

Chapter 4

Graphical User Interface Programming

Objectives

- *Explain GUI toolkits*
- *Explain various Containers and Components*
 - *Label, Text*
 - *TextFields*
 - *Button*
 - *Checkboxes and RadioButtons*
 - *HBox, VBox*
 - *BorderPane, GridPane, FlowPane*
- *Identify events generated by components*
- *Create a standalone GUI application*

Overview

➤ RIA:

- Rich Internet Applications
- Three main technologies: Adobe Flash, Microsoft Silverlight, JavaFX

➤ GUI in Java:

- AWT: Advanced Windowing Tool
- Swing
- JavaFX
- Other:
 - + SWT (*Eclipse's Standard Widget Toolkit*),
 - + GWT (*Google Web Toolkit*),
 - + 3D Graphics API: Java OpenGL, Java3D

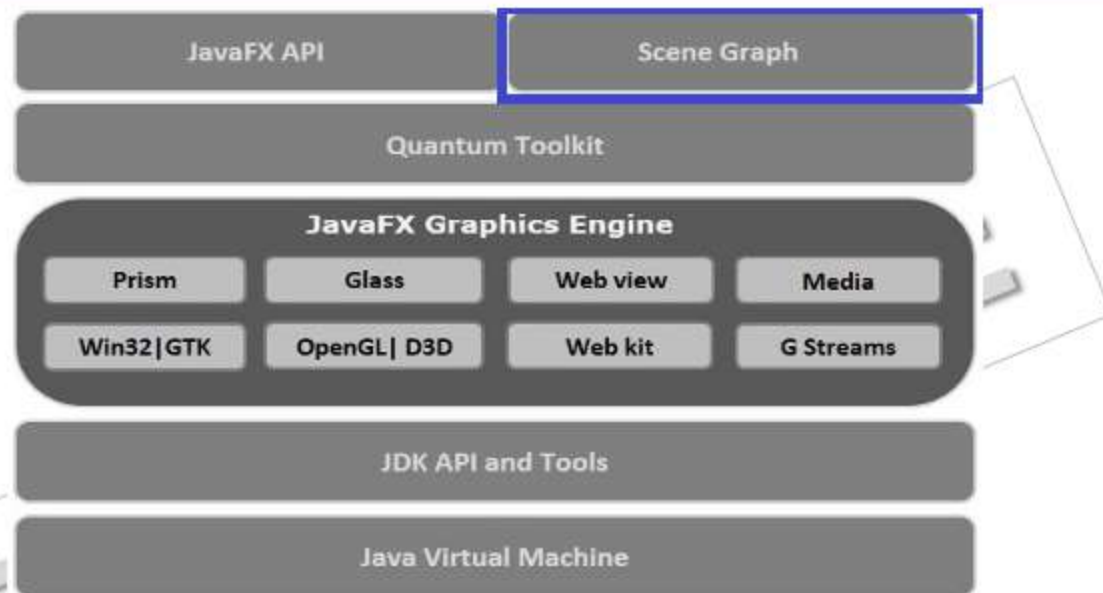
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➤ JavaFX:

- a Java library used to build RIAs
- across multiple platforms
- run on various devices: desktop computers, mobile phones, TVs...

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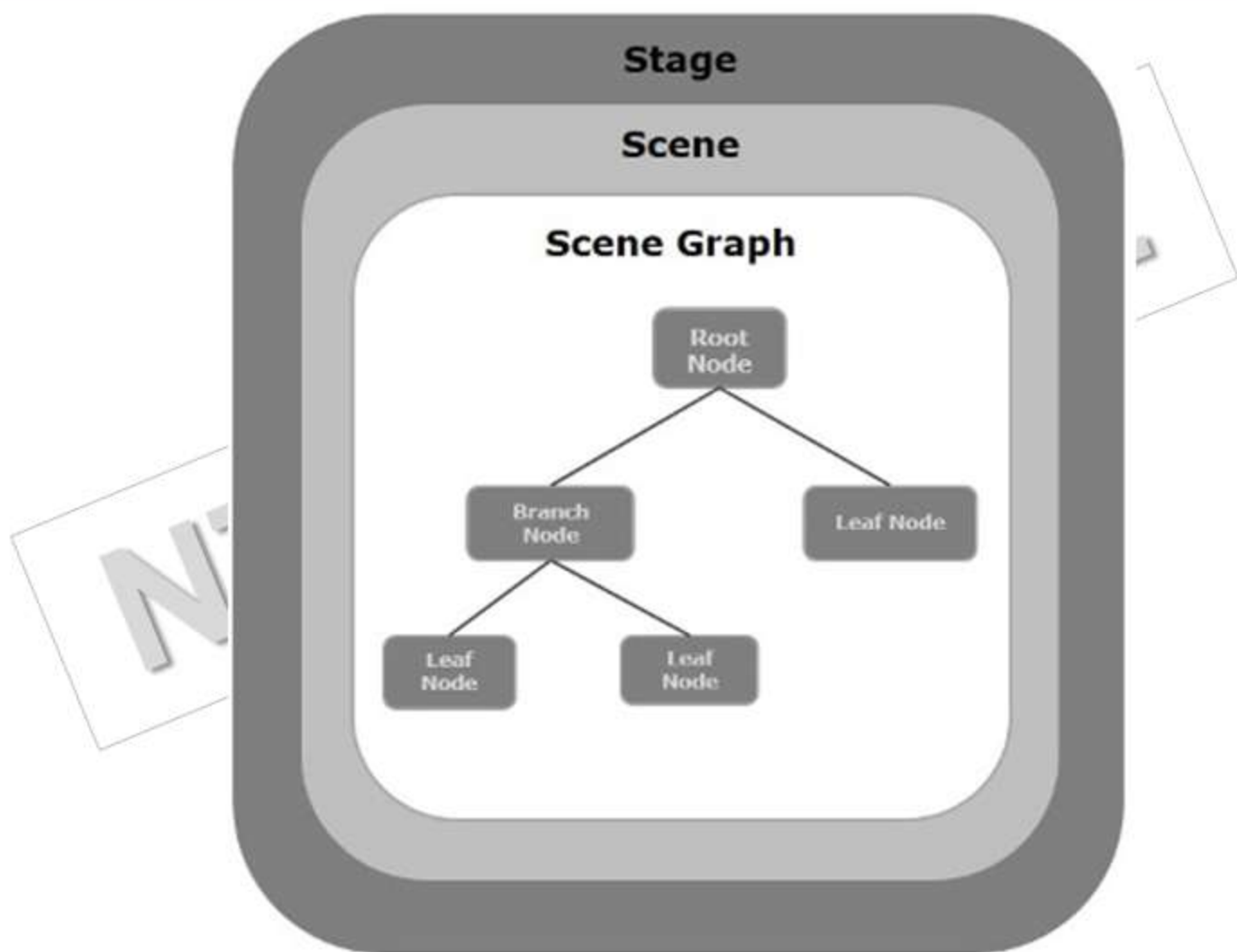


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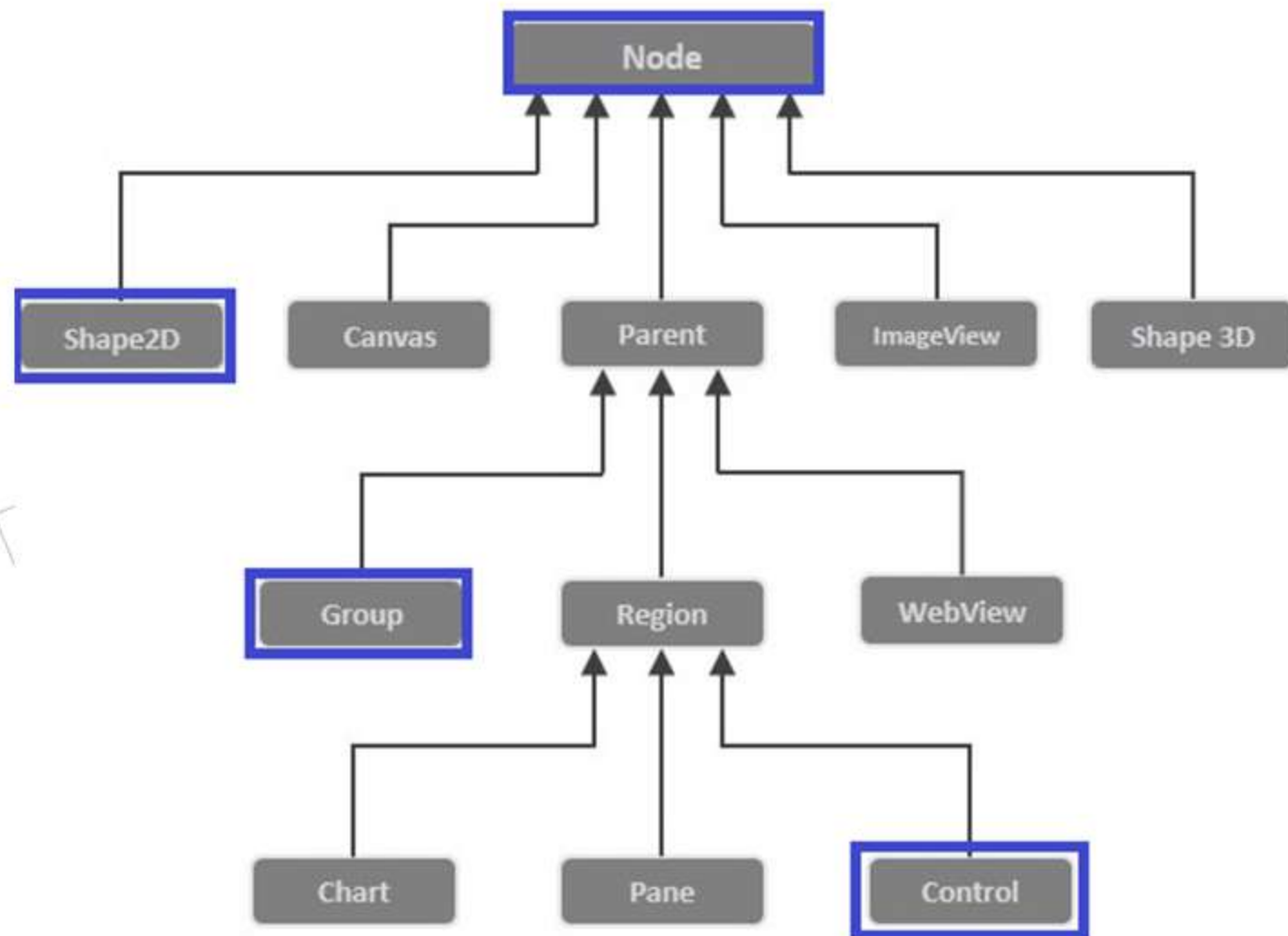
➤ Scene Graph:

- **Geometrical:** 2D and 3D such as circle, rectangle, polygon...
- **UI controls:** Button, Checkbox, Choice box, Text Area ...
- **Containers** (*layout panes*): Border Pane, Grid Pane, Flow Pane
- **Media elements:** audio, video and image

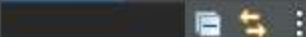
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The node class hierarchy of JavaFX



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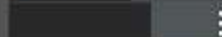
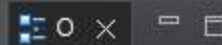
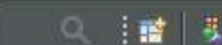
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New Java Project

Create a Java Project

Create a Java project in the workspace or in an external location.

