# Introduction to GUI Programming (Part I)



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#### Agenda



- The Basic GUI Application
- Basic Components
- Basic Layout
- Menus

#### Introduction to GUI



- Computer users today expect to interact with their computers using a graphical user interface (GUI)
- Java can be used to write GUI programs ranging from simple applets which run on a Web page to sophisticated stand-alone applications.
- One big difference is that GUI programs are event-driven

## **Event-driven Programming**



- Events are user actions
  - Clicking on a button
  - Pressing a key on the keyboard generate events
- The program must respond to these events as they occur
- Objects are everywhere in GUI programming
  - Events are objects
  - GUI components such as buttons and menus are objects

#### The Basic GUI Application



- There are two basic types of GUI program in Java
  - Stand-alone applications
  - Applets
- A stand-alone application is a program that runs on its own, without depending on a Web browser
- An applet is a program that runs in a rectangular area on a Web page
  - Applets are generally small programs

#### A GUI "Hello World" Program



```
import javax.swing.JOptionPane;
public class HelloWorldGUI1 {
 public static void main(String[] args) {
   JOptionPane.showMessageDialog( null, "Hello
World!");
```

#### **Program Output**



- When this program is run, a window appears on the screen that contains the message "Hello World!"
- The window also contains an "OK" button for the user to click after reading the message
- When the user clicks this button, the window closes and the program ends



#### HelloWorldGUI1 Explanation



- The reason the program was so easy to write is that all the work is done by
  - showMessageDialog(), a static method in the built-in class JOptionPane
- The source code "imports" the class javax.swing.JOptionPane to make it possible to refer to the JOptionPane class using its simple name
  - JOptionPane.showMessageDialog

#### HelloWorldGUI2 (1/4)



```
import java.awt.*;
import java.awt.event.*;
import javax.swing.*;
public class HelloWorldGUI2 {
    private static class HelloWorldDisplay extends
JPanel {
```

#### HelloWorldGUI2 (2/4)



```
public void paintComponent(Graphics g) {
       super.paintComponent(g);
       g.drawString("Hello World!", 20, 30);
private static class ButtonHandler implements ActionListener {
   public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
       System.exit(0);
```

#### HelloWorldGUI2 (3/4)



```
public static void main(String[] args) {
 HelloWorldDisplay displayPanel = new HelloWorldDisplay();
 JButton okButton = new JButton("OK");
 ButtonHandler listener = new ButtonHandler();
 okButton.addActionListener(listener);
 JPanel content = new JPanel();
 content.setLayout(new BorderLayout());
 content.add(displayPanel, BorderLayout.CENTER);
 content.add(okButton, BorderLayout.SOUTH);
```

#### HelloWorldGUI2 (4/4)



```
JFrame window = new JFrame("GUI Test");
window.setContentPane(content);
window.setSize(250,100);
window.setLocation(100,100);
window.setVisible(true);
```

