

# QUICK RECAP

A reminder of what we have done during Lecture 01





# LAST TIME...

- Desktop applications
  - What are they?
- Web applications
  - What are they?
  - How they differ from desktop apps?
  - What is the common architecture of web apps?
  - What technology can be used?
- Vaadin
  - What is it?
- Shoutbox app

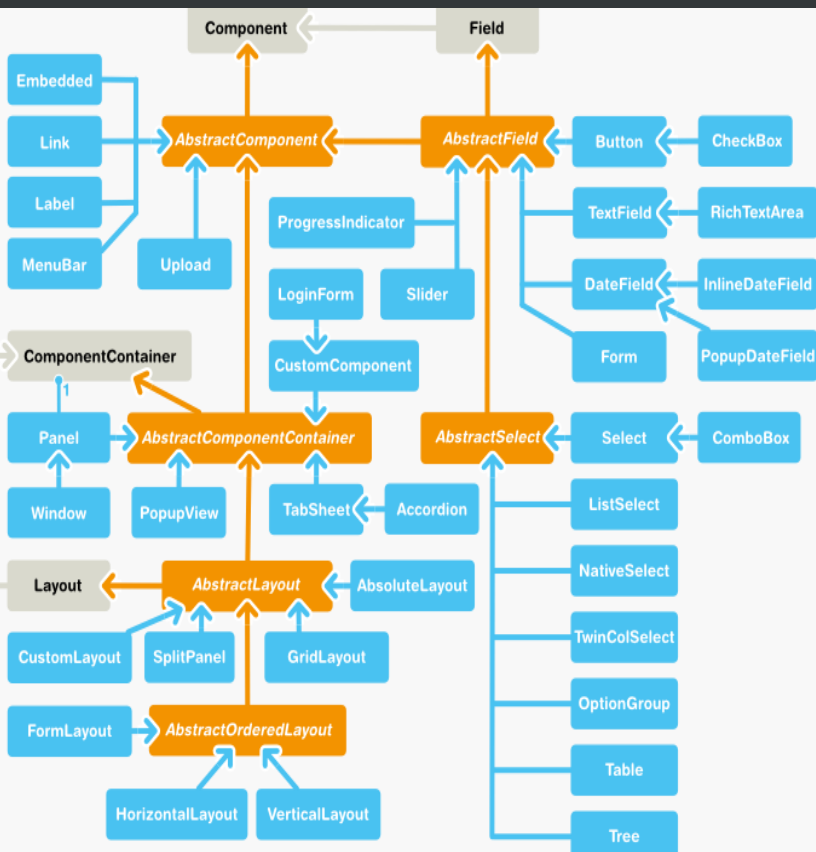
# VAADIN FRAMEWORK: COMPONENTS

Development of Modern Web Applications (with Vaadin)

Lecture 02

# USEFUL RESOURCES

- <https://demo.vaadin.com/sampler>
  - Live and up-to-date
  - With source code samples
- <https://vaadin.com/refcard>
  - Cheat sheet
- <https://vaadin.com/book>
  - The Book of Vaadin
- <https://vaadin.com/api>
  - JavaDocs



# COMPONENT HIERARCHY

## Legend

Gray	interface
Orange	abstract class
Blue	concrete class

## Two subhierarchies

Components	(including containers)
Fields	(including selects)

## Five groups of components

- "Bare" components
- Containers
- Layouts
- Fields
- Selects

# • COMPONENT

- Top of the class hierarchy
  - Paired with `AbstractComponent`
- Parent-child relationship at runtime
- Almost everything is a `Component`
  - Thus everything shares some common properties

# COMMON PROPERTIES

Everything is a component





# PROPERTY: CAPTION

- An explanatory text accompanying a user interface component
  - Displayed near
  - Shortly describes purpose or role
  - Plain text only
    - HTML escaped
- Handling varies
  - Default is to leave it for layouts
  - Some components display the layout by themselves



# • Property: Caption

Server side

```
foo.setCaption("bar");
```

```
String bar =  
    foo.getCaption();
```

```
// nothing fancy here
```

CSS Rules

- .v-caption
  - Caption element
- .v-captiontext
  - Caption itself
- .v-caption-clearlem
  - Clears floating elements

# • PROPERTY: ICON

- An explanatory graphic accompanying a user interface component
  - Displayed near
  - Depicts role
    - Accessibility is important
- Handling varies
  - Some display themselves
  - Some rely on parents

# Property: Icon

## Server side

```
// sets icon based on  
// current theme
```

```
foo.setIcon(  
    new ThemeResource(  
        "icons/user.png"  
    ));
```

```
// there are several  
// types of resources
```

```
Resource icon = foo.getIcon();
```

