

# Graphical User Interface (GUI) & Basic Listener





# Outlines

- › History
- › JavaFX components
- › Starting using GUI
- › Basic structure (stage, scene, scene graph, node)
- › Layout
- › Chart
- › Scene builder
- › FXML
- › Style
- › Binding properties
- › Basic event handling



# History

- › AWT is Java's original set of classes for building GUIs
  - Abstract Window Toolkit (AWT)
  - `import java.awt.*`
  - Uses peer components of the OS; heavyweight
  - **Not truly portable:** looks different and lays out inconsistently on different OSs
    - › Due to OS's underlying display management system
- › Swing is designed to solve AWT's problems
  - `import javax.swing.*`
  - Extends AWT
  - 99% java; lightweight components
  - Layout consistently on all OSs
  - Uses AWT event handling



# History (cont.)

- › JavaFX
  - JAVA + FLASH + FLEX
  - An API included in Java SE 8 for UI development
  - The successor of Java Swing
  - 100% java; lightweight component
  - Swing Node (embed Swing in JavaFX)
  - More features
    - › Data binding
    - › FXML (mark-up language for designing UI)
    - › CSS
    - › Charts.
    - › 3D Support
    - › Etc.
- › We will learn JavaFX in this class



# JavaFX components

- › Containers
  - Anchor Pane, Stack Pane, Tab Pane, HBox, Vbox, ...
- › UI Controls
  - Accordion, Label, Button, RadioButton, CheckBox, TextField, TextArea, Slider, Tooltip, ComboBox, ProgressBar, DatePicker, ColorPicker, ...
- › Shapes
  - Line, Rectangle, Ellipse, Path, Circle Arc, Polygon, Polyline, Curve, Text
- › Charts
  - LineChart, PieChart, AreaChart, BarChart, ScatterChart, BubbleChart



# JavaFX components (cont.)



Reference: [http://docs.oracle.com/javafx/2/ui\\_controls/overview.htm](http://docs.oracle.com/javafx/2/ui_controls/overview.htm)



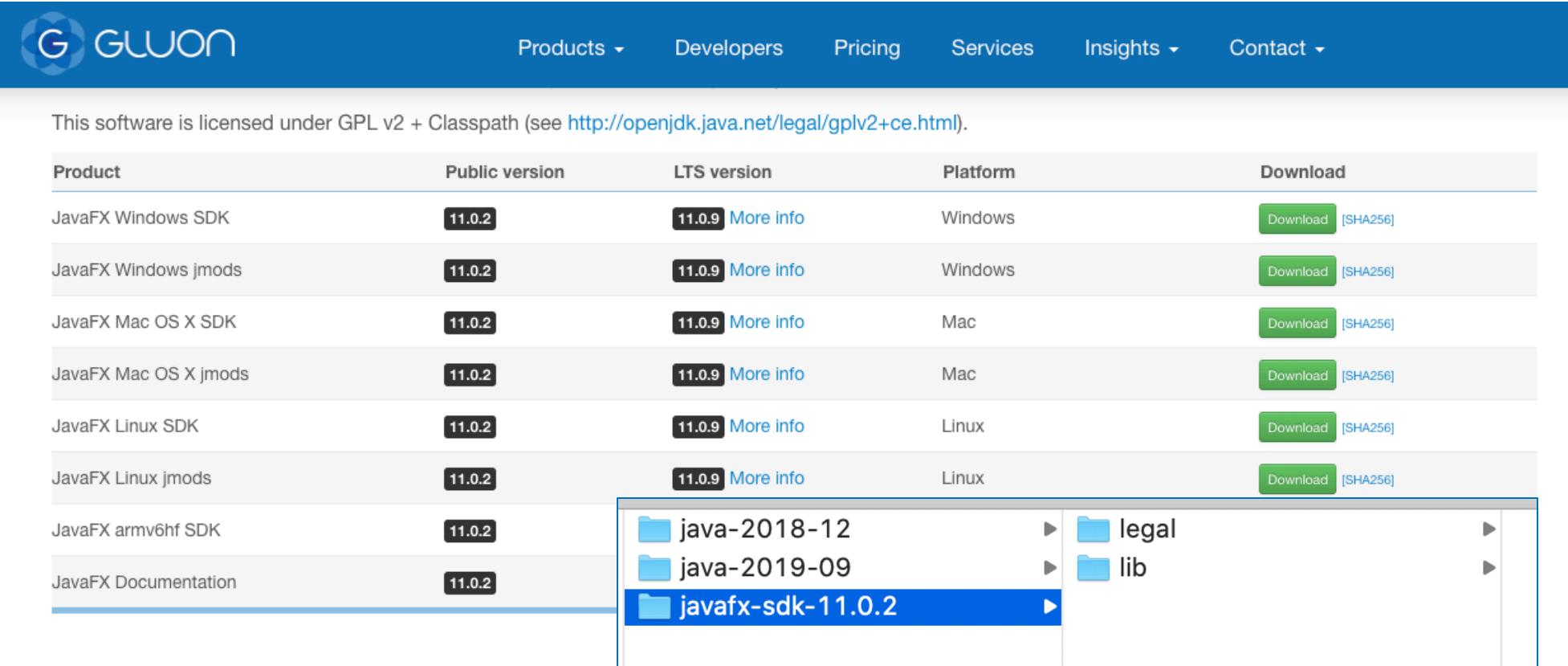
# Let's setup our Java FX

- › 1) Download Java FX
- › 2) One-time setup for Java FX
- › 3) Permanent setup for Java FX
- › 4) Scence Builder (optional)



# 1) Download JavaFX

- <https://gluonhq.com/products/javafx/>



This software is licensed under GPL v2 + Classpath (see <http://openjdk.java.net/legal/gplv2+ce.html>).

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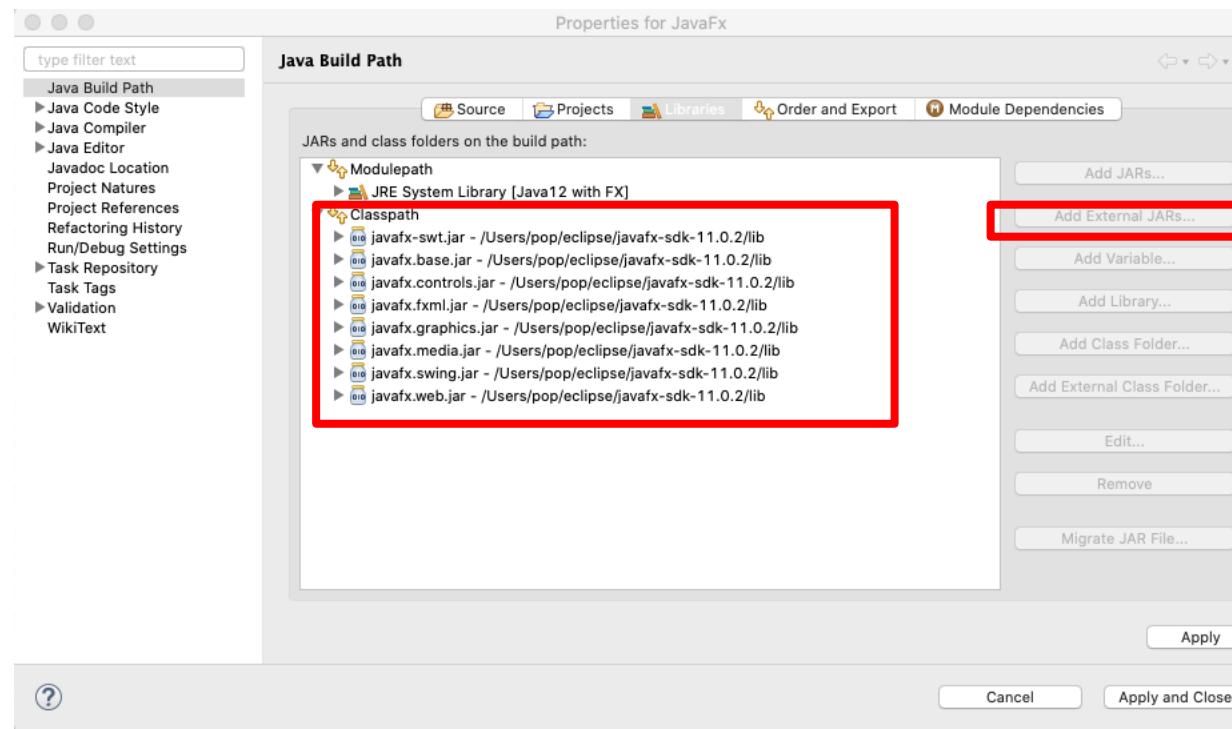
## 2) One-time setup for Java FX





# How to setup JavaFX project (cont.)

- › Right-Click your project > Build Path... > Configure Build Path
- › In the Libraries Tab, under **Classpath**, click Add External JAR...
- › Navigate to the previously extracted JavaFX folder, go to the folder lib, and select every jar file in there and click Open.



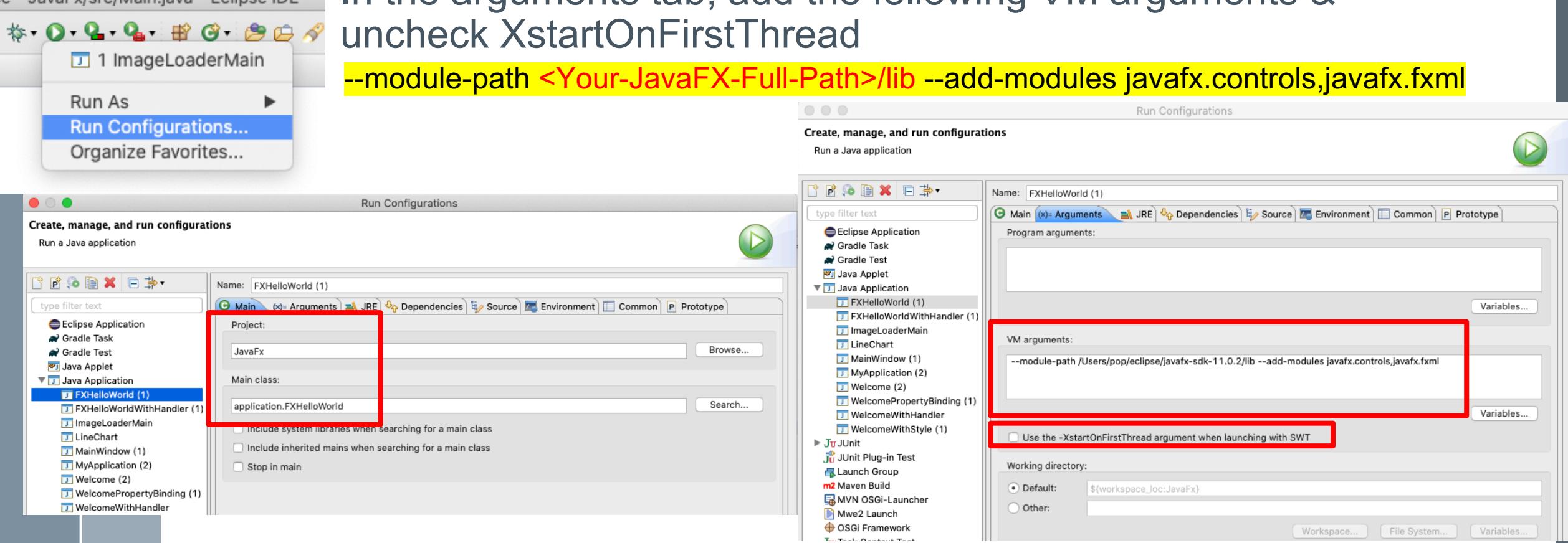


# How to setup JavaFX project (cont.)

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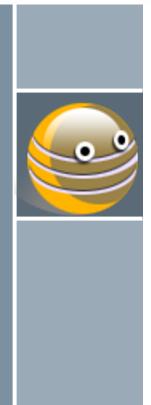
- In the main tab, make sure the project & main class
- In the arguments tab, add the following VM arguments & uncheck XstartOnFirstThread

`--module-path <Your-JavaFX-Full-Path>/lib --add-modules javafx.controls,javafx.fxml`

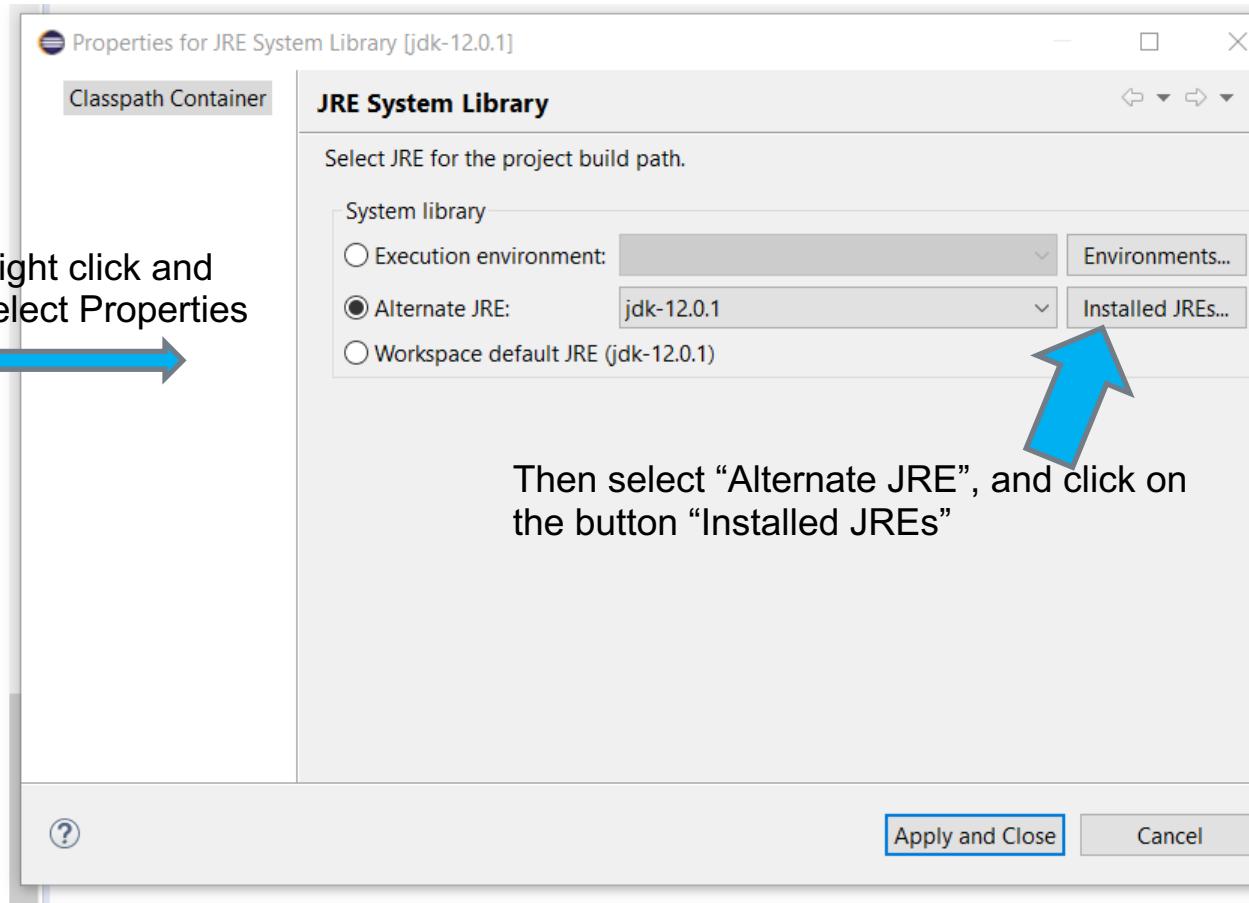
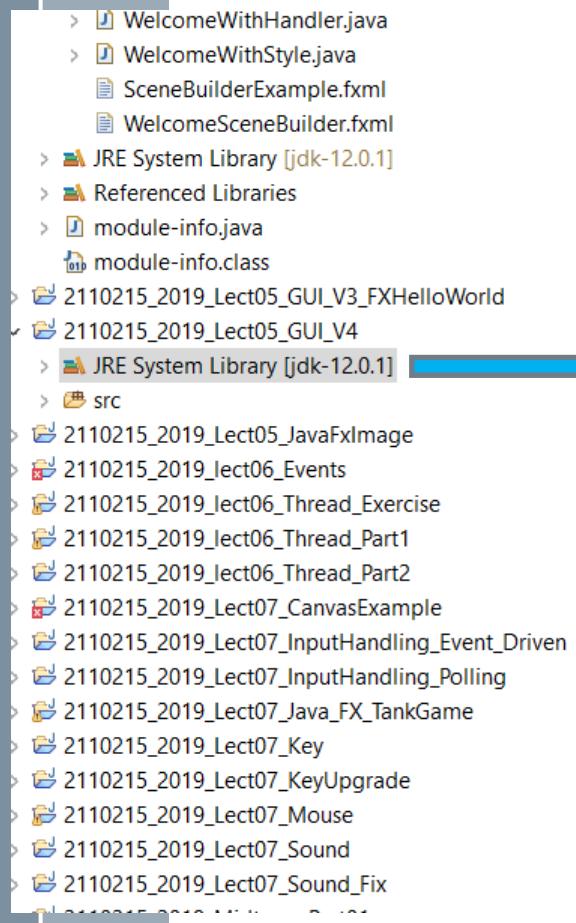


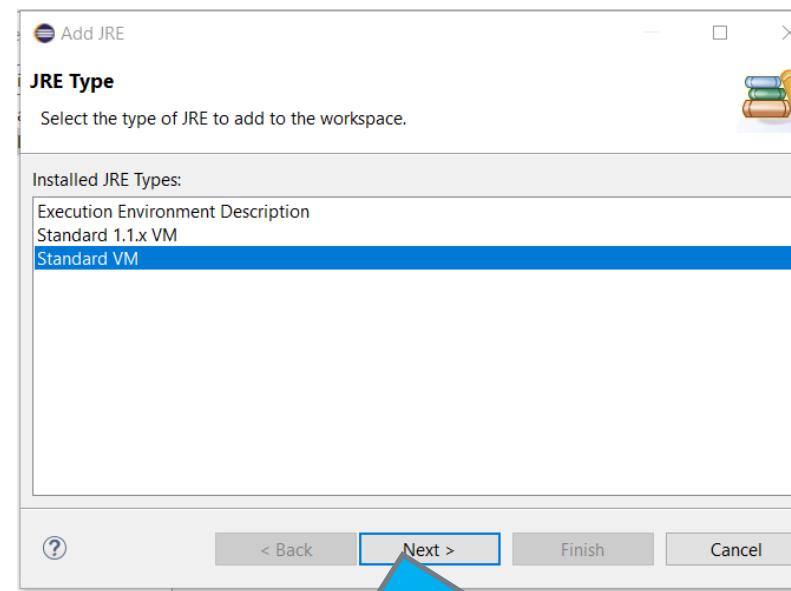
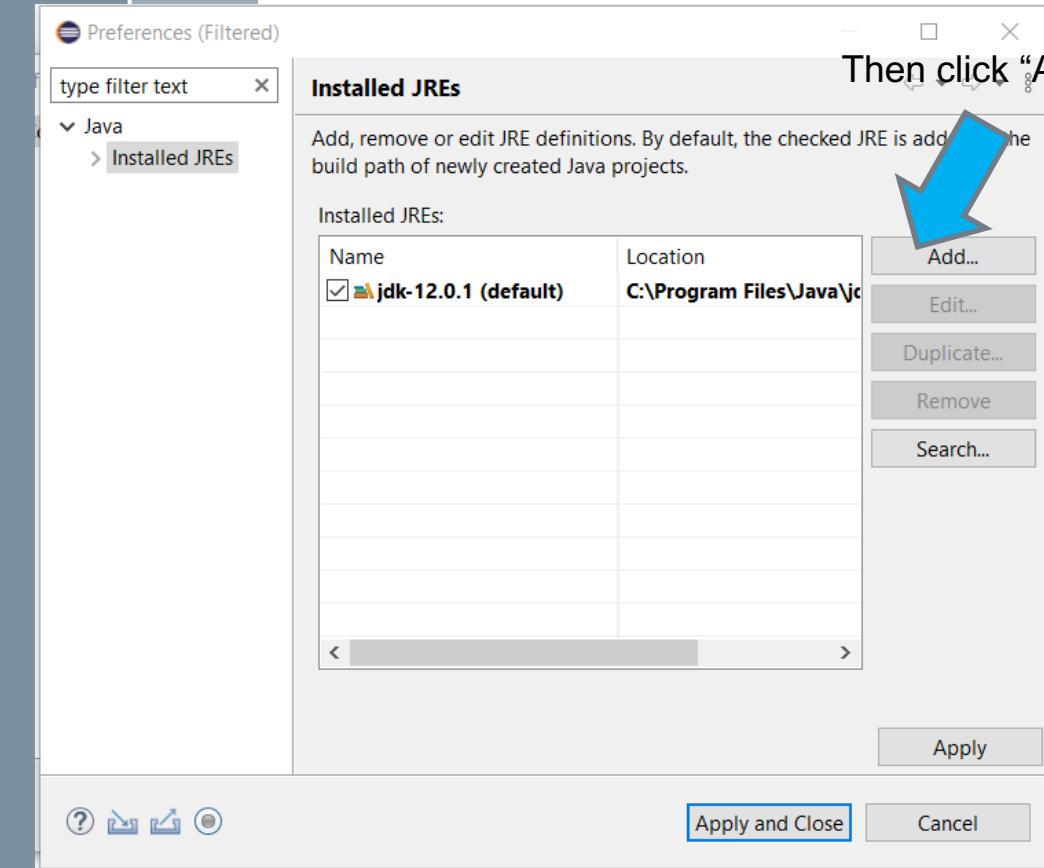
# 3) Permanent setup for Java FX





- › Install javaFX and note its lib folder location.
- › Then in your project
  - Set JRE to include JavaFx by the following steps.

