

Event-Driven GUIs



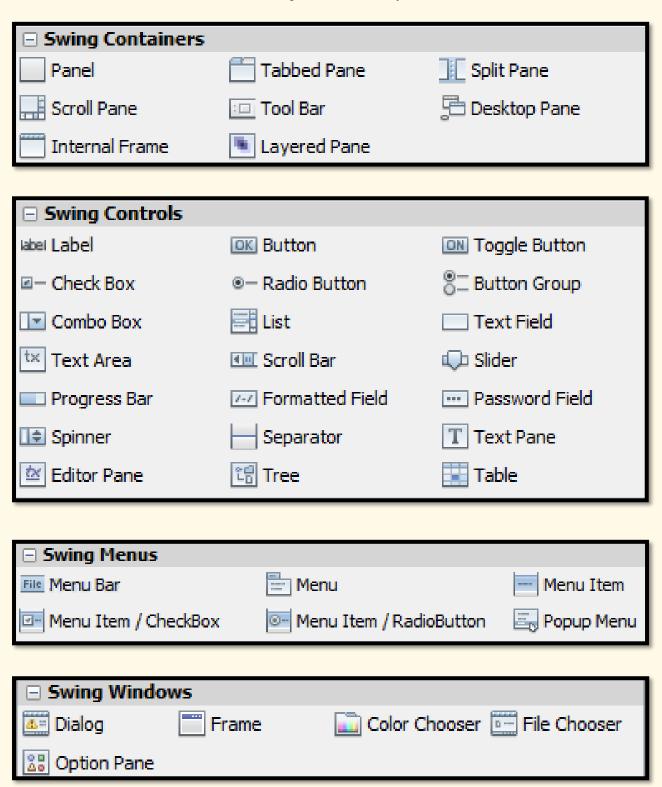


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1 Component List

*Screenshot from NetBeans IDE. Investigate other components too!



2 Introduction

2.1 Blank Window

```
//Library Class - Import
import java.awt.*;
import javax.swing.*;
```

```
public class BlankWindow extends JFrame
    public void makeFrame()
         this.setTitle("Blank Window");
         this.setSize(400, 200); //Width, Height
         this.setLocation(200, 100); //X, Y
         this.setLayout(null);
         this.setDefaultCloseOperation
                            (JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
         this.setVisible(true);
    }
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
         BlankWindow bw = new BlankWindow();
         bw.makeFrame();
    }
}
```

3 Basic Components

3.1 Components onto JFrame

In this example, the components will be placed directly on to the JFrame, specifying the **size** and **location** for each component.



3.2 JLabel (including images)

A **JLabel** can contain text, an image or both.

Text

```
//Global
JLabel lblHello = new JLabel("Hello World");
```

```
//Change text
lblHello.setText("Goodbye World");
```

```
//Make invisible
lblHello.setVisible(false);
```

```
//Optional - Change colours
lblHello.setForeground(Color.blue); //Text colour
lblHello.setOpaque(true); //Labels: See Background
lblHello.setBackground(Color.lightGray);
```



```
//Global
JLabel lblLogo = new JLabel();
```

```
//Image: Change image using file path
lblLogo.setIcon( new ImageIcon("logo.jpg") );
```

```
//Make invisible
lblLogo.setVisible(false);
```

```
//Optional - Change colours
lblLogo.setOpaque(true); //Labels: See Background
lblLogo.setBackground(Color.lightGray);
```

3.3 JTextField

A **JTextField** or **JPasswordField** is used to display text or allow the user to enter to enter a value.

A **FocusListener** can also be used to clear the text box when it is selected (later in the eBook)

```
City: Santa Rosa
```

```
//Global
JTextField tfCity = new JTextField();

//Change text
tfCity.setText("Manchester");
```

```
//Get value from a Text Field
//Usually implemented in a button's Action Listener

String textValue = tfSimpleField.getText();

//Text Field: Convert to another datatype
int intValue = Integer.parseInt(textValue);
double dblValue = Double.parseDouble(textValue))
boolean boolValue =Boolean.parseBoolean(textValue);
char charValue = textValue.charAt(0);
```

3.4 JPasswordField

A **JPasswordField** is used to allow the user to enter a value without displaying its value.

