

Graphical User Interface (GUI) & Basic Listener





Outlines

- › History
- › JavaFX components
- › Starting using GUI
- › Basic structure (stage, scene, scene graph, node)
- › Layout
- › Chart
- › Scene builder
- › FXML
- › Style
- › Binding properties
- › Basic event handling



History

- › AWT is Java's original set of classes for building GUIs
 - Abstract Window Toolkit (AWT)
 - `import java.awt.*`
 - Uses peer components of the OS; heavyweight
 - **Not truly portable:** looks different and lays out inconsistently on different OSs
 - › Due to OS's underlying display management system
- › Swing is designed to solve AWT's problems
 - `import javax.swing.*`
 - Extends AWT
 - 99% java; lightweight components
 - Layout consistently on all OSs
 - Uses AWT event handling



History (cont.)

› JavaFX

- JAVA + FLASH + FLEX
- An API included in Java SE 8 for UI development
- The successor of Java Swing
- 100% java; lightweight component
- Swing Node (embed Swing in JavaFX)
- More features
 - › Data binding
 - › FXML (mark-up language for designing UI)
 - › CSS
 - › Charts.
 - › 3D Support
 - › Etc.

› We will learn JavaFX in this class



JavaFX components

› Containers

- Anchor Pane, Stack Pane, Tab Pane, HBox, VBox, ...

› UI Controls

- Accordion, Label, Button, RadioButton, CheckBox, TextField, TextArea, Slider, Tooltip, ComboBox, ProgressBar, DatePicker, ColorPicker, ...

› Shapes

- Line, Rectangle, Ellipse, Path, Circle, Arc, Polygon, Polyline, Curve, Text

› Charts

- LineChart, PieChart, AreaChart, BarChart, ScatterChart, BubbleChart



JavaFX components (cont.)



Reference: http://docs.oracle.com/javafx/2/ui_controls/overview.htm



Let's setup our Java FX

- › 1) Download Java FX
- › 2) One-time setup for Java FX
- › 3) Permanent setup for Java FX
- › 4) Scence Builder (optional)



1) Download JavaFX

– <https://gluonhq.com/products/javafx/>

Filter what you need

Downloads

JavaFX version: 22.0.2
Operating System: Windows
Architecture: x64
Type: SDK

☐ Include older versions

Supported Platforms

OS	Version	Architecture	Type	Download
Windows	22.0.2	x64	SDK	Download [SHA256]

Unzip it to the folder of your choice!!