## CSS Rules

- **.v-icon**
  - May be inside .v-caption



# PROPERTY: DESCRIPTION

- More elaborated text about the component
  - Detailed information, e.g.
    - Component role
    - Allowed values
  - Rich text
    - (X)HTML allowed
- Usually a tooltip

# • Property: Description

## Server side

```
foo.setDescription(  
    "<h2>Hello, world!</h2>");
```

```
String bar =  
    foo.getDescription();
```

```
// notice that it  
// can be anything  
// e.g. <img>
```

## CSS Rules

- No CSS rules
- Painted by the client

# • Property: Locale

## Overview

- Inheritable
  - Parent
  - Application
  - System
- Not available in the constructor
  - No straightforward i18n
- No CSS rules

## Server side

```
// language ISO 639-1
// country ISO 3166-1-
//             -alpha-2

foo.setLocale(
    new Locale(
        "pl", "PL"
    ));

Locale lc = foo.getLocale();
```

# • Flag: Enabled

## Overview

- Concerns user interaction
- Affects all contained components
  - Disabled
    - Visible
    - Accepts no user input
  - Enabled
    - Default state

## Code

- Java

```
foo.setEnabled(boolean);  
boolean bar =  
    foo.isEnabled();
```
- CSS rule
  - .v-disabled
    - In addition to normal CSS
    - No rule for enabled components



# Flag: Visible

## Overview

- Concerns component visibility
- Affects all contained components
  - Invisible
    - As if never existed
    - Still available in Java code
  - Visible
    - Default state

## Code

- Java

```
foo.setVisible(boolean);  
boolean bar =  
    foo.isVisible();
```
- No CSS
  - Empty element
  - Inline style
    - `display: none;`





# Flag: Read-only

## Overview

- Concerns user interaction
- Does not apply to contained components
  - Read-only
    - Value modifications not communicated by the browser
    - Server does not accept any changes
      - `Property.ReadOnlyException`
  - Non read-only
    - Default state

## Server side

```
foo.setReadOnly(boolea);  
boolean bar =  
    foo.isReadOnly();  
  
// css: .v-readonly  
// in addition to  
// normal CSS  
// no CSS for default
```

# • PROPERTY: STYLE NAMES

- Custom CSS style class names
  - Name your things!
  - Theming done in app's CSS
  - Style helpers available
    - And much recommended
- Rendered in two forms
  - `.v-{component}-{style_name}`
  - `{style_name}`
- Should not cause conflicts
- Must be valid CSS class name

```
Label foo =  
    new Label("foo");  
  
// sets style name or names  
foo.setStyleName(  
    "style1 style2 style3"  
);  
  
// add and remove  
// one-by-one  
foo.addStyleName("style1");  
foo.addStyleName("style2");  
foo.removeStyleName("bar");  
  
// space-separated string  
String bar =  
    foo.getStyleName();
```

## STYLE NAMES IN CSS

Per component:

- .v-label-style1
- .v-label-style2
- .v-button-style1

Per style:

- .style1
- .style2

# PROPERTY: WIDTH AND HEIGHT

- Defined in interface `Sizeable`
  - Which is extended by `Component`
    - It probably makes some sense for any component
- `setSizeUndefined()`
  - The component will take as little space as possible
  - Recommended approach is to set size in CSS
- `setSizeFull()`
  - Recommended approach when taking all the space available
- Default behaviour varies
  - Most components are undefined
  - Layouts may have 100% one way or another

```
Button foo =  
    new Button("foo");  
  
// sets width with CSS string  
foo.setWidth("100px");  
  
// set height another way  
foo.setHeight(  
    50, Sizeable.Unit.PERCENTAGE);  
  
// sets height undefined  
foo.setHeightUndefined();  
  
// shortcuts for setting both dimensions  
foo.setSizeUndefined();  
foo.setSizeFull();  
  
// getters  
float width = foo.getWidth();  
Sizeable.Unit widthUnit = foo.getWidthUnit();  
  
// similar for height, of course
```

## PROPERTY: WIDTH AND HEIGHT

There are no CSS rules – if specified, the size is rendered as an inline style (cannot be overridden)

# PROPERTY: FOCUSABLE AND TABINDEX

- Defined in `Component.Focusable`
  - Not every component can be focused
  - Each `Field` is focusable
- No way to find currently focused component
  - Some (but not all) fields broadcast
    - `FocusEvent` when receiving focus
    - `BlurEvent` when losing focus
- Tab index manages keyboard navigation
  - Yes, people use that
  - Negative index makes component not available for tabbing
  - Default tab order follows run-time hierarchy

