

# AWT FOCUSLISTENER INTERFACE

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## Introduction

The interface **FocusListener** is used for receiving keyboard focus events. The class that process focus events needs to implements this interface.

## Class declaration

Following is the declaration for **java.awt.event.FocusListener** interface:

```
public interface FocusListener
extends EventListener
```

## Interface methods

### S.N. Method & Description

- 1 **void focusGained***FocusEvent*  
Invoked when a component gains the keyboard focus.
- 2 **void focusLost***FocusEvent*  
Invoked when a component loses the keyboard focus.

## Methods inherited

This class inherits methods from the following interfaces:

- java.awt.event.EventListener

## FocusListener Example

Create the following java program using any editor of your choice in say **D:/ > AWT > com > tutorialspoint > gui >**

*AwtListenerDemo.java*

```
package com.tutorialspoint.gui;

import java.awt.*;
import java.awt.event.*;

public class AwtListenerDemo {
    private Frame mainFrame;
    private Label headerLabel;
    private Label statusLabel;
    private Panel controlPanel;

    public AwtListenerDemo(){
        prepareGUI();
    }

    public static void main(String[] args){
        AwtListenerDemo awtListenerDemo = new AwtListenerDemo();
        awtListenerDemo.showFocusListenerDemo();
    }
}
```

```

private void prepareGUI(){
    mainFrame = new Frame("Java AWT Examples");
    mainFrame.setSize(400,400);
    mainFrame.setLayout(new GridLayout(3, 1));
    mainFrame.addWindowListener(new WindowAdapter() {
        public void windowClosing(WindowEvent windowEvent){
            System.exit(0);
        }
    });

    headerLabel = new Label();
    headerLabel.setAlignment(Label.CENTER);
    statusLabel = new Label();
    statusLabel.setAlignment(Label.CENTER);
    statusLabel.setSize(350,100);

    controlPanel = new Panel();
    controlPanel.setLayout(new FlowLayout());

    mainFrame.add(headerLabel);
    mainFrame.add(controlPanel);
    mainFrame.add(statusLabel);
    mainFrame.setVisible(true);
}

private void showFocusListenerDemo(){

    headerLabel.setText("Listener in action: FocusListener");

    Button okButton = new Button("OK");
    Button cancelButton = new Button("Cancel");
    okButton.addFocusListener(new CustomFocusListener());
    cancelButton.addFocusListener(new CustomFocusListener());

    controlPanel.add(okButton);
    controlPanel.add(cancelButton);
    mainFrame.setVisible(true);
}

class CustomFocusListener implements FocusListener{
    public void focusGained(FocusEvent e) {
        statusLabel.setText(statusLabel.getText()
            + e.getComponent().getClass().getSimpleName() + " gained focus. ");
    }

    public void focusLost(FocusEvent e) {
        statusLabel.setText(statusLabel.getText()
            + e.getComponent().getClass().getSimpleName() + " lost focus. ");
    }
}
}

```

Compile the program using command prompt. Go to **D:/ > AWT** and type the following command.

```
D:\AWT>javac com\tutorialspoint\gui\AwtListenerDemo.java
```

If no error comes that means compilation is successful. Run the program using following command.

```
D:\AWT>java com.tutorialspoint.gui.AwtListenerDemo
```

Verify the following output



Listener in action: FocusListener



Button gained focus.

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