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1- Instroduction *****

This document is based on:

• Eclipse 4.4 (LUNA)

In this document, I will introduce you to the Desktop application programming with SWT.

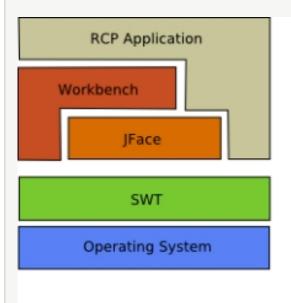
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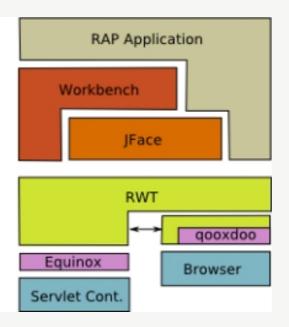
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2- RCP (Rich Client Platform) &

RCP (Rich Client Platform) - As a platform based on SWT, used for programming Desktop applications, so far it has built a platform that allows you to develop desktop-style applications Workbench, like Eclipse IDE, or programmers can integrate the plugin to Eclipse IDE.

But even if you want to use SWT to programming, and do not need to use those provided by the RCP you should also create an RCP application.



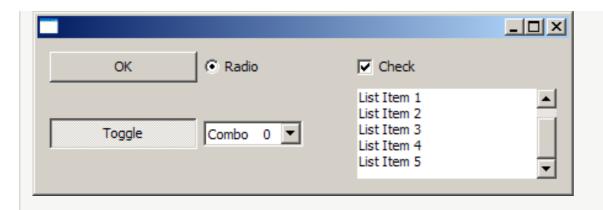


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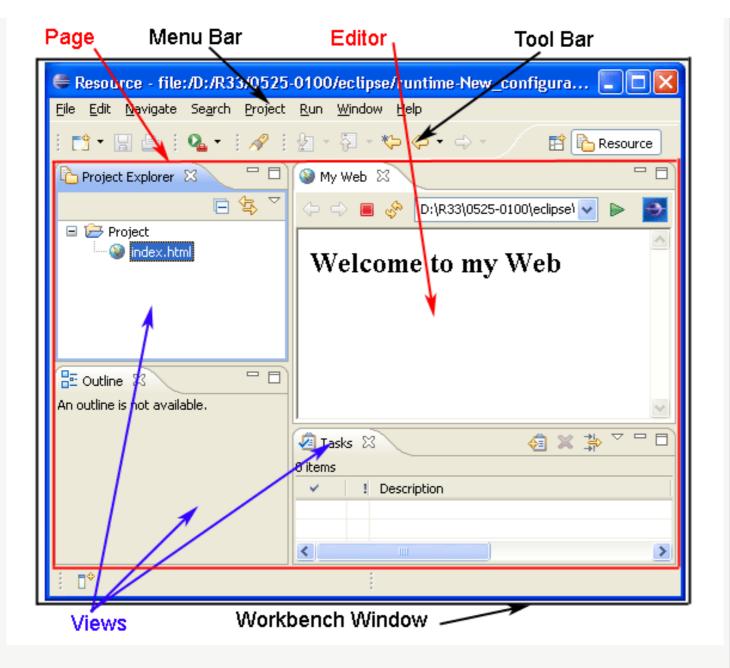
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- Maven Tutorial for Beginners
- Maven Manage Dependencies



Workbench Application:

- Setup a Multiple Module Project using Maven
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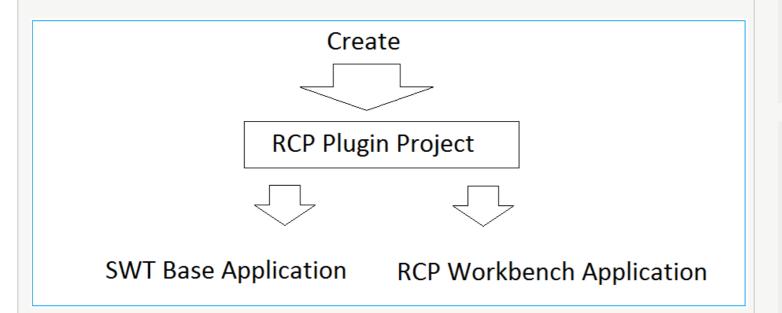
To create a desktop application using SWT. On the Eclipse, we will create an RCP Plugin Project. You have 2 options.

Only use the features of the SWT

- Configuring Tomcat Server in Eclipse
- Guide to installing and configuring Glassfish Web Server
- Java Servlet Tutorial for Beginners
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- Install Web Tools Platform into Eclipse
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- Struts2 Tutorial for Beginners
- Spring MVC Tutorial for Beginners -Hello Spring 4 MVC
- Simple Login Web Application using Spring MVC, Spring Security and Spring JDBC
- Spring MVC Hibernate and Transaction Tutorial

Struts2 Framework

• Using the platform provided by the RCP to RCP Application Workbench programming



In this document, I will guide you to become familiar with basic programming SWT, using WindowBuilder to drag and drop components into the interface.

3- The settings required before starting 🎍

Some required settings before you start:

You need the latest version of Eclipse. There currently is Eclipse 4.4 (Codes **LUNA**).

http://eclipse.org/downloads/

In my opinion you to download package: "Eclipse IDE for Java EE Developers". The only different is number of Plugins, for the purpose of different programming. You can install additional plugins for other purposes if desired.

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WindowBuilder, this is a plugin that allows you to design SWT GUI applications using drag and drop convenience.

See installation instructions at:

 http://o7planning.org/web/fe/default/en/document/5699/install-windowbuilder-intoeclipse



4- Some concepts of SWT. *****

4.1- Display & Shell 🕹

Eclipse Technology

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- Java Aspect Oriented Programming Tutorial with AspectJ (AOP)
- How to get the open source Java libraries as OSGi(s)
- Install Tycho into Eclipse
- Java OSGi Tutorial for Beginners
- OSGi and AspectJ integration
- Building OSGi project with Maven and tycho
- Install WindowBuilder into Eclipse
- Desktop **Application** Java Programming using SWT
- Eclipse JFace Tutorial
- Install e4 Tools Developer Resources into Eclipse
- Eclipse RCP 4 Tutorial for Beginners -**E4** Workbench Application
- Guide to Packing and Deploying Desktop Application SWT/RCP

The Display and Shell classes are key components of SWT applications.

A org.eclipse.swt.widgets.Shell class represents a window.

The org.eclipse.swt.widgets.Display class is responsible for managing event loops, fonts, colors and for controlling the communication between the UI thread and other threads. Display is the base for all SWT capabilities.

Every SWT application requires at least one Display and one or more Shell instances. The main Shell gets, as a default parameter, a Display as a constructor argument. Each Shell is constructed with a Display and if none is provided during construction it will use either the Display which is currently used or a default one.

Example:

```
Display display = new Display();
 2
     Shell shell = new Shell(display);
 3
     shell.open();
 5
     // run the event loop as long as the window is open
 6
     while (!shell.isDisposed()) {
 7
        // read the next OS event queue and transfer it to a SWT event
 8
      if (!display.readAndDispatch())
 9
10
      // if there are currently no other OS event to process
11
      // sleep until the next OS event is available
12
        display.sleep();
13
14
15
16
     // disposes all associated windows and their components
17
     display.dispose();
```

- Install RAP tools into Eclipse
- Install RAP e4 Tooling into Eclipse
- Install Eclipse RAP Target Platform
- Eclipse RAP Tutorial for Beginners -**Basic Application**
- Eclipse RAP Tutorial for Beginners e4 Workbench Application
- Create Eclipse RAP Widget from ClientScripting-based widget
- Guide to packaging and deploying Eclipse RAP application
- Install GEF into Eclipse
- Eclipse RAP Tutorial for Beginners -Workbench Application (Earlier e4)
- Eclipse RCP 3 Tutorial for Beginners -Workbench Application
- Simple Eclipse RCP 3 Application -View and Editor integration

Java API for HTML & XML

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4.2- SWT Widgets 🕹

SWT widgets are located in the packages **org.eclipse.swt.widgets** and **org.eclipse.swt.custom**. Widgets extend either the Widget or the Control class. Several of these widgets are depicted in the following graphic. This graphic is a screenshot of the SWT widget homepage.