A **FocusListener** can also be used to clear the text box when it is selected (later in the eBook)

```
password:
```

```
//Global
JPasswordField pwfPassword = new JPasswordField();
```

```
//Get value from Password Field
//Usually implemented in a button's Action
String password = pwfPassword.getText();
```

3.5 JButton

3.5.1 Create JButton

A JButton also requires an ActionListener

Submit

```
JButton btnSubmit = new JButton("Submit");
```

```
//Button: Add Event Listener
btnSubmit.addActionListener(this);
```

```
//Help when hovering over a component
btnSubmit.setToolTipText("Click to submit");
```

```
//Disable button
btnSubmit.setEnabled(false);
```

Next Page... to add an ActionListener

3.5.2 ActionListener / ActionCommand

An **ActionListener** performs an action when the **JButton** is clicked and requires the following stages:

Stage	Description
1	Import the event classes from the library
2	Implement ActionListener after your class name
3	Code (override) the actionPerformed method
4	Attach a listener to your JButton (See JButton)
5	Add an if statement in actionPerformed for each JButton

Stage	Description
6	(Optional) Attach a Command String to the JButton
7	(Optional) Add an if statement for the Command String

```
//1 Library Class - Import
import java.awt.event.*;
//2 Implement ActionListener
public class GUI extends JFrame implements ActionListener
//3 Override the actionPerformed Method
public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent ae)
    Object source = ae.getSource();
     //if statement for each button (5)
}
//4 Button: Add Event Listener
btnSubmit.addActionListener(this);
//5 Override the actionPerformed Method
if(source == btnSubmit)
{
    System.out.println("Submit button pressed");
    //Any other instructions
}
//6 Button: Set Action Command
btnSubmit.setActionCommand("submit");
//7 Edit actionPerformed() : Detect command string
String command = ae.getActionCommand();
if(command.equals("submit"))
    System.out.println("Submit button pressed");
    //Any other instructions
}
```

3.6 PopUp Window

A JOptionPane can prompt the user for a value or output a message.



```
//InputDialog - Input as String
String reply = JOptionPane.showInputDialog("What is your name?");
```

```
/*ConfirmDialog - Answer Yes/No/Cancel/OK
Saved as....
JOptionPane.YES_OPTION
JOptionPane.NO_OPTION
JOptionPane.CANCEL_OPTION
JOptionPane.OK_OPTION
*/
String question="Would you like 5 years insurance?";
String title = "Additional Cover";
int answer = JOptionPane.showConfirmDialog(null, question, title, JOptionPane.YES_NO_OPTION);
```

4 Validation Components

4.1 JComboBox

A JComboBox contains a list and limits the options that a user can select.



cbxPet.setSelectedItem("Pig");//Set option by text
cbxPet.setSelectedIndex(1); //Set option by row

```
//Get current text or row
String txtValue= (String) cbxPet.getSelectedItem();
int theOption=cbxPet.getSelectedIndex();
```

4.2 JCheckBox & ButtonGroup

A **JCheckBox** can be used to allow an option to be selected or unselected and will return a boolean, true or false. It can be added to a **ButtonGroup**.



```
JCheckBox cbChin = new JCheckBox("Chin");
JCheckBox cbGlasses = new JCheckBox("Glasses");
```

```
cbChin.setSelected(true);
```

```
boolean answer = cbChin.isSelected();
```

```
//ActionPerformed() method
if(cbChin.isSelected())
{
    //action
}
else if(cbGlasses.isSelected())
{
    //action
}
```

4.3 JRadioButton

A **JCheckBox** can be used to allow an option to be selected or unselected and will return a boolean, true or false. It can be added to a **ButtonGroup**.



```
JRadioButton rbHair = new JRadioButton("Bird");
JRadioButton rbTeeth = new JRadioButton("Cat");
```

```
rbHair.setSelected(true);
```

```
boolean answer = rbHair.isSelected();
```

```
//ActionPerformed() method
if(rbHair.isSelected())
{
    //action
}
else if(rbHair.isSelected())
{
    //action
}
```