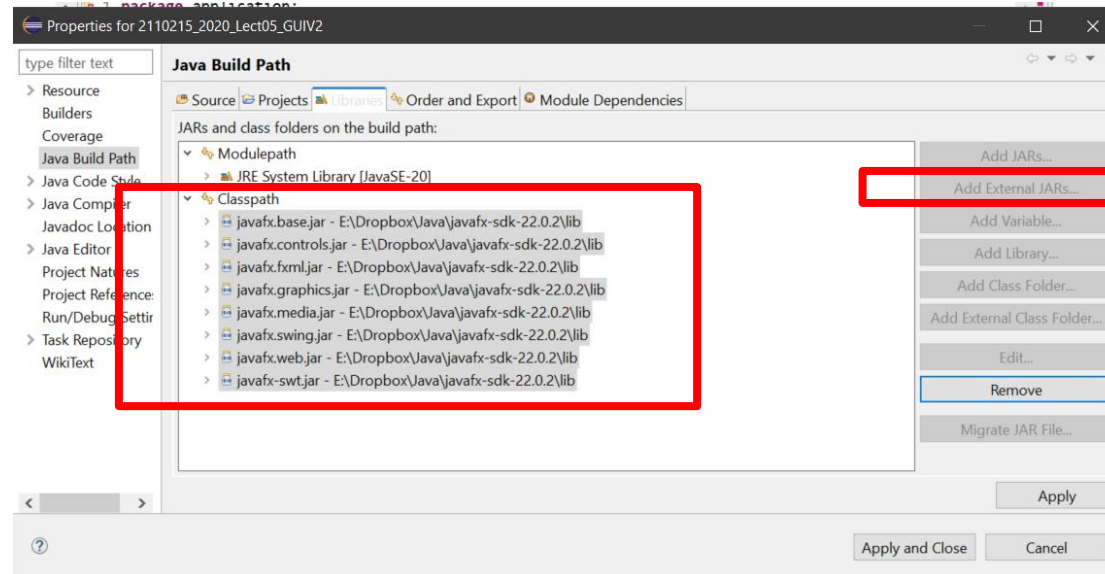
2) One-time setup for Java FX





How to setup JavaFX project (cont.)

- › Right-Click your project > Build Path... > Configure Build Path
- › In the Libraries Tab, under **Classpath**, click Add External JAR...
- › Navigate to the previously extracted JavaFX folder, go to the folder lib, and select every jar file in there and click Open.
- › Apply and Close.



