
Swing Containers and Components



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Demo project:
DemoSwingContainersComponents



1. Using Panes

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Overview of Panes

- Panes provide areas of "real estate" on a top level window
 - Each frame has a content pane
- There are several pane classes available
 - `JPanel` is the simplest 😊
- We'll investigate the various panel classes in this section
 - See the `PaneDemo.java` sample code



Using JPanel

- This example shows how to create and use a simple JPanel pane in a frame window

```
public void demoJPanel() {  
  
    // Create a JFrame and a JPanel.  
    JFrame frame = new JFrame("Frame using JPanel");  
    JPanel pane = new JPanel();  
  
    // Configure the JPanel as you like.  
    pane.setBackground(Color.red);  
    pane.setBorder(BorderFactory.createLineBorder(Color.yellow, 3));  
    pane.setLayout(new FlowLayout(FlowLayout.LEFT, 10, 10));  
  
    // Add components to the JPanel.  
    pane.add(new JTextField(20));  
    pane.add(new JButton("A Button"));  
  
    // Add JPanel to "content pane" of JFrame.  
    frame.getContentPane().add(pane);  
  
    // Display the frame.  
    frame.setSize(300, 200);  
    frame.setVisible(true);  
}
```

Using JScrollPane

- JScrollPane provides a scrollable view of a component
 - Adds scrollable behaviour to components

```
public void demoJScrollPane() {  
  
    JFrame frame = new JFrame("Frame using JScrollPane");  
    frame.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);  
  
    // Create a JTextArea, and wrap it in a JScrollPane.  
    JTextArea textarea = new JTextArea(10, 30);  
    JScrollPane pane    = new JScrollPane(textarea);  
  
    // Add JScrollPane to "content pane" of JFrame.  
    frame.getContentPane().add(pane);  
  
    // Display the frame.  
    frame.setSize(300, 100);  
    frame.setVisible(true);  
}
```

Using JSplitPane

- JSplitPane divides two (and only two) components
 - Split horizontally or vertically

```
public void demoJSplitPane() {
    JFrame frame = new JFrame("Frame using JSplitPane");
    frame.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);

    // Create two JTextAreas, and wrap each in its own JScrollPane.
    JTextArea textAreaT = new JTextArea(10, 30);
    JTextArea textAreaB = new JTextArea(10, 30);
    JScrollPane paneT = new JScrollPane(textAreaT);
    JScrollPane paneB = new JScrollPane(textAreaB);

    // Add the two JScrollPanes to a JSplitPane.
    JSplitPane splitPane = new JSplitPane(JSplitPane.VERTICAL_SPLIT, paneT, paneB);

    // Configure the panes in the JSplitPane.
    splitPane.setOneTouchExpandable(true);
    splitPane.setDividerLocation(100);
    paneT.setMinimumSize(new Dimension(100,50));
    paneB.setMinimumSize(new Dimension(100,50));

    // Add JSplitPane to frame, and display.
    frame.getContentPane().add(splitPane);
    frame.setSize(300, 300);
    frame.setVisible(true);
}
```

Using JToolBar

- JToolBar groups components into a row or column

```
public void demoJToolBar() {
    JFrame frame = new JFrame("Frame using JToolBar");
    frame.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);

    JTextArea textarea = new JTextArea(10, 30);
    JScrollPane scrollpane = new JScrollPane(textarea);

    JButton button1 = new JButton("Button1");
    button1.setActionCommand("OPEN");
    button1.setToolTipText("Open a file");

    JButton button2 = new JButton("Button2");
    button2.setActionCommand("CLOSE");
    button2.setToolTipText("Close a file");

    JToolBar toolbar = new JToolBar(); // Create toolbar.
    toolbar.add(button1);             // Add button1.
    toolbar.add(button2);             // And button2.

    JPanel mainpane = new JPanel();
    mainpane.setLayout(new BorderLayout());
    mainpane.add(toolbar, BorderLayout.PAGE_START);
    mainpane.add(scrollpane, BorderLayout.CENTER);

    frame.getContentPane().add(mainpane);
    frame.setSize(300, 300);
    frame.setVisible(true);
}
```


