

CS209

Computer system design and application

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Events and Change Listeners

Reacts to event occurring elsewhere

"Observable Value" changes

Widely implemented interface

Application:

Selections (radio button groups, lists ...)

Progress bar

We have talked last time about events, "Change Listeners" are less focused on one particular widget.

For instance, when people click on "Chinese", you don't have to ask anything about citizenship. Foreigners, however, are a mixed bunch.

☒ Chinese
☐ Foreigner

Citizenship

If people click on "Foreigner", then the "Citizenship" combobox must be activated (and deactivated if they click back on "Chinese"). Action on one widget (the radio-button) triggers change on another widget (the combo-box).

☐ Chinese
☒ Foreigner

Citizenship

Two solutions:

`.setOnAction()` on every
RadioButton

- ☒ Chinese
☐ Foreigner

You can manage activation/deactivation in a handler created for each RadioButton.

```
ComboBox<String> cb = new ComboBox<String>(citizenship);
Label lb = new Label("Citizenship");
// Initially deactivate the ComboBox (and the label)
cb.setDisable(true);
lb.setDisable(true);
// Disable/Enable when clicked
chineseButton.setOnAction((e)->{cb.setDisable(true);
                                lb.setDisable(true);});
foreignerButton.setOnAction((e)->{cb.setDisable(false);
                                    lb.setDisable(false);});
```

Two solutions:

`.setOnAction()` on every
RadioButton

- ☒ Chinese
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You can also do it "globally" and check there was something changed in the selection of radio buttons.

Add a listener to the
ToggleGroup

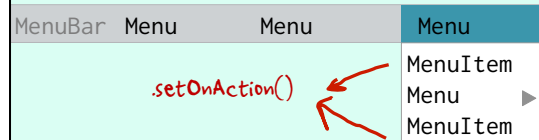
```
ComboBox<String> cb = new ComboBox<String>(citizenship);
Label lb = new Label("Citizenship");
// Initially deactivate the ComboBox (and the label)
cb.setDisable(true);
lb.setDisable(true);
// Add a listener on what is selected in the group
radioGroup.selectedToggleProperty().addListener(
    (ov, oldval, newval)->{
        if (newval == foreignerButton) {
            cb.setDisable(false);
            lb.setDisable(false);
        } else { // Chinese
            cb.setDisable(true);
            lb.setDisable(true);
        }
    });
```

A more centralized approach.

For this case I'd prefer `setOnAction()`

... but in some cases `ChangeListener`s are better

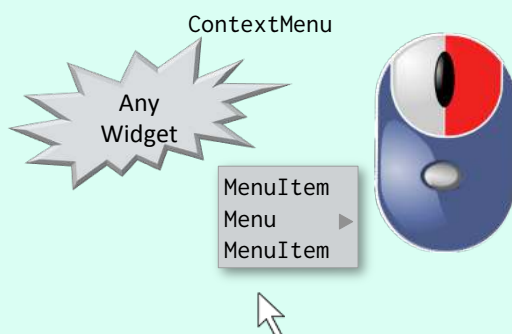
Menus



Finally, traditional menus are a hierarchy of classes.

You also have `ContextMenus`, usually activated by a right click.

Menus



Dialogs *Frequent interactions*

Information, Warning, Error pop-up windows

`javafx.scene.control.Alert`

`javafx.scene.control.ButtonType`

```
Alert alert = new Alert(AlertType.CONFIRMATION,
    "Are you really sure?");
alert.showAndWait().ifPresent(response -> {
    if (response == ButtonType.OK) {
        // Do whatever
    }
});
```

Dialogs are used for messages. They have a standard, easily identifiable appearance.

Dialogs Frequent interactions

Information, Warning, Error pop-up windows

Open/Save file `javafx.stage.FileChooser`

They are also used for opening file or saving them (the traditional "Save as ..." menu option, or "Save" when the file is a new one).

Many other features
but it's a start ...

