

AI Usage Report

I used an AI assistant to help me design a **helper method** that checks whether a JTextField is empty. The AI guided me on:

1. Writing a reusable method isEmpty().
2. Passing both the text field and a label/field name to show which field is missing.
3. Integrating the method into the save button so all fields are validated before saving

//Added a Helper method to check if each field is empty and throws an error if it is

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private boolean isEmpty(String text) {
    return text == null || text.trim().isEmpty();
}

private boolean validateFields() {
    // Check each field and show error message immediately when empty field is found
    if (isEmpty(tfName.getText())) {
        JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(this, "Name field is required!", "Validation Error",
JOptionPane.ERROR_MESSAGE);
        return false;
    }
    if (isEmpty(tfDescription.getText())) {
        JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(this, "Description field is required!", "Validation Error",
JOptionPane.ERROR_MESSAGE);
        return false;
    }
    if (isEmpty(tfAvailability.getText())) {
        JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(this, "Availability field is required!", "Validation Error",
JOptionPane.ERROR_MESSAGE);
        return false;
    }
    if (isEmpty(tfPrice.getText())) {
        JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(this, "Price field is required!", "Validation Error",
JOptionPane.ERROR_MESSAGE);
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        return false;
    }

    if (isEmpty(tfStrtName.getText())) {
        JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(this, "Manufacture Street Name is required!", "Validation Error",
JOptionPane.ERROR_MESSAGE);

        return false;
    }

    if (isEmpty(tfUnitNum.getText())) {
        JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(this, "Manufacture Unit Number is required!", "Validation Error",
JOptionPane.ERROR_MESSAGE);

        return false;
    }

    if (isEmpty(tfManCity.getText())) {
        JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(this, "Manufacture City is required!", "Validation Error",
JOptionPane.ERROR_MESSAGE);

        return false;
    }

    if (isEmpty(tfManZipcode.getText())) {
        JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(this, "Manufacture Zip Code is required!", "Validation Error",
JOptionPane.ERROR_MESSAGE);

        return false;
    }

    if (isEmpty(tfShpStrtName.getText())) {
        JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(this, "Shipping Street Name is required!", "Validation Error",
JOptionPane.ERROR_MESSAGE);

        return false;
    }

    if (isEmpty(tfShpUnitNum.getText())) {
        JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(this, "Shipping Unit Number is required!", "Validation Error",
JOptionPane.ERROR_MESSAGE);

        return false;
    }
}
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    if (isEmpty(tfShpCity.getText())) {
        JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(this, "Shipping City is required!", "Validation Error",
JOptionPane.ERROR_MESSAGE);
        return false;
    }

    if (isEmpty(tfShpZipCode.getText())) {
        JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(this, "Shipping Zip Code is required!", "Validation Error",
JOptionPane.ERROR_MESSAGE);
        return false;
    }

    return true; // All fields are valid
}

private void btnSaveActionPerformed(java.awt.event.ActionEvent evt) {
//Added this section to the button save method

    // Validate fields first - if validation fails, stop here
    if (!validateFields()) {
        return; // Don't proceed with saving if validation fails
    }

    // If validation passes, proceeds with existing save logic

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Conclusion

The AI helped me understand the benefit of abstraction by writing a single helper method that can be applied to multiple fields

Reference Link - [Java Swing Form Field Validation - Claude](#)