4.4 Button Group

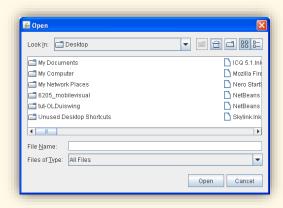
Adding buttons to a **ButtonGroup** ensures that only one item can be selected at once. A **ButtonGroup** is not a visible component, so size and location declarations are not needed.

```
ButtonGroup groupFeatures = new ButtonGroup();
```

```
groupFeatures.add(cbChin);
groupFeatures.add(cbGlasses);
groupFeatures.add(rbHair);
groupFeatures.add(rbTeeth);
```

4.5 JFileChooser

The JFileChooser allows the user to select a file they wish to open or save.



```
//Library Class - Import
import javax.swing.filechooser.*;

JFileChooser chooser = new JFileChooser();

//Show 'Open' File Chooser Window
int returnVal = chooser.showOpenDialog(this);

//Show 'Save' File Chooser Window
int returnVal = chooser.showSaveDialog(this);

//Store Filename
String filename = chooser.getSelectedFile().getName();
```

4.5.1 File Handling

```
//Library Class - Import
import java.io.*;
```

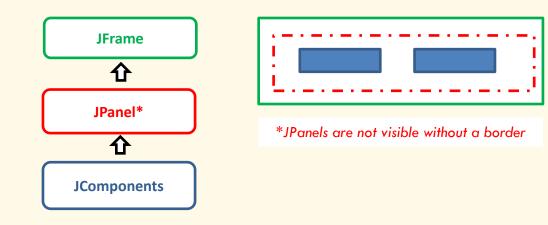
```
//Optional: File Filter
Path FileDirectory = Paths.get("PathToFile");
//use ./ if the filepath is relative to location
Files.delete(FileDirectory);
```

```
try
{

} catch (Exception e)
{
    System.out.println("Problem with file delete");
}
```

5 JPanel

One or more **JPanel**'s are added to a **JFrame**, A *layout* must be declared for each. Components are then added to the **JPanel**.



```
JPanel pnlHello = new JPanel();
```

```
//This Window: 1x1 Grid
this.setLayout(new GridLayout(1,1));

//This Window: Add panel
this.add(panelName);
```

```
//Panel: sizes & locations
panelName.setLayout(null);

//Component Pixels: X by Y
componentName.setSize(50, 20);

//Component Pixels: X by Y
componentName.setLocation(10, 10);

//Panel: Add component
panelName.add(componentName);
```

```
public class BlankWindow extends JFrame
    JPanel pnlHello = new JPanel();
    JLabel lblHello = new JLabel("TEST");
    public void makeFrame()
    {
         makePanelOne();
         this.setTitle("First Title");
         this.setSize(200, 100);
         this.setLocation(10, 10);
         this.setLayout(new GridLayout(1,1));
         this.setDefaultCloseOperation
                             (JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
         this.add(panelOne);
                                 //Window: Add panel
         this.setVisible(true);
    }
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
         BlankWindow bw = new BlankWindow();
         bw.makeFrame();
     }
}
```

```
public void makePanelOne()
{
    panelOne.setLayout(null);
    lblHello.setSize(50, 20);
    lblHello.setLocation(0, 0);
    panelOne.add(lblHello);
}
```

5.1.1 JScrollPane: JPanel

```
//make the preferred size large
panelName.setPreferredSize(new Dimension(2000, 1000));

scrollPane = new JScrollPane(panelName);
//make the size scrollpane size smaller
scrollPane.setSize(500,300);
```

6 Multi-Line Text

6.1 JList

6.1.1 Data: List Model

A simple way to manage a **JList** is by using a **ListModel**.



```
//ListModel: Add items
listModel.addElement("Mr");
listModel.addElement("Mrs");
listModel.addElement("Miss");
```

```
//ListModel: Remove items
listModel.removeElement("Mr");
listModel.removeAllElements();
```

