Graphics and Java 2D

One picture is worth ten thousand words.
—Chinese proverb

Treat nature in terms of the cylinder, the sphere, the cone, all in perspective.
—Paul Cézanne

Colors, like features, follow the changes of the emotions.
—Pablo Picasso

Nothing ever becomes real till it is experienced—even a proverb is no proverb to you till your life has illustrated it.
—John Keats

Objectives
In this chapter you’ll learn:

- To understand graphics contexts and graphics objects.
- To manipulate colors and fonts.
- To use methods of class Graphics to draw various shapes.
- To use methods of class Graphics2D from the Java 2D API to draw various shapes.
- To specify Paint and Stroke characteristics of shapes displayed with Graphics2D.
15.1 Introduction

In this chapter, we overview several of Java’s capabilities for drawing two-dimensional shapes, controlling colors and controlling fonts. Part of Java’s initial appeal was its support for graphics that enabled programmers to visually enhance their applications. Java now contains many more sophisticated drawing capabilities as part of the Java 2D API. This chapter begins by introducing many of Java’s original drawing capabilities. Next we present several of the more powerful Java 2D capabilities, such as controlling the style of lines used to draw shapes and the way shapes are filled with colors and patterns. The classes that were part of Java’s original graphics capabilities are now considered to be part of the Java 2D API.

Figure 15.1 shows a portion of the Java class hierarchy that includes several of the basic graphics classes and Java 2D API classes and interfaces covered in this chapter. Class Color contains methods and constants for manipulating colors. Class JComponent contains method paintComponent, which is used to draw graphics on a component. Class Font contains methods and constants for manipulating fonts. Class FontMetrics contains methods for obtaining font information. Class Graphics contains methods for drawing strings, lines, rectangles and other shapes. Class Graphics2D, which extends class Graphics, is used for drawing with the Java 2D API. Class Polygon contains methods for creating polygons. The bottom half of the figure lists several classes and interfaces from the Java 2D API. Class BasicStroke helps specify the drawing characteristics of lines. Classes GradientPaint and TexturePaint help specify the characteristics for filling shapes with colors or patterns. Classes GeneralPath, Line2D, Arc2D, Ellipse2D, Rectangle2D and RoundRectang1e2D represent several Java 2D shapes.

To begin drawing in Java, we must first understand Java’s coordinate system (Fig. 15.2), which is a scheme for identifying every point on the screen. By default, the upper-left corner of a GUI component (e.g., a window) has the coordinates (0, 0). A coordinate pair is composed of an x-coordinate (the horizontal coordinate) and a y-coordinate (the vertical coordinate). The x-coordinate is the horizontal distance moving right from the left of the screen. The y-coordinate is the vertical distance moving down from the top of the screen. The x-axis describes every horizontal coordinate, and the y-axis every vertical coordinate. The coordinates are used to indicate where graphics should be displayed on a screen. Coordinate units are measured in pixels (which stands for “picture element”). A pixel is a display monitor’s smallest unit of resolution.
Portability Tip 15.1

Different display monitors have different resolutions (i.e., the density of the pixels varies). This can cause graphics to appear in different sizes on different monitors or on the same monitor with different settings.

Fig. 15.1 | Classes and interfaces used in this chapter from Java’s original graphics capabilities and from the Java 2D API.
15.2 Graphics Contexts and Graphics Objects

A **graphics context** enables drawing on the screen. A **Graphics** object manages a graphics context and draws pixels on the screen that represent text and other graphical objects (e.g., lines, ellipses, rectangles and other polygons). **Graphics** objects contain methods for drawing, font manipulation, color manipulation and the like.

Class **Graphics** is an **abstract** class (i.e., **Graphics** objects cannot be instantiated). This contributes to Java’s portability. Because drawing is performed differently on every platform that supports Java, there cannot be only one implementation of the drawing capabilities across all systems. For example, the graphics capabilities that enable a PC running Microsoft Windows to draw a rectangle are different from those that enable a Linux workstation to draw a rectangle—and they’re both different from the graphics capabilities that enable a Macintosh to draw a rectangle. When Java is implemented on each platform, a subclass of **Graphics** is created that implements the drawing capabilities. This implementation is hidden by class **Graphics**, which supplies the interface that enables us to use graphics in a platform-independent manner.

Recall from Chapter 14 that class **Component** is the superclass for many of the classes in package **java.awt**. Class **JComponent** (package **javax.swing**), which inherits indirectly from class **Component**, contains a **paintComponent** method that can be used to draw graphics. Method **paintComponent** takes a **Graphics** object as an argument. This object is passed to the **paintComponent** method by the system when a lightweight Swing component needs to be repainted. The header for the **paintComponent** method is

```
public void paintComponent(Graphics g)
```

Parameter **g** receives a reference to an instance of the system-specific subclass that **Graphics** extends. The preceding method header should look familiar to you—it’s the same one we used in some of the applications in Chapter 14. Actually, class **JComponent** is a superclass of **JPanel**. Many capabilities of class **JPanel** are inherited from class **JComponent**.

You seldom call method **paintComponent** directly, because drawing graphics is an event-driven process. As we mentioned in Chapter 11, Java uses a multithreaded model of program execution. Each thread is a parallel activity. Each program can have many threads. When you create a GUI-based application, one of those threads is known as the **event-dispatch thread** (EDT)—it’s used to process all GUI events. All drawing and manipulation of GUI components should be performed in that thread. When a GUI application executes, the application container calls method **paintComponent** (in the

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**Fig. 15.2** | Java coordinate system. Units are measured in pixels.
event-dispatch thread) for each lightweight component as the GUI is displayed. For `paintComponent` to be called again, an event must occur (such as covering and uncovering the component with another window).

If you need `paintComponent` to execute (i.e., if you want to update the graphics drawn on a Swing component), you can call method `repaint`, which is inherited by all `JComponent`s indirectly from class `Component` (package `java.awt`). The header for `repaint` is:

```java
public void repaint()
```

### 15.3 Color Control

Class `Color` declares methods and constants for manipulating colors in a Java program. The predeclared color constants are summarized in Fig. 15.3, and several color methods and constructors are summarized in Fig. 15.4. Two of the methods in Fig. 15.4 are `Graphics` methods that are specific to colors.

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<td><code>Color PINK</code></td>
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<td><code>Color MAGENTA</code></td>
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<td><code>Color GRAY</code></td>
<td>128, 128, 128</td>
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<td><code>Color LIGHT_GRAY</code></td>
<td>192, 192, 192</td>
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<td><code>Color DARK_GRAY</code></td>
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**Fig. 15.3** | Color constants and their RGB values.

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<td><code>public Color( int r, int g, int b )</code></td>
<td>Creates a color based on red, green and blue components expressed as integers from 0 to 255.</td>
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<td><code>public Color( float r, float g, float b )</code></td>
<td>Creates a color based on red, green and blue components expressed as floating-point values from 0.0 to 1.0.</td>
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**Fig. 15.4** | Color methods and color-related Graphics methods. (Part 1 of 2.)
Every color is created from a red, a green and a blue component. Together these components are called RGB values. All three RGB components can be integers in the range from 0 to 255, or all three can be floating-point values in the range 0.0 to 1.0. The first RGB component specifies the amount of red, the second the amount of green and the third the amount of blue. The larger the RGB value, the greater the amount of that particular color. Java enables you to choose from $256 \times 256 \times 256$ (approximately 16.7 million) colors. Not all computers are capable of displaying all these colors. The computer will display the closest color it can.

Two of class Color’s constructors are shown in Fig. 15.4—one that takes three int arguments and one that takes three float arguments, with each argument specifying the amount of red, green and blue. The int values must be in the range 0–255 and the float values in the range 0.0–1.0. The new Color object will have the specified amounts of red, green and blue. Color methods getRed, getGreen and getBlue return integer values from 0 to 255 representing the amounts of red, green and blue, respectively. Graphics method setColor receives a Color object. The expression new Color(255, 0, 0) creates a new Color object that represents red (red value 255, and 0 for the green and blue values). Graphics method getColor returns a Color object representing current color for the graphics context. Graphics method setColor sets the current color for drawing with the graphics context.

