

Class 23 Notes

Check Boxes

A component which allows a user to toggle a device on or off

Here is a JFrame with two check Boxes



Checking a box generates an **ActionEvent** (and also an ItemEvent but we will not need that)

Generates ActionEvent

Listener: ActionListener -- for ActionEvents

Method to implement: void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) -- for ActionEvents

Constructors

- JCheckBox(String s)
ex. JCheckBox cb = new JCheckBox("Bold");
- JCheckBox(String s, boolean selected) // true is box is to start as checked
ex. JCheckBox cb = new JCheckBox("Bold", true);
- JCheckBox(Icon i) // you can "label" a check box with a picture
ex. JCheckBox cb = new JCheckBox("new ImageIcon("Homer.jpg"));
- JCheckBox(Icon i, boolean selected) //
- JCheckBox(String s, Icon i) // label a check box with both a string and a picture
- JCheckBox(String s, Icon I, boolean selected)

Some Methods:

- boolean isSelected() // returns true if the box is checked
- void setSelected(boolean x) // you program can check the box

Sometimes , you do not need to use a listener—you can use the isSelected() method to determine whether or not a box is checked.

Example:

The following example uses check boxes so that the user may decide how he/she wishes to display a message – bold, italic, bold and italic, neither (plain)



No box selected – plain text



Bold selected



Bold and italic selected

Here is a class that creates the Abba dabba frame

```
import java.awt.*;
import java.awt.event.*;
import javax.swing.*;

public class CheckBoxes extends JFrame
{
    private JCheckBox bold, italic;
    private JLabel label; // for what is displayed --- Abba dabba etc

    public CheckBoxes() // constructor
    {
        String monkeyTalk = "Abba dabba dabba dabba dabba dabba";
        setBounds(100,250,420,100);

        label = new JLabel(monkeyTalk); // put the string on a label
        label.setFont(new Font("Arial",Font.PLAIN,18)); // set the font
        label.setForeground(Color.BLUE); // printing in blue

        JPanel labelPanel = new JPanel(); // for the label
        labelPanel.setBackground(Color.YELLOW);
        labelPanel.add(label); // add the label to the panel
        add(labelPanel); // add the panel to the CENTER (default)
```

```

// Make a panel for the check boxes
JPanel p = new JPanel();
p.setBackground(Color.YELLOW);    // background for panel

// create two check boxes
bold = new JCheckBox("Bold");
italic = new JCheckBox("Italic");

// make the background of the check boxes yellow so they blend in with the panel
bold.setBackground(Color.YELLOW);
italic.setBackground(Color.YELLOW);

//add the check boxes to a panel
p.add(bold); // add to panel
p.add(italic);

// add the panel to the frame
add(p, BorderLayout.SOUTH);

// Register listeners
bold.addActionListener(new CheckBoxHandler());
italic.addActionListener(new CheckBoxHandler());

setVisible(true);
}
private class CheckBoxHandler implements ActionListener
{
public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e)
{
if (e.getSource() == bold || e.getSource() == italic)
{
// examine EACH checkbox
int selection = Font.PLAIN;    // or you can say selection = 0;

if (bold.isSelected())
    selection = Font.BOLD;    // otherwise selection stays PLAIN

if (italic.isSelected())
    selection = selection + Font.ITALIC; // add BOLD to whatever was already selected

// adjust the label using the above selection
label.setFont(new Font("Arial", selection, 18));
}
}
}
public static void main(String[] args)
{
    CheckBoxes frame = new CheckBoxes();
}
}

```

I initially put the label directly on the frame but could not get the background to be yellow. When I made a panel, with background yellow, put the label in the panel, then put the panel in the frame the colors were fine. Tricky.

Radio Buttons

The frame below has three radio buttons (Black, Blue, and Green). Unlike the check boxes you can only select one radio button at any time.



The class is JRadioButton.

Generates ActionEvent,

Listener: ActionListener

Methods to implement: void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) //ActionListener

So how do you specify that only one radio button can be selected at any time?.

- You create any number of JRadioButton objects
- Then create a ButtonGroup.
- Then you add the buttons to the button group.

Once you do this, selection of one button automatically causes deselection of the others in the group.