6.1.2 Create JList

A **JList** displays many items and allows the user to select one or more items



```
JList<String> nameList = new JList<>(listModel);
```

```
//Change layout of list
nameList.setLayoutOrientation(JList.HORIZONTAL_WRAP);
```

```
//Number of rows visible
nameList.setVisibleRowCount(6);
```

```
//To get the row selected
int index = nameList.getSelectedIndex();
System.out.println("Index Selected: " + index);

//To get the text from the row
String value = (String) nameList.getSelectedValue();
System.out.println("Value Selected: " + value);
```

6.1.3 JScrollPane: JList

```
//Declare JScrollPane
JScrollPane listScroll = new JScrollPane(nameList);
//Comment out the setSize, setLocation & add() for the
JList
//Add the setSize, setLocation & add() for the Scroller
```

6.2 JTable

The data in a JTable is managed using a **TableModel**. The TableModel is built using **headings** and **data**. Rows can then be added or removed to the model.

A **JTable** is built using the TableModel as a parameter.

After being built, the **JTable** should be added to a JScrollPane.

Host	User	Password	Last Modified
Biocca Games	Freddy	!#asf6Awwzb	Mar 16, 2006
zabble	ichabod	Tazb!34\$fZ	Mar 6, 2006
Sun Developer	fraz@hotmail.co	AasW541!fbZ	Feb 22, 2006
Heirloom Seeds	shams@gmail	bkz[ADF78!	Jul 29, 2005
Pacific Zoo Shop	seal@hotmail.c	vbAf124%z	Feb 22, 2006

6.2.1 TableModel

```
//Library Class - Import
import javax.swing.table.*;
```

```
//Global
DefaultTableModel model;
```

```
String[] headings= {"Column1","Column2"};
```

```
//Local
model = new DefaultTableModel(dummyData, headings);
```

6.2.2 **JTable**

```
JTable demoTable = new JTable(model);

//Optional: Autosort
peopleTable.setAutoCreateRowSorter(true);
```

6.2.3 JScrollPane: JTable

```
JScrollPane demoTableScroll; //Global
```

```
demoTableScroll = new JScrollPane(demoTable); //Local
```

```
demoTableScroll.setSize(300,200); //X Pixels, Y Pixels
demoTableScroll.setLocation(0,0); //X Loc, Y Loc
this.add(demoTableScroll);
```

6.2.4 Number of Rows

```
int numberRows = model.getRowCount();
```

6.2.5 Add Row

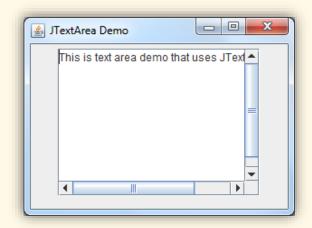
```
String[] dataToAdd = {"Helen", "Smith"};
model.addRow(dataToAdd);
```

6.2.6 Delete Row

```
model.removeRow(numberRows-1); //Remove Latest Row
```

6.3 JTextArea

A JTextArea holds text in rows and columns.



```
//GLOBAL

JTextArea jtaDesc = JTextArea(5, 20);
// (rows, columns)
```

```
//Change text
jtaDesc.setText("Manchester");
```

```
//Local (inside method)
jtaDesc.setSize(50,20); //Width, Height
jtaDesc.setLocation(0, 50); //X, Y
this.add(jtaDesc); //Add to THIS WINDOW
```

6.3.1 JScrollPane: JTextArea

```
//Declare JScrollPane
JScrollPane descScroll = new JScrollPane(jtaDesc);
//Comment out the setSize, setLocation & add() for the
JList
//Add the setSize, setLocation & add() for the Scroller
```

6.4 JTextPane (HTML)

Can be used to display text formatted using HTML code. This component **must** be added to a JPanel

```
//Library Class - Import
import javax.swing.JTextPane;
```