5- Create RCP Plugin Project &

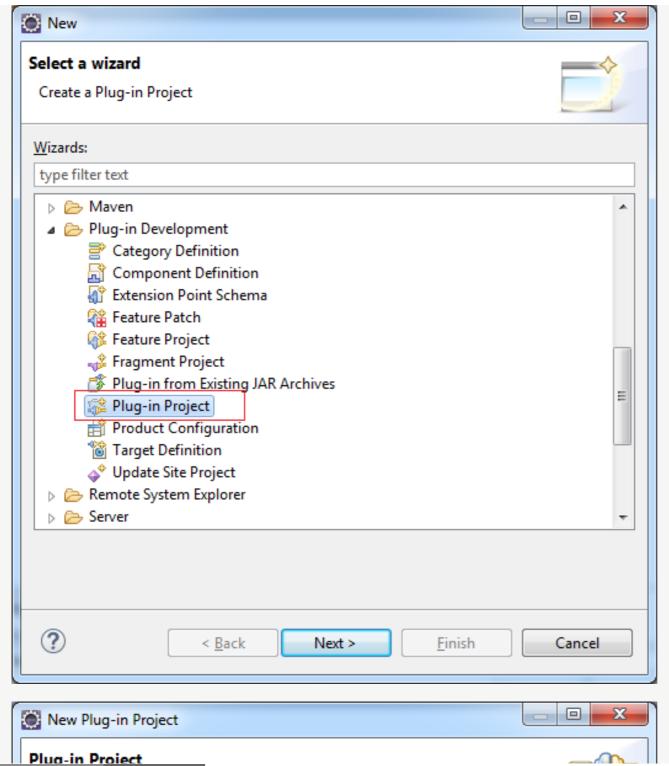
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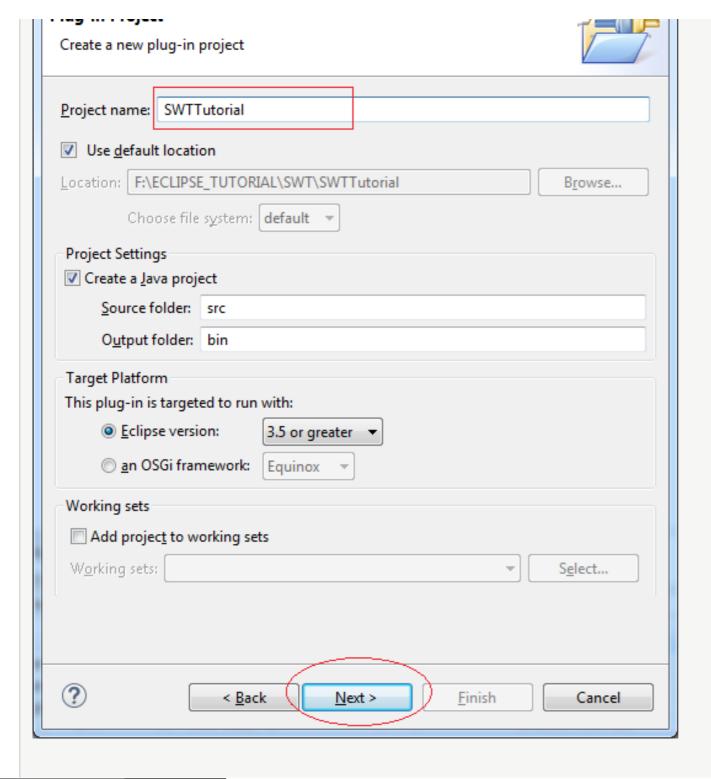
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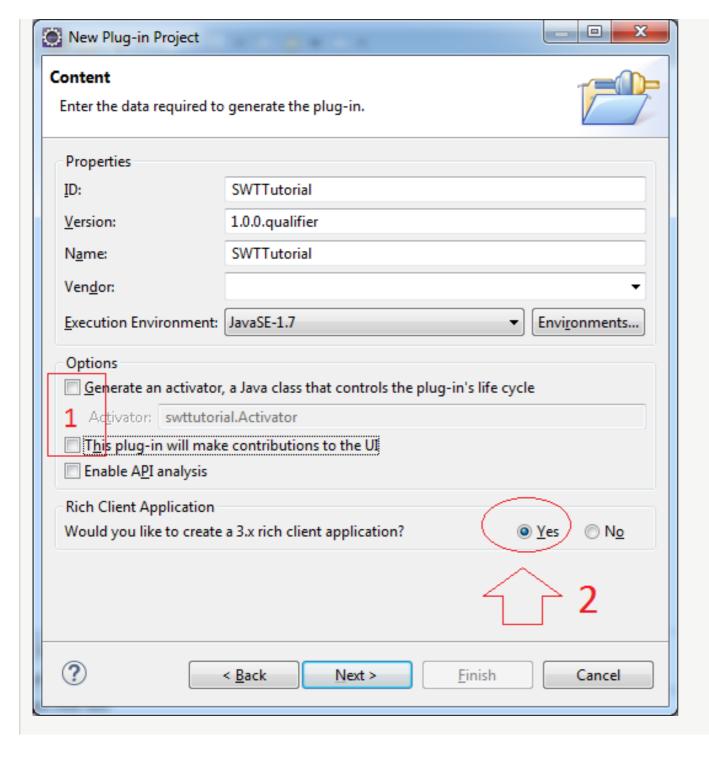
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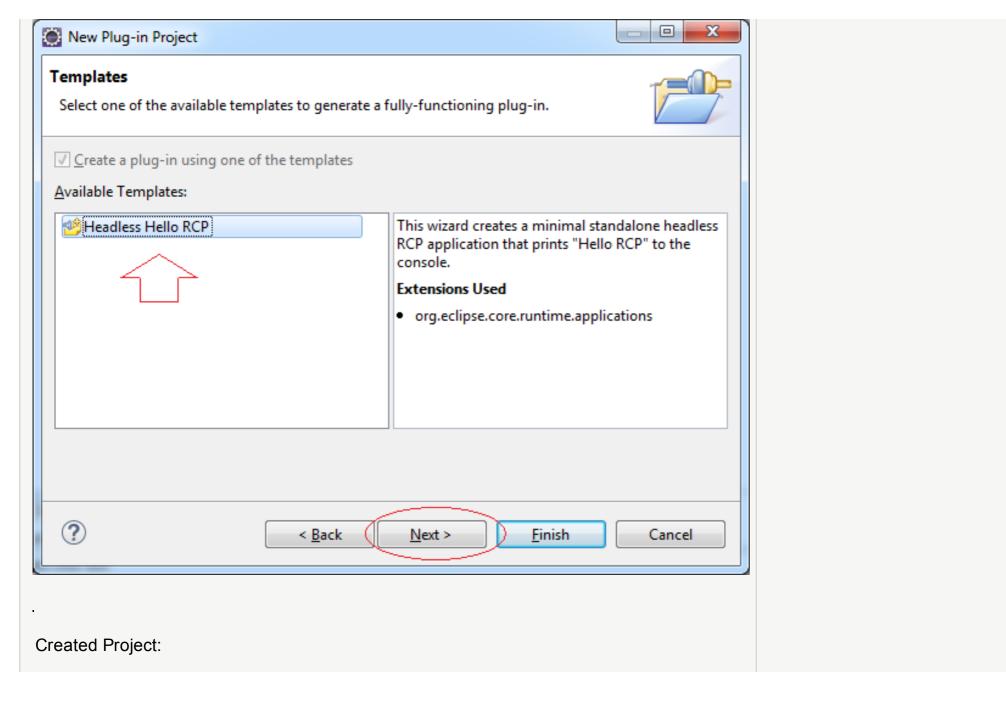


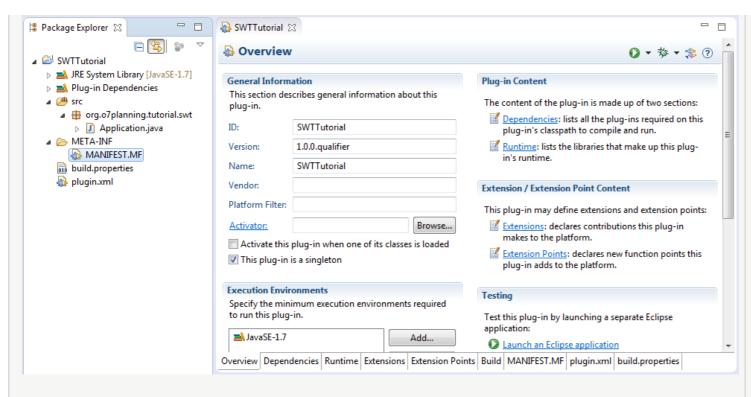
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- So there is no need to create a Workbench application so we can not check in (1) as shown below.
- Select 'Yes' in the region (2) to Eclipse RCP Application created (Run on the Desktop), otherwise it will create RAP Application (Running on Web).