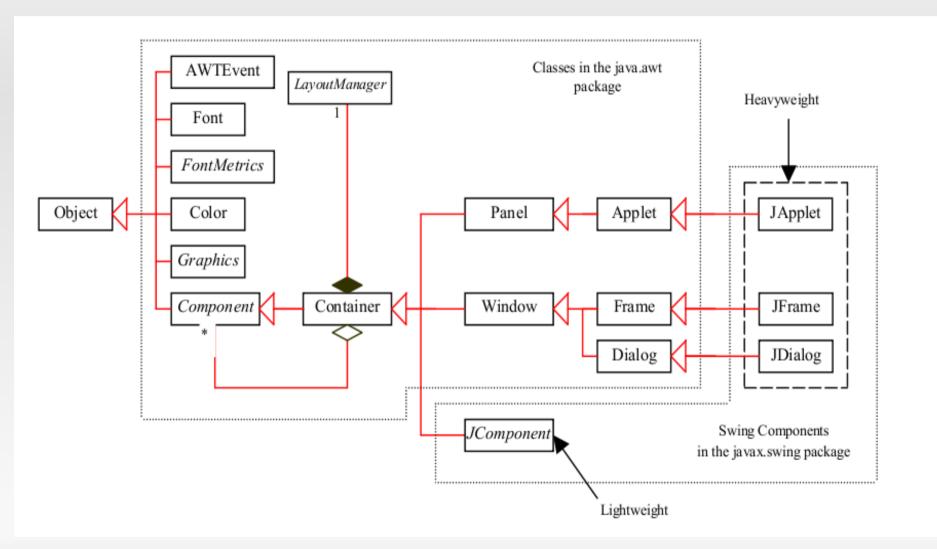
## HelloWorldGUI2 Output



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Hello World!			
	OK		
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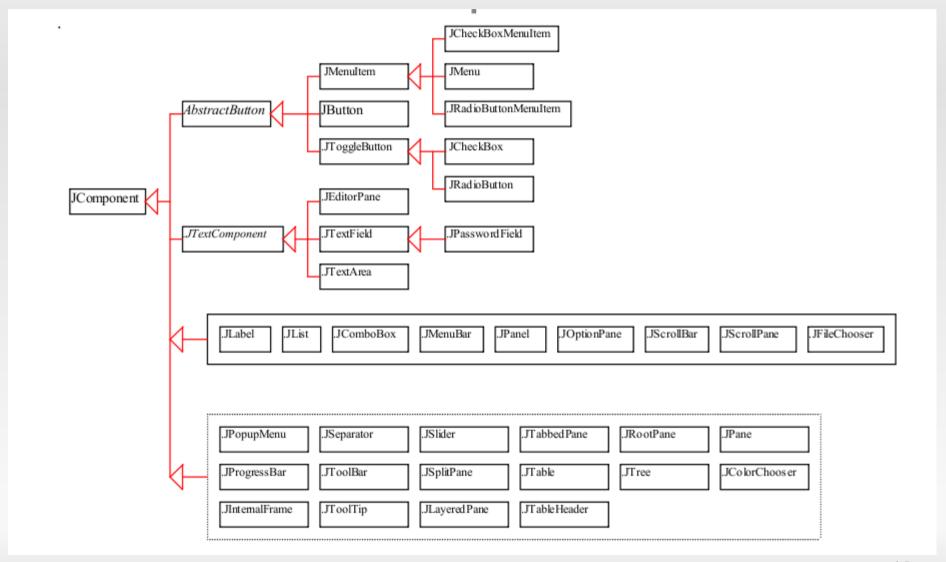
## Graphics Class Hierarchy





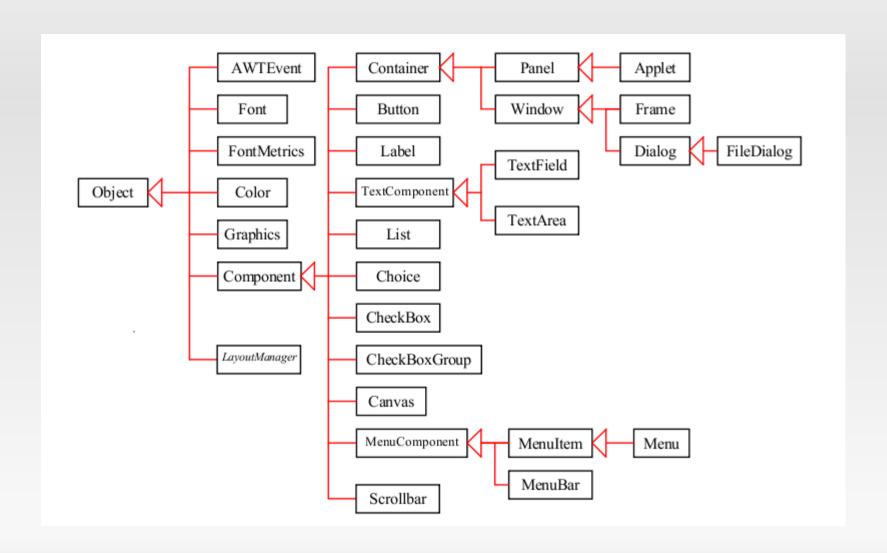
#### JComponent and Its Subclasses











## AWT and swing (1/2)



- There have been three major versions of the graphical user interface
- The GUI that Java offers has changed with each version of Java.
- Java 1.0
  - This offered the AWT (Abstract Windowing Toolkit) which was a basic set of tools for a GUI, but it lacked some important features
  - It is now considered obsolete and should not be used.

## AWT and swing (2/2)



#### Java 1.1

- This version made a basic change in event handling of the AWT
- It is still commonly used in applets so that the applets work on all versions of browsers
- However, using these AWT components is not a good idea for new applications because they are much more limited.
- Java 1.2/2.0
  - This introduced the Swing GUI, which provides the facilities to create a really good interface

#### Using Swing Components, not **AWT**



- Never mix the components from Swing and AWT
  - The Swing component names generally start with 'J' (eg JButton), and the AWT components don't (eg Button).
- Use Swing components because they are "lighter", faster, and use less memory
- Use some AWT classes, such as Graphics, Color, Font, ...

#### Packages Needed to Import



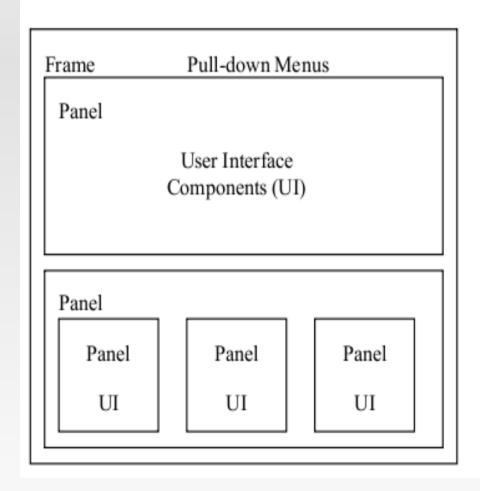
- For a graphical user interface, you typically have these import statements:
  - import java.awt.\*;
  - import java.awt.event.\*;
  - import javax.swing.\*;
  - import javax.swing.event.\*;
- There are many other packages, but these are the most common. Note that the AWT packages are in "java" and the Swing classes are in "javax"

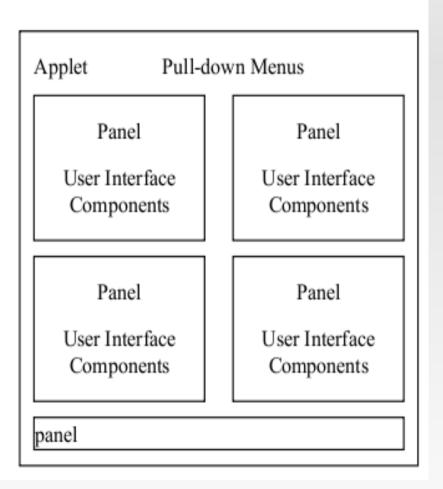
#### **GUI Components**

- In a Java GUI program, each GUI component in the interface is represented by an object
- One of the most fundamental types of component is the window
  - Windows have many behaviors
  - They can be opened and closed
  - They can be resized
  - They have "titles" that are displayed in the title bar above the window
  - They can contain other GUI components such as buttons and menus