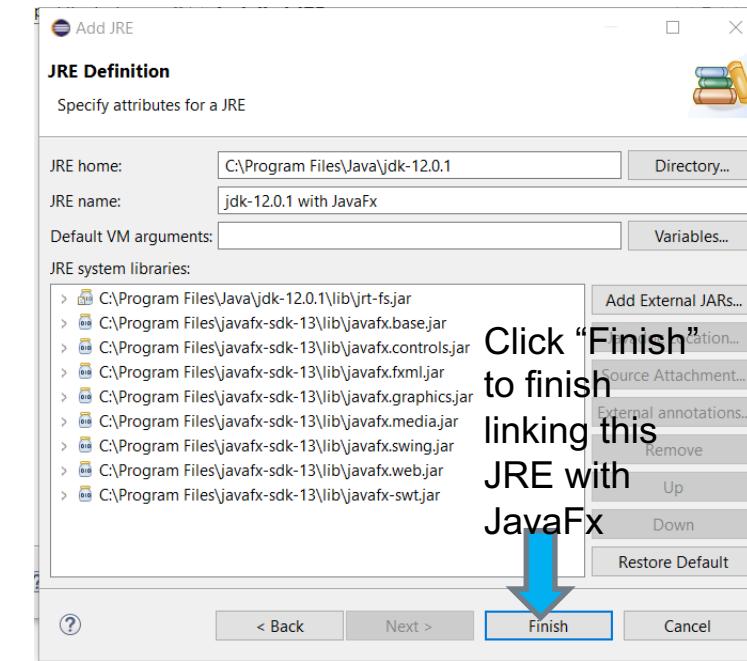
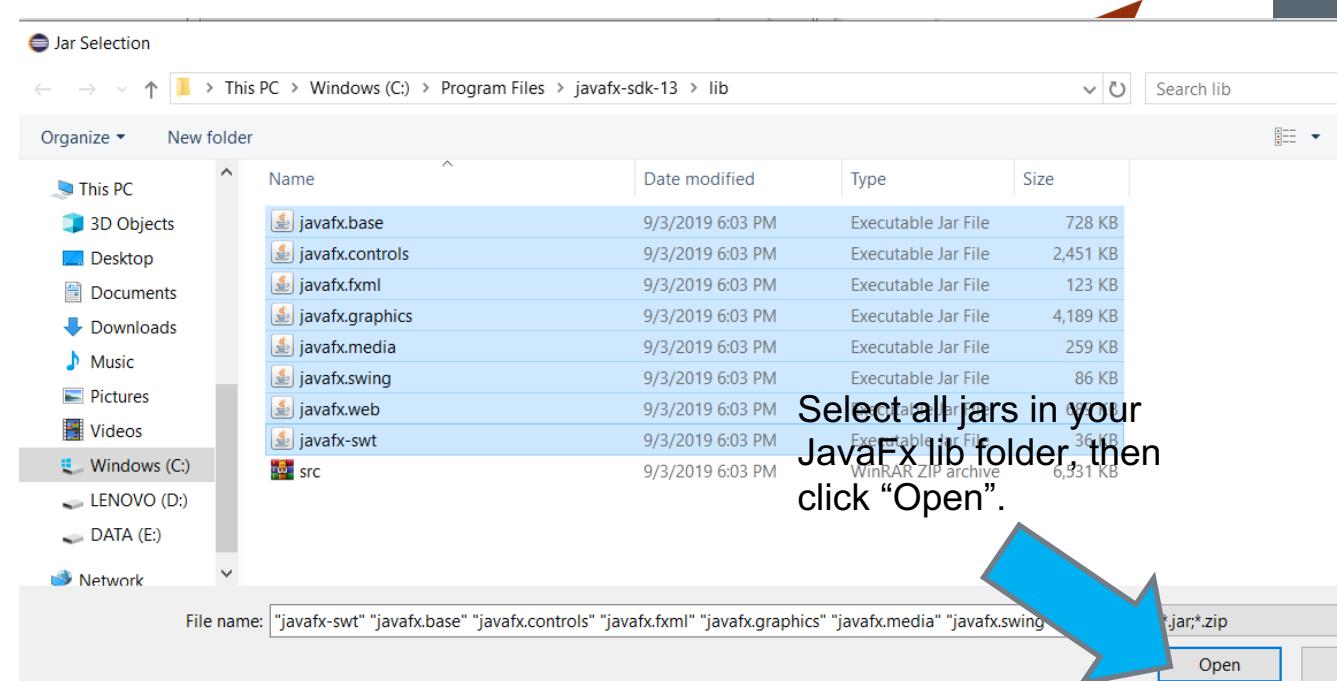
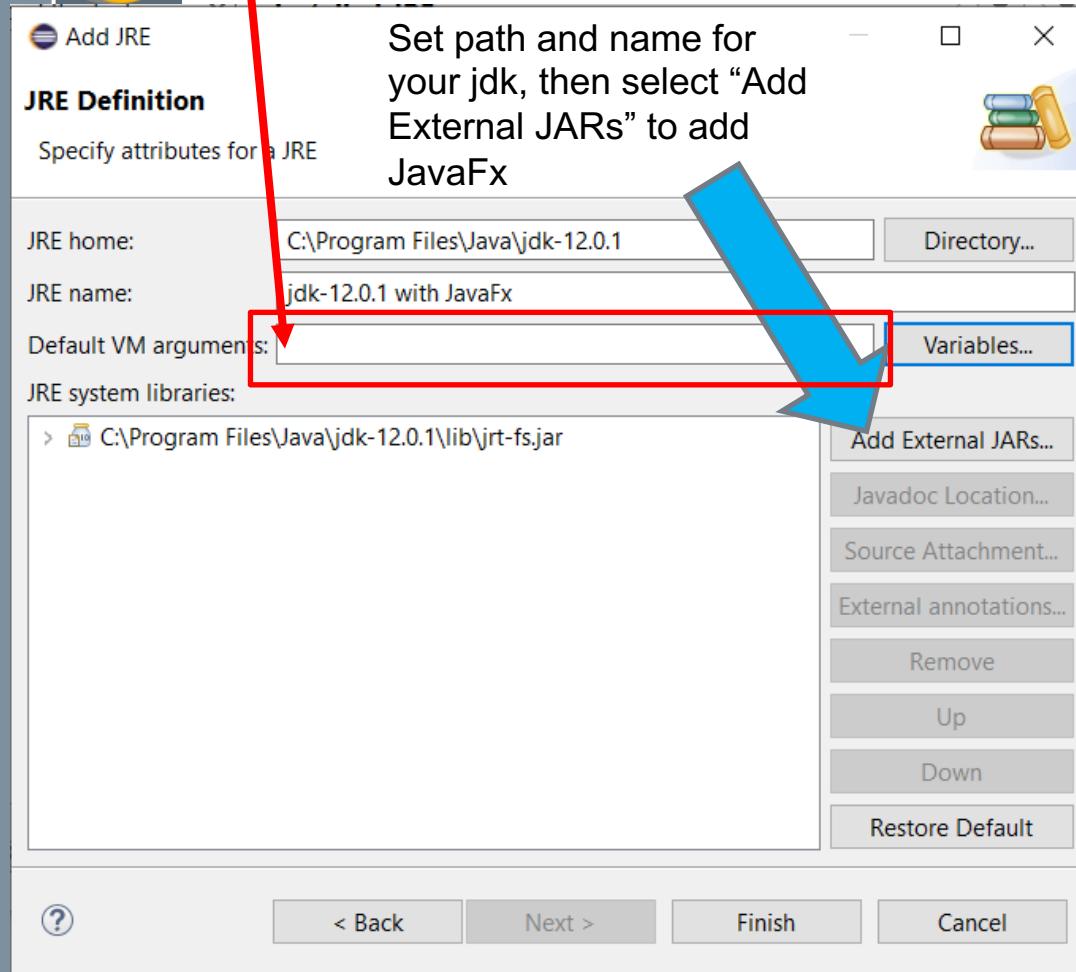




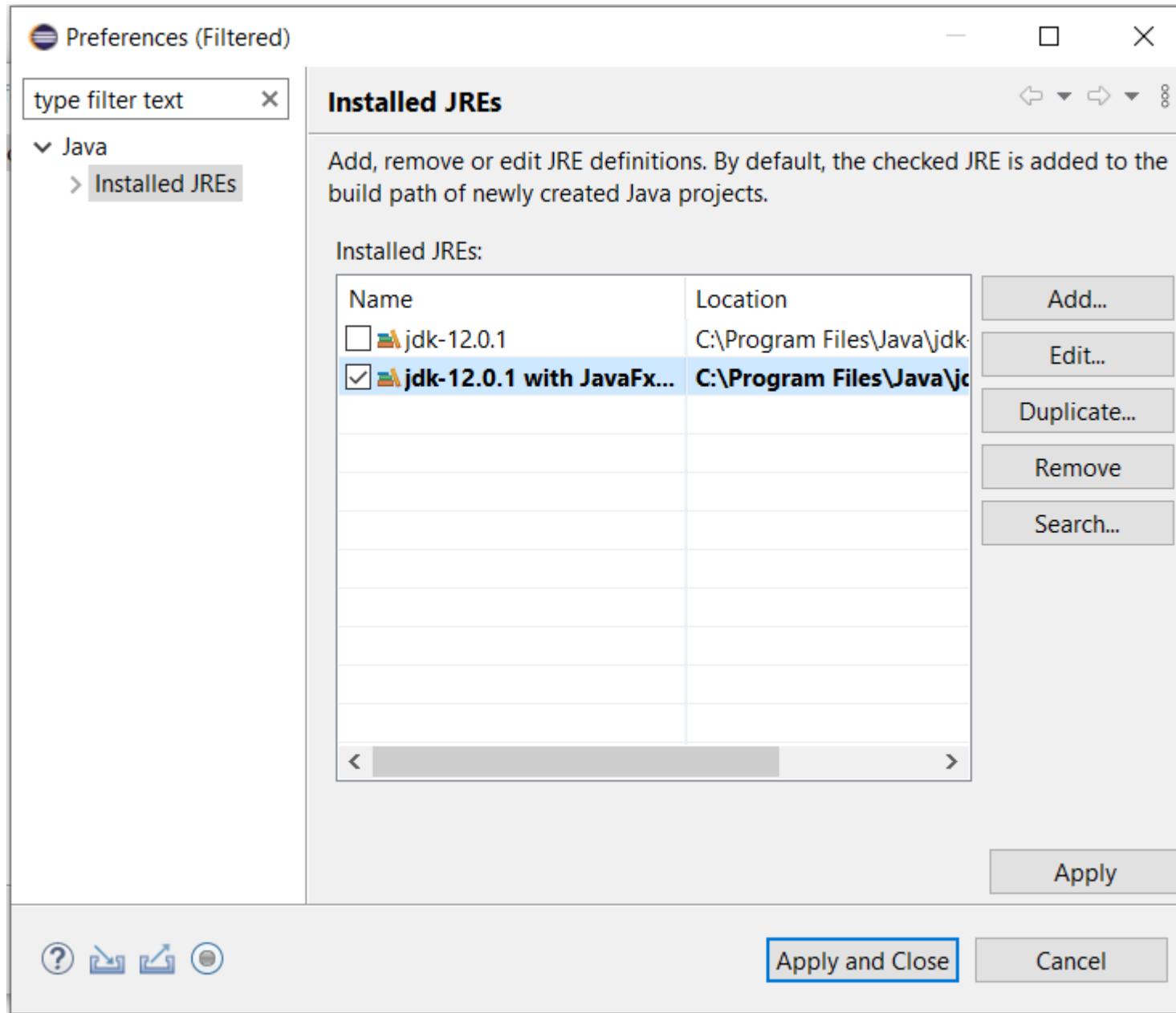
Make sure "Standard VM" is selected,  
Then click "Next"



--module-path /Users/pop/eclipse/javafx-sdk-11.0.2/lib --add-modules javafx.controls,javafx.fxml



Click “Finish” to finish linking this JRE with JavaFx



You can now select this new JRE for every project that uses JavaFx



# Now you can just

- › Create a Java project.
- › Create a Java class to run as your JavaFx application  
(but don't forget to set VM argument when you run the file.)



## Caution!

Exception : The type 'Button' is not API or  
**javaFX.application not registered.**

- › Go into the project's build path and **edited the JRE System Library**, some execution environment was selected.
- › Choose to use an "**Alernate JRE**" and make sure you **select the correct JRE from here**, then it will fix this error for you.

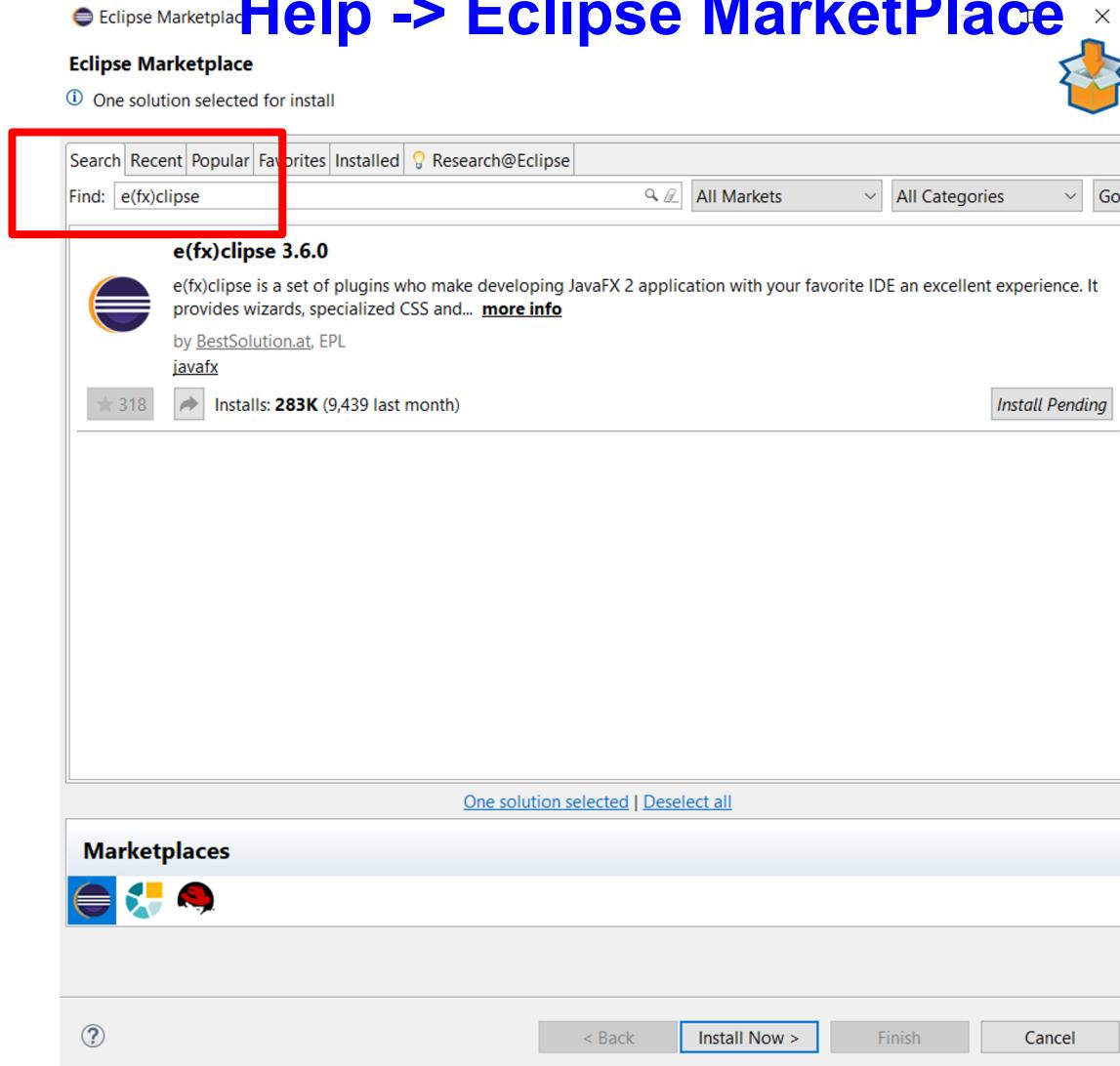
# 4) Scence Builder (optional)



# SceneBuilder

Next step of the setup, install E(fx)clipse into Eclipse

**Help -> Eclipse MarketPlace**



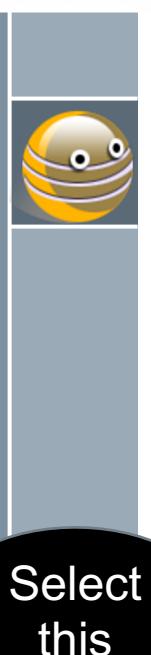
This plugin helps you

- open FXML editor with syntax highlighting.
- Link JavaFX, Eclipse, and Scene builder

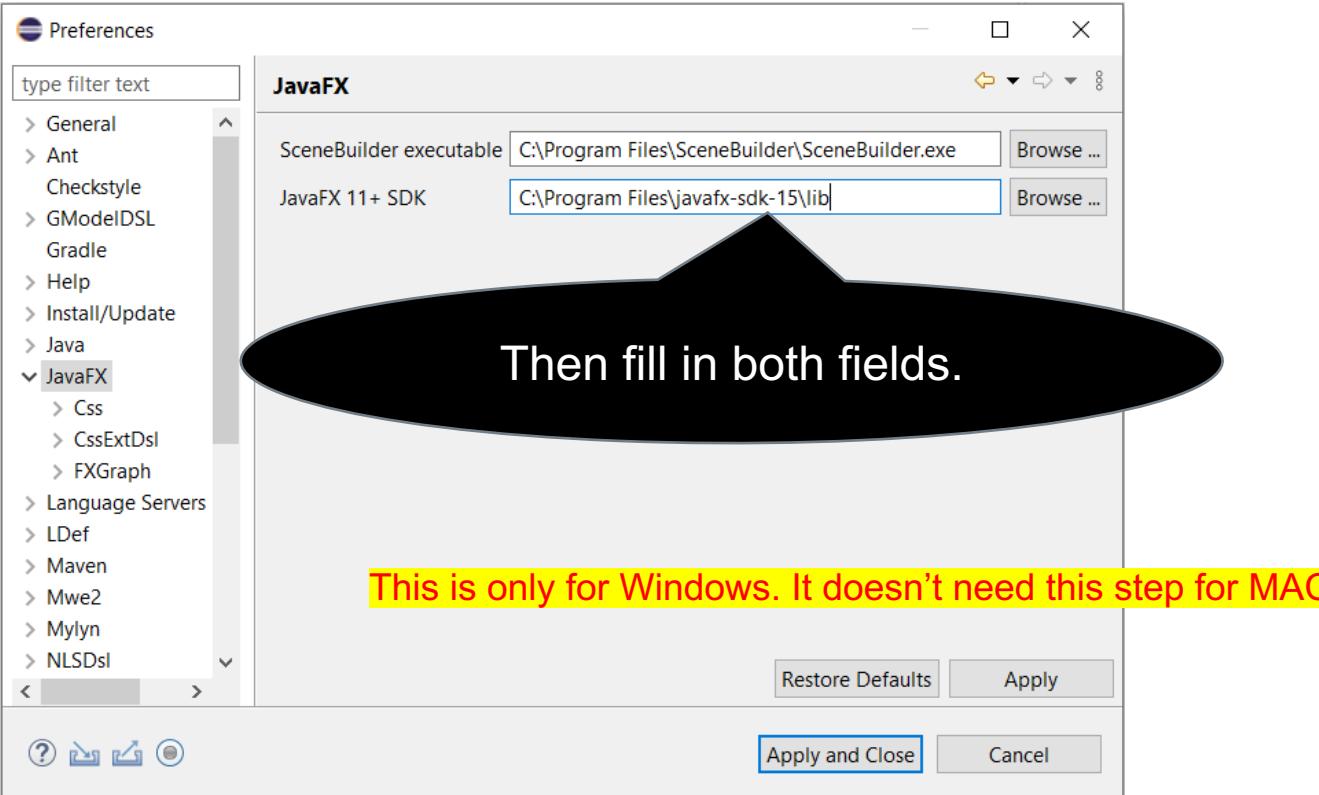
# Scene builder (cont.)