Project name: javaFXProject

☒ Use default location

Location: D:\My Documents\GDMA\DOA\Eclipse\javaFXProject

JRE

☐ Use an execution environment JRE:

JavaSE-19

☐ Use a project specific JRE:

☐ Use default JRE 'jre' and workspace compiler preferences

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Project layout

☐ Use project folder as root for sources and class files

☐ Create separate folders for sources and class files

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Working sets

Add project to working sets

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Module

☒ Create module-info.java file

Module name:

☒ Generate comments

module name will be "javaFXProject" (if no module is specified, then project name will be used as module name)

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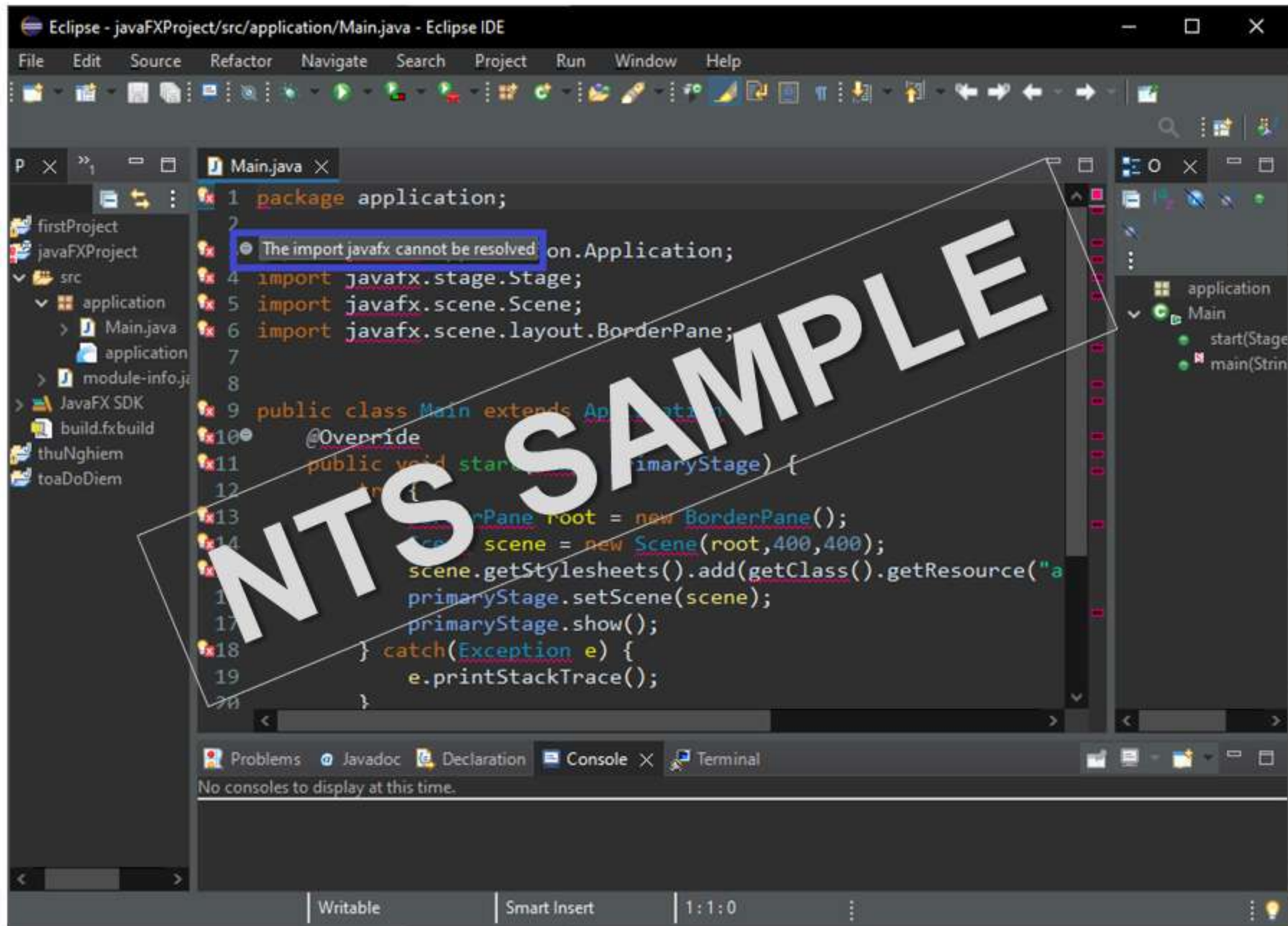
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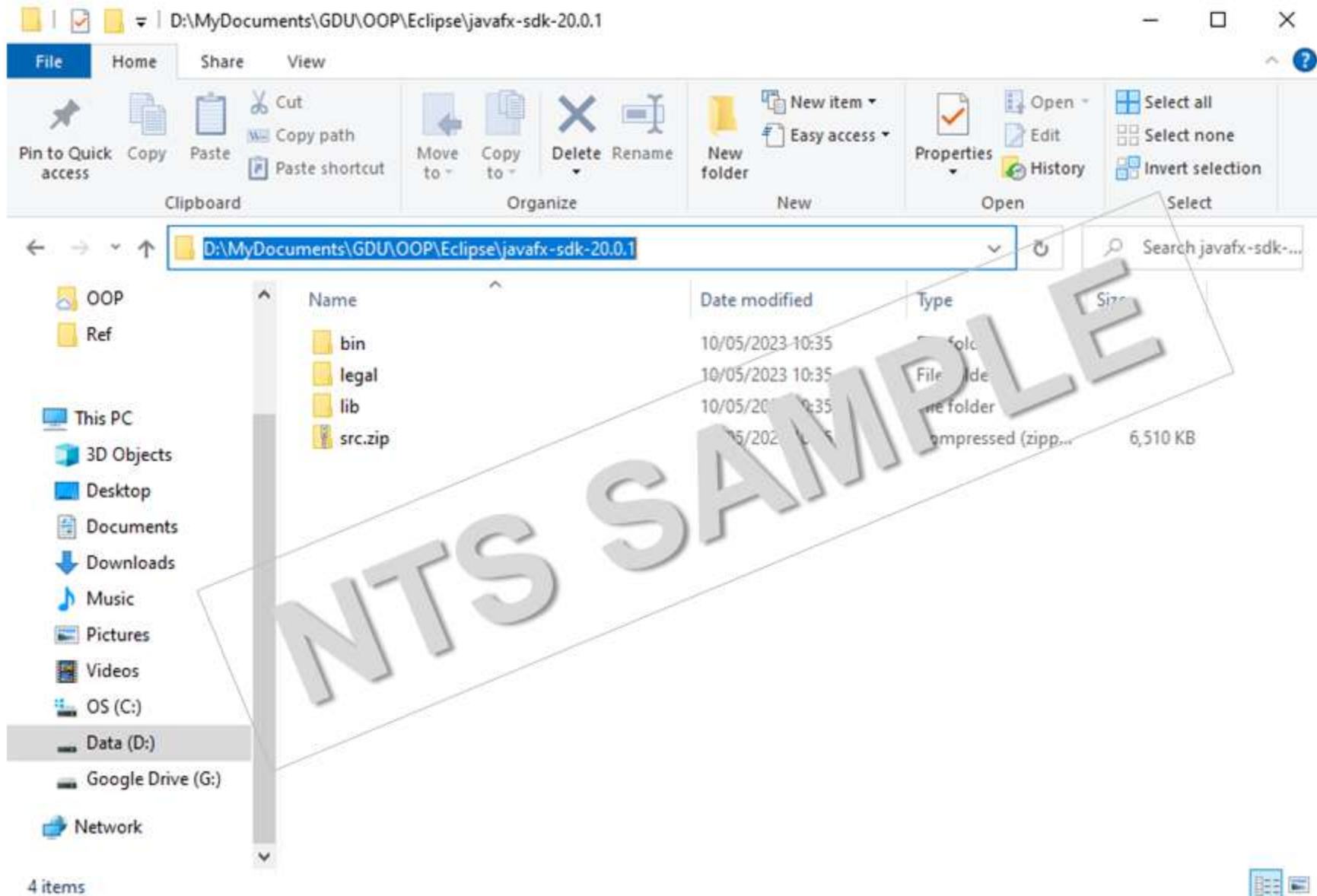
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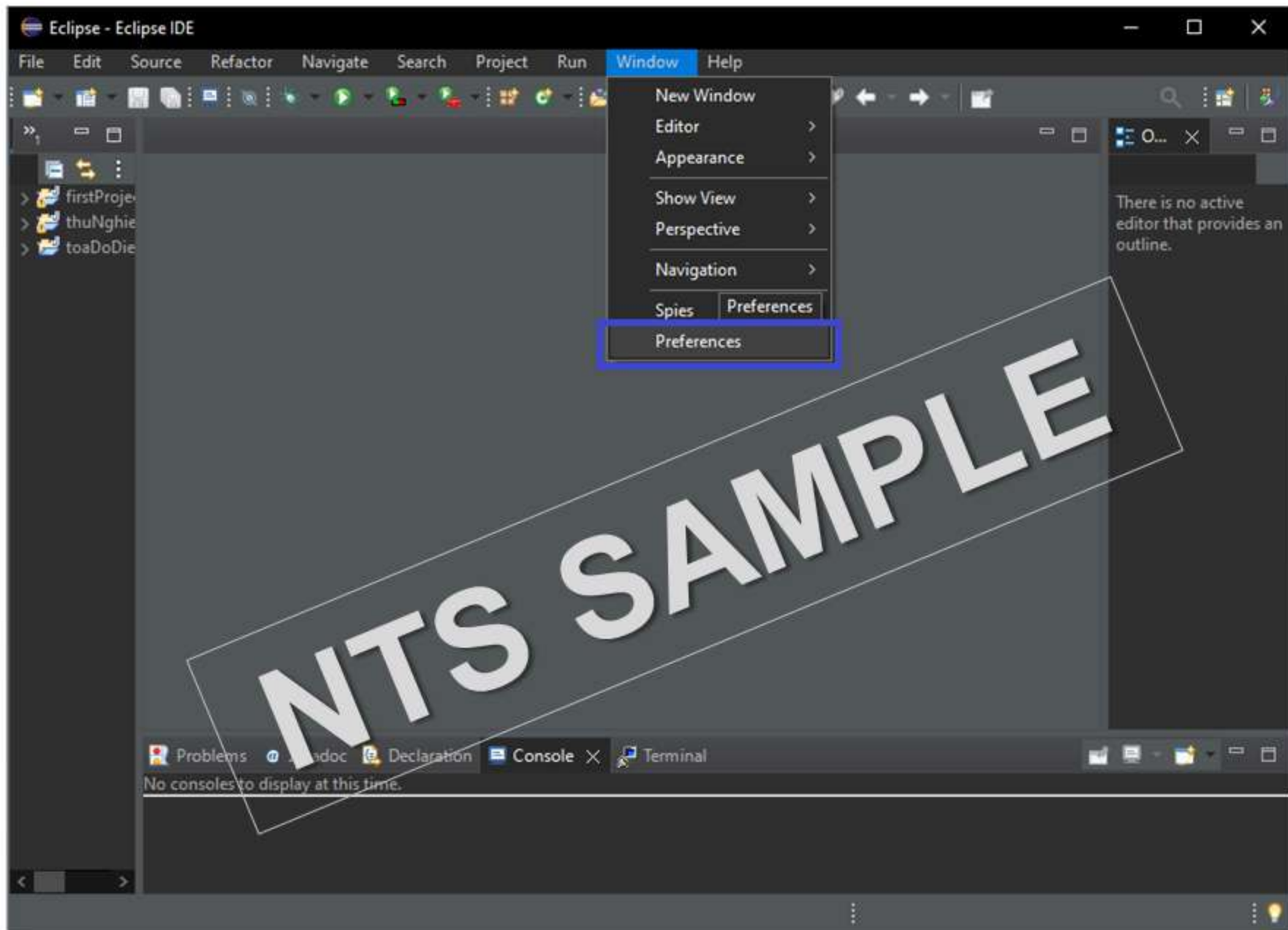
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User libraries can be added to a Java Build path and bundle a number of external archives. System libraries will be added to the boot class path when launched.