## **UI Components**







#### **GUI Overview**



- GUI is easy to create after you have a few basic elements from these groups
  - Top-level Containers (eg, JFrame)
  - Intermediate Containers (eg, JPanel, JMenuBar)
  - Layouts (eg., FlowLayout, BorderLayout)
  - Components (eg, JButton, JLabel)
  - Listeners (eg, ActionListener)

#### **Top-level Containers**



- Top-level Containers are windows (JFrame, JDialog)
- Each window has two intermediate containers
  - A menubar which contains the menus and
  - The content pane which holds the components

#### **Intermediate Containers**



- Intermediate Containers (eg, JPanel) contain components
- Components are added to the intermediate container
- Every container has a layout manager, which specifies how the components are arranged in the container

#### Layouts



- Layouts specify how to arrange components in a JPanel (or other intermediate container)
- Every JPanel starts with a default layout manager but it's better to set it explicitly
- Use one of Java's layout managers
  - FlowLayout
  - BorderLayout
  - GridLayout

#### Components



- Components are the user interface controls like buttons (JButton), text boxes (JTextField, JTextArea), menus
- These components are added to a container with the add() method, and the place they appear on a container is determined by the layout which is used for that container

#### Listeners



- Listeners are attached to components and contain the code that is called when the component is used (eg., a button is clicked)
- This is how a user action on a component(such as a click on a JButton or moving a JSlider) is connected to a Java method

#### **Optional Graphics Setting**



- Setting Color by using class Color
- Setting Font by using class Font
- Draw many shapes by using drawxxx() methods
- Setting Animation
- Setting Mouse Pointer
- Setting Sound

## **JFrame (1/2)**



- There are actually several different types of window, but the most common type is represented by the JFrame class (which is included in the package javax.swing)
- A JFrame is an independent window that can, for example, act as the main window of an application
- One of the most important things to understand is that a JFrame object comes with many of the behaviors of windows already programmed in

## **JFrame (2/2)**



- JFrame comes with the basic properties shared by all windows, such as a titlebar and the ability to be opened and closed
- Since a JFrame comes with these behaviors, you don't have to program them yourself!
  - This is, of course, one of the central ideas of objectoriented programming
- What a JFrame doesn't come with is content
  - If you don't add any other content to a JFrame, it will just display a large blank area.

## Creating JFrame Object



- // Declares a variable, window, of type JFrame and sets it to refer to a new window object with the statement:
  - JFrame window = new JFrame("GUI Test");
- The parameter in the constructor, "GUI Test", specifies the title that will be displayed in the titlebar of the window
- This line creates the window object, but the window itself is not yet visible on the screen

#### JFrame1



```
import javax.swing.*;
public class JFrame1 {
public static void main(String[] args) {
JFrame window = new JFrame("GUI Test");
window.setSize(250,100);
                                   GUI Test
window.setLocation(100,100);
window.setVisible(true);
```

#### JFrame1 Explanation



- // window will be 250 pixels wide and 100 pixels high window.setSize(250,100);
- // the upper left corner of the window will be 100 pixels
   // over from the left edge of the screen and 100 pixels
   // down from the top
   window.setLocation(100,100);
- // window is actually made visible on the screen with // the command: window.setVisible(true);

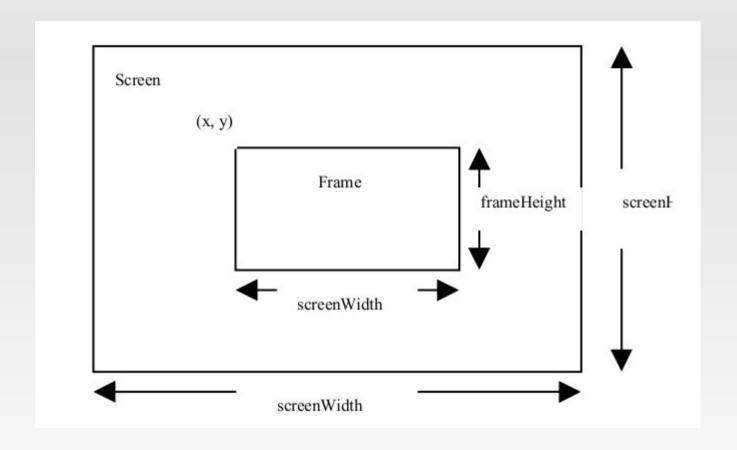
#### **Centering Frame**



- By default, a frame is displayed in the upper-left corner of the screen
- To display a frame at a specified location, you can use the setLocation(x,y) method in the JFrame class
- This method places the upper-left corner of a frame at location (x,y)

#### Frame Size and Location





### **Content Pane**



- The content that is displayed in a JFrame is called its content pane
- The content can be a component of type JPanel
- Then we can replace the original blank content pane with a JPanel object
  - window.setContentPane(content)

## Using Panels as Containers



- Panels act as smaller containers for grouping user interface components
- It is recommended that you place the user interface components in panels and place the panels in a frame
- You can also place panels in a panel

#### **JPanel**



- JPanel is another of the fundamental classes in Swing
- The basic JPanel is, again, just a blank rectangle
- There are two ways to make a useful JPanel
  - The first is to add other components to the panel
  - The second is to draw something in the panel.

