Part 5: Chart Modules

// in Chart2Views.java

Chapter 29. Column Charts

All the chart examples in the next four chapters come from the same program, Chart2Views.java, which loads a spreadsheet from "chartsData.ods". Depending on the function, a different table in the sheet is used to create a

chart from a template. The main() function is:

```
Topics: Creating a Chart
Title; Creating Axis
Titles; Rotating Axis
Titles; What Chart
Templates are
Available?; Multiple
Columns; 3D Pizazz;
The Column and Line
Chart
```

Example folders: "Chart2 Tests" and "Utils"

```
private static final String CHARTS DATA =
"chartsData.ods";
public static void main(String args[])
 XComponentLoader loader = Lo.loadOffice();
  XSpreadsheetDocument doc = Calc.openDoc(CHARTS DATA, loader);
  if (doc == null) {
   System.out.println("Could not open " + CHARTS DATA);
   Lo.closeOffice();
   return;
  GUI.setVisible(doc, true);
  XSpreadsheet sheet = Calc.getSheet(doc, 0);
  // ---- use different chart templates ----
  XChartDocument chartDoc = colChart(doc, sheet);
                                // see sections 1-3
  // String[] templateNames = Chart2.getChartTemplates(chartDoc);
                                // section 4
  // Lo.printNames(templateNames, 1);
  // multColChart(doc, sheet); // sections 5 & 6
  // colLineChart(doc, sheet); // section 7
  // barChart(doc, sheet);
  // pieChart(doc, sheet);
  // pie3DChart(doc, sheet);
  // donutChart(doc, sheet);
  // areaChart(doc, sheet);
  // lineChart(doc, sheet);
  // linesChart(doc, sheet);
  // scatterChart(doc, sheet);
  // scatterLineLogChart(doc, sheet);
  // scatterLineErrorChart(doc, sheet);
  // labeledBubbleChart(doc, sheet);
```

```
// netChart(doc, sheet);

// happyStockChart(doc, sheet);

// stockPricesChart(doc, sheet);

Lo.waitEnter();
Lo.closeDoc(doc);
Lo.closeOffice();
} // end of main()
```

colChart() utilizes the "Sneakers Sold this Month" table in "chartsData.ods" (see Figure 1) to generate the column chart in Figure 2.

| | Α | B | |
|----|--------------------------|-------------|--|
| 1 | Sneakers Sold this Month | | |
| 2 | Brand | Number Sold | |
| 3 | Adidas | 25 | |
| 4 | New Balance | 18 | |
| 5 | Nike | 32 | |
| 6 | Reebok | 15 | |
| 7 | Other | 10 | |
| 8 | Total | 100 | |
| 9 | | | |
| 10 | | | |

Figure 1. The "Sneakers Sold this Month" Table.

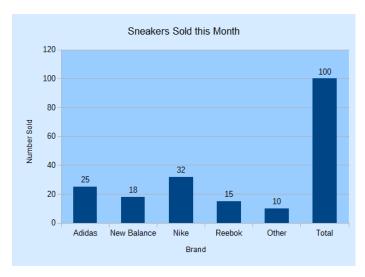


Figure 2. The Column Chart for the Table in Figure 1.

colChart() is:

```
XChartDocument chartDoc =
        Chart2.insertChart(sheet, rangeAddr, "C3", 15, 11, "Column");
Calc.gotoCell(doc, "A1");

Chart2.setTitle(chartDoc, Calc.getString(sheet, "A1"));
Chart2.setXAxisTitle(chartDoc, Calc.getString(sheet, "A2"));
Chart2.setYAxisTitle(chartDoc, Calc.getString(sheet, "B2"));
Chart2.rotateYAxisTitle(chartDoc, 90);
return chartDoc;
// end of colChart()
```

The column chart created by Chart2.insertChart() utilizes the cell range A2:B8, which spans the two columns of the table, but not the title in cell A1. The "C3" argument specifies where the top-left corner of the chart will be positioned in the sheet, and 15x11 are the dimensions of the image in millimeters.

Calc.gotoCell() causes the application window's view of the spreadsheet to move so that cell "A1" is visible, which lets the user see the sneakers table and the chart together.

If the three set methods and rotate YAxisTitle() are left out of colChart(), then the generated chart will have no titles as in Figure 3.