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New User Library



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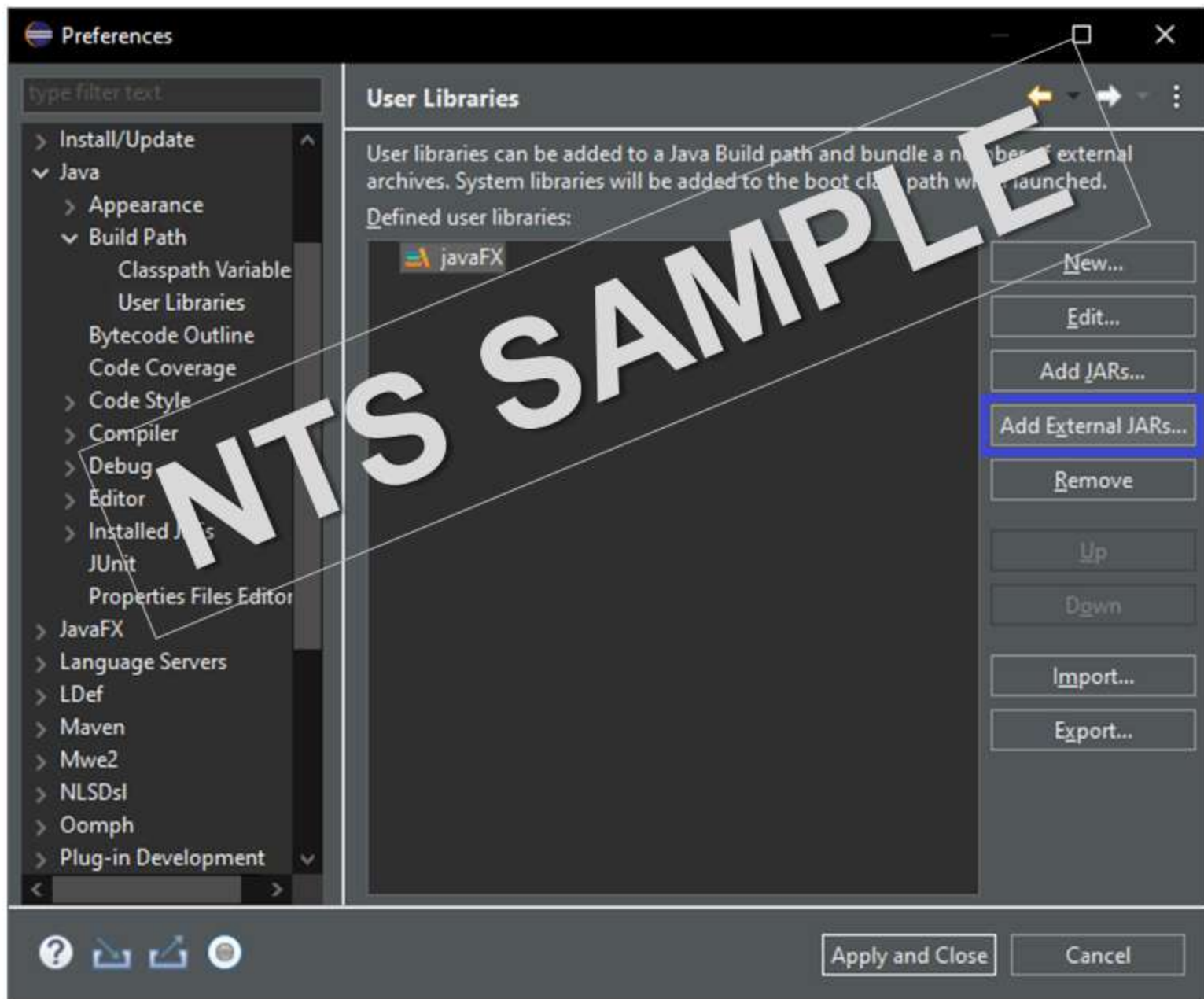
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☐ System library (added to the boot class path)



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File Explorer window showing the contents of the folder `D:\MyDocuments\GDU\OOP\Eclipse\javafx-sdk-20.0.1\lib`.

The ribbon includes the following tabs and commands:

- Clipboard:** Pin to Quick access, Copy, Paste, Cut, Copy path, Paste shortcut.
- Organize:** Move to, Copy to, Delete, Rename.
- New:** New folder.
- Open:** Properties, Open, Edit, History.
- Select:** Select all, Select none, Invert selection.

The address bar shows the path: `<< MyDocuments > GDU > OOP > Eclipse > javafx-sdk-20.0.1 > lib`. A search bar is available on the right.

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The main pane displays a list of files and folders:

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javafx.controls.jar	10/05/2023 10:35	Unarchiver One	2,518 KB
javafx.fxml.jar	10/05/2023 10:35	Unarchiver One	128 KB
javafx.graphics.jar	10/05/2023 10:35	Unarchiver One	4,173 KB
javafx.media.jar	10/05/2023 10:35	Unarchiver One	273 KB
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 - Javadoc location: (None)
 - External annotations: (None)
 - Is not modular
 - Native library location: (None)
 - Access rules: (No restrictions)
 - Visible only for test sources: No
 - ▼ javafx.controls.jar - C:\Users\M6500\Desktop\New\javafx-controls.jar
 - Source attachment: (None)
 - Javadoc location: (None)
 - External annotations: (None)
 - Is not modular
 - Native library location: (None)
 - Access rules: (No restrictions)
 - Visible only for test sources: No
 - ▼ javafx.fxml.jar - C:\Users\M6500\Desktop\New\javafx-fxml.jar
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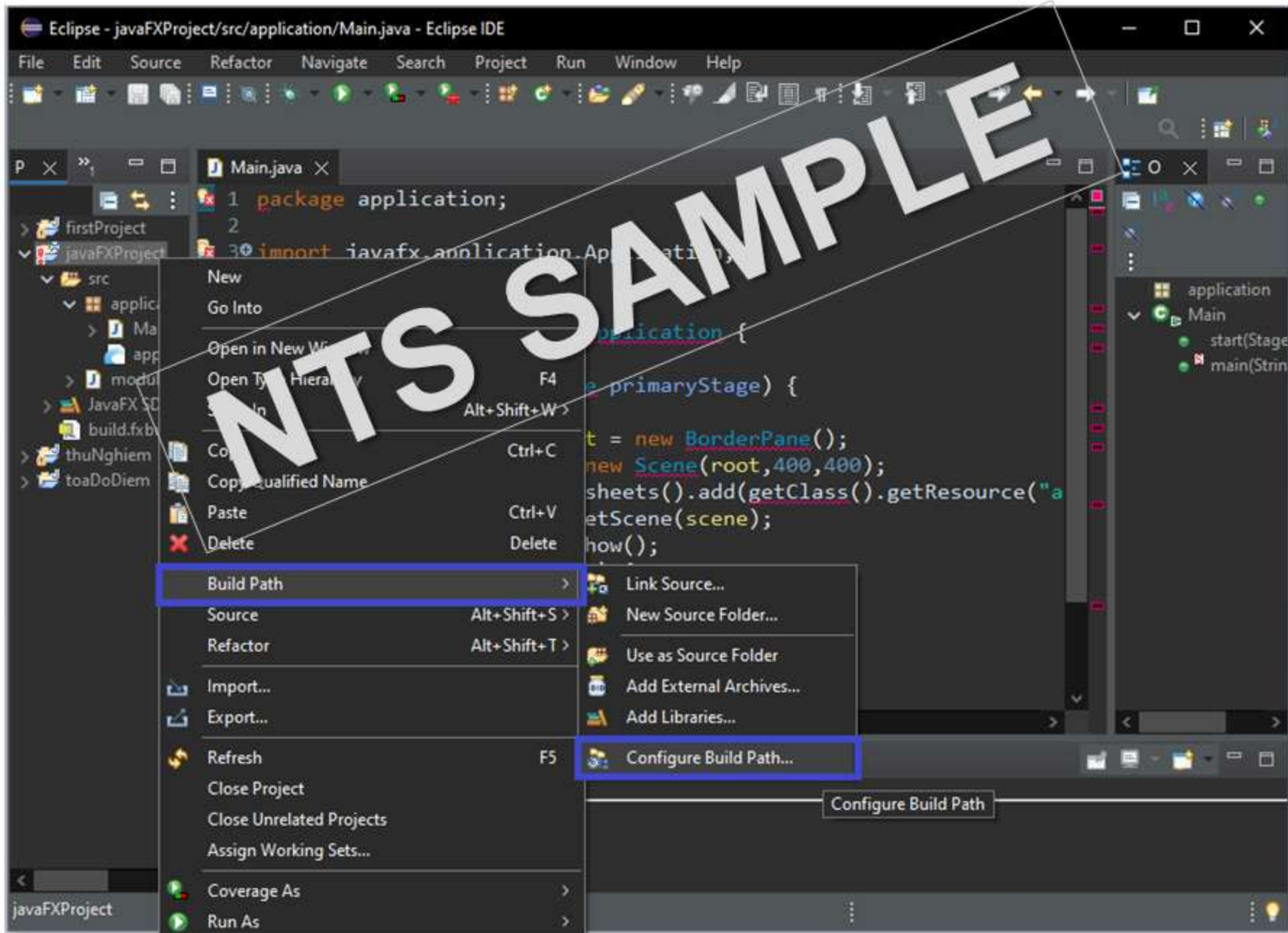
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Source Projects Libraries Order and Export Module Dependencies

JARs and class folders on the build path:

- Modulepath
 - JavaFX SDK
- Classpath

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Add Library...

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Add Library

Add Library

Select the library type to add.



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JUnit
Maven Managed Dependencies
Mobile SDK
Plug-in Dependencies
User Library
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User Library

Select a library to add to the classpath.



User libraries:



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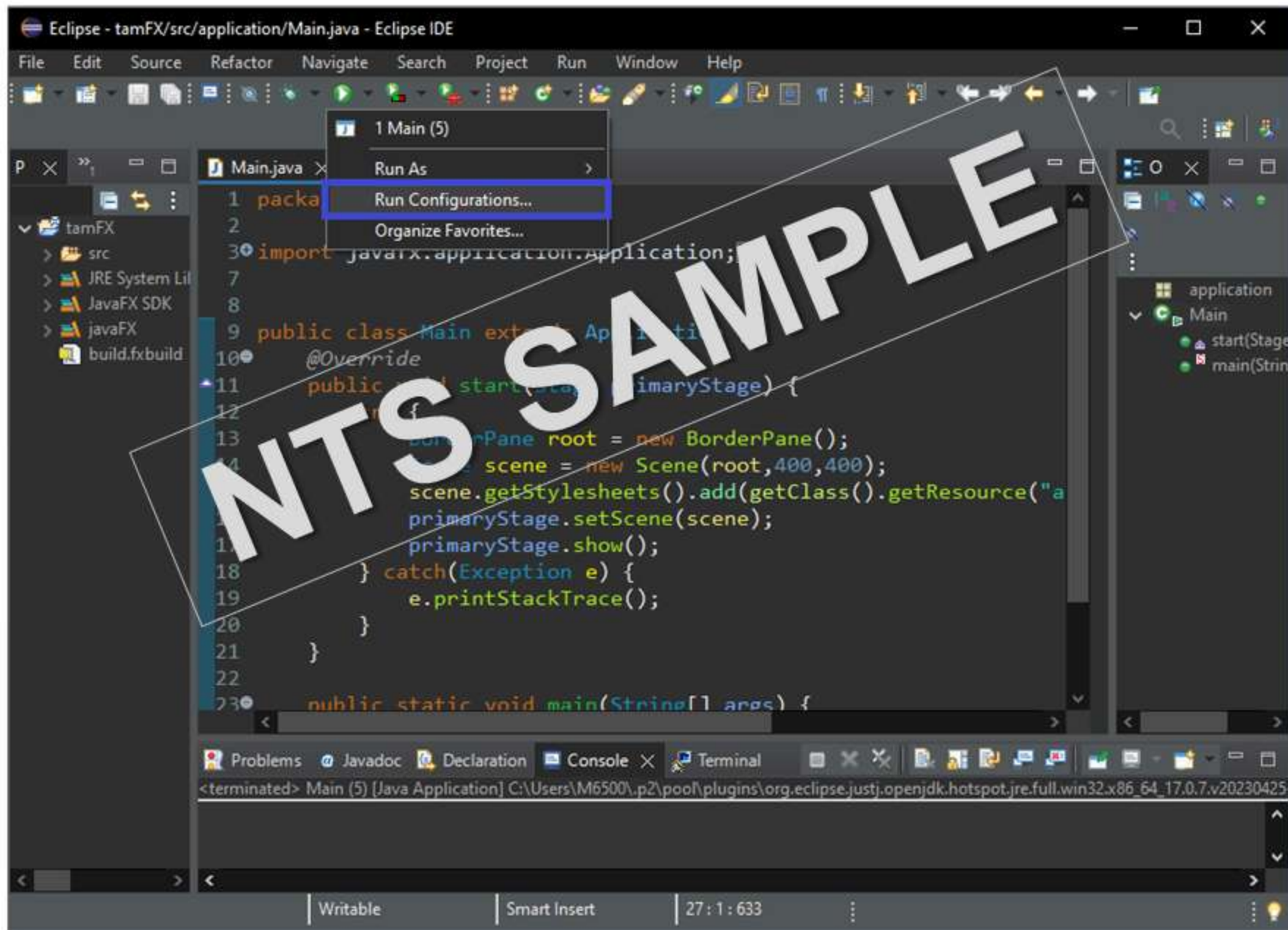