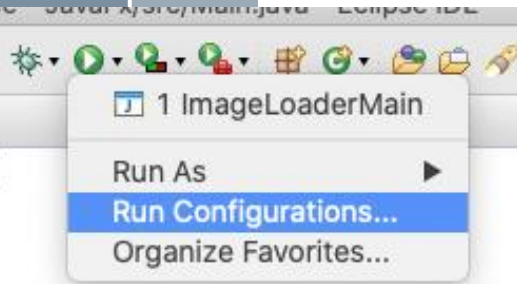
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› Modify Run Configurations

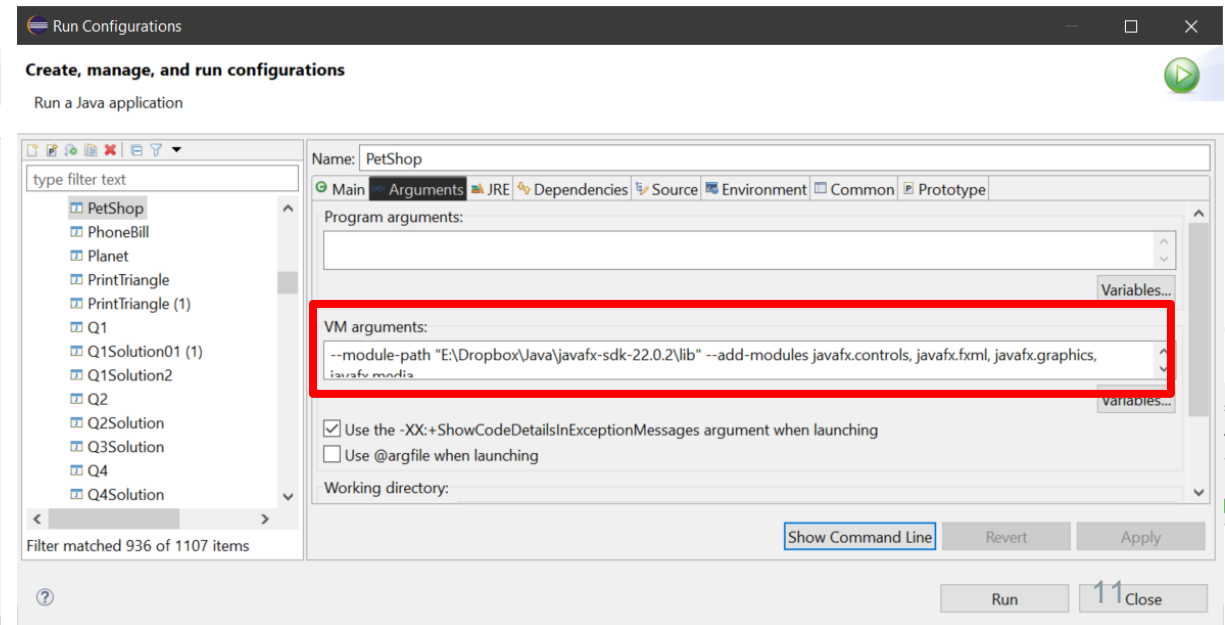
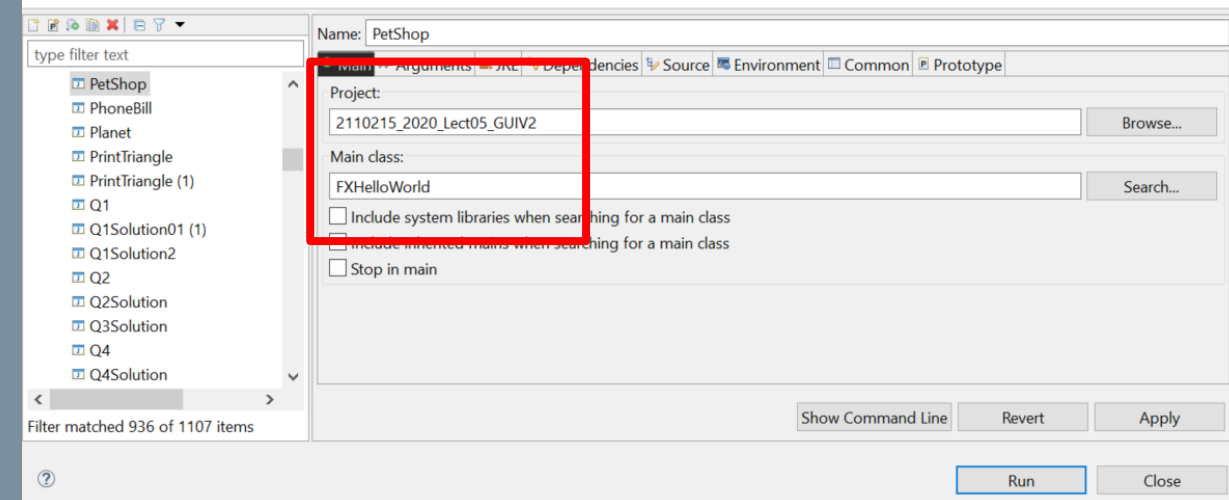
- In the main tab, make sure the project & main class are correct.
- In the arguments tab, add the following VM arguments & uncheck XstartOnFirstThread (if the option is present).