A change in the selection causes an event

The constructors and methods are similar to check boxes

Constructors: si

```
JRadioButton()  
JRadioButton( String s)  
JRadioButton(String s, boolean selected)  
JRadioButton(Icon i)  
JRadioButton(Icon i, boolean selected)  
JRadioButton(String s, Icon i)  
JRadioButton(String s, Icon i, boolean selected)
```

Other Methods:

```
boolean isSelected()  
addActionListener(ActionListener a)  
addItemListener(ItemListener a)
```

To make the ButtonGroup and add radio buttons:

Constructor of the ButtonGroup Class

ButtonGroup()

Ex : ButtonGroup Bg = new ButtonGroup()

Method of ButtonGroup class

void add(JRadioButton b)

Ex.

```
JRadioButton red = new JRadioButton("Red");  
JRadioButton blue= new JRadioButton("Blue");  
bg.add(red);  
bg.add(blue);
```

Example:

The following example adds a button group to the program of the previous problem. The buttons can be used to change the color of the font:



```
// New code is highlighted  
import java.awt.*;  
import java.awt.event.*;  
import javax.swing.*;  
public class CheckBoxesAndRadioButtons extends JFrame  
{  
    private JCheckBox bold, italic;  
    private JRadioButton black, blue, green;  
    private ButtonGroup bg;  
    private JLabel label;  
  
    public CheckBoxesAndRadioButtons() // constructor  
    {  
        super("Monkey Talk");  
        setBounds(100,250,430,100);  
        setBackground(Color.YELLOW);  
  
        String monkeyTalk = "Abba dabba dabba dabba dabba dabba dabba";  
        label = new JLabel(monkeyTalk);  
        label.setFont(new Font("Ariel",Font.PLAIN,18));  
        label.setForeground(Color.blue);  
  
        add(label, BorderLayout.CENTER); // add the label to the frame  
  
        // Get a panel for the check boxes and radio buttons  
        JPanel p = new JPanel();  
        p.setBackground(Color.yellow);
```

```

// make the check boxes
bold = new JCheckBox("Bold");
italic = new JCheckBox("Italic");
bold.setBackground(Color.yellow);
italic.setBackground(Color.yellow);

// add the check boxes to the panel
p.add(bold);
p.add(italic );

//create radio buttons
black = new JRadioButton("Black",false);
blue = new JRadioButton("Blue",true); // selected when program starts
green = new JRadioButton("Green",false);
black.setBackground(Color.yellow);
blue.setBackground(Color.yellow);
green.setBackground(Color.yellow);

//create the button group and place the buttons in the group
bg = new ButtonGroup();
bg.add(black);
bg.add(blue);
bg.add(green);

//add radio buttons to the panel
p.add(black);
p.add(blue);
p.add(green);

// add the panel to the frame
add(p, BorderLayout.SOUTH);
setVisible(true);

// Register listeners
bold.addActionListener(new BoxesAndButtons());
italic.addActionListener(new BoxesAndButtons());
blue.addActionListener(new BoxesAndButtons());
black.addActionListener(new BoxesAndButtons());
green.addActionListener(new BoxesAndButtons());
}

```

```

// inner listener class – for check boxes and radio buttons
private class BoxesAndButtons implements ActionListener
{
    public void actionPerformed (ActionEvent e)
    {
        if (e.getSource() instanceof JCheckBox )// notice use of instanceof
        {
            int selection = 0; //0 is Font.PLAIN
            if (bold.isSelected())
                selection = Font.BOLD; // Font.BOLD == 1
            if (italic.isSelected())
                selection = selection+Font.ITALIC;
            label.setFont(new Font("Ariel", selection, 18));
        }
        else if (e.getSource() instanceof JRadioButton)
        {
            // find which is selected
            if (blue.isSelected())
                label.setForeground(Color.blue); // print in blue
            else if (black.isSelected())
                label.setForeground(Color.black);
            else
                label.setForeground(Color.green);
        }
    }
}

public static void main(String[] args)
{
    CheckBoxesAndRadioButtons frame = new CheckBoxesAndRadioButtons();
}
}

```

And if you want to see the Abba Dabba song here it is in a VERY old movie...with Debbie Reynolds (Princess Leah's mom!)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VJHJAKhacGU>