A case study

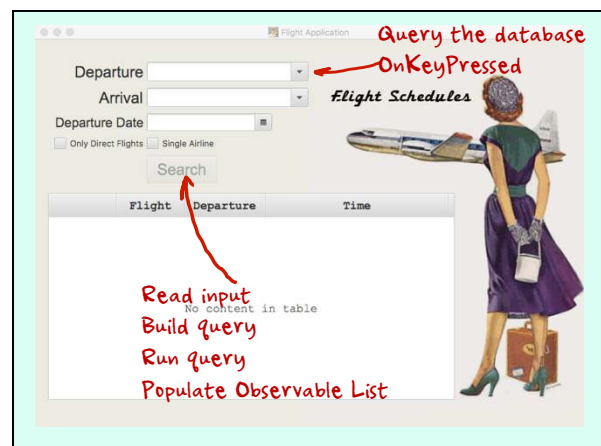
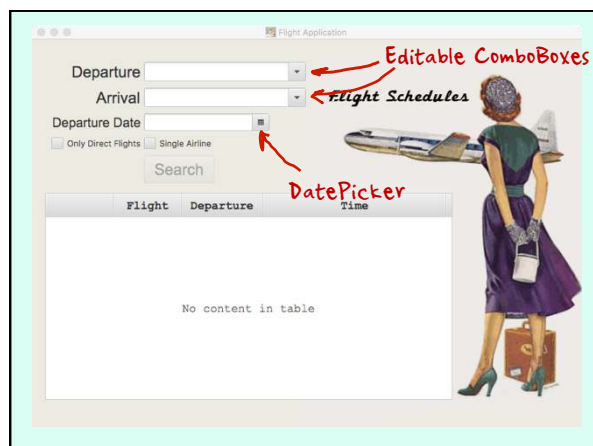
To give you a feeling of what you can do, this is a demo application I have written that searches flights in a database file with around 75,000 flights between around 100 of the busiest airports in the world.

Not resizable

ImageView in a
StackPane

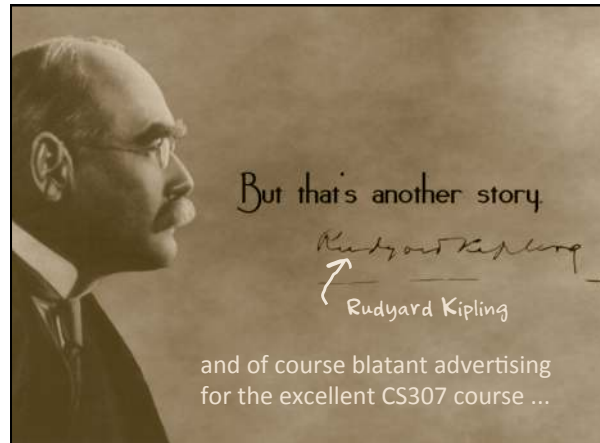
Flight Schedules





Everything else is wild SQL

And when I say "wild", you can believe me. Finding flights that you can catch at an airport in a different time zone than the one you started from and the one you reach, knowing that you don't want to fly say from Beijing to Delhi with a stop in London or Sydney, leads to a rather impressive query.



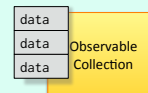
Widgets associated with data

Lists and Combo Boxes
Table Views and Tree Views

You have just seen in the demo application Combo boxes (airport selection) and a TreeView (very like a TableView except that a row can be a child of another row). Now that we have seen them in action, let's come back to how they are coded.

Widgets associated with data

Lists and Combo Boxes
Table Views and Tree Views

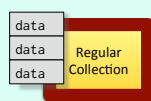


In all cases, we have seen it already, what is on the screen is backed by an "Observable Collection", which is nothing more than a Collection that supports change listeners, which allows refreshing the screen when data changes in the collection.

Widgets associated with data

Lists and Combo Boxes

Table Views and Tree Views



An observable collection is no more than a regular collection wrapped into the suitable call to a static `FXCollections` method.

Widgets associated with data

Usually a single String

Lists and Combo Boxes

```
listView.setItems(FXCollections
    .observableArrayList(someStringArrayList))
```

The case of lists is easy, because in a list (or Combo Box, which is the combination of a list with an entry field) you usually have a single String value. The `setItems()` method of the `ListView` class associate the observable collection with the `ListView`, and nothing else is required.

Widgets associated with data

Objects - multiple columns

Table Views and Tree Views

TableViews and TreeViews are more complicated, because you haven't a single String on each row, but multiple columns – These are widgets backed up by collections of objects for which you want to display attributes one by one in separate columns.

Definition of a TableView

```
TableView<RowType> tableView = new TableView<RowType>();
tableView.setItems(FXCollections
    .observableArrayList(rowTypeArrayList));
```

Must define columns You apply the same `setItems()` method as with `ListView`s but this time it's not enough.

What do we show?

How do we show it?

You may not want to show every attribute in the object. You may want to show them in a particular order, or displayed in a particular way. You must define columns.

Definition of a TableView

You have a `TableColumn<Row type, Column Type>`.

```
TableView<RowType> tableView = new TableView<RowType>();
tableView.setItems(FXCollections
    .observableArrayList(rowTypeArrayList));
```

Here `RowType` = name (String) + value (float)

```
TableColumn<RowType, String> nameCol =
    new TableColumn<RowType, String>("Attribute");
tableView.getColumns().add(nameCol);
```

**How does JavaFx put
a value into the cell?**

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a value into the cell?**

```
import javafx.beans.property.*;
```

`TableColumn` method:

`setCellValueFactory(Callback)`

It's the `setCellValueFactory()` method that does the job. You tell it which function to call to populate a cell (every time you see "Factory", it usually means that reflection is used)

Two options when defining the Class

Regular data types

"Property" types

You have several ways of setting things up, here are two that aren't too complicated. What is important is that the Class corresponding to the objects that you display must be designed with JavaFx and reflection in mind.

