



WORKED EXAMPLE 20.1

Programming a Working Calculator



Problem Statement Implement arithmetic and scientific operations for a calculator. Use the sample program from Section 20.1 as a starting point.

Arithmetic

In the calculator program of Section 20.1, the buttons for the arithmetic operations didn't do any work. It is actually a bit subtle to implement the behavior of a calculator. Imagine the user who has just entered $3 +$. At this point, we can't yet perform the addition because we don't have the second operand. We need to store the value (3) and the operator (+) and keep on going. Now the user continues:

$3 + 4 *$

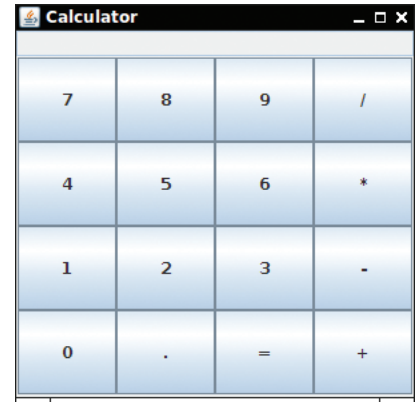
As soon as the $*$ button is clicked, we can get to work and *add* 3 and 4. That is, we take the saved value and the newly entered value, and combine them with the *saved* operator. Then we save the $*$ so that it can be executed later.

(Here, we implement a common household calculator in which multiplication and addition have the same precedence. In Chapter 16, you saw how to implement a calculator in which multiplication has a higher precedence, as it does in mathematics.)

There is another subtlety, concerning the update of the calculator display. Consider the input

$1\ 3 + 4 * 2 =$

which arrives one button click at a time:



Button Clicked	Action	Display
1	Show 1 in display.	1
3	Add 3 to end of display.	13
+	Store 13 and + for later use.	13
4	Clear display, add 4.	4
*	Replace display with result of $13 + 4$. Store 17 and * for later use.	17
2	Clear display, add 2.	2
=	Replace display with result of $17 * 2$.	34

You may want to try this out with an actual calculator. Note the following:

- When an operator button is clicked and two operands are available, the display is updated with the result of the saved operation.

- The *first* digit button clicked after an operator clears the display. The other digit buttons append to the display. The display can't be cleared by the operator; it must be cleared by the first digit. (Otherwise, there would be no way for the user to see the result.)
- The = button puts the calculator into the same state as it was at the beginning, clearing the saved operation.

Now we have enough information to implement the arithmetic operator buttons. The calculator needs to remember

- the last value and operator.
- whether we are at the beginning or in the middle of entering a value.

We also need to remember the value that is currently being built up, but we can just take that from the display variable.

```
public class CalculatorFrame extends JFrame
{
    private JLabel display;
    . . .
    private double lastValue;
    private String lastOperator;
    private boolean startNewValue;

    public CalculatorFrame()
    {
        lastValue = 0;
        lastOperator = "=";
        startNewValue = true;
        . . .
    }
    . . .
}
```

The `actionPerformed` method of the digit button listeners appends the digit to the display; however, the display is cleared first if this is the first digit after an operator:

```
public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent event)
{
    if (startNewValue)
    {
        display.setText("");
        startNewValue = false;
    }
    display.setText(display.getText() + digit);
}
```

How does the method know which digit to use? It is passed to the constructor of the listener:

```
class DigitButtonListener implements ActionListener
{
    private String digit;

    public DigitButtonListener(String aDigit)
    {
        digit = aDigit;
    }
    . . .
}
```

We construct digit buttons with this helper method:

```
public JButton makeDigitButton(String digit)
{
    JButton button = new JButton(digit);
```

```

        ActionListener listener = new DigitButtonListener(digit);
        button.addActionListener(listener);
        return button;
    }

```

The helper method is called for each digit button:

```

private void createButtonPanel()
{
    JPanel buttonPanel = new JPanel();
    buttonPanel.setLayout(new GridLayout(4, 4));

    buttonPanel.add(makeDigitButton("7"));
    buttonPanel.add(makeDigitButton("8"));
    buttonPanel.add(makeDigitButton("9"));
    . . .
}

```

We use the same strategy to pass the operator symbol to the `OperatorButtonListener`. Here is its `actionPerformed` method:

```

public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent event)
{
    if (!startNewValue)
    {
        double value = Double.parseDouble(display.getText());
        lastValue = calculate(lastValue, value, lastOperator);
        display.setText("" + lastValue);
        startNewValue = true;
    }

    lastOperator = operator;
}

```

First, we check whether the operator follows a value. If a user clicked two operators in a row, as in $3 + * 4$, we assume that the intent was to replace an incorrectly entered operator.

In the normal case, we combine the last value with the display value, using the *last* operator. We update the display with the result, and get ready to receive the next value.