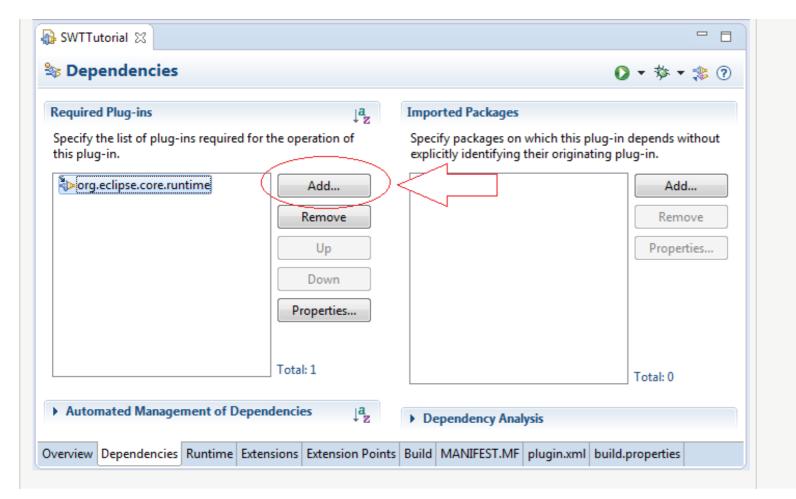


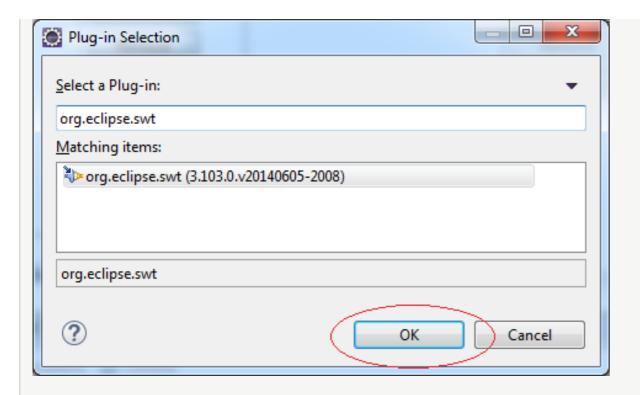




Add libary swt: org.eclipse.swt

If you develop RAP, using org.eclipse.rap.rwt





6- First Example &

This is a simple example, not using the drag and drop tools WindowBuilder.

• HelloSWT.java

```
package org.o7planning.tutorial.swt.helloswt;

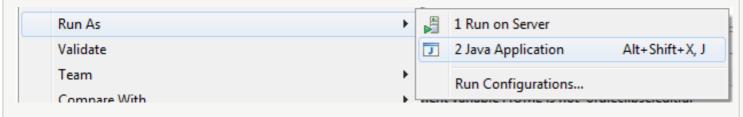
import org.eclipse.swt.widgets.Display;
import org.eclipse.swt.widgets.Shell;

public class HelloSWT {

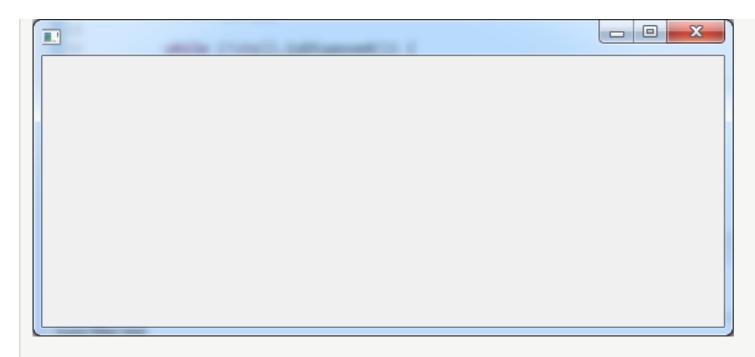
public static void main(String[] args) {
```

```
9
            // Create Display
10
            Display display = new Display();
            // Create Shell (Window) from diplay
11
            Shell shell = new Shell(display);
12
13
14
            shell.open();
15
16
            while (!shell.isDisposed()) {
                if (!display.readAndDispatch())
17
18
                    display.sleep();
19
20
            display.dispose();
21
22
```

Right-click on the class HelloSWT, and select Run As/Java Application.



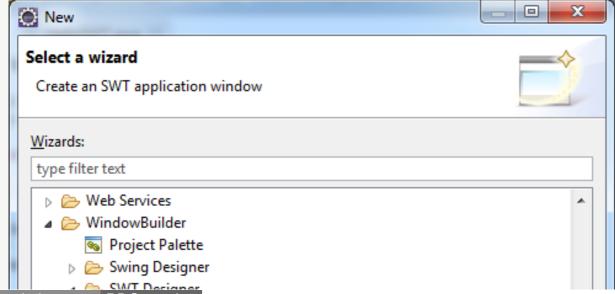
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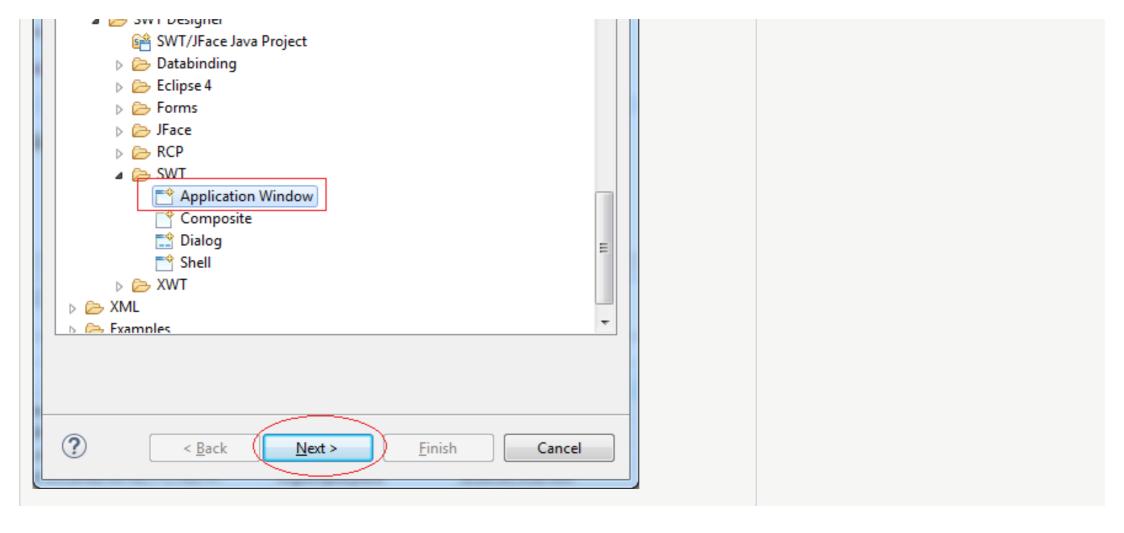


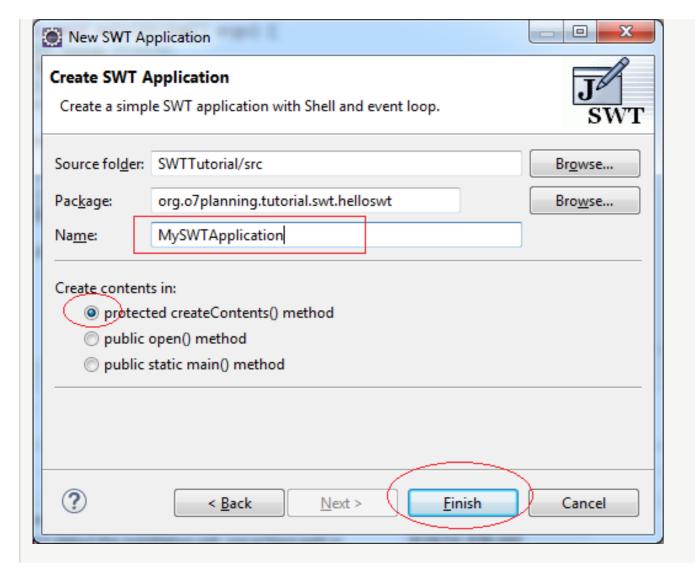
7- Using WindowBuilder &

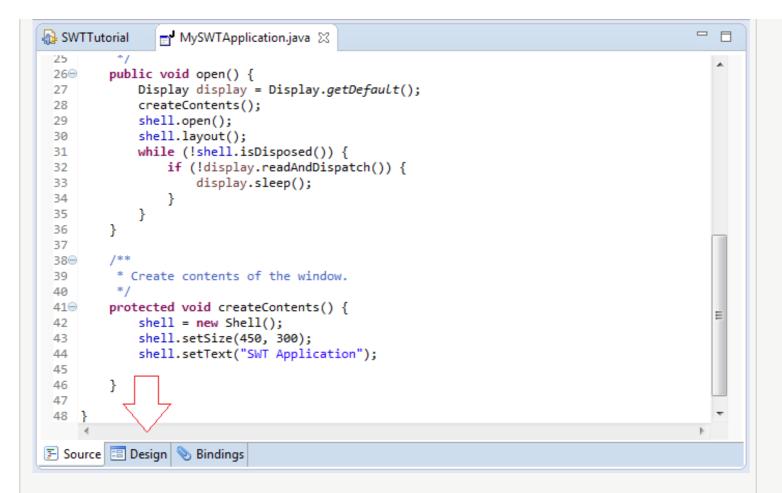
Next we will create an example for drag and drop with WindowBuilder.