## › How to install JavaFX Scene Builder

- Download and install JavaFX Scene Builder  
<https://gluonhq.com/products/scene-builder/>
- Configuring Eclipse to use the Scene Builder “Window > Preferences”



Select this



Yeah! We now finish setup everything.

So, let's start our Java FX Project ☺



# JavaFX HelloWorld Example

FXHelloWorld.java

```
package application;

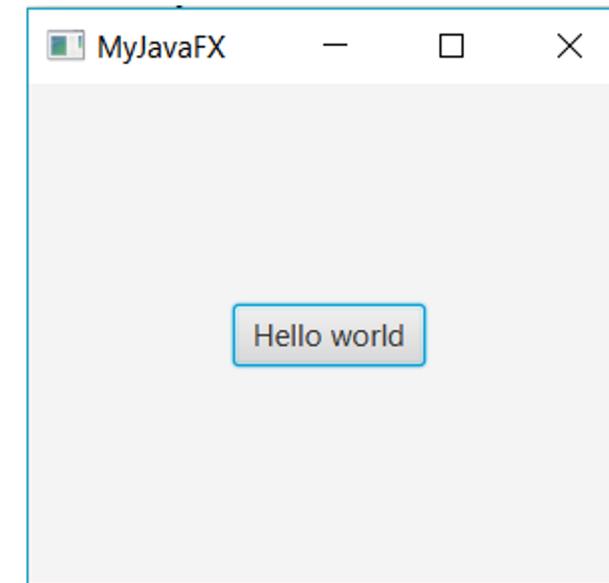
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        launch(args);
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May not  
compile at all!





# JavaFX HelloWorld Example (cont.)

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To create JavaFX application,

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- Override the [start\(\)](#) method



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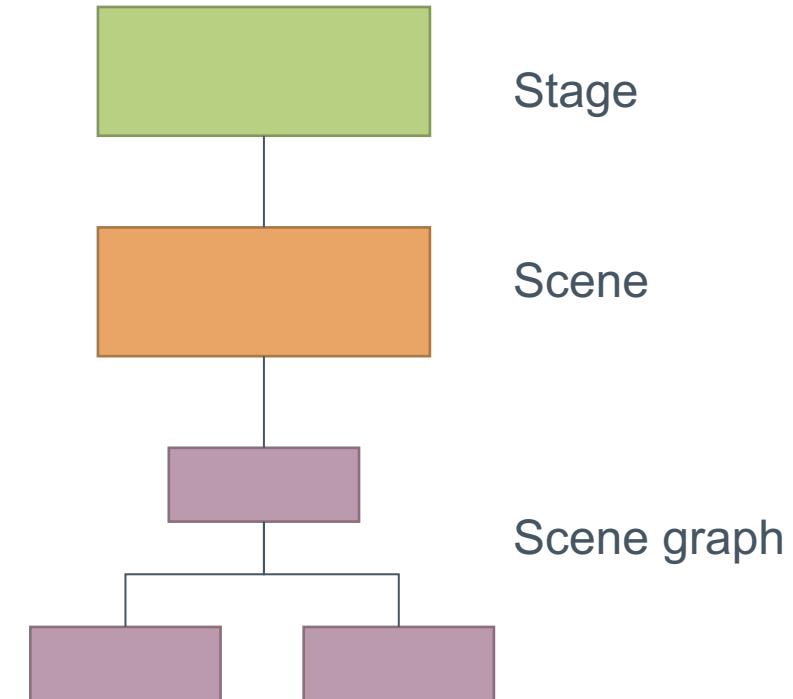
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- Extends **Application**  
(`javafx.application.Application`)
- Override the **start()** method
- Call **launch()** (`Application.launch()`)
  - The framework internals call the **start()** method to start
  - Then, **javafx.stage.Stage** object is available to use



# Basic structure

- › JavaFX application contains one or more **stages** which corresponds to **windows**
- › Each **stage** has a **scene**
- › Each **scene** can have **scene graph** (hierarchical tree of nodes)
- › Node (UI Components such as control, layout)





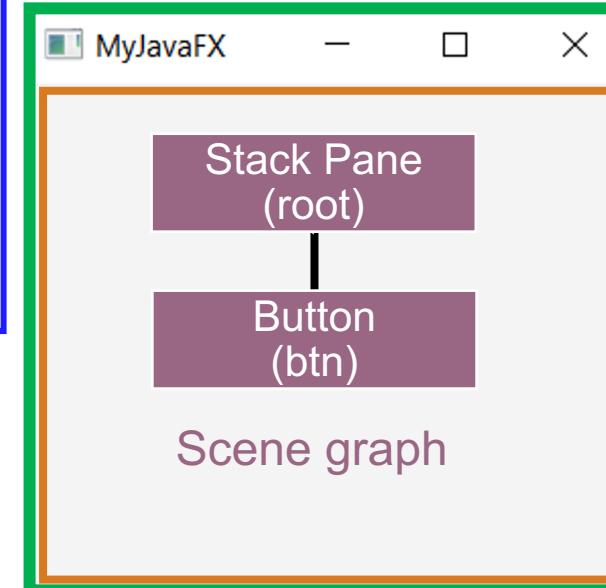
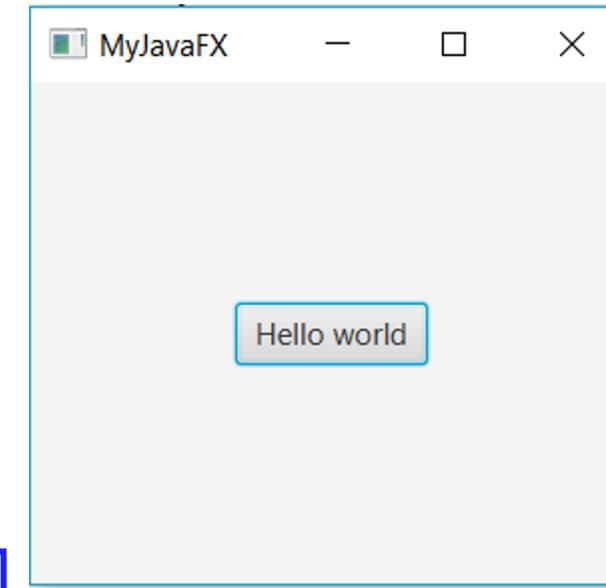
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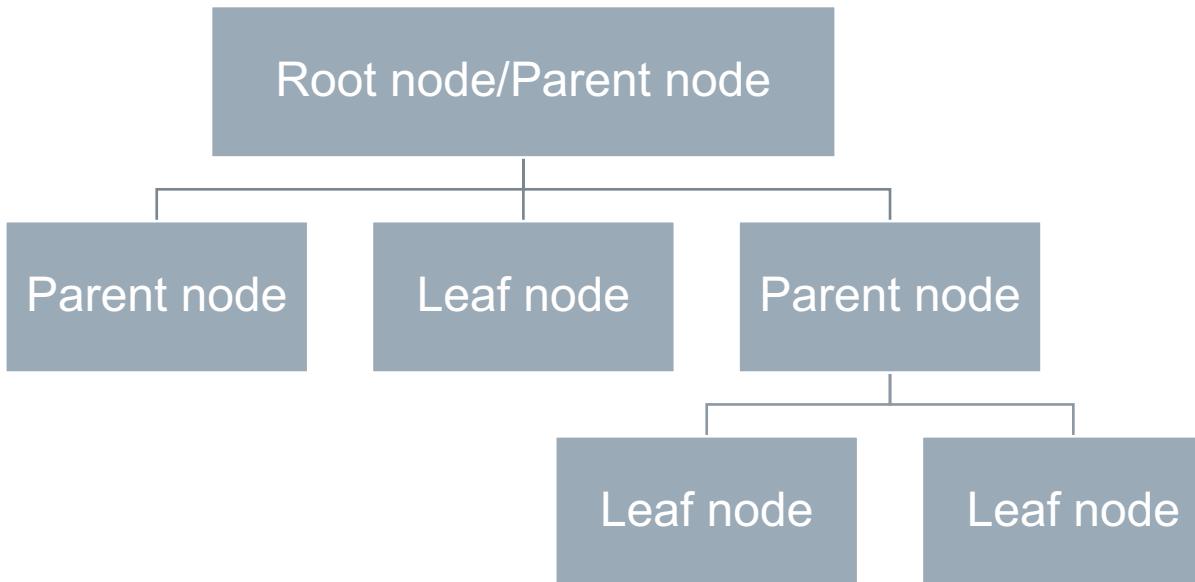
→ Stage  
javafx.stage (window)

→ Scene  
javafx.scene



# Scene graphs

- › In JavaFX, contents (such as text, images, and UI controls) are organized using a **tree-like** data structure known as **scene graph**
- › A scene graph is **hierarchical tree of nodes**





# Nodes

- › **GUI component object**, such as geometric shapes, UI controls, layout panes, and 3D objects.
- › **3 types** of nodes
  - Root Node
    - › Parent of all other nodes
    - › Scene graph can have only one root node.
  - Parent Node (group of nodes)
    - › Can have other nodes as children
  - Leaf Node
    - › **Cannot** have children
    - › Not container



# Nodes (cont.)

- › Node can have the following:
  - ID
  - Style
  - Class
  - Bounding volume
  - Effects such as blurs and shadows
  - Event handlers (such as mouse, keyboard)
- › Add nodes to parent

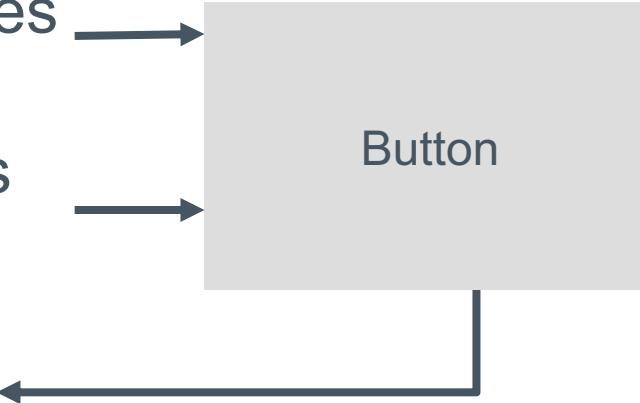
```
myParent.getChildren().add(childNode);
```

or

```
myParent.getChildren().addAll(childNode1, childNode2);
```



# Using GUI Component

- › Java: GUI component = class
  - › Properties →
  - › Methods →
  - › Events ←
- 

## Using a GUI component

- › 1. Create it

```
Button btn = new Button("Hello world");
```

- › 2. Configure it

```
// using getter/setter to access properties (text)
```

```
btn.setText("Hello world"); // methods
```

- › 3. Add it to parent

```
root.getChildren().add(btn);
```

- › 4. Listen to it

Events: Listeners



# Using a GUI Component

1. Create it
2. Configure it
3. Add children (if root or parent node (container))
4. Add to parent (if not root node)
5. Listen to it

order  
important





# JavaFX HelloWorld Example

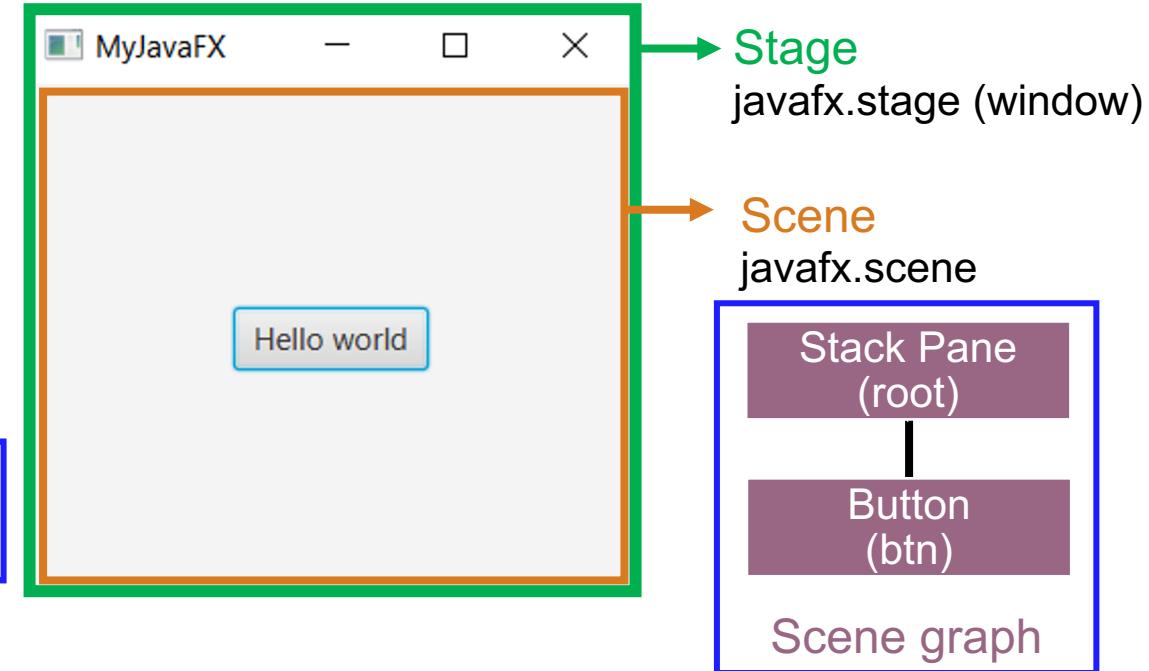
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# Scene

- › Container for all contents in a scene graph
- › **Root node** of the scene graph is **required** for creating Scene

```
Scene scene = new Scene(root, 300, 250);
```

- › Be able to set size, color etc.
- › If size is not specified, automatically compute based on its contents



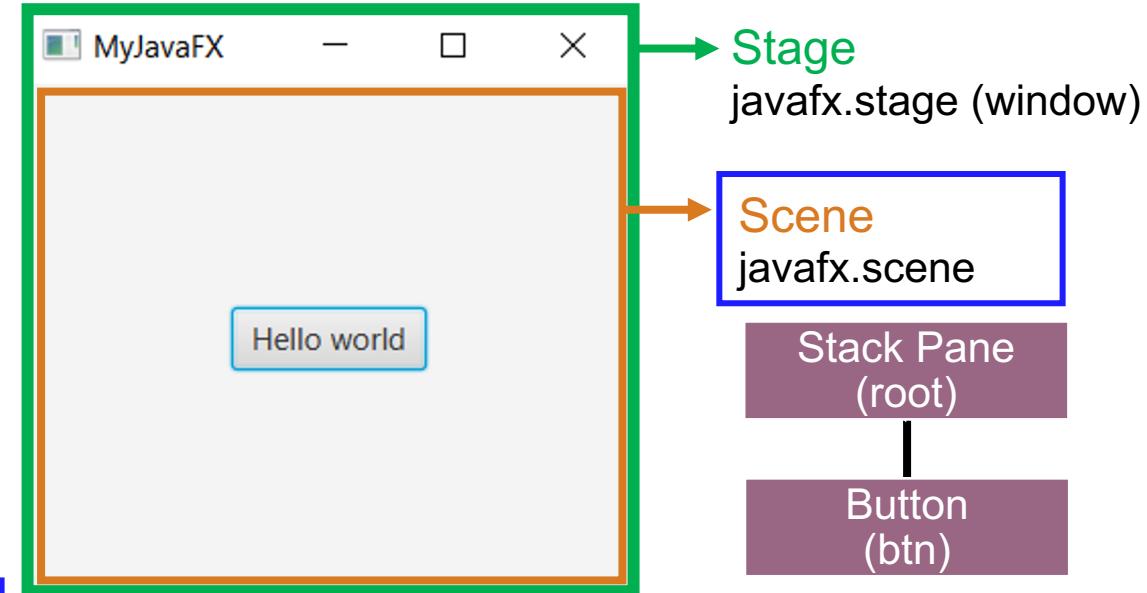
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Scene graph



# Stage

- › javafx.stage package
- › Top level container of the application.
- › Usually, OS Window.
- › The **main stage** is created as part of the application launch and **passed as an argument in start method**

```
public void start(Stage primaryStage)
```

- › Be able to set title, size, icon etc.
- › Single application can have multiple stages



# Stage (cont.)

- › Set Stage title

```
primaryStage.setTitle("MyJavaFX");
```

- › Set scene to stage

```
primaryStage.setScene(scene);
```

- › Show the stage

```
primaryStage.show();
```



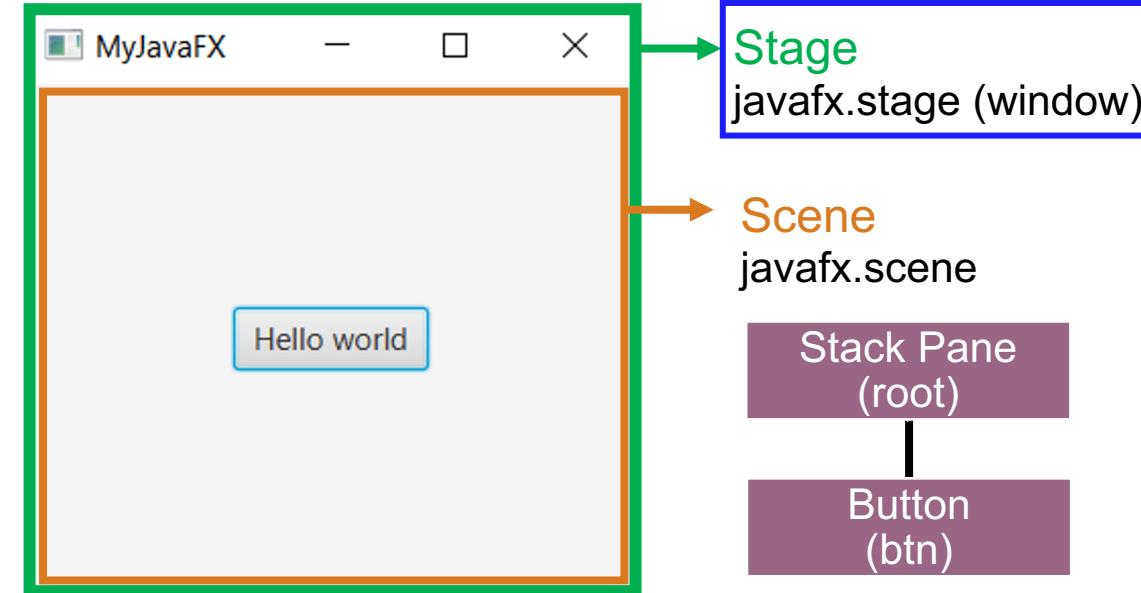
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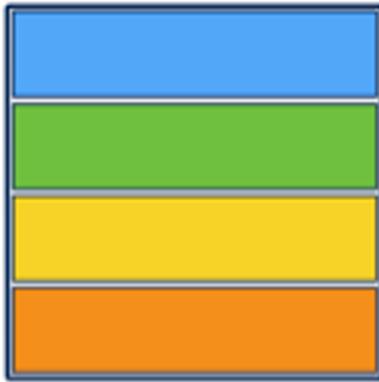
# Layout Pane

- › JavaFX provides many types of panes for organizing nodes in a container.

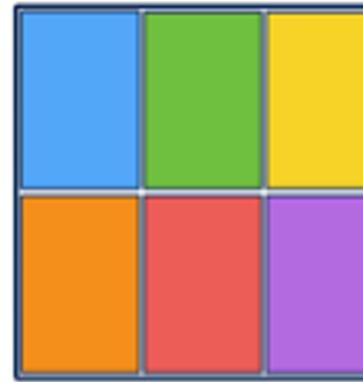
<i>Class</i>	<i>Description</i>
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<a href="#">StackPane</a>	Places the nodes on top of each other in the center of the pane.
<a href="#">FlowPane</a>	Places the nodes row-by-row horizontally or column-by-column vertically.
<a href="#">GridPane</a>	Places the nodes in the cells in a two-dimensional grid.
<a href="#">BorderPane</a>	Places the nodes in the top, right, bottom, left, and center regions.
<a href="#">HBox</a>	Places the nodes in a single row.
<a href="#">VBox</a>	Places the nodes in a single column.



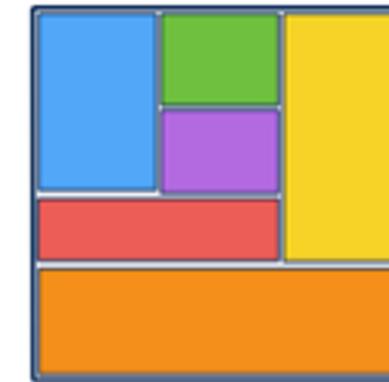
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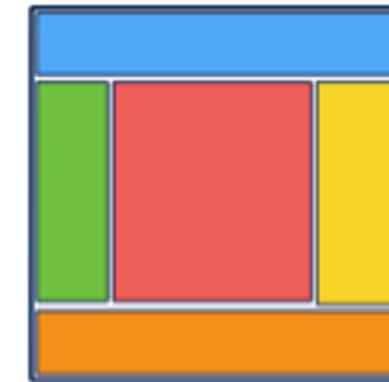
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TilePane



GridPane



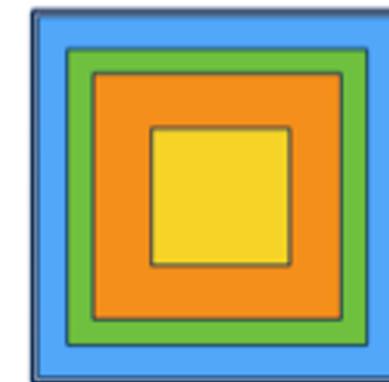
BorderPane



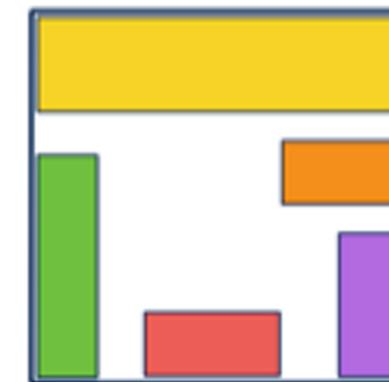
HBox



FlowPane



StackPane



AnchorPane

Reference: <https://dzone.com/refcardz/javafx-8-1>



# Examples

## MainWindow.java