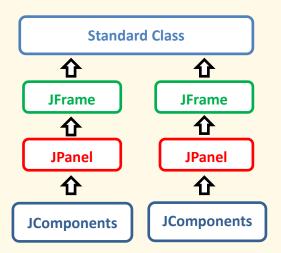
```
//GLOBAL
JTextPane tp = JTextPane();
```

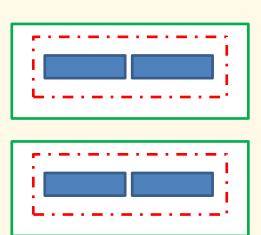
```
//Local (inside method)
tp.setContentType("text/html") //Width, Height
tp.setText("<html><b>This is bold HTML</b></html>");
```

7 Multiple Screens

7.1 Multiple Windows

- Create a **JFrame**
- Create each JPanel (with a layout) with Components
- Do not use the keyword 'this'
- Refer to each JFrame by name





```
//Standard Class
public class FirstGUI <del>extends</del> JFrame
```

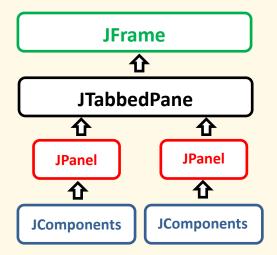
```
//A new window
JFrame windowOne = new JFrame();

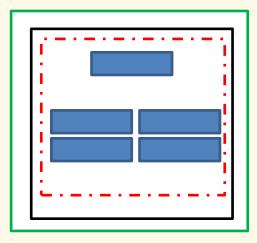
//A second window
JFrame windowTwo = new JFrame();
```

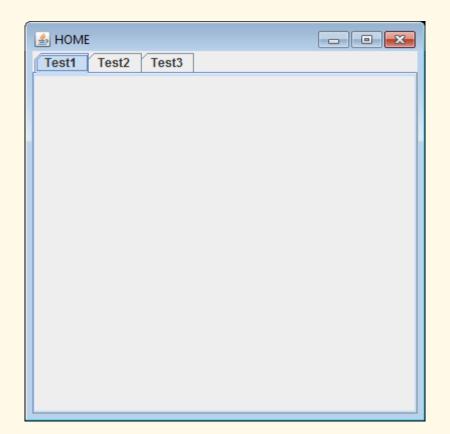
```
windowOne.setVisible(false); //Invisible
windowTwo.setVisible(true); //Visible
```

7.2 Multiple Tabs

- Create a **JFrame**
- Create each JPanel (with a layout) with Components
- Add each JPanel to a tab







```
//A new TabbedPane
JTabbedPane tabs = new JTabbedPane();
//A new TabbedPane down the left-hand side
JTabbedPane tabs = new JTabbedPane(JTabbedPane.LEFT);
//Add Tabs
tabs.addTab("First Panel", panelOne);
tabs.addTab("Second Panel", panelTwo);
//Add Tabs with an image and a tooltip
tabs.addTab("First Panel",imgOne,panelOne,"First");
tabs.addTab("Second Panel",imgTwo,panelTwo,"Second");
//Change tab
tabs.setSelectedIndex(1);
//Optional: Disable tab
tabs.setEnabledAt(0,false);
//Add TabbedPane to this JFrame
this.add(tabs);
```

7.2.1 Hiding Tabs

An unorthodox technique to hide the actual tabs of a tabbed pane is to move them from view. They are about 50 pixels, so by setting the location of the tabs at -50, they will start out of view. **Note:** this can only be done using null layout for the frame, rather than GridLayout.

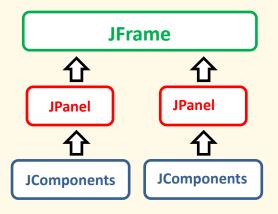
```
this.setLayout(new GridLayout(1,1));
this.setLayout(null);

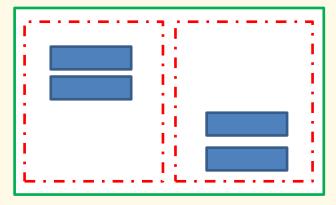
tabs.setSize(600, 400); //Width, Height
tabs.setLocation(0, -50); //X, Y

//Add TabbedPane to this JFrame
this.add(tabs);
```