# • Property: Focusable and TabIndex

## Server side

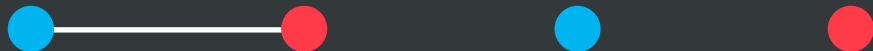
```
TextField foo =  
    new TextField("foo");  
  
// server-side focusing  
foo.focus();  
  
// tab-order  
foo.setTabIndex(1);  
int index =  
    foo.getTabIndex();
```

## CSS Rules

- `.v-{component}-focus`
  - In addition to normal CSS
  - No rule for no focus

# SIMPLE COMPONENTS

A short overview





# • `com.vaadin.ui.Label`

## ContentMode.TEXT

- Default mode
- Plain text
- `<` `>` `&` are escaped

## ContentMode.HTML

- Rendered as `<div>`
- Should be XHTML 1.1 Strict
- Can lead to cross-site scripting

## ContentMode.PREFORMATTED

- Monospaced font
- Can contain `\n` `\t`
- `<` `>` `&` are escaped

## Random trivia

It has a caption, which is something different than its value

# • COM.VAADIN.UI.LINK

- Clickable link to an external resource
  - Target resource can be changed
- Can have an icon
- Opens in current window by default
  - `setTargetName("_blank");`
- Does not broadcast events
- There are other ways
  - `Label` in `ContentMode.XHTML`
  - Button styled as link
    - Broadcasts events

# • COM.VAADIN.UI.MENUBAR

- Horizontal menu bar
  - With submenus and submenus...
  - `.addItem(String, Resource, MenuBar.Command)`
    - `MenuBar.MenuItem`
      - Item text
      - Item icon (optional)
      - Command executed upon clicking (optional)
      - Returned menu item can contain more items
- Just like in desktop apps
  - But positioned anywhere

# • COM.VAADIN.UI.UPLOAD

- Allows file upload
- Broadcasts a lot of events
- Can be somewhat customised
  - Except the file browse button
- A complete example in the Book



# COM.VAADIN.UI.POPUPVIEW

- A component with a surprise
  - Pop-up can hold any content
  - Minimised version can be null (i.e. hidden)
- Can open on click
  - Or through code
- Pop-up disappears when it loses focus
  - And broadcasts events when it shows or hides

# • `com.vaadin.ui.Embedded`

## PURPOSE

- Embeds a resource
  - PDF, applet, stream...
- Three common cases excluded
  - All inherit from `AbstractEmbedded`
    - Embedded does not

## `com.vaadin.ui.Image`

- Embeds an image
- Broadcasts click events

## `com.vaadin.ui.Flash`

- Embeds Flash content
  - But why would you do that?

## `com.vaadin.ui.BrowserFrame`

- Embeds web page
- Rendered as `<i frame>`

# COMPONENT CONTAINERS

Components that contain other components, but are not layouts



# COM.VAADIN.UI.PANEL

- Useful things
  - Caption, Icon, Border, Scrollbar
    - Scrollable programmatically
  - Broadcasts clicks
    - Unless a component inside ate it
- Can hold exactly one component
  - Though that component can contain other components which can contain further components
    - We have to go deeper
- Adds complexity to layout
  - Abuse increases page rendering time



# COM.VAADIN.UI. ABSTRACTSPLITPANEL

- Holds two components
  - Which can contain components which... etc.
    - Might be Panels to magically allow scrollbars
- Two subclasses
  - HorizontalSplitPanel
    - Components arranged horizontally
    - The split is a vertical line
  - VerticalSplitPanel
    - The other way
- Split can be locked
  - User cannot change the position of the split

# COM.VAADIN.UI.TABSHEET

- Multicomponent container
  - Each component on a separate tab
    - Caption, Icon, Description, Visibility, Availability, Ability to be closed
- Tabs are (currently) not loaded until selected
- Tab headers are arranged horizontally
  - Tab is displayed below tab headers
- One subclass, `Accordion`
  - Tab headers are arranged vertically
    - Tab is displayed between tab headers
- Events
  - Selected tab changes
    - Or when the first tab is added (it gets selected)
  - A tab is closed

# BASIC FIELDS

Components that accept a simple value





# OVERVIEW

- Interaction with the user
  - Contain user-assignable value
  - Broadcast events that can be listened to
    - ClickEvent FocusEvent BlurEvent
    - ValueChangeEvent ReadOnlyStatusChangeEvent
- Designed to fit the Vaadin Data Model
  - Explained later in the course
  - Can be used without a data source

