Object Oriented Programming Graphical User Interface

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GUI in Java

- There are two main sets of Java APIs for graphics programming:
- 1. AWT (Abstract Windowing Toolkit),
- 2. Swing

Package Comparison

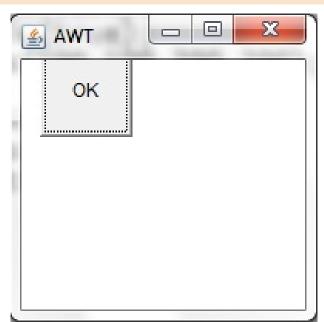
Swing API AWT API Swing **AWT** • 18 Packages 12 Packages Swing **AWT** 737 Classes • 370 Classes **Swing AWT**

Difference b/w AWT and SWING

AWT

AWT stands for Abstract Window Toolkit.

AWT components are platform dependent



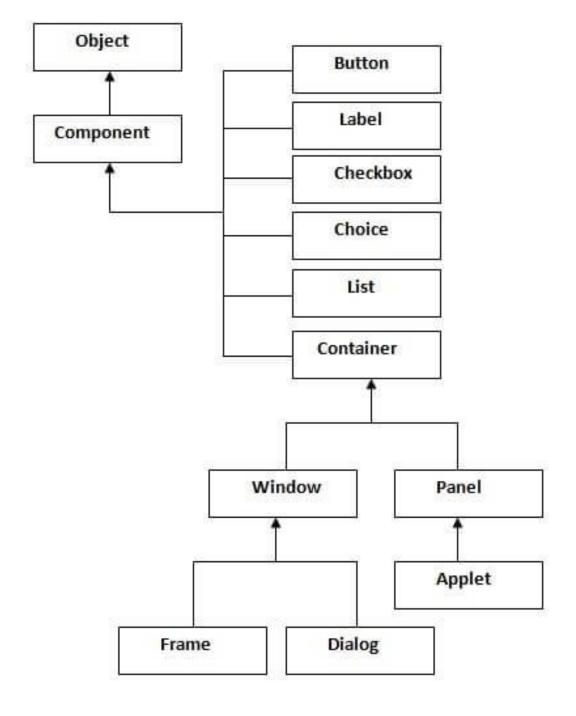
Swing

Swing is a part of Java Foundation Class (JFC).

Swing components are platform independent



AWT Hierarchy



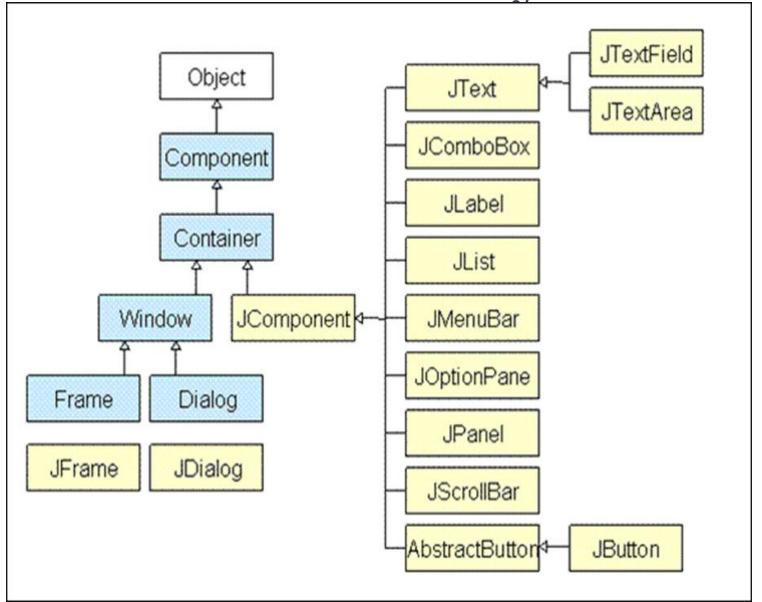
The java.awt package supports

- 3. Layout managers:
 - FlowLayout, BorderLayout and GridLayout.
- 4. Custom graphics classes:
 - Graphics, Color and Font.