### Adding a Component



```
public class JFrame2 {
public static void main(String[] args) {
JFrame window = new JFrame("Component Test");
JPanel panel = new JPanel();
JButton button = new JButton("Submit");
panel.add(button);
                                         Component Test
window.add(panel);
                                                Submit
window.setSize(250,100);
window.setLocation(100,100);
window.setVisible(true);
```

### **Layout Managers**



- Java's layout managers provide a level of abstraction to automatically map your user interface on all windowing systems.
- The UI components are placed in containers
- Each container has a layout manager to arrange the UI components within the container

# Kinds of Layouts Managers (1/2)



#### FlowLayout

- Arranges components in the order left-to-right, topto-bottom (by default)
- We can set components in the order right-to-left as well

#### BorderLayout

 Lays out components in BorderLayout.NORTH, EAST, SOUTH, WEST, and CENTER sections.

# Kinds of Layout Managers (2/2)



#### GridLayout

 Lays out components in equal sized rectangular grid, added r-t-l, top-to-bottom.

#### CardLayout

 Panels are placed on top of each other like stack of cards -- only one visible at a time

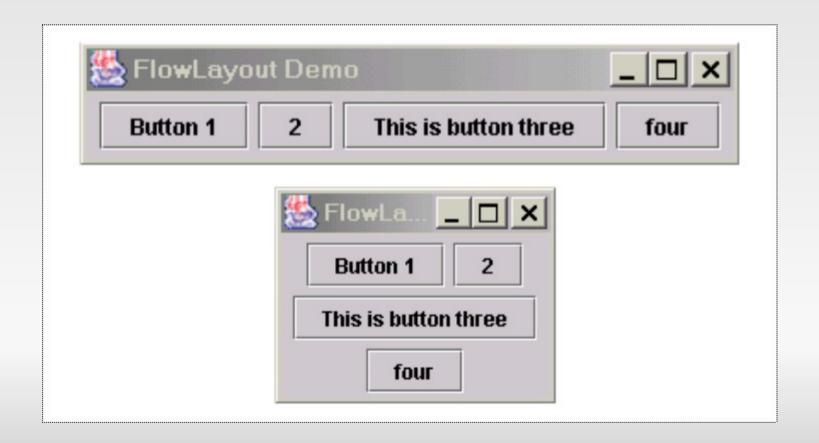
#### GridBagLayout

 Panel divided into rows&cols of possibly unequal size. Overall best, but difficult

### FlowLayout Examples



- The components are arranged in the container from left to right in the order in which they were added
- When one row becomes filled, a new row is started.



## FlowLayoutDemo (1/2)



```
import java.awt.*;
import javax.swing.*;
public class FlowLayoutDemo {
public static void addComponents(Container contentPane) {
    contentPane.setLayout(new FlowLayout());
    contentPane.add(new JButton("Button 1"));
    contentPane.add(new JButton("2"));
    contentPane.add(new JButton("This is button three"));
    contentPane.add(new JButton("four"));
```

## FlowLayoutDemo (2/2)

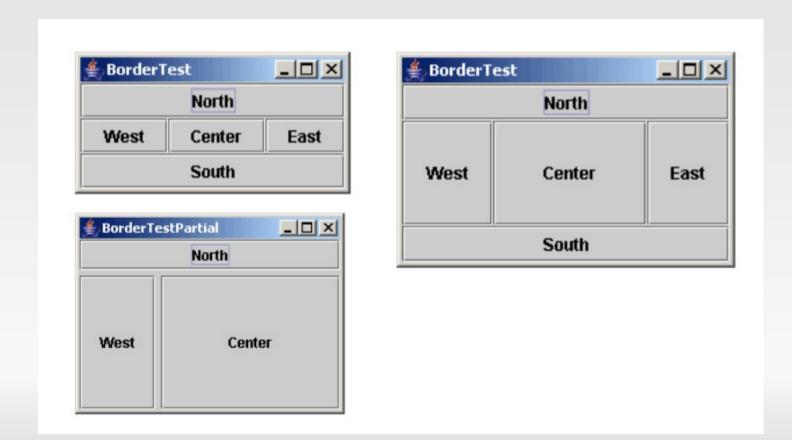


```
public static void main(String[] args) {
JFrame frame = new JFrame("FlowLayoutDemo");
addComponents(frame.getContentPane());
    // adjust frame size to fit with
    // all components inside the frame
    frame.pack();
    frame.setLocation(100,100);
    frame.setVisible(true);
```

### **BorderLayout Examples**



 BorderLayout manager divides the window into five areas: East, South, West, North, and Center



### BorderLayoutDemo



```
import java.awt.*;
import javax.swing.*;
public class BorderLayoutDemo {
public static void addComponents(Container cp) {
    cp.setLayout(new BorderLayout());
    cp.add(new Button("North"), BorderLayout.NORTH);
    cp.add(new Button("South"), BorderLayout.SOUTH);
    cp.add(new Button("East"), BorderLayout.EAST);
    cp.add(new Button("West"), BorderLayout.WEST);
    cp.add(new Button("Center"), BorderLayout.CENTER);
```

### GridLayout Examples



- GridLayout arranges components in a grid (matrix) formation with the number of rows and columns defined by the constructor
- The components are placed in the grid from left to right starting with the first row, then the second, and so on.