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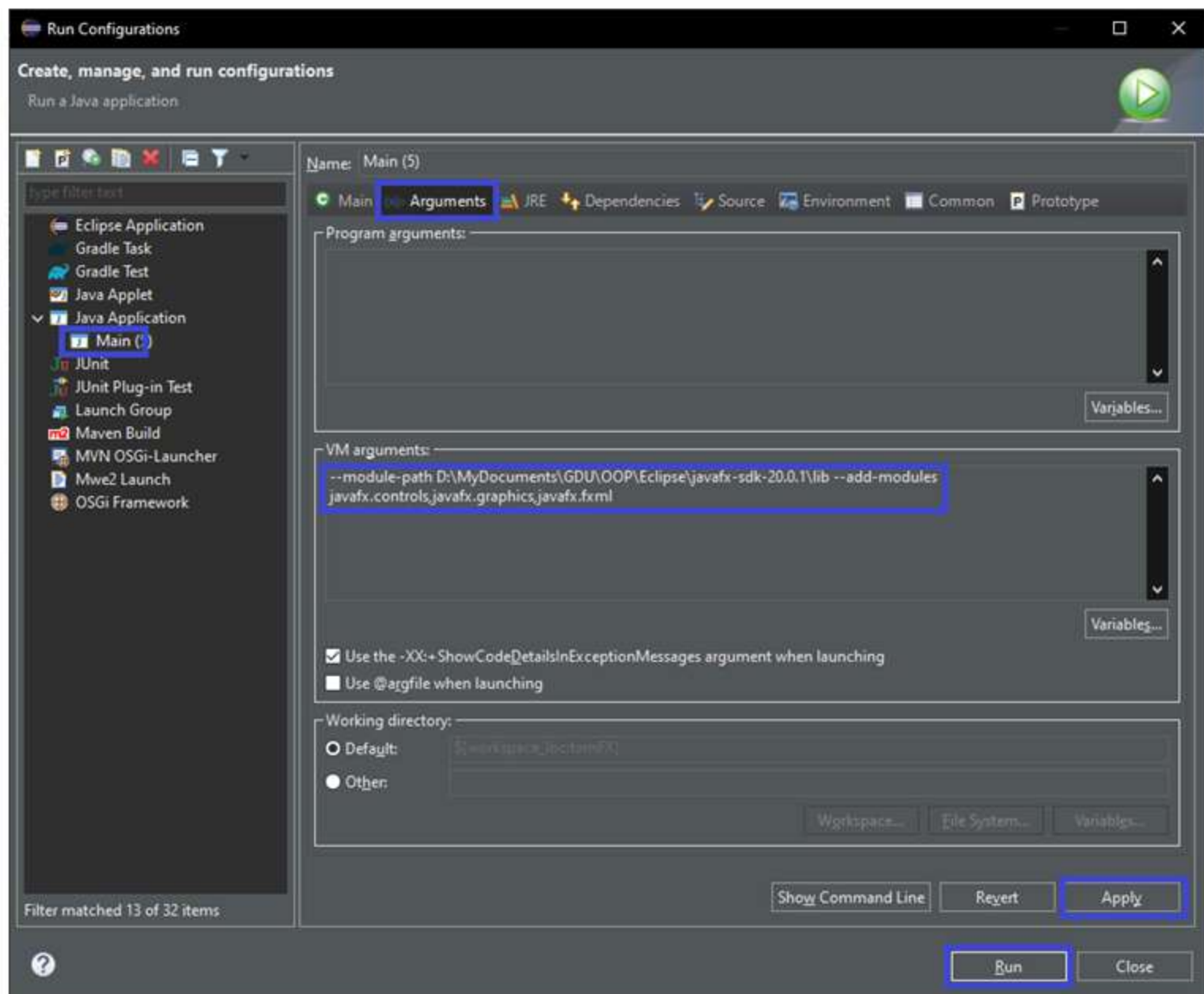
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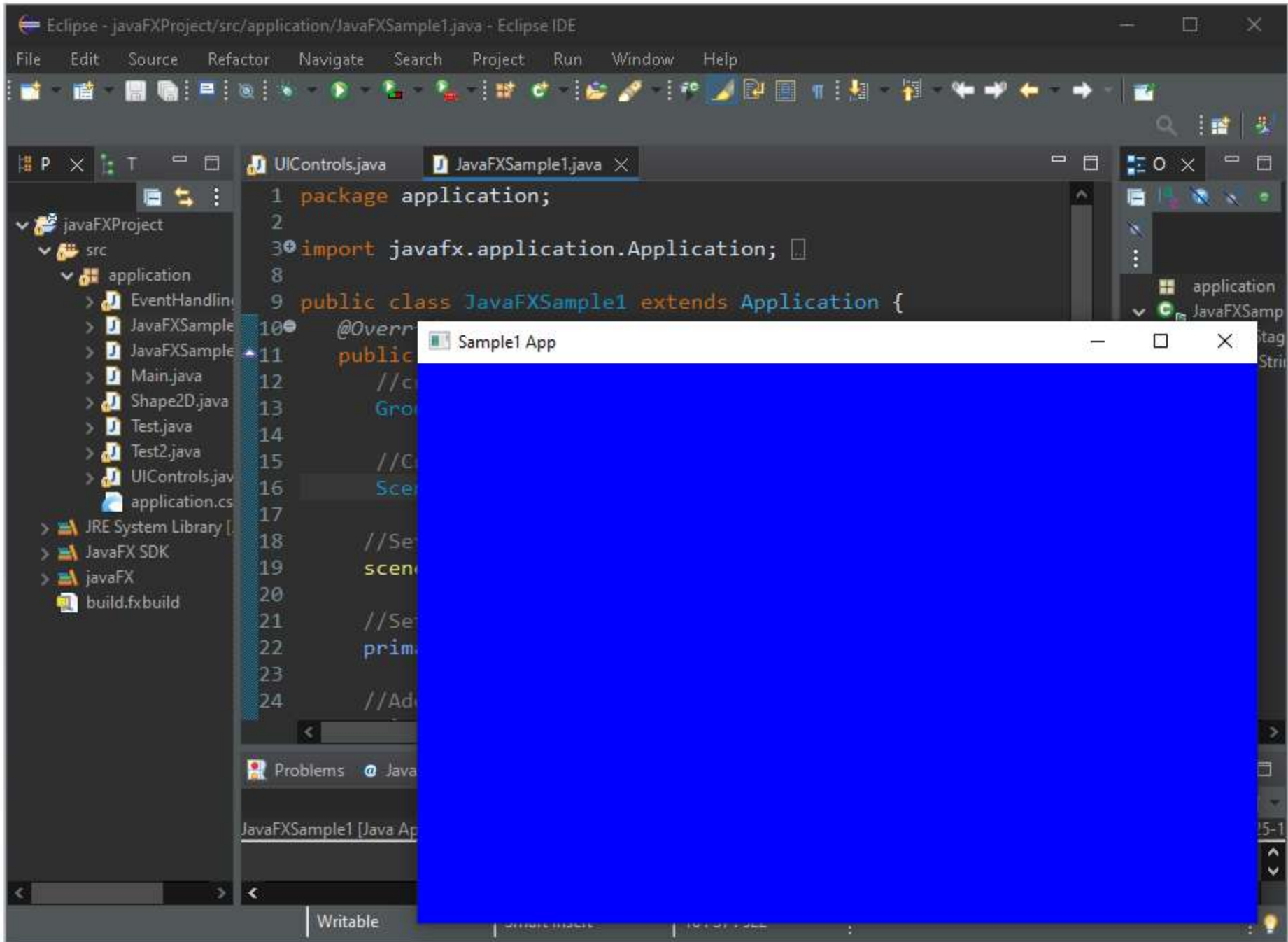
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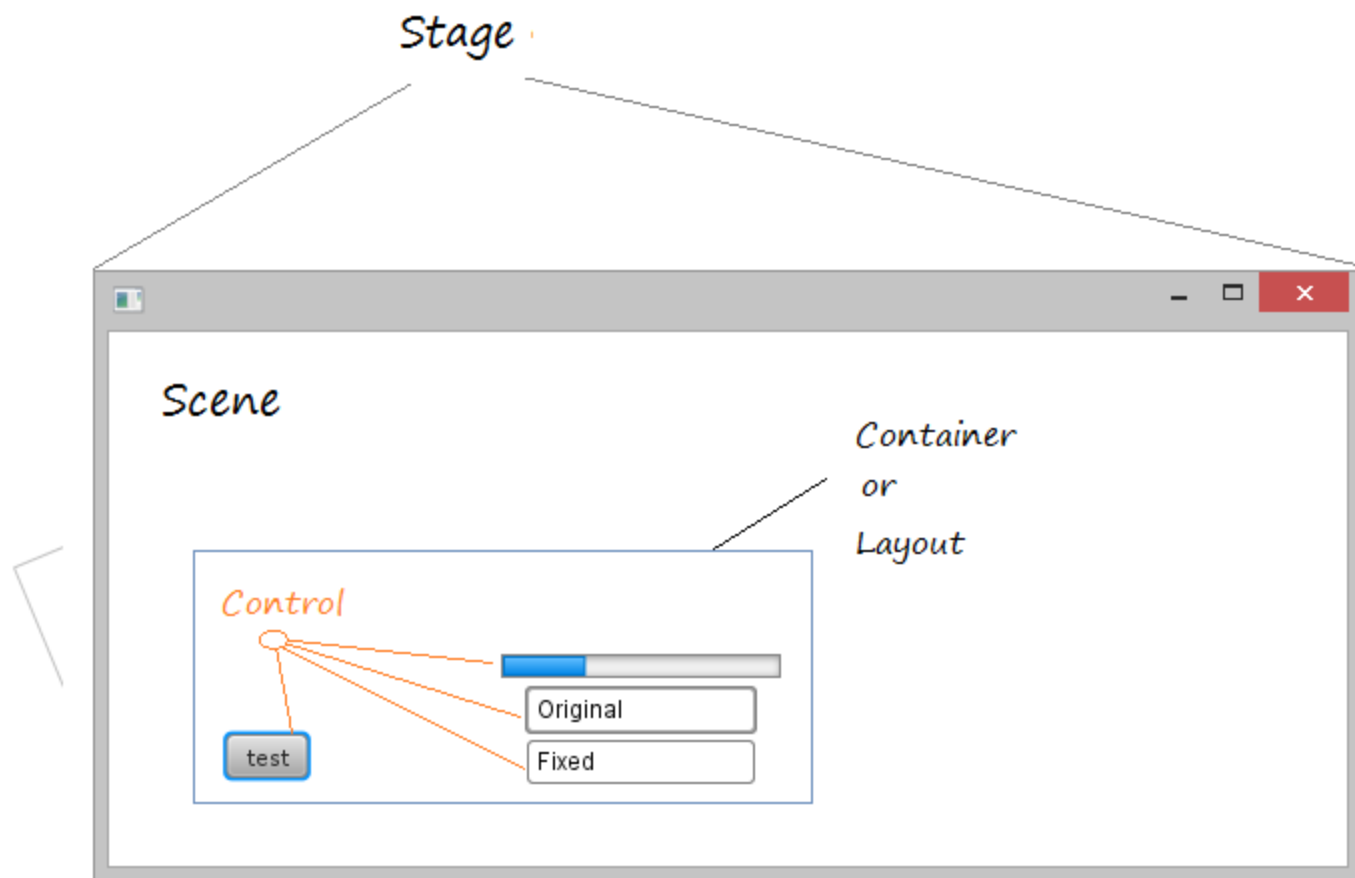


