INFO213: Lecture 3

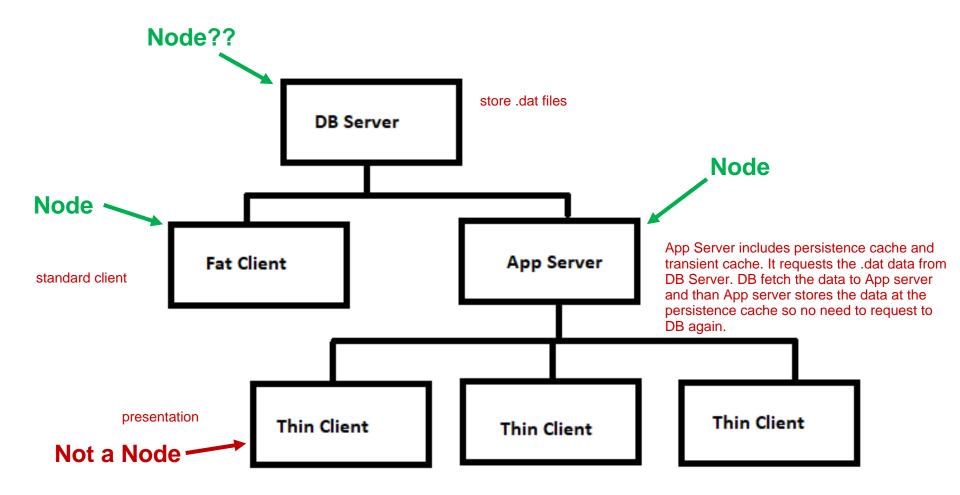
JADE Fundamentals

JADE Nodes, JADE Caching, JADE Syntax, JADE Access Control, JADE Painter

First on the agenda:

- Nodes, Processes and Caches
 - Complicated!
 - Don't worry, we will keep touching on it...
- Persistent vs Transient objects
- Cache coherency

A JADE System: Find the nodes!



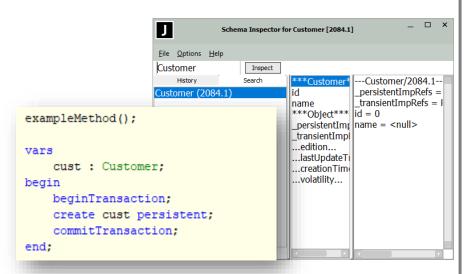
What's a Node

A node is a component of a JADE system where **application code** is executed and where **objects are processed**.

- A node has two caches:
 - A Persistent Cache Stores copies of Persistent Objects in memory
 - A Transient Cache Stores Transient Objects in memory short lived, being used and then throw away
- A Node can also run any number of JADE Processes, which are what the application code runs on.

Persistent vs Transient Objects

Persistent



- Persistent Objects are saved to the database
- As such, they are long-lived.
- They can be created and modified only inside beginTransaction;
 commitTransaction; blocks

Transient

```
exampleMethod();

vars
    cust : Customer;
begin
    create cust transient;
    // Do something interesting with the customer...

epilog
    delete cust;
end;
```

- Transient Objects are stored in memory
- As such, they are **short-lived**.
- You do not need any transaction for them, but you SHOULD delete them when you're done with them.

Server Execution

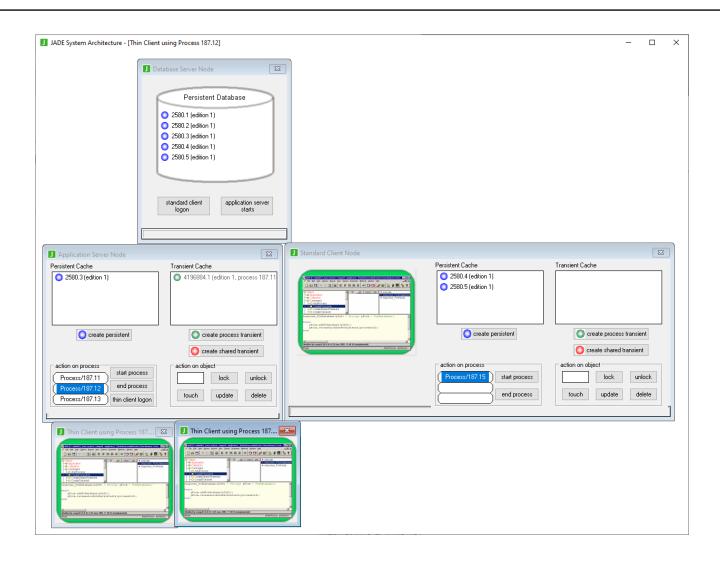
serverExecution Option

The **serverExecution** method option indicates that the method and all methods subsequently called by this method are to be executed on the server node unless they are **clientExecution** methods, in which case they are executed on the node of the client calling the method. This method option provides performance benefits when a method accesses a large number of objects in multiuser mode, as the methods are executed on the node in which the objects reside instead of the required objects having to be passed to the client node for execution.

