Building the UI Foundation with Containers & Controls

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Outline

Understand Top Level Containers

- Stage
- Scene

Understand Layout Containers

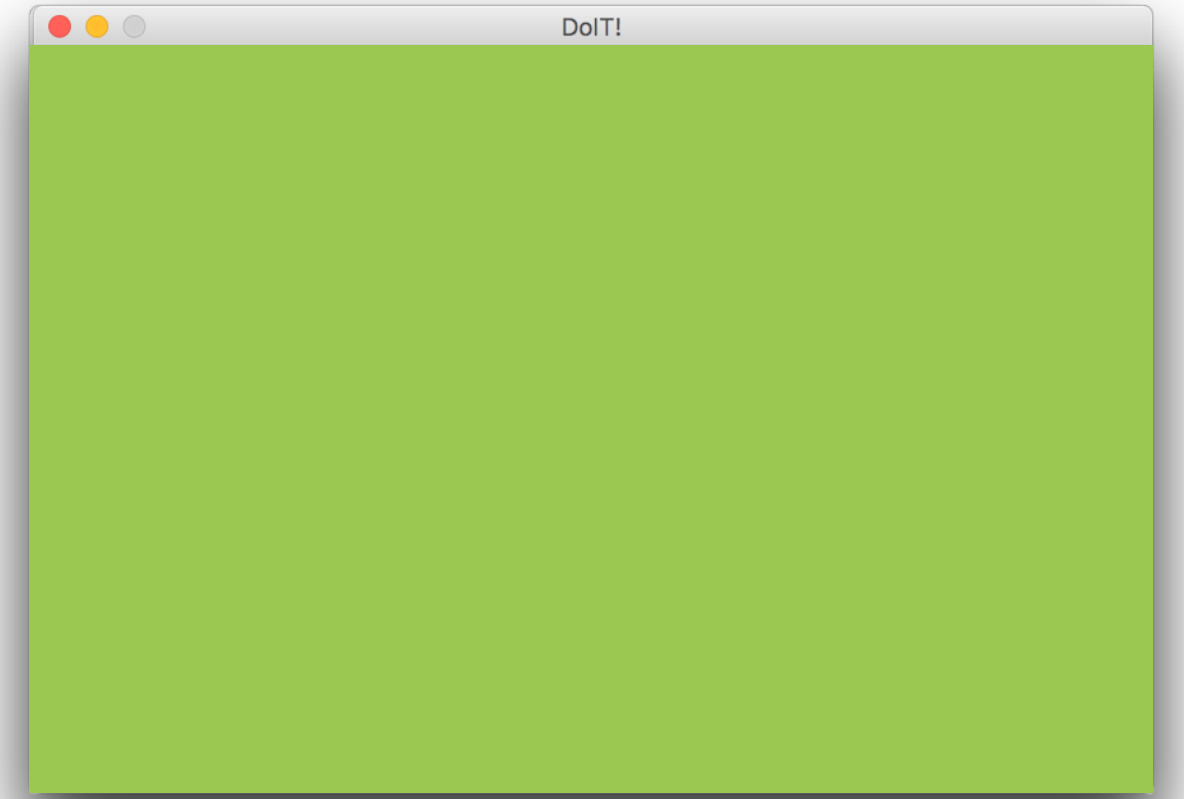
- Grid pane
- Border pane

Use various controls

- Textbox, Label
- Button, Combobox, Checkbox
- Table view

Stage & Scene

JavaFX App Components – Stage



Top Level Container

Defines a space for the app

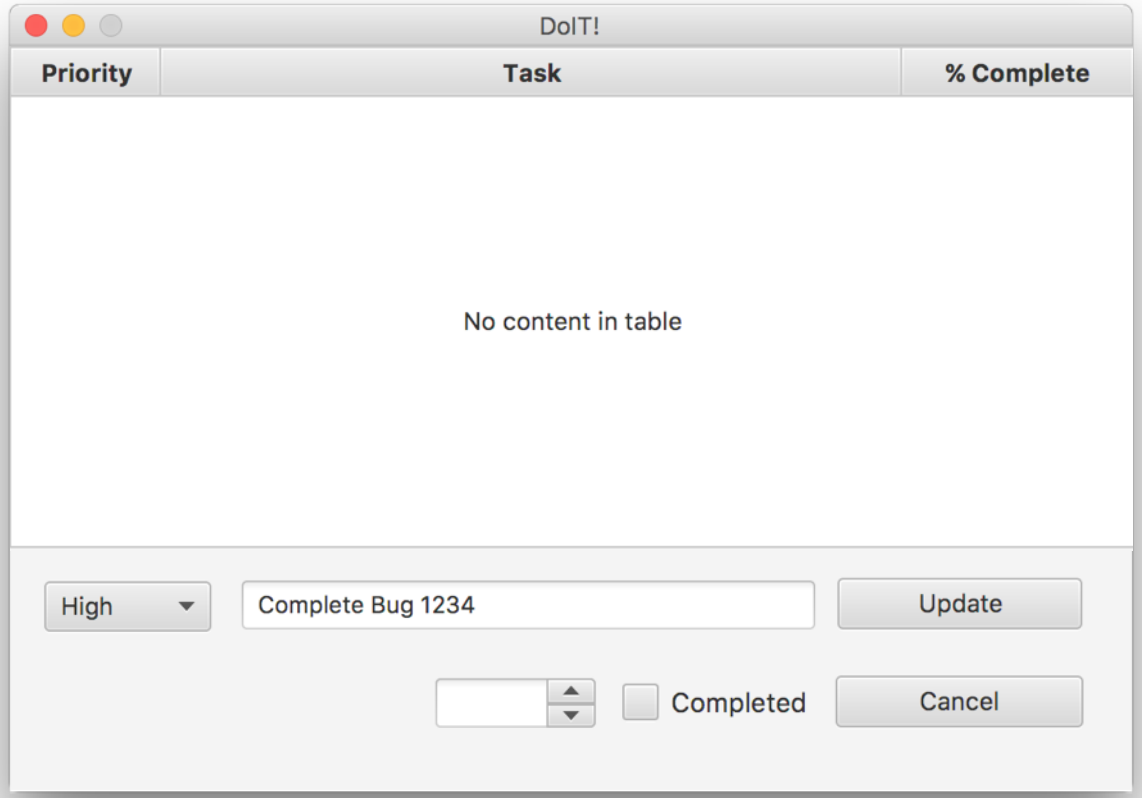
At least one stage, called primary stage