7.3 Panels (One Screen)

- Create a **JFrame**
- Create each JPanel (with a layout) with Components
- Add each JPanel to the JFrame





```
//This Window: Needs sizes & locations
this.setLayout(null);
```

```
panelOne.setSize(50, 20);  //Pixels: X by Y
panelOne.setLocation(10, 10); //Panel: X by Y
this.add(panelOne);  //This Window: Add panel
```

```
panelTwo.setSize(50, 20);  //Pixels: X by Y
panelTwo.setLocation(10, 10); //Panel: X by Y
this.add(panelTwo);  //This Window: Add panel
```

8 Listeners

8.1 Focus Listener

A FocusListener can be used to perform an action when a JTextField is selected

```
//Library Class - Import
import java.awt.event.*;
```

```
textfieldName.addFocusListener(this);
```

```
public void focusGained(FocusEvent fe)
{
    if(fe.getSource() == textfieldName)
    {
        //Action
    }
}
```

```
public void focusLost(FocusEvent fe)
{
}
```

8.2 Key Listener

A KeyListener allows a process to be activated when a key is pressed.

```
//Library Class - Import
import java.awt.event.*;
```

```
textfieldName.addKeyListener(this);
```

```
public void keyTyped(KeyEvent kevt)
{
    if(kevt.getKeyChar() == KeyEvent.VK_ENTER )
    {
        //Action
    }
}
```

```
public void keyPressed(KeyEvent kevt)
{
}
```

```
public void keyReleased(KeyEvent kevt)
{
}
```

8.3 Mouse Listener

A MouseListener allows a process to be activated when the mouse is used.

```
import java.awt.event.*; //Library Class - Import
public class FirstGUI extends JFrame
                             implements MouseListener
tableName.addMouseListener(this);
public void mouseClicked(MouseEvent mevt)
    //Action
public void mousePressed(MouseEvent mevt)
{
}
public void mouseEntered(MouseEvent mevt)
}
public void mouseExited(MouseEvent mevt)
{
}
public void mouseReleased(MouseEvent mevt)
{
}
```

```
int theRow = paymentTable.rowAtPoint(mevt.getPoint());
```

9 Customisation

9.1 Theme

We can also set an overall theme known as the **Look and feel.**

```
//Library Class - Import
import javax.swing.UIManager.*;
```

```
public static void main(String[] args)
{
    try
    {
        //Add Theme Code
    }
    catch(Exception e)
    {
        System.out.println("Error with theme");
    }
    FirstGUI fg = new FirstGUI();
    fg.prepareGUI();
}
```

```
//Native Theme
UIManager.setLookAndFeel(UIManager.getSystemLookAndFeelClassName());
```

9.2 Font

```
//Library Class - Import
import java.awt.*;
```

```
Font customFont=new Font("Courier", Font.PLAIN,20);
//or
Font.BOLD
Font.ITALIC
```

```
lblTitle.setFont(customFont);
```

9.3 Color

```
//Library Class - Import
import java.awt.*;
```

```
Color customColour = new Color(10,10,255) //RGB
```

```
lblTitle.setForeground(customColour);
```

9.4 Border

```
//Library Class - Import
import java.awt.Color;
import javax.swing.BorderFactory;
import javax.swing.border.Border;
```

```
// set the border of these components
lblName.setBorder(blueBorder);
tfName.setBorder(blueBorder);
```

9.5 Program Icon

```
this.setIconImage(new
    ImageIcon("imgLogo.jpg").getImage());
```

9.6 Remove Frame

```
this.setUndecorated(true);
this.setBackground(new Color(1.0f,1.0f,1.0f,0.5f));
```

9.7 Resize Image

```
//Library Class - Import
import java.awt.*;
```

```
ImageIcon largeLogo = new ImageIcon("logo.jpg");
Image largeLogoImg = largeLogo.getImage();
Image smallLogoImg = largeLogoImg.getScaledInstance(50,50,0);
ImageIcon smallLogo = new ImageIcon(smallLogoImg);
```

9.8 Close Operation Override

A WindowListener allows a process to be activated when the mouse is used.