`--module-path <Your-JavaFX-Full-Path>/lib --add-modules javafx.controls,javafx.fxml`

Sometimes the VM arguments disappear. You must check.



Run a Java application

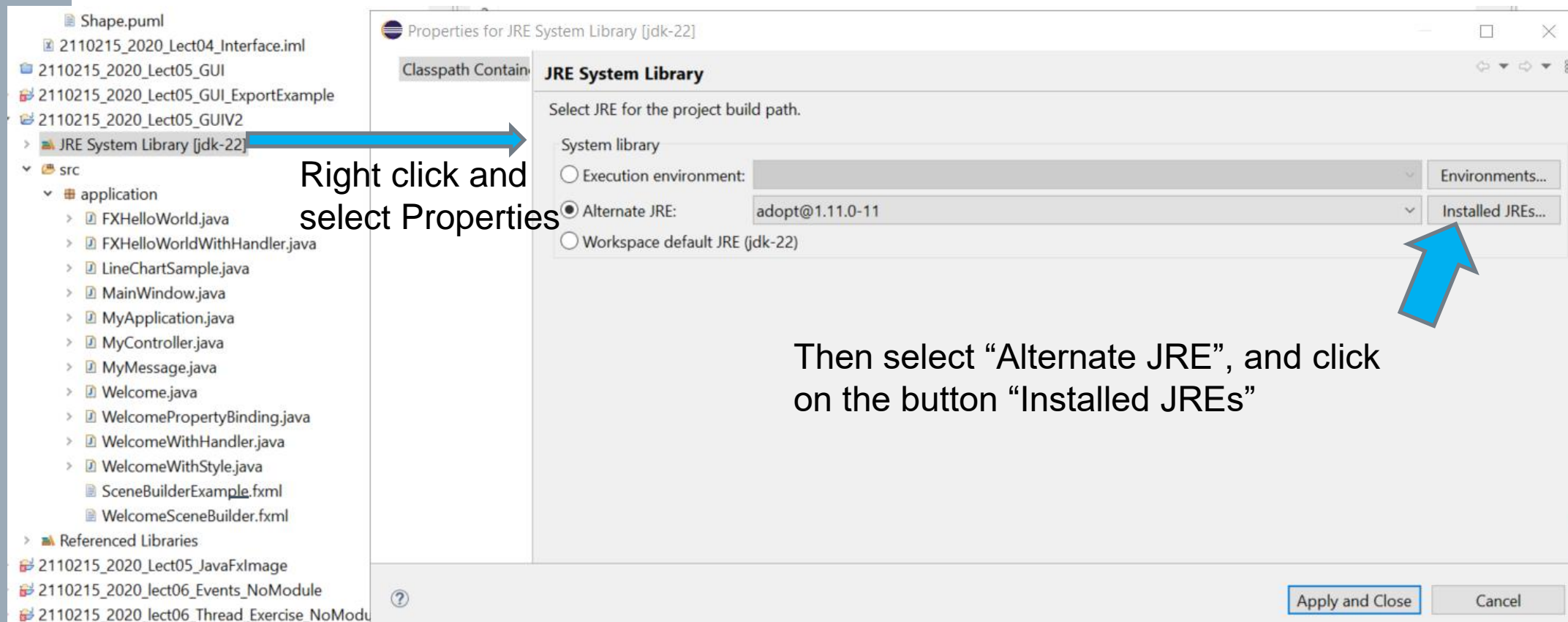