The java.awt package also supports

- 5. Event package supports event handling:
 - a) Event classes:
 ActionEvent, MouseEvent, KeyEvent & Window
 Event
 - b) Event Listener Interfaces:
 - ActionListener, MouseListener, MouseMotion Listener, KeyListener & WindowListener,
 - c) Event Listener Adapter classes: MouseAdapter, KeyAdapter & WindowAdapter.

SWING Hierarchy



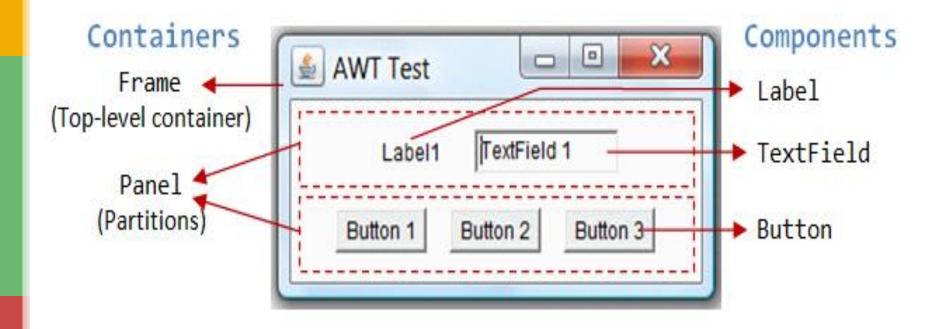
Applets and Applications

- An applet is a Java program that runs on a web page
 - Applets can be run from:
 - Internet Explorer etc.
 - Applet viewer
- An application is a Java program that runs all by itself

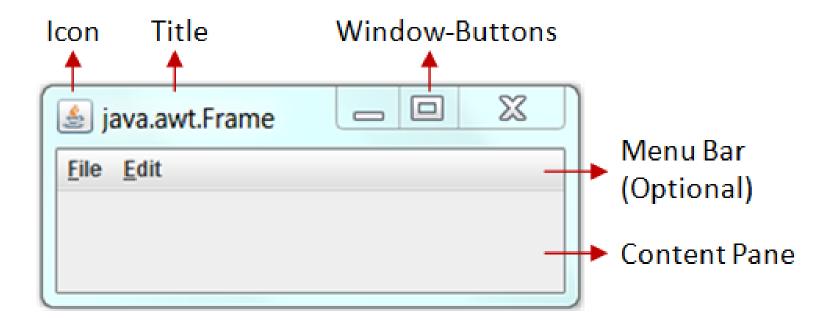
There are two types of main GUI Elements:

- Component: Components are elementary GUI entities, such as Button, Label, and TextField.
- Container: Containers, such as Frame and Panel, are used to hold components in a specific layout (such as FlowLayout or GridLayout).

A container can also hold sub-containers.

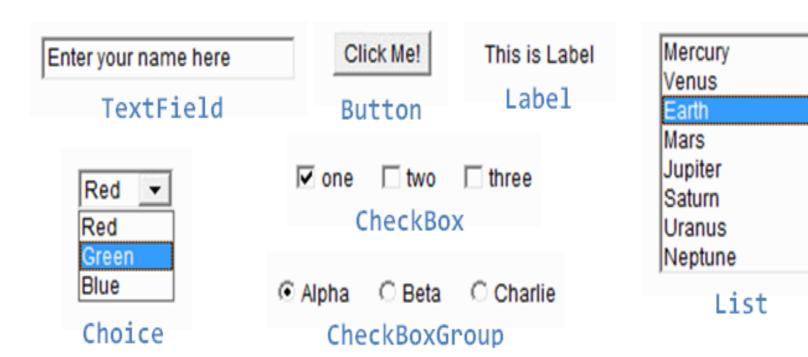


AWT Container Classes



Important Objects

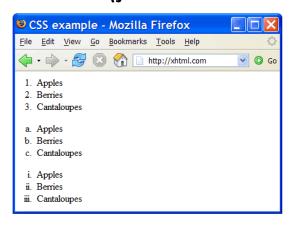
- Panel p = new Panel();
- Button b = new Button("Press");
- p.add(b);



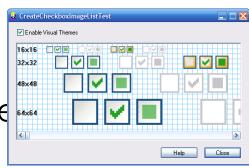
AWT Components

- AWT supplies the following UI components:
 - Buttons (java.awt.Button)
 - Checkboxes (java.awt.Checkbox)
 - Single-line text fields (java.awt.TextFie
 - Menus (java.awt.Menultem)
 - Containers (java.awt.Panel)