# • COM.VAADIN.UI.BUTTON

- Clickable thingy
  - Finalises user input
  - Initialises an action
  - Can be automatically disabled on click
  - Can contain HTML caption
- Clickable in a number of ways
  - Mouse
  - Keyboard shortcut
  - Method call
- Some predefined style names in helpers

# • COM.VAADIN.UI.CHECKBOX

- Two-state selection component
  - Selected
  - Deselected
  - None of the above
- Two distinct roles
  - Confirms something when alone
  - Selects options when in group

# • com.vaadin.ui.AbstractTextField

## PURPOSE

- Common class for text inputs
  - Can restrict length
  - May have an input prompt
    - Aside from caption, description and icon
- Broadcasts also `TextChangeEvent`s

## com.vaadin.ui.TextField

- Typical single-line text input field
- Can have a `Converter` to support non-string values

## com.vaadin.ui.TextArea

- Supports multi-line text
- Can wrap lines

## com.vaadin.ui.PasswordField

- Single-line text input field with hidden text
- Does not encrypt its contents

# • COM.VAADIN.UI.DATEFIELD

- Holds `java.time.LocalDate` as value
  - Pre-8 it is `java.util.Date`
- Two available subclasses
  - `InlineDateField`
    - Displays inline editor
  - `PopupDateField`
    - Displays input with a button
    - Button shows date picker in a popup



# SELECTION FIELDS

Components that allow to select option(s) from a data source



# OVERVIEW

- Advanced interaction with the user
  - Broadcast events that can be listened to
    - `ClickEvent` `FocusEvent` `BlurEvent`
    - `ValueChangeEvent` `SelectionChangeEvent`
- Contain user-assignable value
  - Selectable from a range of options
    - `setItems()`
    - `setContainerDataSource()`
  - Fully configurable display
    - `setItemCaptionProvider()`



# COM.VAADIN.UI.COMBOBOX

- Selects a single value
- Allows creating new values
- Dynamic item suggestion
  - As the user types in
- Default choice for a drop-down component

# • COM.VAADIN.UI.NATIVESELECT

- Selects a single value
- As simple as it can be
  - Browser native
  - No new values
  - No dynamic item suggestion



# COM.VAADIN.UI.LISTSELECT

- Can select multiple values
- As simple as it can be
  - Browser native
  - No new values
  - No dynamic item suggestion

# • COM.VAADIN.UI.OPTIONGROUP

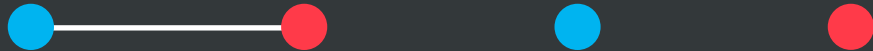
- Can select multiple values
  - Group of radio buttons in single-selection mode
  - Group of check boxes in multi-selection mode
- Supports disabling individual items

# COM.VAADIN.UI. TWINCOLSELECT

- Multiple selection based on two columns
  - *Options and selections*
- Some customisation
  - Captions for each column
  - Number of rows visible

# OTHER COMPONENTS

Moar components!





# • Data presentation components

## com.vaadin.ui.Table

- Tabular representation
- Lots of options
  - Headers, footers
  - Multiselect or no selection at all
  - Hidden columns
  - Moving columns
  - Sorting
  - In-place editing
  - Cell generators
  - Drag and drop
- Lots of code
  - I mean, really
- Subclassed by `TreeTable`

## com.vaadin.ui.Tree

- Tree representation
  - Hierarchy
- Options
  - Multiselect
  - Drag and drop
  - Node collapsing
    - With custom icons

# • COM.VAADIN.UI.GRID

- Table on steroids
  - Lazy loading
  - Header, footer, sorting, reordering, freezing...
  - Custom row generation
    - But no custom column generator
- Not a Field
  - For reasons that I have yet to understand
  - Custom selection and value handling
- Not a replacement for Table
  - Both components have their use cases

## ...AND EVEN MORE

- `com.vaadin.ui.ProgressBar`
  - Displays progress as a value from 0.0 to 1.0
  - Browser can poll or server can push
- `com.vaadin.ui.Slider`
  - For selecting numerical value within a range
  - Can be horizontal or vertical

# HTTPS://VAADIN.COM/DIRECTORY

## Add-ons

Expand your possibilities with add-on components

Search Top lists My Add-ons Feedback

UI Components Data Components Themes Tools Miscellaneous

All Vaadin versions

**TimeSelector Add-on**  
by [Mikael Grankvist](#)  
Time selection add-on  
★★★★★

**Portal Push Add-on**  
by [Artur Sigurd](#)  
Add-on for Using Vaadin Push in Portals  
★★★★★

**Viritin**  
by [Matti Tahvanen](#)  
What apache-commons and Guava libraries does for Java, Viritin does it for Vaadin  
★★★★★