The method in the following example iterates through 5,000 entries in the **Number** collection and executes using the **serverExecution** method option.

```
executeOnServer() updating, serverExecution;
vars
   num : Number;
begin
   // This method should take less time to execute than the same method
   // executing using the clientExecution option. When this method was
   // tested on a presentation client running in JADE thin client mode,
   // it took only 1.602 seconds to execute.
   beginTransaction;
   foreach num in numbers do
        num.key := 0;
   endforeach;
   commitTransaction;
end;
```

Cache Coherency - Demo



JADE Syntax

- Hopefully, you already have already practiced much of this in tutorials!
- We're going to go through this speedily can come back these slides for notes if needed!

Flow control – If, Foreach, While

- If statements control whether code is executed based on a condition (true/false)
- Foreach loop performs one block of code multiple times – once for each element in a range or collection
- While loop performs one block of code multiple times – as many times as needed to make a condition false
 - Be careful! It's very easy to get stuck in an infinite loop when using these!

Flow Control - Break and Continue

- Use these while inside a loop (foreach or while)
- Break exits out of the loop immediately
- Continue merely skips the rest of that iteration of the loop, beginning again at the top of the loop.

Method Parameters

```
testCensor();
 3 -vars
        banned : StringArray;
        create banned transient:
        banned.add("foo");
        banned.add("bar");
        write censorMessage ("The quick brown Foo jumped over the lazy bar", banned);
10
11
12 - epilog
        delete banned:
14 end;
                               censorMessage message : String; bannedWords : StringArray : String;
                           3 - vars
                                   bannedWord : String;
                                   censoredStr : String;
                              begin
                                   censoredStr := message;
                                   foreach bannedWord in bannedWords do
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                                       censoredStr := censoredStr.replace (bannedWord, "[REDACTED]", true);
                                   endforeach:
                          11
                          12
                          13
                                   return censoredStr;
                          14 end:
```

Method Parameters – Usage Options

There is also an io option, which is like output but not nulled on entry...

String manipulation: Indexing

String manipulation: Common methods

Encapsulation (Access Control)

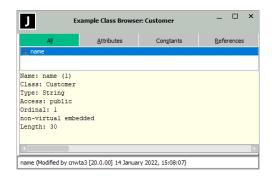
- Encapsulation
 - What is a capsule?
 - Why do we put things in capsules?





JADE Property Access

Public



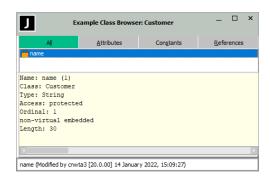
Methods of this class read?

Methods of this class update?

Methods of other classes read?

Methods of other classes update?

Protected



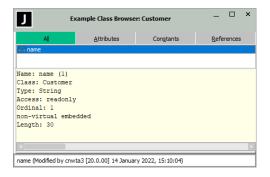
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Methods of this class update?

Methods of other classes read? X

Methods of other classes update? X

Read Only



Methods of this class read?

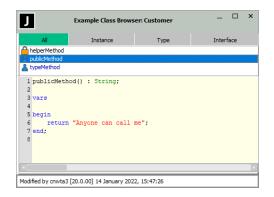
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JADE Method Access

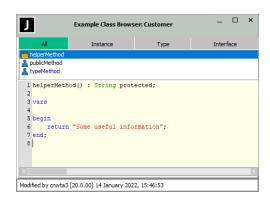
Public



Part of the class's public interface.

Can be called from any method with an object of this class.

Protected

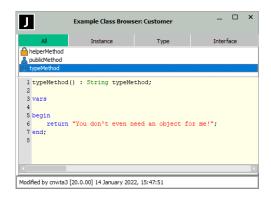


Not part of the class's public interface.

Can only be called from methods of the same object.

Useful for "helper" methods, which split up one longer method into multiple smaller or reuse a common bit of code.