Lists (java.awt.List)









Some AWT Component Methods

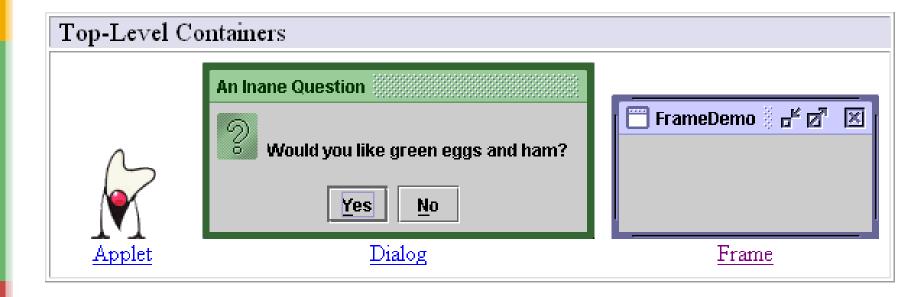
- void setBackground(Color c)
- void setEnabled(boolean b)
- void setVisible(boolean b)
- void setFont(Font f)
- void setSize(Dimension d)
- void setLocation(int x, int y)

Introduction to Swing Classes

- JPanel: JPanel is Swing's version of AWT class Panel and uses the same default layout, FlowLayout. JPanel is descended directly from JComponent.
- **JFrame**: JFrame is Swing's version of Frame and is descended directly from **Frame** class. The component which is added to the **Frame**, is referred as its Content.
- JWindow: This is Swing's version of Window and has descended directly from Window class. Like Window it uses BorderLayout by default.

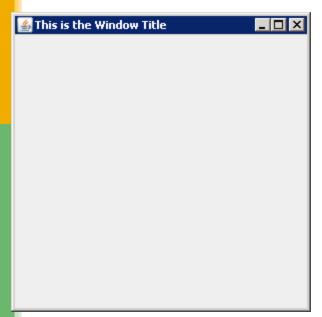
- **JLabel**: JLabel has descended from JComponent, and is used to create text labels.
- **JButton**: JButton class provides the functioning of push button. JButton allows an icon, string or both associated with a button.
- JTextField: JTextFields allow editing of a single line of text.

Top Level Containers



Your application usually extends one of these classes!