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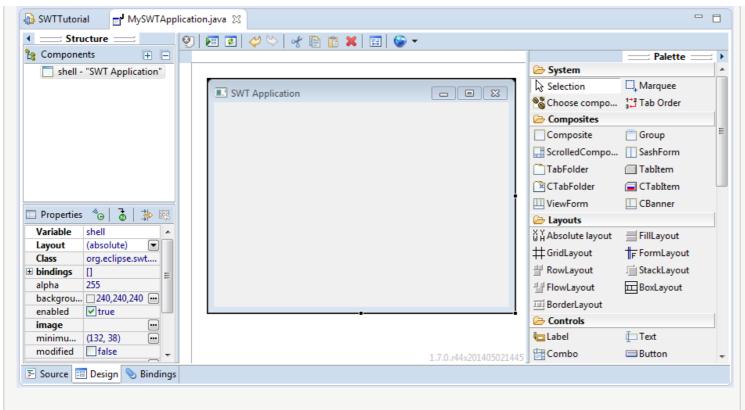




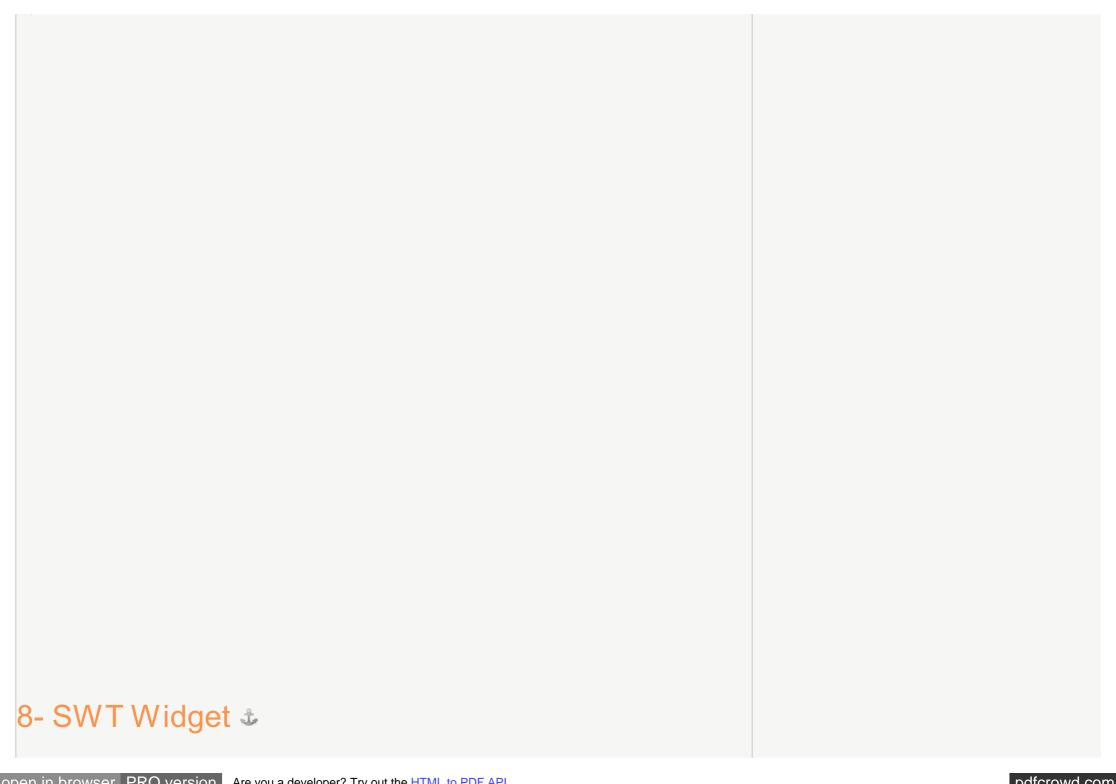




This is the window of WindowBuilder design. It allows you to drag and drop the widgets easily.

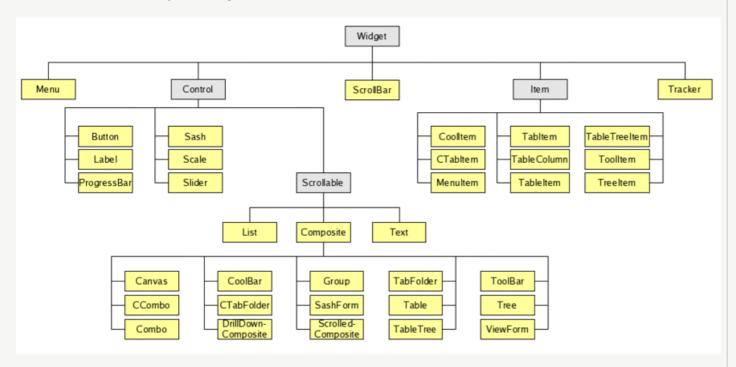


You can watch the video below:



8.1- Overview 🕹

This is the hierarchy of widgets in SWT.

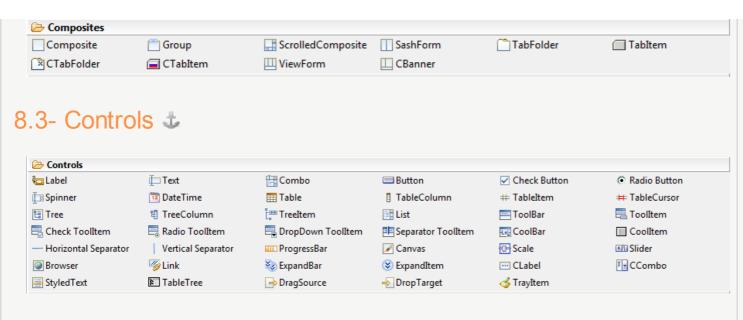


You can view the demo of the Control at the link below, it's RWT Control, but they are essentially the same as SWT control.

Demo:

http://rap.eclipsesource.com/demo/release/controls/

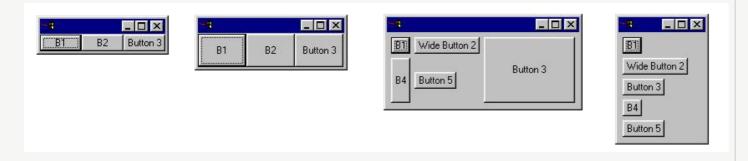
8.2- Widgets can contain other widgets (Container) 🕹



9- SWT Layout &

9.1- What is Layout? *****

Put simply, Layout is how to arrange the components on the interface.

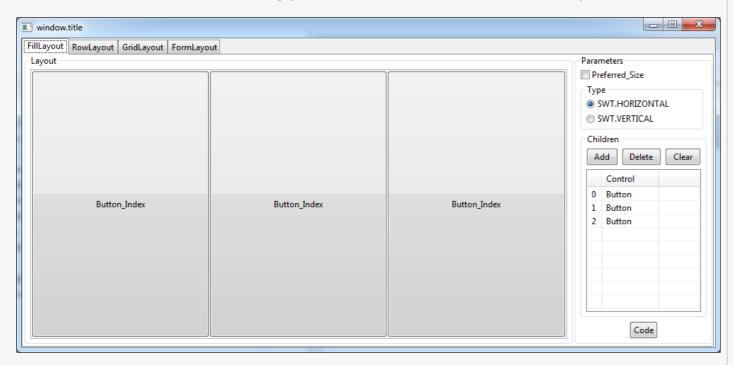


The standard layout classes in the SWT library are:

- FillLayout lays out equal-sized widgets in a single row or column
- RowLayout lays out widgets in a row or rows, with fill, wrap, and spacing options
- GridLayout lays out widgets in a grid

9.2- Online Example 🕹

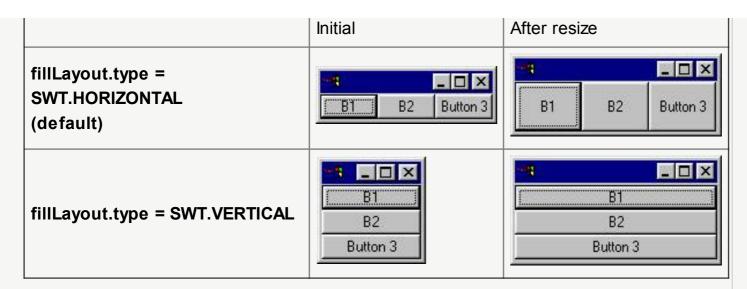
This is an example online, allowing you to see how the exercise of the Layout.



9.3- FillLayout 🕹

FillLayout is the simplest layout class. It lays out widgets in a single row or column, forcing them to be the same size. Initially, the widgets will all be as tall as the tallest widget, and as wide as the widest. FillLayout does not wrap, and you cannot specify margins or spacing.

```
FillLayout fillLayout = new FillLayout();
1
   fillLayout.type = SWT.VERTICAL;
    shell.setLayout(fillLayout);
```



Video:



pdfcrowd.com

```
3
     import org.eclipse.swt.SWT;
 4
     import org.eclipse.swt.layout.FillLayout;
 5
     import org.eclipse.swt.layout.RowLayout;
     import org.eclipse.swt.widgets.Button;
 7
     import org.eclipse.swt.widgets.Composite;
 8
     import org.eclipse.swt.widgets.Display;
 9
     import org.eclipse.swt.widgets.Shell;
10
11
     public class FillLayoutExample {
12
13
        public static void main(String[] args) {
14
            Display display = new Display();
15
            final Shell shell = new Shell(display);
16
            shell.setLayout(new FillLayout());
17
18
            //
19
            Composite parent = new Composite(shell, SWT.NONE);
20
2.1
            FillLayout fillLayout= new FillLayout();
22
            fillLayout.type= SWT.VERTICAL;
23
24
            parent.setLayout(fillLayout);
25
26
            Button b1 = new Button(parent, SWT.NONE);
27
            b1.setText("B1");
28
29
            Button b2 = new Button(parent, SWT.NONE);
30
            b2.setText("B2");
31
32
            Button button3 = new Button(parent, SWT.NONE);
33
            button3.setText("Button 3");
34
35
            // Windows back to natural size.
36
            shell.pack();
37
38
            shell.open();
39
            while (!shell.isDisposed()) {
40
                if (!display.readAndDispatch())
41
                    display.sleep();
42
```

```
// tear down the SWT window
44
            display.dispose();
45
46
```

