## Outline

- MVC
- JAVA GUI Classes
  - Jframes
  - Components
  - Containers/Layout Managers
- Interacting with GUI
  - ActionListener
  - actionPerformed
- Layouts
- Rational Number GUI



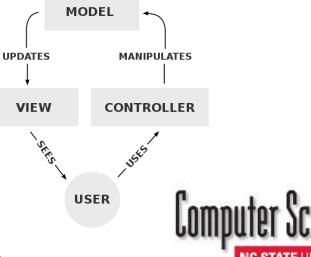
# **Console Applications**

- All the user interaction we have done in this course has been handled through the console
- All user inputs must be entered by the keyboard and all outputs are made up of text in this one little window
- It is much easier for a user to interact with a program if it is visual instead of just text based
- In Java, we can build Graphical User Interfaces and run our program through them instead of always using the console

## Model, View, Controller

Common design pattern for developing programs

- Model: Data & Methods used to work on the data
- View: GUI, presentation, and logic to process the GUI
- Controller: Coordinates Interactions between the View and the Model



### View

• Previously, our view to the programs has been via the console window.

 However, more common application paradigm is to use a GUI to interact with your application



## GUIs: Graphical User Interfaces

- Option Pane
- Jframes
- Containers
- Components
- Interacting with GUI
  - ActionListener
  - actionPerformed
- Layouts



# **Option Pane**

- The first object we will examine with GUIs is the option pane.
- Reges and Stepp<sup>1</sup> describe the option pane: "The simplest way to create a graphical window in Java is to have an option pane pop up. An option pane is a simple message box that appears on the screen and presents a message or a request for input to the user."
- The option pane that we will be using is <u>JOptionPane</u>, which is part of the <u>javax.swing</u> package.
  - In order to use JOptionPane, we will have to import the javax.swing package.
- We will discuss three types of JOptionPane:
  - showMessageDialog(parent, message)
  - showConfirmDialog(parent, message)
  - showInputDialog(parent, message)

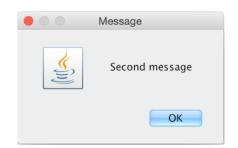


### JOptionPane: showMessageDialog

- If we want to simply display a message with OK button, we can use the <u>showMessageDialog</u> method
- showMessageDialog is analogous to System.out.println to display a message

```
import javax.swing.*;
 * Simple example that uses JOptionPane showMessageDialog method.
 * @author Reges and Stepp
public class MessageDialogExample {
     * Start program
     * @param args command line arguments
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null, "How's the weather?");
        JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null, "Second message");
```



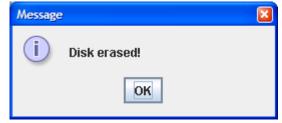




### JOptionPane: showConfirmDialog

- If we want to simply display a message and a list of choices (Yes, No, or Cancel), we can use the <a href="mailto:showConfirmDialog">showConfirmDialog</a> method. This method returns the user's choice and an integer with one of the following values:
  - JOptionPane.YES\_OPTION
  - JOptionPane.NO OPTION
  - JOptionPane.CANCEL\_OPTION
- showConfirmDialog is analogous to System.out.println analogous to a System.out.print that prints a question, then reads an input value from the user (one of provided choices)



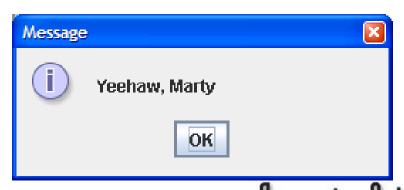




### JOptionPane: showInputDialog

- If we want to simply display a message and text field for input, we can use the <u>showInputDialog</u> method. The method returns the user's value entered as a <u>String</u>.
- showInputDialog analogous to a System.out.print that prints a question, then reads an input value from the user (can be any value)