```
package application;

import javafx.application.Application;
import javafx.geometry.Insets;
import javafx.stage.Stage;
import javafx.scene.Scene;
import javafx.scene.layout.FlowPane;
import javafx.scene.control.Button;
import javafx.scene.control.TextField;

public class MainWindow extends Application {
    @Override
    public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
        // create the flow pane as root node
        FlowPane root = new FlowPane();
        root.setPadding(new Insets(5));
        root.setHgap(5);
        root.setVgap(5);

        Button exitButton = new Button(" Exit ");
        exitButton.setPrefWidth(70);
        Button showButton = new Button(" Show ");
        showButton.setPrefWidth(70);

        TextField text = new TextField("This is a
                                      text field.");
        text.setPrefWidth(250);
    }
}
```

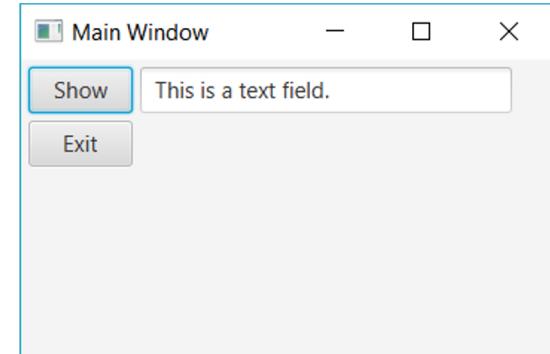
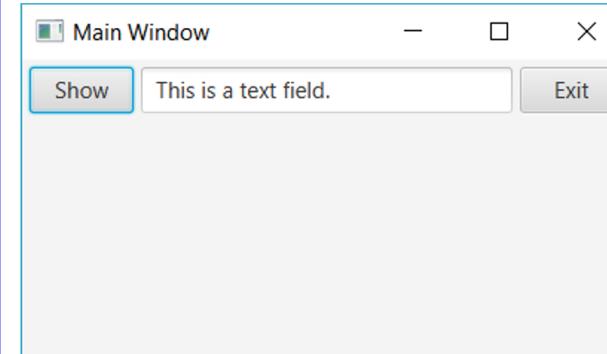
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root.getChildren().addAll(showButton, text, exitButton);

Scene scene = new Scene(root, 410, 200);

primaryStage.setTitle("Main Window");
primaryStage.setScene(scene);
primaryStage.show();

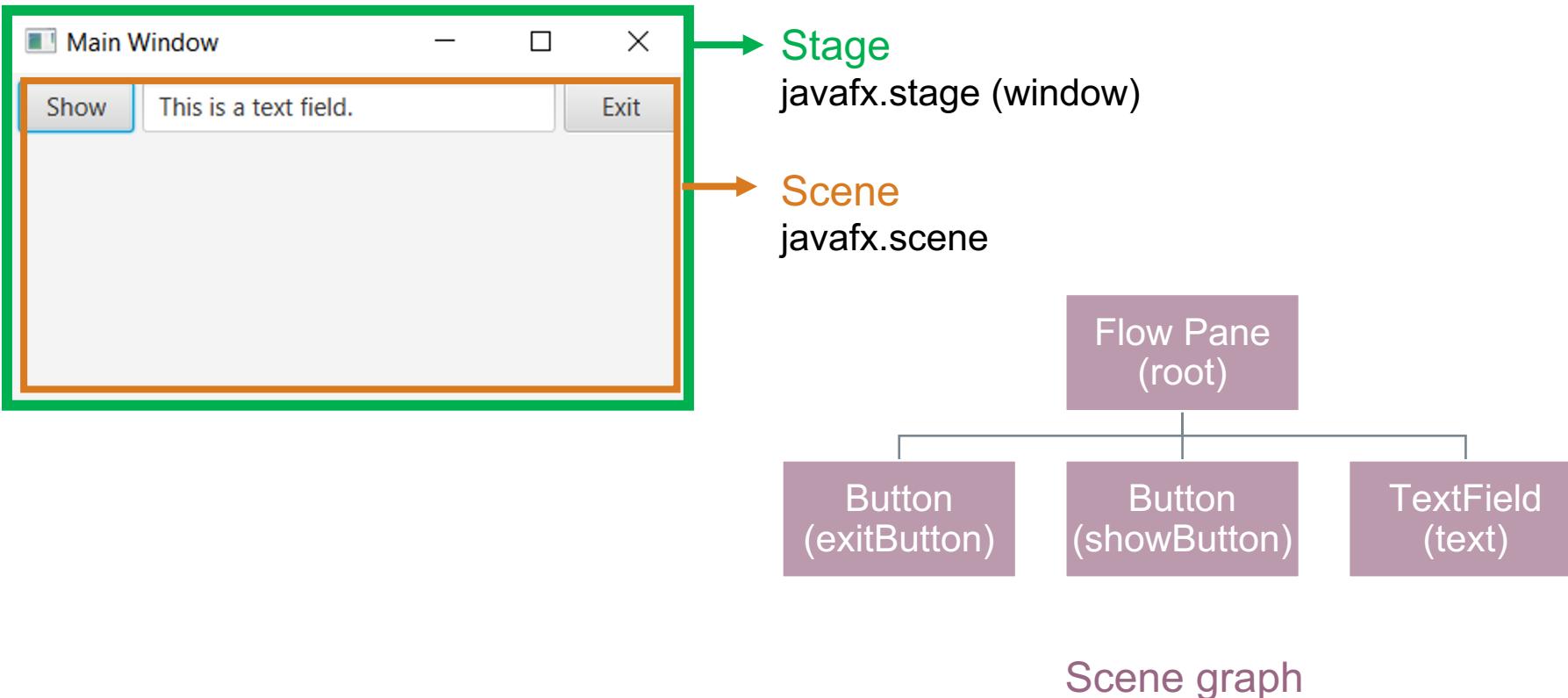
}

public static void main(String[] args) {
    Launch(args);
}
}
```





# Examples (cont.)



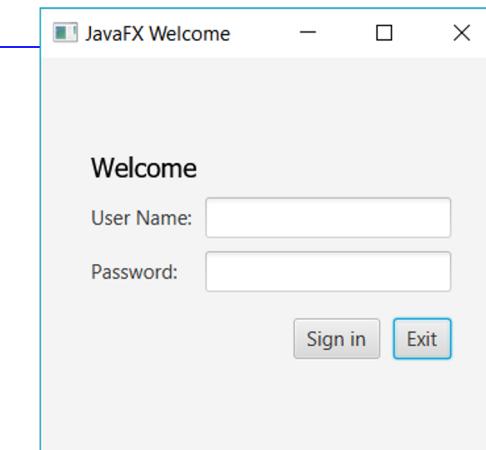


# Examples (cont.)

## Welcome.java

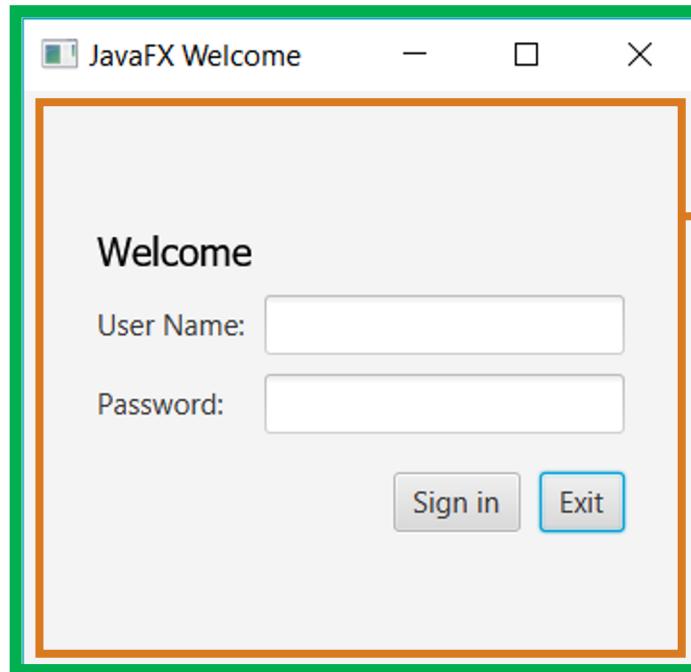
```
public class Welcome extends Application {  
  
    @Override  
    public void start(Stage primaryStage) {  
  
        GridPane grid = new GridPane();  
        grid.setAlignment(Pos.CENTER);  
        grid.setHgap(10);  
        grid.setVgap(10);  
        grid.setPadding(new Insets(25, 25, 25, 25));  
  
        Text scenetitle = new Text("Welcome");  
        scenetitle.setFont(Font.font("Tahoma",  
        FontWeight.NORMAL, 20));  
        grid.add(scenetitle, 0, 0, 2, 1);  
  
        Label userName = new Label("User Name:");  
        grid.add(userName, 0, 1);  
  
        TextField userTextField = new TextField();  
        grid.add(userTextField, 1, 1);  
  
        Label pw = new Label("Password:");  
        grid.add(pw, 0, 2);  
  
        PasswordField pwBox = new PasswordField();  
        grid.add(pwBox, 1, 2);  
    }  
}
```

```
HBox hbBtn = new HBox(10);  
hbBtn.setAlignment(Pos.BOTTOM_RIGHT);  
Button signinBtn = new Button("Sign in");  
Button exitBtn = new Button("Exit");  
hbBtn.getChildren().addAll(signinBtn, exitBtn);  
grid.add(hbBtn, 1, 4);  
  
Scene scene = new Scene(grid, 350, 300);  
  
primaryStage.setScene(scene);  
primaryStage.setTitle("JavaFX Welcome");  
primaryStage.show();  
}  
  
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    Launch(args);  
}
```



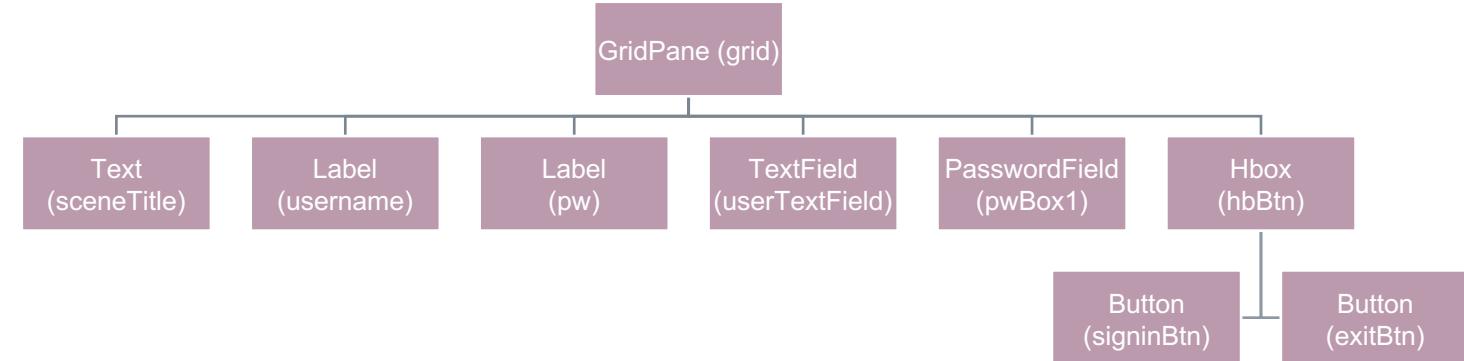


# Examples (cont.)



**Stage**  
`javafx.stage (window)`

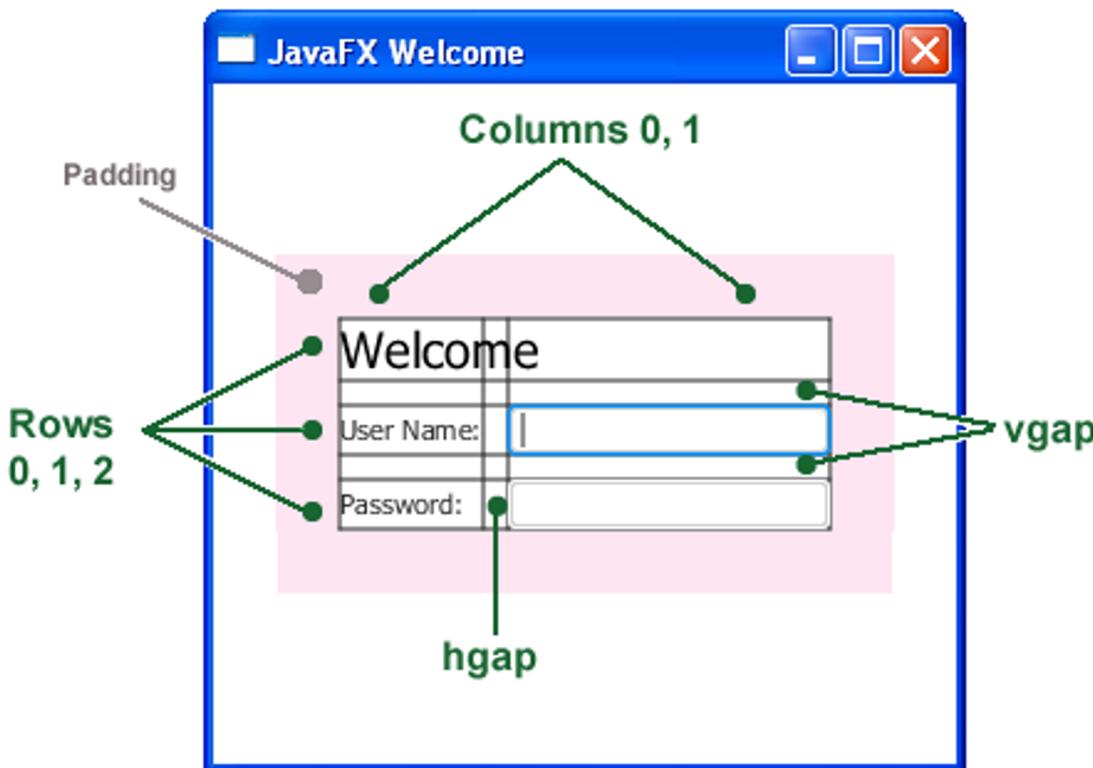
**Scene**  
`javafx.scene`



Scene graph



# Examples (cont.)

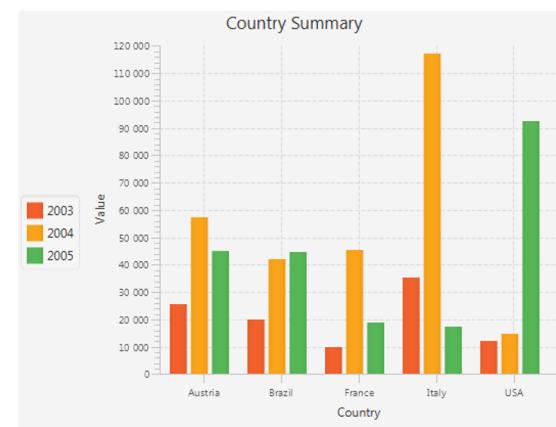
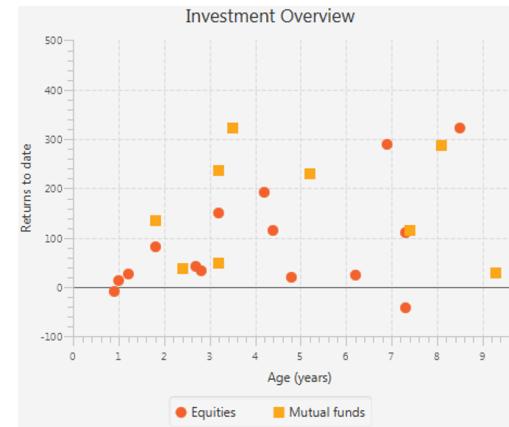
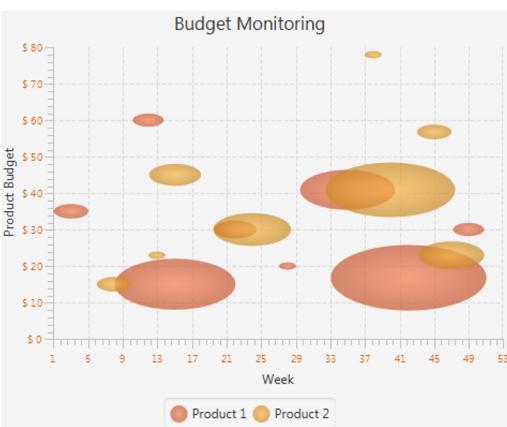
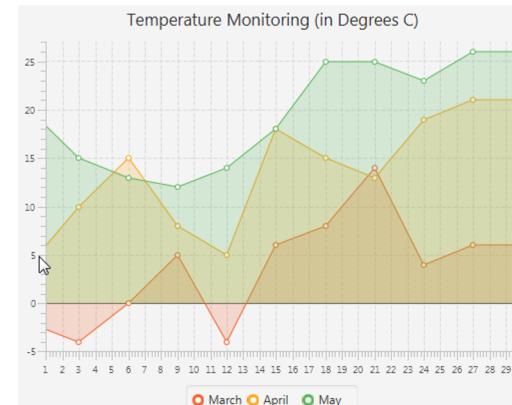
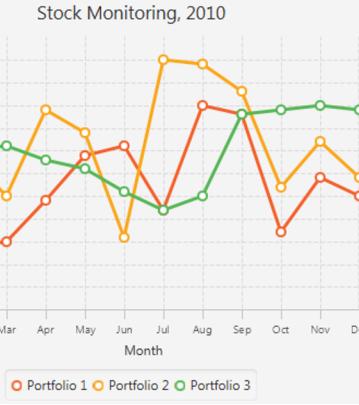
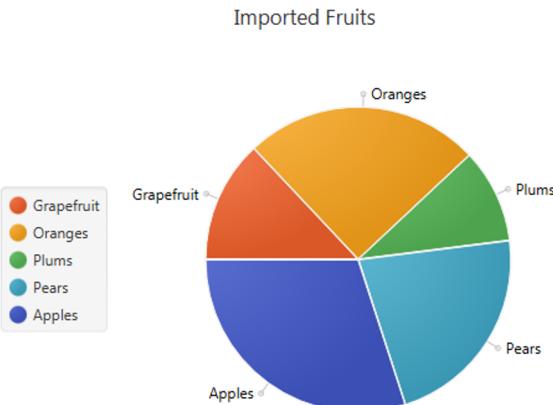