We also store the current operator so that it can be evaluated later.

The `calculate` method simply combines its inputs:

```

public double calculate(double value1, double value2, String op)
{
    if (op.equals("+"))
    {
        return value1 + value2;
    }
    else if (op.equals("-"))
    {
        return value1 - value2;
    }
    else if (op.equals("*"))
    {
        return value1 * value2;
    }
    else if (op.equals("/"))
    {
        return value1 / value2;
    }
    else // "="
    {
        return value2;
    }
}

```

```
    }
}
```

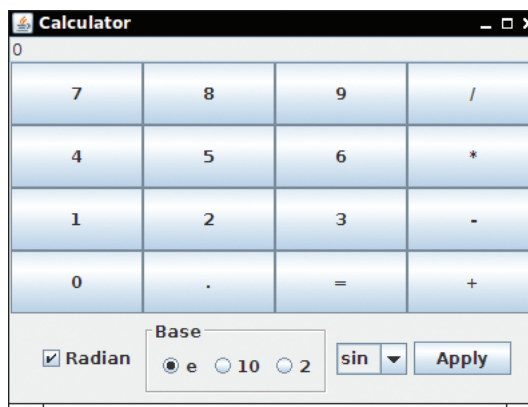
To understand the behavior for the = operator, think through an input $3 + 4 =$ followed by $5 * 6$. When the = button is clicked, the last operator (+) is executed, and = becomes the last operator. When the * button is clicked, the calculate method receives the last value (7), the display value (5), and the last operator (=). It should simply return the second operand (5), which will later be combined with the 6.

This completes the implementation of the arithmetic operators.

Mathematical Functions

In order to practice working with user-interface components, we will enhance the calculator with a few mathematical functions. The trigonometric functions sin, cos, and tan take an argument that can be interpreted as radians or degrees. We provide a check box to select radians. (Perhaps two radio buttons for radians and degrees would be clearer, but we want to practice using a checkbox). For the log and exp functions, we provide radio buttons to select one of three bases: e, 10, and 2. We place the functions into a combo box.

Clicking the Apply button applies the selected function with the selected options.



First, we need to set up the user interface. We need

- A checkbox for radians
- Three radio buttons
- A button group for the radio buttons
- A border for the radio buttons
- A combo box for the functions
- An Apply button

Let's get the radio buttons out of the way first:

```
private JPanel createBaseButtons()
{
    baseeButton = new JRadioButton("e");
    base10Button = new JRadioButton("10");
    base2Button = new JRadioButton("2");

    baseeButton.setSelected(true);

    ButtonGroup group = new ButtonGroup();
    group.add(baseeButton);
    group.add(base10Button);
    group.add(base2Button);
}
```

```

        JPanel basePanel = new JPanel();
        basePanel.add(baseeButton);
        basePanel.add(base10Button);
        basePanel.add(base2Button);
        basePanel.setBorder(new TitledBorder(new EtchedBorder(), "Base"));

        return basePanel;
    }

```

Here we create three radio buttons, select one of them, and add them to a button group. Note that the buttons are instance variables—we need to query their state later. However, the button group is only used by the Swing library, not our program. Therefore, it can be a local variable.

Finally, we add the buttons into a panel so that we can apply a border.

The remainder of the user interface is simpler. We just need to add the checkbox, combo box, radio buttons, and Apply button to a panel, then add that panel to the southern area of the frame's border layout.

```

private void createControlPanel()
{
    radianCheckBox = new JCheckBox("Radian");
    radianCheckBox.setSelected(true);

    mathOpCombo = new JComboBox();
    mathOpCombo.addItem("sin");
    mathOpCombo.addItem("cos");
    mathOpCombo.addItem("tan");
    mathOpCombo.addItem("log");
    mathOpCombo.addItem("exp");

    mathOpButton = new JButton("Apply");
    mathOpButton.addActionListener(new MathOpListener());

    JPanel controlPanel = new JPanel();
    controlPanel.add(radianCheckBox);
    controlPanel.add(createBaseButtons());
    controlPanel.add(mathOpCombo);
    controlPanel.add(mathOpButton);

    add(controlPanel, BorderLayout.SOUTH);
}

```

The only button that receives a listener is the Apply button. The other components change their state when they are clicked, and the listener of the Apply button reads the state when it calls the selected function.