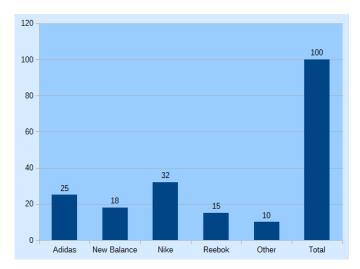


Figure 3. The Column Chart for the Table in Figure 1, with no Titles.

1. Creating a Chart Title

Chart2.setTitle() is passed a string which becomes the chart's title. For example:

```
// part of colChart() in Chart2Views.java...
Chart2.setTitle(chartDoc, Calc.getString(sheet, "A1"));
```

utilizes the string from cell "A1" of the spreadsheet (see Figure 1).

Setting a title requires three interfaces: XTitled, XTitle, and XFormattedString. XTitled is utilized by several chart services, as shown in Figure 4.

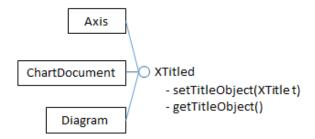


Figure 4. Services Using the XTitled Interface.

The XChartDocument interface is converted into XTitled by Chart2.setTitle(), so an XTitle object can be assigned to the chart:

```
// in the Chart2 class
public static void setTitle(XChartDocument chartDoc, String title)
/* set the title, and use Arial, 14 pt style */
{
    System.out.println("Chart title: \"" + title + "\"");
    XTitled xTitled = Lo.qi(XTitled.class, chartDoc);
    XTitle xtitle = createTitle(title);
    if (xtitle != null) {
        xTitled.setTitleObject(xtitle);
        setXTitleFont(xtitle, "Arial", 14);
    }
} // end of setTitle()
```

The XTitle object is an instance of the Title service which inherits a wide assortment of properties related to the text's paragraph, fill, and line styling, as shown in Figure 5.

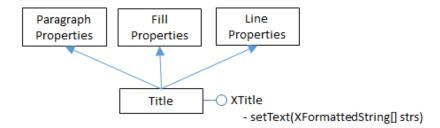


Figure 5. The Title Service.

Text is added to the XTitle object by Chart2.createTitle(), as an XFormattedString array:

The use of an XFormattedString[] array may seem to be overkill when the title is a single string, but it also allows character properties to be associated with the string through XFormattedString2, as shown in Figure 6.

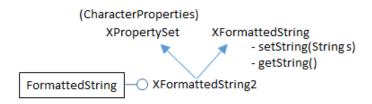


Figure 6. The FormattedString Service.

Character properties allow the font and point size of the title to be changed to Arial 14pt by Chart2.setXTitleFont():

The "CharFontName" and "CharHeight" properties come from the CharacterProperties class.

2. Creating Axis Titles

Setting the axes titles needs a reference to the XAxis interface. Incidentally, this interface name is a little misleading since "X" is the naming convention for interfaces, not a reference to the x-axis.

Figure 9 in Chapter 28 shows that the XAxis interface is available via the XCoordinateSystem interface, which can be obtained by calling Chart2.getCoordSystem(). XCoordinateSystem.getAxisByDimension() can then be employed to get an axis reference. This is implemented by Chart2.getAxis():

XCoordinateSystem.getAxisByDimension() takes two integer arguments: the first represents the axis (x-, y-, or z-), while the second is a primary or secondary index (0 or 1) for the chosen axis. Chart2.java includes wrapper functions for Chart2.getAxis() for the most common cases:

```
// in the Chart2 class
public static XAxis getXAxis(XChartDocument chartDoc)
{    return getAxis(chartDoc, Chart2.X_AXIS, 0);  }

public static XAxis getYAxis(XChartDocument chartDoc)
{    return getAxis(chartDoc, Chart2.Y_AXIS, 0);  }

public static XAxis getXAxis2(XChartDocument chartDoc)
{    return getAxis(chartDoc, Chart2.X_AXIS, 1);  }

public static XAxis getYAxis2(XChartDocument chartDoc)
{    return getAxis(chartDoc, Chart2.Y_AXIS, 1);  }
```

Chart2.setAxisTitle() calls Chart2.getAxis() to get a reference to the correct axis, and then reuses many of the methods described earlier for setting the chart title:

```
titledAxis.setTitleObject(xtitle);
setXTitleFont(xtitle, "Arial", 12); // Arial 12pt
}
} // end of setAxisTitle()
```

As with Chart2.getAxis(), Chart2.java includes wrapper methods for Chart2.setAxisTitle() to simplify common axis cases:

3. Rotating Axis Titles

The default orientation for titles is horizontal, which is fine for the chart and x-axis titles, but can cause the y-axis title to occupy too much horizontal space. The solution is to call Chart2.rotateYAxisTitle() with an angle (usually 90 degrees) to turn the text counter-clockwise so it's vertically orientated (see Figure 2).