#### showInputDialog: input other than String

- We can use the following methods to parse a String to the needed type:
  - Integer.parseInt(str): Returns the integer represented by the given String as an int.
  - Double.parseDouble(str): Returns the real number represented by the given String as a double.
  - Boolean.parseBoolean(str): Returns the boolean values represented by the given String (if the text is "true", returns true; otherwise, returns false).
- Each of these method calls could potentially throw a <a href="NumberFormatException">NumberFormatException</a>. To protect against invalid input we can use the following try/catch structure. Let's examine how our Age.java from an earlier lectures would use JOptionPane:

```
import javax.swing.*;
  Calculates number of years until 70
 * @author Jessica Young Schmidt
public class AgeWithOptionPane {
     * Starts the program
     * @param args array of command line arguments
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        String ageText = JOptionPane.showInputDialog(null, "How old are you?");
        int age = -1;
        trv {
            age = Integer.parseInt(ageText);
        } catch (NumberFormatException e) {
            JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null, "Invalid integer.");
            System.exit(1);
        JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null, "You'll be 70 in " + (70 - age) + " years.");
```







## JOptionPane

### Advantages:

- simple
- flexible (in some ways three types of panes)
- looks better than the terminal window

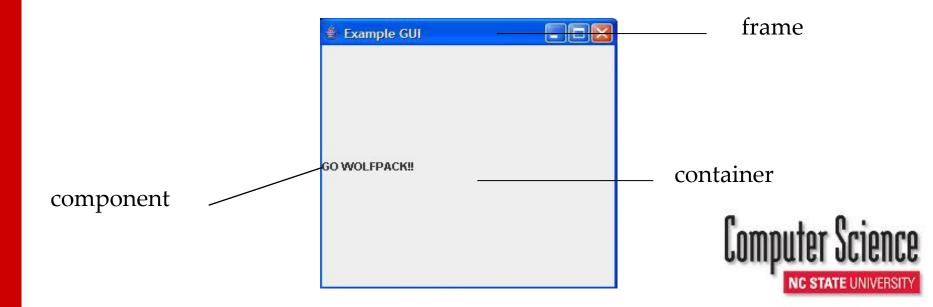
### Disadvantages:

- created with static methods, which is not a very object-oriented approach
- not very powerful (just simple dialog boxes)



## **GUI** elements

- Unfortunately, JOptionPane is not flexible enough to create rich GUIs.
- Instead, complex GUIs contain the following elements:
  - frame: A graphical window on the screen.
  - components: GUI widgets such as buttons or text fields.
  - **containers**: Logical groups of components.



### **The Frame**

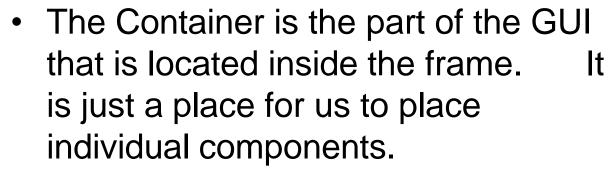


 The "Frame" portion of a GUI is the title bar (which includes the min/max and close window buttons) along with the edges of the GUI

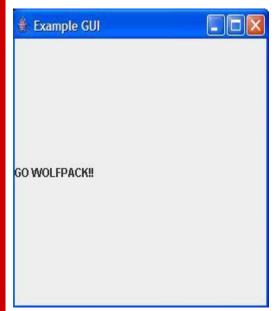
 Think of it in terms of a white board, where the silver metal border would be the frame



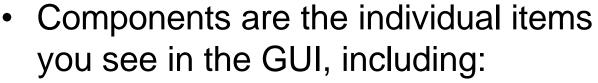
### **The Container**



- This would be the white area of the white board
- Without it, you would not be able to write on the white board
- Likewise, without a container, you could not place any components in your GUI



# Components





- Buttons
- Check boxes
- Combo boxes
- Radio buttons
- MANY MORE!

Components allow the user to interact with the GUI



## Java GUI: AWT and Swing

- Sun's initial idea: create a set of classes/methods that can be used to write a multi-platform GUI (Abstract Windowing Toolkit, or AWT)
  - problem: not powerful enough; limited; a bit clunky to use
- Second edition (JDK v1.2): Swing
  - a newer library written from the ground up that allows much more powerful graphics and GUI construction
  - Drawback: Both exist in Java now; easy to get them mixed up; still have to use both sometimes!



## The Code from the Example

 Download the ExampleGUI.java file from the moodle page and open it in an editor.

Note that we need to import java.awt.\*
 and javax.swing.\* in order for our
 program to find the JFrame, Container,
 and all the component classes.