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<td>public int getRed() Returns a value between 0 and 255 representing the red content.</td>
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<td>public int getGreen() Returns a value between 0 and 255 representing the green content.</td>
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<td>public int getBlue() Returns a value between 0 and 255 representing the blue content.</td>
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Graphics methods for manipulating Colors

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<td>public void setColor(Color c) Sets the current color for drawing with the graphics context.</td>
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**Fig. 15.4 | Color methods and color-related Graphics methods. (Part 2 of 2.)**

Drawing in Different Colors

Figures 15.5–15.6 demonstrate several methods from Fig. 15.4 by drawing filled rectangles and Strings in several different colors. When the application begins execution, class ColorPanel’s paintComponent method (lines 10–37 of Fig. 15.5) is called to paint the window. Line 17 uses Graphics method setColor to set the drawing color. Method setColor receives a Color object. The expression new Color(255, 0, 0) creates a new Color object that represents red (red value 255, and 0 for the green and blue values). Line 18 uses Graphics method fillRect to draw a filled rectangle in the current color. Method fillRect draws a rectangle based on its four arguments. The first two integer values represent the upper-left x-coordinate and upper-left y-coordinate, where the Graphics object begins drawing the rectangle. The third and fourth arguments are nonnegative integers that
represent the width and the height of the rectangle in pixels, respectively. A rectangle
drawn using method fillRect is filled by the current color of the Graphics object.

```java
import java.awt.Graphics;
import java.awt.Color;
import javax.swing.JPanel;

public class ColorJPanel extends JPanel {

    // draw rectangles and Strings in different colors
    public void paintComponent(Graphics g) {
        super.paintComponent(g); // call superclass's paintComponent
        this.setBackground(Color.WHITE);

        // set new drawing color using integers
        g.setColor(new Color(255, 0, 0));
        g.fillRect(15, 25, 100, 20);
        g.drawString("Current RGB: " + g.getColor(), 130, 40);

        // set new drawing color using floats
        g.setColor(new Color(0.50f, 0.75f, 0.0f));
        g.fillRect(15, 50, 100, 20);
        g.drawString("Current RGB: " + g.getColor(), 130, 65);

        // set new drawing color using static Color objects
        g.setColor(Color.BLUE);
        g.fillRect(15, 75, 100, 20);
        g.drawString("Current RGB: " + g.getColor(), 130, 90);

        // display individual RGB values
        Color color = Color.MAGENTA;
        g.setColor(color);
        g.fillRect(15, 100, 100, 20);
        g.drawString("RGB values: " + color.getRed() + ", " +
                      color.getGreen() + ", " + color.getBlue(), 130, 115);
    }
}
```

**Fig. 15.5** | Color changed for drawing.

```java
import javax.swing.JFrame;

public class ShowColors {
    
    // draw rectangles and Strings in different colors
    public void paintComponent(Graphics g) {
        super.paintComponent(g); // call superclass's paintComponent
        this.setBackground(Color.WHITE);

        // set new drawing color using integers
        g.setColor(new Color(255, 0, 0));
        g.fillRect(15, 25, 100, 20);
        g.drawString("Current RGB: " + g.getColor(), 130, 40);

        // set new drawing color using floats
        g.setColor(new Color(0.50f, 0.75f, 0.0f));
        g.fillRect(15, 50, 100, 20);
        g.drawString("Current RGB: " + g.getColor(), 130, 65);

        // set new drawing color using static Color objects
        g.setColor(Color.BLUE);
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        // display individual RGB values
        Color color = Color.MAGENTA;
        g.setColor(color);
        g.fillRect(15, 100, 100, 20);
        g.drawString("RGB values: " + color.getRed() + " , " +
                      color.getGreen() + " , " + color.getBlue(), 130, 115);
    }
}
```

**Fig. 15.6** | Creating JFrame to display colors on JPanel. (Part I of 2.)
Line 19 (Fig. 15.5) uses Graphics method `drawString` to draw a String in the current color. The expression `g.getColor()` retrieves the current color from the Graphics object. We then concatenate the Color with string "Current RGB: ", resulting in an implicit call to class Color's `toString` method. The String representation of a Color contains the class name and package (java.awt.Color) and the red, green and blue values.

Lines 22–24 and 27–29 perform the same tasks again. Line 22 uses the Color constructor with three `float` arguments to create a dark green color (0.50f for red, 0.75f for green and 0.0f for blue). Note the syntax of the values. The letter f appended to a floating-point literal indicates that the literal should be treated as type float. Recall that by default, floating-point literals are treated as type double.

Line 27 sets the current drawing color to one of the predeclared Color constants (Color.BLUE). The Color constants are static, so they're created when class Color is loaded into memory at execution time.

The statement in lines 35–36 makes calls to Color methods `getRed`, `getGreen` and `getBlue` on the predeclared Color.MAGENTA constant. Method `main` of class ShowColors (lines 8–18 of Fig. 15.6) creates the JFrame that will contain a ColorJPanel object where the colors will be displayed.

Look-and-Feel Observation 15.1

People perceive colors differently. Choose your colors carefully to ensure that your application is readable, both for people who can perceive color and for those who are color blind. Try to avoid using many different colors in close proximity.
15.3 Color Control

Package javax.swing provides the JColorChooser GUI component that enables
application users to select colors. The application of Figs. 15.7–15.8 demonstrates a JColorChooser dialog. When you click the Change Color button, a JColorChooser dialog appears. When you select a color and press the dialog’s OK button, the background color of the application window changes.

Software Engineering Observation 15.1
To change the color, you must create a new Color object (or use one of the predeclared Color constants). Like String objects, Color objects are immutable (not modifiable).

Fig. 15.7 | JColorChooser dialog. (Part 1 of 2.)

```
// Fig. 15.7: ShowColors2JFrame.java
// Choosing colors with JColorChooser.
import java.awt.BorderLayout;
import java.awt.Color;
import java.awt.event.ActionEvent;
import java.awt.event.ActionListener;
import javax.swing.JButton;
import javax.swing.JFrame;
import javax.swing.JPanel;

public class ShowColors2JFrame extends JFrame {
    private JButton changeColorJButton;
    private Color color = Color.LIGHT_GRAY;
    private JPanel colorJPanel;

    // set up GUI
    public ShowColors2JFrame() {
        super( "Using JColorChooser" );

        // create JPanel for display color
        colorJPanel = new JPanel();
        colorJPanel.setBackground( color );

        // set up changeColorJButton and register its event handler
        changeColorJButton = new JButton( "Change Color" );
        changeColorJButton.addActionListener( new ActionListener() { // anonymous inner class
            public void actionPerformed( ActionEvent event ) {
                color = JColorChooser.showDialog( ShowColors2JFrame.this, "Choose a color", color );

                // set default color, if no color is returned
                if ( color == null )
                    color = Color.LIGHT_GRAY;
            }
        } );
    }
    // display JColorChooser when user clicks button
    public void actionPerformed( ActionEvent event ) {
        color = JColorChooser.showDialog( ShowColors2JFrame.this, "Choose a color", color );

        // set default color, if no color is returned
        if ( color == null )
            color = Color.LIGHT_GRAY;
    }
```
Fig. 15.8 | Choosing colors with JColorChooser.

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```java
// Fig. 15.8: ShowColors2.java
// Choosing colors with JColorChooser.

import javax.swing.JFrame;

