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Chapter 4-Part 2: JavaFX-Scene Builder

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What is a JavaFx Scene Builder?

JavaFX **Scene Builder** is a visual layout tool that lets users to quickly design JavaFX application user interfaces by **dragging** a UI component from a library of UI components and **dropping** it into a content view area.

Getting set up to use Scene Builder

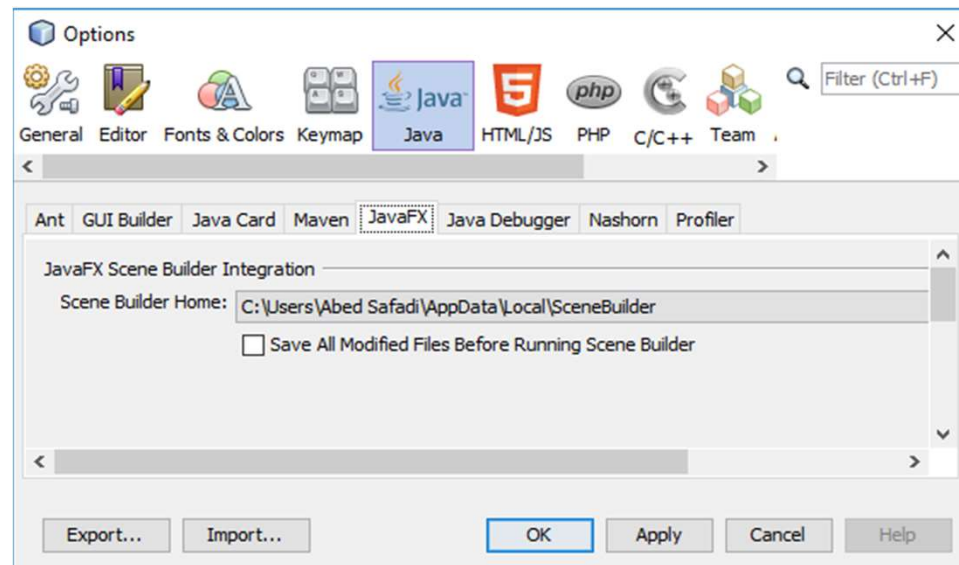
To download the Scene Builder tool at the following location:

<http://gluonhq.com/open-source/scene-builder/>

The Scene Builder installer should also take care of automatically integrating Scene Builder into NetBeans.

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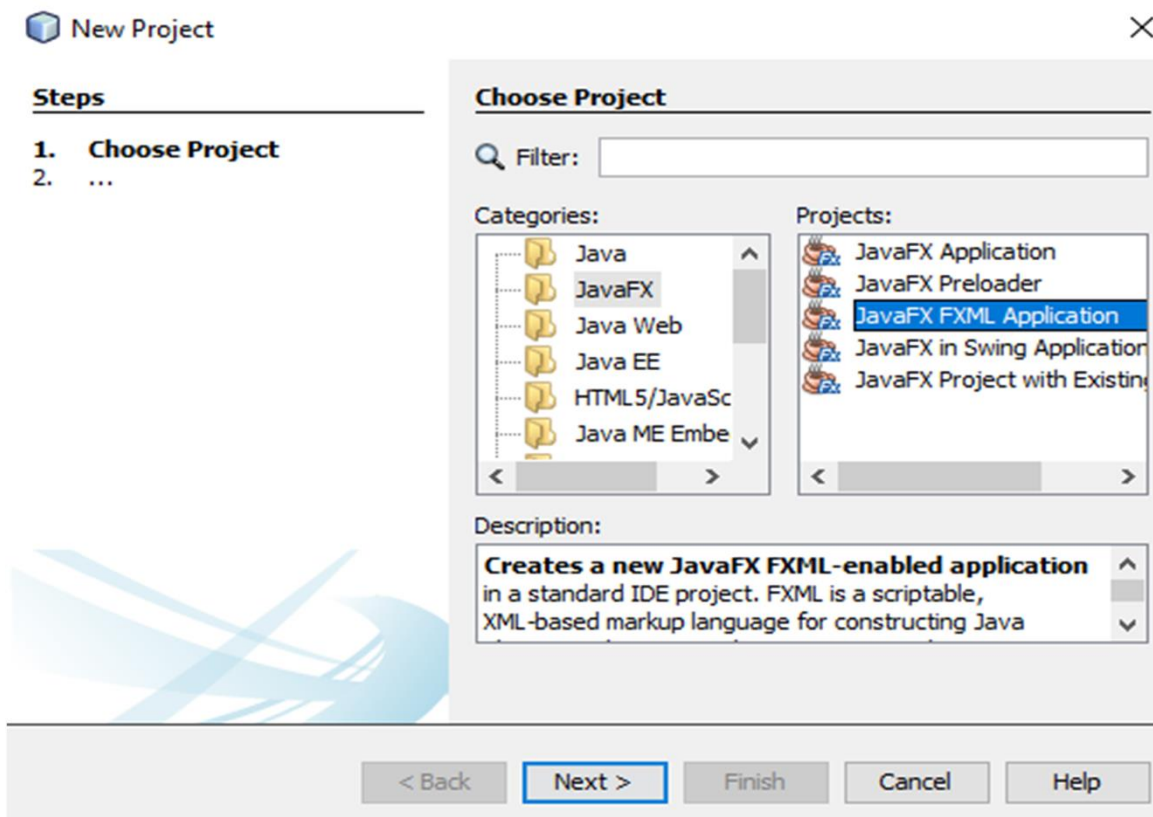
If Scene Builder does not launch automatically, select options from the Tools menu in NetBeans, check if a path to Scene Builder does not appear there



select the Browse option in the pull down menu to browse to the location where Scene Builder is installed.