Jframe

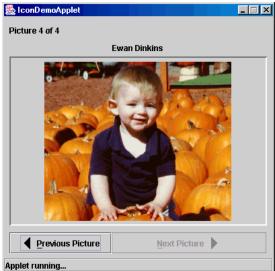


JDialog

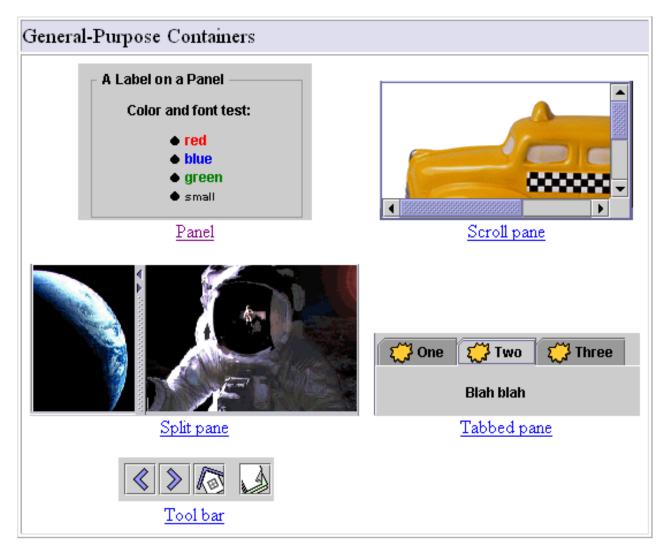


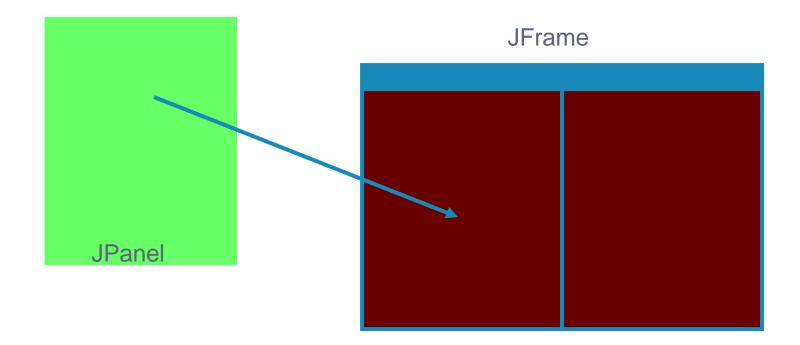


JApplet

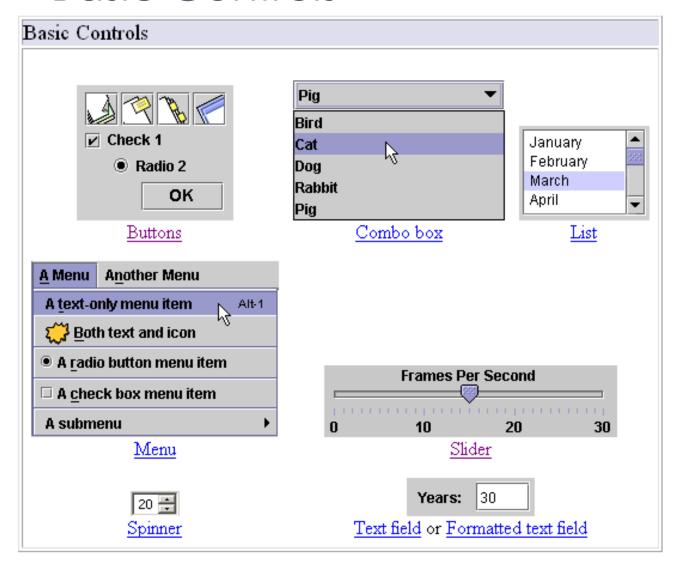


General Purpose Containers

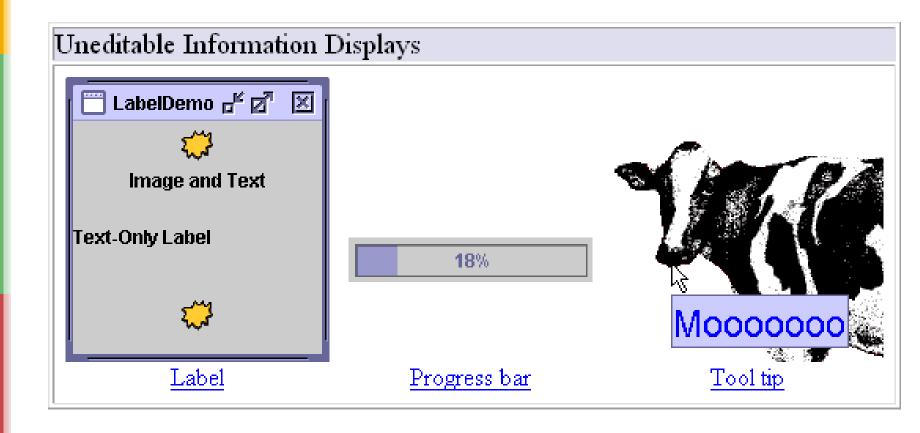




Basic Controls



Uneditable Information Displays



Example: A Simple Framed Window

```
import java.awt.*;
import javax.swing.*;
public class SwingTest {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    JFrame frame = new JFrame("Test Frame");
    frame.setSize(new Dimension(300,200));
    frame.setLocation(100,100);
    frame.setVisible(true);
```

Why we use @Override annotation

It has two advantages:

1) If programmer makes any mistake such as wrong method name, wrong parameter types while overriding, you would get a compile time error. As by using this annotation you instruct compiler that you are overriding this method. If you don't use the annotation then the sub class method would behave as a new method (not the overriding method) in sub class.

It improves the readability of the code. So if you change the signature of overridden method then all the sub classes that overrides the particular method would throw a compilation error, which would eventually help you to change the signature in the sub classes. If you have lots of classes in your application then this annotation would really help you to identify the classes that require changes when you change the signature of a method.

Questions

