

Experiment No. 10

Aim: Develop a Swing GUI based standard Calculator program

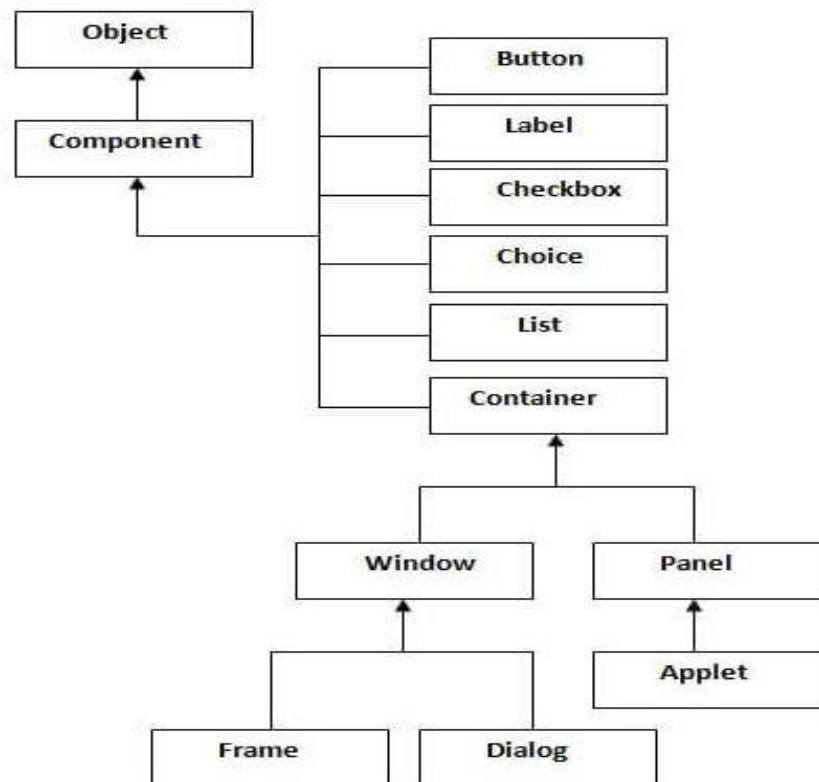
Problem Statement:

1. Develop a Swing GUI based standard Calculator program.
2. Develop a Swing GUI based application for student Registration form.

Theory:

- AWT (Abstract Window Toolkit) contains numerous classes and methods that allow you to create and manage window.
- AWT classes are contained in the java.awt.* package.
- An API used to develop GUI or window-based applications in java.
- AWT Components are platform-dependent.
- Displayed according to the view of operating system
- AWT is heavyweight. Components are using the resources of OS.
- The **java.awt** package provides classes for AWT API.
- TextField, Lable, TextArea, RadioButton, CheckBox, Choice, List etc.

Java AWT Hierarchy



Swing

Swing API is a set of extensible GUI Components to ease the developer's life to create JAVA based Front End/GUI Applications. It is build on top of AWT API and acts as a replacement of AWT API, since it has almost every control corresponding to AWT controls. Swing component follows a Model-View-Controller architecture.

Addresses limitations & restrictions present in AWT. Swing introduced in 1997. It is a part of Java Foundation Classes (JFC). Set of GUI components which simplify the development of desktop applications. Used to develop GUI or window-based applications. Built on the top of AWT API Components entirely written in java. Provides platform-independent and Lightweight components.

The javax.swing package provides classes for swing.

- JButton, JTextField, JTextArea, JRadioButton, JCheckbox, JMenu, JColorChooser etc.

Swing Features

- Light Weight
- Rich Controls
- Highly Customizable.
- Pluggable-look-and-feel

Every SWING controls inherits properties from the following Component class hierarchy.

Sr.No	Class & Description
1	<u>Component</u> A Component is the abstract base class for the non menu user-interface controls of SWING. Component represents an object with graphical representation
2	<u>Container</u> A Container is a component that can contain other SWING components
3	<u>JComponent</u> A JComponent is a base class for all SWING UI components. In order to use a SWING component that inherits from JComponent, the component must be in a containment hierarchy whose root is a top-level SWING container

SWING UI Elements

Following is the list of commonly used controls while designing GUI using SWING.

Sr.No	Class & Description
1	<u>JLabel</u> A JLabel object is a component for placing text in a container.
2	<u>JButton</u> This class creates a labeled button.
3	<u>JCheckBox</u> A JCheckBox is a graphical component that can be in either an on (true) or off (false) state.
4	<u>JRadioButton</u> The JRadioButton class is a graphical component that can be in either an on (true) or off (false) state. in a group.
6	<u>JList</u> A JList component presents the user with a scrolling list of text items.
7	<u>JComboBox</u> A JComboBox component presents the user with a to show up menu of choices.
8	<u>JTextField</u> A JTextField object is a text component that allows for the editing of a singleline of text.
9	<u>JPasswordField</u> A JPasswordField object is a text component specialized for password entry.
10	<u>JTextArea</u> A JTextArea object is a text component that allows editing of a multiple lines of text.
11	<u>ImageIcon</u> A ImageIcon control is an implementation of the Icon interface that paints Icons from Images
12	<u>JScrollbar</u> A Scrollbar control represents a scroll bar component in order to enable the user to select from range of values.

Conclusion:

Successfully designed the GUI based calculator using the swing components.