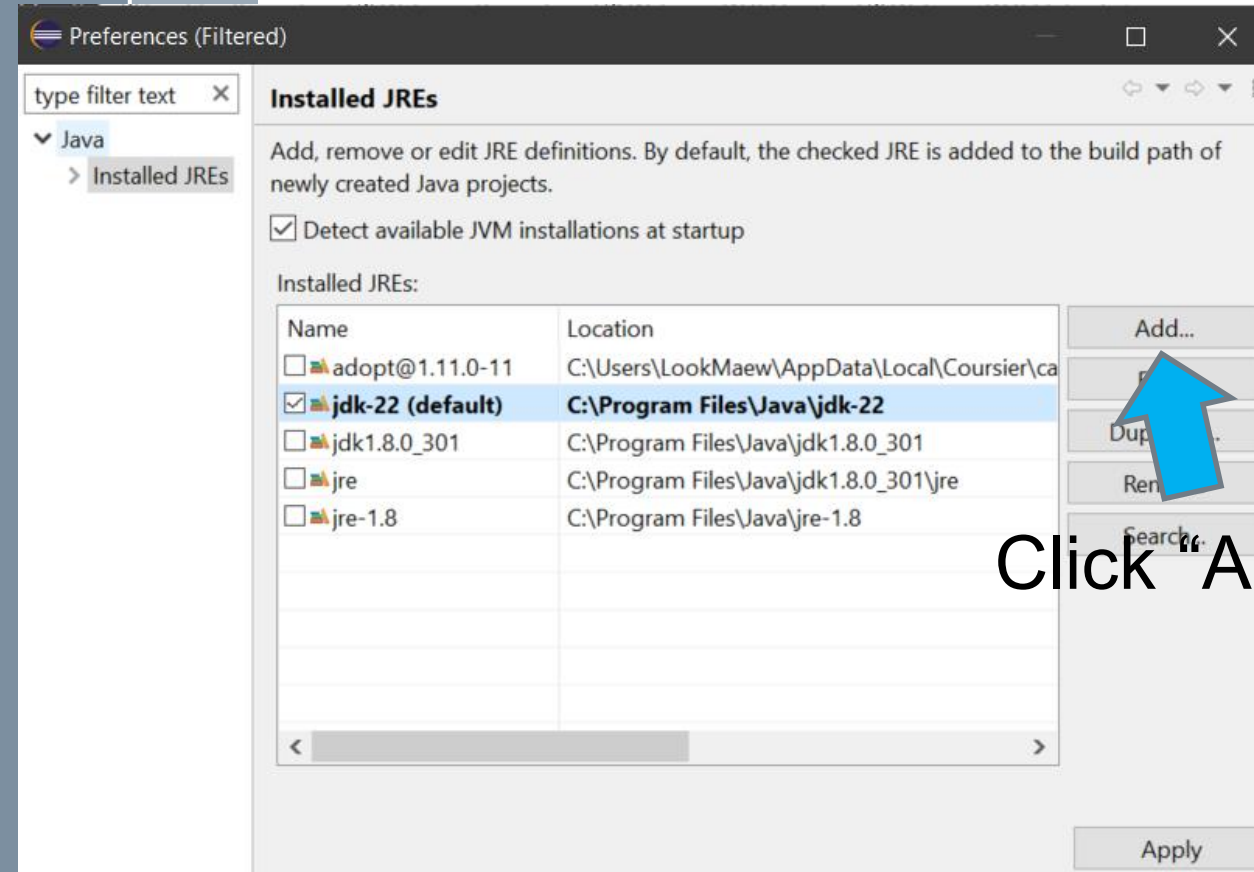
3) Permanent setup for Java FX



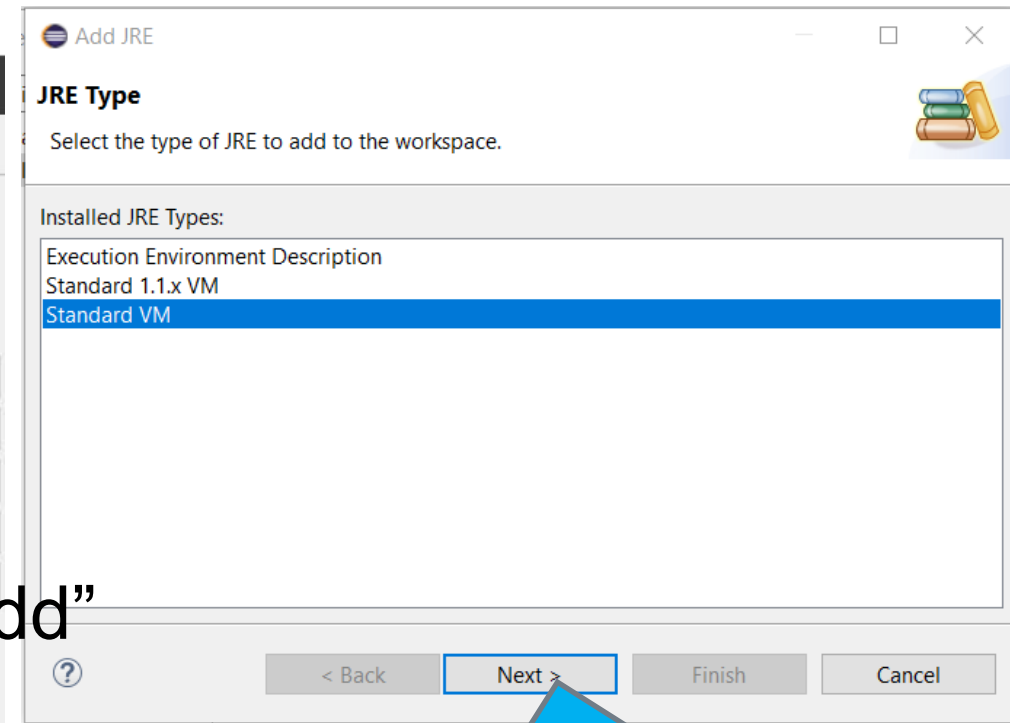


- › Install javaFX and note its lib folder location.
- › Then in your project
 - Set JRE to include JavaFx by the following steps.