Primary stage is created by runtime, on startup

Container for scenes

Appearance and functionality varies based on platform

JavaFX App Components - Scene

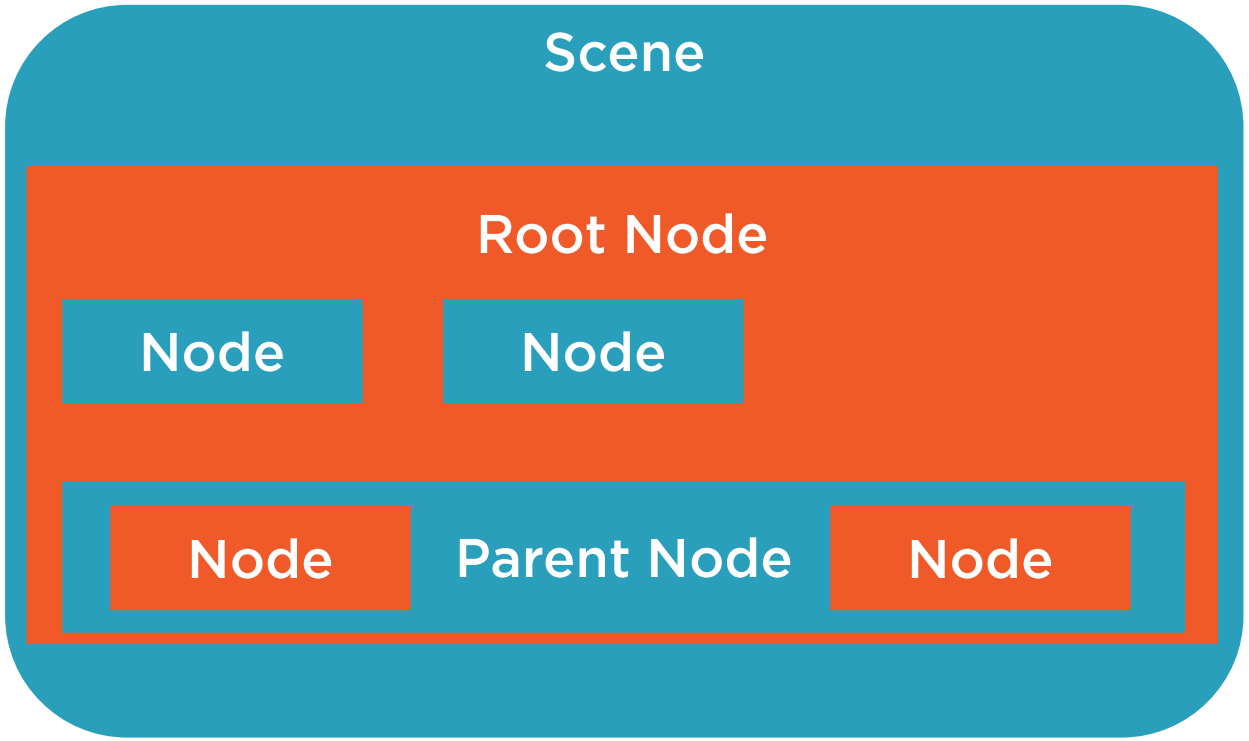


Hosted by a stage

Container for elements that comprise the scene

Consists of a Scene Graph

Scene Graph



Elements of a scene are Nodes

Textbox, button, checkbox etc.,

Parent Nodes can contain other child nodes

All are subclasses of Node

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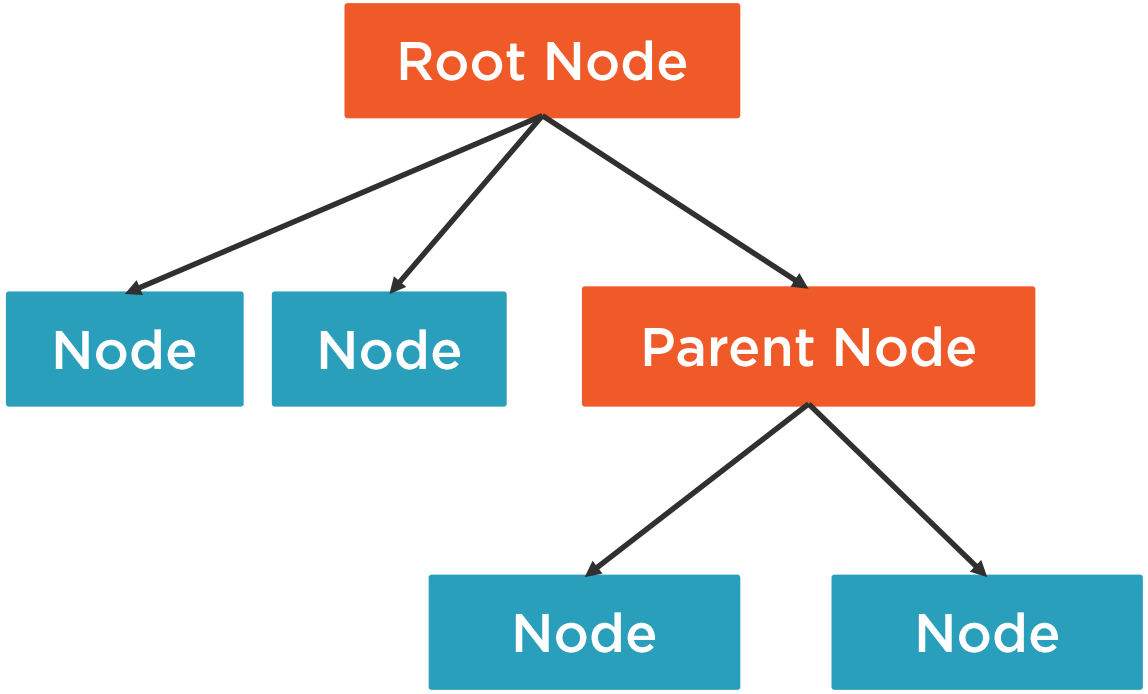

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Nodes form a hierarchical data structure