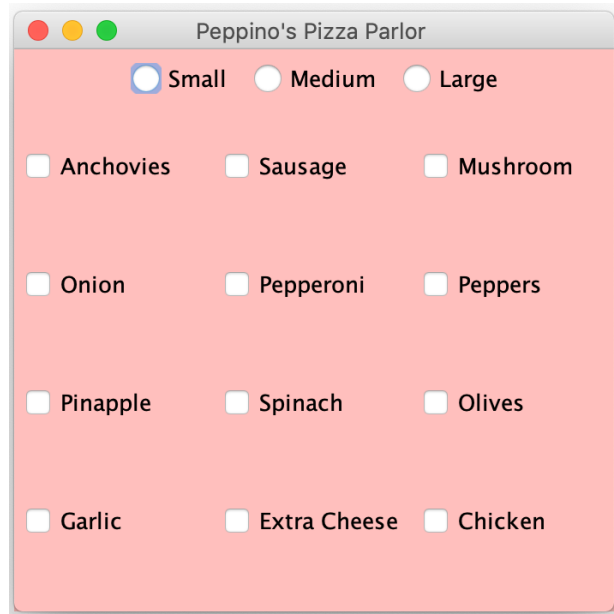
Some notes

- When I created the blue radio button the second parameter is *true*
blue = new JRadioButton("Blue",true);
This makes the blue button selected when the program starts
- setForeground(Color c) is the color that is used for printing
- Notice I used the method
boolean isSelected()
- You add the radio buttons to the panel—not the button group
- In the listener I used instanceof
I could have also said
if (e.getSource()== bold || e.getSource() == italic)
but saying
if (e.getSource() instanceof JCheckBox)
covers both cases.

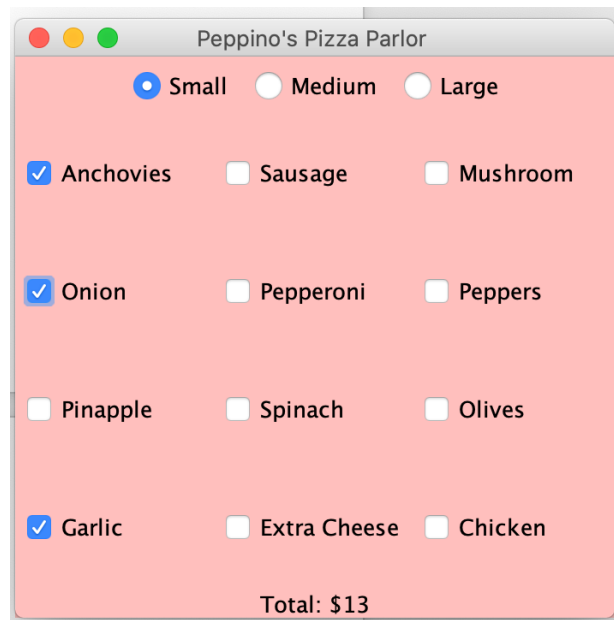
Problem/Example

At Peppino's Pizza Parlor a small pizza costs \$10, a medium costs \$12 ,and a large \$15. Each additional topping is \$1.00.

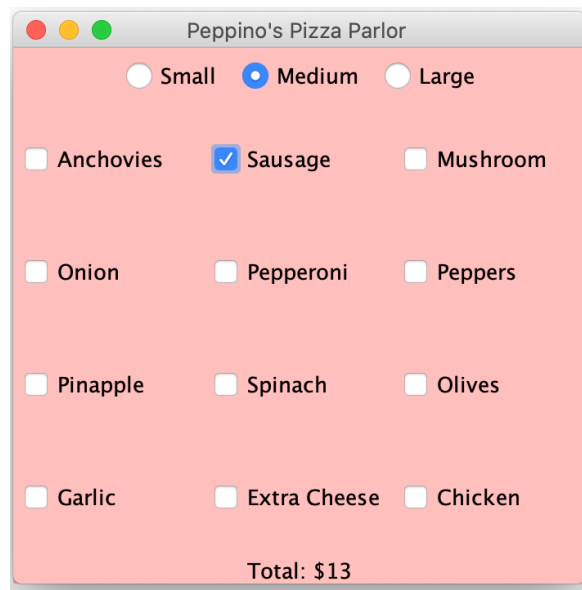
Design a GUI with check boxes and that will calculate the cost of a pizza. It should look like this.