Using JTabbedPane

- JTabbedPane displays tabbed panes ☺

```
public void demoJTabbedPane() {
    JFrame frame = new JFrame("Frame using JTabbedPane");
    frame.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);

    // Create components for tab1 (wrap in a JPanel).
    JTextField textfield1 = new JTextField(30);
    JPanel panel1 = new JPanel();
    panel1.add(textfield1);

    // Create components for tab2 (wrap in a JPanel).
    JButton button2 = new JButton("A button");
    JPanel panel2 = new JPanel();
    panel2.add(button2);

    // Create a JTabbedPane, and add tabs.
    JTabbedPane tabbedPane = new JTabbedPane();
    tabbedPane.addTab("Tab 1", null, panel1, "Go to tab 1");
    tabbedPane.addTab("Tab 2", null, panel2, "Go to tab 2");

    // Add JTabbedPane to frame, and display.
    frame.getContentPane().add(tabbedPane);
    frame.setSize(300, 300);
    frame.setVisible(true);
}
```

2. Creating Components

- Overview of components
- Text fields and text areas
- Push buttons
- Check boxes
- Radio buttons
- Menus
- Other controls

Overview of Components

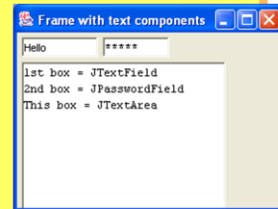
- Swing provides a wide range of components
 - Simple components, such as text boxes and buttons
 - More interesting components, such as progress bars and sliders
- We'll investigate various component classes in this section
 - See the `ComponentDemo.java` sample code

Text Fields and Text Areas

■ Useful classes:

- `JTextField` = Single line of text
- `JPasswordField` = Single line of text, displays as asterisks
- `TextArea` = Multiple lines of text
- `EditorPane` = Multiple lines of text in multiple fonts

```
public void demoText() {  
    JFrame frame = new JFrame("Frame with text components");  
    frame.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);  
  
    // Create a JPanel, to hold text components.  
    JPanel pane = new JPanel();  
    pane.setLayout(new FlowLayout(FlowLayout.LEFT));  
  
    // Add text components to JPanel.  
    pane.add(new JTextField(10));  
    pane.add(new JPasswordField(10));  
    JScrollPane scrollpane = new JScrollPane(new JTextArea(30, 30));  
    pane.add(scrollpane);  
  
    // Add JPanel to frame, and display.  
    frame.getContentPane().add(pane);  
    frame.setSize(300, 200);  
    frame.setVisible(true);  
}
```



Push Buttons (1 of 2)

- Use JButton and handle "action" events (see next slide)

```
public void demoPushButtons() {
    JFrame frame = new JFrame("Frame with buttons");
    frame.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);

    JButton b1 = new JButton("Hide icons", icon1);
    b1.setVerticalTextPosition(AbstractButton.CENTER);
    b1.setHorizontalTextPosition(AbstractButton.LEADING);
    b1.setMnemonic(KeyEvent.VK_H);
    b1.setActionCommand("hide");
    b1.setToolTipText("Click to hide icons on buttons");

    JButton b2 = new JButton("Show icons", icon2);
    b2.setVerticalTextPosition(AbstractButton.CENTER);
    b2.setHorizontalTextPosition(AbstractButton.TRAILING);
    b2.setMnemonic(KeyEvent.VK_S);
    b2.setActionCommand("show");
    b2.setToolTipText("Click to show icons on buttons");

    PushButtonActionListener listener = new PushButtonActionListener(); // See next slide
    b1.addActionListener(listener);
    b2.addActionListener(listener);

    JPanel pane = new JPanel();
    pane.setLayout(new FlowLayout(FlowLayout.LEFT));
    pane.add(b1);
    pane.add(b2);

    ...
}
```

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Push Buttons (2 of 2)

- Buttons generate "action" events
 - To handle action events, define a class that implements the ActionListener interface
 - Implement actionPerformed() to handle the event

```
// Inner class, to handle ActionEvents for the demoPushButtons() method.
class PushButtonActionListener implements ActionListener {

    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {

        if ("hide".equals(e.getActionCommand())) {
            b1.setIcon(null);
            b2.setIcon(null);
        }
        else if ("show".equals(e.getActionCommand())) {
            b1.setIcon(icon1);
            b2.setIcon(icon2);
        }
    }
}
```

Check Boxes (1 of 2)