Creating a JavaFX Application

➤ Format:

```
public class JavafxSample extends Application {  
    @Override  
    public void start(Stage primaryStage) throws Exception {  
        /*  
         * Code for JavaFX application.  
         * (Stage, scene, scene graph)  
         */  
    }  
    public static void main(String args[]){  
        launch(args);  
    }  
}
```

Relationship



The relationship between Stage, Scene, Container and Controls

Example01: an empty JavaFX window

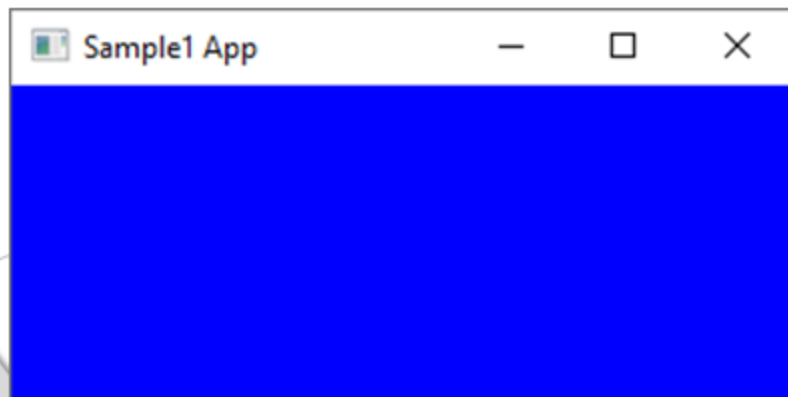
```
package application;

import javafx.application.Application;
import javafx.scene.*;
import javafx.scene.paint.Color;
import javafx.stage.Stage;

public class JavaFXSample1 extends Application {
    @Override
    public void start(Stage stage1) throws Exception {
        // Preparing a scene
        Group group = new Group(); //Creating a Group object
        Scene scene = new Scene(group, 600, 400); // Creating a Scene, height and width
        scene.setFill(Color.BLUE); //Setting color to the scene

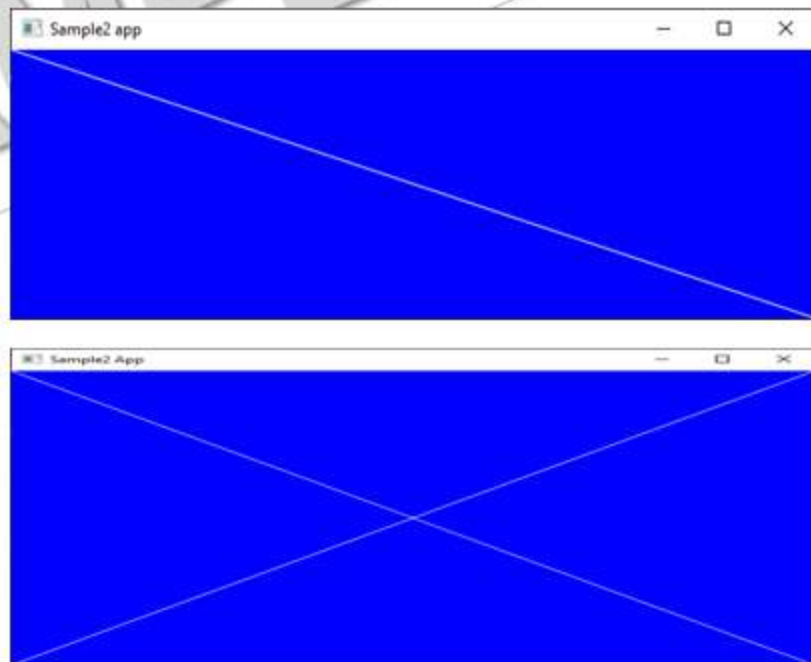
        //Setting a stage
        stage1.setTitle("Sample1 App"); // Setting the title to Stage
        stage1.setScene(scene); //Adding the scene to Stage
        stage1.show(); //Displaying the contents of the stage
    }

    public static void main(String args[]){
        launch(args);
    }
}
```



Example02: a line

```
public class JavaFXSample2 extends Application {  
    @Override  
    public void start(Stage stage1) throws Exception {  
        // Preparing a scene  
        Line line = new Line(0, 0, 600, 400); //Creating a line object  
        line.setStroke(Color.WHITE);  
  
        Group group = new Group(line);  
        Scene scene = new Scene(group, 600, 400);  
        scene.setFill(Color.BLUE);  
  
        //Setting a stage  
        stage1.setTitle("Sample2 App");  
        stage1.setScene(scene);  
        stage1.show();  
    }  
    public static void main(String args[]){  
        launch(args);  
    }  
}
```



2D shape

➤ Package: `javafx.scene.shape`

➤ `Line(x1,y1,x2,y2)`. Ex:

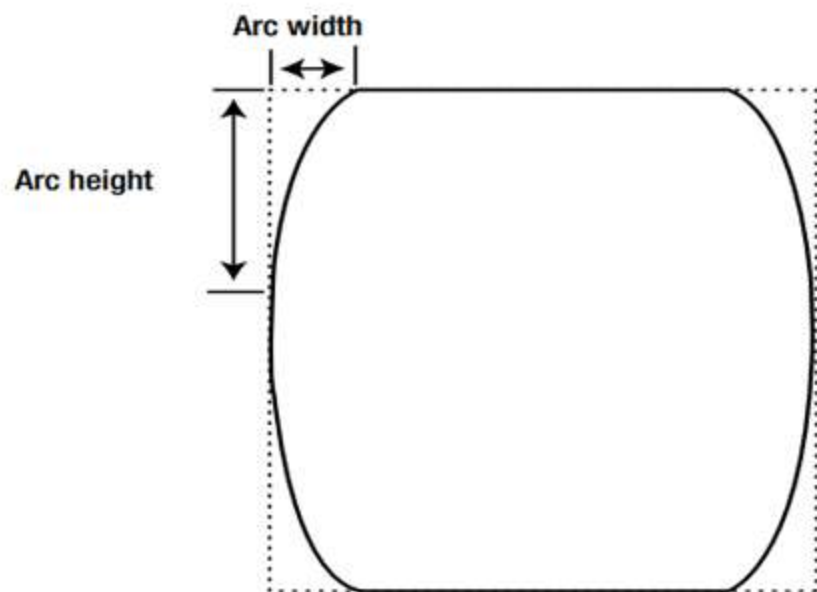
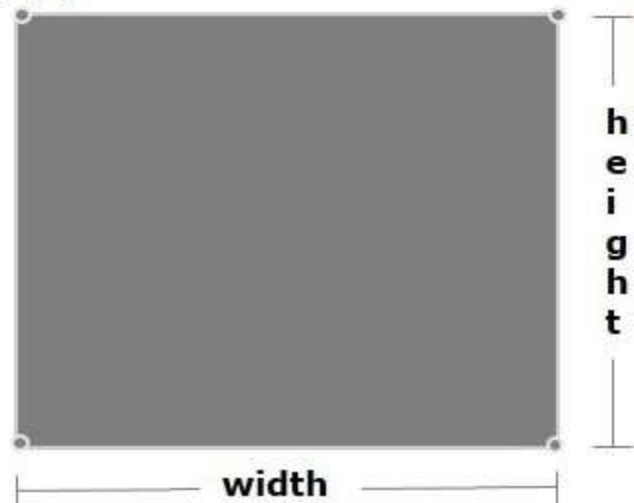
- `Line line = new Line(0,10, 70,10);`
- `line.setStroke(Color.WHITE);`
- `line.setStrokeWidth(10);`

➤ `Rectangle(x,y,width,height)`

- `setStroke(Color.BLUE);`
- `setStrokeWidth(7);`
- `setFill(Color.GRAY);`
- `setArcWidth(15);`
- `setArcHeight(10);`

➤ Example03

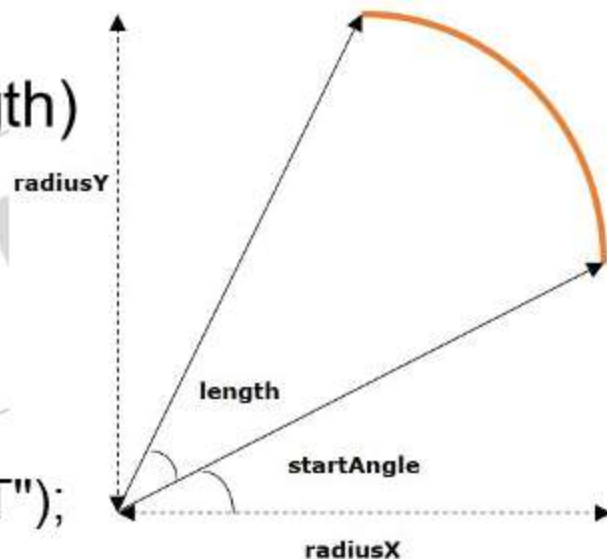
(x, y)



2D shape

- Circle(x,y,R)
- Arc(x,y,radiusX,radiusY,startAngle,length)
- Ellipse(x,y,radiusX,radiusY)
- Polygon(x1,y1,x2,y2,...,xn,yn)
- Text(x,y, "String"). Ex:

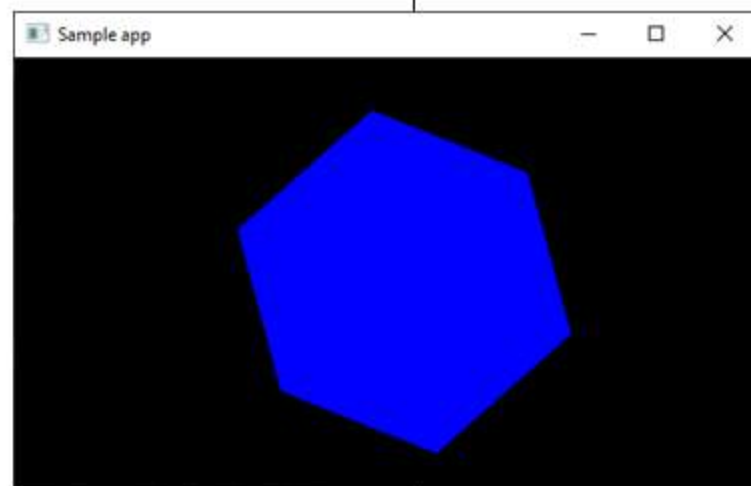
- `Text t = new Text(30,70,"Thử nghiệm TEXT");`
- `t.setStroke(Color.BLUE);`
- `t.setFill(Color.WHITE);`
- `t.setStrokeWidth(2);`
- `t.setFont(Font.font("Serif",FontWeight.BOLD,FontPosture.REGULAR,47));`