Run result:

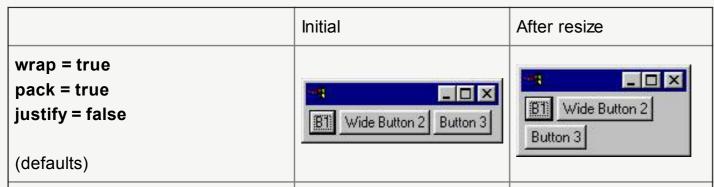


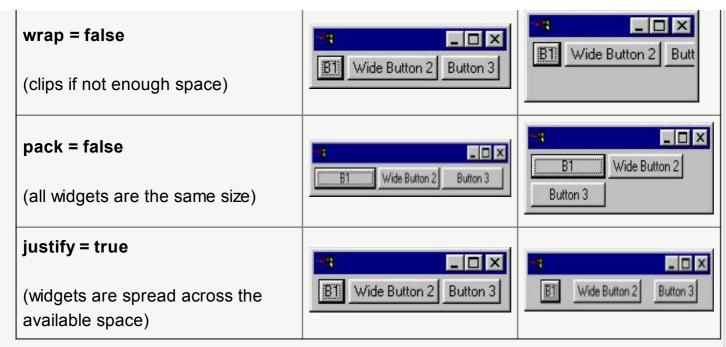
9.4- RowLayout 🕹

RowLayout is more commonly used than FillLayout because of its ability to wrap, and because it provides configurable margins and spacing. RowLayout has a number of configuration fields. In addition, the height and width of each widget in a RowLayout can be specified by setting a RowData object into the widget using setLayoutData.

The field configuration:

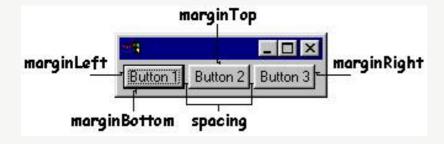
Wrap, Pack, Justify:





MarginLeft, MarginTop, MarginRight, MarginBottom, Spacing:

These fields control the number of pixels between widgets (**spacing**) and the number of pixels between a widget and the side of the parent Composite (margin). By default, RowLayouts leave 3 pixels for margin and spacing. The margin and spacing fields are shown in the following diagram.



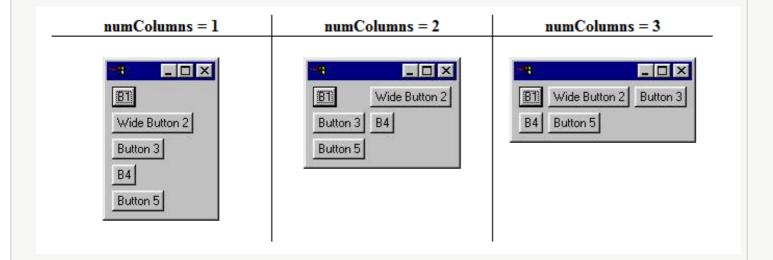
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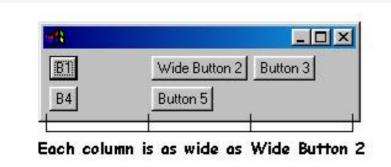
complicated. With a *GridLayout*, the widget children of a *Composite* are laid out in a grid. GridLayout has a number of configuration fields, and, like RowLayout, the widgets it lays out can have an associated layout data object, called GridData. The power of GridLayout lies in the ability to configure GridData for each widget controlled by the GridLayout.

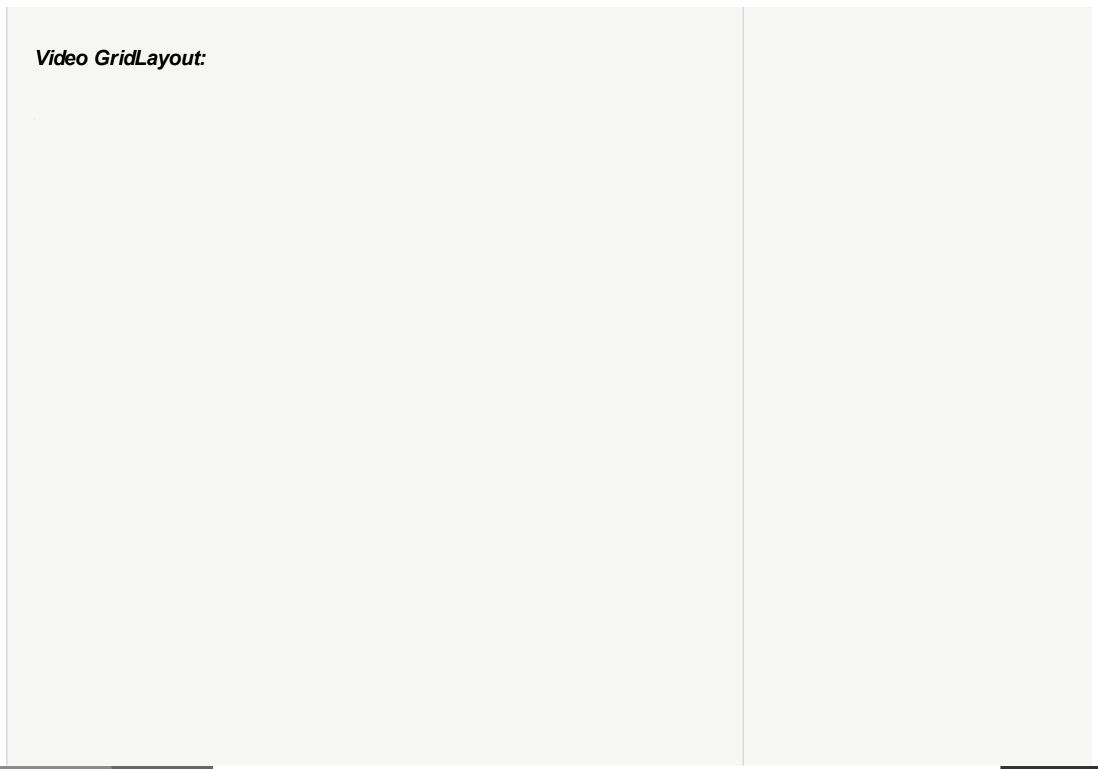
The configuration of the GridLayout:

NumColumns



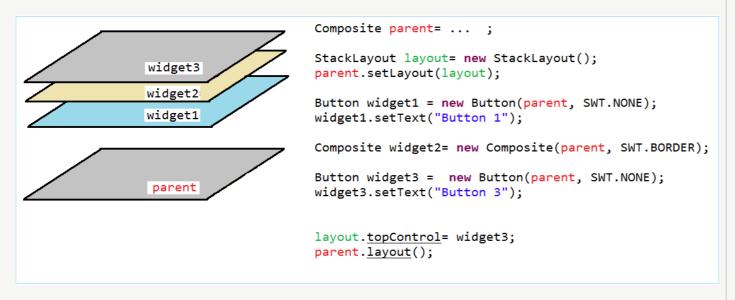
• MakeColumnsEqualWidth



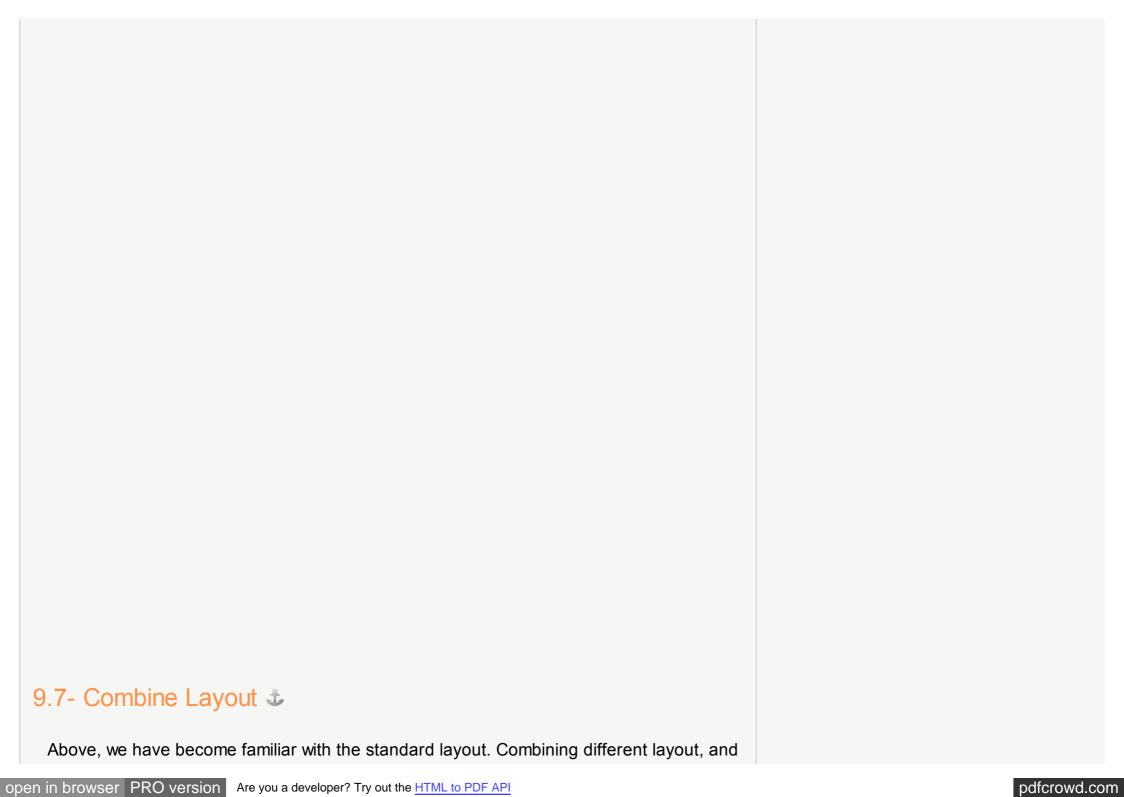


9.6- StackLayout &

This Layout stacks all the controls one on top of the other and resizes all controls to have the same size and location. The control specified in topControl is visible and all other controls are not visible. Users must set the topControl value to flip between the visible items and then call layout() on the composite which has the StackLayout.



Video StackLayout:



the other container (Composite, TabFolder, SashForm, ..) will create the desired interface.

10- Write the class extending from the SWT widget

Sometimes you need to write a class extending from available widget class of SWT. It is perfectly normal, but there is a small note, you need to override the method checkSubclass() without having to do anything in that method.

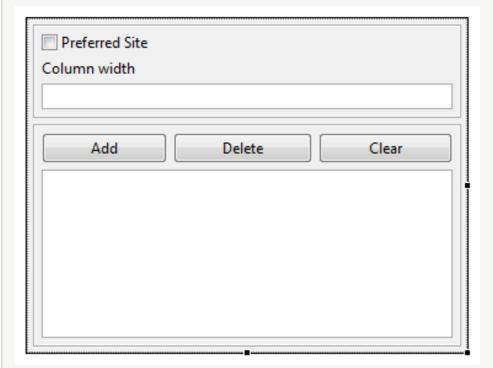
```
package org.o7planning.tutorial.swt.swtsubclass;
     import org.eclipse.swt.widgets.Button;
     import org.eclipse.swt.widgets.Composite;
 4
 5
     public class MyButton extends Button {
 6
        public MyButton(Composite parent, int style) {
 8
            super(parent, style);
10
11
12
        // You have to override this method.
13
        @Override
14
        protected void checkSubclass() {
15
            // No need to do anything.
16
17
18
19
```

11- Modular component interfaces 🕹

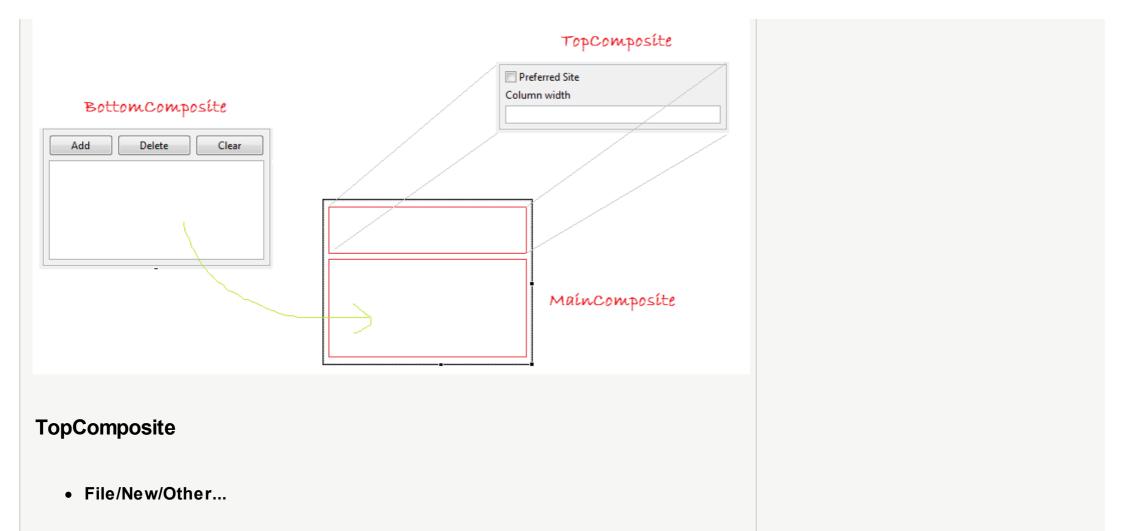
In case you have designed a complex interface. The splitting of designs is necessary and then put together, this will be easier if designing on Window Builder.

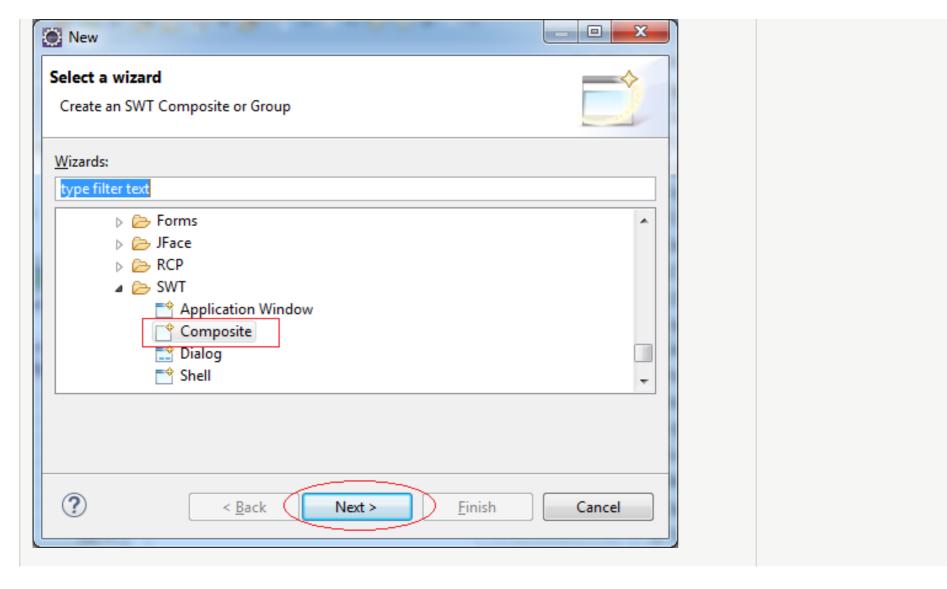
Please see the following interface, and we will try to split it up.

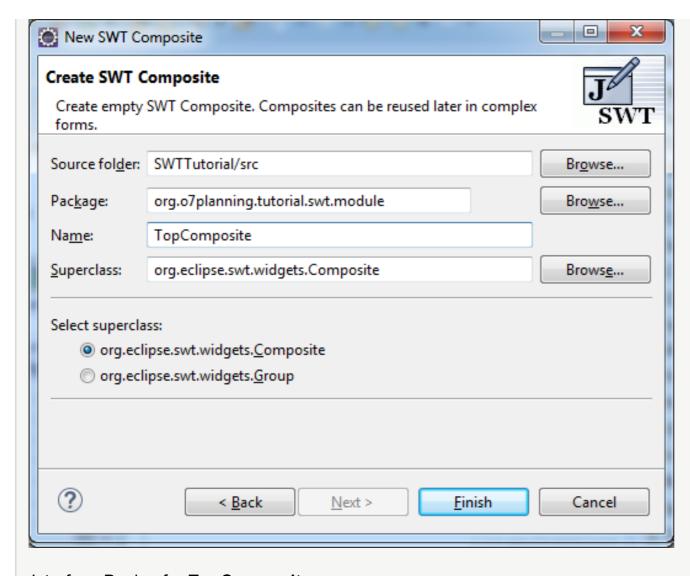
Suppose that you want to design an interface like the illustration below. (It is not complicated to split the design, but this is an example to illustrate how to split interface design)



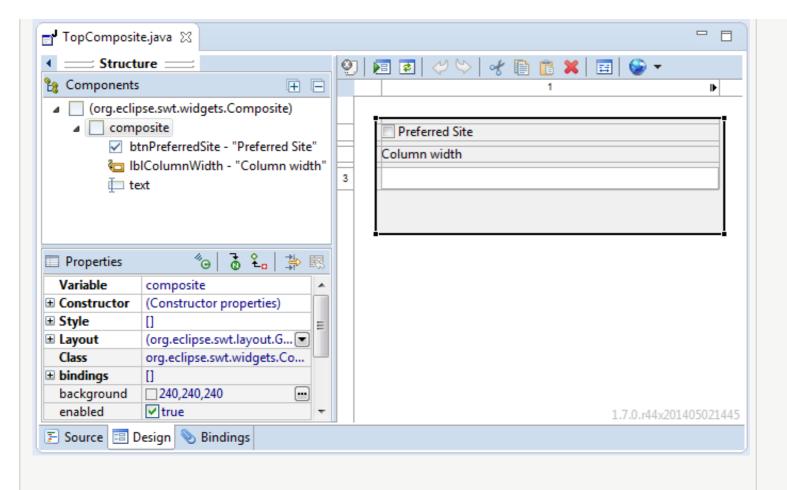
We can design two separate Composite and graft it on MainComposite.







