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# **Mouse events**

## **COMP 102**

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# GUI: Mouse input

- Just like other UI, except don't have to put any UI on screen
  - Each press / release / click on the graphics pane will be an event
  - Must tell UI the listener: the object::method to call when a mouse event occurs

```
UI.addMouseListener(this::doMouse);
```

- Must define method to say how to respond to the mouse.  
parameters: kind of mouse event and position of mouse event

```
public void doMouse(String action, double x, double y) {
    if (action.equals("pressed")) {
        // what to do if mouse button is pressed
    }
    else if (action.equals("released")) {
        // what to do if mouse button is released
    }
    else if (action.equals("clicked")) {
        // what to do if mouse button is clicked
    }
}
```

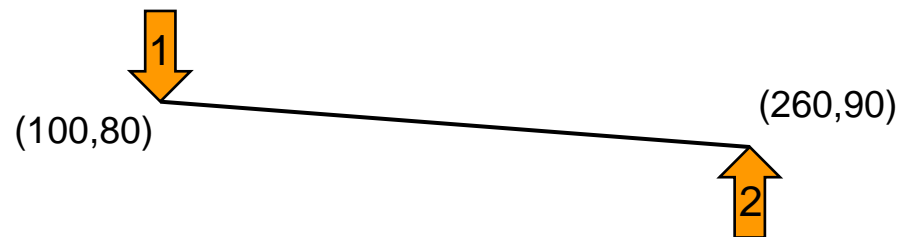
where action occurred

press-release in same place

# Using the mouse.

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- Want to let user specify input with the mouse,
  - eg: drawing lines



- Typical pattern:
  - On "pressed",
    - just remember the position
  - On "released",
    - do something with remembered position and new position

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```
public class LineDrawer {    /**Let user draw lines on graphics pane with the mouse. */
    private double startX, startY; // fields to remember "pressed" position
    public void setupGUI(){
        UI.setLineWidth(10);
        UI.addMouseListener(this::doMouse);
        UI.setDivider(0.0);
    }
    public void doMouse(String action, double x, double y) {
        if (action.equals("pressed") ) {
            this.startX = x;
            this.startY = y;
        }
        else if (action.equals("released") ) {
            UI.drawLine(this.startX, this.startY, x, y);
        }
    }
}
```

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Simple mouse events:      `UI.setMouseListener(this::doMouse);`

- pressed
- released
- clicked

Mouse movement:      `UI.setMouseMotionListener(this::doMouse);`

- pressed, released, clicked
- dragged
- moved