The implementation accesses the XTitle interface for the axis title, and then modifies its "TextRotation" property from the Title service (see Figure 5).

```
if (axis == null)
    return null;

XTitled titledAxis = Lo.qi(XTitled.class, axis);
return titledAxis.getTitleObject();
} // end of getAxisTitle()
```

4. What Chart Templates are Available?

colChart() in Chart2Views.java returns its XChartDocument reference. This isn't necessary for rendering the chart, but allows the reference to be passed to Chart2.getChartTemplates():

```
// in main() in Chart2Views.java...
XChartDocument chartDoc = colChart(doc, sheet);
String[] templateNames = Chart2.getChartTemplates(chartDoc);
Lo.printNames(templateNames, 1);
```

The only way to list the chart templates supported by the chart2 module (i.e. those shown in Table 1 of Chapter 28) is by querying an existing chart document. That's the purpose of Chart2.getChartTemplates():

```
// in the Chart2 class
public static String[] getChartTemplates(XChartDocument chartDoc)
{
    XChartTypeManager ctMan = chartDoc.getChartTypeManager();
    return Info.getAvailableServices(ctMan);
}
```

Normally XChartTypeManager is used to create a template instance, but Info.getAvailableServices() accesses its

XMultiServiceFactory.getAvailableServiceNames() method to list the names of all its supported services, which are templates:

The output lists has 66 names, starting and ending like so:

```
"com.sun.star.chart2.template.Area"
"com.sun.star.chart2.template.Bar"
"com.sun.star.chart2.template.Bubble"
"com.sun.star.chart2.template.Column"
"com.sun.star.chart2.template.ColumnWithLine"
    :
"com.sun.star.chart2.template.ThreeDLineDeep"
```

Sixty-four of those names appear in Chapter 28's Table 1. The two missing are "GL3DBar" and "GL3DBarRoundedRectangle", which were reported as being "not ready for general use" in an OpenOffice forum posting from May 2014.

5. Multiple Columns

The multColChart() method in Chart2Views.java uses a table containing three columns of data (see Figure 7) to generate two column graphs in the same chart, as in Figure 8.

| | E | F | G | |
|----|--|-------------------------------|---------|--|
| 13 | States with the Most Colleges and Universities by Type | | | |
| 14 | | No. of Schools (in thousands) | | |
| 15 | State | Public | Private | |
| 16 | California | 142 | 271 | |
| 17 | Texas | 85 | 232 | |
| 18 | New York | 69 | 192 | |
| 19 | Illinois | 117 | 89 | |
| 20 | Michigan | 42 | 129 | |
| 21 | National Average | 34 | 47 | |
| 22 | | | | |
| 23 | | | | |

Figure 7. The "States with the Most Colleges" Table.

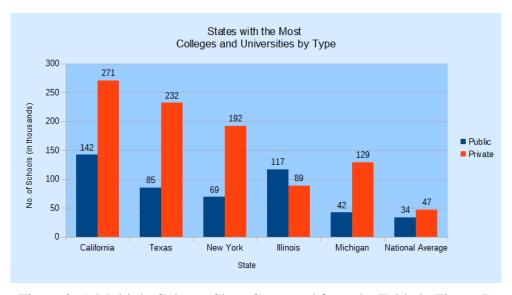


Figure 8. A Multiple Column Chart Generated from the Table in Figure 7.

multColChart() is:

[&]quot;com.sun.star.chart2.template.ThreeDPie"
"com.sun.star.chart2.template.ThreeDPieAllExploded"
"com.sun.star.chart2.template.ThreeDScatter"

```
// in Chart2Views.java
private static void multColChart(XSpreadsheetDocument doc,
                                 XSpreadsheet sheet)
  CellRangeAddress rangeAddr = Calc.getAddress(sheet, "E15:G21");
  XChartDocument chartDoc =
    Chart2.insertChart(sheet, rangeAddr, "A22", 20, 11, "Column");
                       // ThreeDColumnDeep, ThreeDColumnFlat
  Calc.gotoCell(doc, "A13");
  Chart2.setTitle(chartDoc, Calc.getString(sheet, "E13"));
  Chart2.setXAxisTitle(chartDoc, Calc.getString(sheet, "E15"));
  Chart2.setYAxisTitle(chartDoc, Calc.getString(sheet, "F14"));
  Chart2.rotateYAxisTitle(chartDoc, 90);
  Chart2.viewLegend(chartDoc, true);
  // for a 3D version
  // Chart2.showAxisLabel(chartDoc, Chart2.Z AXIS, 0, false);
  // Chart2.setChartShape3D(chartDoc, "cylinder");
                             // box, cylinder, cone, pyramid
} // end of multColChart()
```