Type Method



Doesn't require an object of the class to use (can be called directly from the class using ClassName@methodName syntax

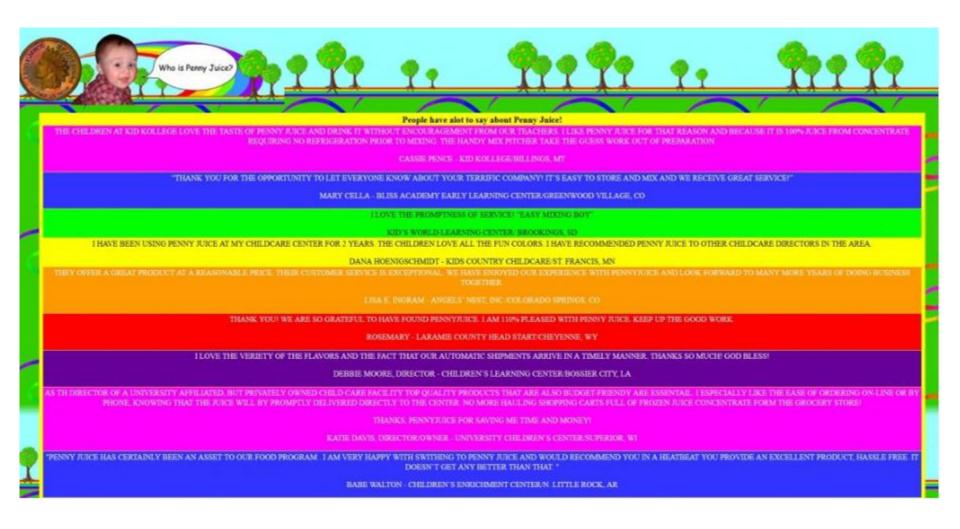
Used for utility methods.

Can't use any properties or nontype-methods of the class.

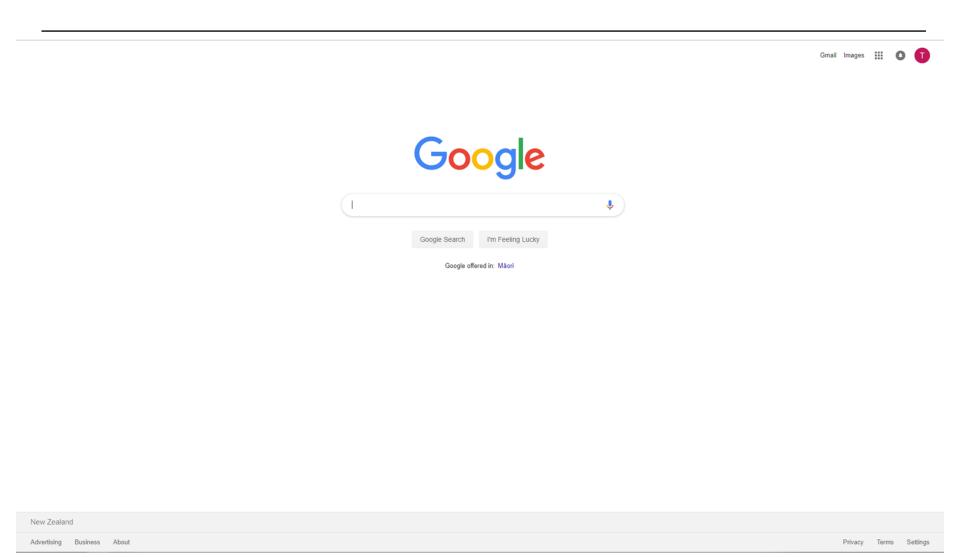
GUIs and the JADE Painter

- GUI = Graphical User Interface
- The JADE Painter allows you to design GUIs.
- GUIs aren't the only sort of interface
 - APIs (Application Programming Interface)
 - CLIs (Command-Line Interface)
- GUIs can be good or bad ... How do we measure quality of a GUI?

Is this a good GUI? What's wrong with it?



How about this one?



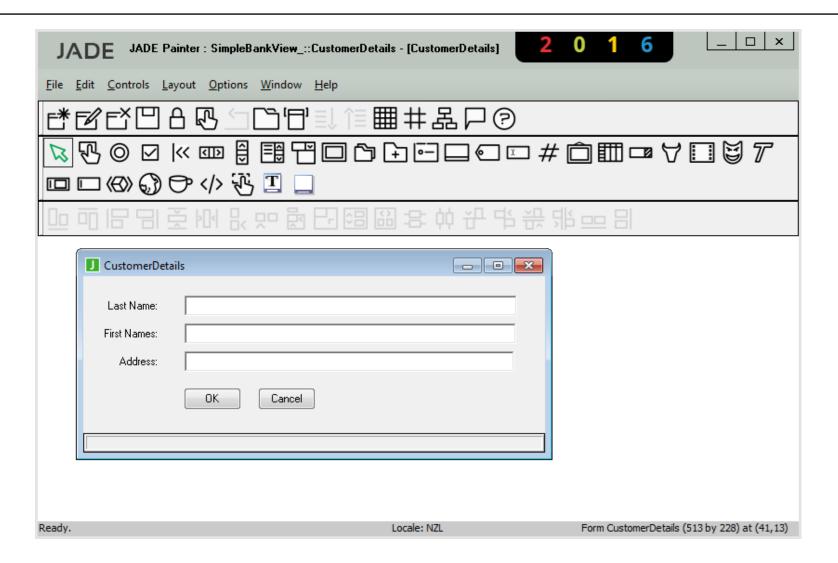
How do we make our UI usable?

