

# Class `java.awt.Component`

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public class **Component**  
extends [Object](#)  
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A generic Abstract Window Toolkit component.

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```
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```

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### o **getPeer**

```
public ComponentPeer getPeer()
```

Gets the peer of the component.

#### o **getToolkit**

```
public Toolkit getToolkit()
```

Gets the toolkit of the component. This toolkit is used to create the peer for this component.

#### o **isValid**

```
public boolean isValid()
```

Checks if this Component is valid. Components are invalidated when they are first shown on the screen.

**See Also:**

validate, invalidate

#### o **isVisible**

```
public boolean isVisible()
```

Checks if this Component is visible. Components are initially visible (with the exception of top level components such as Frame).

**See Also:**

show, hide

#### o **isShowing**

```
public boolean isShowing()
```

Checks if this Component is showing on screen. This means that the component must be visible, and it must be in a container that is visible and showing.

**See Also:**

show, hide

#### o **isEnabled**

```
public boolean isEnabled()
```

Checks if this Component is enabled. Components are initially enabled.

**See Also:**

enable, disable

#### o **location**

```
public Point location()
```

Returns the current location of this component. The location will be in the parent's

coordinate space.

**See Also:**

move

#### o size

```
public Dimension size()
```

Returns the current size of this component.

**See Also:**

resize

#### o bounds

```
public Rectangle bounds()
```

Returns the current bounds of this component.

**See Also:**

reshape

#### o enable

```
public synchronized void enable()
```

Enables a component.

**See Also:**

isEnabled, disable

#### o enable

```
public void enable(boolean cond)
```

Conditionally enables a component.

**Parameters:**

cond – if true, enables component; disables otherwise.

**See Also:**

enable, disable

#### o disable

```
public synchronized void disable()
```

Disables a component.

**See Also:**

isEnabled, enable

#### o show

```
public synchronized void show()
```

Shows the component.

**See Also:**

[isVisible](#), [hide](#)

#### o **show**

```
public void show(boolean cond)
```

Conditionally shows the component.

**Parameters:**

cond – if true, it shows the component; hides otherwise.

**See Also:**

[show](#), [hide](#)

#### o **hide**

```
public synchronized void hide()
```

Hides the component.

**See Also:**

[isVisible](#), [hide](#)

#### o **getForeground**

```
public Color getForeground()
```

Gets the foreground color. If the component does not have a foreground color, the foreground color of its parent is returned.

**See Also:**

[setForeground](#)

#### o **setForeground**

```
public synchronized void setForeground(Color c)
```

Sets the foreground color.

**Parameters:**

c – the Color

**See Also:**

[getForeground](#)

#### o **getBackground**

```
public Color getBackground()
```

Gets the background color. If the component does not have a background color, the background color of its parent is returned.

**See Also:**

[setBackground](#)

## o setBackground

```
public synchronized void setBackground(Color c)
```

Sets the background color.

**Parameters:**

c – the Color

**See Also:**

getBackground

## o getFont

```
public Font getFont()
```

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**See Also:**

setFont

## o setFont

```
public synchronized void setFont(Font f)
```

Sets the font of the component.

**Parameters:**

f – the font

**See Also:**

getFont

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```
public synchronized ColorModel getColorModel()
```

Gets the ColorModel used to display the component on the output device.

**See Also:**

ColorModel

## o move

```
public void move(int x,  
                int y)
```

Moves the Component to a new location. The x and y coordinates are in the parent's coordinate space.

**Parameters:**

x – the x coordinate

y – the y coordinate

**See Also:**

location, reshape

## o **resize**

```
public void resize(int width,  
                  int height)
```

Resizes the Component to the specified width and height.

**Parameters:**

width – the width of the component  
height – the height of the component

**See Also:**

[size](#), [reshape](#)

## o **resize**

```
public void resize(Dimension d)
```

Resizes the Component to the specified dimension.

**Parameters:**

d – the component dimension

**See Also:**

[size](#), [reshape](#)

## o **reshape**

```
public synchronized void reshape(int x,  
                                  int y,  
                                  int width,  
                                  int height)
```

Reshapes the Component to the specified bounding box.

**Parameters:**

x – the x coordinate  
y – the y coordinate  
width – the width of the component  
height – the height of the component

**See Also:**

[bounds](#), [move](#), [resize](#)

## o **preferredSize**

```
public Dimension preferredSize()
```

Returns the preferred size of this component.

**See Also:**

[minimumSize](#), [LayoutManager](#)

## o **minimumSize**

```
public Dimension minimumSize()
```

Returns the minimum size of this component.

**See Also:**

preferredSize, LayoutManager

#### o **layout**

```
public void layout ()
```

Lays out the component. This is usually called when the component is validated.

**See Also:**

validate, LayoutManager

#### o **validate**

```
public void validate ()
```

Validates a component.

**See Also:**

invalidate, layout, LayoutManager

#### o **invalidate**

```
public void invalidate ()
```

Invalidates a component.

**See Also:**

validate, layout, LayoutManager

#### o **getGraphics**