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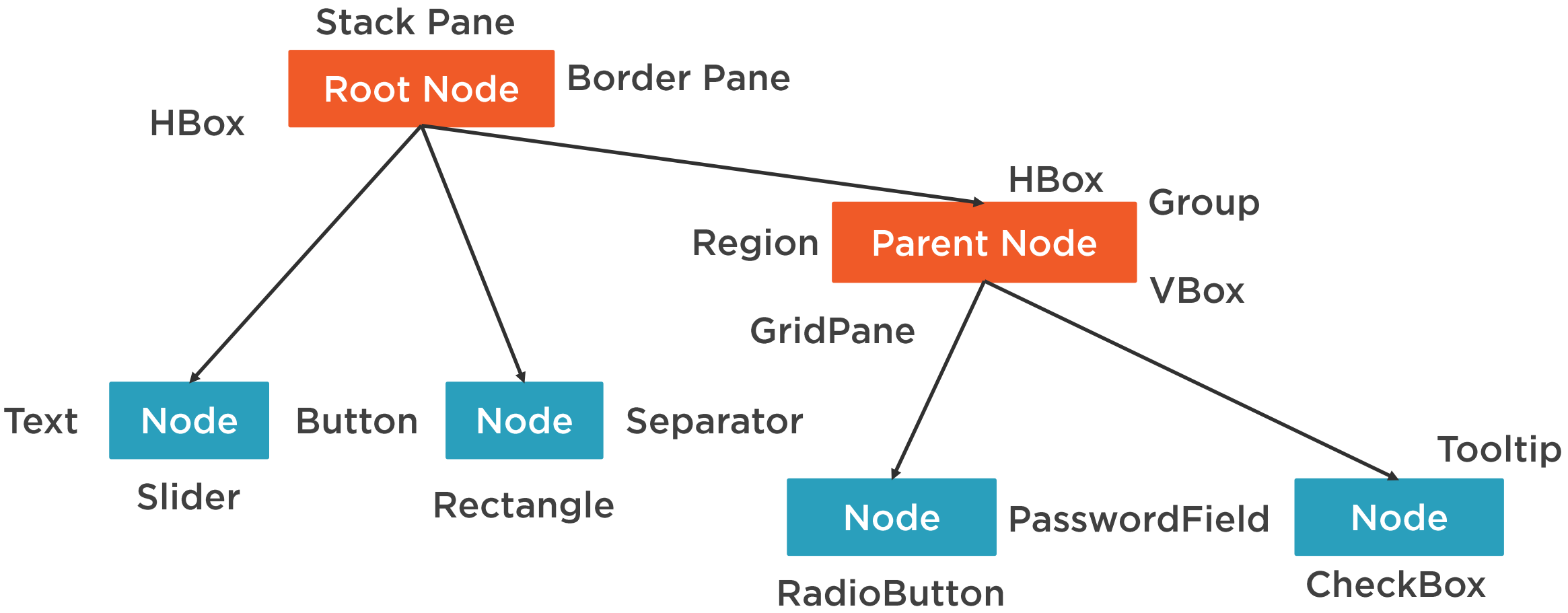

Stack Pane
Root Node
Border Pane
HBox
HBox
Group
Region
Parent Node
VBox
GridPane
Text
Node
Button
Node
Separator
Slider
Rectangle
Tooltip
Node
PasswordField
Node
RadioButton
CheckBox