### GridLayoutDemo



```
import java.awt.*;
import javax.swing.*;
public class GridLayoutDemo {
public static void addComponents(Container cp) {
    cp.setLayout(new GridLayout(2,2));
    cp.add(new Button("Button 1"));
    cp.add(new Button("2"));
    cp.add(new Button(""));
    cp.add(new Button("This is button three"));
```

## Basic GUI Components



- JButton: Standard clickable button
- JLabel: Displaying fixed text
- JTextField: Box that accepts one line of text
- JTextArea: Box that contains multiple lines of text separated by '\n'
- JCheckBox: Check box followed by text
- JList: List of string values
- JMenuBar, JMenu, JMenuItem: Components for creating menus

### **JButton**



The JButton class has a constructor that takes a string as a parameter.

- This string becomes the text displayed on the button
- Example:
  - JButton stopGoButton = new JButton("Go")
- This creates a button object that will display the text, "Go" (but remember that the button must still be added to a container before it can appear on the screen)

### **JLabel**



- JLabel exists just to display a line of text
- The constructor for a JLabel specifies the text to be displayed:
  - JLabel message = new JLabel("Hello World!");
- The text cannot be edited by the user, although it can be changed by using setText(String newText) method
  - message.setText("Goodbye World!");

### JTextField and JTextArea



- JTextField and JTextArea classes represent components that contain text that can be edited
- A JTextField holds a single line of text, while a JTextArea can hold multiple lines
- The contents of the component can be retrieved by calling its getText() instance method, which returns a value of type String
- Its content also can be set by using setText()
- If you want to stop the user from modifying the text, you can call setEditable(false)

### **JTextField**



- You can declare a text field by specifying the number of characters that should be visible in the text field
  - JTextField name = new JTextField(10);
- You can use the following constructors, which specify the initial contents of the text field:
  - public JTextField(String contents);
  - public JTextField(String contents, int columns);

### JTextFieldDemo (1/2)



```
3 import java.awt.*;
4 import javax.swing.*;
 5 public class JTextFieldDemo {
      public static void addComponents(Container cp) {
 6⊜
           cp.setLayout(new FlowLayout());
           JLabel name = new JLabel("name:");
 8
           JTextField nameInput =
               new JTextField("Kanda ", 15);
10
11
           cp.add(name);
12
           cp.add(nameInput);
13
```

### JTextFieldDemo (2/2)



```
public static void main(String[] args) {
15⊜
16
           JFrame frame = new JFrame("JTextFieldDemo");
17
           JPanel content = new JPanel();
           addComponents(content);
18
           JPanel buttonPane = new JPanel();
19
           buttonPane.add(new JButton("Submit"));
20
21
           frame.setLayout(new BorderLayout());
22
           frame.add(content, BorderLayout.NORTH);
23
           frame.add(buttonPane,
24
                   BorderLayout. AFTER LAST LINE);
25
           // Display the window.
26
           frame.pack();
           frame.setLocation(100, 100);
27
28
           frame.setVisible(true);
29
30 1
```

▼ JTextFieldDemo _ □ X				
name: Kanda				
	Submit			

### **JTextArea**



- JTextArea can be created by specifying the number of rows and columns in the text area
  - JTextArea ta = new JTextArea(rows, cols);
- JTextArea also has gets and sets methods
  - String s = ta.getText();
  - ta.setText(s); //Sets text to s.
- JTextArea supports appending & inserting text
  - ta.append(s); //Adds s to end of existing text
  - ta.insert(s, pos); //Inserts s at position pos.

### **JScrollPane**



- To scroll a text area to see all the text, a text area should come with scroll bars
- To get scroll bars for a text area, you have to put the JTextArea inside another component, called a JScrollPane
- This can be done as follows:
  - JTextArea inputArea = new JTextArea();
  - JScrollPane scroller = new JScrollPane(inputArea);

### JScrollPane and JTextArea



- The scroll pane provides scroll bars that can be used to scroll the text in the text area
- The scroll bars will appear only when needed, that is when the size of the text exceeds the size of the text area
- Note that when you want to put the text area into a container, you should add the scroll pane, not the text area itself, to the container

#### **JTextAreaDemo**



```
public static void addComponents(Container cp) {
 6⊜
 7
           cp.setLayout(new FlowLayout());
 8
           // text area with 4 rows and 20 columns
 9
           JTextArea news = new JTextArea(4, 20);
10
           news.setLineWrap(true);
11
           news.setWrapStyleWord(true);
12
           news.setText("A leading academic Monday urged Cabinet ");
13
           news.append("members to intervene in the decision of ");
14
           news.append("universities to increase the number of ");
15
           news.append("Professional Aptitude Tests (PATs).");
16
           JScrollPane sp = new JScrollPane(news);
17
           cp.add(sp);
18
19⊜
       public static void main(String[] args) {
20
           JFrame frame = new JFrame("JTextAreaDemo");
21
           addComponents(frame.getContentPane());
22
           frame.pack();
23
           frame.setLocation(100, 100);
24
           frame.setVisible(true);
25
```

### JTextAreaDemo Result











A leading academic Monday urged Cabinet members to intervene in the decision of universities to increase the number of



## JTextArea setLineWrap Method



- setLineWrap(boolean wrap)
  - Tells what should happen when a line of text is too long to be displayed in the text area
  - If wrap is true, then any line that is too long will be "wrapped" onto the next line
  - If wrap is false, the line will simply extend outside the text area, and the user will have to scroll the text area horizontally to see the entire line
  - The default value of wrap is false.

### JTextArea setWrapStyleWord



- Sets the style of wrapping used if the text area is wrapping lines
- If set to true the lines will be wrapped at word boundaries (whitespace)
- If they are too long to fit within the allocated width. If set to false, the lines will be wrapped at character boundaries
- By default this property is false.