```
public Graphics getGraphics ()
```

Gets a Graphics context for this component. This method will return null if the component is currently not on the screen.

**See Also:**

paint

#### o **getFontMetrics**

```
public FontMetrics getFontMetrics (Font font)
```

Gets the font metrics for this component. This will return null if the component is currently not on the screen.

**Parameters:**

font – the font

**See Also:**

getFont

#### o **paint**

```
public void paint(Graphics g)
```

Paints the component.

**Parameters:**

g – the specified Graphics window

**See Also:**

update

**o update**

```
public void update(Graphics g)
```

Updates the component. This method is called in response to a call to repaint. You can assume that the background is not cleared.

**Parameters:**

g – the specified Graphics window

**See Also:**

paint, repaint

**o paintAll**

```
public void paintAll(Graphics g)
```

Paints the component and its subcomponents.

**Parameters:**

g – the specified Graphics window

**See Also:**

paint

**o repaint**

```
public void repaint()
```

Repaints the component. This will result in a call to update as soon as possible.

**See Also:**

paint

**o repaint**

```
public void repaint(long tm)
```

Repaints the component. This will result in a call to update within *tm* milliseconds.

**Parameters:**

tm – maximum time in milliseconds before update

**See Also:**

paint

## o **repaint**

```
public void repaint(int x,  
                   int y,  
                   int width,  
                   int height)
```

Repaints part of the component. This will result in a call to update as soon as possible.

**Parameters:**

x – the x coordinate  
y – the y coordinate  
width – the width  
height – the height

**See Also:**

[repaint](#)

## o **repaint**

```
public void repaint(long tm,  
                   int x,  
                   int y,  
                   int width,  
                   int height)
```

Repaints part of the component. This will result in a call to update within *tm* milliseconds.

**Parameters:**

tm – maximum time in milliseconds before update  
x – the x coordinate  
y – the y coordinate  
width – the width  
height – the height

**See Also:**

[repaint](#)

## o **print**

```
public void print(Graphics g)
```

Prints this component. The default implementation of this method calls paint.

**Parameters:**

g – the specified Graphics window

**See Also:**

[paint](#)

## o **printAll**

```
public void printAll(Graphics g)
```

Prints the component and its subcomponents.

**Parameters:**

g – the specified Graphics window

**See Also:**

print

**o imageUpdate**

```
public boolean imageUpdate(Image img,  
                           int flags,  
                           int x,  
                           int y,  
                           int w,  
                           int h)
```

Repaints the component when the image has changed.

**Returns:**

true if image has changed; false otherwise.

**o createImage**

```
public Image createImage(ImageProducer producer)
```

Creates an image from the specified image producer.

**Parameters:**

producer – the image producer

**o createImage**

```
public Image createImage(int width,  
                          int height)
```

Creates an off-screen drawable Image to be used for double buffering.

**Parameters:**

width – the specified width

height – the specified height

**o prepareImage**

```
public boolean prepareImage(Image image,  
                            ImageObserver observer)
```

Prepares an image for rendering on this Component. The image data is downloaded asynchronously in another thread and the appropriate screen representation of the image is generated.

**Parameters:**

image – the Image to prepare a screen representation for

observer – the ImageObserver object to be notified as the image is being prepared

**Returns:**

true if the image has already been fully prepared

**See Also:**

[ImageObserver](#)

**o prepareImage**

```
public boolean prepareImage(Image image,  
                           int width,  
                           int height,  
                           ImageObserver observer)
```

Prepares an image for rendering on this Component at the specified width and height. The image data is downloaded asynchronously in another thread and an appropriately scaled screen representation of the image is generated.

**Parameters:**

image – the Image to prepare a screen representation for

width – the width of the desired screen representation

height – the height of the desired screen representation

observer – the ImageObserver object to be notified as the image is being prepared

**Returns:**

true if the image has already been fully prepared

**See Also:**

[ImageObserver](#)

**o checkImage**

```
public int checkImage(Image image,  
                     ImageObserver observer)
```

Returns the status of the construction of a screen representation of the specified image. This method does not cause the image to begin loading, use the prepareImage method to force the loading of an image.

**Parameters:**

image – the Image to check the status of

observer – the ImageObserver object to be notified as the image is being prepared

**Returns:**

the boolean OR of the ImageObserver flags for the data that is currently available

**See Also:**

[ImageObserver](#), [prepareImage](#)

**o checkImage**

```
public int checkImage(Image image,  
                     int width,  
                     int height,  
                     ImageObserver observer)
```

Returns the status of the construction of a scaled screen representation of the specified image. This method does not cause the image to begin loading, use the `prepareImage` method to force the loading of an image.

**Parameters:**

image – the Image to check the status of  
width – the width of the scaled version to check the status of  
height – the height of the scaled version to check the status of  
observer – the ImageObserver object to be notified as the image is being prepared

**Returns:**

the boolean OR of the ImageObserver flags for the data that is currently available

**See Also:**

[ImageObserver](#), [prepareImage](#)

**o inside**