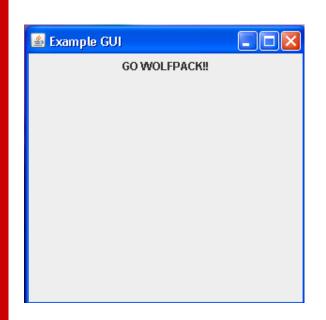
Compile and execute!



```
import java.awt.*; // imports the Container class
import javax.swing.*; // imports JFrame and component classes
public class ExampleGUI extends JFrame { // tells Java this
                                      // is a GUI application
  public ExampleGUI() {
     setTitle("Example GUI"); // sets the title of the frame
     setSize(300,300); //frame height and width (in pixels)
     setLocation (100,100); // (x,y) of the frame in the screen
     setDefaultCloseOperation(EXIT ON CLOSE); // tells the
                      // program to exit when the x is clicked
    Container c = getContentPane(); // creates a container
                                     // for our frame
     c.setLayout(new FlowLayout()); // container layout
     JLabel label = new JLabel("GO WOLFPACK!!"); //creates a
                                                  //label
     c.add(label); // adds the label to the container
     setVisible(true); // makes the frame visible
  public static void main(String args[]) {// creates a gui
     ExampleGUI gui = new ExampleGUI();
```

# The Example

The example is a very basic GUI



 It creates a Frame, a container, and a single component (a label), and shows the GUI to the user

 Let's see more components!



### Text Fields

 A text field is an area in a GUI where a user may enter a line of text.

 A very common example is the address bar in a web browser for a user to enter a URL

 The class that we will use to create text fields is called JTextField



# Making a JTextField

 To make a JTextField, we simply create an object of the JTextField class. When we create the object, we can provide the starting text for the field to contain, and the maximum number of characters that can be shown in it (the size of the text field):

JTextField field = new JTextField("Hello", 10);



### **Buttons**

 Another common component is the button, which allows a user to click it to perform some action

 In Java, we will use the JButton class to create buttons for our GUIs



# Making a JButton

 To make a JButton, we simply create a JButton object and supply the text we want written on the button as a parameter.

JButton button = new JButton("CLICK ME");



### Adding The Components to the Container

- Let's take a moment to add the last two components to our code.
- Creating the text field and button DOES NOT automatically put them in the GUI
- Instead, we have to explicitly add them to the container.
- We do this by writing c.add( ), and write the variable name of the component in the parenthesis
  - c.add(field);
  - c.add(button);



## **Text Areas**

 The next component we will learn about is a text area. A text area is place in your GUI where a user can type in several lines of text.

 The area where you type the body of your email is a text area.

 In Java, the class we will use to create text areas is called JTextArea



# Making a JTextArea

 To create a JTextArea, you simply create an object of the JTextArea class, and give it the text you want it to start with, followed by the number of lines, followed by the size of each line:

JTextArea area = new JTextArea("This\nIs\nText", 5, 10);



## Color

 Now that we have seen the basic components, we can learn about changing color.

 You can change the background and foreground color of all your components, as well as the background color of the container



### Changing the Background Color of the Container

 We can change the background of the container by calling the setBackground() method, which accepts a Color object as a parameter which specifies the color you want the container background to be

 To tell the method which color you want to use, you simply write "Color", followed by a period, followed by the color you wish to use



## Examples

c.setBackground(Color.blue);

c.setBackground(Color.green);

c.setBackground(Color.red);

Try one and recompile!



# Foreground vs Background

 We can change the color of components and also the color of the area around the components

Background color is the color "behind" the component

Foreground color is the color "of "
 the component, such as the color of
 text

### Changing the Background Color of a Component

 Some components, such as text areas, buttons, and text fields, can have their backgrounds changed. Others, such as labels, cannot.

 To do this, simply write the variable name of the component, followed by a period, followed by the setBackground() method call that contains the color you want as a parameter.