- 1. Learnability ???
- 2. Memorability ???
- 3. Efficiency ???
- 4. Error Recovery ???
- 5. Satisfaction ???

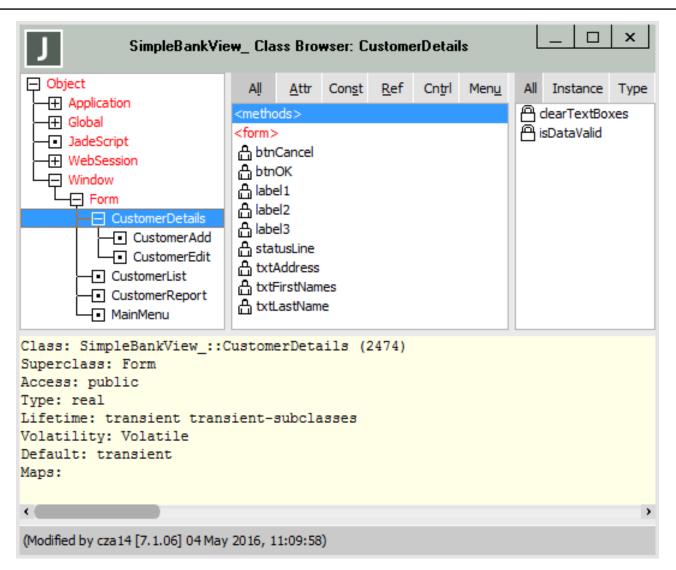
How do we make our UI usable?

- 1. Learnability How easy is it for newbies?
- 2. Memorability What about 2nd time?
- 3. Efficiency How fast can I go?
- 4. Error Recovery What if I mess up?
- 5. Satisfaction Is it pleasant to use?

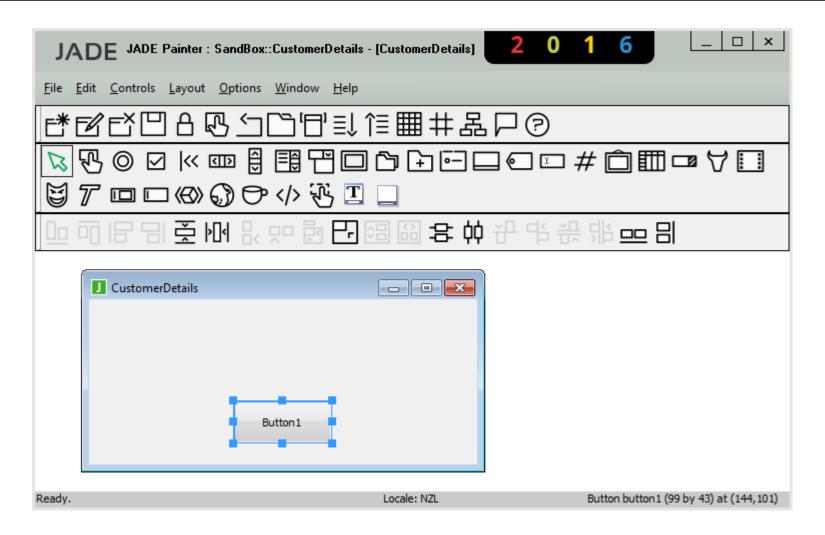
GUI Design+Development in JADE



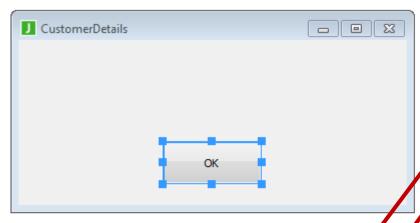
Seamlessly integrates with JADE code



Point and Click Interface Component Placement

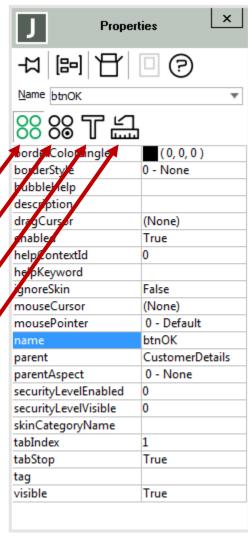


Properties Dialog (E.g., for a Button)

