

# README for Homework 5

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See [index.html](#) for a test of widgets

See [editor.html](#) for implementation of HW1 editor (contains non-text labels)

## Integration of Widgets

- Lots of fixes required from Homework 4 with Behaviors, additional bugs with Line/Text bounding boxes, slowing down progress.
- But once this was completed, implementing widgets was not too bad.
- There was no place to fire the onSelectionChange event in the ChoiceBehavior, assigned it to the base GraphicalObject instead when its selected property changes
- Buttons, Checkboxes and Radiobuttons were similar, did not abstract but probably could.
- Certain re-factorizations were done after initially implementing for text-only labels, had to store values somewhere.
- Unfortunately did not get to implementing the slider. Sorry!

## Implementation of Editor

- Current state of functionality took about 2.5 hours, and 130+ lines of code in the Editor.
  - Compared to original of about 4 hours and 230 lines of code (plain JavaScript, bootstrap for buttons)
  - This took about 40% of the time, with about the same number of lines of code.
  - Main savings in time was in terms of the new/choice/move behavior as it was already implemented.
  - Code savings were similarly from the behaviors for drawing and selecting rectangles. Previous implementation used bootstrap for buttons so that was already saved minimally.
- Re-implementing the editor using the new framework wasn't too difficult - the better improvements were in terms of behavior, which was already provided from the framework and didn't have to be re-written. Hooks for selection changes made it easy to update state and attach to other buttons.
- Framework Issues
  - The selectionChange function is used for all items in a group, and this is a little weird for buttons as the function will have to check which button was pressed. Usually each button would have its own function unless explicitly decided.
  - The original implementation of the editor allowed for all actions to be performed with the left button without any modifiers. However, trying to have all 3 types of behaviors tie into just the left mouse button yielded strange behaviors that I did not have the time to debug. Probably something to do with the event chain or bubbling. Main improvements are required here.
  - Drawing of primitive objects were about the same, with the added benefit of the organized constraint system to establish relationships.

## Programming Guide for Widgets

Widgets are pre-composed groups of graphical objects and behaviors for user interaction in a graphical user interface.

Pre-built widgets include ButtonPanel, CheckBoxPanel, RadioPanel, all of which extend LayoutGroup.

Example of construction with parameters:

```
let buttonPanel = new ButtonPanel(  
  labels = [], selectable = false, selectType = SELECT_SINGLE,  
  onSelectionChange = function(object, value) {},  
  x = 0, y = 0, width = 100, height = 100, layout = HORIZONTAL, offset =  
  10);
```

Labels can be a string or a GraphicalObject. Each label becomes a selectable option in the group.

onSelectionChange is fired whenever any of the item's selection status changes. The function is given object - the graphical object whose selected status has changed, and the value it has changed to. All of the objects will share the same function.

These widgets also have a value property that reflects the state of selection in each group. Widgets with single selections provide the value as a string (the label string itself, or the value property of the label object). Widgets with multiple selections provide the value as a Set of values.

To create your own widget, extend any Group and pre-populate it with your own set of GraphicalObjects and Behaviors to establish the interaction. You may also add properties to be constrained upon.