Demo

Use Group to add element to Scene

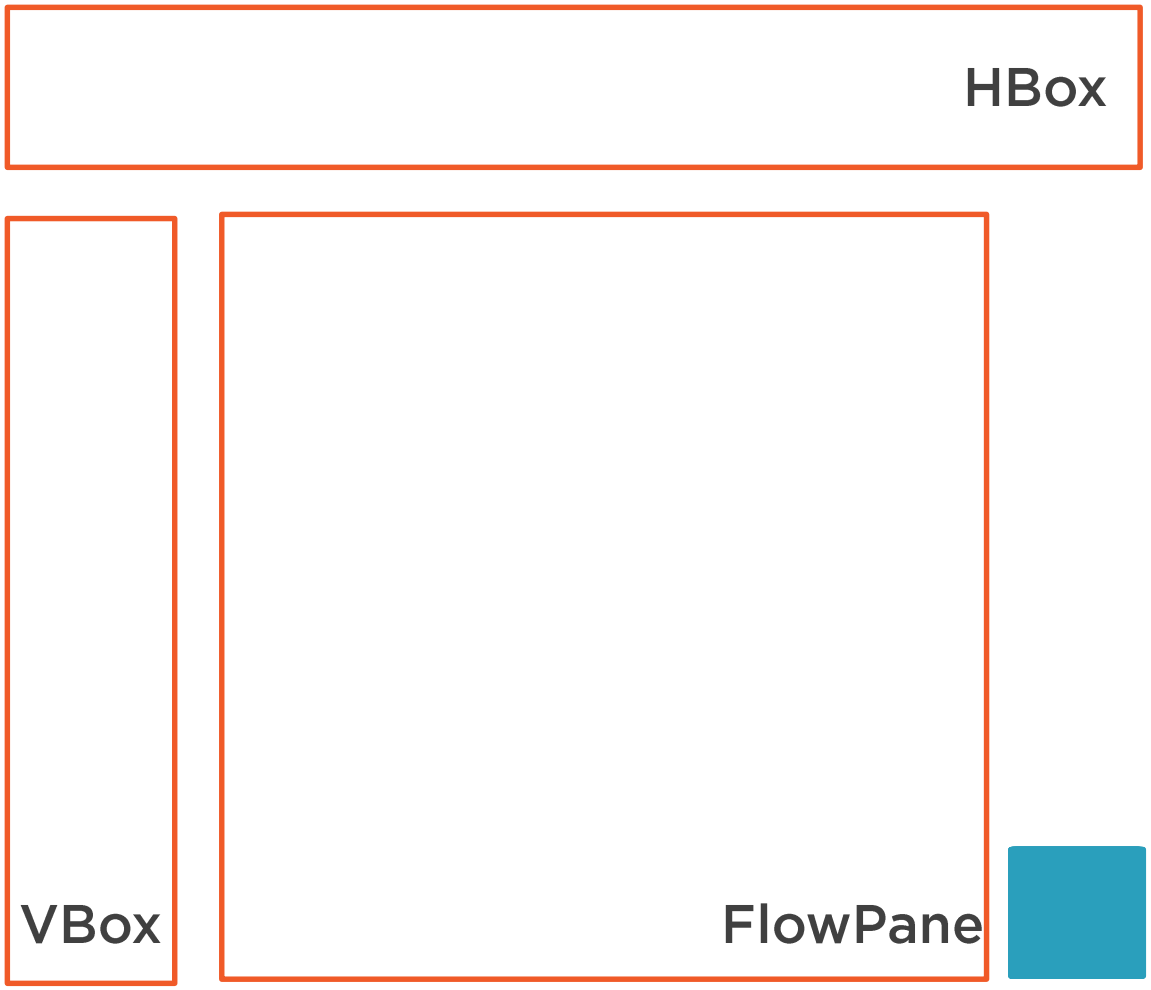
Customize Application title bar

Float the stage on top

Disable Resizing of the application

Layouts

JavaFX App Components - Layouts



An easier option to place nodes

JavaFX has many default layouts

- HBox, VBox
- FlowPane
- BorderPane
- GridPane

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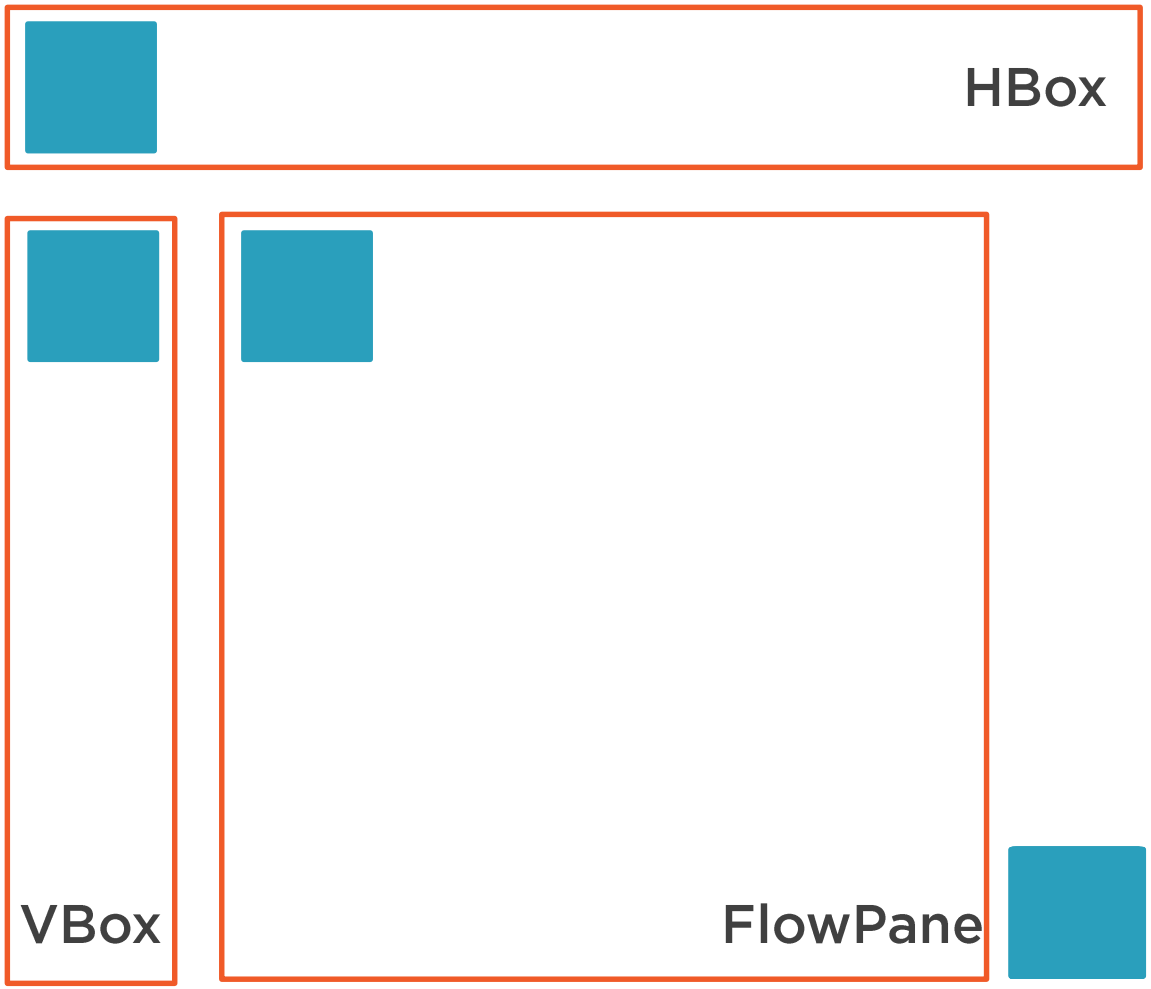

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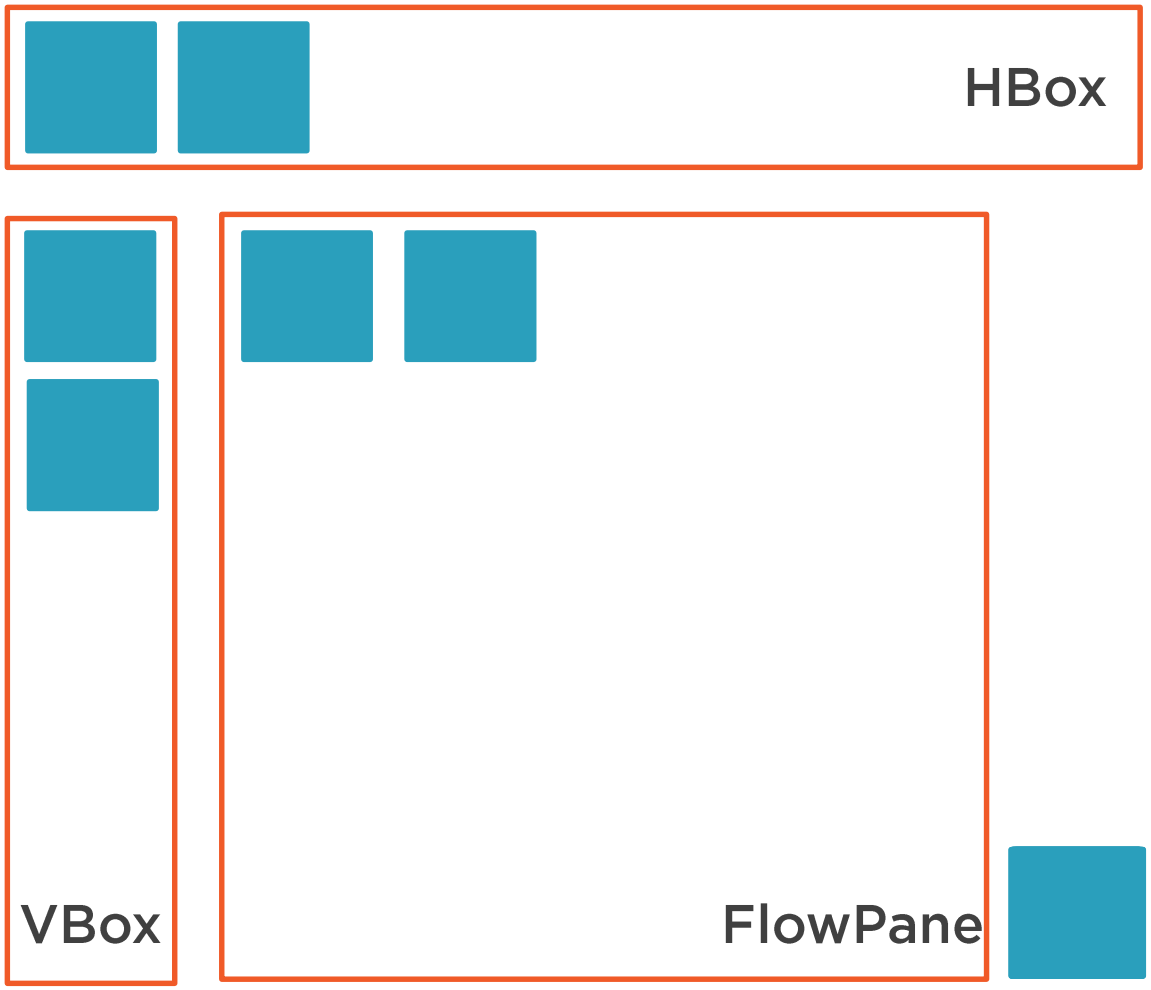