### **CheckBox and Radio Buttons**



- Any number of check boxes in a group none, some, or all — can be selected
- A group of radio buttons, on the other hand, can have only one button selected
- JCheckBox can be created using these constructors
  - new JCheckBox(String name)
  - new JCheckBox(String name,boolean isSelected)

#### **JCheckBoxDemo**



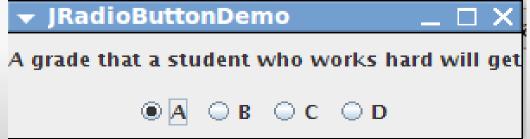
```
public static void addComponents(Container cp) {
        cp.setLayout(new GridLayout(2,1));
 8
        JLabel label = new JLabel("Languages that you know well");
 9
        JPanel boxes = new JPanel();
10
        boxes.setLayout(new FlowLayout());
11
        JCheckBox cPlusPlus = new JCheckBox("C++", true);
12
        JCheckBox php = new JCheckBox("PHP");
13
        JCheckBox java = new JCheckBox("Java", true);
        JCheckBox javascript = new JCheckBox("JavaScript");
14
15
        boxes.add(cPlusPlus);
16
        boxes.add(php);
17
        boxes.add(java);
18
        boxes.add(javascript);
19
        cp.add(label);
20
        cp.add(boxes);
21
22 public static void main(String[] args) {
23
        JFrame frame = new JFrame("JCheckBoxDemo");
24
       addComponents(frame.getContentPane());
25
        frame.pack():
```



#### **JRadioButtonDemo**



```
6 public class JRadioButtonDemo {
      public static void addComponents(Container cp) {
7⊜
           cp.setLayout(new GridLayout(2,1));
8
           JLabel label = new JLabel("A grade that a student who w
9
           JPanel grades = new JPanel();
10
           JRadioButton a = new JRadioButton("A", true);
           JRadioButton b = new JRadioButton("B");
           JRadioButton c = new JRadioButton("C");
           JRadioButton d = new JRadioButton("D");
           grades.add(a);
16
          grades.add(b):
           grades.add(c);
18
           grades.add(d);
19
           cp.add(label);
20
           cp.add(grades);
      public static void main(String[] args) {
23
           JFrame frame = new JFrame("JRadioButtonDemo");
           addComponents(frame.getContentPane());
25
           frame.pack():
```



### **JComboBox**



- JComboBox class provides a way to let the user select one option from a list of options.
- The options are presented as a kind of pop-up menu, and only the currently selected option is visible
- When a JComboBox object is first constructed, it initially contains no items
- An item is added to the bottom of the menu by calling the combo box's instance method, addItem(str), where str is the string that will be displayed in the menu

#### **JComboBox**

- JComboBoxes have a nifty feature, which is probably not all that useful in practice. You can make a JComboBox "editable" by calling its method setEditable(true)
- If you do this, the user can edit the selection by clicking on the JComboBox and typing
- This allows the user to make a selection that is not in the pre-configured list that you provide
- The "Combo" in the name "JComboBox" refers to the fact that it's a kind of combination of menu and text-input box.)

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#### **JComboBoxDemo**



```
5 public class JComboBoxDemo {
       public static void addComponents(Container cp) {
 6⊜
           cp.setLayout(new GridLayout(2,1));
 8
           JLabel label = new JLabel("Which color that you li
9
           cp.add(label);
           JComboBox colorChoice = new JComboBox();
10
11
           colorChoice.addItem("Red");
12
           colorChoice.addItem("Blue");
13
           colorChoice.addItem("Green");
14
           colorChoice.addItem("Black");
15
           colorChoice.setEditable(true);
16
           cp.add(colorChoice);
17
18⊜
       public static void main(String[] args) {
           JFrame frame = new JFrame("JComboBoxDemo");
19
20
           addComponents(frame.getContentPane());
           frame.pack();
21
22
           frame.setLocation(100, 100);
23
           frame.setVisible(true);
24
```

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Which color th	at you lil
Yellow	
Red	
Blue	
Green	
Black	

### **JListDemo**



```
3import java.awt.*;
 4 import javax.swing.*;
 5 public class JListDemo {
       public static void addComponents(Container cp) {
 6⊜
           cp.setLayout(new BorderLayout());
 8
           String labels[] = { "Zero", "One", "Two", "Three",
                   "Four", "Five", "Six",
                      "Seven", "Eight", "Nine", "Ten", "Eleven" };
10
11
           JList ilist = new JList(labels);
                                                                      ▼ JListDemo
12
           JScrollPane scrollPane1 = new JScrollPane(jlist);
                                                                     Zero
13
           cp.add(scrollPane1, BorderLayout.NORTH);
                                                                     One
14
           cp.add(new JButton("Print"), BorderLayout.SOUTH);
                                                                     Two
15
                                                                     Three
       public static void main(String[] args) {
16⊜
                                                                     Four
           JFrame frame = new JFrame("JListDemo");
17
                                                                     Five
18
           addComponents(frame.getContentPane());
                                                                     Six
19
           frame.pack();
                                                                     Seven
20
           frame.setLocation(100, 100);
                                                                            Print
21
           frame.setVisible(true);
22
```