Rotate Transition

```
//import javafx.animation.RotateTransition;  
//import javafx.util.Duration;
```

```
Polygon shape = new Polygon(  
200, 50, 320, 50, 370, 150, 320, 250, 200, 250, 150, 150);  
shape.setFill(Color.BLUE);  
RotateTransition rotate = new RotateTransition();  
rotate.setDuration(Duration.millis(6000));  
rotate.setNode(shape);  
rotate.setByAngle(-360);  
rotate.setCycleCount(5);  
rotate.setAutoReverse(false);  
rotate.play();
```



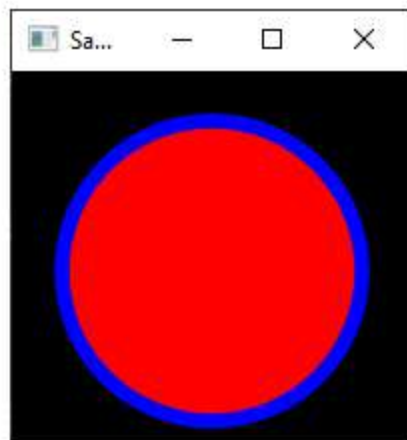
Scale transition

```
//Creating scale transition
Circle shape = new Circle(100,100,30);
shape.setStroke(Color.BLUE);
shape.setStrokeWidth(3);
shape.setFill(Color.RED);

ScaleTransition scale = new ScaleTransition();
scale.setDuration(Duration.millis(3000));
scale.setNode(shape);

//Setting the dimensions for scaling
scale.setByY(1.5);
scale.setByX(1.5);

scale.setCycleCount(5);
scale.setAutoReverse(true);
scale.play();
```



Event Handling

➤ Types of Events

- **Foreground Events:** require the direct interaction of a user
- **Background Events:** don't require the interaction of end-user (software failure, timer expiry, ...)

➤ Events in JavaFX

- **Mouse Event:** click, press, release, move, ...
- **Key Event:** press, release, type
- **Drag Event:** drag entered, drag dropped, drag entered target, ...
- **Window Event:** window hiding, window shown, ...

MouseEvent.MOUSE_CLICKED (Example04)

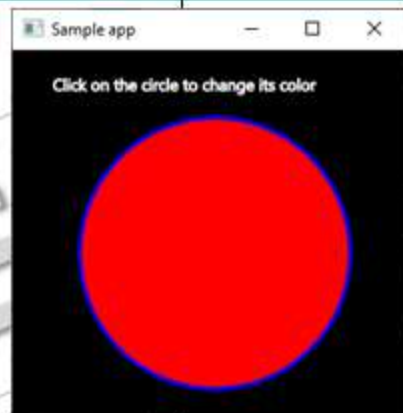
```
//import javafx.scene.input.MouseEvent;
Text t = new Text(30,30,"Click on the circle to change its color");
t.setStroke(Color.WHITE);

Circle shape = new Circle(150,150,100);
shape.setStroke(Color.BLUE);
shape.setStrokeWidth(3);
shape.setFill(Color.RED);

//Creating the mouse event handler
EventHandler<MouseEvent> event = new EventHandler<MouseEvent>() {
    @Override
    public void handle(MouseEvent e) {
        shape.setFill(Color.YELLOW);
        text.setStroke(Color.YELLOW);
    }
};

//Registering the event filter
shape.addEventFilter(MouseEvent.MOUSE_CLICKED, event);

//Creating a Group
Group root = new Group(shape,t);
// See Example04
```



KeyEvent.KEY_TYPED

```
// import javafx.scene.input.KeyEvent;  
Text t = new Text(30,30,"Input a letter R/G/B: ");
```

```
TextField tF = new TextField();  
tF.setLayoutX(150);  
tF.setLayoutY(10);
```

```
Circle shape = new Circle(150,150,100);  
shape.setStroke(Color.BLUE);  
shape.setStrokeWidth(3);  
shape.setFill(Color.GREY);
```

```
//Handling the key typed event  
EventHandler<KeyEvent> e1 = new  
EventHandler<KeyEvent>() {  
    @Override  
    public void handle(KeyEvent e) {  
        String c = tF.getText();  
        if (c.trim().toUpperCase().equals("R"))  
            shape.setFill(Color.RED);  
        if (c.trim().toUpperCase().equals("G"))  
            shape.setFill(Color.GREEN);  
        if (c.trim().toUpperCase().equals("B"))  
            shape.setFill(Color.BLUE);  
    }  
}
```

```
};  
//Adding an event handler to the text field  
tF.addEventHandler(KeyEvent.KEY_TYPED,  
e1);
```

```
//Handling the mouse clicked event(on circle)  
EventHandler<MouseEvent> e2 = new  
EventHandler<MouseEvent>() {  
    @Override  
    public void handle(MouseEvent e) {  
        shape.setStroke(Color.GOLD);  
    }  
};
```

```
//Adding the event handler to the circle  
shape.addEventHandler(MouseEvent.MOUSE_  
CLICKED, e2);
```

```
//Creating a Group object  
Group group = new Group(shape, tF, t);
```


Button.setOnAction

```
// import javafx.event.ActionEvent;

Button button = new Button("Show Time");
button.setLayoutX(20);
button.setLayoutY(20);

Label label = new Label("");
label.setLayoutX(100);
label.setLayoutY(20);
label.setFont(Font.font("Serif",FontWeight.BOLD, FontPosture.REGULAR,27));
label.setTextFill(Color.BLUE);
```

```
button.setOnAction(new EventHandler<ActionEvent>() {
    @Override
    public void handle(ActionEvent event) {
        label.setText(new Date().toString());
    }
});

Group group = new Group(button,label);
```

UI Controls

- **UI elements:** these are the core visual elements
- **Layouts:** define how UI elements should be organized on the screen
- **Behavior:** these are events which occur

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UI Elements



Example05

Text / Label

RadioButton

CheckBox

ChoiceBox

Registration Form

Name

Date of birth

Gender ☒ male ☐ female

Reservation

Technologies known ☒ Java ☐ C++

Educational qualification

- Highschool
- Engineering
- MSC
- MBA

Location

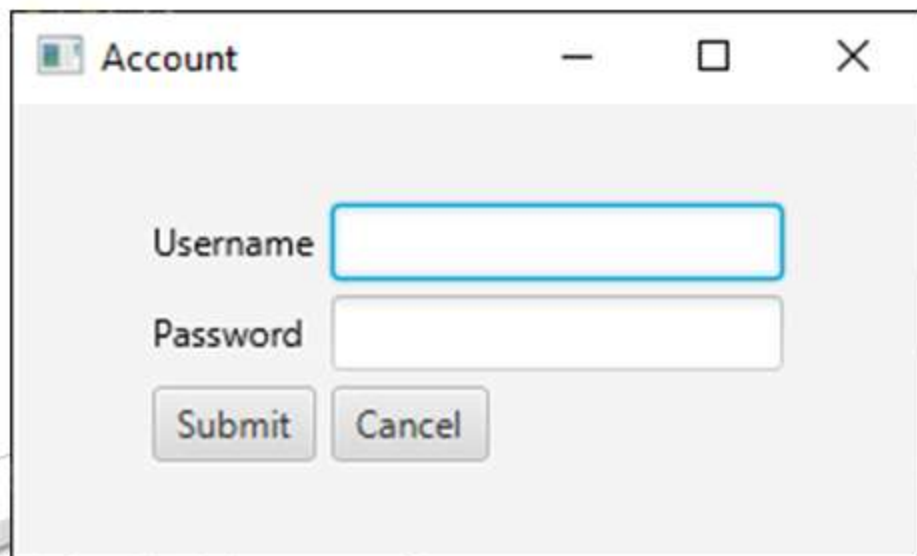
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ToggleButton

ListView

Button

Example06



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Containers - Layout Panes

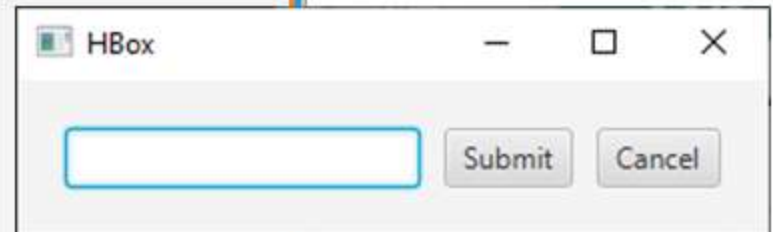
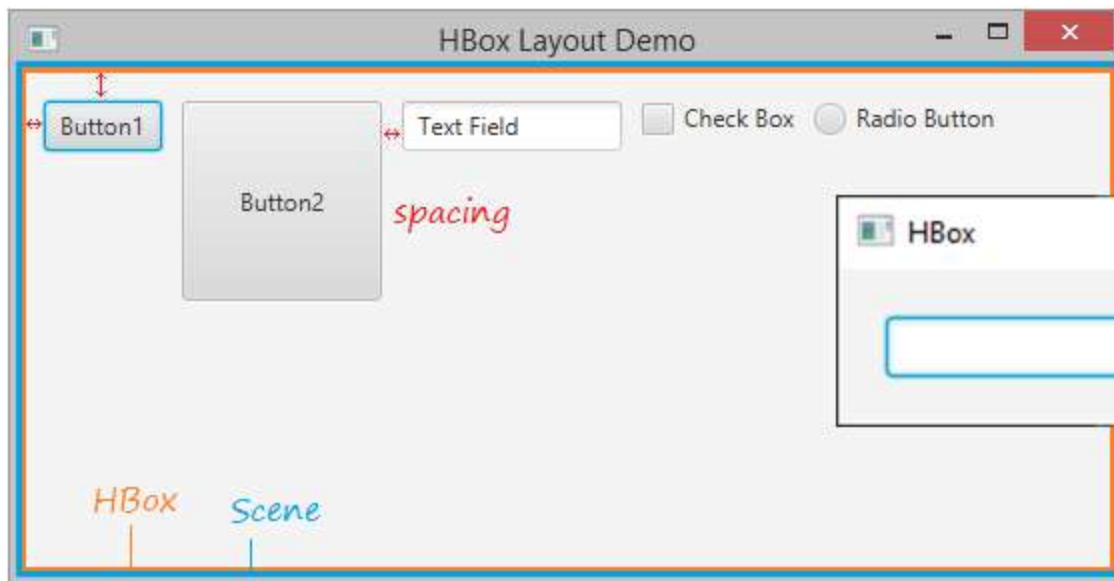
- Layout of the container:
 - arrangement of the components in order
 - placing all the components at a particular position
- JavaFx layout: **HBox**, **VBox**, **Border Pane**, Stack Pane, Text Flow, Anchor Pane, Title Pane, **Grid Pane**, **Flow Panel** ...