# Examples

field.setBackground(Color.yellow);

button.setBackground(Color.blue);



### Changing the Foreground Color of Components

 We can change the foreground color of components almost the same way we set the background

 Simply write the variable name of the component, followed by a period, followed by setForeground(), where the color is specified as a parameter



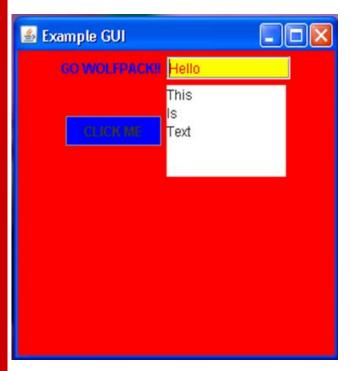
# Examples

label.setForeground(Color.blue);

field.setForeground(Color.red);

Add the lines and recompile!





```
import javax.swing.*; // imports JFrame and component classes
public class ExampleGUI extends JFrame {
  public ExampleGUI() {
     setTitle("Example GUI"); // sets the title of the frame
     setSize(300,300); //height and width of the frame (in pixels)
     setLocation(100,100); // sceen location (x,y) of the frame
     setDefaultCloseOperation(EXIT_ON_CLOSE); // tells the program
                                            // to exit when the x is clicked
     Container c = getContentPane();
     c.setLayout(new FlowLayout());
     c.setBackground(Color.red);
     Jlabel label = new JLabel("GO WOLFPACK!!"); // creates a label
     JTextField field = new JTextField("Hello", 10);
     Jbutton button = new JButton("CLICK ME");
     | TextArea area = new | TextArea("This\nIs\nText", 5, 10);
     field.setBackground(Color.yellow);
     button.setBackground(Color.blue);
     label.setForeground(Color.blue);
     field.setForeground(Color.red);
     c.add(label); // adds the label to the container
     c.add(field); // adds the text field to the container
     c.add(button); // adds the button to the container
     c.add(area); // adds the text area to the
                    container
     setVisible(true); // makes the frame visible
```

import java.awt.\*; // imports the Container class

# Component Arrangement

- The ability to place components exactly where you want them is based on the layout of the container
- Notice in our code we have the line:
   c.setLayout(new FlowLayout());
- A flow layout allows us to add components to the container the same way you add words to a sheet of paper:
  - Start in the upper left corner, and add components across the GUI until you run out of room. Then move to the next line and continue

# Flow Layout

 In the flow layout, the components appear in the order in which they are added to the container.

 This is not the greatest layout, but we will stick with it for now



# Interacting with a GUI

 Now that we can put basic components in our GUI, we can learn how to program it so a user can interact with it

 The most basic form of interaction is having a user click a button, and the program reacting to it



### ActionListener

- When we want our GUIs to listen for actions from the user, such as button clicks, we implement the ActionListener interface
- To do this, on the same line where we declare our class, we add the words "implements ActionListener"
- To use it, we must also import java.awt.event.\*, which is the location of ActionListener



## Example

```
public class ExampleGUI extends JFrame 
implements ActionListener {
```

. . . .

}



### The actionPerformed Method

 Any time you implement the ActionListener interface, you are REQUIRED to add the following method to your class:

public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {

 Your program will not compile if you do not have this method!



### How it Works

 Any time a user interacts with a component that is "listening" for user input, the actionPerformed method gets called

 Thus, if a button is listening, and a user clicks it, any code written in the actionPerformed method will be executed



### Telling a Component to Listen For User Interaction

- Components do not automatically listen for user input; we must tell them to
- To tell a component to listen, simply write the variable name of the component, followed by a period, followed by addActionListener(this);
- Example:
  - button.addActionListener(this);
- Add this before adding button to the container (after button creation)

### Add The Code!

 Add the code to your file, and add a single println statement in the actionPerformed method:

System.out.println("Button clicked!");

 Recompile, and click the button a few times



### More On actionPerformed

 For the moment, we are just printing some text to the console when the button is clicked

 We can do anything in actionPerformed, such as make a calculation based on user input in other components

 First, we need to learn how to read information from text fields and text areas!