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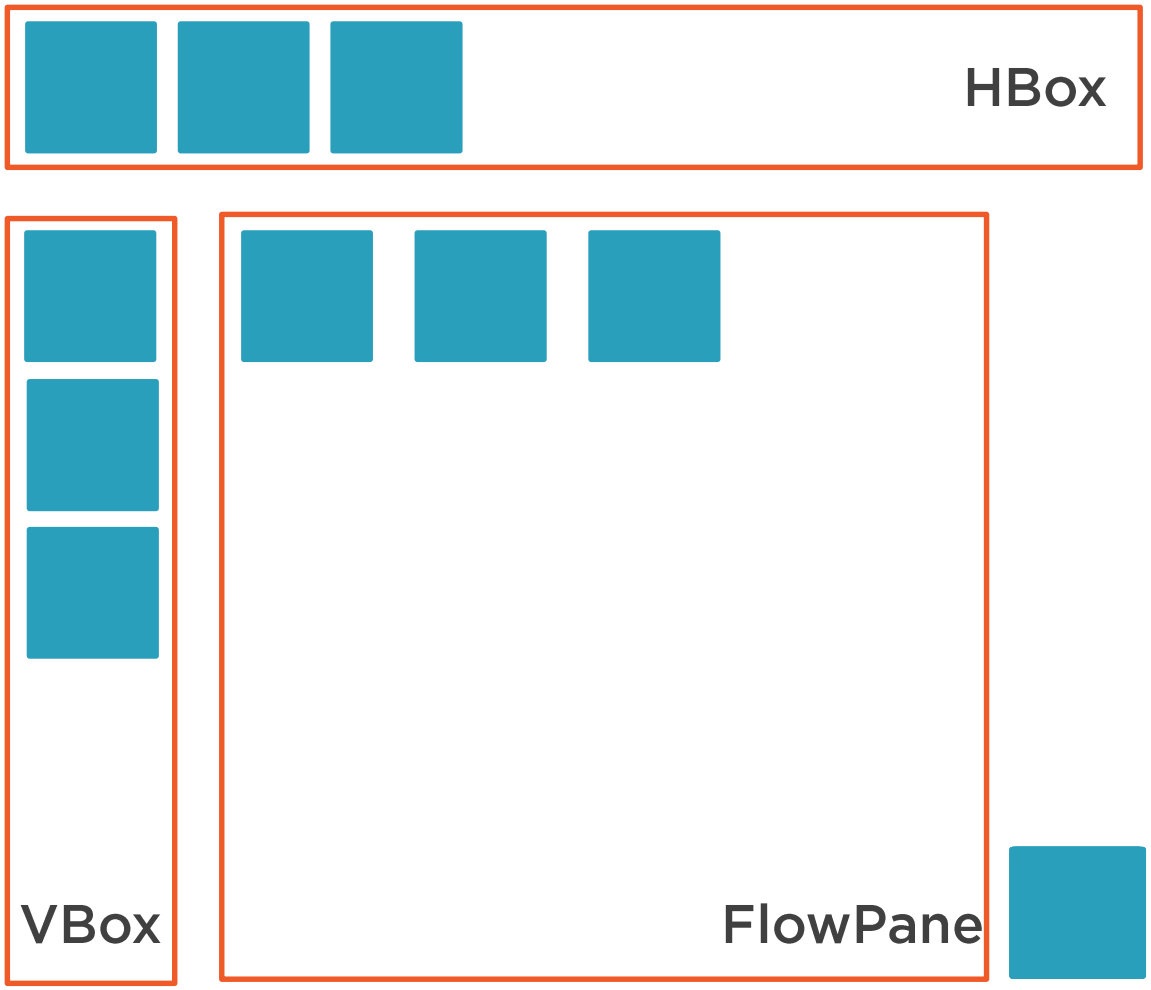

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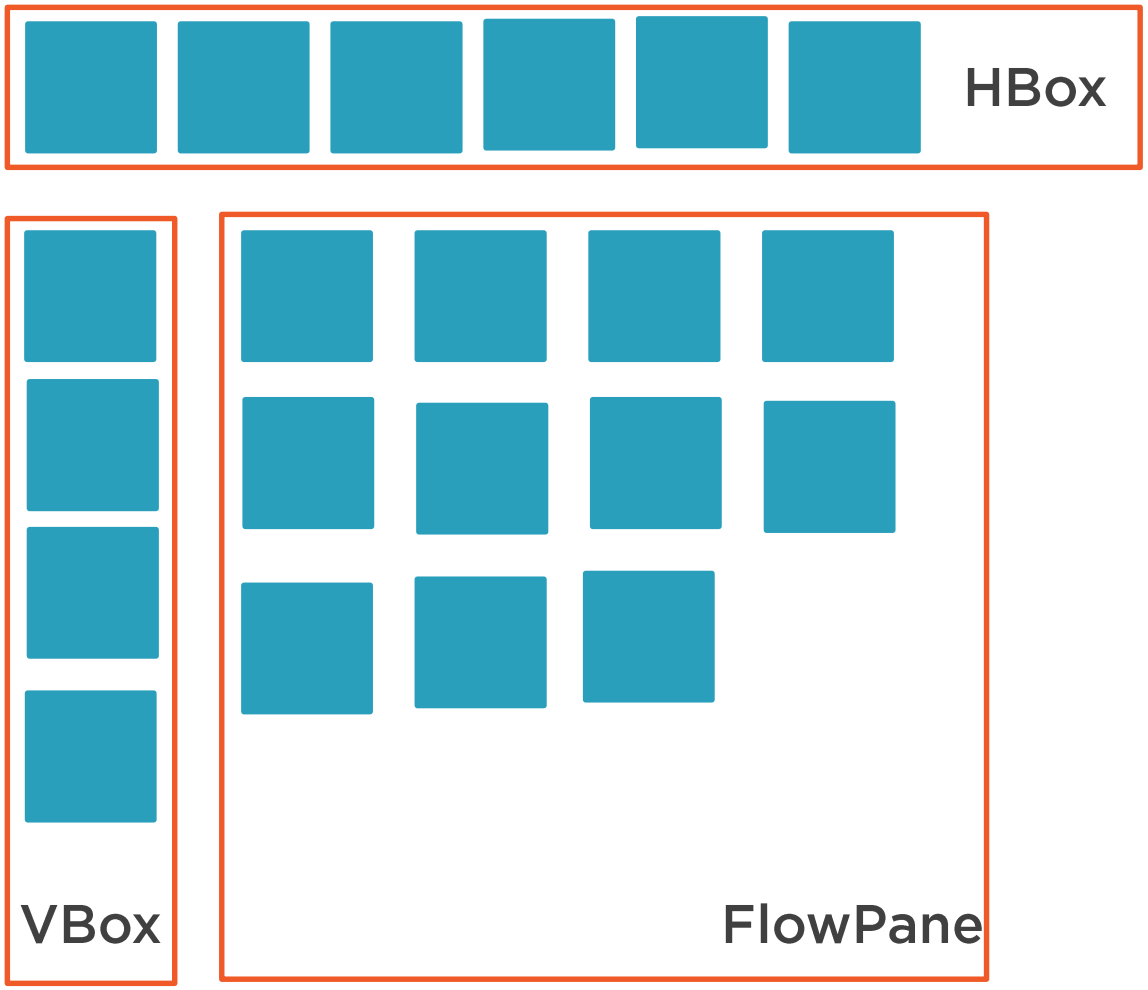

