

Chapter 9 : Inheritance

Part II (Optional)

Using Inheritance to Customize Frames

- Use inheritance for complex frames to make programs easier to understand
- Design a subclass of `JFrame`
- Store the components as instance fields
- Initialize them in the constructor of your subclass
- If initialization code gets complex, simply add some helper methods

Example: Investment Viewer Program

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Of course, we still need a class with a `main` method:

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Example: Investment Viewer Program (cont.)

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Self Check 10.18

How many Java source files are required by the investment viewer application when we use inheritance to define the frame class?

Answer: Three: InvestmentFrameViewer, InvestmentFrame, and BankAccount.

Self Check 10.19

Why does the `InvestmentFrame` constructor call `setSize(FRAME_WIDTH, FRAME_HEIGHT)`, whereas the main method of the investment viewer class in Chapter 9 called `frame.setSize(FRAME_WIDTH, FRAME_HEIGHT)`?

Answer: The `InvestmentFrame` constructor adds the panel to *itself*.

Processing Text Input

- Use JTextField components to provide space for user input

```
final int FIELD_WIDTH = 10; // In characters
final JTextField rateField = new
JTextField(FIELD_WIDTH);
```

- Place a JLabel next to each text field

```
JLabel rateLabel = new JLabel("Interest Rate: ");
```

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Processing Text Input

- Supply a button that the user can press to indicate that the input is ready for processing

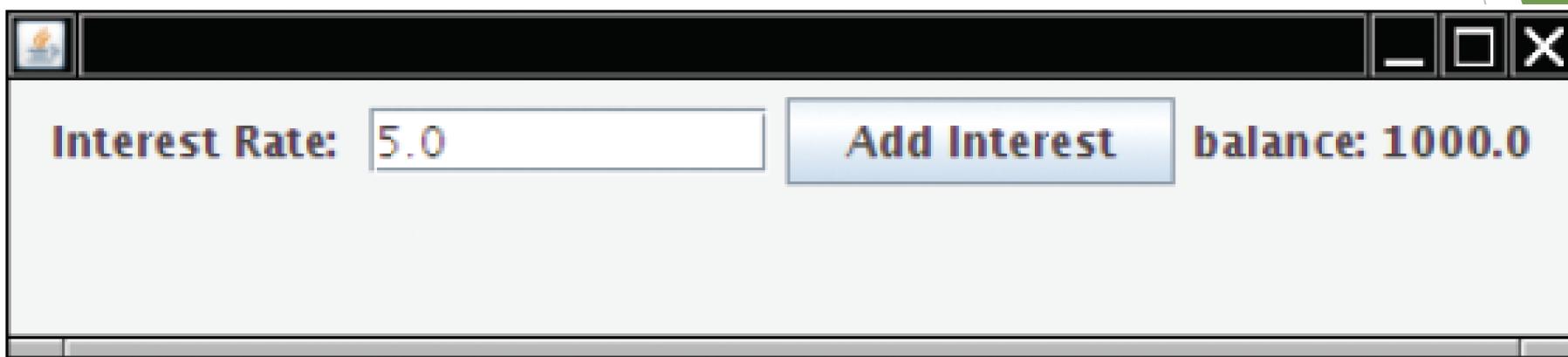


Figure 12 An Application with a Text Field

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Processing Text Input (cont.)

- The button's actionPerformed method reads the user input from the text fields (use getText)

```
Class AddInterestListener implements ActionListener  
{  
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent event)  
    {  
        double rate =  
            Double.parseDouble(rateField.getText());  
        . . .  
    }  
}
```

ch10/textfield/InvestmentViewer3.java

```
01: import javax.swing.JFrame;
02:
03: /**
04:      This program displays the growth of an investment.
05: */
06: public class InvestmentViewer3
07: {
08:     public static void main(String[] args)
09:     {
10:         JFrame frame = new InvestmentFrame();
11:         frame.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
12:         frame.setVisible(true);
13:     }
14: }
```

ch10/textfield/InvestmentFrame.java

```
01: import java.awt.event.ActionEvent;
02: import java.awt.event.ActionListener;
03: import javax.swing.JButton;
04: import javax.swing.JFrame;
05: import javax.swing.JLabel;
06: import javax.swing.JPanel;
07: import javax.swing.JTextField;
08:
09: /**
10:     A frame that shows the growth of an investment with variable
interest.
11: */
12: public class InvestmentFrame extends JFrame
13: {
14:     public InvestmentFrame()
15:     {
16:         account = new BankAccount(INITIAL_BALANCE);
17:
18:         // Use instance fields for components
19:         resultLabel = new JLabel("balance: " + account.getBalance());
20:
```