When the buttons are selected the price is displayed on a label in the SOUTH



If you change any buttons the price is recalculated:



Notes:

- The radio buttons are on a panel in the NORTH. They will be in a `ButtonGroup`
- The check boxes are on a panel in the CENTER. The panel might use a `GridLayout` manager -- 4 x 3
- The price is a label in the SOUTH. The price should be in the center of the label (use `SwingConstants.CENTER` when creating the label)
- We will use an array of `JCheckBox` .
- The listener does not need to check the source. When a button or checkbox is selected, a event is fired and each is examined to see it it is selected or not. This will become clearer when you see the code

```

import java.awt.*;
import javax.swing.*;
import java.awt.event.*;

public class PizzaOrder1 extends JFrame
{
    // The names for the check boxes, one name for each check box
    String [] names = { "anchovies", "sausage", "mushroom", "onion", "pepperoni", "peppers",
                        "pineapple", "spinach", "olives", "garlic", "excheese", "chicken" };

    JCheckBox [] checkBoxes; // notice an array of check boxes
    JRadioButton small, medium, large;
    JLabel price;
    int cost = 0;

    public PizzaOrder1() //default constructor, sets up GUI
    {
        super("Peppino's Pizza Parlor ");
        setBounds(50,50, 350,350);
        setBackground(Color.PINK);

        // create the radio buttons, none are initially selected
        small = new JRadioButton("Small", false);
        medium = new JRadioButton("Medium", false);
        large = new JRadioButton("Large", false);

        // add radio buttons to a button group
        ButtonGroup bg = new ButtonGroup();
        bg.add(small);
        bg.add(medium);
        bg.add(large);

        // place the radio buttons in panel and place in the NORTH
        JPanel radioPanel = new JPanel();
        radioPanel.add(small);
        radioPanel.add(medium);
        radioPanel.add(large);
        add(radioPanel, BorderLayout.NORTH);

        //make a label with the total cost and place in the SOUTH
        price = new JLabel(" ", SwingConstants.CENTER); // initially empty
        price.setFont(new Font("Arial", Font.BOLD, 28));
        add(price, BorderLayout.SOUTH);

        // a panel for all the check boxes
        JPanel menuPanel = new JPanel(new GridLayout(4,3));

        // create the array of check boxes and put each in the menuPanel
        checkBoxes = new JCheckBox[names.length];
        for (int i = 0; i < checkBoxes.length; i++)
        {
            checkBoxes[i] = new JCheckBox(names[i]); // names[i] is the name of the check box
            menuPanel.add(checkBoxes[i]);
        }
    }
}

```

```

// add the menuPanel to the CENTER (default)
add(menuPanel);

//register the check boxes
for (int i = 0; i < checkBoxes.length; i++)
    checkBoxes[i]. addActionListener(new Handler());

// register the radio buttons
small.addActionListener(new Handler());
medium.addActionListener(new Handler());
large.addActionListener(new Handler());

setVisible(true);
}

// an event will occur if any check box or radio button
// is selected or deselected
private class Handler implements ActionListener
{
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e)
    {
        cost = 0;
        int count = 0; // keep track of number of toppings $1/topping

        {
            // check the radio buttons
            if (small.isSelected())
                cost = cost+ 10;
            else if (medium.isSelected())
                cost = cost+ 12;
            else if (large.isSelected())
                cost = cost+ 15;

            // how many check boxes have been selected?
            for (int i = 0; i<checkBoxes.length; i++)
                if (checkBoxes[i].isSelected())
                    count++;

            cost = cost+count; // "count check boxes" means "count dollars" added
            price.setText("Total: $" + cost);
        }
    }
}

public static void main(String[] args)
{
    JFrame f = new PizzaOrder1();
}
}

