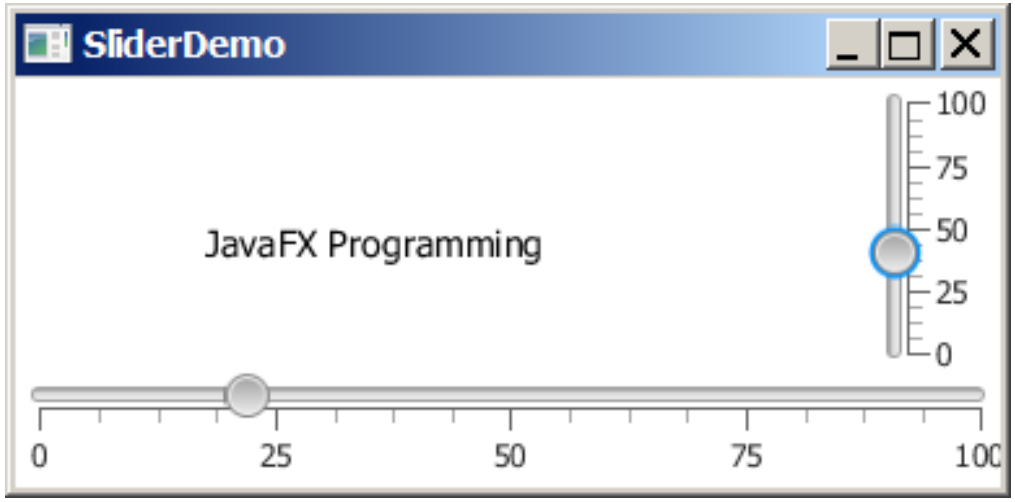
Slider

Slider is similar to ScrollBar, but Slider has more properties and can appear in many forms.



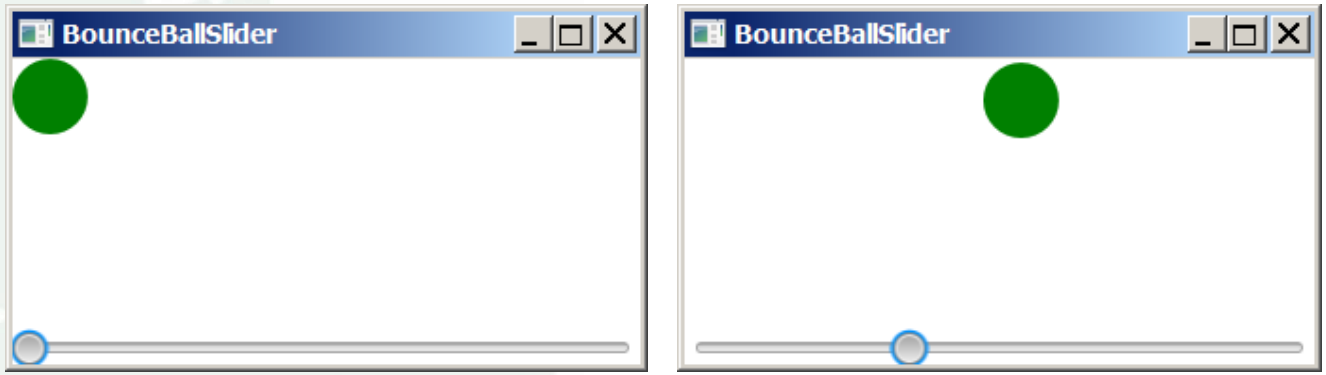
Example: Using Sliders

Rewrite the preceding program using the sliders to control a message displayed on a panel instead of using scroll bars.



Case Study: Bounce Ball

Listing 15.17 gives a program that displays a bouncing ball. You can add a slider to control the speed of the ball movement.



SliderDemo Run