Regular data types

You can use a relatively standard class with regular data types. Just call your getters "get<name>()"

```
class RowType {
    private String name;
    private float value;

    RowType() {...}

    // Setters go here

    String getName() {return name;}
    float getValue() {return value;}
}
```


Because the Factory method takes a function that returns a special type, you must wrap what the getter returns.

```
TableColumn<RowType, String> nameCol =
    new TableColumn<RowType, String>("Attribute");
tableView.getColumns().add(nameCol);
nameCol.setCellValueFactory((cd)->
    new ReadOnlyStringWrapper(cd.getValue()
        .getName()));
```

TableColumn<RowType, Number> valCol =
 new TableColumn<RowType, Number>("Value");
 tableView.getColumns().add(valCol);
 valCol.setCellValueFactory((cd)->
 new ReadOnlyFloatWrapper(cd.getValue()
 .getValue()));

Beware that the wrappers for numbers all return a Number type that is the parent of Integer, Float, Double.

Mine!

"Property" types The other option is to use wrapper property types that must be instantiated in setters.

```
class RowType {
    private SimpleStringProperty name;
    private SimpleFloatProperty value;

    RowType() {...}

    // Setters go here
    SimpleStringProperty nameProperty(){
        return name;}

    SimpleFloatProperty valueProperty() {
        return value;}
}
```

new SimpleXXXProperty()

Note method names.

```
TableColumn<RowType, String> nameCol =
    new TableColumn<RowType, String>("Attribute");
tableView.getColumns().add(nameCol);
valCol.setCellValueFactory(new
    PropertyValueFactory<RowType, String>("name"));

TableColumn<RowType, Float> valCol =
    new TableColumn<RowType, Float>("Value");
tableView.getColumns().add(valCol);
valCol.setCellValueFactory(new
    PropertyValueFactory<RowType, Float>("value"));
```

Then you can use "PropertyValueFactory()" that returns a suitable callback. No problem with "Number".

The easy solution ...

Only String types

After all it's just for displaying ...

Price	123.50
-------	--------

Unless you want the table to be editable (as a spreadsheet), a convenient solution is to return everything as a String (at least in the <attr>Property() method). In particular, one often wants numerical values to be right-aligned. A TableView doesn't do it, but you can format a number to be right-aligned in a String.

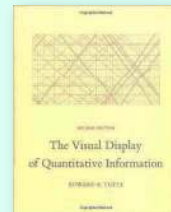
Graphics in Java

Let's now switch to what most monitoring tools use intensely: graphics. We'll only talk of relatively classic graphics that are often used in business applications.

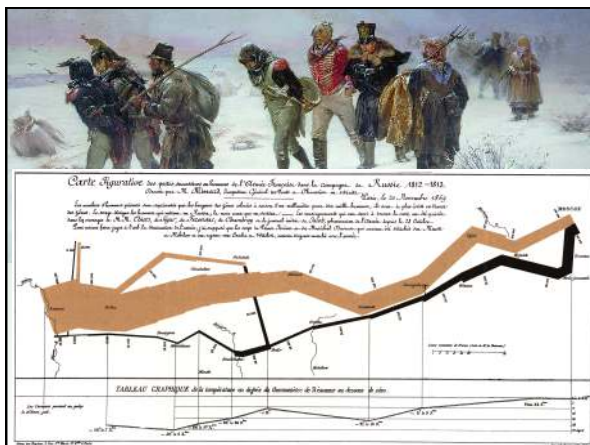
Excellent book



Flickr:
Leonard Ling



If you have the opportunity to find this book in a library, take a look at it. The title isn't glamorous but the book is remarkable. What Tufte cites as one of the best graphics ever created is on the next slides and displays the 1812 disastrous French Russian campaign (numbers have been debated, but it's not the point). On a 2D surface you have a map, the size of the army, time, temperature (when retreating) and it remains remarkably legible. It wasn't done by a program ...



Charts

Much used in business applications...

```
import javafx.scene.chart.*;
```

```
class PieChart
```

Pie charts are hated by Tufte.

AreaChart

BarChart

BubbleChart

LineChart

```
class XYChart
```

X can be a real X or the name of a category.

ScatterChart

StackedAreaChart

StackedBarChart

Benefit:

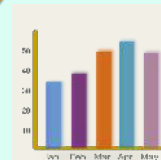
Very often people collect data with a program, generate a .csv or .txt file, load the data in Excel and create charts in Excel.