**Vaadin TestBench**  
by [Vaadin Ltd](#)  
An environment for automated user interface regression testing of Vaadin applications on multiple platforms and browsers  
★★★★★


**DragDropLayouts**  
by [John Ahlroos](#)  
Drag & Drop for core layouts  
★★★★★

**SliderPanel**  
by [Marten Priett](#)  
Panel that is able to get collapsed and expanded. It overlays the other content in expand mode.  
★★★★★

**CKEditor wrapper for Vaadin**  
by [David Wall](#)  
CKEditor wrapper for use in Vaadin applications  
★★★★★

**StackPanel Extension for Vaadin**  
by [Mathieu Ouellet](#)  
StackPanel is an Panel extension for Vaadin 7  
★★★★★

**GoogleMaps Add-on**  
by [Tupio Auli](#)  
Google Maps add-on for Vaadin 7, based on JS API v3  
★★★★★



Version 1.2.1

Release date  
Aug 23, 2016

Maturity  
Certified

Browser Compatibility  
9 10 11  
iOS

License  
CVL 3.0

Vaadin  
7.4+  
6 Not Supported

## Vaadin Spreadsheet

in Add-ons / UI Components by Vaadin Ltd

### Overview

Vaadin Spreadsheet is an add-on for Vaadin Framework which provides Excel spreadsheet editor functionality for any Vaadin application.

Display and edit spreadsheets in your web application. Read / write Excel files and build familiar user interfaces everyone can use.

The implementation depends on Apache POI.

### Release notes - Aug 23, 2016

1.2.1:  
Vaadin Spreadsheet 1.2 introduces Vaadin Charts support. To enable charts support add the vaadin-spreadsheet-charts dependency.

This is a maintenance release of Vaadin Spreadsheet, including only bug fixes. For a complete list, please see the bundled release notes or visit [Vaadin Trac](#)

Share this add-on

Permalink

### Latest ratings

- ★★★★★ Haja Alavudeen – Dec 2, 2015 9:01 AM  
Awesome tool.
- ★★★★★ Ola Mattsson – Aug 21, 2015 7:14 AM  
Brilliant, nuff said.
- ★★★★★ Sebastiaan Blommers – Aug 13, 2015 10:03 AM  
We are waiting for it to be released but beta2 seems awesome stable already.
- ★★★★★ Mudassar Nazar – Jul 14, 2015 11:46 AM  
An Awesome and Powerfull
- ★★★★★ Gianluigi Pierini – Feb 23, 2015 1:06 PM

★★★★★  
14698 7

Install  
Maven / Ivy / Download

Activate  
Free trial / Buy now

Online demo

### Highlights

package org.vaadin

import com.vaadin

public class MyApp

Displaying a...

Loan Calculator

Filtering

Vaadin Chart...

Cell Styling

### Related links

- [Online Demo](#)
- [Issue Tracker](#)
- [Source Code](#)
- [Discussion Forum](#)
- [Author Homepage](#)
- [Demo Source Code](#)
- [License Installation instructions](#)
- [Tutorial](#)

# DEMO!

Shoutbox step 1 2

<http://github.com/vaadin-miki/shoutbox>

end branch: step-02



# CHOOSING COMPONENTS

- Text field for user text
- Button for submitting
- Labels for messages
- Basic vertical layout
  - More on layouts soon
- One event – button click
  - More on events soon

# EXECUTION

- `mvn jetty:run`
  - Right click project → Run as Maven build...
  - <http://localhost:8080>
- Widgetset compilation?
  - Client-side JS for components
    - Based on GWT
  - Moved to cloud
    - `<configuration>`
      - `<widgetsetMode>cdn</widgetsetMode>`
      - `</configuration>`
    - Startup time reduced from 16 seconds to 1.6 second
      - On a quite old machine, mind you

# SUMMARY

What did we do today?





# LESSONS OF TODAY (HOPEFULLY)

- Component hierarchy
  - What are the basic interfaces?
  - What are the differences?
- Common properties
  - What are they?
  - Where are they defined?
- Components
  - How are they grouped?
  - What events do they broadcast and when?
- Coding
  - How to get rid of widgetset compilation ?



# COMING UP NEXT

- Events and data binding
- Styling, theming, layouts, navigation

THE END

SUGGESTIONS?  
QUESTIONS?

[miki@vaadin.com](mailto:miki@vaadin.com)

t: @mikiolsz