- Use `JCheckBox` and listen for "item" events

```
public void demoCheckBoxes() {
    JFrame frame = new JFrame("Frame with check boxes");
    frame.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);

    JCheckBox cb1 = new JCheckBox("Ski hire");
    cb1.setMnemonic(KeyEvent.VK_S);
    cb1.setSelected(true);
    cb1.setToolTipText("Do you require ski hire?");

    JCheckBox cb2 = new JCheckBox("Boots hire");
    cb2.setMnemonic(KeyEvent.VK_B);
    cb2.setSelected(true);
    cb2.setToolTipText("Do you require boot hire?");

    CheckBoxItemListener listener = new CheckBoxItemListener(); // See next slide.
    cb1.addItemListener(listener);
    cb2.addItemListener(listener);

    JPanel pane = new JPanel();
    pane.setLayout(new FlowLayout(FlowLayout.LEFT));
    pane.add(cb1);
    pane.add(cb2);
    ...
}
```

Check Boxes (2 of 2)

- Check boxes generate "item" events
 - To handle them, define a class that implements `ItemListener`
 - Implement `itemStateChanged()` to handle the event

```
// Inner class, to handle ItemEvents for the demoCheckBoxes() method.
class CheckBoxItemListener implements ItemListener {

    public void itemStateChanged(ItemEvent e) {

        Object source = e.getItemSelectable();
        String label = "";

        if (source == cb1) {
            label = cb1.getText();
        }
        else if (source == cb2) {
            label = cb2.getText();
        }

        if (e.getStateChange() == ItemEvent.SELECTED) {
            System.out.println(label + " required");
        }
        else if (e.getStateChange() == ItemEvent.DESELECTED) {
            System.out.println(label + " not required");
        }
    }
}
```


Radio Buttons (1 of 2)

- Create group of JRadioButtons, await "action" events

```
public void demoRadioButtons() {  
    JFrame frame = new JFrame("Frame with radio buttons");  
    frame.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);  
  
    rb1 = new JRadioButton("Male");  
    rb1.setMnemonic(KeyEvent.VK_M);  
    rb1.setActionCommand("male");  
    rb1.setToolTipText("Are you male?");  
    rb1.setSelected(true);  
  
    rb2 = new JRadioButton("Female");  
    rb2.setMnemonic(KeyEvent.VK_F);  
    rb2.setActionCommand("female");  
    rb2.setToolTipText("Are you female?");  
  
    RadioButtonActionListener listener = new RadioButtonActionListener(); // Next slide.  
    rb1.addActionListener(listener);  
    rb2.addActionListener(listener);  
  
    ButtonGroup group = new ButtonGroup();  
    group.add(rb1);  
    group.add(rb2);  
  
    JPanel pane = new JPanel();  
    pane.setLayout(new FlowLayout(FlowLayout.LEFT));  
    pane.add(rb1);  
    pane.add(rb2);  
    ...  
}
```

Radio Buttons (2 of 2)

■ Handle "action" events:

```
// Inner class, to handle ActionEvents for the demoRadioButtons() method.
class RadioButtonActionListener implements ActionListener {

    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {

        if ("male".equals(e.getActionCommand())) {
            JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null,
                "Male",
                "Item selected",
                JOptionPane.PLAIN_MESSAGE);

        } else if ("female".equals(e.getActionCommand())) {
            JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null,
                "Female",
                "Item selected",
                JOptionPane.PLAIN_MESSAGE);

        }
    }
}
```

Menus

■ Use JMenuBar, JMenu, and JMenuItem

```
public void demoMenus() {
    JFrame frame = new JFrame("Frame with menus");
    frame.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);

    JMenuBar menuBar = new JMenuBar();
    frame.setJMenuBar(menuBar);

    // Create a "File" menu, and add "Open" and "Close" menu items.
    JMenu file = new JMenu("File");
    file.setMnemonic(KeyEvent.VK_F);
    menuBar.add(file);

    JMenuItem open = new JMenuItem("Open...", KeyEvent.VK_O);
    open.setAccelerator(KeyStroke.getKeyStroke(KeyEvent.VK_O, ActionEvent.CTRL_MASK));

    JMenuItem close = new JMenuItem("Close", KeyEvent.VK_C);
    close.setAccelerator(KeyStroke.getKeyStroke(KeyEvent.VK_F4, ActionEvent.ALT_MASK));

    file.add(open);
    file.addSeparator();
    file.add(close);

    // Now create an "Edit" menu.
    JMenu edit = new JMenu("Edit");
    edit.setMnemonic(KeyEvent.VK_E);
    menuBar.add(edit);

    ...
}
```

Other Controls

- **JProgressBar**
 - Vertical or horizontal progress indicator
- **ProgressMonitor**
 - Similar to JProgressBar (but invisible until a task completes)
- **JSlider**
 - Enables the user to select a numerical value in a specified range
- **And more...**
 - Lookup JComponent in the Swing API documentation, and find the list of known subclasses

Any Questions?



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