Writing a tool that collects source data and generates graphics for reports without having to use Excel

This is pretty time-consuming (even if you have macros, because you have to open files and so forth). Charts are therefore useful not only in an interactive application, but also to help generate reports.

Benefit:

The same program does everything in the process.

**A Bar Chart example**

Charts are widgets backed by data (they can also be updated dynamically), which means as usual Observable Lists.

Backed by an ObservableList

ObservableList<XYChart.Data<XType, YType>>

```
#EVENT TIME_WAITED PCT_WAITS WAIT_CLASS
"db file sequential read",2172313,87.370,"User I/O"
"db file scattered read",130611,5.250,"User I/O"
"log file switch (checkpoint incomplete)",84041,3.386,"Configuration"
"enq: TX - row lock contention",34906,1.400,"Application"
"log file switch completion",19113,0.770,"Configuration"
"direct path write temp",11049,0.440,"User I/O"
"log file sync",10550,0.420,"Commit"
"read by other session",8530,0.340,"User I/O"
"control file sequential read",3638,0.150,"System I/O"
"db file parallel read",2477,0.100,"User I/O"
"direct path read temp",2332,0.090,"User I/O"
"SQL*Net more data to client",2234,0.090,"Network"
"SQL*Net message to client",1453,0.060,"Network"
"buffer busy waits",566,0.020,"Concurrency"
"Streams AQ: qmn coordinator waiting for slave to start",490,0.020,"Other"
"SQL*Net more data from client",437,0.020,"Network"
"control file heartbeat",392,0.020,"Other"
"direct path read",240,0.010,"User I/O"
"latch free",147,0.010,"Other"
"enq: CF - contention",127,0.010,"Other"
```

My data comes from this file. What I want to chart is highlighted.

```
import javafx.application.Application;
import javafx.scene.Scene;
import javafx.stage.Stage;
import javafx.collections.*;

import javafx.scene.chart.BarChart;
import javafx.scene.chart.CategoryAxis;
import javafx.scene.chart.NumberAxis;
import javafx.scene.chart.XYChart;
```

This is what I
need for the
chart

```
import java.nio.file.Paths;
import java.nio.file.Files;
import java.io.BufferedReader;
import java.io.IOException;
```

This is what I
need for reading
the file

```
import java.nio.file.Paths;
import java.nio.file.Files;
import java.io.BufferedReader;
import java.io.IOException;
```

```
public class BarChartExample extends Application {
    private final String dataFile = BarChartExample.class
        .getClassLoader()
        .getResource("data.txt")
        .toString().replace("file:", "");

    private static ObservableList<XYChart.Data<String, Number>>
        data = FXCollections.observableArrayList();
```

I prepare the name of my file and an ObservableList
where I'm going to store what I read from the file.

```
private static ObservableList<XYChart.Data<String, Number>>
    data = FXCollections.observableArrayList();

static void loadData(String file) {
    // Here it's loaded from a file, it could
    // as well be queried from a database (this type
    // of data is obtained by querying system tables).
    // We are only interested by the first and third
    // fields from each line (event name and percentage)
    try (BufferedReader reader
        = Files.newBufferedReader(Paths.get(file))) {
        String line = null;
```

Going to split each line on commas.

```
String[] fields;
while ((line = reader.readLine()) != null) {
    if (!line.startsWith("#")) { // not a comment
        fields = line.split(",");
        data.add(new
            XYChart.Data<String, Number>(fields[0].replace("\\\"",
                "\""),
                new Float(fields[2])));
    }
} catch (IOException x) {
    System.err.format("IOException: %s\n", x);
}
```

Adding the first field (X) and 3rd field (Y) of each row
to the collection. Note that each object in the
collection is XYChart.Data<X type, Y type>

```
@Override
public void start(Stage stage) {
    stage.setTitle("Technical Bar Chart");
    final CategoryAxis xAxis = new CategoryAxis();
    final NumberAxis yAxis = new NumberAxis();
    final BarChart<String,Number> bc =
        new BarChart<String,Number>(xAxis,yAxis);
    bc.setTitle("Database Waits");
    xAxis.setLabel("Event");
    yAxis.setLabel("Percentage of Waits");
    bc.setLegendVisible(false);
```

Because I only have
ONE series of data

You can have several values (series) for Y associated with every X, it's not my case.