public class ShowColors2 {
    // execute application
    public static void main( String[] args ) {
        ShowColors2JFrame application = new ShowColors2JFrame();
        application.setDefaultCloseOperation( JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE );
    } // end main
}
```

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**Fig. 15.7** | JColorChooser dialog. (Part 2 of 2.)
Class JColorChooser provides static method `showDialog`, which creates a JColorChooser object, attaches it to a dialog box and displays the dialog. Lines 36–37 of Fig. 15.7 invoke this method to display the color chooser dialog. Method `showDialog` returns the selected Color object, or `null` if the user presses Cancel or closes the dialog without pressing OK. The method takes three arguments—a reference to its parent Component, a String to display in the title bar of the dialog and the initial selected Color for the dialog. The parent component is a reference to the window from which the dialog is displayed (in this case the JFrame, with the reference name `frame`). The dialog will be centered on the parent. If the parent is `null`, the dialog is centered on the screen. While the color chooser dialog is on the screen, the user cannot interact with the parent component until the dialog is dismissed. This type of dialog is called a modal dialog.

After the user selects a color, lines 40–41 determine whether `color` is `null`, and, if so, set `color` to `Color.LIGHT_GRAY`. Line 44 invokes method `setBackground` to change the background color of the JPanel. Method `setBackground` is one of the many Component methods that can be used on most GUI components. The user can continue to use the Change Color button to change the background color of the application. Figure 15.8 contains method `main`, which executes the program.

Figure 15.8(b) shows the default JColorChooser dialog that allows the user to select a color from a variety of color swatches. There are three tabs across the top of the dialog—Swatches, HSB and RGB. These represent three different ways to select a color. The HSB tab allows you to select a color based on hue, saturation and brightness—values that are used to define the amount of light in a color. We do not discuss HSB values. For more information on them, visit `en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HSL_and_HSV`. The RGB tab allows you to select a color by using sliders to select the red, green and blue components. The HSB and RGB tabs are shown in Fig. 15.9.

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**Fig. 15.9** | HSB and RGB tabs of the JColorChooser dialog. (Part 1 of 2.)
15.4 Manipulating Fonts

This section introduces methods and constants for manipulating fonts. Most font methods and font constants are part of class `Font`. Some methods of class `Font` and class `Graphics` are summarized in Fig. 15.10.

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<td><code>public final static int PLAIN</code></td>
<td>A constant representing a plain font style.</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>public final static int BOLD</code></td>
<td>A constant representing a bold font style.</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>public final static int ITALIC</code></td>
<td>A constant representing an italic font style.</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>public Font(String name, int style, int size)</code></td>
<td>Creates a <code>Font</code> object with the specified font name, style and size.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>public int getStyle()</code></td>
<td>Returns an int indicating the current font style.</td>
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<td><code>public int getSize()</code></td>
<td>Returns an int indicating the current font size.</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>public String getName()</code></td>
<td>Returns the current font name as a string.</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>public String getFamily()</code></td>
<td>Returns the font’s family name as a string.</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>public boolean isPlain()</code></td>
<td>Returns true if the font is plain, else false.</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>public boolean isBold()</code></td>
<td>Returns true if the font is bold, else false.</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>public boolean isItalic()</code></td>
<td>Returns true if the font is italic, else false.</td>
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Fig. 15.10 | Font-related methods and constants. (Part 1 of 2.)
Class Font’s constructor takes three arguments—the font name, font style and font size. The font name is any font currently supported by the system on which the program is running, such as standard Java fonts Monospaced, SansSerif and Serif. The font style is Font.PLAIN, Font.ITALIC or Font.BOLD (each is a static field of class Font). Font styles can be used in combination (e.g., Font.ITALIC + Font.BOLD). The font size is measured in points. A point is 1/72 of an inch. Graphics method setFont sets the current drawing font—the font in which text will be displayed—to its Font argument.

The application of Figs. 15.11–15.12 displays text in four different fonts, with each font in a different size. Figure 15.11 uses the Font constructor to initialize Font objects (in lines 16, 20, 24 and 29) that are each passed to Graphics method setFont to change the drawing font. Each call to the Font constructor passes a font name (Serif, Monospaced or SansSerif) as a string, a font style (Font.PLAIN, Font.ITALIC or Font.BOLD) and a font size. Once Graphics method setFont is invoked, all text displayed following the call will appear in the new font until the font is changed. Each font’s information is displayed in lines 17, 21, 25 and 30–31 using method drawString. The coordinates passed to drawString correspond to the lower-left corner of the baseline of the font. Line 28 changes the drawing color to red, so the next string displayed appears in red. Lines 30–31 display information about the final Font object. Method getFont of class Graphics returns a Font object representing the current font. Method getName returns the current font name as a string. Method getSize returns the font size in points.

Figure 15.12 contains the main method, which creates a JFrame to display a FontJPanel. We add a FontJPanel object to this JFrame (line 15), which displays the graphics created in Fig. 15.11.
import java.awt.Color;
import java.awt.Graphics;
import javax.swing.JPanel;

public class FontJPanel extends JPanel {
    public void paintComponent(Graphics g) {
        super.paintComponent(g); // call superclass's paintComponent

        g.setFont(new Font("Serif", Font.BOLD, 12));
        g.drawString("Serif 12 point bold.", 20, 30);

        g.setFont(new Font("Monospaced", Font.ITALIC, 24));
        g.drawString("Monospaced 24 point italic.", 20, 50);

        g.setFont(new Font("SansSerif", Font.PLAIN, 14));
        g.drawString("SansSerif 14 point plain.", 20, 70);

        g.setFont(new Font("Serif", Font.BOLD + Font.ITALIC, 18));
        g.drawString(g.getFont().getName() + " point bold italic.", 20, 90);
    }
}

Fig. 15.11 | Graphics method setFont changes the drawing font.

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import javax.swing.JFrame;

public class Fonts {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        JFrame frame = new JFrame("Using fonts");
        frame.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
        FontJPanel fontPanel = new FontJPanel(); // create FontJPanel
        frame.add(fontPanel); // add fontPanel to frame
    }
}

Fig. 15.12 | Creating a JFrame to display fonts. (Part 1 of 2.)
Font Metrics

Sometimes it’s necessary to get information about the current drawing font, such as its name, style and size. Several Font methods used to get font information are summarized in Fig. 15.10. Method `getStyle` returns an integer value representing the current style. The integer value returned is either `Font.PLAIN`, `Font.ITALIC`, `Font.BOLD` or the combination of `Font.ITALIC` and `Font.BOLD`. Method `getFamily` returns the name of the font family to which the current font belongs. The name of the font family is platform specific.

Font methods are also available to test the style of the current font, and these too are summarized in Fig. 15.10. Methods `isPlain`, `isBold` and `isItalic` return `true` if the current font style is plain, bold or italic, respectively.

Figure 15.13 illustrates some of the common font metrics, which provide precise information about a font, such as `height`, `descent` (the amount a character dips below the baseline), `ascent` (the amount a character rises above the baseline) and `leading` (the difference between the descent of one line of text and the ascent of the line of text below it—that is, the interline spacing).

Class `FontMetrics` declares several methods for obtaining font metrics. These methods and Graphics method `getFontMetrics` are summarized in Fig. 15.14. The application of Figs. 15.15–15.16 uses the methods of Fig. 15.14 to obtain font metric information for two fonts.
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<td><code>public int getDescent()</code></td>
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<td><code>public int getLeading()</code></td>
<td>Returns the leading of a font in points.</td>
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<td><code>public int getHeight()</code></td>
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<td><code>Graphics</code> methods for getting a Font's <code>FontMetrics</code></td>
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<tr>
<td><code>public FontMetrics getFontMetrics()</code></td>
<td>Returns the <code>FontMetrics</code> object for the current drawing <code>Font</code>.</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>public FontMetrics getFontMetrics( Font f )</code></td>
<td>Returns the <code>FontMetrics</code> object for the specified <code>Font</code> argument.</td>
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Fig. 15.14 | FontMetrics and Graphics methods for obtaining font metrics.

```java
// Fig. 15.15: MetricsJPanel.java
// FontMetrics and Graphics methods useful for obtaining font metrics.
import java.awt.Font;
import java.awt.Graphics;
import javax.swing.JPanel;

public class MetricsJPanel extends JPanel {
    public void paintComponent(Graphics g) {
        super.paintComponent(g); // call superclass's paintComponent
        Font font = new Font("SansSerif", Font.BOLD, 12);
        FontMetrics metrics = g.getFontMetrics();
        g.drawString("Current font: ", 10, 30);
        g.drawString("Ascent: ", metrics.getAscent(), 10, 45);
        g.drawString("Descent: ", metrics.getDescent(), 10, 60);
        g.drawString("Height: ", metrics.getHeight(), 10, 75);
        g.drawString("Leading: ", metrics.getLeading(), 10, 90);
    }
}
```

Fig. 15.15 | Font metrics.
15.5 Drawing Lines, Rectangles and Ovals

This section presents Graphics methods for drawing lines, rectangles and ovals. The methods and their parameters are summarized in Fig. 15.17. For each drawing method that requires a width and height parameter, the width and height must be nonnegative values. Otherwise, the shape will not display.
### Method Description

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<td><code>public void drawLine(int x1, int y1, int x2, int y2)</code></td>
<td>Draws a line between the point ((x_1, y_1)) and the point ((x_2, y_2)).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>public void drawRect(int x, int y, int width, int height)</code></td>
<td>Draws a rectangle of the specified width and height. The rectangle's top-left corner is located at ((x, y)). Only the outline of the rectangle is drawn using the <code>Graphics</code> object's color—the body of the rectangle is not filled with this color.</td>
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<td><code>public void fillRect(int x, int y, int width, int height)</code></td>
<td>Draws a filled rectangle in the current color with the specified width and height. The rectangle's top-left corner is located at ((x, y)).</td>
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<td><code>public void clearRect(int x, int y, int width, int height)</code></td>
<td>Draws a filled rectangle with the specified width and height in the current background color. The rectangle's top-left corner is located at ((x, y)). This method is useful if you want to remove a portion of an image.</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>public void drawRoundRect(int x, int y, int width, int height, int arcWidth, int arcHeight)</code></td>
<td>Draws a rectangle with rounded corners in the current color with the specified width and height. The <code>arcWidth</code> and <code>arcHeight</code> determine the rounding of the corners (see Fig. 15.20). Only the outline of the shape is drawn.</td>
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<td><code>public void fillRoundRect(int x, int y, int width, int height, int arcWidth, int arcHeight)</code></td>
<td>Draws a filled rectangle in the current color with rounded corners with the specified width and height. The <code>arcWidth</code> and <code>arcHeight</code> determine the rounding of the corners (see Fig. 15.20).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>public void draw3DRect(int x, int y, int width, int height, boolean b)</code></td>
<td>Draws a three-dimensional rectangle in the current color with the specified width and height. The rectangle's top-left corner is located at ((x, y)). The rectangle appears raised when (b) is true and lowered when (b) is false. Only the outline of the shape is drawn.</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>public void fill3DRect(int x, int y, int width, int height, boolean b)</code></td>
<td>Draws a filled three-dimensional rectangle in the current color with the specified width and height. The rectangle's top-left corner is located at ((x, y)). The rectangle appears raised when (b) is true and lowered when (b) is false.</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>public void drawOval(int x, int y, int width, int height)</code></td>
<td>Draws an oval in the current color with the specified width and height. The bounding rectangle's top-left corner is located at ((x, y)). The oval touches all four sides of the bounding rectangle at the center of each side (see Fig. 15.21). Only the outline of the shape is drawn.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>public void fillOval(int x, int y, int width, int height)</code></td>
<td>Draws a filled oval in the current color with the specified width and height. The bounding rectangle's top-left corner is located at ((x, y)). The oval touches the center of all four sides of the bounding rectangle (see Fig. 15.21).</td>
</tr>
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**Fig. 15.17** | Graphics methods that draw lines, rectangles and ovals.
The application of Figs. 15.18–15.19 demonstrates drawing a variety of lines, rectangles, three-dimensional rectangles, rounded rectangles and ovals. In Fig. 15.18, line 17 draws a red line, line 20 draws an empty blue rectangle and line 21 draws a filled blue rectangle. Methods `fillRoundRect` (line 24) and `drawRoundRect` (line 25) draw rectangles with rounded corners. Their first two arguments specify the coordinates of the upper-left corner of the bounding rectangle—the area in which the rounded rectangle will be drawn. The upper-left corner coordinates are not the edge of the rounded rectangle, but the coordinates where the edge would be if the rectangle had square corners. The third and fourth arguments specify the width and height of the rectangle. The last two arguments determine the horizontal and vertical diameters of the arc (i.e., the arc width and arc height) used to represent the corners.

Figure 15.20 labels the arc width, arc height, width and height of a rounded rectangle. Using the same value for the arc width and arc height produces a quarter-circle at each corner.