Hbox layout

- All the nodes are set in a single horizontal row
- package javafx.scene.layout
- Example07:

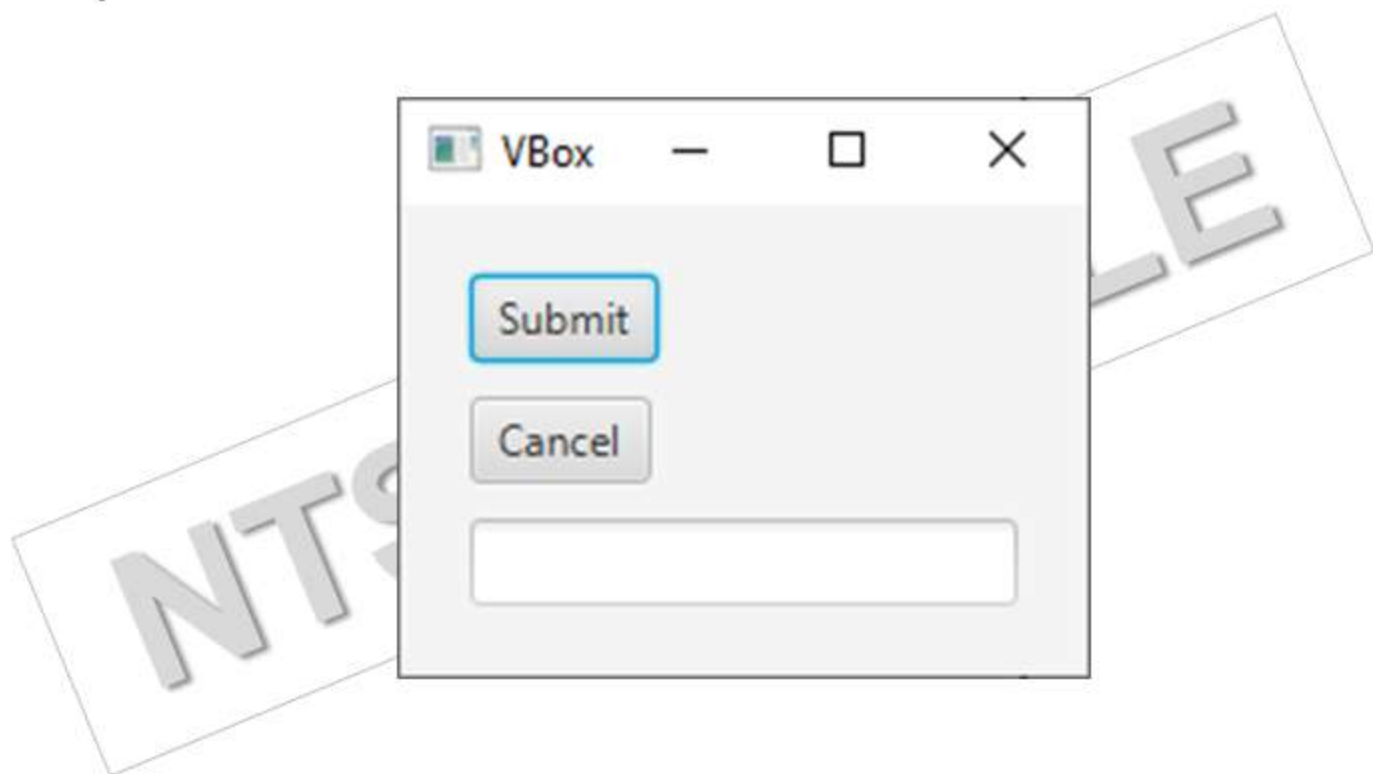
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HBox hbox = new HBox();  
hbox.setSpacing(30); //setting the space  
hbox.setPadding(new Insets(20,20,20,20)); // padding: top, right,  
bottom, left
```

*padding
(top, left)*

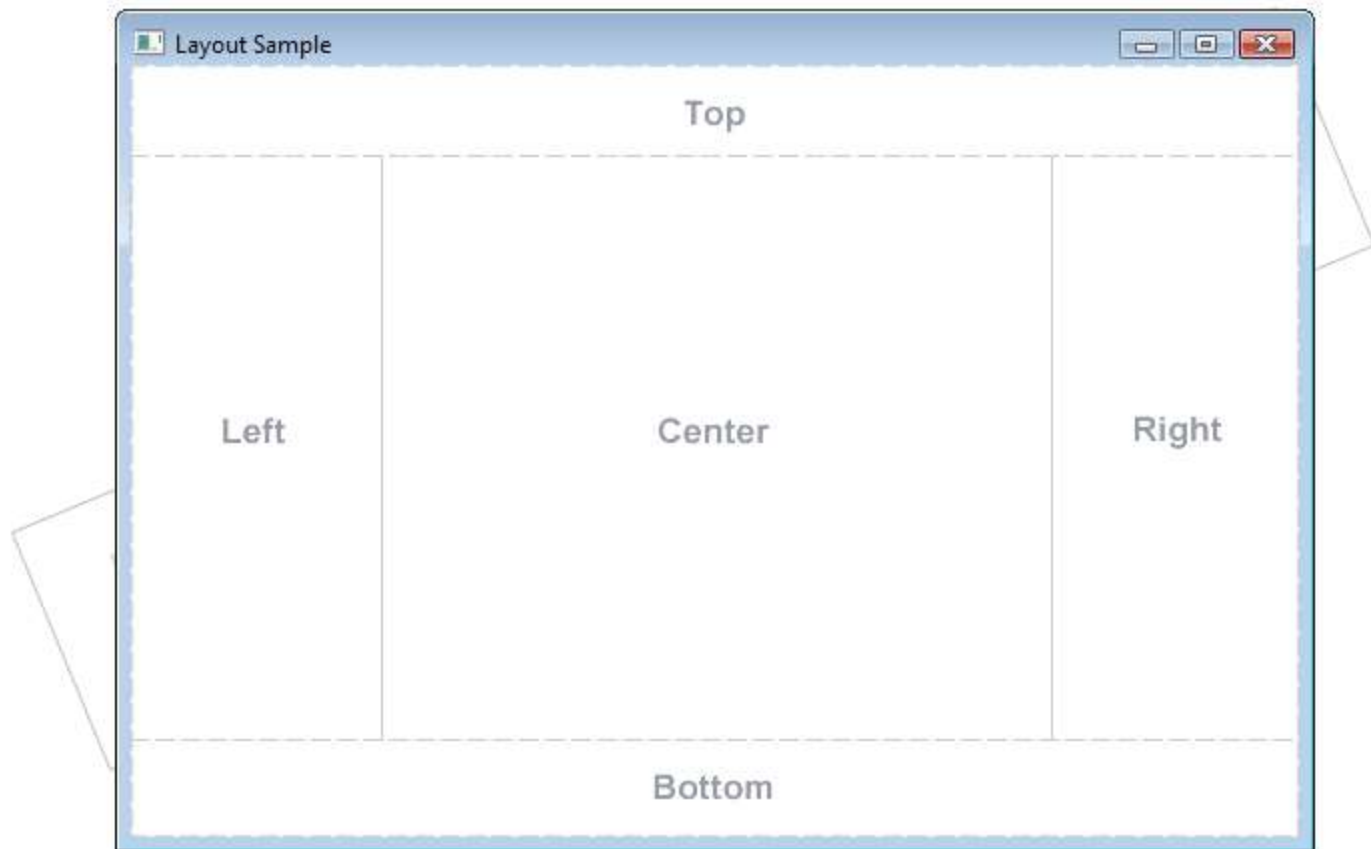


Vbox layout

➤ Example08

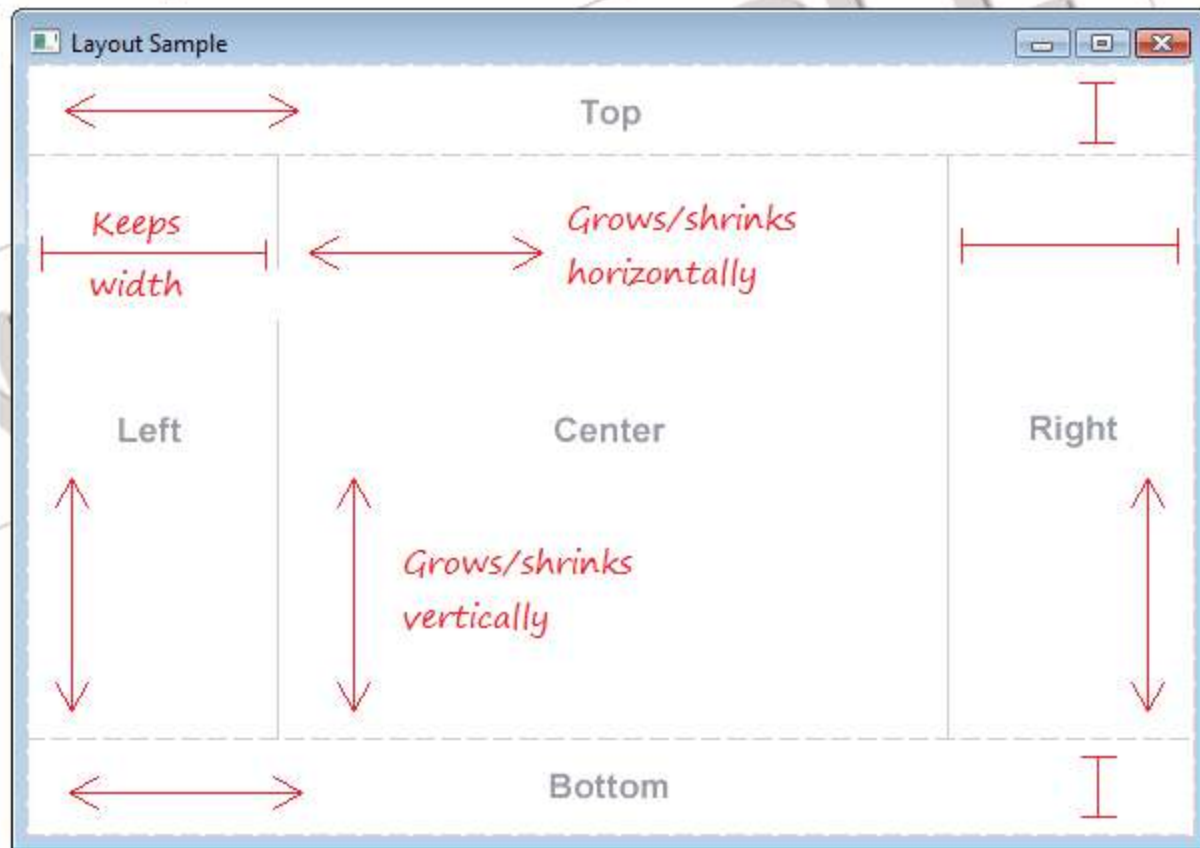


BorderPane layout

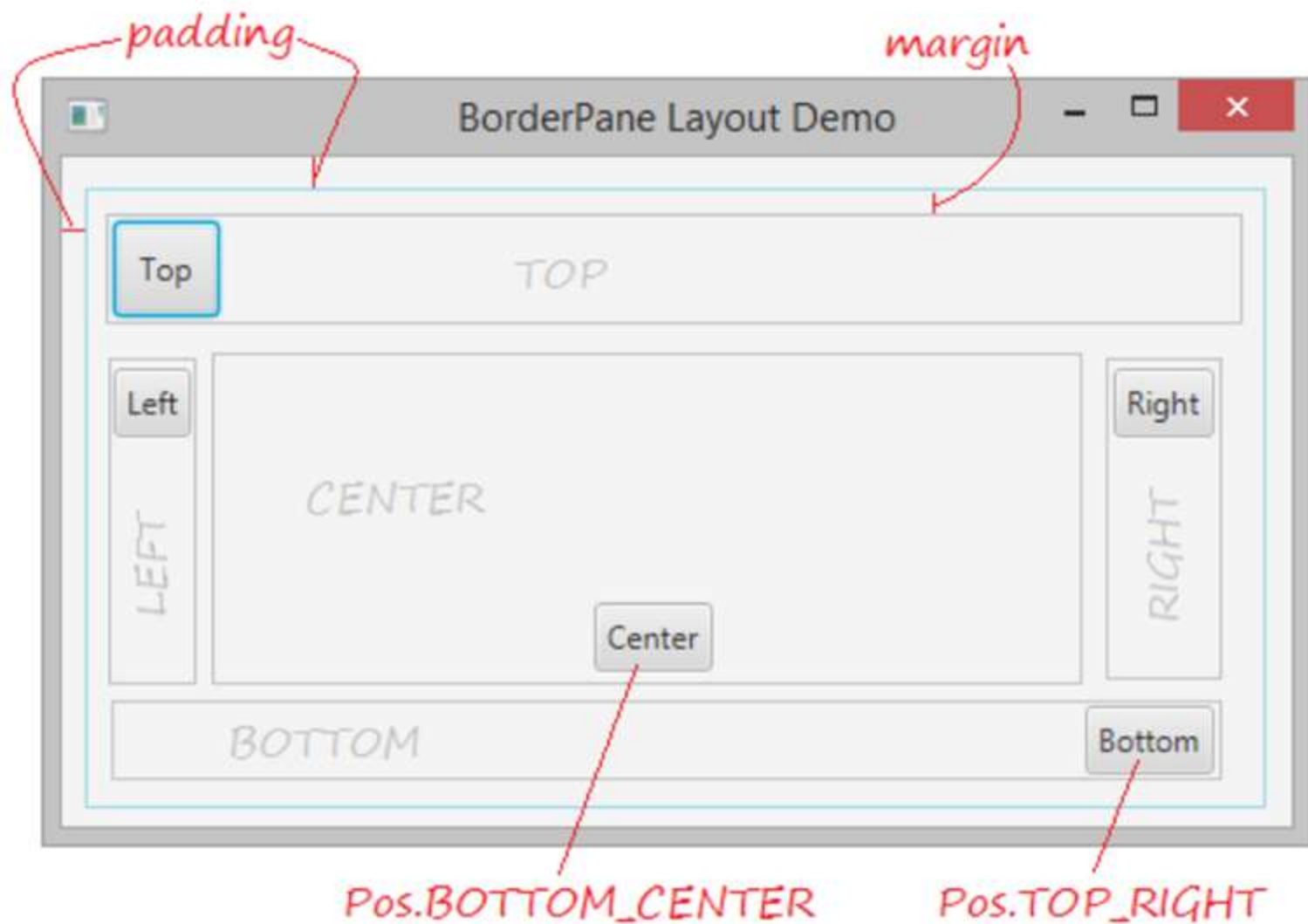


BorderPane layout

- Top/Bottom area: expand horizontally