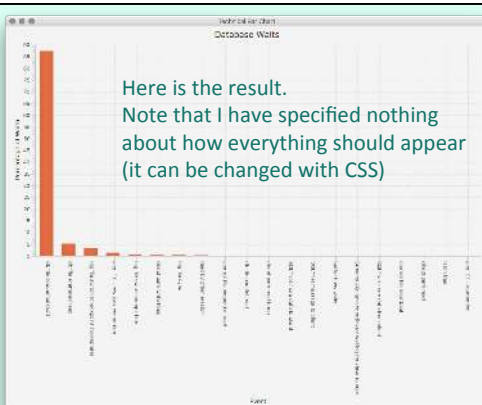
```
loadData(dataFile);
XYChart.Series<String,Number> series =
    new XYChart.Series<String,Number>();
series.setData(data);
```

```
Scene scene = new Scene(bc,1000,800);
bc.getData().add(series);
stage.setScene(scene);
stage.show();
}
```

Used as root node

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

There is a setData() wich reminds of setItems(). Note that here the BarChart is used as root node. It works because a Chart is a child of Region, like a Pane.



Generating Image Files

Having an image on screen is nice, but if you want to include it into a report taking a screenshot isn't the most convenient. You can save a chart to a file, using a component that actually comes from Swing ...

```
import javafx.application.Application;
import javafx.scene.Scene;
import javafx.scene.chart.BarChart;
import javafx.scene.chart.CategoryAxis;
import javafx.scene.chart.NumberAxis;
import javafx.scene.chart.XYChart;
import javafx.scene.layout.VBox;
import javafx.scene.layout.HBox;
import javafx.scene.control.Button;
import javafx.stage.Stage;
import javafx.collections.*;

import java.nio.file.Paths;
import java.nio.file.Files;
import java.io.BufferedReader;
import java.io.IOException;
import java.io.File;
```

We cannot add to the chart a button to save the image, so we are going to put chart and button inside boxes.

```
import java.nio.file.Paths;
import java.nio.file.Files;
import java.io.BufferedReader;
import java.io.IOException;
import java.io.File;

import javafx.embed.swing.SwingFXUtils;
import javafx.scene.image.WritableImage;
import javax.imageio.ImageIO;
import javafx.stage.FileChooser;

import javafx.geometry.Insets;
import javafx.geometry.Pos;
```

Here is the magical Swing package. We also need to write the image and a Dialog for saving it.

```
public class SaveChartExample extends Application {
    private final String dataFile = ...;

    private static ObservableList ...;

    static void loadData(String file) { ... }
```

```
@Override
public void start(Stage stage) {
    stage.setTitle("Technical Bar Chart");
    VBox box = new VBox();
    final CategoryAxis xAxis = new CategoryAxis();
    final NumberAxis yAxis = new NumberAxis();
    final BarChart<String,Number> bc =
        new BarChart<String,Number>(xAxis,yAxis);
    bc.setTitle("Database Waits");
    xAxis.setLabel("Event");
    yAxis.setLabel("Percentage of Waits");
    bc.setLegendVisible(false);
```

Here is the box where we are going to stuff Chart and Button.

```
bc.setAnimated(false);
    // IMPORTANT. Must be done before
    // you start plotting.

loadData(dataFile);
XYChart.Series<String,Number> series
    = new XYChart.Series<String,Number>();
series.setData(data);
bc.getData().add(series);
bc.setPrefWidth(800);
bc.setPrefHeight(700);
box.setPadding(new Insets(10));
box.setAlignment(Pos.CENTER);
box.getChildren().add(bc);
```

By default a chart can be animated. It musn't be if you want to save it as an image. Then nothing new apart from adding the chart to the vertical box.

```

HBox hbox = new HBox();
hbox.setPadding(new Insets(5));
hbox.setAlignment(Pos.CENTER);
Button saveButton = new Button("Save Chart");
hbox.getChildren().add(saveButton);
box.getChildren().add(hbox);

saveButton.setOnAction((e)->{
    FileChooser fileChooser = new FileChooser();
    fileChooser.setTitle("Save Chart");
    fileChooser.setInitialFileName("barchart.png");
    File selectedFile =
        fileChooser.showSaveDialog(stage);

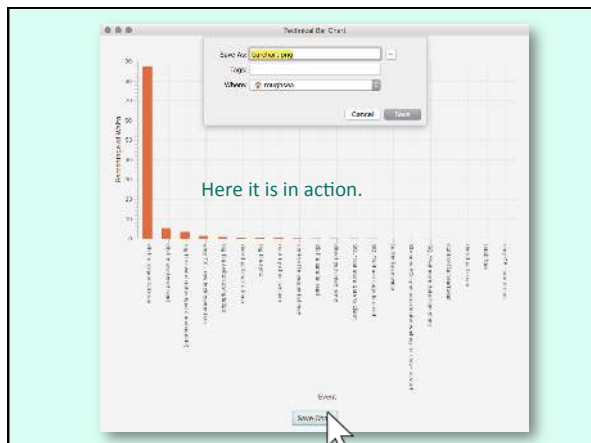
```