The same "Column" chart template is used as in colChart(), and the additional column of data is treated as an extra column graph. The chart title and axis titles are added in the same way as before, and a legend is included by calling Chart2.viewLegend():

```
// in the Chart2 class
public static void viewLegend(XChartDocument chartDoc,
                           boolean isVisible)
 XDiagram diagram = chartDoc.getFirstDiagram();
  XLegend legend = diagram.getLegend();
  if (isVisible && (legend == null)) {
   XLegend leg = Lo.createInstanceMCF(XLegend.class,
                             "com.sun.star.chart2.Legend");
   Props.setProperty(leg, "LineStyle", LineStyle.NONE);
                        // no outline around legend
    Props.setProperty(leg, "FillStyle", FillStyle.SOLID);
   Props.setProperty(leg, "FillTransparence", 100);
                        // transparent solid background
   diagram.setLegend(leg);
  Props.setProperty(diagram.getLegend(), "Show", isVisible);
                                // toggle visibility
} // end of viewLegend()
```

The legend is accessible via the chart diagram service. viewLegend() creates an instance, and sets a few properties to make it look nicer.

Figure 9 shows the Legend service, which defines several properties, and inherits many others from FillProperties and LineProperties. The "LineStyle", "FillStyle", and "FillTransparence" properties utilized in viewLegend() come from the inherited property classes, but "Show" is from the Legend service.

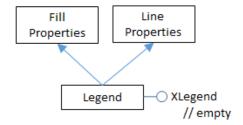


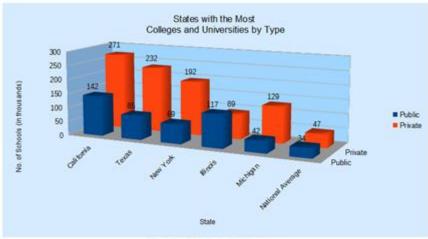
Figure 9. The Legend Service.

The XLegend interface contains no methods, and is used only to access the properties in its defining service.

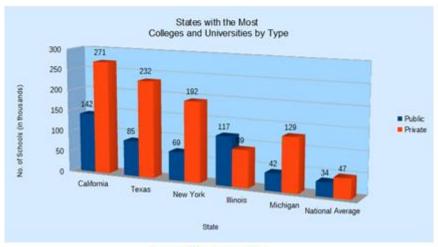
6. 3D Pizazz

I'm not a fan of 3D charts which are often harder to understand than their 2D equivalents, even if they do look more "hi-tech". But if you really want a 3D version of a chart, it's mostly just a matter of changing the template name in the call to Chart2.insertChart().

If the "Column" string is changed to "ThreeDColumnDeep" or "ThreeDColumnFlat" in insertChart() in multColChart(), then the charts in Figure 10 appear.



ThreeDColumnDeep



ThreeDColumnFlat

Figure 10. Deep and Flat 3D Column Charts.

"deep" orders the two 3D graphs along the z-axis, and labels the axis.

The x-axis labels are rotated automatically in the top-most chart of Figure 10 because the width of the chart wasn't sufficient to draw them horizontally, and that's caused the graphs to be squashed into less vertical space.

multColChart() contains two commented out lines which illustrate how a 3D graph can be changed:

Chart2.showAxisLabel() is passed the boolean false to switch off the display of the z-axis labels. Chart2.setChartShape3D() changes the shape of the columns; in this case to cylinders, as in Figure 11.

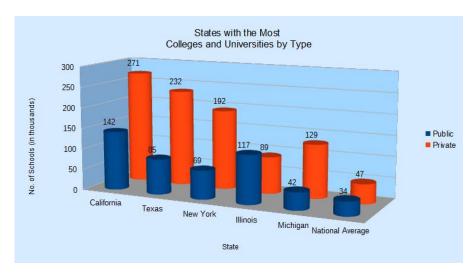


Figure 11. Modified Deep 3D Column Chart.