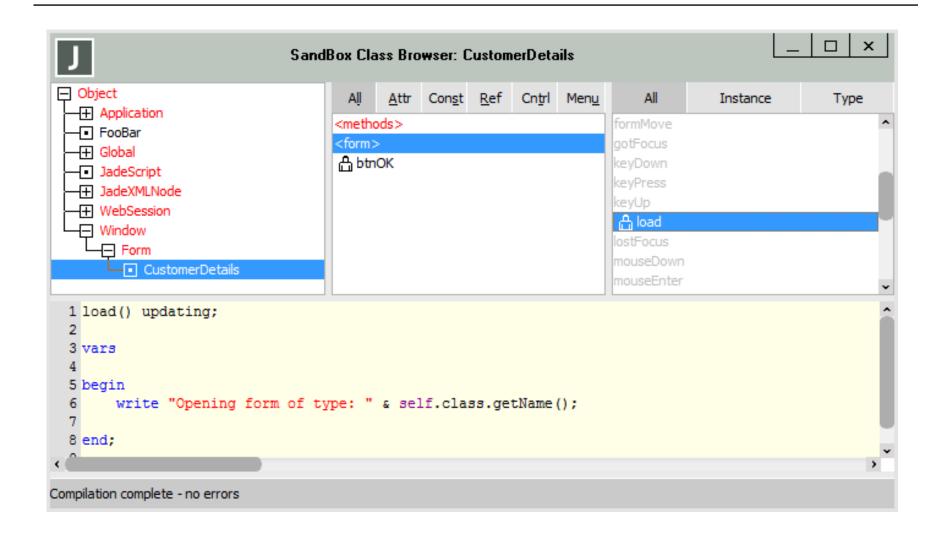


Properties groups/tabs:

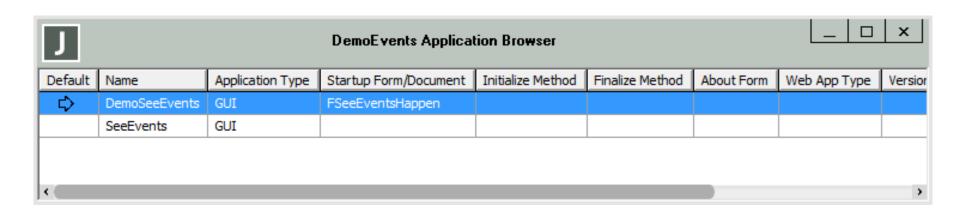
- Common
 - Specific
- Font and colour
- Size and position



Inherited Method Overriding

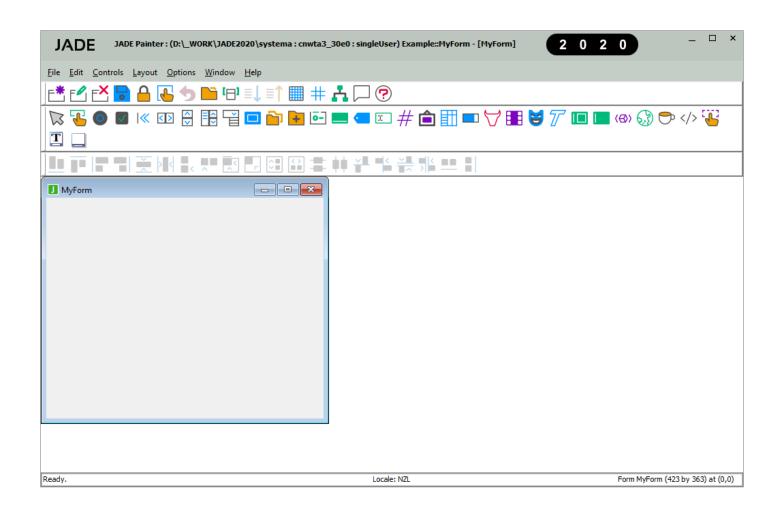


JADE IDE: Applications Browser



- Application Browser brings together all applications defined in a schema
- GUI and non-GUI applications options can be defined in the same schema

DEMO: Creating a JADE Form



Action Points, Readings for Next Week

- Make a start on the assignment!
 - Consider what extra information you might need...
 - Create the classes/references as per the class diagram
 - Start thinking about what the user interfaces will look like
 - Make a use case diagram?