10 Useful Techniques

10.1 Inheritance: Timer

This class uses inheritance to extend JLabel and create an animated TimerLabel

```
//Library Class - Import
import javax.swing.*;
import java.awt.*;
import java.awt.event.*;
```

```
public TimerLabel()
{
    Timer t = new Timer(10, this);
    t.start();
}
```

```
public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e)
{
    counter++;
    this.setText(counter+"");
}
```

10.2 Printing

Copy the **PrintUtilities.java** file from the shared drive in to the same folder as your source code.

//The PrintUtilities class has been written by someone
else

PrintUtilities.printComponent(panelOne);

10.3 Button Arrays

```
JButton[][] theButtons = new JButton[3][3]; //3x3
//Declare Button Array
```

```
JPanel panelBoard = new JPanel(new GridLayout(3,3));
//Declare Panel with a GridLayout, 1 cell per button
```

```
//Creating the Buttons - Part 1

for(int i=0;i<3;i++) //Loop through rows
{
    for(int j=0;j<3;j++)// Loop through cols
    {
        //Create a new button
        //Attach an Action Listener to the button
        //Add button in Button Array
        //Add to button to Panel
    }
}</pre>
```

```
//Creating the Buttons - Part 2

JButton temp = new JButton(i+" "+j);
//Create a new button

temp.addActionListener(this);
//Attach an Action Listener to the button

theButtons[i][j]=temp;
//Place button in Button Array

panelBoard.add(theButtons[i][j]);
//Add to Panel
```

10.4 ArrayList

An ArrayList is similar to an array but can only be used to store objects. If primitive types are stored, they will be converted using *Autoboxing*.

```
ArrayList<Person> personList=new ArrayList<Person>();
```

```
//Add Items to an ArrayList
Person temp = new Person("Ivan", "Black", "2221111");
personList.add(new Person(temp);
```

```
//Fill TableModel from ArrayList
for (int i = 0; i < personList.size(); i++)
{
   String fname = originalLeagueList.get(i).getForename();
   String same = originalLeagueList.get(i).getSurname();
   String phone = originalLeagueList.get(i).getPhone();

   Object[] data = {fname, sname, phone};

   tableModel.addRow(data); //Declared globally
}</pre>
```

```
//Optional - convert existing array to ArrayList
String[] stringArray = {"a","b","c","d","e"};
ArrayList<String> arrayList = new
    ArrayList<String>(Arrays.asList(stringArray));
```

10.5 Passing a JFrame

It is possible to pass a JFrame into a subclass as a parameter. This can be done using a constructor

```
SubGUI sg = new SubGUI(this);
```

```
public class SubGUI extends JFrame
{
    JFrame parentFrame;

    //constructor
    public SubGUI(JFrame tempParent)
    {
        parentFrame = tempParent;
        parentFrame.setVisible(false);
    }
}
```

Java Conventions

Conventions are rules which programmers follow to make their code more readable for themselves and other programmers. Below are several conventions you should attempt to adhere to:

Convention	Example
Class names	public class FirstProgram
	//Starts with an uppercase letter
Method	<pre>public static void main(String[] args)</pre>
names	
	<pre>//Starts with a lowercase letter and ends with brackets</pre>
Variable	<pre>int age;</pre>
names	
	//Starts with a lowercase letter

The Semicolon

A semicolon is used to end a statement.

Correct	Example
Output	<pre>System.out.println("Hello World");</pre>
Input	<pre>name = inputScanner.nextLine();</pre>
Calculation	<pre>answer = number1+ number2;</pre>
Method Call	<pre>mp.changeName("Phil");</pre>

Incorrect	Example
Class	<pre>public class FirstProgram;</pre>
Declaration	
Method	<pre>public static void main(String[] args);</pre>
Declaration	
IF statement	<pre>if(iAge<18);</pre>
WHILE loop	<pre>while(bottles<100);</pre>
FOR loop	for(int i=0;i<100;i++);