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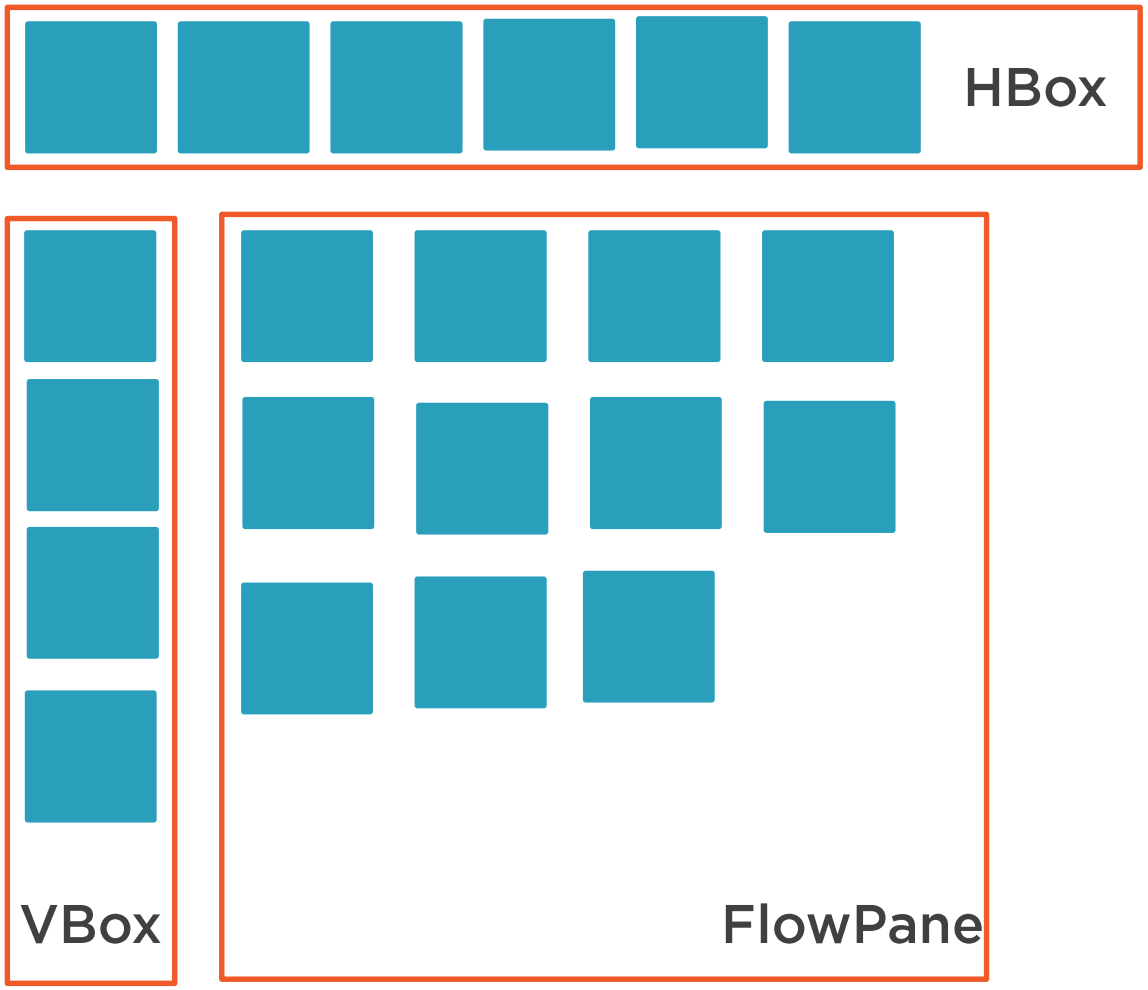

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Layouts can contain other layouts

```
HBox hbox = new HBox();
hbox.setSpacing(10);

Button button1 = new Button(”First");
button1.setPrefSize(80, 20);

Button button2 = new Button(”Second");
button2.setPrefSize(80, 20);

hbox.getChildren()
    .addAll(button1,button2);

Scene scene = new Scene(hbox);
primaryStage.setScene(scene);
```

- Creation of a HBox
- Customize HBox
- Creating a button
- One more button
- Buttons are added to hbox
- Add the hbox to scene