```java
// Fig. 15.18: LinesRectsOvalsJPanel.java
// Drawing lines, rectangles and ovals.
import java.awt.Color;
import java.awt.Graphics;
import javax.swing.JPanel;

public class LinesRectsOvalsJPanel extends JPanel {
    // display various lines, rectangles and ovals
    public void paintComponent(Graphics g) {
        super.paintComponent(g); // call superclass's paint method
        this.setBackground(Color.WHITE);
        g.setColor(Color.RED);
        g.drawLine(5, 30, 380, 30);
        g.setColor(Color.BLUE);
        g.drawRect(5, 40, 90, 55);
        g.fillRect(100, 40, 90, 55);
        g.fillRoundRect(195, 40, 90, 55, 50, 50);
        g.drawRoundRect(290, 40, 90, 55, 20, 20);
        g.draw3DRect(5, 100, 90, 55, true);
        g.fill3DRect(100, 100, 90, 55, false);
        g.setColor(Color.CYAN);
        g.fillRoundRect(195, 40, 90, 55, 50, 50);
        g.drawRoundRect(290, 40, 90, 55, 20, 20);
        g.setColor(Color.GREEN);
        g.drawOval(195, 100, 90, 55);
        g.fillOval(290, 100, 90, 55);
    } // end method paintComponent
} // end class LinesRectsOvalsJPanel
```

Fig. 15.18 | Drawing lines, rectangles and ovals.
```java
public class LinesRectsOvals {
    public static void main( String[] args )
    {
        // create frame for LinesRectsOvalsJPanel
        JFrame frame = new JFrame( "Drawing lines, rectangles and ovals" );
        frame.setDefaultCloseOperation( JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE );
        LinesRectsOvalsJPanel linesRectsOvalsJPanel = new LinesRectsOvalsJPanel();
        linesRectsOvalsJPanel.setBackground( Color.WHITE );
        frame.add( linesRectsOvalsJPanel ); // add panel to frame
        frame.setSize( 400, 210 ); // set frame size
        frame.setVisible( true ); // display frame
    } // end main
} // end class LinesRectsOvals
```

**Fig. 15.19** | Creating JFrame to display lines, rectangles and ovals.

**Fig. 15.20** | Arc width and arc height for rounded rectangles.
corner. When the arc width, arc height, width and height have the same values, the result is a circle. If the values for width and height are the same and the values of arcWidth and arcHeight are 0, the result is a square.

Methods \texttt{draw3DRect} (line 28) and \texttt{fill3DRect} (line 29) take the same arguments. The first two specify the top-left corner of the rectangle. The next two arguments specify the width and height of the rectangle, respectively. The last argument determines whether the rectangle is \texttt{raised} (true) or \texttt{lowered} (false). The three-dimensional effect of \texttt{draw3DRect} appears as two edges of the rectangle in the original color and two edges in a slightly darker color. The three-dimensional effect of \texttt{fill3DRect} appears as two edges of the rectangle in the original drawing color and the fill and other two edges in a slightly darker color. Raised rectangles have the original drawing color edges at the top and left of the rectangle. Lowered rectangles have the original drawing color edges at the bottom and right of the rectangle. The three-dimensional effect is difficult to see in some colors.

Methods \texttt{drawOval} and \texttt{fillOval} (Fig. 15.18, lines 32–33) take the same four arguments. The first two specify the top-left coordinate of the bounding rectangle that contains the oval. The last two specify the width and height of the bounding rectangle, respectively. Figure 15.21 shows an oval bounded by a rectangle. The oval touches the center of all four sides of the bounding rectangle. (The bounding rectangle is not displayed on the screen.)

\begin{figure}[h]
\centering
\includegraphics[width=0.5\textwidth]{fig1521.png}
\caption{Oval bounded by a rectangle.}
\end{figure}

\textbf{15.6 Drawing Arcs}

An arc is drawn as a portion of an oval. Arc angles are measured in degrees. Arcs sweep (i.e., move along a curve) from a \textbf{starting angle} through the number of degrees specified by their \textbf{arc angle}. The starting angle indicates in degrees where the arc begins. The arc angle specifies the total number of degrees through which the arc sweeps. Figure 15.22 illustrates two arcs. The left set of axes shows an arc sweeping from zero degrees to approximately 110 degrees. Arcs that sweep in a counterclockwise direction are measured in \textbf{positive degrees}. The set of axes on the right shows an arc sweeping from zero degrees to approximately –110 degrees. Arcs that sweep in a clockwise direction are measured in \textbf{negative degrees}. Note the dashed boxes around the arcs in Fig. 15.22. When drawing an arc, we specify a bounding rectangle for an oval. The arc will sweep along part of the oval. \textbf{Graphics methods} \texttt{drawArc} and \texttt{fillArc} for drawing arcs are summarized in Fig. 15.23.
Fig. 15.24 | Arcs displayed with `drawArc` and `fillArc`. (Part 1 of 2.)

Fig. 15.23 | Graphics methods for drawing arcs.

Figures 15.24–15.25 demonstrate the arc methods of Fig. 15.23. The application draws six arcs (three unfilled and three filled). To illustrate the bounding rectangle that helps determine where the arc appears, the first three arcs are displayed inside a red rectangle that has the same `x`, `y`, `width` and `height` arguments as the arcs.

```java
// Fig. 15.24: ArcsJPanel.java
// Drawing arcs.
import java.awt.Color;
import java.awt.Graphics;
import javax.swing.JPanel;

public class ArcsJPanel extends JPanel {
    // draw rectangles and arcs
    public void paintComponent( Graphics g )
    {
        super.paintComponent( g ); // call superclass's paintComponent
```
14     // start at 0 and sweep 360 degrees
15     g.setColor(  Color.RED  );
16     g.drawRect(  15, 35, 80, 80 );
17     g.setColor(  Color.BLACK  );
18     g.drawArc(  15, 35, 80, 80, 0, 360 );
19     // start at 0 and sweep 110 degrees
20     g.setColor(  Color.RED  );
21     g.drawRect(  100, 35, 80, 80 );
22     g.setColor(  Color.BLACK  );
23     g.drawArc(  100, 35, 80, 80, 0, 110 );
24     // start at 0 and sweep -270 degrees
25     g.setColor(  Color.RED  );
26     g.drawRect(  185, 35, 80, 80 );
27     g.setColor(  Color.BLACK  );
28     g.drawArc(  185, 35, 80, 80, 0, -270 );
29     // start at 0 and sweep 360 degrees
30     // start at 270 and sweep -90 degrees
31     g.fillArc(  15, 120, 80, 40, 0, 360 );
32     g.fillArc(  100, 120, 80, 40, 270, -90 );
33     g.fillArc(  185, 120, 80, 40, 0, -270 );
34     // start at 0 and sweep 360 degrees
35     // start at 270 and sweep -90 degrees
36     g.fillArc(  100, 120, 80, 40, 270, -90 );
37     // start at 0 and sweep -270 degrees
38     g.fillArc(  185, 120, 80, 40, 0, -270 );
39     } // end method paintComponent
40 } // end class ArcsJPanel

Fig. 15.25 | Creating JFrame to display arcs. (Part 1 of 2.)
15.7 Drawing Polygons and Polylines

Polygons are closed multisided shapes composed of straight-line segments. Polylines are sequences of connected points. Figure 15.26 discusses methods for drawing polygons and polylines. Some methods require a Polygon object (package java.awt). Class Polygon's constructors are also described in Fig. 15.26. The application of Figs. 15.27–15.28 draws polygons and polylines.

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<td><strong>Graphics methods for drawing polygons</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>public void <strong>drawPolyLine</strong> (int[] xPoints, int[] yPoints, int points)</td>
<td>Draws a color sequence of connected lines. The x-coordinate of each point is specified in the xPoints array and the y-coordinate of each point in the yPoints array. The last argument specifies the number of points. If the last point is different from the first, the polyline is not closed.</td>
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<tr>
<td>public void <strong>drawPolygon</strong> (Polygon p)</td>
<td>Draws the specified polygon.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>public void <strong>fillPolyLine</strong> (int[] xPoints, int[] yPoints, int points)</td>
<td>Draws a filled color sequence of connected lines. The x-coordinate of each point is specified in the xPoints array and the y-coordinate of each point in the yPoints array. The last argument specifies the number of points. This method draws a closed polygon. If the last point is different from the first, the polygon is closed by a line that connects the last point to the first.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>public void <strong>fillPolygon</strong> (Polygon p)</td>
<td>Draws the specified filled polygon. The polygon is closed.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Method Description

**Polygon constructors and methods**

- **public Polygon()**
  - Constructs a new polygon object. The polygon does not contain any points.

- **public Polygon(int[] xValues, int[] yValues, int numberOfPoints)**
  - Constructs a new polygon object. The polygon has numberOfPoints sides, with each point consisting of an x-coordinate from xValues and a y-coordinate from yValues.

- **public void addPoint(int x, int y)**
  - Adds pairs of x- and y-coordinates to the Polygon.

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#### Fig. 15.26 Graphics methods for polygons and class Polygon methods. (Part 2 of 2.)