- Left/Right area: expand vertically
- Center area: expand in both directions

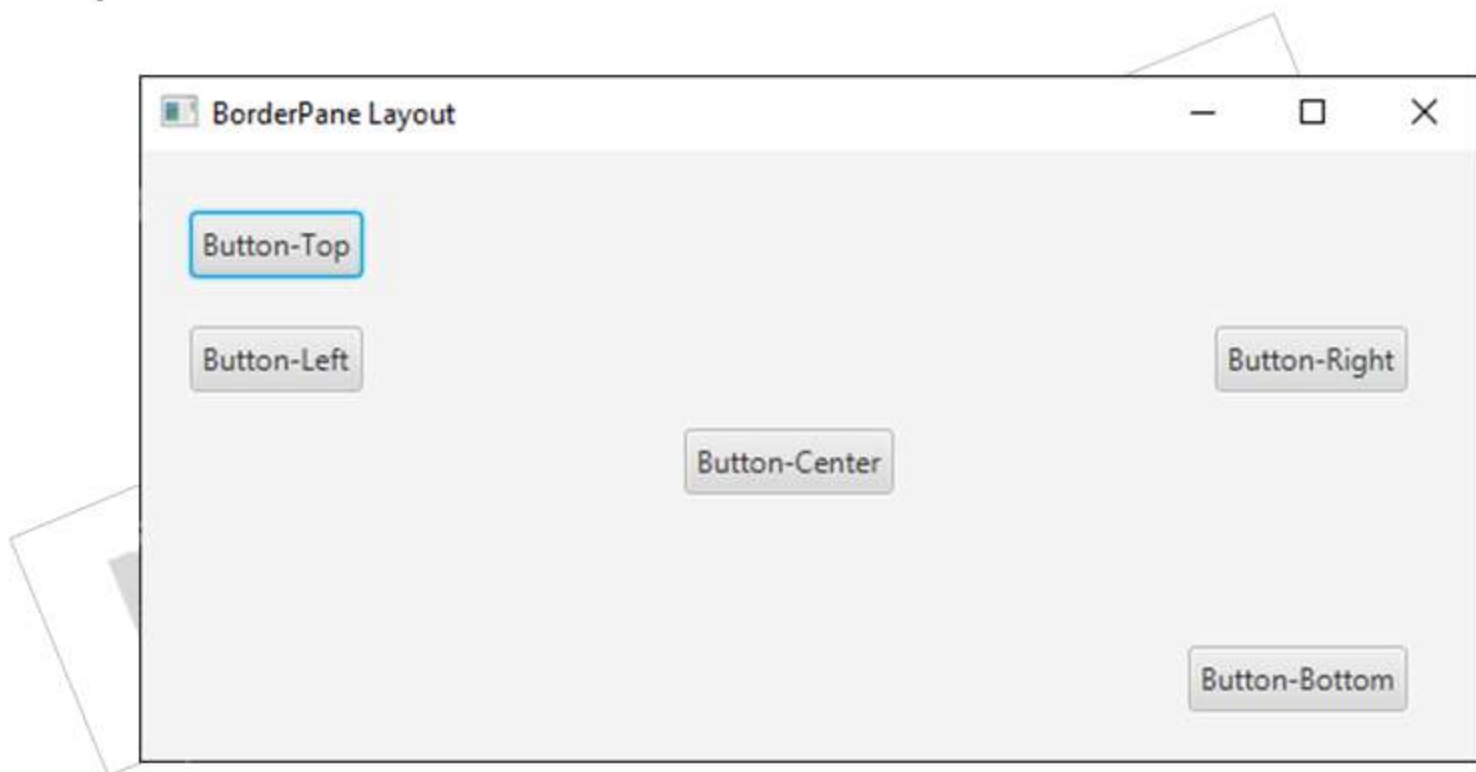


BorderPane layout

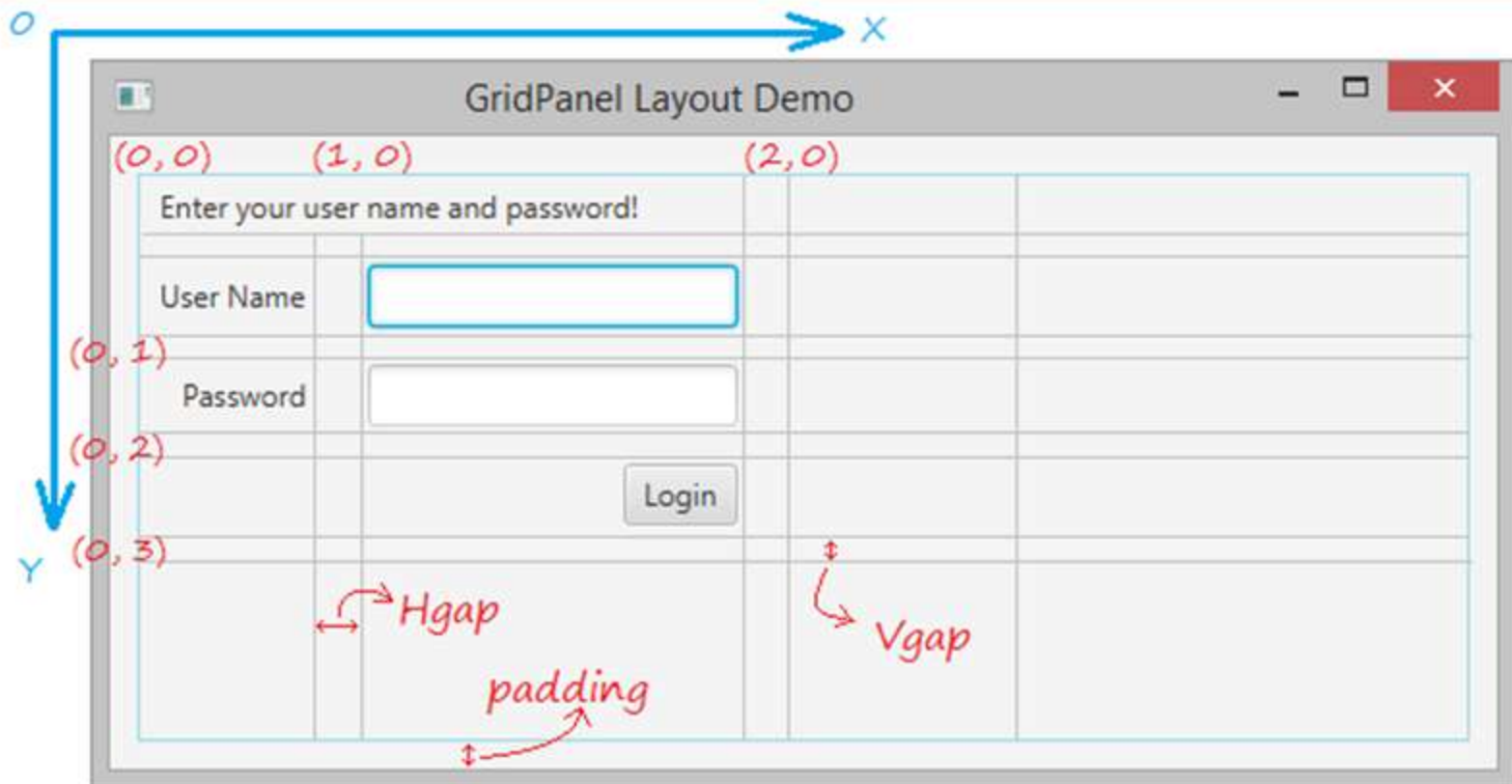


BorderPane layout

➤ Example09

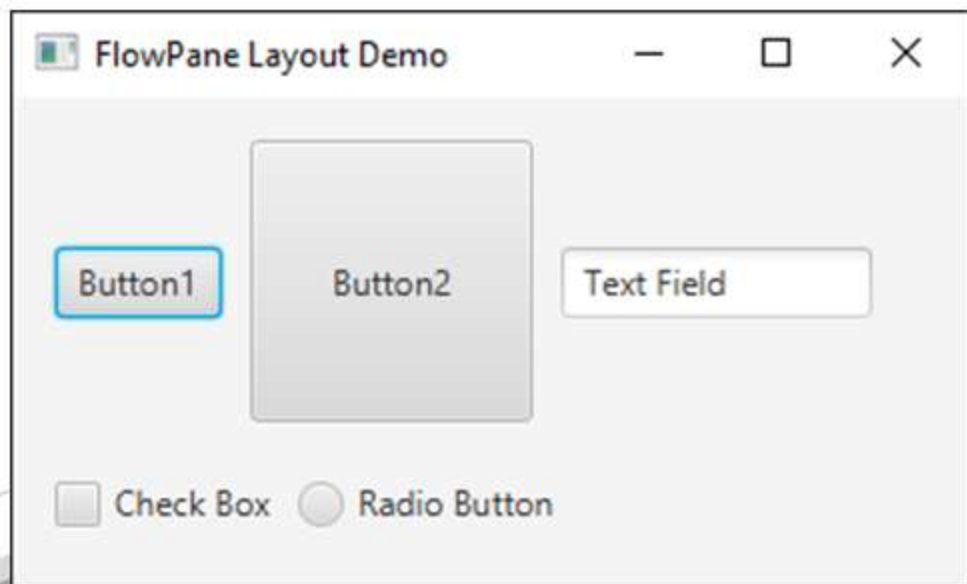


GridPane



- Divide its surface into a grid
- Including rows and columns.
- A subcomponent can lie on a cell or a merged cell
- Example10

FlowPane Layout



- Arrange the consecutive subcomponents on a row
- And automatically pushes the subcomponents down to next line
- Example11

Scene Builder (Reference)

➤ <https://gluonhq.com/products/scene-builder/>



Q&A