Border Pane

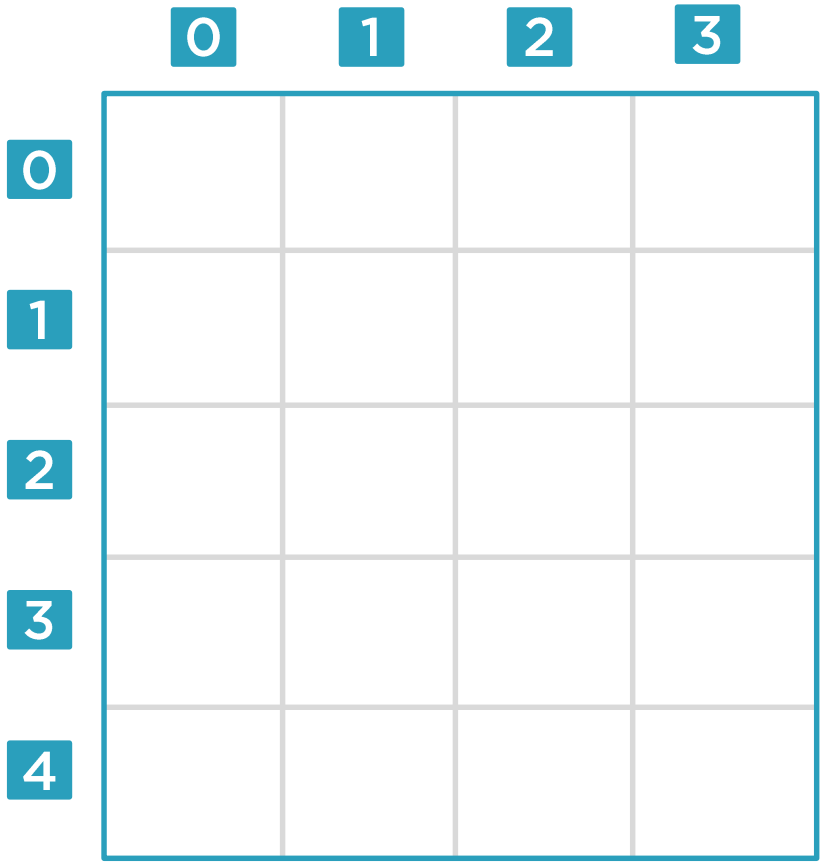
Splits into 5 regions

- Top, Bottom, Right, Left, Center

Each region

- Is optional
- Can be of any size
- Can only have 1 node

Grid Pane



Divides area into cells

Nodes can be placed in any cell

Constraints can be added

Very good for form layouts

Other Layouts

TilePane

StackPane

AnchorPane

Demo

Demonstrate usage of Grid Pane

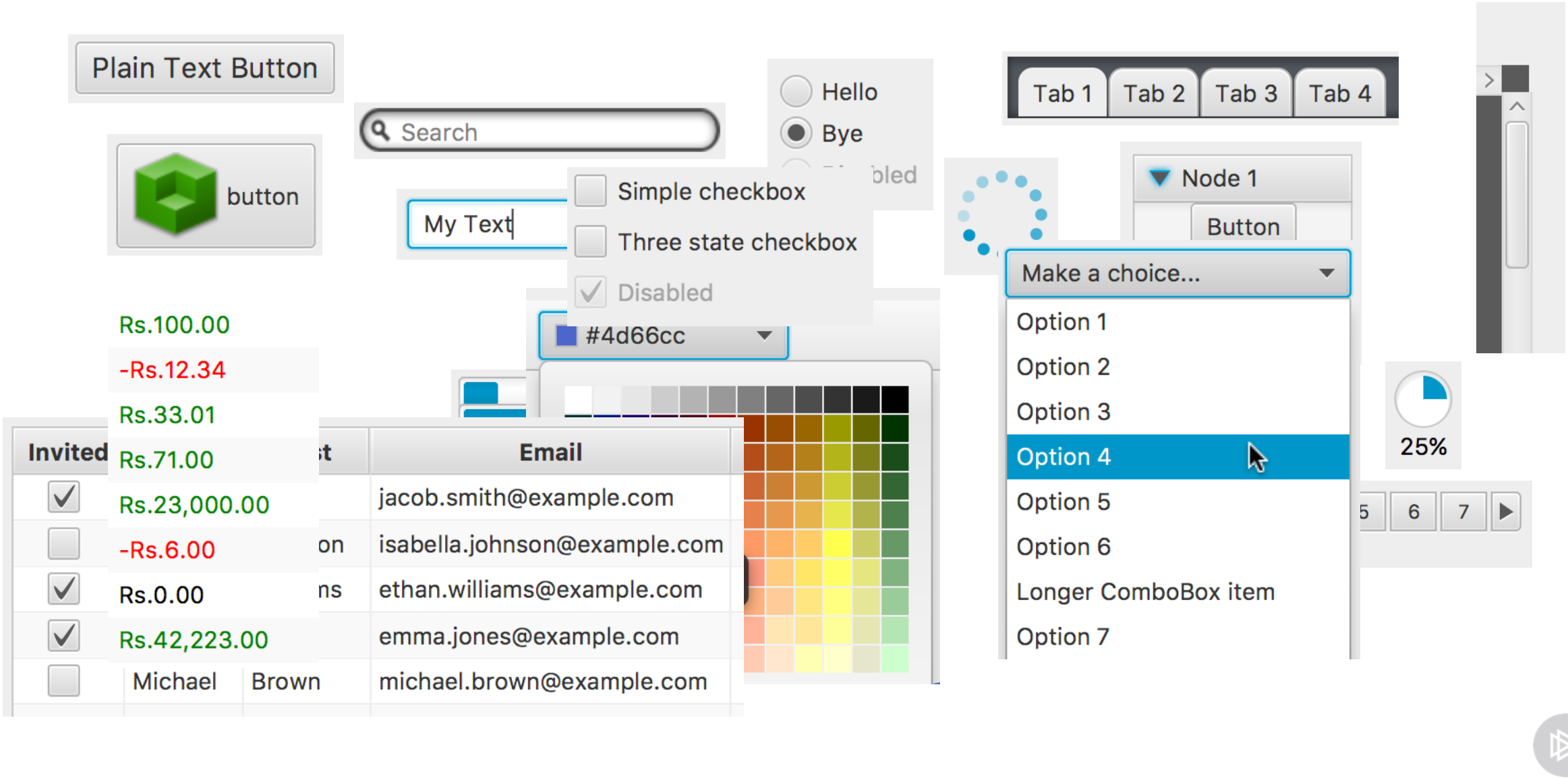
Explain usage of Border Pane

Controls

Controls

Specialized nodes that are suited for reuse in different application contexts and mainly intended for interacting and communicating with Users.