A first example

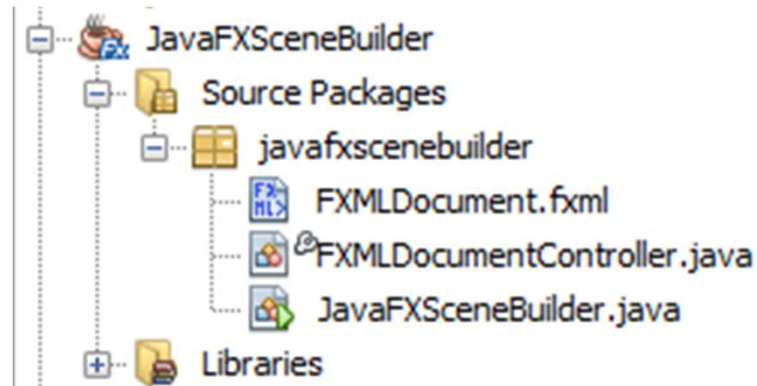
In the new project dialog select the option to make a JavaFX FXML application.



A first example-Contin

The project will have three components:

- Java file with a main method that sets up the application,
- Fxml file that you can use in combination with Scene Builder to set up the user interface,
- Controller class where you can put action methods.



A first example-Contin

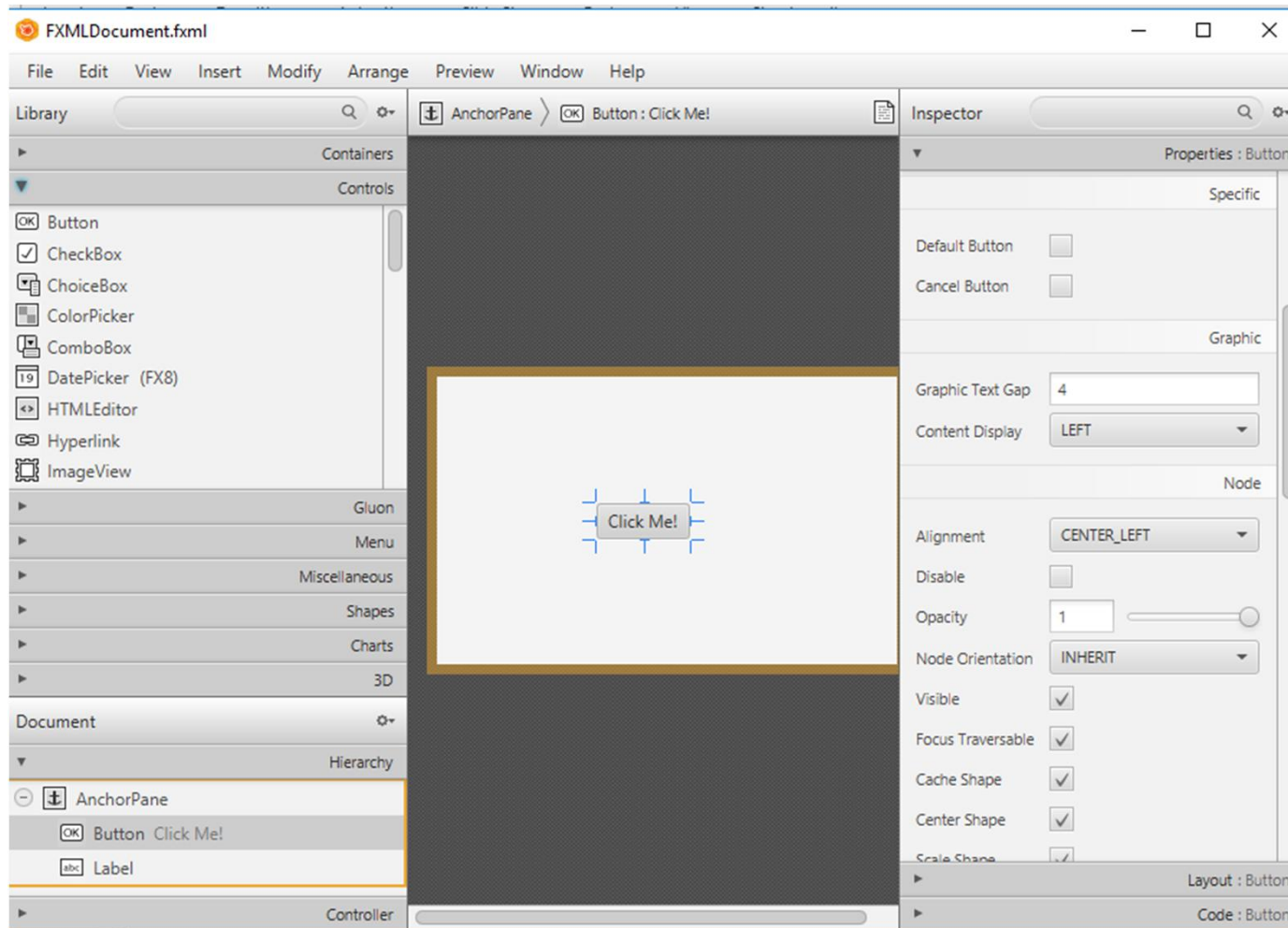
The class that contains the main method holds just enough code to set up the user interface:

```
public class JavaFXSceneBuilder extends Application {  
  
    @Override  
    public void start(Stage stage) throws IOException {  
        Parent root = FXMLLoader.load(getClass().getResource("FXMLDocument.fxml"));  
  
        Scene scene = new Scene(root);  
  
        stage.setScene(scene);  
        stage.show();  
    }  
    /**  
     * @param args the command line arguments  
     */  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        launch(args);  
    }  
}
```