Interface Design for **TopComposite**.



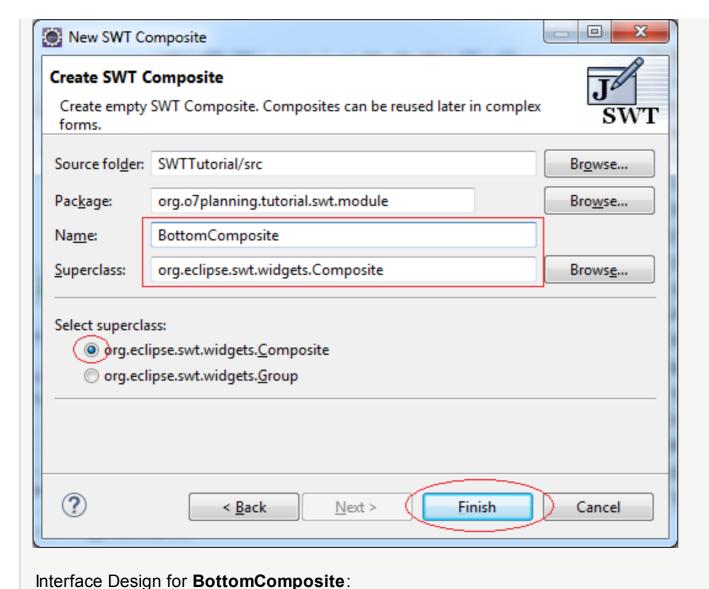
• TopComposite.java

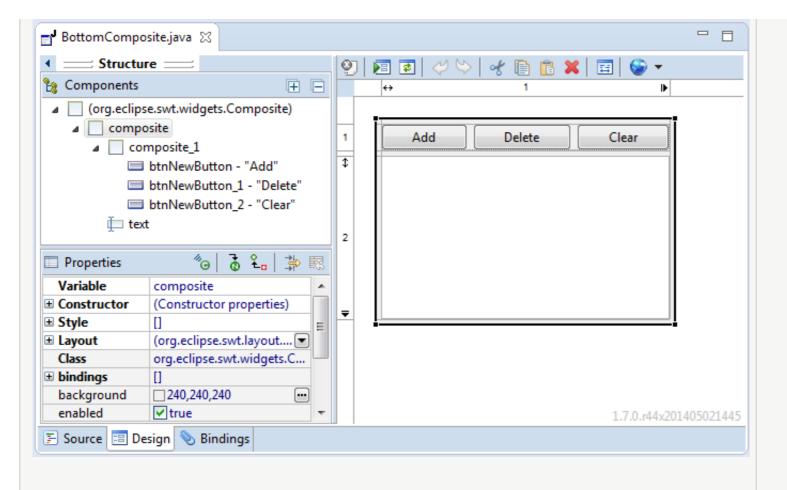
```
package org.o7planning.tutorial.swt.module;
2
3
     import org.eclipse.swt.widgets.Composite;
 4
5
     public class TopComposite extends Composite {
 6
        private Text text;
        /**
 9
         * Create the composite.
10
         * @param parent
11
         * @param style
```

```
12
         * /
13
        public TopComposite(Composite parent, int style) {
14
            super(parent, style);
15
            setLayout(new FillLayout(SWT.HORIZONTAL));
16
17
            Composite composite = new Composite(this, SWT.NONE);
18
            composite.setLayout(new GridLayout(1, false));
19
20
            Button btnPreferredSite = new Button(composite, SWT.CHECK
21
            btnPreferredSite.setText("Preferred Site");
22
23
            Label lblColumnWidth = new Label (composite, SWT.NONE);
            lblColumnWidth.setText("Column width");
24
25
26
            text = new Text(composite, SWT.BORDER);
27
            text.setLayoutData(new GridData(SWT.FILL, SWT.CENTER, tru
28
29
30
31
        @Override
32
        protected void checkSubclass() {
33
34
```

BottomComposite

Similarly, create class BottomComposite





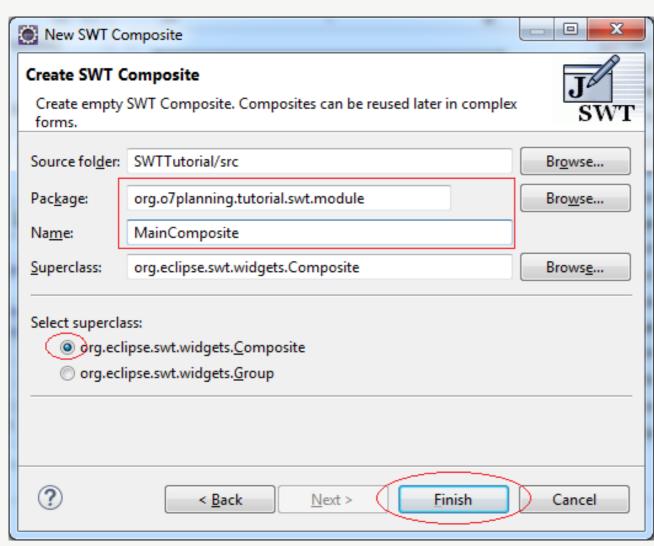
• BottomComposite.java

```
package org.o7planning.tutorial.swt.module;
2
3
     import org.eclipse.swt.SWT;
4
5
    public class BottomComposite extends Composite {
 6
        private Text text;
        /**
9
         * Create the composite.
10
         * @param parent
11
         * @param style
```

```
12
         * /
13
        public BottomComposite(Composite parent, int style) {
14
            super(parent, style);
15
            setLayout(new FillLayout(SWT.HORIZONTAL));
16
17
            Composite composite = new Composite(this, SWT.NONE);
18
            composite.setLayout(new GridLayout(1, false));
19
20
            Composite composite 1 = new Composite (composite, SWT.NONE
21
            GridLayout gl composite 1 = new GridLayout (3, false);
22
            gl composite \overline{1}.marginHe\overline{i}ght = 0;
23
            gl composite 1.marginWidth = 0;
24
            composite 1.setLayout(gl composite 1);
25
            composite 1.setLayoutData(new GridData(SWT.FILL, SWT.CENT
26
27
            Button btnNewButton = new Button(composite 1, SWT.NONE);
28
            btnNewButton.setLayoutData(new GridData(SWT.FILL, SWT.CEN
29
            btnNewButton.setText("Add");
30
31
            Button btnNewButton 1 = new Button(composite 1, SWT.NONE)
32
            btnNewButton 1.setLayoutData(new GridData(SWT.FILL, SWT.
33
            btnNewButton 1.setText("Delete");
34
35
            Button btnNewButton 2 = new Button (composite 1, SWT.NONE)
36
            btnNewButton 2.setLayoutData(new GridData(SWT.FILL, SWT.C
37
            btnNewButton 2.setText("Clear");
38
39
            text = new Text(composite, SWT.BORDER | SWT.MULTI);
40
            text.setLayoutData(new GridData(SWT.FILL, SWT.FILL, true,
41
42
43
        @Override
44
45
        protected void checkSubclass() {
46
            // Disable the check that prevents subclassing of SWT com
47
48
49
```

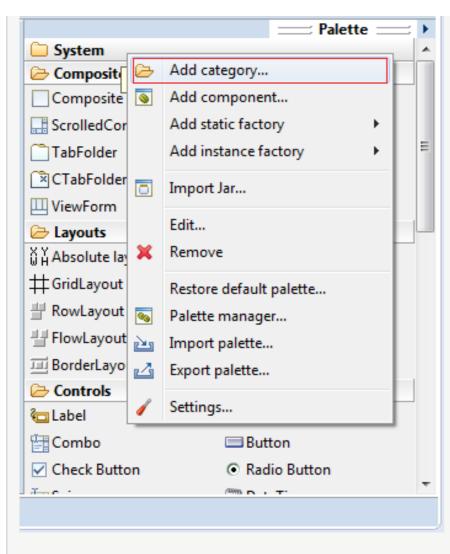
MainComposite

Similarly create class **MainComposite**:



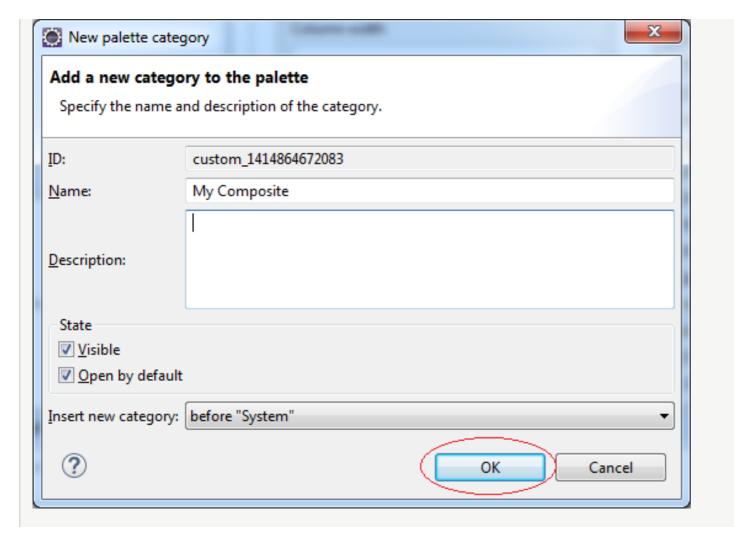
Register TopComposite & BottomComposite into Palette

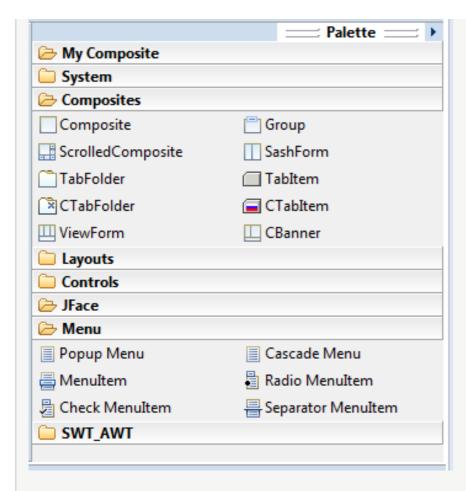
Right-click the Palette and choose Add category ...



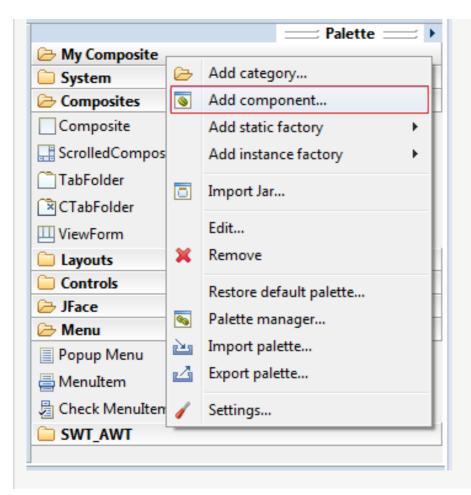
Named Pallete Category:

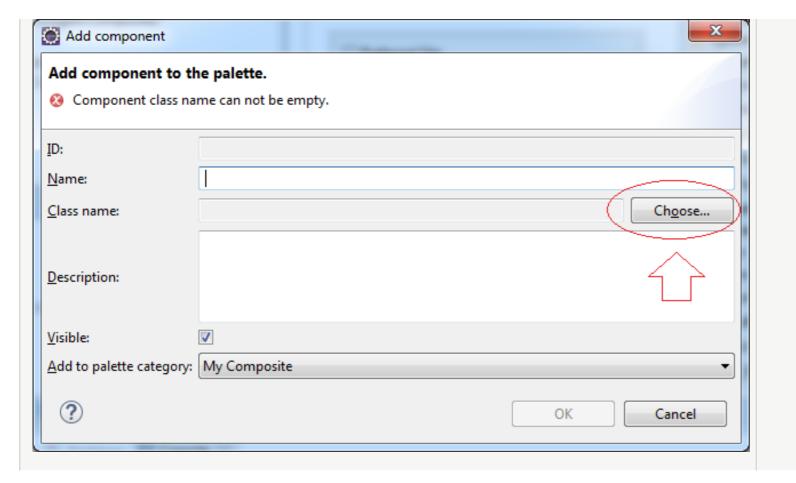
• My Composite

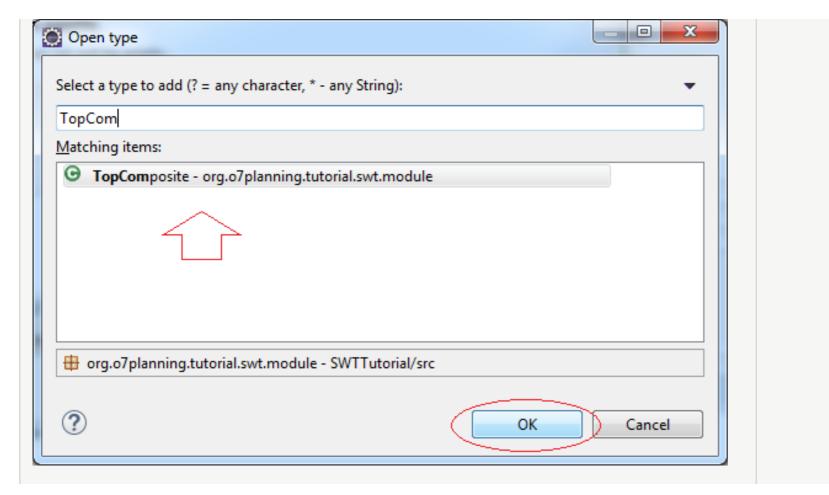


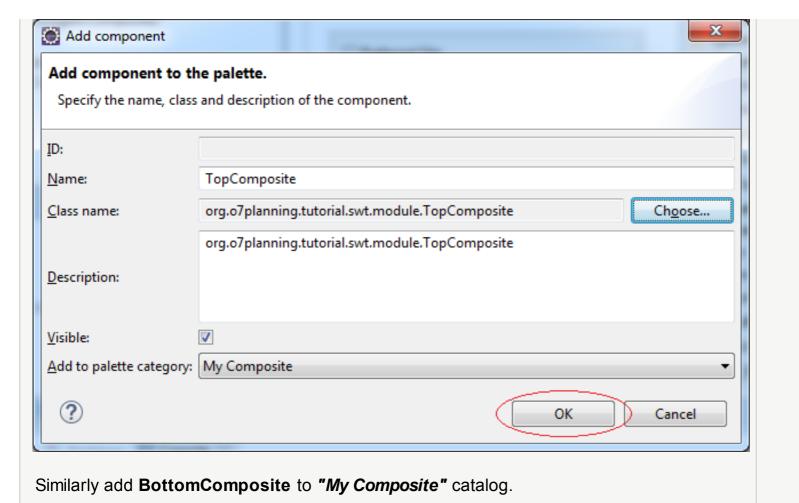


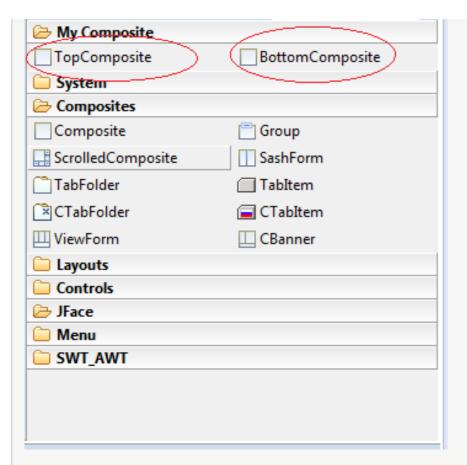
Right-click on the Category Pallette "My Composite" to add TopComposite & BottomComposite.











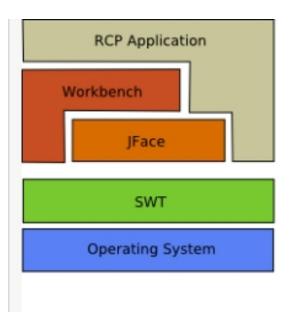
Now **TopComposite** & **BottomComposite** are easily drag and drop on the other Composite.

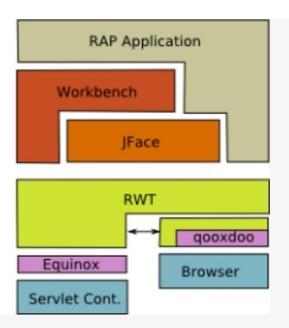
• MainComposite.java

```
package org.o7planning.tutorial.swt.module;
2
    import org.eclipse.swt.SWT;
    import org.eclipse.swt.layout.FillLayout;
4
    import org.eclipse.swt.layout.GridData;
    import org.eclipse.swt.layout.GridLayout;
    import org.eclipse.swt.widgets.Composite;
```

```
public class MainComposite extends Composite {
10
11
        /**
12
         * Create the composite.
13
         * @param parent
14
         * @param style
15
16
        public MainComposite(Composite parent, int style) {
17
            super(parent, style);
18
            setLayout(new FillLayout(SWT.HORIZONTAL));
19
20
            Composite composite = new Composite(this, SWT.NONE);
21
            composite.setLayout(new GridLayout(1, false));
22
23
            TopComposite topComposite = new TopComposite(composite, S
24
            topComposite.setLayoutData(new GridData(SWT.FILL, SWT.CEN
25
26
            BottomComposite bottomComposite = new BottomComposite(com
27
            bottomComposite.setLayoutData(new GridData(SWT.FILL, SWT.
28
29
30
31
        @Override
32
        protected void checkSubclass() {
33
34
35
```

12- JFace 🕹





You can see more JFace, an additional API for SWT:

• http://o7planning.org/web/fe/default/en/document/26330/eclipse-jface-tutorial