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ch10/textfield/InvestmentFrame.java (cont.)

```
21:         // Use helper methods
22:         createTextField();
23:         createButton();
24:         createPanel();
25:
26:         setSize(FRAME_WIDTH, FRAME_HEIGHT);
27:     }
28:
29:     private void createTextField()
30:     {
31:         rateLabel = new JLabel("Interest Rate: ");
32:
33:         final int FIELD_WIDTH = 10;
34:         rateField = new JTextField(FIELD_WIDTH);
35:         rateField.setText("" + DEFAULT_RATE);
36:     }
37:
38:     private void createButton()
39:     {
40:         button = new JButton("Add Interest");
41:     }
```

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ch10/textfield/InvestmentFrame.java (cont.)

```
42:         class AddInterestListener implements ActionListener
43:     {
44:         public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent event)
45:     {
46:         double rate = Double.parseDouble(
47:             rateField.getText());
48:         double interest = account.getBalance()
49:             * rate / 100;
50:         account.deposit(interest);
51:         resultLabel.setText(
52:             "balance: " + account.getBalance());
53:     }
54: }
55:
56: ActionListener listener = new AddInterestListener();
57: button.addActionListener(listener);
58: }
59:
60: private void createPanel()
```

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ch10/textfield/InvestmentFrame.java (cont.)

```
61:      {
62:          panel = new JPanel();
63:          panel.add(rateLabel);
64:          panel.add(rateField);
65:          panel.add(button);
66:          panel.add(resultLabel);
67:          add(panel);
68:      }
69:
70:      private JLabel rateLabel;
71:      private JTextField rateField;
72:      private JButton button;
73:      private JLabel resultLabel;
74:      private JPanel panel;
75:      private BankAccount account;
76:
77:      private static final int FRAME_WIDTH = 450;
78:      private static final int FRAME_HEIGHT = 100;
79:
80:      private static final double DEFAULT_RATE = 5;
81:      private static final double INITIAL_BALANCE = 1000;
82: }
```

Self Check 10.20

What happens if you omit the first `JLabel` object?

Answer: Then the text field is not labeled, and the user will not know its purpose.

Self Check 10.21

If a text field holds an integer, what expression do you use to read its contents?

Answer: Integer.parseInt(textField.getText())

Text Areas

- Use a `JTextArea` to show multiple lines of text

- You can specify the number of rows and columns:

```
final int ROWS = 10;
```

```
final int COLUMNS = 30;
```

```
JTextArea textArea = new JTextArea(ROWS, COLUMNS);
```

- `setText`: to set the text of a text field or text area

- `append`: to add text to the end of a text area

- Use newline characters to separate lines:

```
textArea.append(account.getBalance() + "\n");
```

- To use for display purposes only:

```
textArea.setEditable(false); // program can call setText  
and append to change it
```

Text Areas

- To add scroll bars to a text area:

```
JTextArea textArea = new JTextArea(ROWS, COLUMNS);  
JScrollPane scrollPane = new JScrollPane(textArea);
```