```java
// Fig. 15.27: PolygonsJPanel.java
// Drawing polygons.
import java.awt.Graphics;
import java.awt.Polygon;
import javax.swing.JPanel;

public class PolygonsJPanel extends JPanel {

    // draw polygons and polylines
    public void paintComponent(Graphics g) {
        super.paintComponent(g); // call superclass's paintComponent

        // draw polygon with Polygon object
        int[] xValues = {20, 40, 50, 30, 20, 15};
        int[] yValues = {50, 50, 60, 80, 80, 60};
        Polygon polygon1 = new Polygon(xValues, yValues, 6);
        g.drawPolygon(polygon1);

        // draw polylines with two arrays
        int[] xValues2 = {70, 90, 100, 80, 70, 65, 60};
        int[] yValues2 = {100, 100, 110, 110, 130, 110, 90};
        g.drawPolyline(xValues2, yValues2, 7);

        // fill polygon with two arrays
        int[] xValues3 = {120, 140, 150, 190};
        int[] yValues3 = {40, 70, 80, 60};
        g.fillPolygon(xValues3, yValues3, 4);

        // draw filled polygon with Polygon object
        Polygon polygon2 = new Polygon();
        polygon2.addPoint(165, 135);
        polygon2.addPoint(175, 150);
        polygon2.addPoint(270, 200);
    }
}
```

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#### Fig. 15.27 Polygons displayed with drawPolygon and fillPolygon. (Part 1 of 2.)
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Lines 15–16 of Fig. 15.27 create two int arrays and use them to specify the points for Polygon polygon1. The Polygon constructor call in line 17 receives array xValues, which contains the x-coordinate of each point; array yValues, which contains the y-coordinate of each point; and 6 (the number of points in the polygon). Line 18 displays polygon1 by passing it as an argument to Graphics method drawPolygon.

Lines 21–22 create two int arrays and use them to specify the points for a series of connected lines. Array xValues2 contains the x-coordinate of each point and array yValues2 the y-coordinate of each point. Line 23 uses Graphics method drawPolyline to
display the series of connected lines specified with the arguments xValues2, yValues2 and 7 (the number of points).

Lines 26–27 create two int arrays and use them to specify the points of a polygon. Array xValues3 contains the x-coordinate of each point and array yValues3 the y-coordinate of each point. Line 28 displays a polygon by passing to Graphics method fillPolygon the two arrays (xValues3 and yValues3) and the number of points to draw (4).

15.8 Java 2D API

The Java 2D API provides advanced two-dimensional graphics capabilities for programmers who require detailed and complex graphical manipulations. The API includes features for processing line art, text and images in packages java.awt, java.awt.image, java.awt.color, java.awt.font, java.awt.geom, java.awt.print and java.awt.image.renderable. The capabilities of the API are far too broad to cover in this textbook. For an overview, see the Java 2D demo (discussed in Chapter 23, Applets and Java Web Start) or visit download.oracle.com/javase/6/docs/technotes/guides/2d/. In this section, we overview several Java 2D capabilities.

Drawing with the Java 2D API is accomplished with a Graphics2D reference (package java.awt). Graphics2D is an abstract subclass of class Graphics, so it has all the graphics capabilities demonstrated earlier in this chapter. In fact, the actual object used to draw in every paintComponent method is an instance of a subclass of Graphics2D that is passed to method paintComponent and accessed via the superclass Graphics. To access Graphics2D capabilities, we must cast the Graphics reference (g) passed to paintComponent into a Graphics2D reference with a statement such as

```java
Graphics2D g2d = (Graphics2D) g;
```

The next two examples use this technique.

Lines, Rectangles, Round Rectangles, Arcs and Ellipses

This example demonstrates several Java 2D shapes from package java.awt.geom, including Line2D.Double, Rectangle2D.Double, RoundRectangle2D.Double, Arc2D.Double and Ellipse2D.Double. Note the syntax of each class name. Each class represents a shape with dimensions specified as double values. There’s a separate version of each represented with float values (e.g., Ellipse2D.Float). In each case, Double is a public static nested class of the class specified to the left of the dot (e.g., Ellipse2D). To use the static nested class, we simply qualify its name with the outer class name.

In Figs. 15.29–15.30, we draw Java 2D shapes and modify their drawing characteristics, such as changing line thickness, filling shapes with patterns and drawing dashed lines. These are just a few of the many capabilities provided by Java 2D.

Common Programming Error 15.1

An ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException is thrown if the number of points specified in the third argument to method drawPolygon or method fillPolygon is greater than the number of elements in the arrays of coordinates that specify the polygon to display.
Line 25 of Fig. 15.29 casts the Graphics reference received by paintComponent to a Graphics2D reference and assigns it to g2d to allow access to the Java 2D features.

```java
// Fig. 15.29: ShapesJPanel.java
// Demonstrating some Java 2D shapes.
import java.awt.Color;
import java.awt.Graphics;
import java.awt.Rectangle;
import java.awt.BasicStroke;
import java.awt.GradientPaint;
import java.awt.TexturePaint;
import java.awt.Graphics2D;
import java.awt.geom.Ellipse2D;
import java.awt.geom.Rectangle2D;
import java.awt.geom.RoundRectangle2D;
import java.awt.geom.Arc2D;
import java.awt.geom.Line2D;
import java.awt.image.BufferedImage;
import javax.swing.JPanel;

class ShapesJPanel extends JPanel {
    // draw shapes with Java 2D API
    public void paintComponent(Graphics g) {
        super.paintComponent(g); // call superclass's paintComponent
        Graphics2D g2d = (Graphics2D) g; // cast g to Graphics2D
        g2d.setPaint(new GradientPaint(5, 30, Color.BLUE, 35, 100, Color.YELLOW, true));
        g2d.fill(new Ellipse2D.Double(5, 30, 65, 100));

        g2d.setPaint(Color.RED);
        g2d.setStroke(new BasicStroke(10.0f));
        g2d.draw(new Rectangle2D.Double(80, 30, 65, 100));

