

Cheat Sheet based on:

Swing/GUI Cheat Sheet at Williams College

<http://eventfuljava.cs.williams.edu/s04/handouts/SwingGUICheatSheet.html>

Displaying a Swing component

Construct and initialize the component.

```
button = new JButton("ButtonLabel");
```

Add it to the content pane of the window or to a JPanel that is added to the display.

```
getContentPane().add(button);
```

Import `javax.swing`. *and sometimes also* `java.awt`. at the beginning of the class creating the components.

```
import javax.swing.; import java.awt.
```

Getting events from GUI component

Declare that the class handling the event implements the appropriate listener interface.

```
implements ActionListener
```

Define the method that the listener interface requires.

```
public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent event)
```

Add a listener appropriate for the component to the component.

```
button.addActionListener(this);
```

Import `java.awt.event`. (*and occasionally* `javax.swing.event`.) at the beginning of the class that is the listener.

```
import javax.swing.; import java.awt.
```

Finding out which component sent the event

When the listener method is called, you can find out which component sent the event by calling `getSource()` on the event:

```
public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent event) {
    Object theButton = event.getSource();
    if (theButton == framedCircleButton) {
        // Create a framed circle
    }
}
```

If a method returns a `String`, remember to compare the result using the `equals` method, not `==`:

```
aMenu.getSelectedItemAt().equals("A value");
```

Containers

JPanel constructor: `new JPanel ()`

Define the type of layout: `void setLayout (LayoutManager lm)`

Add an object to a container: `void add (Component c)`
(`FlowLayout` or `GridLayout`)

Add an object to a container: `void add (Component c, int position)`
(`BorderLayout`)

Both `JPanel` and the object obtained by sending `getContentPane()` to a `WindowController` object are containers (and have type `Container`). These methods are available for all containers.

For `BorderLayouts`, position may be either `BorderLayout.NORTH`, `BorderLayout.SOUTH`, `BorderLayout.EAST`, `BorderLayout.WEST`, or `BorderLayout.CENTER`.

Layout Managers

`BorderLayout` constructor: `new BorderLayout ()`

`FlowLayout` constructor: `new FlowLayout ()`

`GridLayout` constructor: `new GridLayout (int rows, int cols)`
`new GridLayout (int rows, int cols, int colSpacing, int rowSpacing)`

`BorderLayout` is the default layout for `WindowController`, whereas `FlowLayout` is default for `JPanel`.

GUI Components - General

The following methods can be applied to any `Component`:

```
void setFont (Font f)
void setForeground (Color c)
void setBackground (Color c)
```

To construct a font use:

```
new Font (String name, int style, int size)
```

Style can be one of the following:

```
Font.BOLD
Font.ITALIC
Font.PLAIN
Font.BOLD+Font.ITALIC
```



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GUI Components - JButton

Constructor:	new JButton (String s)
General Methods:	String getText () void setText (String s)
Listener Interface:	ActionListener
Adding the listener:	void addActionListener (ActionListener al)
Listening Method:	void actionPerformed (ActionEvent e)

GUI Components - JComboBox

Constructor and Initialization:	new JComboBox () void addItem (Object item)
General Methods:	Object getSelectedItem () String text= (String)menu.getSelectedItem(); int getSelectedIndex ()
Listener Interface:	ItemListener ActionListener
Adding the listener:	void addItemListener (ItemListener il) void addActionListener (ActionListener al)
Listening Method:	void itemStateChanged (ItemEvent e) void actionPerformed (ActionEvent e)

About methods:

getSelectedItem () returns the selected item
(String) menu.getSelectedItem () ; is a typecast which treats the above returned value as a String
int getSelectedIndex () returns the index of the selected item.

About the listeners:

This component can hear the user making a menu selection dependong on the chosen interface. Be consistent in your choice of listener interface, adding method, and listening method.

GUI Components - JLabel

Constructors:	new JLabel (String s) new JLabel (String s, int align)
General Methods:	void setText (String s) String getText ()
Listener Interface:	No listeners available.
align can be either JLabel.RIGHT, JLabel.LEFT or JLabel.CENTER.	

GUI Components - JSlider

Constructor:	new JSlider (int orientation, int minimum, int maximum, int initialValue)
General Methods:	void setValue (int newVal) int getValue ()
Listener Interface:	ChangeListener
Adding the Listener:	addChangeListener (ChangeListener al)
Listening Method:	void stateChanged (ChangeEvent e)
orientation can be either JSlider.HORIZONTAL or JSlider.VERTICAL.	

GUI Components - JTextField

Constructors:	new JTextField (String s)
General Methods:	void setText (String s) String getText ()
Listener Interface:	ActionListener
Adding the Listener:	addActionListener (ActionListener al)
Listening Method:	void actionPerformed (ActionEvent e)



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