Reference: [http://docs.oracle.com/javafx/2/get\\_started/form.htm](http://docs.oracle.com/javafx/2/get_started/form.htm)



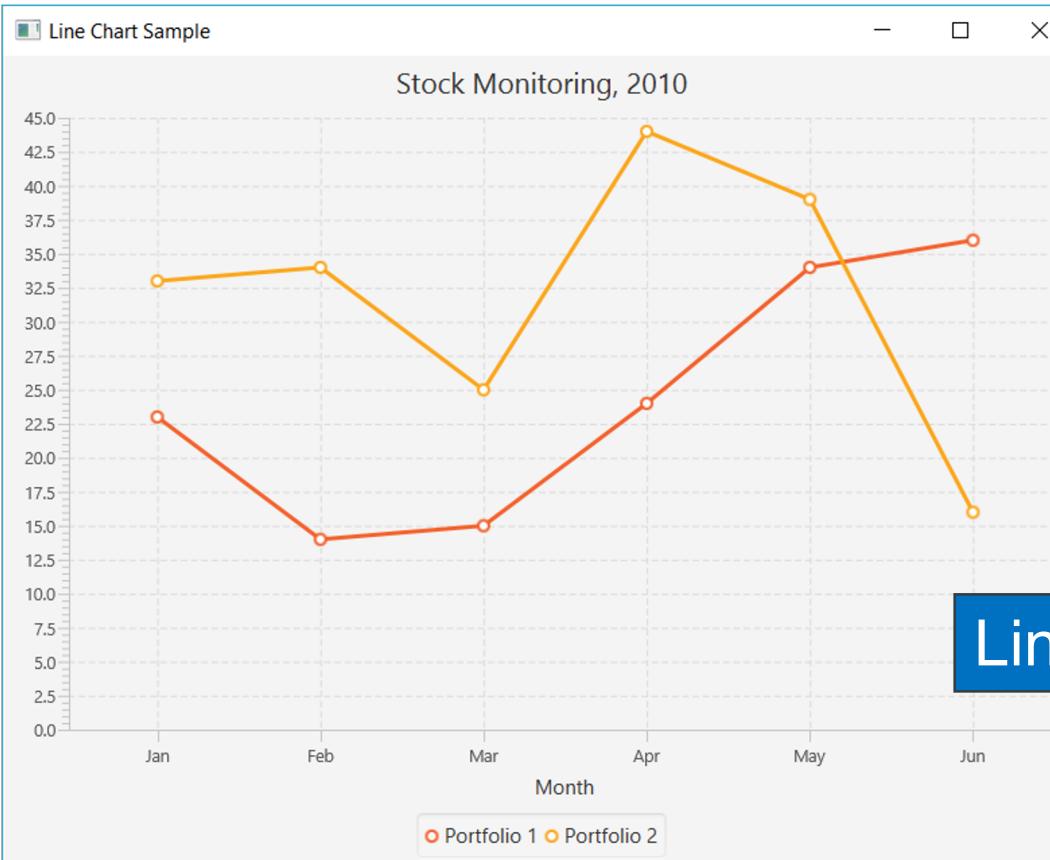
# Charts

## › javafx.scene.chart package





# Charts (cont.)



LineChartSample.java



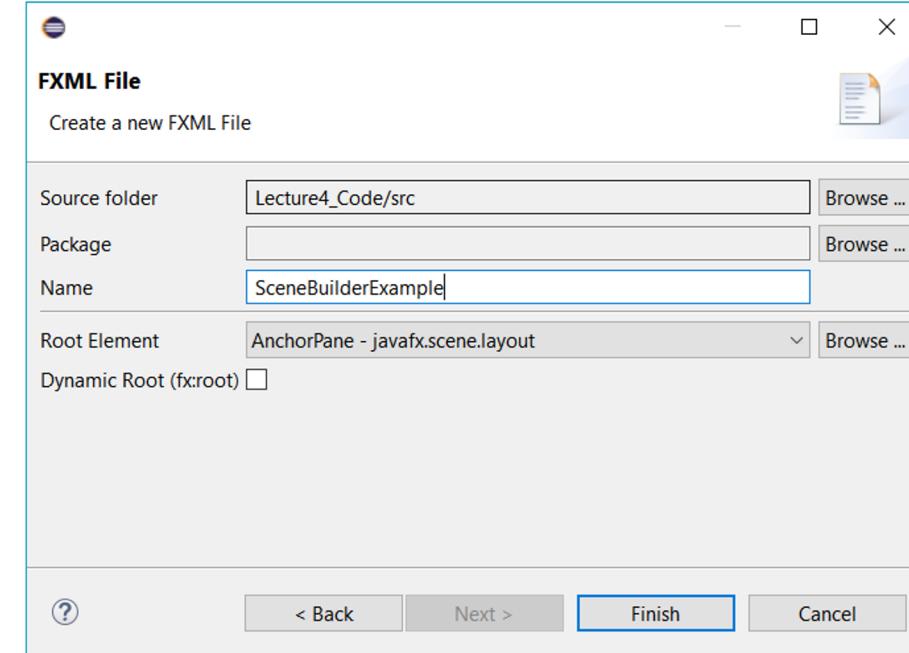
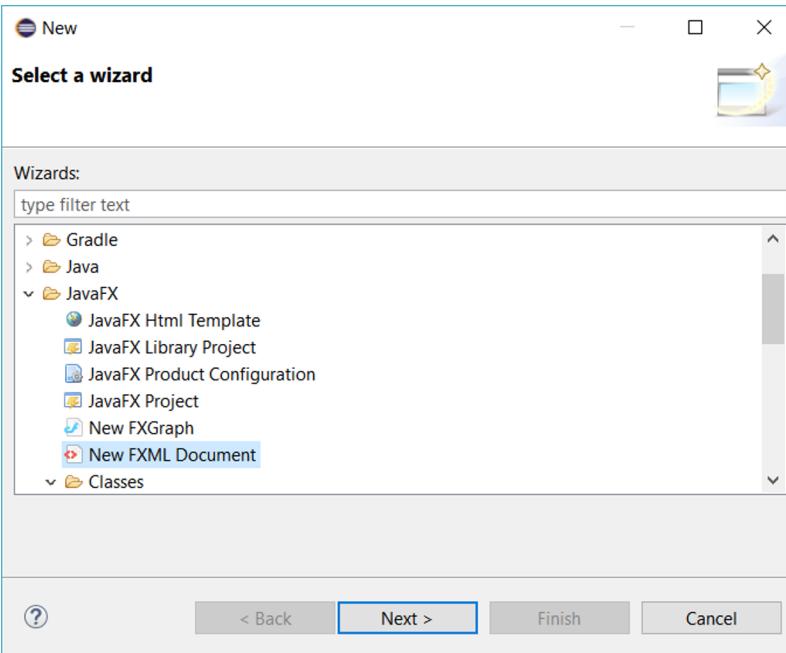
# Scene builder

- › **JavaFX Scene Builder** is a visual layout tool that lets users quickly design JavaFX application **user interfaces, without coding.**
- › **FXML code** for the layout that they are creating is automatically generated in the background.
- › FXML file that can then be combined with a Java project by binding the UI to the application's logic



# Scene builder (to create a new .fxml)

› New > other > New FXML Document

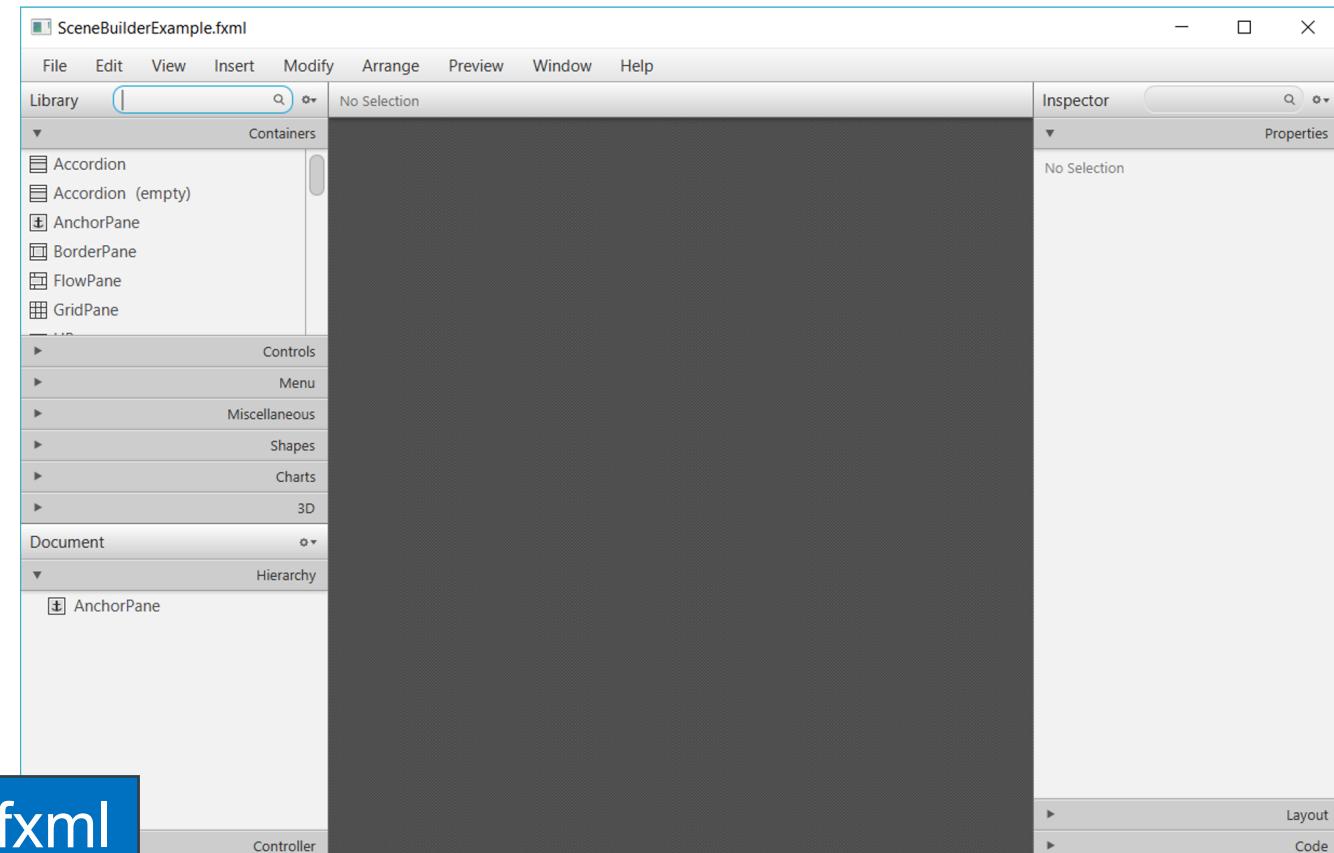
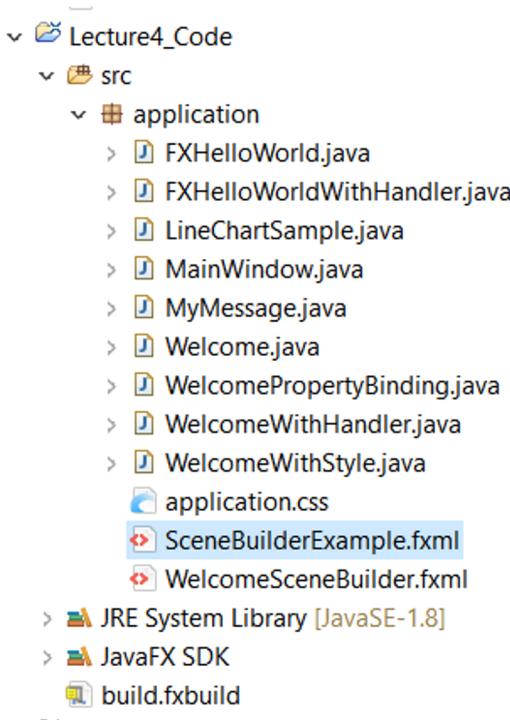


(To create a new .fxml, you can copy another .fxml file too)



# Scene builder (cont.)

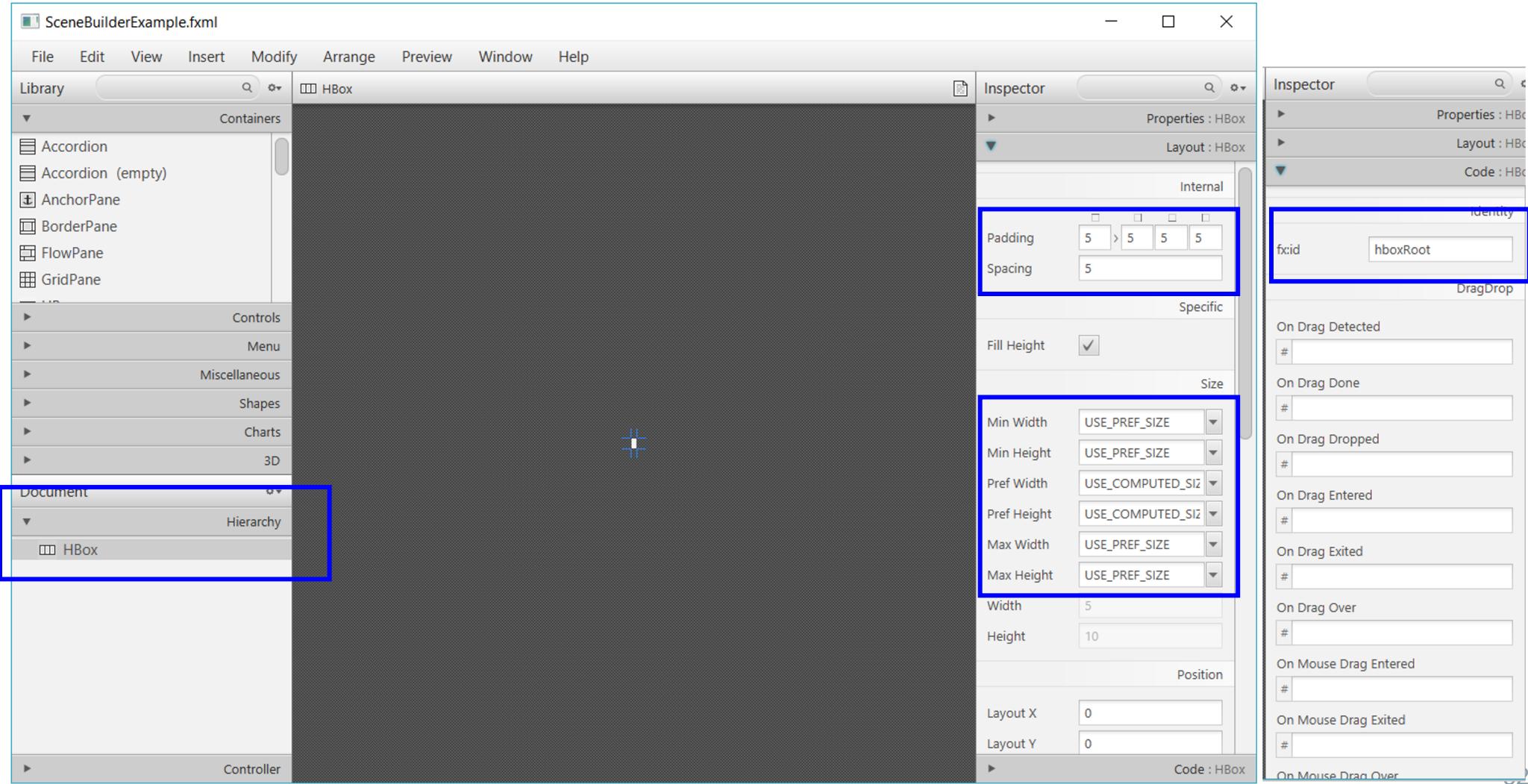
- › Right click .fxml file > open with SceneBuilder



SceneBuilderExample.fxml



# Scene builder (cont.)



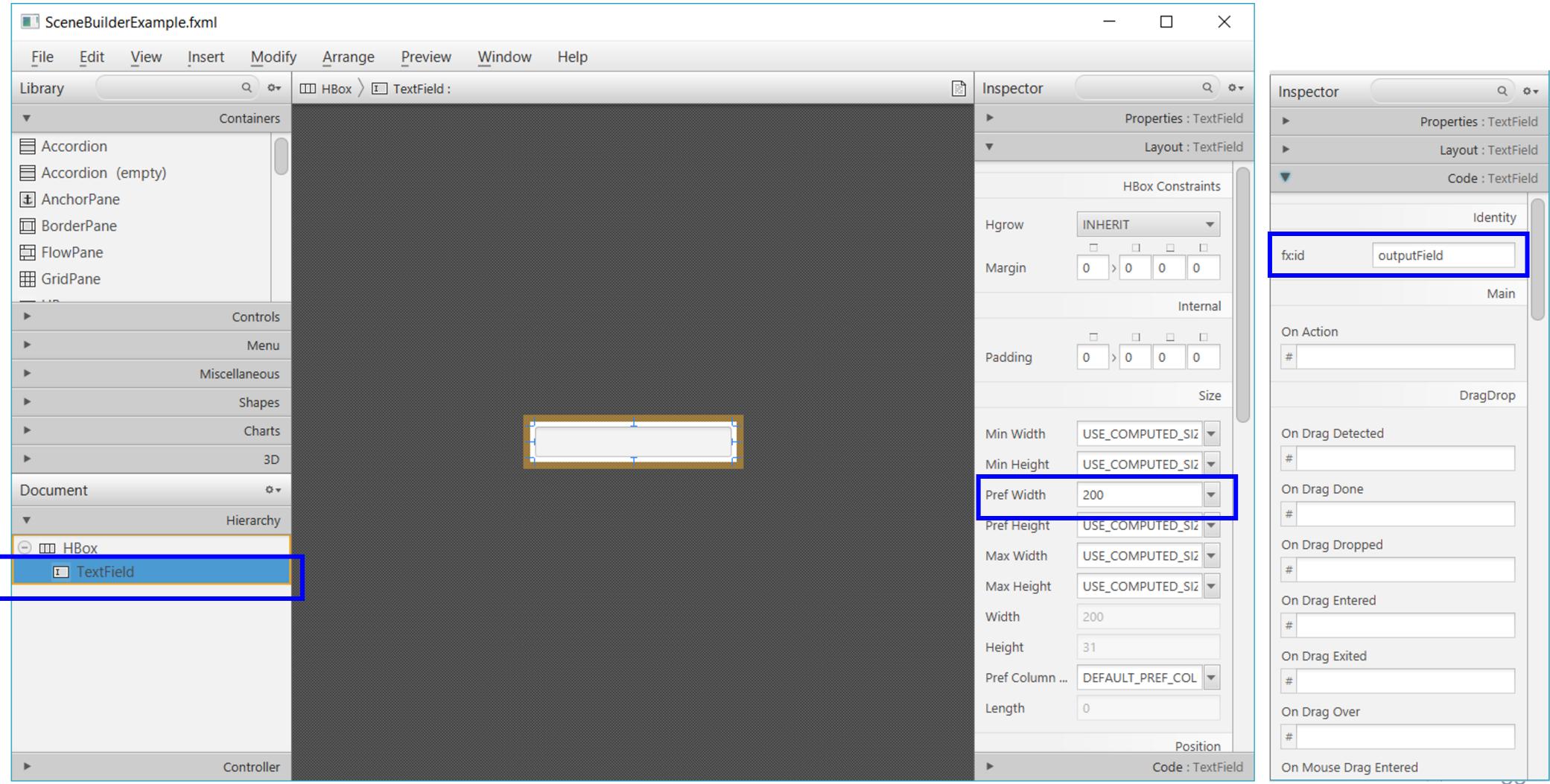
The screenshot shows the JavaFX Scene Builder application window titled "SceneBuilderExample.fxml". The window includes a menu bar with File, Edit, View, Insert, Modify, Arrange, Preview, Window, and Help. Below the menu is a toolbar with icons for Undo, Redo, Cut, Copy, Paste, Delete, Find, and Replace.

The main area is divided into several panels:

- Library:** A tree view of JavaFX controls under Containers, including Accordion, Accordion (empty), AnchorPane, BorderPane, FlowPane, and GridPane.
- Document:** A tree view of the current FXML document structure, showing a single node: **HBox**. This node is highlighted with a blue border.
- Hierarchy:** A detailed tree view of the HBox node's structure.
- Controller:** A section for defining Java controller code.
- Inspector:** A panel on the right showing properties for the selected HBox node. The "Properties" tab is selected, displaying the following settings:
  - Layout:** HBox
  - Internal:** Padding (5, 5, 5, 5) and Spacing (5).
  - Specific:** Fill Height checked.
  - Size:** Min Width, Min Height, Pref Width, Pref Height, Max Width, and Max Height all set to USE\_PREF\_SIZE.
  - Width:** 5, **Height:** 10.
  - Position:** Layout X 0, Layout Y 0.
- Code:** A tab for viewing and editing the generated Java code for the HBox node.
- Inspector (right panel):** A panel showing the properties, layout, code, and identity of the selected HBox node. It also lists drag-and-drop events: On Drag Detected, On Drag Done, On Drag Dropped, On Drag Entered, On Drag Exited, On Drag Over, On Mouse Drag Entered, On Mouse Drag Exited, and On Mouse Drag Over.