        BufferedImage buffImage = new BufferedImage(10, 10, BufferedImage.TYPE_INT_RGB);
        Graphics2D gg = buffImage.createGraphics();
        gg.setColor(Color.YELLOW); // draw in yellow
        gg.fillRect(0, 0, 10, 10); // draw a filled rectangle
        gg.setColor(Color.BLACK); // draw in black
        gg.draw(new Rectangle2D.Double(1, 1, 6, 6)); // draw a rectangle
        gg.setColor(Color.BLUE); // draw in blue
        gg.fillRect(1, 1, 3, 3); // draw a filled rectangle
        gg.setColor(Color.RED); // draw in red
```

Fig. 15.29 | Java 2D shapes. (Part 1 of 2.)
gg.fillRect(4, 4, 3, 3); // draw a filled rectangle

// paint buffImage onto the JFrame
new TexturePaint( buffImage,
    new RoundRectangle2D.Double( 155, 30, 75, 100, 50, 50 ));

// draw 2D pie-shaped arc in white
Color.WHITE; g2d.draw(new Arc2D.Double( 240, 30, 75, 100, 0, 270, Arc2D.PIE ));

// draw 2D lines in green and yellow
Color.GREEN;

// draw 2D line using stroke
float[] dashes = { 10 }; // specify dash pattern
Color.YELLOW; g2d.draw(new Line2D.Double( 320, 30, 395, 150 ));

Fig. 15.29 | Java 2D shapes. (Part 2 of 2.)
Ovals, Gradient Fills and Paint Objects

The first shape we draw is an oval filled with gradually changing colors. Lines 28–29 invoke Graphics2D method setPaint to set the Paint object that determines the color for the shape to display. A Paint object implements interface java.awt.Paint. It can be something as simple as one of the predeclared Color objects introduced in Section 15.3 (class Color implements Paint), or it can be an instance of the Java 2D API’s GradientPaint, SystemColor, TexturePaint, LinearGradientPaint or RadialGradientPaint classes. In this case, we use a GradientPaint object.

Class GradientPaint helps draw a shape in gradually changing colors—called a gradient. The GradientPaint constructor used here requires seven arguments. The first two specify the starting coordinate for the gradient. The third specifies the starting Color for the gradient. The fourth and fifth specify the ending coordinate for the gradient. The sixth specifies the ending Color for the gradient. The last argument specifies whether the gradient is cyclic (true) or acyclic (false). The two sets of coordinates determine the direction of the gradient. Because the second coordinate (35, 100) is down and to the right of the first coordinate (5, 30), the gradient goes down and to the right at an angle. Because this gradient is cyclic (true), the color starts with blue, gradually becomes yellow, then gradually returns to blue. If the gradient is acyclic, the color transitions from the first color specified (e.g., blue) to the second color (e.g., yellow).

Line 30 uses Graphics2D method fill to draw a filled Shape object—an object that implements interface Shape (package java.awt). In this case, we display an Ellipse2D.Double object. The Ellipse2D.Double constructor receives four arguments specifying the bounding rectangle for the ellipse to display.

Rectangles, Strokes

Next we draw a red rectangle with a thick border. Line 33 invokes setPaint to set the Paint object to Color.RED. Line 34 uses Graphics2D method setStroke to set the characteristics of the rectangle’s border (or the lines for any other shape). Method setStroke requires as its argument an object that implements interface Stroke (package java.awt). In this case, we use an instance of class BasicStroke. Class BasicStroke provides several constructors to specify the width of the line, how the line ends (called the end caps), how lines join together (called line joins) and the dash attributes of the line (if it’s a dashed line). The constructor here specifies that the line should be 10 pixels wide.

Line 35 uses Graphics2D method draw to draw a Shape object—in this case, a Rectangle2D.Double. The Rectangle2D.Double constructor receives arguments specifying the rectangle’s upper-left x-coordinate, upper-left y-coordinate, width and height.
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**Rounded Rectangles, BufferedImage and TexturePaint Objects**

Next we draw a rounded rectangle filled with a pattern created in a `BufferedImage` (package `java.awt.image`) object. Lines 38–39 create the `BufferedImage` object. Class `BufferedImage` can be used to produce images in color and grayscale. This particular `BufferedImage` is 10 pixels wide and 10 pixels tall (as specified by the first two arguments of the constructor). The third argument `BufferedImage.TYPE_INT_RGB` indicates that the image is stored in color using the RGB color scheme.

To create the rounded rectangle's fill pattern, we must first draw into the `BufferedImage`. Line 42 creates a `Graphics2D` object (by calling `BufferedImage` method `createGraphics`) that can be used to draw into the `BufferedImage`. Lines 43–50 use methods `setColor`, `fillRect` and `drawRect` to create the pattern.

Lines 53–54 set the `Paint` object to a new `TexturePaint` (package `java.awt`) object. A `TexturePaint` object uses the image stored in its associated `BufferedImage` (the first constructor argument) as the fill texture for a filled-in shape. The second argument specifies the `Rectangle` area from the `BufferedImage` that will be replicated through the texture. In this case, the `Rectangle` is the same size as the `BufferedImage`. However, a smaller portion of the `BufferedImage` can be used.

Lines 55–56 use `Graphics2D` method `fill` to draw a filled `Shape` object—in this case, a `RoundRectangle2D.Double`. The constructor for class `RoundRectangle2D.Double` receives six arguments specifying the rectangle dimensions and the arc width and arc height used to determine the rounding of the corners.

**Arcs**

Next we draw a pie-shaped arc with a thick white line. Line 59 sets the `Paint` object to `Color.WHITE`. Line 60 sets the `Stroke` object to a new `BasicStroke` for a line 6 pixels wide. Lines 61–62 use `Graphics2D` method `draw` to draw a `Shape` object—in this case, an `Arc2D.Double`. The `Arc2D.Double` constructor's first four arguments specify the upper-left `x`-coordinate, upper-left `y`-coordinate, width and height of the bounding rectangle for the arc. The fifth argument specifies the start angle. The sixth argument specifies the arc angle. The last argument specifies how the arc is closed. Constant `Arc2D.PIE` indicates that the arc is closed by drawing two lines—one line from the arc’s starting point to the center of the bounding rectangle and one line from the center of the bounding rectangle to the ending point. Class `Arc2D` provides two other static constants for specifying how the arc is closed. Constant `Arc2D.CHORD` draws a line from the starting point to the ending point. Constant `Arc2D.OPEN` specifies that the arc should not be closed.

**Lines**

Finally, we draw two lines using `Line2D` objects—one solid and one dashed. Line 65 sets the `Paint` object to `Color.GREEN`. Line 66 uses `Graphics2D` method `draw` to draw a `Shape` object—in this case, an instance of class `Line2D.Double`. The `Line2D.Double` constructor's arguments specify the starting coordinates and ending coordinates of the line.

Line 69 declares a one-element `float` array containing the value 10. This array describes the dashes in the dashed line. In this case, each dash will be 10 pixels long. To create dashes of different lengths in a pattern, simply provide the length of each dash as an element in the array. Line 70 sets the `Paint` object to `Color.YELLOW`. Lines 71–72 set the `Stroke` object to a new `BasicStroke`. The line will be 4 pixels wide and will have rounded...
ends (**BasicStroke.CAP_ROUND**). If lines join together (as in a rectangle at the corners), their joining will be rounded (**BasicStroke.JOIN_ROUND**). The dashes argument specifies the dash lengths for the line. The last argument indicates the starting index in the dashes array for the first dash in the pattern. Line 73 then draws a line with the current **Stroke**.

**Creating Your Own Shapes with General Paths**

Next we present a **general path**—a shape constructed from straight lines and complex curves. A general path is represented with an object of class **GeneralPath** (package java.awt.geom). The application of Figs. 15.31 and 15.32 demonstrates drawing a general path in the shape of a five-pointed star.

```java
// Fig. 15.31: Shapes2JPanel.java
// Demonstrating a general path.
import java.awt.Color;
import java.awt.Graphics;
import java.awt.Graphics2D;
import java.awt.geom.GeneralPath;
import java.util.Random;
import javax.swing.JPanel;