```

Here is another version that does not use an array of check boxes. It is not a compact and (I think) not as nice. But, it does work.
Statements in blue are places that differ from the previous version

```
import java.awt.*;
import javax.swing.*;
import java.awt.event.*;

public class PizzaOrder extends JFrame
{
    // Declares each check box, does not use an array of check boxes
    JCheckBox anchovies, sausage, mushroom, onion, pepperoni, peppers, pineapple,
        spinach, olives, garlic, excheese, chicken;

    JRadioButton small, medium, large;
    JLabel price;
    int cost = 0;

    public PizzaOrder() // sets up GUI
    {
        super("Peppino's Pizza Parlor ");
        setBounds(50,50, 350,350);
        setBackground(Color.PINK);

        // the radio button stuff is identical to the previous version
        small = new JRadioButton("Small", false);
        medium = new JRadioButton("Medium", false);
        large = new JRadioButton("Large", false);

        // add radio buttons to a button group
        ButtonGroup bg = new ButtonGroup();
        bg.add(small);
        bg.add(medium);
        bg.add(large);

        // place the radio buttons on a panel
        JPanel radioPanel = new JPanel();
        radioPanel.add(small);
        radioPanel.add(medium);
        radioPanel.add(large);
        add(radioPanel, BorderLayout.NORTH);

        // create the labe for the total cost
        price = new JLabel(" ", SwingConstants.CENTER);
        price.setFont(new Font("Arial", Font.BOLD, 28));
        add(price, BorderLayout.SOUTH);
    }
}
```

```

// create a panel for the check boxes
JPanel menuPanel = new JPanel(new GridLayout(4,3));

// create each individual check box
// the previous version used an array of JCheckBox
anchovies = new JCheckBox("Anchovies");
sausage = new JCheckBox("Sausage");
mushroom = new JCheckBox("Mushroom");
onion = new JCheckBox("Onion");
pepperoni = new JCheckBox("Pepperoni");
peppers = new JCheckBox("Peppers");
pineapple = new JCheckBox("pineapple");
spinach = new JCheckBox("Spinach");
olives = new JCheckBox("Olives");
garlic = new JCheckBox("Garlic");
excheese = new JCheckBox("Extra Cheese") ;
chicken = new JCheckBox("Chicken");

// add the check boxes to the panel, again this is done one by one
menuPanel.add(anchovies);
menuPanel.add(sausage);
menuPanel.add(mushroom);
menuPanel.add( onion);
menuPanel.add(pepperoni);
menuPanel.add(peppers);
menuPanel.add(pineapple);
menuPanel.add(spinach);
menuPanel.add(olives);
menuPanel.add(garlic);
menuPanel.add(excheese);
menuPanel.add(chicken);

add(menuPanel);

//register the radio buttons and check boxes
// the previous version used a loop th register
anchovies.addActionListener(new Handler());
mushroom.addActionListener(new Handler());
sausage.addActionListener(new Handler());
onion.addActionListener(new Handler());
pepperoni.addActionListener(new Handler());
peppers.addActionListener(new Handler());
pineapple.addActionListener(new Handler());
spinach.addActionListener(new Handler());
olives.addActionListener(new Handler());
garlic.addActionListener(new Handler());
excheese.addActionListener(new Handler());
chicken.addActionListener(new Handler());
small.addActionListener(new Handler());
medium.addActionListener(new Handler());
large.addActionListener(new Handler());
setVisible(true);
}

private class Handler implements ActionListener

```

```

{
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e)
    {

        cost = 0;
        int count = 0;

        {
            if (small.isSelected())
                cost = cost+ 10;
            if (medium.isSelected())
                cost = cost+ 12;
            if (large.isSelected())
                cost = cost+ 15;

            // the previous version looped through the array of check boxes

            if (anchovies.isSelected()) count++;
            if (sausage.isSelected()) count++;
            if (mushroom.isSelected()) count++;
            if (onion.isSelected()) count++;
            if (pepperoni.isSelected()) count++;
            if (peppers.isSelected()) count++;
            if (pineapple.isSelected()) count++;
            if (spinach.isSelected()) count++;
            if (olives.isSelected()) count++;
            if (garlic.isSelected()) count++;
            if (excheese.isSelected()) count++;
            if (chicken.isSelected()) count++;

            cost = cost+count;
            price.setText("Total: $" + cost);
        }
    }
}

public static void main(String[] args)
{
    JFrame f = new PizzaOrder();
}
}

```