Another box (mostly to control padding) to add the button, then the action: when you click on the button, the dialog opens with a default filename.

```

saveButton.setOnAction((e)->{
    FileChooser fileChooser = new FileChooser();
    fileChooser.setTitle("Save Chart");
    fileChooser.setInitialFileName("barchart.png");
    File selectedFile =
        fileChooser.showSaveDialog(stage);
    if (selectedFile != null) {
        try {
            WritableImage snap = bc.snapshot(null, null);
            ImageIO.write(SwingFXUtils.fromFXImage(snap,
                null),
                "png", selectedFile);
        } catch (IOException exc) {
            System.err.println(exc.getMessage());
        }
    }
    If you didn't click "Cancel" in the dialog
    (which would return null) you can take a
    snapshot in the program and save it.
    ... Skipping the end of the program ...
});

```



2D Graphics

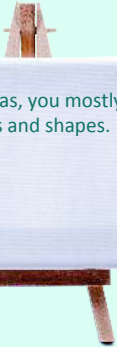
Charts are 2D graphics (you also have 3D charts but if you ever read Tufte you'll never want to use them), but in charts you haven't full freedom to draw whatever you want on the screen. If you want to draw you should use a Canvas object. "Canvas" was the name of the cloth used in the old days for making ship sails. Put on a wooden frame, this is what western artists started to use around the 17th century for painting, hence the name in graphical interfaces.

Canvas object


Lines

Geometrical shapes

On a canvas, you mostly draw lines and shapes.



Examples you usually find

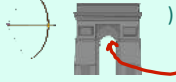


Check figure 15.32 in the book (close)

Whenever you look for a Canvas example, you find a program generating something like this.

From an article by Manoj Debnath on www.developer.com

I have decided to have a stupid example of my own. Background image, and Canvas on which I draw two half circles close to each other (part-circles shapes are called "arc", which is French for "bow")




arc (de triomphe), originally to honor victorious armies in Rome, idea copied in Paris

Ready for a stupid example?

Canvas

StackedPane {



ImageView (background)

```
import javafx.application.Application;
import javafx.event.ActionEvent;
import javafx.event.EventHandler;
import javafx.scene.*;
import javafx.scene.layout.*;
import javafx.scene.paint.*;
import javafx.scene.canvas.*;
import javafx.scene.shape.*;
import javafx.stage.Stage;
import javafx.stage.Screen;
import javafx.scene.image.*;
import java.net.URL;
```

A couple of new packages to import.

```
public class StupidCanvasExample extends Application {

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



```

public void start(Stage stage) {
    double width;
    double height;
    double x;
    double y;

    stage.setTitle("StupidCanvasExample");
    stage.setResizable(false);
    Group root = new Group();
    Scene scene = new Scene(root);
    StackPane pane = new StackPane();
    URL url = this.getClass()
        .getClassLoader()
        .getResource("background.jpeg");

```

StackPane to put image and Canvas (transparent) on top of it.

```

if (url != null) {
    Image image = new Image(url.toString());
    width = image.getWidth();
    height = image.getHeight();
    ImageView iv = new ImageView(image);
    pane.getChildren().add(iv);

    final Canvas canvas = new Canvas(width, height);
    GraphicsContext gc = canvas.getGraphicsContext2D();

```

To draw on a Canvas, you need the associated "GraphicsContext". This is where you define, among other things, line thickness and colours.

```

gc.setStroke(Color.BLACK);
gc.setLineWidth(height * 0.01);
x = 0.42 * width - width / 36.0;
y = 0.285 * height;
gc.strokeArc(x, y,
    width / 18.0, height / 40.0,
    180, 180, ArcType.OPEN);
x += width / 18.0;
gc.strokeArc(x, y,
    width / 18.0, height / 40.0,
    180, 180, ArcType.OPEN);
pane.getChildren().add(canvas);
// Make canvas disappear when clicked
canvas.setOnMouseClicked((e)->{
    canvas.setVisible(false);
});

```

There are multiple ways to define colours. For basic colors you can use an enum.

}; "Stroke" refers to lines. When you draw, you give the position of the top left corner, plus parameters that depend on the shape drawn.