Here is the listener code:

```

class MathOpListener implements ActionListener
{
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent event)
    {
        double value = Double.parseDouble(display.getText());
        String mathOp = (String) mathOpCombo.getSelectedItem();

        double base = 10;
        if (baseeButton.isSelected()) { base = Math.E; }
        else if (base2Button.isSelected()) { base = 2; }

        boolean radian = radianCheckBox.isSelected();
        if (!radian && (mathOp.equals("sin")
            || mathOp.equals("cos") || mathOp.equals("tan")))
        {

```

```

        value = Math.toRadians(value);
    }

    if (mathOp.equals("sin"))
    {
        value = Math.sin(value);
    }
    else if (mathOp.equals("cos"))
    {
        value = Math.cos(value);
    }
    else if (mathOp.equals("tan"))
    {
        value = Math.tan(value);
    }
    else if (mathOp.equals("log"))
    {
        value = Math.log(value) / Math.log(base);
    }
    else if (mathOp.equals("exp"))
    {
        value = Math.pow(base, value);
    }
    display.setText("" + value);

    startNewValue = true;
}
}

```

First, we get the function's argument from the display, and the base from the radio buttons. If we need to call a trigonometric function with degrees, we convert the argument to radians. That is what the Java library expects.

Then we execute the selected function and update the display. Finally, we set the startNewValue flag. If the user clicks a digit button, the display is cleared and the button becomes the first digit of a new value.

worked_example_1/CalculatorViewer.java

```

1  import javax.swing.JFrame;
2
3  public class CalculatorViewer
4  {
5      public static void main(String[] args)
6      {
7          JFrame frame = new CalculatorFrame();
8          frame.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
9          frame.setTitle("Calculator");
10         frame.setVisible(true);
11     }
12 }

```

worked_example_1/CalculatorFrame.java

```

1  import java.awt.BorderLayout;
2  import java.awt.GridLayout;
3  import java.awt.event.ActionListener;
4  import java.awt.event.ActionEvent;
5  import javax.swing.ButtonGroup;
6  import javax.swing.JButton;
7  import javax.swing.JCheckBox;

```

```

8  import javax.swing.JComboBox;
9  import javax.swing.JFrame;
10 import javax.swing.JPanel;
11 import javax.swing.JRadioButton;
12 import javax.swing.JLabel;
13 import javax.swing.border.EtchedBorder;
14 import javax.swing.border.TitledBorder;
15
16 /**
17  This frame contains a panel that displays buttons
18  for a calculator and a panel with a text fields to
19  specify the result of calculation.
20  */
21 public class CalculatorFrame extends JFrame
22 {
23     private JLabel display;
24     private JCheckBox radianCheckBox;
25     private JRadioButton baseeButton;
26     private JRadioButton base10Button;
27     private JRadioButton base2Button;
28     private JComboBox mathOpCombo;
29     private JButton mathOpButton;
30
31     private double lastValue;
32     private String lastOperator;
33     private boolean startNewValue;
34
35     private static final int FRAME_WIDTH = 400;
36     private static final int FRAME_HEIGHT = 300;
37
38     public CalculatorFrame()
39     {
40         createButtonPanel();
41         createControlPanel();
42
43         display = new JLabel("0");
44         add(display, BorderLayout.NORTH);
45
46         lastValue = 0;
47         lastOperator = "=";
48         startNewValue = true;
49
50         setSize(FRAME_WIDTH, FRAME_HEIGHT);
51     }
52
53     /**
54      Creates the control panel with the text field
55      and buttons on the frame.
56     */
57     private void createButtonPanel()
58     {
59         JPanel buttonPanel = new JPanel();
60         buttonPanel.setLayout(new GridLayout(4, 4));
61
62         buttonPanel.add(makeDigitButton("7"));
63         buttonPanel.add(makeDigitButton("8"));
64         buttonPanel.add(makeDigitButton("9"));
65         buttonPanel.add(makeOperatorButton("/"));
66         buttonPanel.add(makeDigitButton("4"));
67         buttonPanel.add(makeDigitButton("5"));

```

```

68     buttonPanel.add(makeDigitButton("6"));
69     buttonPanel.add(makeOperatorButton("*"));
70     buttonPanel.add(makeDigitButton("1"));
71     buttonPanel.add(makeDigitButton("2"));
72     buttonPanel.add(makeDigitButton("3"));
73     buttonPanel.add(makeOperatorButton("-"));
74     buttonPanel.add(makeDigitButton("0"));
75     buttonPanel.add(makeDigitButton("."));
76     buttonPanel.add(makeOperatorButton("="));
77     buttonPanel.add(makeOperatorButton("+"));
78
79     add(buttonPanel, BorderLayout.CENTER);
80 }
81
82 class MathOpListener implements ActionListener
83 {
84     public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent event)
85     {
86         double value = Double.parseDouble(display.getText());
87         String mathOp = (String) mathOpCombo.getSelectedItem();
88
89         double base = 10;
90         if (baseeButton.isSelected()) { base = Math.E; }
91         else if (base2Button.isSelected()) { base = 2; }
92
93         boolean radian = radianCheckBox.isSelected();
94         if (!radian && (mathOp.equals("sin")
95             || mathOp.equals("cos") || mathOp.equals("tan")))
96         {
97             value = Math.toRadians(value);
98         }
99
100        if (mathOp.equals("sin"))
101        {
102            value = Math.sin(value);
103        }
104        else if (mathOp.equals("cos"))
105        {
106            value = Math.cos(value);
107        }
108        else if (mathOp.equals("tan"))
109        {
110            value = Math.tan(value);
111        }
112        else if (mathOp.equals("log"))
113        {
114            value = Math.log(value) / Math.log(base);
115        }
116        else if (mathOp.equals("exp"))
117        {
118            value = Math.pow(base, value);
119        }
120        display.setText("" + value);
121
122        startNewValue = true;
123    }
124 }
125
126 private JPanel createBaseButtons()
127 {