```
public synchronized boolean inside(int x,  
                                   int y)
```

Checks whether a specified x,y location is "inside" this Component. By default, x and y are inside an Component if they fall within the bounding box of that Component.

**Parameters:**

x – the x coordinate  
y – the y coordinate

**See Also:**

[locate](#)

**o locate**

```
public Component locate(int x,  
                        int y)
```

Returns the component or subcomponent that contains the x,y location.

**Parameters:**

x – the x coordinate  
y – the y coordinate

**See Also:**

[inside](#)

**o deliverEvent**

```
public void deliverEvent(Event e)
```

Delivers an event to this component or one of its sub components.

**Parameters:**

e – the event

**See Also:**

## handleEvent, postEvent

### o **postEvent**

```
public void postEvent(Event e)
```

Posts an event to this component. This will result in a call to `handleEvent`. If `handleEvent` returns false the event is passed on to the parent of this component.

**Parameters:**

e – the event

**See Also:**

handleEvent, deliverEvent

### o **handleEvent**

```
public boolean handleEvent(Event evt)
```

Handles the event. Returns true if the event is handled and should not be passed to the parent of this component. The default event handler calls some helper methods to make life easier on the programmer.

**Parameters:**

evt – the event

**See Also:**

mouseEnter, mouseExit, mouseMove, mouseDown, mouseDrag, mouseUp, keyDown, action

### o **mouseDown**

```
public boolean mouseDown(Event evt,  
                          int x,  
                          int y)
```

Called if the mouse is down.

**Parameters:**

evt – the event

x – the x coordinate

y – the y coordinate

**See Also:**

handleEvent

### o **mouseDrag**

```
public boolean mouseDrag(Event evt,  
                          int x,  
                          int y)
```

Called if the mouse is dragged (the mouse button is down).

**Parameters:**

evt – the event

x – the x coordinate

y – the y coordinate

**See Also:**

[handleEvent](#)

### o **mouseUp**

```
public boolean mouseUp(Event evt,  
                      int x,  
                      int y)
```

Called if the mouse is up.

**Parameters:**

evt – the event

x – the x coordinate

y – the y coordinate

**See Also:**

[handleEvent](#)

### o **mouseMove**

```
public boolean mouseMove(Event evt,  
                        int x,  
                        int y)
```

Called if the mouse moves (the mouse button is up).

**Parameters:**

evt – the event

x – the x coordinate

y – the y coordinate

**See Also:**

[handleEvent](#)

### o **mouseEnter**

```
public boolean mouseEnter(Event evt,  
                         int x,  
                         int y)
```

Called when the mouse enters the component.

**Parameters:**

evt – the event

x – the x coordinate

y – the y coordinate

**See Also:**

[handleEvent](#)

### o **mouseExit**

```
public boolean mouseExit(Event evt,
```

```
int x,  
int y)
```

Called when the mouse exits the component.

**Parameters:**

evt – the event  
x – the x coordinate  
y – the y coordinate

**See Also:**

[handleEvent](#)

**o keyDown**

```
public boolean keyDown(Event evt,  
int key)
```

Called if a character is pressed.

**Parameters:**

evt – the event  
key – the key that's pressed

**See Also:**

[handleEvent](#)

**o keyUp**

```
public boolean keyUp(Event evt,  
int key)
```

Called if a character is released.

**Parameters:**

evt – the event  
key – the key that's released

**See Also:**

[handleEvent](#)

**o action**

```
public boolean action(Event evt,  
Object what)
```

Called if an action occurs in the Component.

**Parameters:**

evt – the event  
what – the action that's occurring

**See Also:**

[handleEvent](#)

**o addNotify**

```
public void addNotify()
```

Notifies the Component to create a peer.

**See Also:**

getPeer, removeNotify

#### o **removeNotify**

```
public synchronized void removeNotify()
```

Notifies the Component to destroy the peer.

**See Also:**

getPeer, addNotify

#### o **gotFocus**

```
public boolean gotFocus(Event evt,  
                        Object what)
```

Indicates that this component has received the input focus.

**See Also:**

requestFocus, lostFocus

#### o **lostFocus**

```
public boolean lostFocus(Event evt,  
                        Object what)
```

Indicates that this component has lost the input focus.

**See Also:**

requestFocus, gotFocus

#### o **requestFocus**

```
public void requestFocus()
```

Requests the input focus. The `gotFocus()` method will be called if this method is successful.

**See Also:**

gotFocus

#### o **nextFocus**

```
public void nextFocus()
```

Moves the focus to the next component.

**See Also:**

requestFocus, gotFocus

#### o **paramString**

```
protected String paramString()
```

Returns the parameter String of this Component.

#### o **toString**

```
public String toString()
```

Returns the String representation of this Component's values.

**Overrides:**

toString in class Object

#### o **list**

```
public void list()
```

Prints a listing to a print stream.

#### o **list**

```
public void list(PrintStream out)
```

Prints a listing to the specified print out stream.

**Parameters:**

out – the Stream name

#### o **list**

```
public void list(PrintStream out,  
                int indent)
```

Prints out a list, starting at the specified indentation, to the specified print stream.

**Parameters:**

out – the Stream name

indent – the start of the list