In this example all of the details of the scene contents are stored in an FXML file that the application reads and loads at the start of the start() method.

A first example-Contin

The FXML file contains all of the information about the contents and structure of the user interface.



A first example-Contin

FXML is an XML-based language designed to build the user interface for JavaFX applications.

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

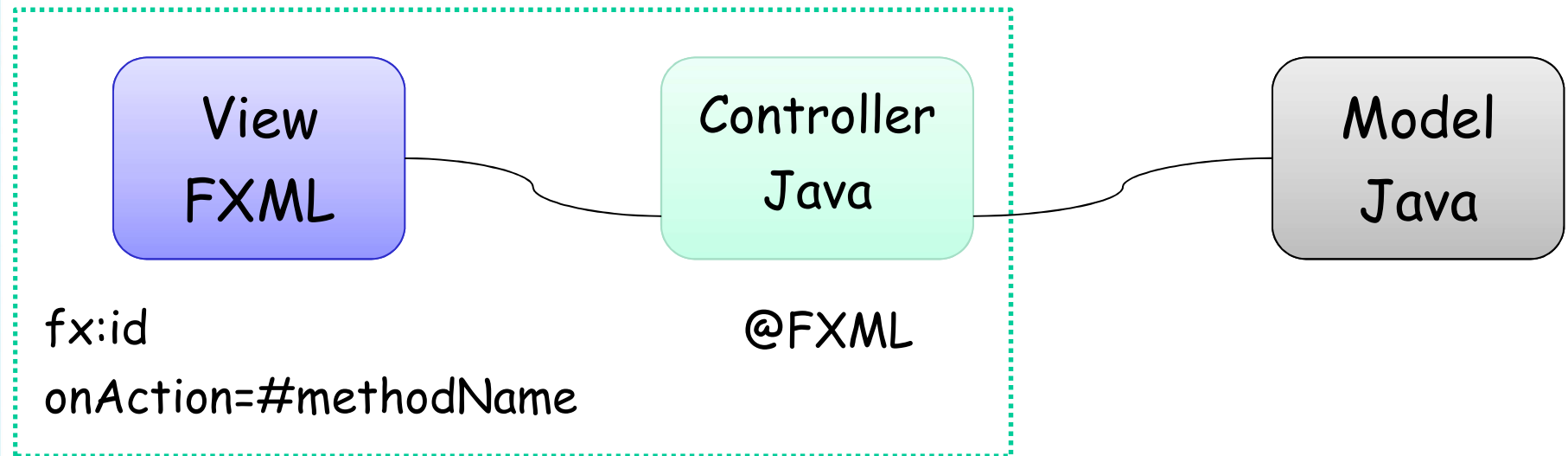
<?import java.lang.*?>
<?import java.util.*?>
<?import javafx.scene.*?>
<?import javafx.scene.control.*?>
<?import javafx.scene.layout.*?>

<AnchorPane id="AnchorPane" prefHeight="200" prefWidth="320" xmlns:fx="http://javafx.com/fxml/1"
    fx:controller="firstexample.FXMLDocumentController">
    <children>
        <Button layoutX="126" layoutY="90" text="Click Me!" onAction="#handleButtonAction" fx:id="button" />
        <Label layoutX="126" layoutY="120" minHeight="16" minWidth="69" fx:id="label" />
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The controller class contains action methods that you will link to various controls in the interface.

```
public class FXMLDocumentController implements Initializable {

    @FXML
    private Label label;

    @FXML
    private void handleButtonAction(ActionEvent event) {
        System.out.println("You clicked me!");
        label.setText("Hello World!");
    }

    @Override
    public void initialize(URL url, ResourceBundle rb) {
        // TODO
    }

}
```