# Scene builder (cont.)



The screenshot shows the JavaFX Scene Builder interface. A single `TextField` component is selected and displayed in the center stage area. The `Library` panel on the left lists various JavaFX controls and containers, with the `HBox` item currently selected. The `Inspector` panel on the right provides detailed configuration for the selected `TextField`. A blue box highlights the `fx:id` field, which is set to `outputField`. Another blue box highlights the `Pref Width` field, which is set to `200`. The `Code` tab at the bottom of the Inspector panel is also highlighted with a blue box.

SceneBuilderExample.fxml

File Edit View Insert Modify Arrange Preview Window Help

Library

Containers

- Accordion
- Accordion (empty)
- AnchorPane
- BorderPane
- FlowPane
- GridPane
- HBox
- Controls
- Menu
- Miscellaneous
- Shapes
- Charts
- 3D

Document

Hierarchy

- HBox
- TextField

Controller

Inspector

Properties : TextField

Layout : TextField

HBox Constraints

Hgrow: INHERIT

Margin: 0 > 0 0 0

Internal

Padding: 0 > 0 0 0

Size

Min Width: USE\_COMPUTED\_SIZE

Min Height: USE\_COMPUTED\_SIZE

Pref Width: **200**

Pref Height: USE\_COMPUTED\_SIZE

Max Width: USE\_COMPUTED\_SIZE

Max Height: USE\_COMPUTED\_SIZE

Width: 200

Height: 31

Pref Column ...: DEFAULT\_PREF\_COL

Length: 0

Position

Code : TextField

Properties : TextField

Layout : TextField

Code : TextField

Identity

fx:id: **outputField**

Main

On Action: #

DragDrop

On Drag Detected: #

On Drag Done: #

On Drag Dropped: #

On Drag Entered: #

On Drag Exited: #

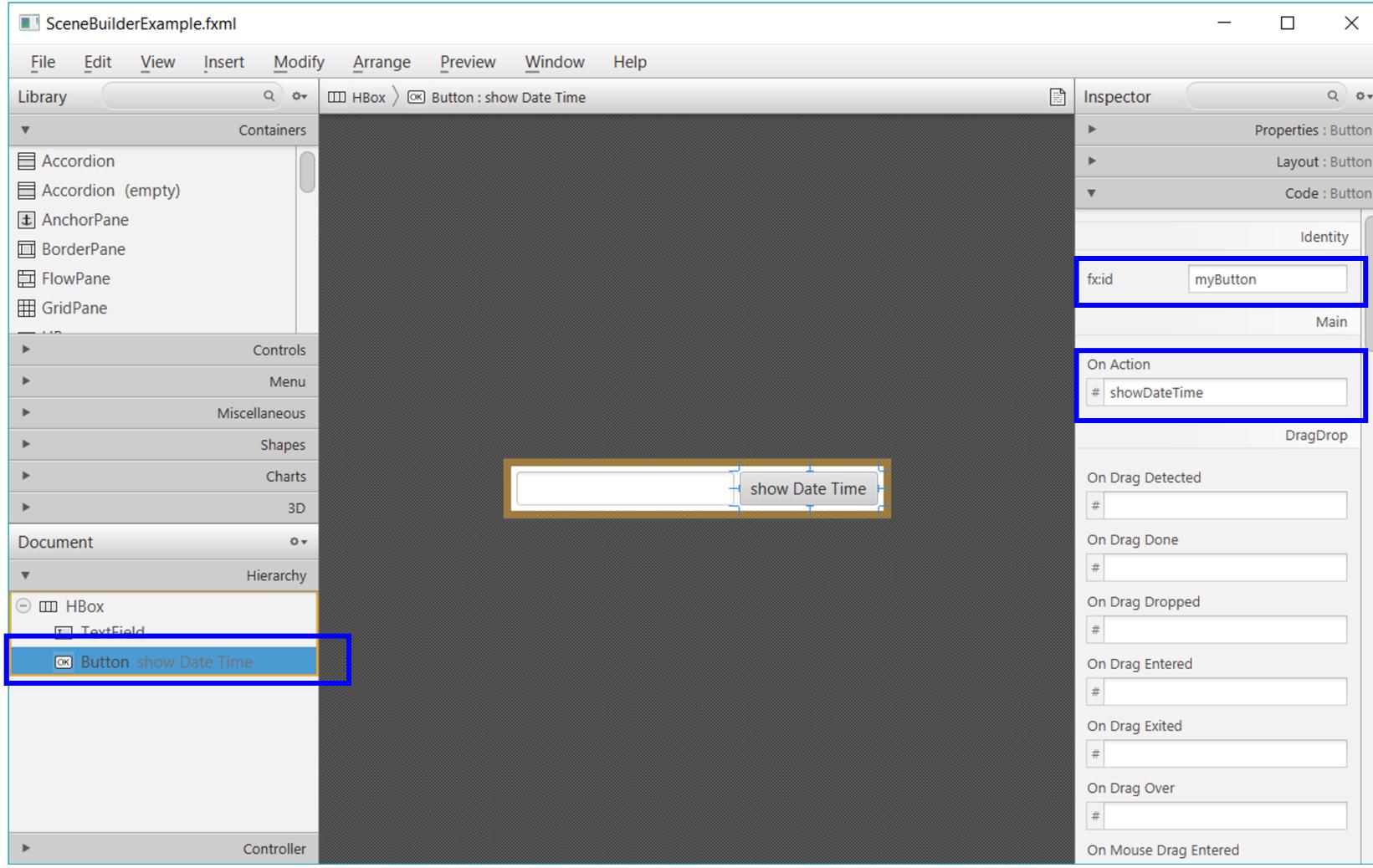
On Drag Over: #

On Mouse Drag Entered: #

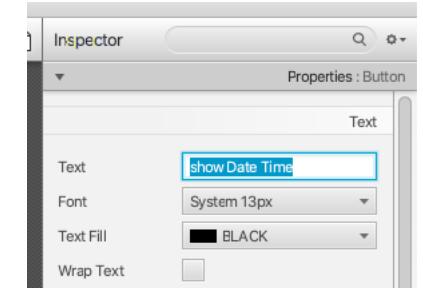
Java



# Scene builder (cont.)



The screenshot shows the JavaFX Scene Builder interface. The title bar reads "SceneBuilderExample.fxml". The menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Insert, Modify, Arrange, Preview, Window, and Help. The Library pane on the left lists various JavaFX controls and containers. The Hierarchy pane shows a tree structure with an "HBox" node expanded, containing a "TextField" and a "Button" node highlighted with a blue border. The main workspace contains a single button labeled "show Date Time". The Inspector pane on the right provides details for the selected button, including its properties, code, and events. The "fx:id" field is set to "myButton", and the "On Action" event is assigned the value "# showDateTime". Other event handlers like On Drag Detected, On Drag Done, etc., are also listed.



A detailed view of the Inspector pane for the "Properties : Button" section. It shows the following settings:

- Text:** show Date Time
- Font:** System 13px
- Text Fill:** BLACK
- Wrap Text:** unchecked



# Scene builder (cont.)

- › Save
- › Drag file to editor in eclipse to view FXML

```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2
3 <?import javafx.geometry.*?>
4 <?import javafx.scene.control.*?>
5 <?import javafx.scene.text.*?>
6 <?import java.lang.*?>
7 <?import javafx.scene.layout.*?>
8 <?import javafx.scene.layout.AnchorPane?>
9
10<HBox fx:id="hboxRoot" maxHeight="-Infinity"
11    maxWidth="-Infinity" minHeight="-Infinity"
12    minWidth="-Infinity" spacing="5.0"
13    xmlns="http://javafx.com/javafx/8" xmlns:fx="http://javafx.com/fxml/1">
14<children>
15    <TextField fx:id="outputField" editable="false" prefWidth="200.0" />
16    <Button fx:id="myButton" mnemonicParsing="false" onAction="#showDateTime" text="show Date Time" />
17</children>
18<padding>
19    <Insets bottom="5.0" left="5.0" right="5.0" top="5.0" />
20</padding>
21</HBox>
```



# Scene builder (cont.)

- › Adding the attribute **fx:controller** to <Hbox>, the Controller will be useful to the Controls lying inside Hbox such as myButton and outputField.

```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2
3 <?import javafx.geometry.*?>
4 <?import javafx.scene.control.*?>
5 <?import javafx.scene.text.*?>
6 <?import java.lang.*?>
7 <?import javafx.scene.layout.*?>
8 <?import javafx.scene.layout.AnchorPane?>
9
10<HBox fx:id="hboxRoot" maxHeight="-Infinity"
11      maxWidth="-Infinity" minHeight="-Infinity"
12      minWidth="-Infinity" spacing="5.0"
13      xmlns="http://javafx.com/javafx/8" xmlns:fx="http://javafx.com/fxml/1"
14      fx:controller="application.MyController">
15<children>
16    <TextField fx:id="outputField" editable="false" prefWidth="200.0" />
17    <Button fx:id="myButton" mnemonicParsing="false" onAction="#showDateTime" text="show Date Time" />
18</children>
19<padding>
20  <Insets bottom="5.0" left="5.0" right="5.0" top="5.0" />
21</padding>
22</HBox>
23
```

Must be public!

```
1 package application;
2
3 import java.net.URL;
4 import java.text.DateFormat;
5 import java.text.SimpleDateFormat;
6 import java.util.Date;
7 import java.util.ResourceBundle;
8
9 import javafx.event.ActionEvent;
10 import javafx.fxml.FXML;
11 import javafx.fxml.Initializable;
12 import javafx.scene.control.Button;
13 import javafx.scene.control.TextField;
14
15 public class MyController implements Initializable {
16
17     @FXML
18     private Button myButton;
19
20     @FXML
21     private TextField outputField;
22
23     @Override
24     public void initialize(URL location, ResourceBundle resources) {
25
26
27     // When user click on myButton
28     // this method will be called.
29     public void showDateTime(ActionEvent event) {
30         System.out.println("Button Clicked!");
31         Date now = new Date();
32         DateFormat df = new SimpleDateFormat("dd-MM-yyyy HH:mm:ss.SSS");
33
34         // Model Data
35         String dateTimeString = df.format(now);
36
37         // Show in VIEW
38         outputField.setText(dateTimeString);
39     }
40 }
```



# Scene builder (cont.)

## › Run “MyApplication”

```
1 package application;
2
3 import javafx.application.Application;
4 import javafx.fxml.FXMLLoader;
5 import javafx.scene.Parent;
6 import javafx.scene.Scene;
7 import javafx.stage.Stage;
8
9 public class MyApplication extends Application {
10
11 @Override
12 public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
13     try {
14         // Read file fxml and draw interface.
15         Parent root = FXMLLoader.load(getClass()
16             .getResource("SceneBuilderExample.fxml"));
17
18         primaryStage.setTitle("My Application");
19         primaryStage.setScene(new Scene(root));
20         primaryStage.show();
21
22     } catch(Exception e) {
23         e.printStackTrace();
24     }
25 }
26
27 public static void main(String[] args) {
28     launch(args);
29 }
30
31 }
```

SceneBuilderExample.fxml

MyController.java

MyApplication.java



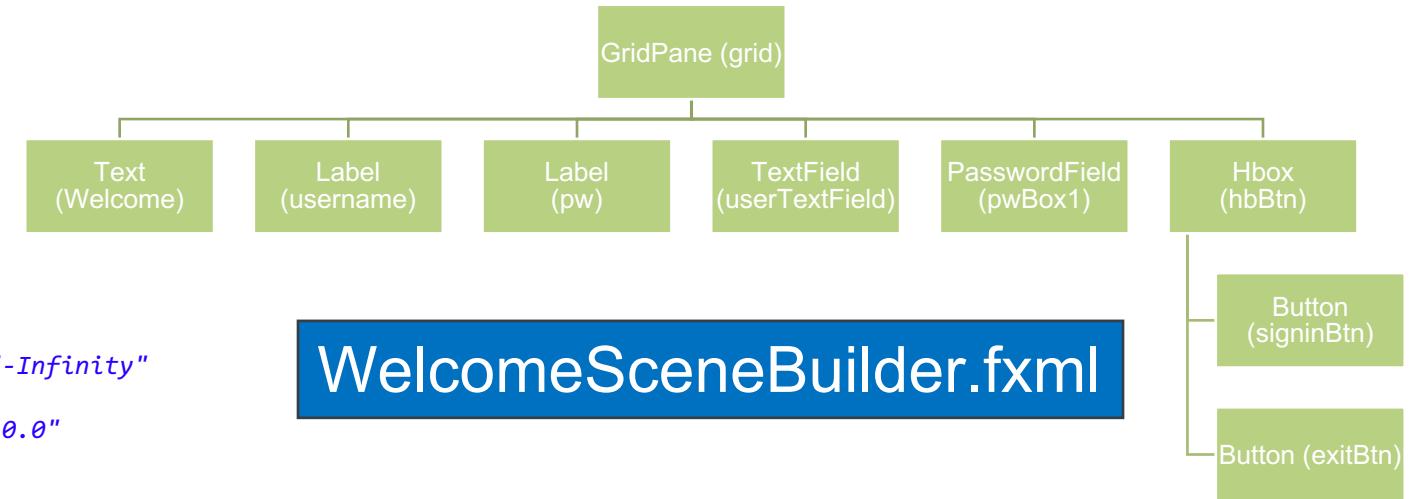
# FXML

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>

<?import javafx.geometry.*?>
<?import javafx.scene.control.*?>
<?import javafx.scene.text.*?>
<?import java.lang.*?>
<?import javafx.scene.layout.*?>
<?import javafx.scene.layout.AnchorPane?>

<GridPane hgap="10.0" maxHeight="-Infinity" maxWidth="-Infinity"
           minHeight="-Infinity" minWidth="-Infinity"
           prefHeight="300.0" prefWidth="350.0" vgap="10.0"
           xmlns="http://javafx.com/javafx/8"
           xmlns:fx="http://javafx.com/fxml/1">
    <children>
        <Text strokeType="OUTSIDE" strokeWidth="0.0" text="Welcome">
            <font>
                <Font name="Tahoma" size="20.0" />
            </font>
        </Text>
        <Label text="User Name:" GridPane.rowIndex="1" />
        <Label text="Password:" GridPane.rowIndex="2" />
        <HBox alignment="BOTTOM_RIGHT" prefHeight="100.0"
               prefWidth="200.0" spacing="10.0" GridPane.columnIndex="1"
               GridPane.rowIndex="4">
            <children>
                <Button mnemonicParsing="false" text="Sign in" />
                <Button mnemonicParsing="false" text="Exit" />
            </children>
        </HBox>
        <TextField GridPane.columnIndex="1" GridPane.rowIndex="1" />
        <PasswordField GridPane.columnIndex="1" GridPane.rowIndex="2" />
    </children>

```



## WelcomeSceneBuilder.fxml

```
<columnConstraints>
    <ColumnConstraints hgrow="SOMETIMES" maxWidth="263.0"
                       minWidth="10.0" prefWidth="87.0" />
    <ColumnConstraints hgrow="SOMETIMES" maxWidth="463.0"
                       minWidth="10.0" prefWidth="203.0" />
</columnConstraints>
<padding>
    <Insets bottom="25.0" left="25.0" right="25.0" top="25.0" />
</padding>
<rowConstraints>
    <RowConstraints minHeight="10.0" prefHeight="30.0" vgrow="SOMETIMES" />
    <RowConstraints minHeight="10.0" prefHeight="30.0" vgrow="SOMETIMES" />
</rowConstraints>
</GridPane>
```



# CSS

- › JavaFX provides styling by **Cascading Style Sheets(CSS)**.
- › CSS support is based on the W3C CSS version 2.1
- › JavaFX CSS document:  
<https://docs.oracle.com/javafx/2/api/javafx/scene/doc-files/cssref.html>



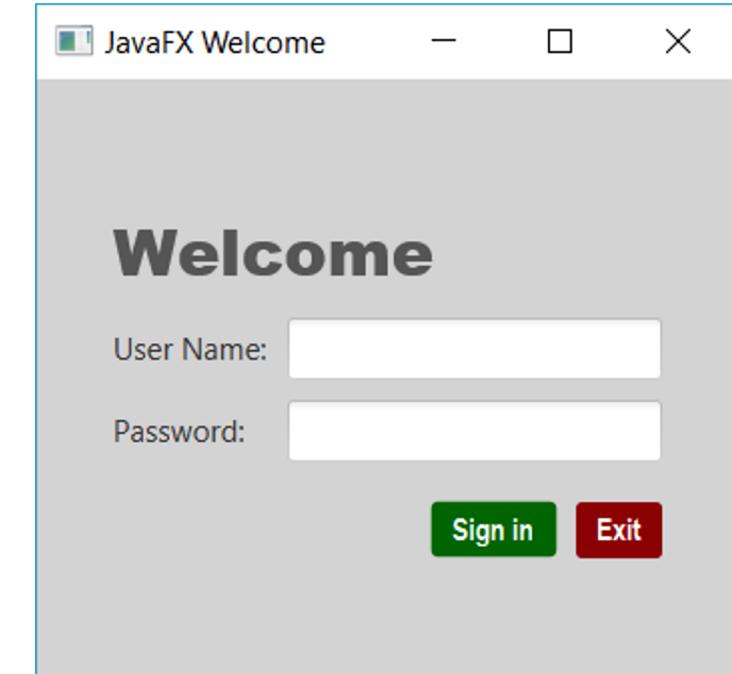
# CSS (cont.)

```
// set style
grid.setStyle("-fx-background-color:lightgray;");
scenetitle.setStyle("-fx-font-size: 32px;
                     -fx-font-family:\\"Arial Black\";
                     -fx-fill: #555;");

signinBtn.setStyle("-fx-text-fill: white;
                     -fx-font-weight: bold;
                     -fx-font-family: \\"Arial Narrow\\";
                     -fx-background-color: darkgreen;");

exitBtn.setStyle("-fx-text-fill: white;
                     -fx-font-weight: bold;
                     -fx-font-family: \\"Arial Narrow\\";
                     -fx-background-color: darkred;");
```

## WelcomeWithStyle.java



Remarks: you can set same style for more than one node using “css class” or writing the style in separated file (not covered in this class)



# Binding properties

- › JavaFX introduces a new concept called **binding property**
- › Enables a **target object** to be bound to a **source object**.
- › If the value in the source object changes, the **target property** is also **changed automatically**.
- › The target object is simply called a **binding object** or a **binding property**.



# Binding Properties (cont.)