```

    }
    root.getChildren().add(pane);
    stage.setScene(scene);
    stage.show();
}

```

And there you go. All the art, of course, is in the choice of the suitable background image.

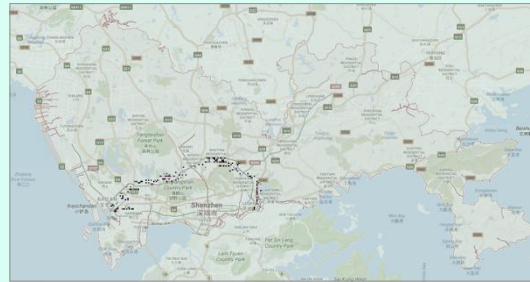


From stupid to usable in real life

Use a map as background

Draw routes

If instead of using Mona Lisa you use a map, you can create some really interesting applications with canvases (other than a drawing tool).



You could have for instance one Canvas per Metro line, stack all of them, and use buttons to make a line appear or disappear. That said, working with maps is not very easy because what you want to plot are usually places for which you know latitude and longitude.

Problems with maps

1. Projection



There are multiple ways to project a latitude and longitude on a flat screen, from the relatively simple cylindrical projection.

Problems with maps

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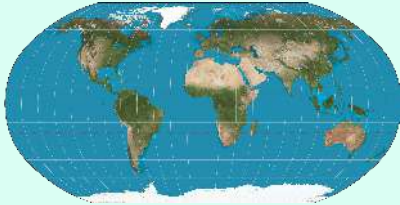


... or conical projection (that makes here southern regions look far bigger than they are)

Problems with maps

To projections that attempt to keep the surfaces right (but not the angles)

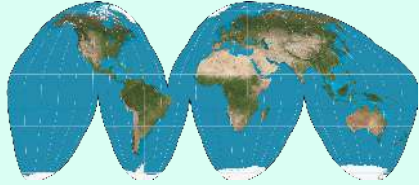
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Problems with maps

To projections that try to achieve the "let's take an orange peel and lay it flat" effect.

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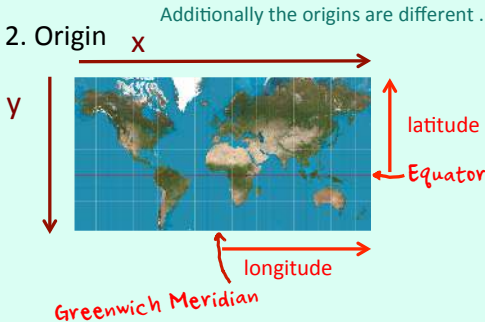


As you can guess, finding the (x,y) matching a given longitude and latitude can be mathematically challenging.

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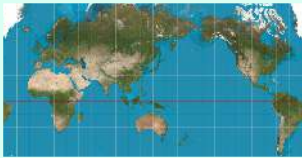
Additionally the origins are different ...

2. Origin



Problems with maps

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... and it may be further moved if you don't want to see the Greenwich Meridian (or the Equator) right in the middle. You need to write methods that know how to translate latitude and longitude depending on several parameters.

Interaction?

You can only interact with a "Node". A Canvas is a node, and you can interact with it (I was able to make the Canvas over Mona Lisa invisible by clicking on it). However, you cannot directly interact with the shapes drawn over the canvas. If you want to interact with shapes, you need Shape objects, one by shape.

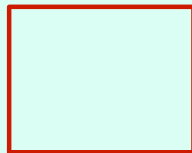
Shape objects

Arc
Circle
Line
Polygon
Rectangle
Text
...

You have a corresponding Shape object for every shape you can draw on a Canvas.

Stroke

Color `.setStroke(col)`
Width `.setStrokeWidth(w)`
+ other properties

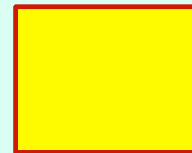


You can set for them what you can set in the GraphicsContext of a Canvas (note that the Width of a Stroke is the line thickness)

Stroke

Color `.setStroke(col)`
Width `.setStrokeWidth(w)`
+ other properties

Fill
Color, gradient,
image/pattern



You can fill shapes also and when you specify colours you can give the amount of Red, Green and Blue, as well as a parameter that specifies transparency (0 = completely transparent)

`Color.rgb(255, 255, 0, 1.0)`

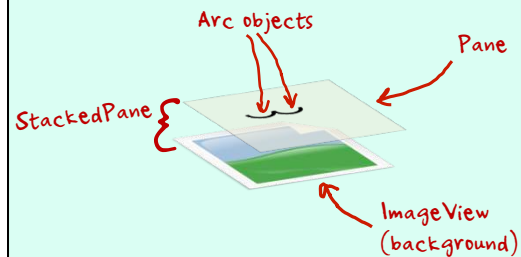
Shapes are nodes ...

CLICKABLE!

With Shapes you can click on every individual shape.

Let's redo the Mona Lisa example with shapes instead of a Canvas.

Stupid example, revisited



```
Arc arc = new Arc();
arc.setCenterX(0.42 * width);
arc.setCenterY(0.288 * height);
arc.setRadiusX(width / 36.0);
arc.setRadiusY(width / 36.0);
arc.setStartAngle(180.0);
arc.setLength(180.0);
arc.setType(ArcType.OPEN);
arc.setStroke(Color.BLACK);
arc.setStrokeWidth(height * 0.01);
arc.setFill(Color.rgb(255, 255, 255, 0.0));
shapePane.getChildren().add(arc);
```

More code than with a simple drawing (... but we could create a method for that)

Same with arc2