public class Shapes2JPanel extends JPanel {
    // draw general paths
    public void paintComponent(Graphics g) {
        super.paintComponent(g); // call superclass's paintComponent
        Random random = new Random(); // get random number generator
        int[] xPoints = {55, 67, 109, 73, 83, 27, 37, 1, 43};
        int[] yPoints = {0, 36, 36, 54, 96, 72, 96, 54, 36, 36};
        Graphics2D g2d = (Graphics2D) g;
        GeneralPath star = new GeneralPath(); // create GeneralPath object
        // set the initial coordinate of the General Path
        star.moveTo(xPoints[0], yPoints[0]);
        // create the star--this does not draw the star
        for (int count = 1; count < xPoints.length; count++)
            star.lineTo(xPoints[count], yPoints[count]);
        star.closePath(); // close the shape
        g2d.translate(150, 150); // translate the origin to (150, 150)
        // rotate around origin and draw stars in random colors
        for (int count = 1; count <= 20; count++)
            g2d.rotate(Math.PI / 10.0); // rotate coordinate system
```
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Lines 18–19 declare two int arrays representing the x- and y-coordinates of the points in the star. Line 22 creates GeneralPath object star. Line 25 uses GeneralPath method \texttt{moveTo} to specify the first point in the star. The for statement in lines 28–29 uses GeneralPath method \texttt{lineTo} to draw a line to the next point in the star. Each new call to
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15.9 Wrap-Up

In this chapter, you learned how to use Java’s graphics capabilities to produce colorful drawings. You learned how to specify the location of an object using Java’s coordinate system, and how to draw on a window using the paintComponent method. You were introduced to class Color, and you learned how to use this class to specify different colors using their RGB components. You used the JColorChooser dialog to allow users to select colors in a program. You then learned how to work with fonts when drawing text on a window. You learned how to create a Font object from a font name, style and size, as well as how to access the metrics of a font. From there, you learned how to draw various shapes on a window, such as rectangles (regular, rounded and 3D), ovals and polygons, as well as lines and arcs. You then used the Java 2D API to create more complex shapes and to fill them with gradients or patterns. The chapter concluded with a discussion of general paths, used to construct shapes from straight lines and complex curves. In the next chapter, we discuss class String and its methods. We introduce regular expressions for pattern matching in strings and demonstrate how to validate user input with regular expressions.

Summary

Section 15.1 Introduction

• Java’s coordinate system (p. 632) is a scheme for identifying every point (p. 643) on the screen.
• A coordinate pair (p. 632) has an x-coordinate (horizontal) and a y-coordinate (vertical).
• Coordinates are used to indicate where graphics should be displayed on a screen.
• Coordinate units are measured in pixels (p. 632). A pixel is a display monitor’s smallest unit of resolution.

Section 15.2 Graphics Contexts and Graphics Objects

• A Java graphics context (p. 634) enables drawing on the screen.
• Class Graphics (p. 632) contains methods for drawing strings, lines, rectangles and other shapes. Methods are also included for font manipulation and color manipulation.
• A Graphics object manages a graphics context and draws pixels on the screen that represent text and other graphical objects, e.g., lines, ellipses, rectangles and other polygons (p. 654).
• Class Graphics is an abstract class. Each Java implementation has a Graphics subclass that provides drawing capabilities. This implementation is hidden from us by class Graphics, which supplies the interface that enables us to use graphics in a platform-independent manner.
• Method `paintComponent` can be used to draw graphics in any `JComponent` component.
• Method `paintComponent` receives a `Graphics` object that is passed to the method by the system when a lightweight Swing component needs to be repainted.
• When an application executes, the application container calls method `paintComponent`. For `paintComponent` to be called again, an event must occur.
• When a `JComponent` is displayed, its `paintComponent` method is called.
• Calling method `repaint` (p. 635) on a component updates the graphics drawn on that component.

Section 15.3 Color Control
• Class `Color` (p. 632) declares methods and constants for manipulating colors in a Java program.
• Every color is created from a red, a green and a blue component. Together these components are called RGB values (p. 636). The RGB components specify the amount of red, green and blue in a color, respectively. The larger the RGB value, the greater the amount of that particular color.
• `Color` methods `getRed`, `getGreen` and `getBlue` (p. 636) return int values from 0 to 255 representing the amount of red, green and blue, respectively.
• `Graphics` method `getColor` (p. 636) returns a `Color` object with the current drawing color.
• `Graphics` method `setColor` (p. 636) sets the current drawing color.
• `Graphics` method `fillRect` (p. 636) draws a rectangle filled by the `Graphics` object’s current color.
• `Graphics` method `drawString` (p. 638) draws a `String` in the current color.
• The `JColorChooser` GUI component (p. 639) enables application users to select colors.
• `JColorChooser` static method `showDialog` (p. 641) displays a modal `JColorChooser` dialog.

Section 15.4 Manipulating Fonts
• Class `Font` (p. 632) contains methods and constants for manipulating fonts.
• Class `Font`’s constructor takes three arguments—the font name (p. 643), font style and font size.
• A `Font`’s font style can be `Font.PLAIN`, `Font.ITALIC` or `Font.BOLD` (each is a static field of class `Font`). Font styles can be used in combination (e.g., `Font.ITALIC + Font.BOLD`).
• The font size is measured in points. A point is 1/72 of an inch.
• `Graphics` method `setFont` (p. 643) sets the drawing font in which text will be displayed.
• `Font` method `getStyle` (p. 645) returns an integer value representing the current `Font`’s style.
• `Font` method `getSize` (p. 643) returns the font size in points.
• `Font` method `getName` (p. 643) returns the current font name as a string.
• `Font` method `getFamily` (p. 645) returns the name of the font family to which the current font belongs. The name of the font family is platform specific.
• `FontMetrics` (p. 645) contains methods for obtaining font information.
• `Font` metrics (p. 645) include height, descent and leading.

Section 15.5 Drawing Lines, Rectangles and Ovals
• `Graphics` methods `fillRoundRect` (p. 649) and `drawRoundRect` (p. 649) draw rectangles with rounded corners.
• `Graphics` methods `draw3DRect` (p. 651) and `fill3DRect` (p. 651) draw three-dimensional rectangles.
• `Graphics` methods `drawOval` (p. 651) and `fillOval` (p. 651) draw ovals.

Section 15.6 Drawing Arcs
• An arc (p. 651) is drawn as a portion of an oval.
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• Arcs sweep from a starting angle by the number of degrees specified by their arc angle (p. 651).
• Graphics methods drawArc (p. 651) and fillArc (p. 651) are used for drawing arcs.

**Section 15.7 Drawing Polygons and Polylines**

• Class Polygon contains methods for creating polygons.
• Polygons are closed multisided shapes composed of straight-line segments.
• Polylines (p. 654) are a sequence of connected points.
• Graphics method drawPolyline (p. 656) displays a series of connected lines.
• Graphics methods drawPolygon (p. 656) and fillPolygon (p. 657) are used to draw polygons.
• Polygon method addPoint (p. 657) adds pairs of x- and y-coordinates to the Polygon.

**Section 15.8 Java 2D API**

• The Java 2D API (p. 657) provides advanced two-dimensional graphics capabilities.
• Class Graphics2D (p. 632)—a subclass of Graphics—is used for drawing with the Java 2D API.
• The Java 2D API’s classes for drawing shapes include Line2D.Double, Rectangle2D.Double, RoundRectangle2D.Double, Arc2D.Double and Ellipse2D.Double (p. 657).
• Class GradientPaint (p. 632) helps draw a shape in gradually changing colors—called a gradient (p. 660).
• Graphics2D method fill (p. 660) draws a filled object of any type that implements interface Shape (p. 660).
• Class BasicStroke (p. 632) helps specify the drawing characteristics of lines.
• Graphics2D method draw (p. 660) is used to draw a Shape object.
• Classes GradientPaint and TexturePaint (p. 632) help specify the characteristics for filling shapes with colors or patterns.
• A general path (p. 662) is a shape constructed from straight lines and complex curves and is represented with an object of class GeneralPath (p. 662).
• GeneralPath method moveTo (p. 663) specifies the first point in a general path.
• GeneralPath method lineTo (p. 663) draws a line to the next point in the path. Each new call to lineTo draws a line from the previous point to the current point.
• GeneralPath method closePath (p. 664) draws a line from the last point to the point specified in the last call to moveTo. This completes the general path.
• Graphics2D method translate (p. 664) is used to move the drawing origin to a new location.
• Graphics2D method rotate (p. 664) is used to rotate the next displayed shape.

**Self-Review Exercises**

15.1  Fill in the blanks in each of the following statements:

a) In Java 2D, method _______ of class _______ sets the characteristics of a line used to draw a shape.

b) Class _______ helps specify the fill for a shape such that the fill gradually changes from one color to another.

c) The _______ method of class Graphics draws a line between two points.

d) RGB is short for _______, _______ and _______.

e) Font sizes are measured in units called _______.

f) Class _______ helps specify the fill for a shape using a pattern drawn in a BufferedImage.
15.2  State whether each of the following is true or false. If false, explain why.
   a) The first two arguments of Graphics method drawOval specify the center coordinate of the oval.
   b) In the Java coordinate system, x-coordinates increase from left to right and y-coordinates from top to bottom.
   c) Graphics method fillPolygon draws a filled polygon in the current color.
   d) Graphics method drawArc allows negative angles.
   e) Graphics method getSize returns the size of the current font in centimeters.
   f) Pixel coordinate (0, 0) is located at the exact center of the monitor.

15.3  Find the error(s) in each of the following and explain how to correct them. Assume that $g$ is a Graphics object.
   a) $g.setFont( "SansSerif" );$
   b) $g.erase( x, y, w, h );$  // clear rectangle at (x, y)
   c) Font $f = \text{new Font}( "Serif", \text{Font.BOLDITALIC}, 12 );$
   d) $g.setColor( 255, 255, 0 );$  // change color to yellow

Answers to Self-Review Exercises

15.1  a) setStroke, Graphics2D. b) GradientPaint. c) drawLine. d) red, green, blue. e) points.
   f) TexturePaint.

15.2  a) False. The first two arguments specify the upper-left corner of the bounding rectangle.
   b) True.
   c) True.
   d) True.
   e) False. Font sizes are measured in points.
   f) False. The coordinate (0,0) corresponds to the upper-left corner of a GUI component on which drawing occurs.

15.3  a) The setFont method takes a Font object as an argument—not a String.
   b) The Graphics class does not have an erase method. The clearRect method should be used.
   c) Font.BOLDITALIC is not a valid font style. To get a bold italic font, use Font.BOLD + Font.ITALIC.
   d) Method setColor takes a Color object as an argument, not three integers.

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15.4  Fill in the blanks in each of the following statements:
   a) Class _______ of the Java 2D API is used to draw ovals.
   b) Methods draw and fill of class Graphics2D require an object of type _______ as their argument.
   c) The three constants that specify font style are _______, _______ and _______.
   d) Graphics2D method _______ sets the painting color for Java 2D shapes.

15.5  State whether each of the following is true or false. If false, explain why.
   a) Graphics method drawPolygon automatically connects the endpoints of the polygon.
   b) Graphics method drawLine draws a line between two points.
   c) Graphics method fillArc uses degrees to specify the angle.
   d) In the Java coordinate system, values on the y-axis increase from left to right.
   e) Graphics inherits directly from class Object.
   f) Graphics is an abstract class.
   g) The Font class inherits directly from class Graphics.
15.6 (Concentric Circles Using Method drawArc) Write an application that draws a series of eight concentric circles. The circles should be separated by 10 pixels. Use Graphics method drawArc.

15.7 (Concentric Circles Using Class Ellipse2D.Double) Modify your solution to Exercise 15.6 to draw the ovals by using class Ellipse2D.Double and method draw of class Graphics2D.

15.8 (Random Lines Using Class Line2D.Double) Modify your solution to Exercise 15.7 to draw random lines in random colors and random line thicknesses. Use class Line2D.Double and method draw of class Graphics2D to draw the lines.

15.9 (Random Triangles) Write an application that displays randomly generated triangles in different colors. Each triangle should be filled with a different color. Use class GeneralPath and method fill of class Graphics2D to draw the triangles.

15.10 (Random Characters) Write an application that randomly draws characters in different fonts, sizes and colors.

15.11 (Grid Using Method drawLine) Write an application that draws an 8-by-8 grid. Use Graphics method drawLine.

15.12 (Grid Using Class Line2D.Double) Modify your solution to Exercise 15.11 to draw the grid using instances of class Line2D.Double and method draw of class Graphics2D.

15.13 (Grid Using Method drawRect) Write an application that draws a 10-by-10 grid. Use the Graphics method drawRect.

15.14 (Grid Using Class Rectangle2D.Double) Modify your solution to Exercise 15.13 to draw the grid by using class Rectangle2D.Double and method draw of class Graphics2D.

15.15 (Drawing Tetrahedrons) Write an application that draws a tetrahedron (a three-dimensional shape with four triangular faces). Use class GeneralPath and method draw of class Graphics2D.

15.16 (Drawing Cubes) Write an application that draws a cube. Use class GeneralPath and method draw of class Graphics2D.

15.17 (Circles Using Class Ellipse2D.Double) Write an application that asks the user to input the radius of a circle as a floating-point number and draws the circle, as well as the values of the circle’s diameter, circumference and area. Use the value 3.14159 for \( \pi \). [Note: You may also use the predefined constant Math.PI for the value of \( \pi \). This constant is more precise than the value 3.14159. Class Math is declared in the java.lang package, so you need not import it.] Use the following formulas (\( r \) is the radius):

\[
\text{diameter} = 2r \\
\text{circumference} = 2\pi r \\
\text{area} = \pi r^2
\]

The user should also be prompted for a set of coordinates in addition to the radius. Then draw the circle and display its diameter, circumference and area, using an Ellipse2D.Double object to represent the circle and method draw of class Graphics2D to display it.

15.18 (Screen Saver) Write an application that simulates a screen saver. The application should randomly draw lines using method drawLine of class Graphics. After drawing 100 lines, the application should clear itself and start drawing lines again. To allow the program to draw continuously, place a call to repaint as the last line in method paintComponent. Do you notice any problems with this on your system?

15.19 (Screen Saver Using Timer) Package javax.swing contains a class called Timer that is capable of calling method actionPerformed of interface ActionListener at a fixed time interval (specified in milliseconds). Modify your solution to Exercise 15.18 to remove the call to repaint from method paintComponent. Declare your class to implement ActionListener. (The actionPerformed
method should simply call repaint.) Declare an instance variable of type Timer called timer in your class. In the constructor for your class, write the following statements:

```java
timer = new Timer(1000, this);
timer.start();
```

This creates an instance of class Timer that will call this object’s actionPerformed method every 1000 milliseconds (i.e., every second).

15.20 (Screen Saver for a Random Number of Lines) Modify your solution to Exercise 15.19 to enable the user to enter the number of random lines that should be drawn before the application clears itself and starts drawing lines again. Use a JTextField to obtain the value. The user should be able to type a new number into the JTextField at any time during the program’s execution. Use an inner class to perform event handling for the JTextField.

15.21 (Screen Saver with Shapes) Modify your solution to Exercise 15.19 such that it uses random-number generation to choose different shapes to display. Use methods of class Graphics.

15.22 (Screen Saver Using the Java 2D API) Modify your solution to Exercise 15.21 to use classes and drawing capabilities of the Java 2D API. Draw shapes like rectangles and ellipses, with randomly generated gradients. Use class GradientPaint to generate the gradient.

15.23 (Turtle Graphics) Modify your solution to Exercise 7.21—Turtle Graphics—to add a graphical user interface using JTextField and JButton. Draw lines rather than asterisks (*). When the turtle graphics program specifies a move, translate the number of positions into a number of pixels on the screen by multiplying the number of positions by 10 (or any value you choose). Implement the drawing with Java 2D API features.

15.24 (Knight’s Tour) Produce a graphical version of the Knight’s Tour problem (Exercise 7.22, Exercise 7.23 and Exercise 7.26). As each move is made, the appropriate cell of the chessboard should be updated with the proper move number. If the result of the program is a full tour or a closed tour, the program should display an appropriate message. If you like, use class Timer (see Exercise 15.19) to help animate the Knight’s Tour.

15.25 (Tortoise and Hare) Produce a graphical version of the Tortoise and Hare simulation (Exercise 7.28). Simulate the mountain by drawing an arc that extends from the bottom-left corner of the window to the top-right corner. The tortoise and the hare should race up the mountain. Implement the graphical output to actually print the tortoise and the hare on the arc for every move. [Hint: Extend the length of the race from 70 to 300 to allow yourself a larger graphics area.]

15.26 (Drawing Spirals) Write an application that uses Graphics method drawPolyline to draw a spiral similar to the one shown in Fig. 15.33.

![Spiral](image)
15.27 *(Pie Chart)* Write a program that inputs four numbers and graphs them as a pie chart. Use class `Arc2D.Double` and method `fill` of class `Graphics2D` to perform the drawing. Draw each piece of the pie in a separate color.

15.28 *(Selecting Shapes)* Write an application that allows the user to select a shape from a `JComboBox` and draws it 20 times with random locations and dimensions in method `paintComponent`. The first item in the `JComboBox` should be the default shape that is displayed the first time `paintComponent` is called.

15.29 *(Random Colors)* Modify Exercise 15.28 to draw each of the 20 randomly sized shapes in a randomly selected color. Use all 13 predefined `Color` objects in an array of `Colors`.

15.30 *(JColorChooser Dialog)* Modify Exercise 15.28 to allow the user to select the color in which shapes should be drawn from a `JColorChooser` dialog.

*(Optional) GUI and Graphics Case Study: Adding Java 2D*

Java 2D introduces many new capabilities for creating unique and impressive graphics. We'll add a small subset of these features to the drawing application you created in Exercise 14.17. In this version, you'll enable the user to specify gradients for filling shapes and to change stroke characteristics for drawing lines and outlines of shapes. The user will be able to choose which colors compose the gradient and set the width and dash length of the stroke.

First, you must update the `MyShape` hierarchy to support Java 2D functionality. Make the following changes in class `MyShape`:

a) Change abstract method `draw`'s parameter type from `Graphics` to `Graphics2D`.

b) Change all variables of type `Color` to type `Paint` to enable support for gradients. [Note: Recall that class `Color` implements interface `Paint`.]

c) Add an instance variable of type `Stroke` in class `MyShape` and a `Stroke` parameter in the constructor to initialize the new instance variable. The default stroke should be an instance of class `BasicStroke`.

Classes `MyLine`, `MyBoundedShape`, `MyOval` and `MyRectangle` should each add a `Stroke` parameter to their constructors. In the draw methods, each shape should set the `Paint` and the `Stroke` before drawing or filling a shape. Since `Graphics2D` is a subclass of `Graphics`, we can continue to use `Graphics` methods `drawLine`, `drawOval`, `fillOval`, and so on. to draw the shapes. When these methods are called, they'll draw the appropriate shape using the specified `Paint` and `Stroke` settings.

Next, you'll update the `DrawPanel` to handle the Java 2D features. Change all `Color` variables to `Paint` variables. Declare an instance variable `currentStroke` of type `Stroke` and provide a `set` method for it. Update the calls to the individual shape constructors to include the `Paint` and `Stroke` arguments. In method `paintComponent`, cast the `Graphics` reference to type `Graphics2D` and use the `Graphics2D` reference in each call to `MyShape` method `draw`.

Next, make the new Java 2D features accessible from the GUI. Create a `JPanel` of GUI components for setting the Java 2D options. Add these components at the top of the `DrawFrame` below the panel that currently contains the standard shape controls (see Fig. 15.34). These GUI components should include:

a) A check box to specify whether to paint using a gradient.

b) Two `JButtons` that each show a `JColorChooser` dialog to allow the user to choose the first and second color in the gradient. (These will replace the `JComboBox` used for choosing the color in Exercise 14.17.)

c) A text field for entering the Stroke width.

d) A text field for entering the Stroke dash length.

e) A check box for selecting whether to draw a dashed or solid line.

If the user selects to draw with a gradient, set the `Paint` on the `DrawPanel` to be a gradient of the two colors chosen by the user. The expression
Making a Difference

15.32 (Large-Type Displays for People with Low Vision) The accessibility of computers and the Internet to all people, regardless of disabilities, is becoming more important as these tools play increasing roles in our personal and business lives. According to a recent estimate by the World Health Organization (www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs282/en/), 124 million people worldwide have low vision. To learn more about low vision, check out the GUI-based low-vision simulation at www.webaim.org/simulations/lowvision.php. People with low vision might prefer to choose a font and/or a larger font size when reading electronic documents and web pages. Java has five built-in “logical” fonts that are guaranteed to be available in any Java implementation, including serif, sans-serif and monospaced. Write a GUI application that provides a JTextArea in which the user can type text. Allow the user to select serif, sans-serif or monospaced from a JComboBox. Provide a Bold JCheckBox, which, if checked, makes the text bold. Include Increase Font Size and Decrease Font Size JButton that allow the user to scale the size of the font up or down, respectively, by one point at a time. Start with a font size of 18 points. For the purposes of this exercise, set the font size on the JComboBox, JButton and JCheckBox to 20 points so that a person with low vision will be able to read the text on them.