## Reading from a text field/area

- When you want to read from a text field or area, you simply write the variable name of the text field or text area, followed by a period, followed by getText();
- This will read whatever is in the field and return it as a String. For example:
- String s = field.getText();



### A Problem!

- Notice that all of our components were declared inside the constructor.
- This means if we want to use them in actionPerformed, we can't!
- Thus, we need to declare all of our components as instance variables (and remove type from initialization).
- Let's make that change right now!
   private JLabel label;
   private JTextField field;
   private JButton button;
   private JTextArea area;



## Updating actionPerformed

 Let's change actionPerformed so that when the button is clicked, it will print to the screen the contents of both the text field and the text area.

Let's see the code...



### **Updated Code**

```
public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
    System.out.println("Button clicked!");
    String fieldText = field.getText();
    String areaText = area.getText();

    System.out.println("The textfield says: " + fieldText);
    System.out.println("The textarea says: \n " + areaText);
```

Recompile and see it work!



## Setting The Text

 Sometimes we want to change the text written in a text area, or of a label or button

- To do this, we simply write the name of the component, a period, and setText()
- We put a String inside the parenthesis that contains the text we want to change the component to



### Code

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Great job!

You clicked me

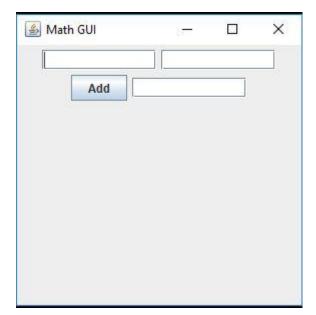
- button.setText("You clicked me");
- field.setText("");
- String s = "Great job!";
- area.setText(s);
- Add these lines to the bottom of actionPerformed and recompile!
- Then submit ExampleGUI.java

```
public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
   System.out.println("Button clicked!");
   String fieldText = field.getText();
   String areaText = area.getText();
   System.out.println("The textfield says: " + fieldText);
   System.out.println("The textarea says: \n" + areaText);

button.setText("You clicked me");
   field.setText("");
   String s = "Great job!";
   area.setText(s);
}
```

## Example 2

- Download ExampleGUI2.java from the moodle page.
- Notice that we have three text fields two fields that will contain numbers to be added together, and the third field will





contain the sum.

### The actionPerformed Method

Check out the actionPerformed Method:

```
public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
  String s1 = txtNum1.getText();
  int x1 = Integer.parseInt( s1 );
  String s2 = txtNum2.getText();
  int x2 = Integer.parseInt( s2 );
  int sum = x1 + x2;
  txtNum3.setText("" + sum);
```



## Building On The Example

 Suppose we want to add another button to multiply the two values.

 Now there will be two buttons that will both trigger the actionPerformed method.

 How will we know which one triggered it so we can take the appropriate action?



### The ActionEvent Parameter

- The ActionEvent Parameter holds the source that triggered the actionPerformed method to execute.
- We can ask it who triggered the method in an if statement, and take the appropriate action.
- To ask the Parameter who triggered the method call, we simply call the getSource() method of the ActionEvent variable, and compare it to each button to see if they are equal.



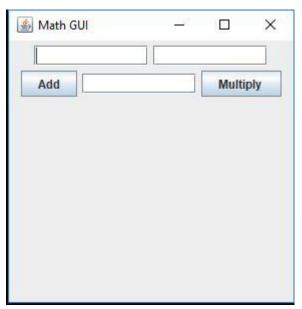
## Example

```
public void
   actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
   String s1 = txtNum1.getText();
   int x1 = Integer.parseInt(s1);
   String s2 = txtNum2.getText();
   int x2 = Integer.parseInt(s2);
   int result = 0;
   if( e.getSource() == add ) {
         result = x1 + x2;
   } else if ( e.getSource() ==
     multiply) {
         result = x1 * x2;
   txtNum3.setText("" + result);
```

- Add the JButton "multiply" to the GUI.
- private JButton multiply;
- multiply = new JButton ("Multiply ");
- multiply.addActionListener(this);
- c.add(multiply);

Compile and execute.