```
Label userName = new Label("User Name:");
grid.add(userName, 0, 1);
TextField userTextField = new TextField();
grid.add(userTextField, 1, 1);

Label userName1 = new Label("User Name:");
grid.add(userName1, 0, 2);
Label userNameOut = new Label();
grid.add(userNameOut, 1, 2);

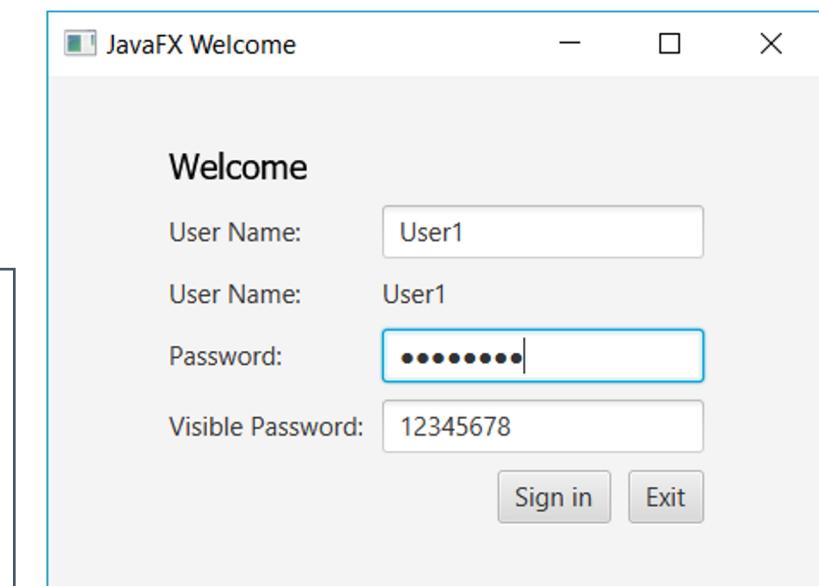
// Unidirectional bindings
userNameOut.textProperty().bind(userTextField.textProperty());
```

```
Label pw1 = new Label("Password:");
grid.add(pw1, 0, 3);
PasswordField pwBox1 = new PasswordField();
grid.add(pwBox1, 1, 3);

Label pw2 = new Label("Visible Password:");
grid.add(pw2, 0, 4);
TextField pwBox2 = new TextField();
grid.add(pwBox2, 1, 4);

// Bidirectional bindings
pwBox1.textProperty().bindBidirectional(pwBox2.textProperty());
```

WelcomePropertyBinding.java





# Event Handling

- › To make the program response to an action, you need to create **a listener object** that waits for a particular event to handle and modified the correspondence method.
- › There are many events on GUI:
  - ActionEvent, InputEvent, ScrollToEvent, WindowEvent, WebEvent, MouseEvent, KeyEvent, ...
- › JavaFX event is an instance of the **javafx.event.Event** class or its subclass



# Event Handling

- › Use the **setOnXXX** methods to register event handlers

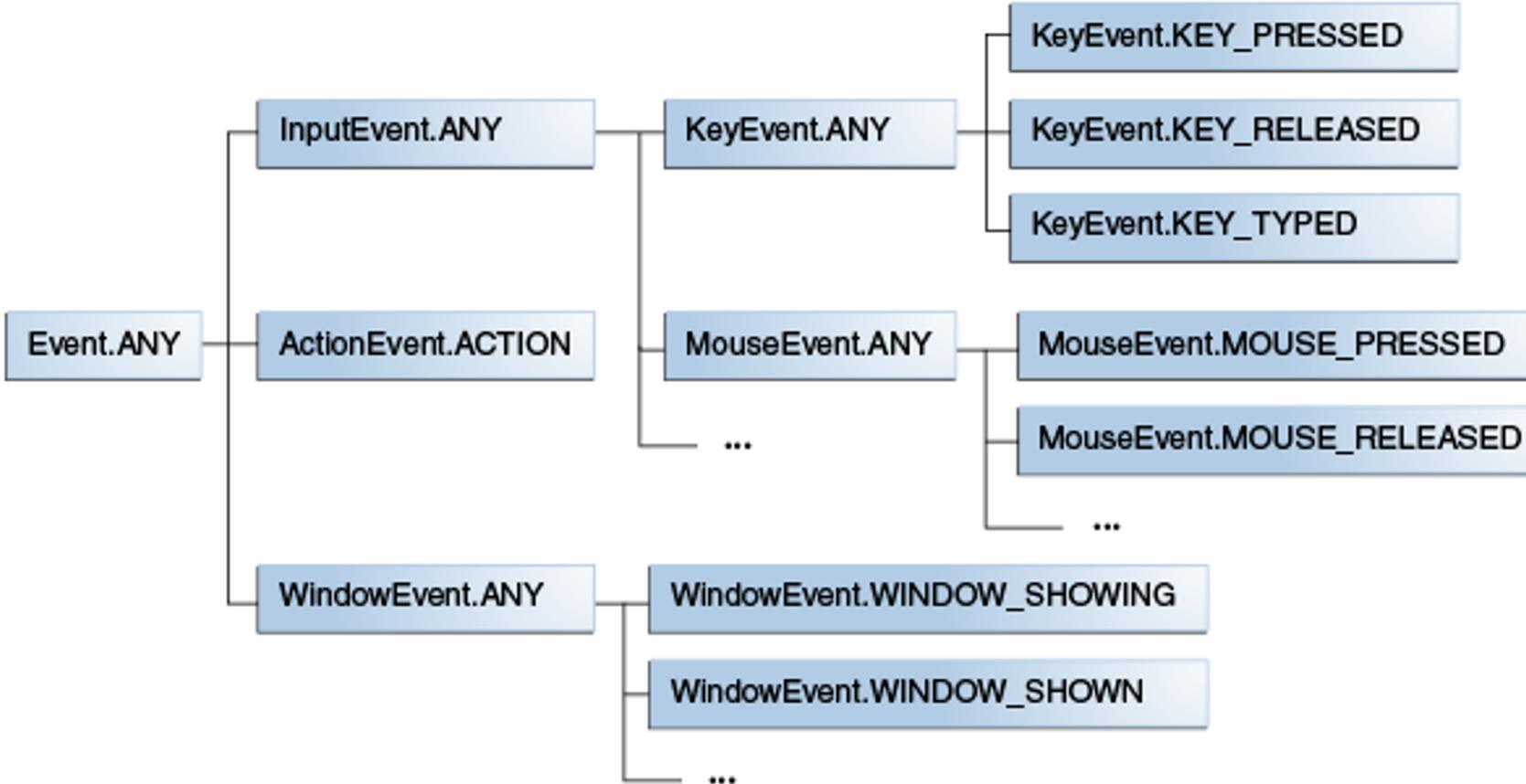
```
setOnEvent-type(EventHandler<? super event-class> value)
```

- **Event-type** is the type of event that the handler processes,  
`setOnKeyTyped` for Key Typed events  
`setOnMouseClicked` for Mouse Clicked events.
- **event-class** is the class that defines the event type,  
`KeyEvent` for events related to keyboard input  
`MouseEvent` for events related to mouse input.

- › Override **handle** method



# Event Handling (cont.)



Event type hierarchy

Reference: <http://docs.oracle.com/javase/8/javafx/events-tutorial/processing.htm>

# Event Handling (cont.)

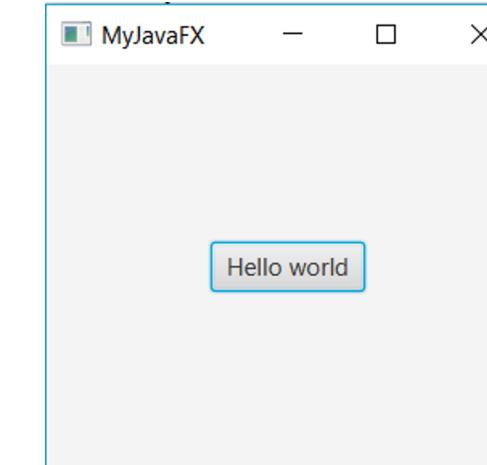
## FXHelloWorldWithHandler.java

```
package application;

import javafx.application.Application;
import javafx.stage.Stage;
import javafx.scene.Scene;
import javafx.scene.layout.StackPane;
import javafx.scene.control.Button;
...
public class FXHelloWorld extends Application {
    // Override the start method in the Application class
    @Override
    public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
        // Create a scene and place a button in the scene
        Button btn = new Button("Hello world");
        ...
        StackPane root = new StackPane();
        root.getChildren().add(btn);
        Scene scene = new Scene(root, 300, 250);
        primaryStage.setTitle("MyJavaFX"); // Set the stage title
        primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene
        primaryStage.show();
    }
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Launch(args);
    }
}
```

import javafx.event.ActionEvent;  
import javafx.event.EventHandler;

// set event handler  
btn.setOnAction(new EventHandler<ActionEvent>() {  
 public void handle(ActionEvent event) {  
 System.out.println("Hello World");  
 }  
});





## Event Handling (cont.)

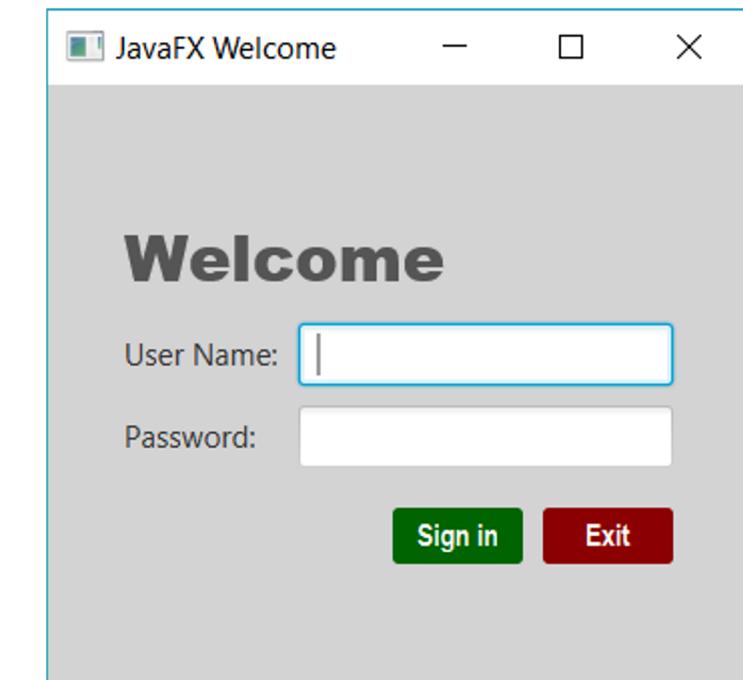
- › `setOnAction()` method is used to register an event handler.
- › `handle()` method in the event handler is called when user clicks the button and it print "Hello World" to the console.



# Event Handling (cont.)

- › Clear User Name when press **ESC**
- › Change button width if **mouse is over**
- › Popup welcome dialog when **click Sign in**
- › Close application when **click Exit**

WelcomeWithHandler.java





# Common Event-Handling Problem

- › A component does not generate the events it should.
  - Did you register **the right kind of listener** to detect the events?
  - Did you register the listener to **the right object**?
  - Did you **implement** the event handler correctly?



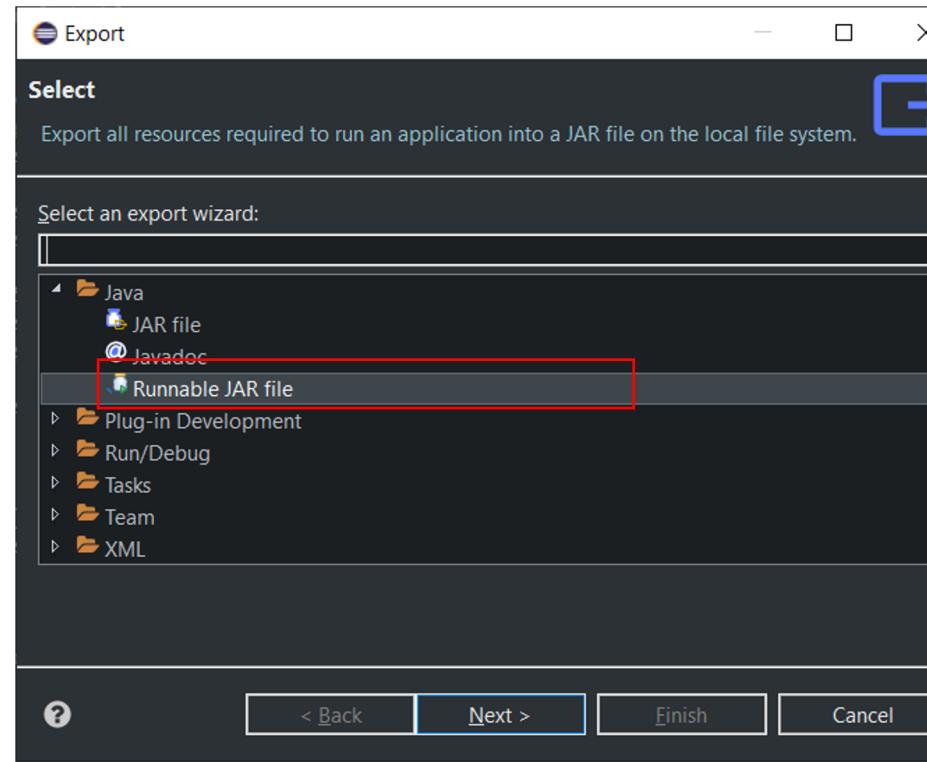
# Export Jar

- › We've managed to create our Java FX Application
- › Let's try out our application as an executable JAR



# How to export a runnable jar file

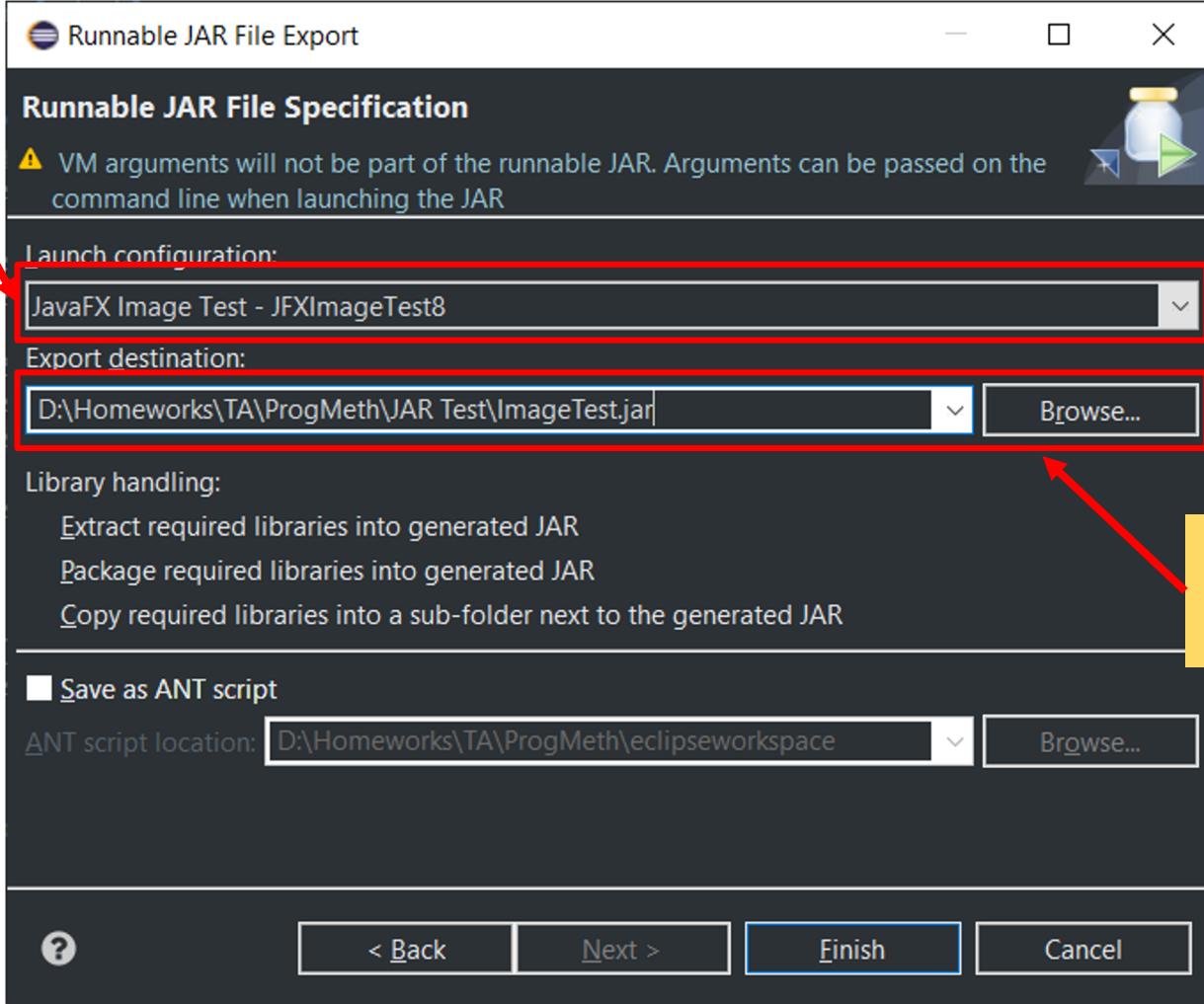
- › Click File > Export
- › Choose Java > Runnable JAR File





# How to export a runnable jar file

Be sure to pick  
correct  
Launch configuration  
for the project!



The screenshot shows the "Runnable JAR File Export" dialog box. The "Launch configuration:" field contains "JavaFX Image Test - JFXImageTest8". The "Export destination:" field contains "D:\Homeworks\TA\ProgMeth\JAR Test\ImageTest.jar", with a "Browse..." button next to it. A yellow callout box with the text "Choose the export destination here." has an arrow pointing to the "Export destination:" field.

Runnable JAR File Specification

⚠ VM arguments will not be part of the runnable JAR. Arguments can be passed on the command line when launching the JAR

Launch configuration:

JavaFX Image Test - JFXImageTest8

Export destination:

D:\Homeworks\TA\ProgMeth\JAR Test\ImageTest.jar

Browse...

Library handling:

- Extract required libraries into generated JAR
- Package required libraries into generated JAR
- Copy required libraries into a sub-folder next to the generated JAR

Save as ANT script

ANT script location: D:\Homeworks\TA\ProgMeth\eclipseworkspace

Browse...

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Finish

Cancel



# Using VM Arguments to Run .jar files outside the IDE

1. Export the .jar file.
2. Open cmd in the folder your .jar file is in
3. Type the following into your command line:

```
java -jar --module-path "(your javafx libpath here)" --add-modules  
javafx.controls,javafx.fxml (your jar file name).jar
```

Example:

```
java -jar --module-path "C:\Program Files\Java\javafx-sdk-12.0.2\lib" --  
add-modules javafx.controls,javafx.fxml ImageLoader.jar
```

Note that in MacOS, you should NOT use quotes. You should also use slash (/) instead of backslash (\)

Your program should run now!

C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe

Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.18362.418]

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```
D:\Users\RamBanjo\eclipse-workspace\JAVA_FX_Image>java -jar --module-path "C:\Program Files\Java\javafx-sdk-12.0.2\lib"--add-modules javafx.controls,javafx.fxml ImageLoader.jar
```

```
D:\Users\RamBanjo\eclipse-workspace\JAVA_FX_Image>
```



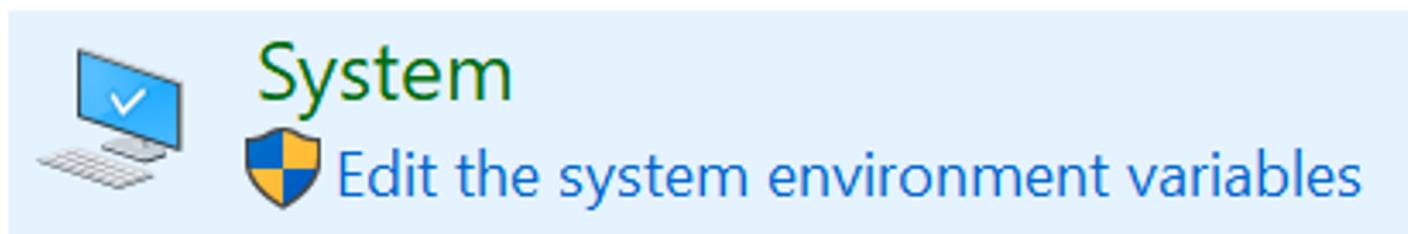
# Setting System Variable to Save Time

Note: for windows users only!

for mac users, please visit the tutorial here:

<http://osxdaily.com/2015/07/28/set-environment-variables-mac-os-x/>

1. Go to your Control Panel
2. Search for “System Variable” and click on this:





## Startup and Recovery

System startup, system failure, and debugging information

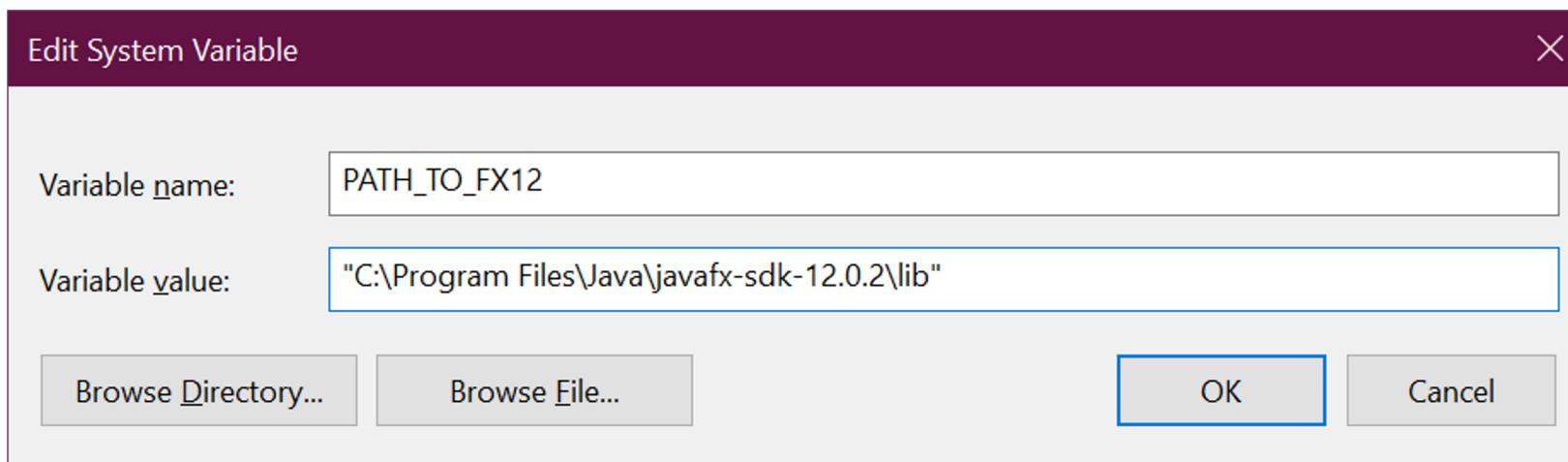
Settings...

