

JTREE: JAVA SWING COMPONENT

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INTRODUCTION TO JTREE

- JTree is a Swing component for displaying data in a hierarchical, tree-like format.
- Commonly used in:
 - File explorers (e.g., Windows Explorer, IDE project views)
 - Organization charts
 - Category browsers

PURPOSE OF JTREE

- Displays hierarchical data where items can have sub-items (nodes and child nodes).
- Allows users to **expand or collapse nodes** to show or hide details.
- Supports **single or multiple selection** of nodes for further actions.
- Useful for navigating complex, nested structures.

COMMON PROPERTIES AND METHODS

KEY PROPERTIES

- **TreeModel:** The underlying data structure. Default is `DefaultTreeModel`.
- **Root Node:** The top-most node, often a `DefaultMutableTreeNode`.
- **Selection Model:** Controls how nodes are selected (single, contiguous, or discontinuous).
- **Editable:** Allows users to edit node names directly (`setEditable(true)`).

KEY METHODS

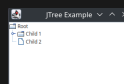
- `getSelectionPath() / getSelectionPaths()`: Return the selected node(s) as `TreePath` objects.
- `setSelectionPath(TreePath path)`: Selects a specific node.
- `expandPath(TreePath path) / collapsePath(TreePath path)`: Expands or collapses a node.
- `addTreeSelectionListener(TreeSelectionListener l)`: Registers a listener for selection changes.
- `setShowsRootHandles(boolean)`: Shows or hides expand/collapse handles for the root node.

BASIC JTREE EXAMPLE

```
import javax.swing.*;
import javax.swing.tree.*;

public class SimpleJTreeExample {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        JFrame frame = new JFrame("JTree Example");

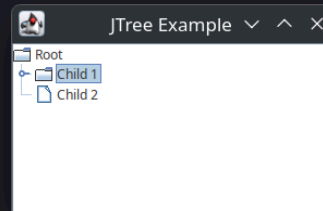
        // Create the root node and child nodes
        DefaultMutableTreeNode root = new DefaultMutableTreeNode("Root")
        DefaultMutableTreeNode child1 = new DefaultMutableTreeNode("Child 1")
        DefaultMutableTreeNode child2 = new DefaultMutableTreeNode("Child 2")
        DefaultMutableTreeNode grandchild = new DefaultMutableTreeNode("Grandchild")
        child1.add(grandchild);
        root.add(child1);
        root.add(child2);
    }
}
```



LISTENING FOR SELECTION EVENTS

```
tree.addTreeSelectionListener(e -> {  
    DefaultMutableTreeNode selectedNode =  
        (DefaultMutableTreeNode) tree.getLastSelectedPathComponent()  
    if (selectedNode != null) {  
        System.out.println("Selected: " + selectedNode.getUserObject()  
    }  
});
```

```
/home/skhalar/.jdk/openjdk-24.0.1/bin/java -javaagent:/storage/JetBrains/apps  
Selected: Child 1
```

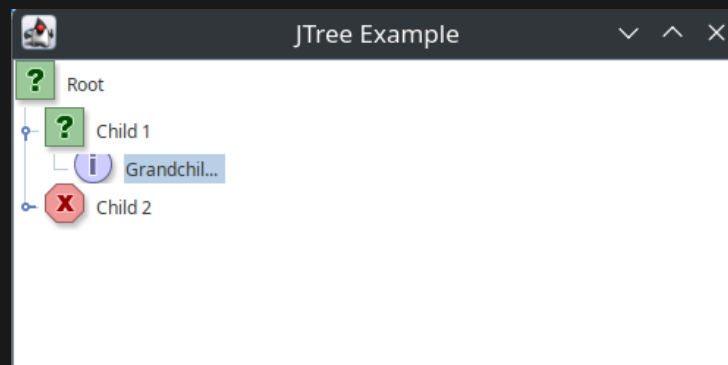


EXPANDING AND COLLAPSING NODES PROGRAMMATICALLY

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14        child1.add(grandchild);
15        root.add(child1);
```


CUSTOMIZING NODE ICONS

```
DefaultTreeCellRenderer renderer = (DefaultTreeCellRenderer) t  
final Icon openIcon = UIManager.getIcon("OptionPane.questionIcon");  
final Icon closeIcon = UIManager.getIcon("OptionPane.errorIcon");  
final Icon leafIcon = UIManager.getIcon("OptionPane.informationIcon");  
renderer.setLeafIcon(leafIcon);  
renderer.setOpenIcon(openIcon);  
renderer.setClosedIcon(closeIcon);
```



ALTERNATE USES FOR JTREE

- **File system browsers:** Display folders and files.
- **Organization charts:** Show company hierarchy.
- **Menu navigation:** Represent nested menus or categories.
- **Custom data:** Any nested data structure (e.g., XML, JSON).

SUMMARY

- JTree is ideal for displaying and interacting with hierarchical data.
- Focus on:
 - Nodes (DefaultMutableTreeNode)
 - TreeModel
 - Selection and event handling
 - Expand/collapse functionality
- Customizable: Change icons, respond to events, and display any nested data.

QUESTIONS?