Submit ExampleGUI2.java





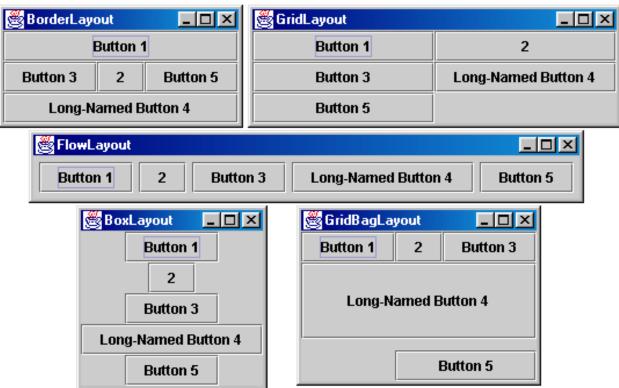
## Messy GUIs

- Now that we have several components in our GUI, it is beginning to look a little cluttered.
- It is ideal to place components in the GUI in a way such that things do not appear cluttered.
- We can alter the way components are added to the GUI through the use of Layouts.



# Layout managers

Here are several common Java layout managers:





## FlowLayout

 The only layout for the container we have talked about thus far is FlowLayout

- It allows us to add components to the container the same way we add words to a piece of paper:
  - Start at the upper left corner
  - Add components from left to right
  - When we run out of space, we move down to the next line and repeat
  - The order in which we add components is the order they appear

### **Pros and Cons**

#### Pros:

- Extremely easy to use
- … that's really it!

### Cons:

- Very hard to get the GUI to look how you want it to
- Changing the size of the GUI changes the appearance of the components

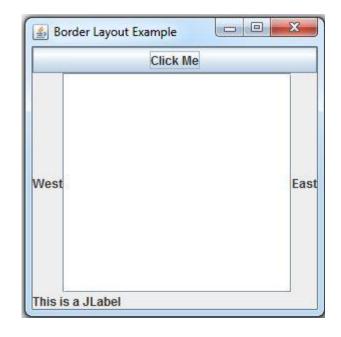


## BorderLayout

- To place components where you want them to appear, it is better to use a BorderLayout
- BorderLayout is the default layout of a container
- It allows you to place a component in each of 5 areas: NORTH, SOUTH, EAST, WEST, CENTER
- Take a look at BorderLayoutGUI.java (on the moodle page)

# Border Layout Example

```
public class BorderLayoutGUI extends JFrame {
  public BorderLayoutGUI() {
      setSize(300,300);
      setTitle("Border Layout Example");
      setDefaultCloseOperation(EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
      Container c = getContentPane();
      JButton b = new JButton("Click Me");
      JLabel I = new JLabel("This is a JLabel");
      JTextField f = new JTextField("", 10);
      JLabel e = new JLabel("East");
      JLabel w = new JLabel("West");
      c.add(b, BorderLayout.NORTH);
      c.add(I, BorderLayout.SOUTH);
      c.add(f, BorderLayout.CENTER);
      c.add(e, BorderLayout.EAST);
      c.add(w, BorderLayout.WEST);
      setVisible(true);
public static void main(String[] args) {
  new BorderLayoutGUI();
```





### **Pros and Cons**

#### Pros:

- You can tell a component where to appear
- The order you add a component does not change anything
- Easy to implement

#### Cons:

- One component per area
- Changing the size of the GUI changes the size of the components (though it does not alter their arrangement)



## GridLayout

 The GridLayout allows us to specify how many rows and columns of components we want to have, and each component added is placed into the "grid"

 Let's look at the GridLayoutGUI.java code (on moodle page)



# Grid Layout Example

```
public class GridLayoutGUI extends JFrame {
   public GridLayoutGUI() {
                 setSize(300,100);
                 setTitle("Grid Layout Example");
                 setDefaultCloseOperation(EXIT ON CLOSE);
                 Container c = getContentPane();
                 c.setLayout(new GridLayout(2,2));
                 JButton b = new JButton("Click Me");
                 JLabel I = new JLabel("This is a JLabel");
                 JTextField f = new JTextField("This is a text field", 10);
                 JComboBox cb = new JComboBox();
                 cb.addItem("File");
                 cb.addItem("Edit");
                 cb.addltem("Save");
                 c.add(b);
                 c.add(I);
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                 c.add(f);
                                                            Click Me
                                                                       This is a JLabel
                 c.add(cb);
                                                       This is a text field
                                                                       File
                 setVisible(true);
  public static void main(String[] args) {
     new GridLayoutGUI();
```