```
arc.setOnMouseClicked((e)->{
    Random rand = new Random();
    int r = rand.nextInt(256);
    int g = rand.nextInt(256);
    int b = rand.nextInt(256);
    Color col = Color.rgb(r, g, b);
    arc.setStroke(col);
    arc2.setStroke(col);
});
```

I associate the same action to a click on each arc, that changes the color for both arcs.

Canvas or individual shapes?

Depends on how many elements

Possible to check where a Canvas was clicked

Shapes are good if you have few of them. Otherwise everything can become slow (and it may become difficult to make sure you clicked at the right place).

3D Graphics

I won't talk about 3D graphics because it's beginning to become very specific to advanced applications. Let's just say that you have packages in JavaFX for 3D graphics as well.

Audio and Video

You can also play audio and video in JavaFX. It's not very different from images. With images you have an Image object, and the ImageView that shows it on screen. With audio and video, you have a Media object, you have a MediaPlayer, and between the two you have a MediaPlayer object with controls allowing you to start, pause, stop, rewind and so forth.

Very much like Images

Media

MediaPlayer ← Controls

MediaPlayer

```
import javafx.application.Application;
import javafx.stage.Stage;
import javafx.scene.Scene;
import javafx.scene.control.*;
import javafx.scene.layout.*;
import javafx.geometry.Pos;
import javafx.util.Duration;
import javafx.scene.media.Media;
import javafx.scene.media.MediaPlayer;
import javafx.scene.media.MediaView;

public class MediaDemo extends Application {
    private final String MEDIA_URL = this.getClass()
        .getClassLoader()
        .getResource("TestVid.mp4")
        .toString();
    OR
    private final String MEDIA_URL =
        "http://edu.konagora.com/video/TestVid.mp4";
```

Here are the new packages

URL, Path and String

URL: **prefix://path**

PATH: **path**

A Media (like an Image) can take a URL as argument of a constructor. An URL (like an URI, basically the same thing) is a prefix + a path. If the prefix is "file:" it means that the resource (... name given to anything you can load) is accessible through the file system of your computer (it's not necessarily local, it can be a network disk). It can also be something else such as "http:" to mean that the resource is accessed from a web server through HTTP requests. You usually need to apply toString() to them.

```
private final String MEDIA_URL =
    "http://edu.konagora.com/video/TestVid.mp4";

@Override
public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
    Media media = new Media(MEDIA_URL);
    int width = media.widthProperty().intValue();
    int height = media.heightProperty().intValue();
    MediaPlayer mediaPlayer =
        new MediaPlayer(media);
    MediaView mediaView =
        new MediaView(mediaPlayer);
    Button playButton = new Button(">");
```

Once the media is loaded, you associate it with a MediaPlayer, and the MediaPlayer with a MediaView. Controls will execute MediaPlayer methods.

```
playButton.setOnAction(e -> {
    if (playButton.getText().equals(">")) {
        mediaPlayer.play();
        playButton.setText("||");
    } else {
        mediaPlayer.pause();
        playButton.setText(">");
    }
});
Button rewindButton = new Button("<<");
rewindButton.setOnAction(e ->
    mediaPlayer.seek(Duration.ZERO));
Slider slVolume = new Slider();
```

The text on the button tells us what is the current state, and whether we should play or pause. I'm also adding another button for rewinding, and a new widget (Slider) for setting the volume.

```
slVolume.setPrefWidth(150);
slVolume.setMaxWidth(Region.USE_PREF_SIZE);
slVolume.setMinWidth(30);
slVolume.setValue(50);
mediaPlayer.volumeProperty()
    .bind(slVolume.valueProperty()
        .divide(100));

HBox hBox = new HBox(10);
hBox.setAlignment(Pos.CENTER);
hBox.getChildren().addAll(playButton,
    rewindButton,
    new Label("Volume"),
    slVolume);

BorderPane pane = new BorderPane();
```

Other than geometry (size) I give the range and initial value for the slider (0 to 100, initially 50) and "bind" it to the MediaPlayer. There is an implicit ChangeListener behind, to change the volume when the slider moves.

```
BorderPane pane = new BorderPane();
pane.setCenter(mediaView);
pane.setBottom(hBox);
Scene scene = new Scene(pane, 750, 500);
primaryStage.setTitle("MediaDemo");
primaryStage.setScene(scene);
primaryStage.show();
}

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

Controls are in a box, everything is added to a BorderPane (that controls placement as top/right/bottom/left and center) and we are ready to go.