Chart2.showAxisLabel() uses Chart2.getAxis() to access the XAxis interface, and then modifies its "Show" property:

The Axis service contains a large assortment of properties (online documentation can be read by calling lodoc chart2 axis service), and inherits character and line properties depicted in Figure 12.

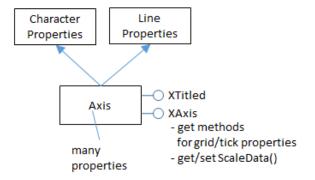


Figure 12. The Axis Service.

Chart2.setChartShape3D() affects the data 'points' (which in a 3D column chart are boxes by default). This requires access to the XDataSeries array of data points by calling Chart2.getDataSeries(), and then the "Geometry3D" property in the DataSeries

service is modified. Figure 11 in Chapter 28 shows the service and its interfaces, and most of its properties are inherited from the DataPointProperties class, including "Geometry3D". The code for Chart2.setChartShape3D():

```
// in the Chart2 class
public static void setChartShape3D(XChartDocument chartDoc,
                                   String shape)
  XDataSeries[] dataSeriesArr = getDataSeries(chartDoc);
  for (XDataSeries dataSeries : dataSeriesArr) {
    if (shape.equals("box"))
      Props.setProperty(dataSeries, "Geometry3D",
                                    DataPointGeometry3D.CUBOID);
    else if (shape.equals("cylinder"))
      Props.setProperty(dataSeries, "Geometry3D",
                                    DataPointGeometry3D.CYLINDER);
    else if (shape.equals("cone"))
      Props.setProperty(dataSeries, "Geometry3D",
                                    DataPointGeometry3D.CONE);
    else if (shape.equals("pyramid"))
      Props.setProperty(dataSeries, "Geometry3D",
                                    DataPointGeometry3D.PYRAMID);
    else
      System.out.println("Did not recognize 3D shape: " + shape);
  // end of setChartShape3D()
```

7. The Column and Line Chart

Another way to display the multiple columns of data in the "States with the Most Colleges" table (Figure 7) is to draw a column and line chart. The column is generated from the first data column, and the line graph uses the second column. The result is shown in Figure 13.

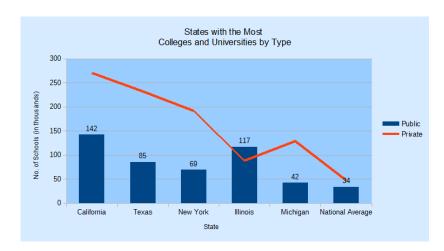


Figure 13. A Column and Line Chart Generated from the Table in Figure 7.

colLineChart() in Chart2Views.java generates Figure 13:

It's identical to mulColChart() except for the template string ("ColumnWithLine") passed to Chart2.insertChart().

A chart's coordinate system may utilize multiple chart types. Up to now a chart template (e.g. "Column") has been converted to a single chart type (e.g. ColumnChartType) by the chart API (specifically by the chart type manager), but the "ColumnWithLine" template is different. The manager implements that template using two chart types, "ColumnChartType" and "LineChartType". This is reported by Chart2.insertChart() calling Chart2.printChartTypes():

```
No. of chart types: 2 com.sun.star.chart2.ColumnChartType com.sun.star.chart2.LineChartType
```

Chart2.printChartTypes() uses Chart2.getChartTypes(), which was defined earlier:

Why is this separation of a single template into two chart types important?

The short answer is that it complicates the search for a chart template's data. For example, my earlier Chart2.getChartType() returns the first chart type in the XChartType[] array since most templates only use a single chart type:

```
// in the Chart2 class
public static XChartType getChartType (XChartDocument chartDoc)
```

```
{
   XChartType[] chartTypes = getChartTypes(chartDoc);
   return chartTypes[0];
}
```

This method is insufficient for examining a chart created with the "ColumnWithLine" template since the XChartType[] array holds two chart types. A programmer will have to use findChartType(), which searches the array for the specified chart type:

For example, the following call returns a reference to the line chart type:

```
XChartType lineCT = Chart2.findChartType(chartDoc, "LineChartType");
```

The simple getChartType() is used in Chart2.getDataSeries():

This means that Chart2.getDataSeries() can only access the data associated with the column (the first chart type) in a "ColumnWithLine" chart document. The fix is to use a more complex version of Chart2.getDataSeries():

This version requires a chart type string argument to get the correct chart type. For example, the call:

XDataSeries[] ds = Chart2.getDataSeries(chartDoc, "LineChartType");
returns the data series associated with the line chart type.