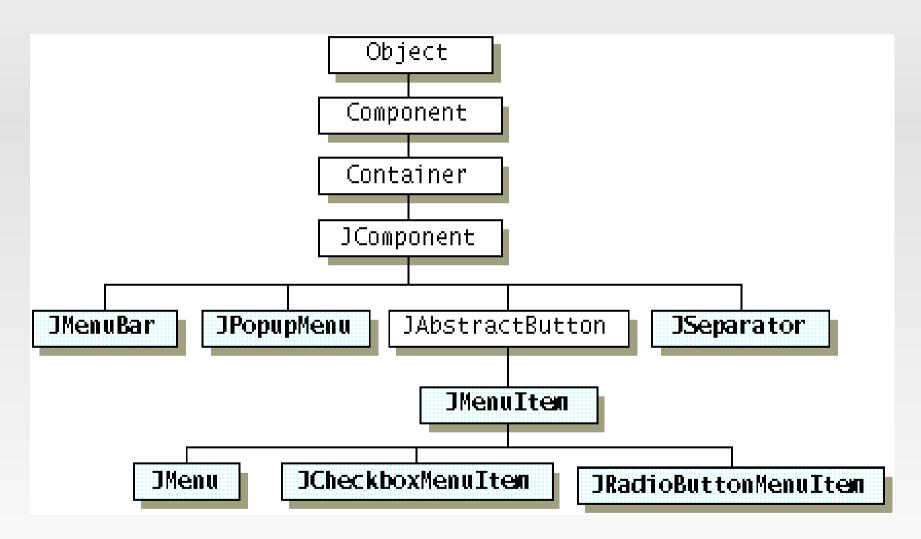
#### Menus



- Menus are unique in that, by convention, they aren't placed with the other components in the UI
- Instead, a menu usually appears either in a menu bar or as a popup menu
- A menu bar contains one or more menus and has a customary, platform-dependent location — usually along the top of a window

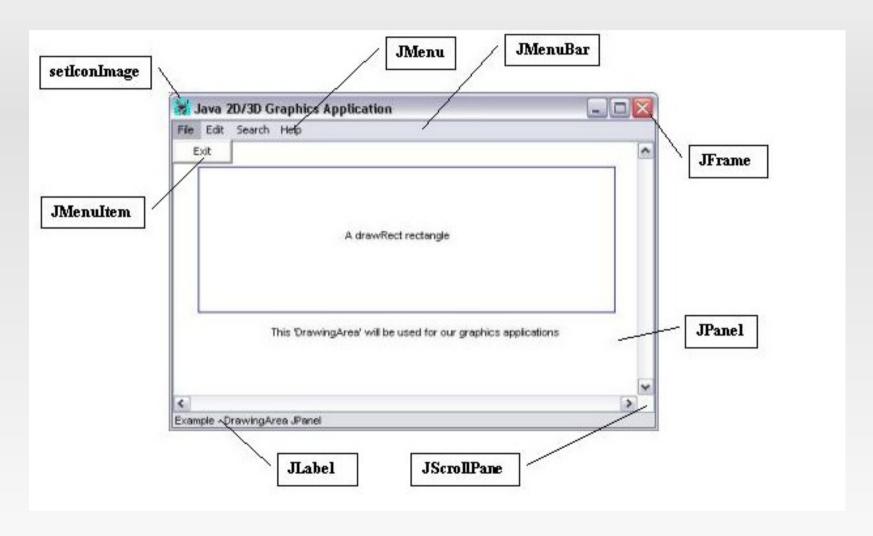
# JMenu Hierarchy





# JComponent in Action





#### **JMenuBar**



- Once a menu has been created, it must be added to a menu bar
- A menu bar is represented by the class
   JMenuBar and it's just a container for menus
- It has an add(JMenu) method that can be used to add menus to the menu bar
- Example:
  - JMenuBar menuBar = new JMenuBar();
  - JMenu menu = new JMenu("File");
  - menuBar.add(menu);

#### **JMenultem**



- The items in a menu are represented by the class JMenuItem
- Menu items are used in almost exactly the same way as buttons
- Constructors of JMenuItem
  - JMenuItem menuItem = new JMenuItem("New");
  - menu.add(menuItem);

#### JMenultem with Icon



- We can use the constructor that accepts the object in class Icon
- How to create an icon by loading an image file
- There are many ways to load resource files in java app
- The recommended way to do is
  - Class.getResource("resource\_name") or Class.getResourceAsStream("resource\_name") then you will get URL and InputStream respectively.

# Using function getResource()



- If we want to use it in an instance method, we can use "this"
- Example
  - this.getClass().getResource("/resource/buttons1.png")
  - this.getClass().
     getResourceAsStream("/resource/TX\_Jello2.ttf")
- If we want to use it in a static method, we can use the static member "class" of the class name
- Example
   JMenuLookDemo.class.getResource("/images/open.png")
  - In this example, JMenuLookDemo is the class name

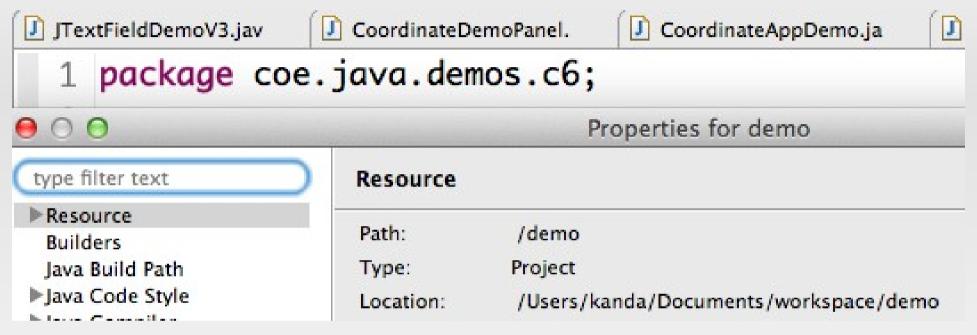
## **Example of Image Location**



- Suppose that "Sample" class in in package "coe.acp" and is located at and you use eclipse
- You need to go to the project folder and then go to the "bin" directory of that folder
- Then put the image files there or create the folder that contains the images there
- Example:
  - The class location is at /home/kanda/workspace/labs/bin/coe/acp/Sample
  - The image file is at /home/kanda/workspace/labs/bin/images/open-icon.png