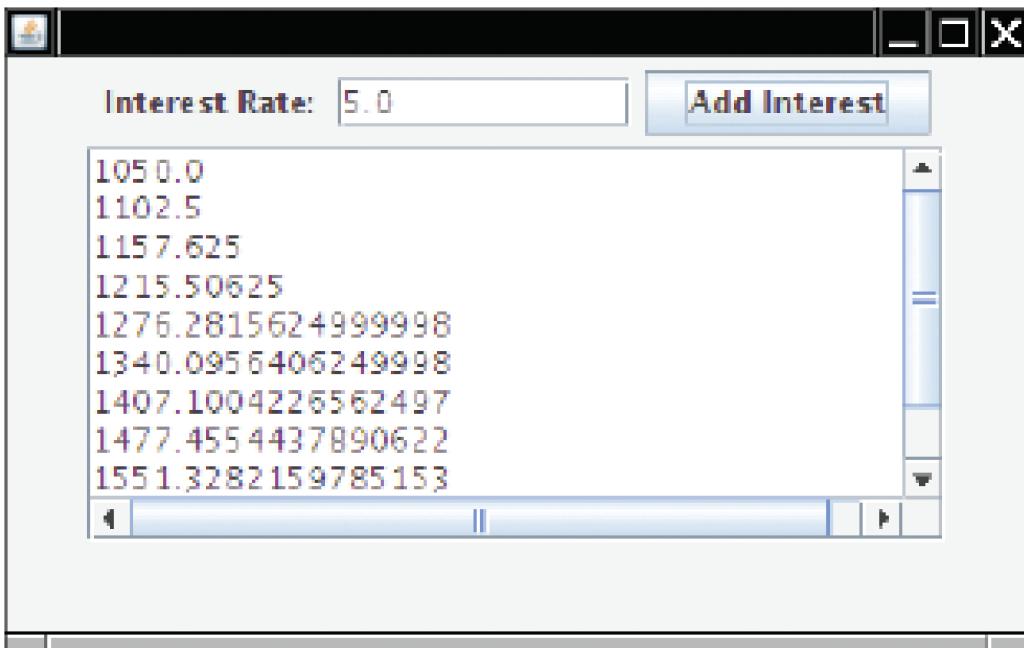


Figure 13 The Investment Application with a Text Area

ch10/textarea/InvestmentFrame.java

```
01: import java.awt.event.ActionEvent;
02: import java.awt.event.ActionListener;
03: import javax.swing.JButton;
04: import javax.swing.JFrame;
05: import javax.swing.JLabel;
06: import javax.swing.JPanel;
07: import javax.swing.JScrollPane;
08: import javax.swing.JTextArea;
09: import javax.swing.JTextField;
10:
11: /**
12:  * A frame that shows the growth of an investment with variable
13:  * interest.
14: */
15: public class InvestmentFrame extends JFrame
16: {
17:     public InvestmentFrame()
18:     {
19:         account = new BankAccount(INITIAL_BALANCE);
20:         resultArea = new JTextArea(AREA_ROWS, AREA_COLUMNS);
21:         resultArea.setEditable(false);
```

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ch10/textarea/InvestmentFrame.java (cont.)

```
22:         // Use helper methods
23:         createTextField();
24:         createButton();
25:         createPanel();
26:
27:         setSize(FRAME_WIDTH, FRAME_HEIGHT);
28:     }
29:
30:     private void createTextField()
31:     {
32:         rateLabel = new JLabel("Interest Rate: ");
33:
34:         final int FIELD_WIDTH = 10;
35:         rateField = new JTextField(FIELD_WIDTH);
36:         rateField.setText("" + DEFAULT_RATE);
37:     }
38:
39:     private void createButton()
40:     {
41:         button = new JButton("Add Interest");
42:     }
```

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ch10/textarea/InvestmentFrame.java (cont.)

```
43:         class AddInterestListener implements ActionListener
44:     {
45:         public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent event)
46:     {
47:             double rate = Double.parseDouble(
48:                 rateField.getText());
49:             double interest = account.getBalance()
50:                 * rate / 100;
51:             account.deposit(interest);
52:             resultArea.append(account.getBalance() + "\n");
53:     }
54: }
55:
56: ActionListener listener = new AddInterestListener();
57: button.addActionListener(listener);
58: }
59:
60: private void createPanel()
61: {
62:     panel = new JPanel();
63:     panel.add(rateLabel);
64:     panel.add(rateField);
65:     panel.add(button);
```

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ch10/textarea/InvestmentFrame.java (cont.)

```
66:         JScrollPane scrollPane = new JScrollPane(resultArea);
67:         panel.add(scrollPane);
68:         add(panel);
69:     }
70:
71:     private JLabel rateLabel;
72:     private JTextField rateField;
73:     private JButton button;
74:     private JTextArea resultArea;
75:     private JPanel panel;
76:     private BankAccount account;
77:
78:     private static final int FRAME_WIDTH = 400;
79:     private static final int FRAME_HEIGHT = 250;
80:
81:     private static final int AREA_ROWS = 10;
82:     private static final int AREA_COLUMNS = 30;
83:
84:     private static final double DEFAULT_RATE = 5;
85:     private static final double INITIAL_BALANCE = 1000;
86: }
```

Self Check 10.22

What is the difference between a text field and a text area?

Answer: A text field holds a single line of text; a text area holds multiple lines.

Self Check 10.23

Why did the InvestmentFrame program call
resultArea.setEditable(false)?

Answer: The text area is intended to display the program output. It does not collect user input.

Self Check 10.24

How would you modify the `InvestmentFrame` program if you didn't want to use scroll bars?

Answer: Don't construct a `JScrollPane` and add the `resultArea` object directly to the frame.