```



```

128     baseeButton = new JRadioButton("e");
129     base10Button = new JRadioButton("10");
130     base2Button = new JRadioButton("2");
131
132     baseeButton.setSelected(true);
133
134     ButtonGroup group = new ButtonGroup();
135     group.add(baseeButton);
136     group.add(base10Button);
137     group.add(base2Button);
138
139     JPanel basePanel = new JPanel();
140     basePanel.add(baseeButton);
141     basePanel.add(base10Button);
142     basePanel.add(base2Button);
143     basePanel.setBorder(new TitledBorder(new EtchedBorder(), "Base"));
144
145     return basePanel;
146 }
147
148 private void createControlPanel()
149 {
150     radianCheckBox = new JCheckBox("Radian");
151     radianCheckBox.setSelected(true);
152
153     mathOpCombo = new JComboBox();
154     mathOpCombo.addItem("sin");
155     mathOpCombo.addItem("cos");
156     mathOpCombo.addItem("tan");
157     mathOpCombo.addItem("log");
158     mathOpCombo.addItem("exp");
159
160     mathOpButton = new JButton("Apply");
161     mathOpButton.addActionListener(new MathOpListener());
162
163     JPanel controlPanel = new JPanel();
164     controlPanel.add(radianCheckBox);
165     controlPanel.add(createBaseButtons());
166     controlPanel.add(mathOpCombo);
167     controlPanel.add(mathOpButton);
168
169     add(controlPanel, BorderLayout.SOUTH);
170 }
171
172 /**
173  * Combines two values with an operator.
174  * @param value1 the first value
175  * @param value2 the second value
176  * @param op an operator (+, -, *, /, or =)
177  */
178 public double calculate(double value1, double value2, String op)
179 {
180     if (op.equals("+"))
181     {
182         return value1 + value2;
183     }
184     else if (op.equals("-"))
185     {
186         return value1 - value2;

```

```

187     }
188     else if (op.equals("*"))
189     {
190         return value1 * value2;
191     }
192     else if (op.equals("/"))
193     {
194         return value1 / value2;
195     }
196     else // "="
197     {
198         return value2;
199     }
200 }
201
202 class DigitButtonListener implements ActionListener
203 {
204     private String digit;
205
206     /**
207      * Constructs a listener whose actionPerformed method adds a digit
208      * to the display.
209      * @param aDigit the digit to add
210      */
211     public DigitButtonListener(String aDigit)
212     {
213         digit = aDigit;
214     }
215
216     public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent event)
217     {
218         if (startNewValue)
219         {
220             display.setText("");
221             startNewValue = false;
222         }
223         display.setText(display.getText() + digit);
224     }
225 }
226
227 /**
228  * Makes a button representing a digit of a calculator.
229  * @param digit the digit of the calculator
230  * @return the button of the calculator
231  */
232 public JButton makeDigitButton(String digit)
233 {
234     JButton button = new JButton(digit);
235     ActionListener listener = new DigitButtonListener(digit);
236     button.addActionListener(listener);
237     return button;
238 }

```

```

239
240 class OperatorButtonListener implements ActionListener
241 {
242     private String operator;
243
244     /**
245      * Constructs a listener whose actionPerformed method
246      * schedules an operator for execution.
247      */
248     public OperatorButtonListener(String anOperator)
249     {
250         operator = anOperator;
251     }
252
253     public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent event)
254     {
255         if (!startNewValue)
256         {
257             double value = Double.parseDouble(display.getText());
258             lastValue = calculate(lastValue, value, lastOperator);
259             display.setText("" + lastValue);
260             startNewValue = true;
261         }
262
263         lastOperator = operator;
264     }
265 }
266
267 /**
268  * Makes a button representing an operator of a calculator.
269  * @param op the operator of the calculator
270  * @return the button of the calculator
271  */
272 public JButton makeOperatorButton(String op)
273 {
274     JButton button = new JButton(op);
275     ActionListener listener = new OperatorButtonListener(op);
276     button.addActionListener(listener);
277     return button;
278 }
279 }

```