# Sample Project and Images Location

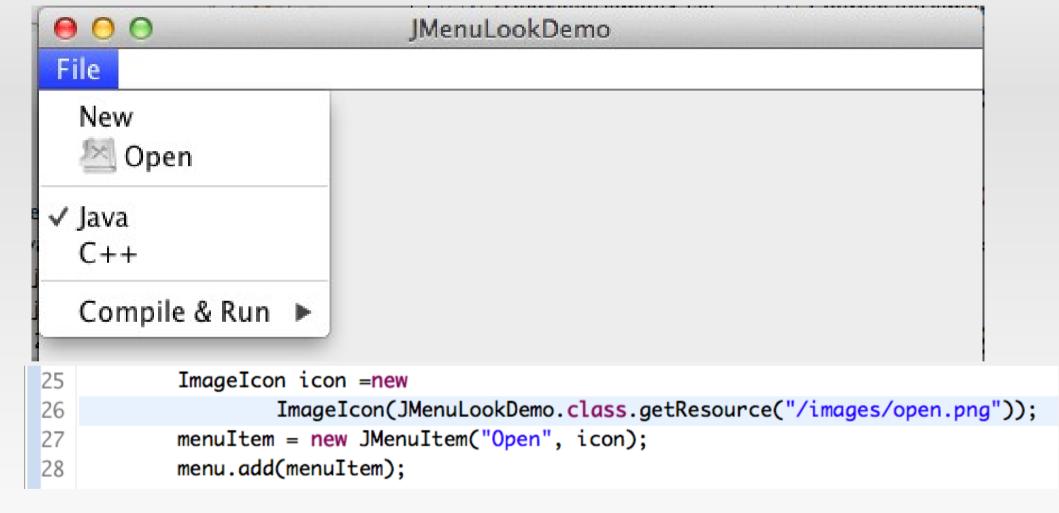




Kandas-MacBook-Air:images kanda\$ pwd
/Users/kanda/Documents/workspace/demo/bin/images
Kandas-MacBook-Air:images kanda\$ ls
open.png

# Sample Code to Display the Menultem with Icon





# Using Submenus



- You can add submenus into menu items
- First, you need to create a JMenu object that contains many JMenuItem objects
- Then, add the JMenuObject as a JMenuItem of the main menu
- Example:
  - JMenu submenu = new JMenu("Compile & Run");
  - submenu.add(new JMenuItem("Compile"));
  - submenu.add(new JMenuItem("Run"));
  - menu.add(submenu)

## Using Menu Bar in Window

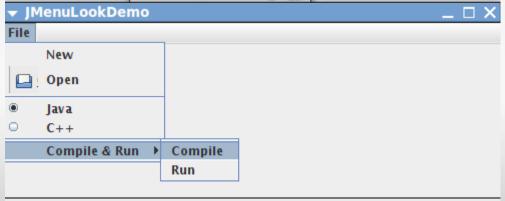


- The final step in using menus is to use the menu bar in a JApplet or JFrame
- We have already seen that an applet or frame has a "content pane."
- The menu bar is another component of the applet or frame, not contained inside the content pane
- Example:
  - frame.setJMenuBar(menuBar);

# MenuLookDemo (1/2)



```
3 import javax.swing.*;
 4 public class JMenuLookDemo {
 5⊜
      public static void main(String[] args) {
           JFrame frame = new JFrame("JMenuLookDemo");
 6
 8
           JMenuBar menuBar = new JMenuBar();
           JMenu menu = new JMenu("File");
           menuBar.add(menu);
11
           JMenuItem menuItem = new JMenuItem("New");
           menu.add(menuItem);
14
15
           menuItem = new JMenuItem("Open", new ImageIcon(
                   "images/openIcon.png"));
16
           menu.add(menuItem);
17
```



# MenuLookDemo (2/2)



```
19
           // a group of radio button menu items
20
           menu.addSeparator();
21
           ButtonGroup group = new ButtonGroup();
           JRadioButtonMenuItem rb1 =
22
                new JRadioButtonMenuItem("Java");
23
24
            rb1.setSelected(true);
25
           JRadioButtonMenuItem rb2 =
26
                new JRadioButtonMenuItem("C++");
27
           group.add(rb1);
28
           group.add(rb2);
29
           menu.add(rb1);
30
           menu.add(rb2);
31
           // a submenu
32
           menu.addSeparator();
           JMenu submenu = new JMenu("Compile & Run");
33
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           submenu.add(new JMenuItem("Compile"));
35
            submenu.add(new JMenuItem("Run"));
36
           menu.add(submenu);
                                           JMenuLookDemo
37
                                         File
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            frame.setJMenuBar(menuBar);
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                                             C++
                                             Compile & Run > Compile
                                                       Run
```

# How to position the window at the center of the screen



```
// Get the size of the screen
Dimension dim = Toolkit.getDefaultToolkit().getScreenSize();
// Determine the new location of the window
int w = window.getSize().width;
int h = window.getSize().height;
int x = (\dim.width-w)/2;
int y = (dim.height-h)/2;
// Move the window
window.setLocation(x, y);
```

### References



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