### **Pros and Cons**

#### Pros:

- Can be extremely useful in laying out components in an organize manner
- Very easy to use

#### Cons:

- Components grow in size with the GUI



## The JPanel Component

- In Layouts other than FlowLayout, we can only put one component in each area, which may not be enough to show everything we want to show
- The JPanel component solves this problem.
   JPanel is essentially another container that we can add several components to and add it to the main container as a single component
- The JPanel container's default layout is FlowLayout, though you can change that the same way you do the GUI's container

## **Using JPanel**

- Suppose I want to put both a text field and a button in the NORTH area of a BorderLayout
- JTextField field = new JTextField("",10);
- JButton button = new JButton("Click");
- JPanel panel = new JPanel();
- panel.add(field);
- panel.add(button);
- c.add(panel, BorderLayout.NORTH);



## **GUI** Layout Information

 For more information on GUI Layouts and more sample code, visit the Java tutorial at:

http://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/uiswing/layout/visual.html



### Lab Team Exercise

- Go to the moodle page and work on the RationalNumberGUI assignment.
- Start with the given RationalNumberGUI.java program.
  Add the following labels, text fields, and buttons to the panel:
  - num1Label (Numerator 1)
  - num1Text
  - den1Label (Denominator 1)
  - den1Text
  - num2Label (Numerator 2)
  - num2Text
  - den2Label (Denominator 2)
  - den2Text
  - subtractButton (Substract)
  - multiplyButton (Multiply)
  - divideButton (Divide)

Hint: The order that components are added to the panel is important!



### Starter Code

```
import java.awt.*;
import java.awt.event.*;
import javax.swing.*;
public class RationalNumberGUI extends JFrame implements ActionListener {
  private JLabel ansLabel;
  private JTextField ansText;
  private JButton addButton;
public RationalNumberGUI() {
    super("Rational Number GUI");
    setSize(500, 500);
    setLocation(100, 100);
    setDefaultCloseOperation(EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
    // Create a JPanel
    JPanel panel = new JPanel(new GridLayout(7, 2));
    // Add IPanel to the frame
    add(panel);
    ansLabel = new JLabel("Answer");
    panel.add(ansLabel);
    ansText = new JTextField(5);
    panel.add(ansText);
    addButton = new JButton("Add");
    panel.add(addButton);
    setVisible(true);
public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
public static void main(String[] args) {
    new RationalNumberGUI();
```



### Update with code from GUI Tutorial

#### **Action events with ActionListener**

Let's update our GUI for the Add operation:

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Add to Constructer above the setvisible(true); statement.
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```
addButton.addActionListener(this);
subtractButton.addActionListener(this);
multiplyButton.addActionListener(this);
divideButton.addActionListener(this);
```

#### Update actionPerformed method:

```
void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
  if (e.getSource() == addButton) {
     try {
       int num1 = Integer.parseInt(num1Text.getText());
       int num2 = Integer.parseInt(num2Text.getText());
       int den1 = Integer.parseInt(den1Text.getText());
       int den2 = Integer.parseInt(den2Text.getText());
       RationalNumber first = new RationalNumber(num1, den1);
       RationalNumber second = new RationalNumber(num2, den2);
       ansText.setText(first.add(second).toString());
    } catch (NumberFormatException nfe) {
        JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null, "Invalid integer.");
    } catch (IllegalArgumentException iae) {
       JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null, "Denominator of zero in given number or result of operation.");
 } if (e.getSource() == subtractButton) {
     System.out.println("Subtract clicked");
 } if (e.getSource() == multiplyButton) {
     System.out.println("Multiply clicked");
 } if (e.getSource() == divideButton) {
     System.out.println("Divide clicked"); }
```

### Lab Exercise (cont.)

- Add the subtract, multiply, and divide operations on your own.
- Prevent the user from editing the answer text field by adding the following to the constructor (before setVisible(true)): ansText.setEditable(false);
- Submit your final version of RationalNumberGUI.java
- Your final functioning GUI should look like:

Ratio	onal Number GUI
Numerator 1	
Denominator 1	
Numerator 2	
Denominator 2	
Answer	
Add	Subtract
Multiply	Divide

