Using choice control

- 1. In GUI app development , we commonly require to allow the user to make a selection amongst multiple options.
- 2. For ex: We want to let the user choose his/her gender.
- 3 In such cases Java provides Choice Controls in swing technology.
- 4. A choice control is a control which allows the user to choose an option amongst available list of choices.
- 5. Java provides 4 popular choice controls:
 - a. JCheckBox
 - b. JRadioButton
 - c. JComboBox
 - d. JList

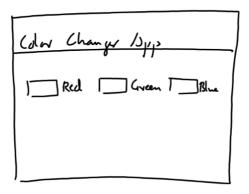
Event fired in checkbox

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- 1. Whenever the user selects or deselects a checkbox Java execute **ItemEvent** and calls **itemStateChanged()** method.
- 2. However to perform any corresponding actions we may want to obtain state of the checkbox i.e. whether checkbox is selected or not.
- 3. This is done by calling instance method of **JCheckBox** class called **isSelected()** having the following prototype :

public boolean isSelected();

```
class CheckBoxDemoFrame extends javax.swing.JFrame {
   private Color oldColor;
   public CheckBoxDemoFrame() {
      initComponents();
      setLocationRelativeTo(null);
      oldColor=myPanel.getBackground();
   }
   private void chkChangeColorItemStateChanged(java.awt.event.ItemEvent evt) {
      if(chkChangeColor.isSelected()){
            myPanel.setBackground(Color.red);
      }else{
            myPanel.setBackground(oldColor);
    }
}
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Using JRadioButton

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- 1. Radio buttons are similars to checkboxes with 2 diffrences:
- a) Checkboxes are squre shape while radio button are rounded
- b) At a time morethan one checkbox can remain on but radio buttons are mututally exclusive i.e. at a time only one radio button can remain on.

Special note

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In Java we don't get this feature by default but we have to achieve it using **ButtonGroup.**

Event fired in RadioButton

To create radio buttons Java's provides us a class called **JRadioButton** and like a normal button they fire **actionPerformed()** whenever the user selects them.

```
private void jrbMaleActionPerformed(java.awt.event.ActionEvent evt) {
    lblResult.setText("You selected Male");
}
private void jrbFemaleActionPerformed(java.awt.event.ActionEvent evt) {
    lblResult.setText("You selected Female");
}
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