Examples


Plain Text Button
button
Search
My Text
Hello
Bye
Simple checkbox
Three state checkbox
Disabled
#4d66cc
Tab 1
Tab 2
Tab 3
Tab 4
Node 1
Button
Make a choice...
Option 1
Option 2
Option 3
Option 4
Option 5
Option 6
Longer ComboBox item
Option 7
25%
Rs.100.00
-Rs.12.34
Rs.33.01
Rs.71.00
Rs.23,000.00
-Rs.6.00
Rs.0.00
Rs.42,223.00
Invited
Email
jacob.smith@example.com
isabella.johnson@example.com
ethan.williams@example.com
emma.jones@example.com
Michael
Brown
michael.brown@example.com
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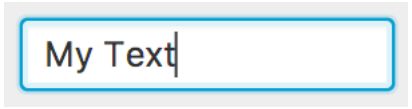
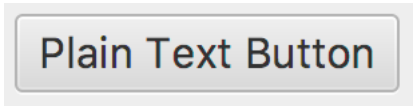
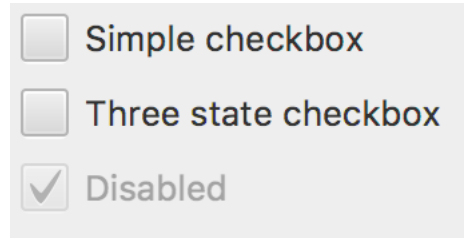


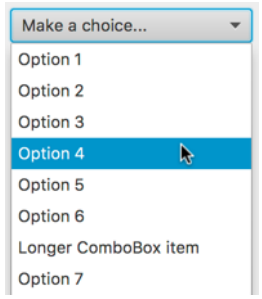
TextField



Button



Checkbox



ComboBox

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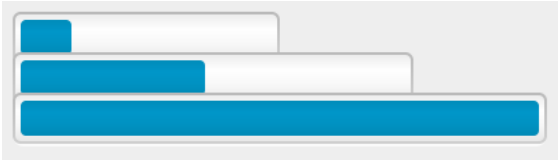
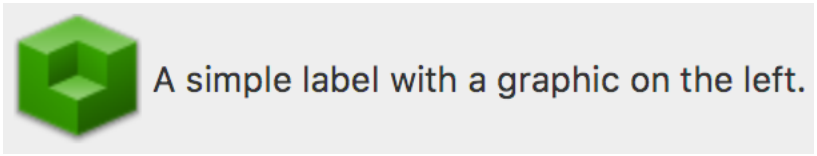
Table



ProgressBar

Label



Class

- javafx.scene.control.Label

User Interaction

- Non editable content

Accessing from code

- setText() to change label text
- setCursor() to set cursor icon
- setGraphic() to use an image as label

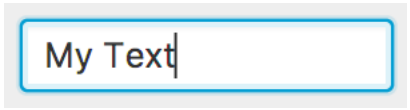
```
Label l1 = new Label();

Label l2 = new Label("Search");

Image image = new Image(getClass()
    .getResourceAsStream(”pic.jpg"));
l1.setGraphic(new ImageView(image));
```

- Create label without text
- Create label with text
- Prepare image to use with label
- Attach image to the label

Text Field



Class

- javafx.scene.control.TextField

User Interaction

- Accepts textual input from user

Accessing from code

- getText() method returns text
- setText() to set value programatically
- We can write validators

Variations

- PasswordField

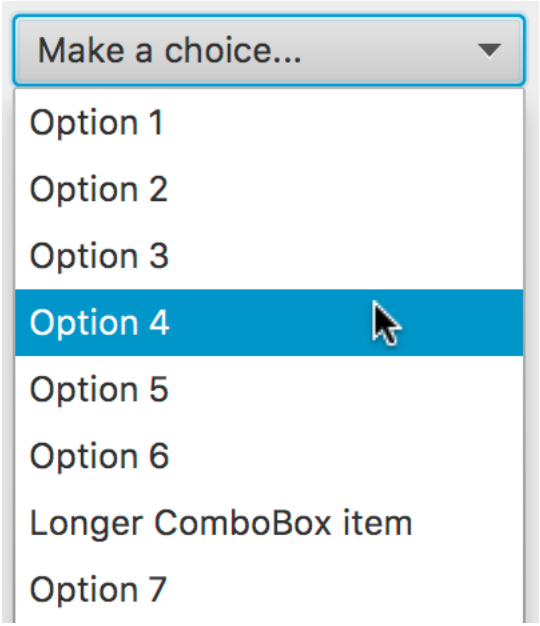
```
TextField name = new TextField();
name.setPromptText("Enter name.");
hbox.getChildren().add(name);

name.setText(”My Text”);
```

- Creates a text field
- Text when field is empty
- Can be added to layout

- Setting value programatically

ComboBox



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- javafx.scene.control.ComboBox

User Interaction

- Lets user choose from list of values

Accessing from code

- getItems().addAll() to add options
- setValue() to selects a value
- getValue() returns selected value

Variations

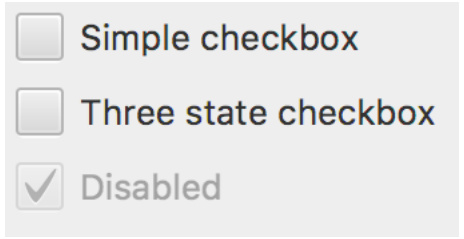
- ChoiceBox

```
ComboBox comboBox = new ComboBox();
priorityComboBox.getItems().addAll(
    "Highest",
    "High",
    "Normal",
    "Low");
comboBox.setValue("Normal");
```

- Creates a Combo box
- Adds list of values

- Selecting from code

CheckBox



Class

- javafx.scene.control.CheckBox

User Interaction

- Deselect or select

Accessing from code

- setSelected() to change state
- getSelected() to get state
- setIndeterminate(true) for 3 state checkbox

```
CheckBox cb1 = new CheckBox();

CheckBox cb2 = new CheckBox("1");
cb1.setText("2");
cb1.setSelected(true);
```

- Checkbox without label
- Checkbox with label
- Setting label
- Selects the checkbox

TableView

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Class

- javafx.scene.control.TableView

User Interaction

- Select rows, cells, reorder, sort and many more

Accessing from code

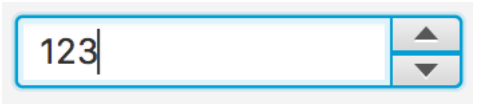
- setEditable() to change read only status
- getColumns().addAll() to add columns
- setCellFactory() for complicated cells

```
TableView table = new TableView();

table.setEditable(true);

TableColumn firstNameCol = new
TableColumn("First Name");
TableColumn lastNameCol = new
TableColumn("Last Name");


table.getColumns().addAll(firstName
Col, lastNameCol);
```

- Creation of TableView
- Make the table editable
- Creation of columns
- Add the columns to table

Other Controls

ProgressBar



Spinner

Demo

Demonstrate usage of following controls

- Label
- TextField
- ComboBox
- Spinner
- CheckBox
- TableView

Add these controls to GridPane

Summary

Stage & Scene

Following layouts have been explained

- GridPane
- BorderPane
- HBox
- VBox

Many controls have been demonstrated