Environment Variables...



# Setting System Variable to Save Time

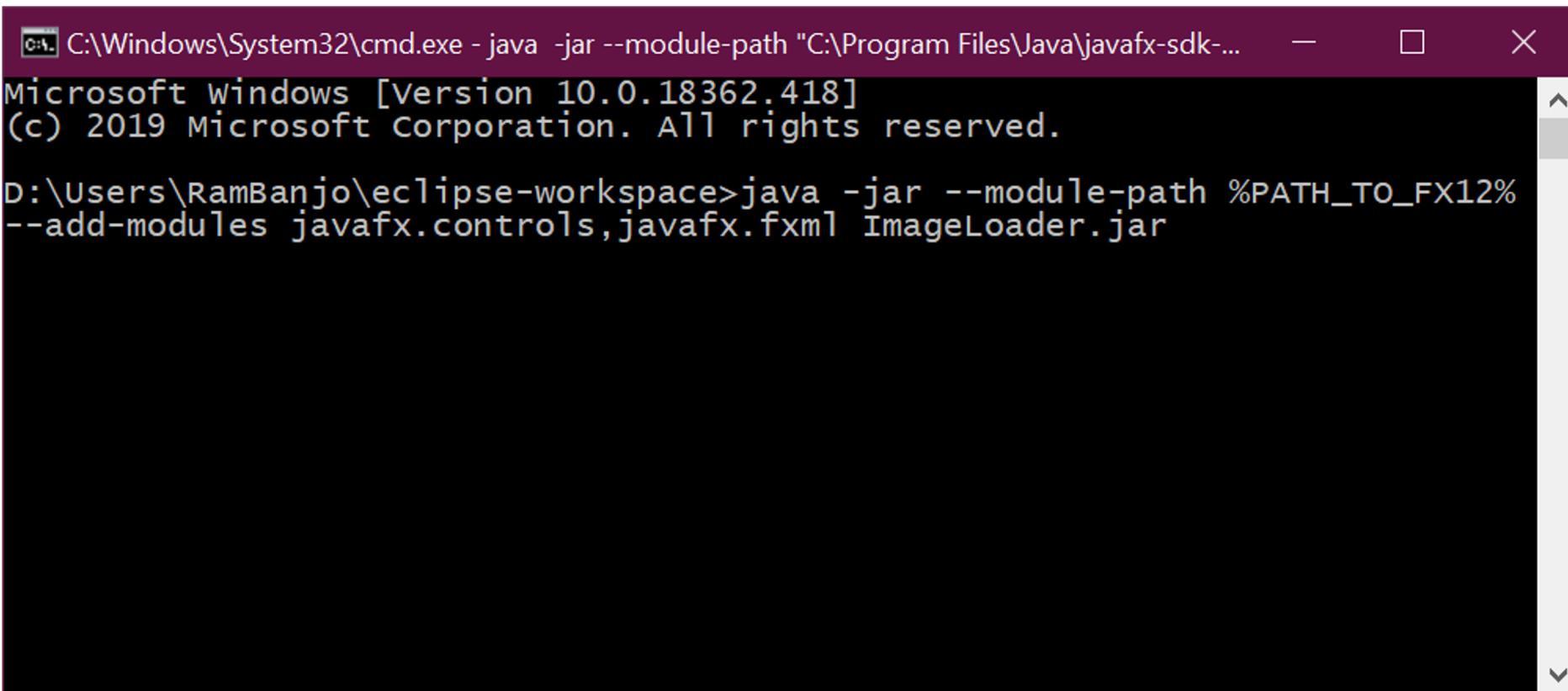
- 3.) Under “System Variables”, click New...
- 4.) Put in your JavaFX lib path (with quotes), and put the name you want to use
- 5.) Click OK, then Apply and Close the Environment Variables window





# Setting System Variable to Save Time

You should now be able to use that variable instead of typing the entire path

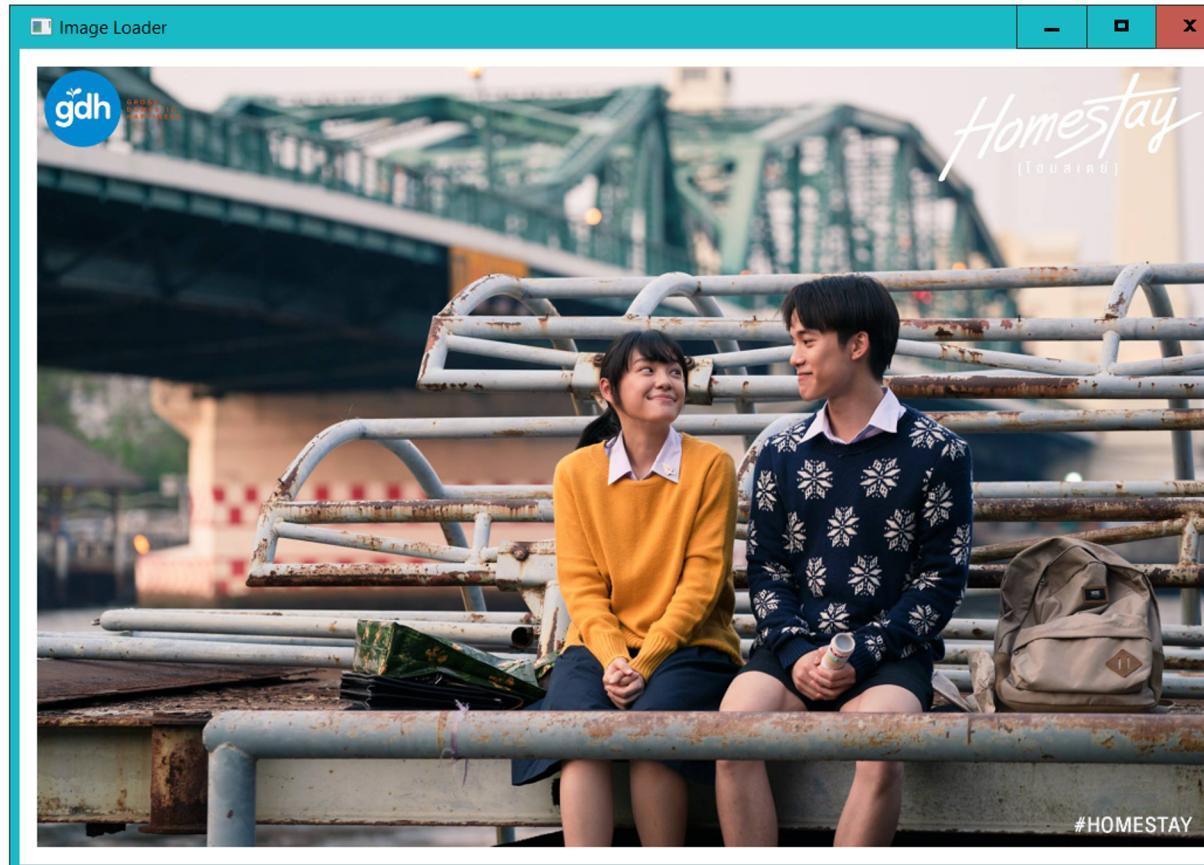


C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe - java -jar --module-path "C:\Program Files\Java\javafx-sdk-... - Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.18362.418]  
(c) 2019 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.  
D:\Users\RamBanjo\eclipse-workspace>java -jar --module-path %PATH\_TO\_FX12%  
--add-modules javafx.controls,javafx.fxml ImageLoader.jar



# How to export Jar with picture

› Run -> JAVA\_FX\_Image/ImageLoader.jar





# How to export Jar with picture (cont.)

- › Let's copy our ImageLoader.jar to somewhere
- › Run -> JAVA\_FX\_Image/Test\_Jar/1\_only\_jar/run.jar



Our Image doesn't appear anymore



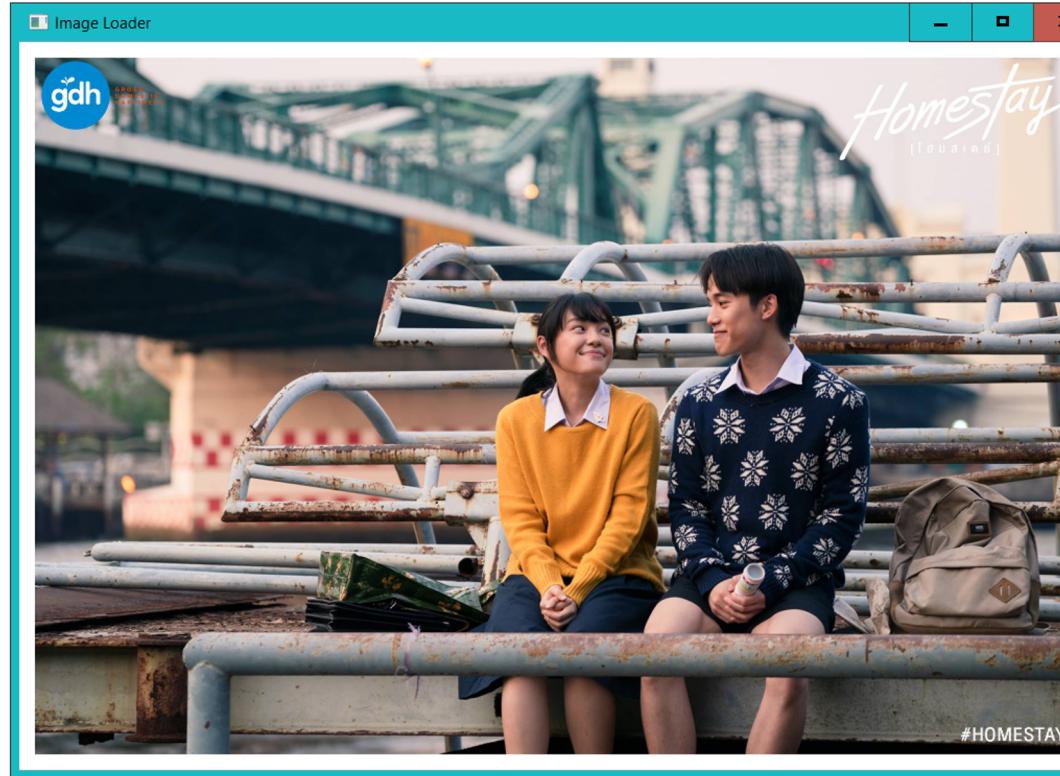
# Export Jar with res folder

- › Let's take a look at how we load our image
  - ImageView imageView = new ImageView(new Image("file:res/images/homestay.jpg"));
- › The image must be in the same directory as our JAR
  - Let's try again



# Export Jar with res folder (cont.)

- › Run ->  
JAVA\_FX\_Image/Test\_Jar/2\_jar\_with\_res\_folder/run.jar
- › It works !!!





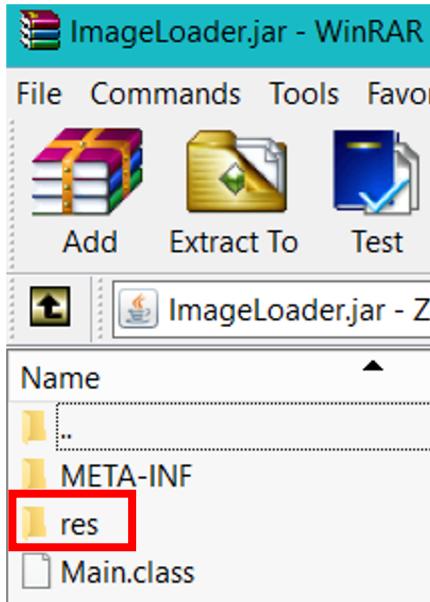
# Export Jar containing res folder

- › Keeping resource beside our JAR makes it work.
- › But it would be better if we can store all our resources into our JAR



# Export Jar containing res folder (cont.)

- › Run ->  
`JAVA_FX_Image/Test_Jar/3_jar_contain_res_folder/run.jar`



Our Image still doesn't appear



# Export Jar containing res folder (cont.)

- › Why?
  - Because ImageView imageView = new ImageView(new Image("file:res/images/homestay.jpg"));
  - Can get resource from file only
- › How to fix it?



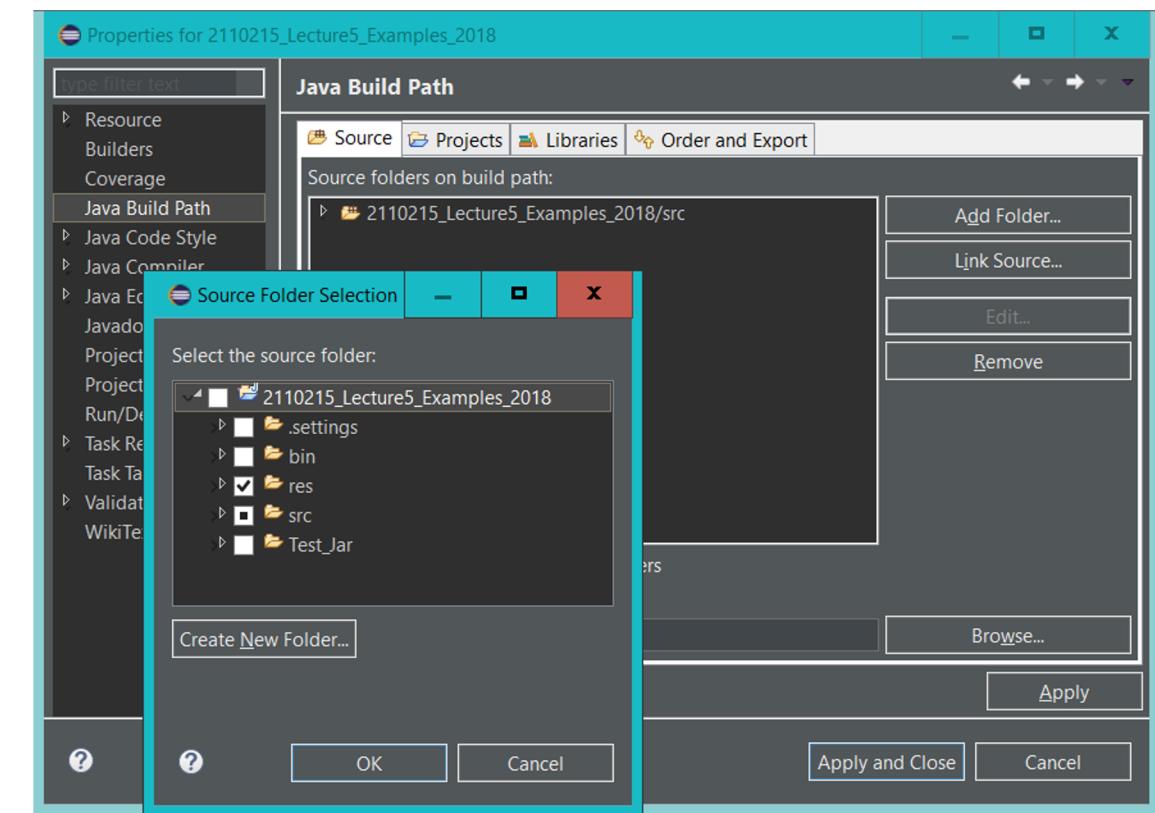
# Export Jar containing res folder - ClassLoader

- › Use ClassLoader to help loading our image
  - A path to our resource related to our .class file directory
- › **ClassLoader.getSystemResource(String filePath)**
  - Return as URL
- › Example:
  - String image\_path =  
**ClassLoader.getSystemResource("images/homestay.jpg").toString();**
  - ImageView imageView = new ImageView(new Image(image\_path));



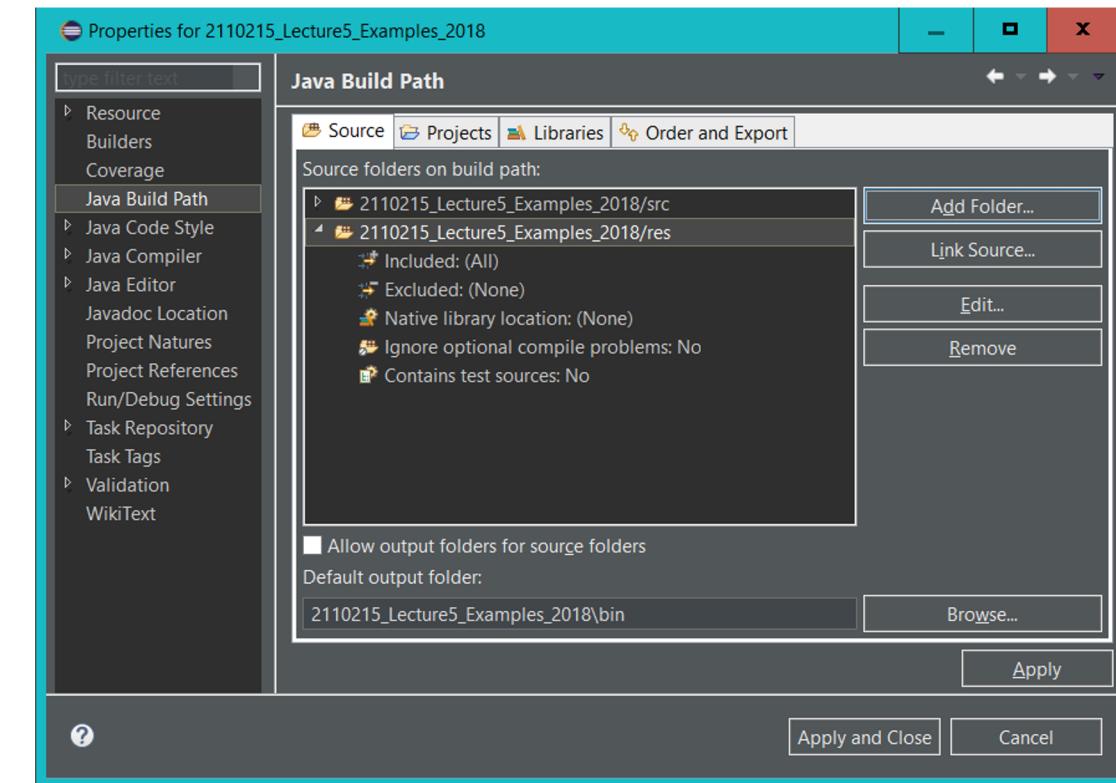
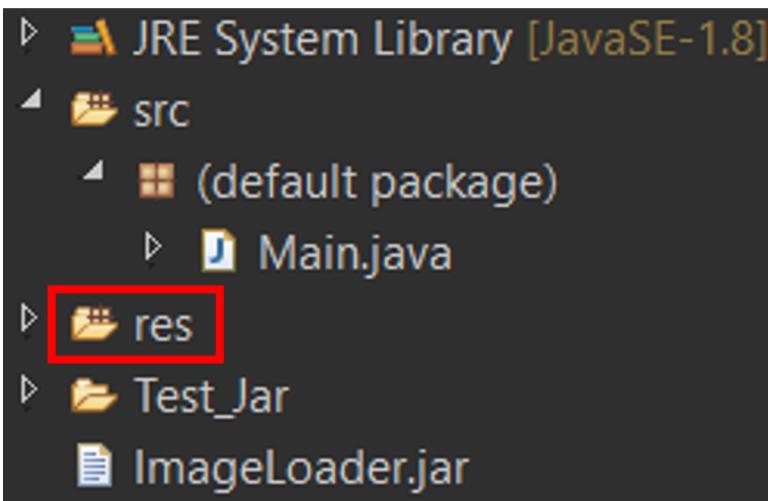
# Export Jar containing res folder - BuildPath

- › For add resource folder, Build Path
- › -> Configure Build Path
- › -> Source (Tab)
- › -> Add Folder
- › -> Select Folder res





# Export Jar containing res folder - BuildPath





# Export Jar containing res folder (cont.)

- › Run -> JAVA\_FX\_Image/Test\_Jar/4\_jar\_fixed/run.jar
- › This works because it read resource from our jar file.