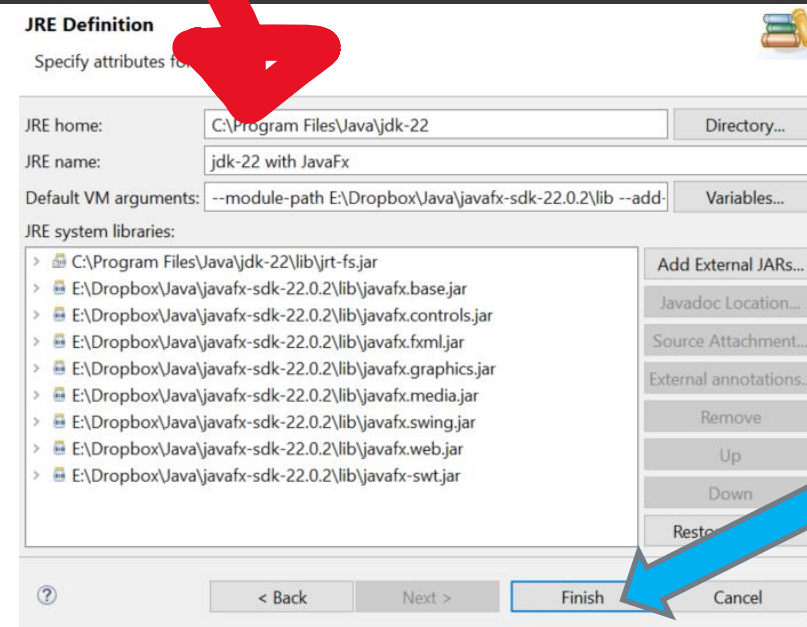
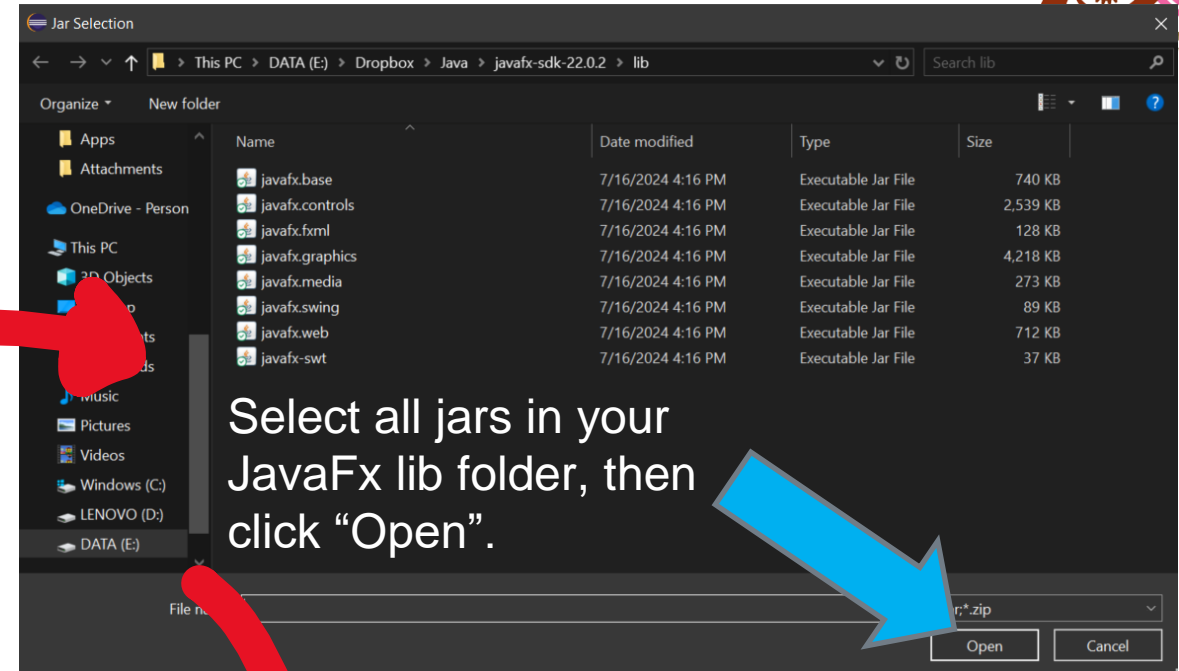
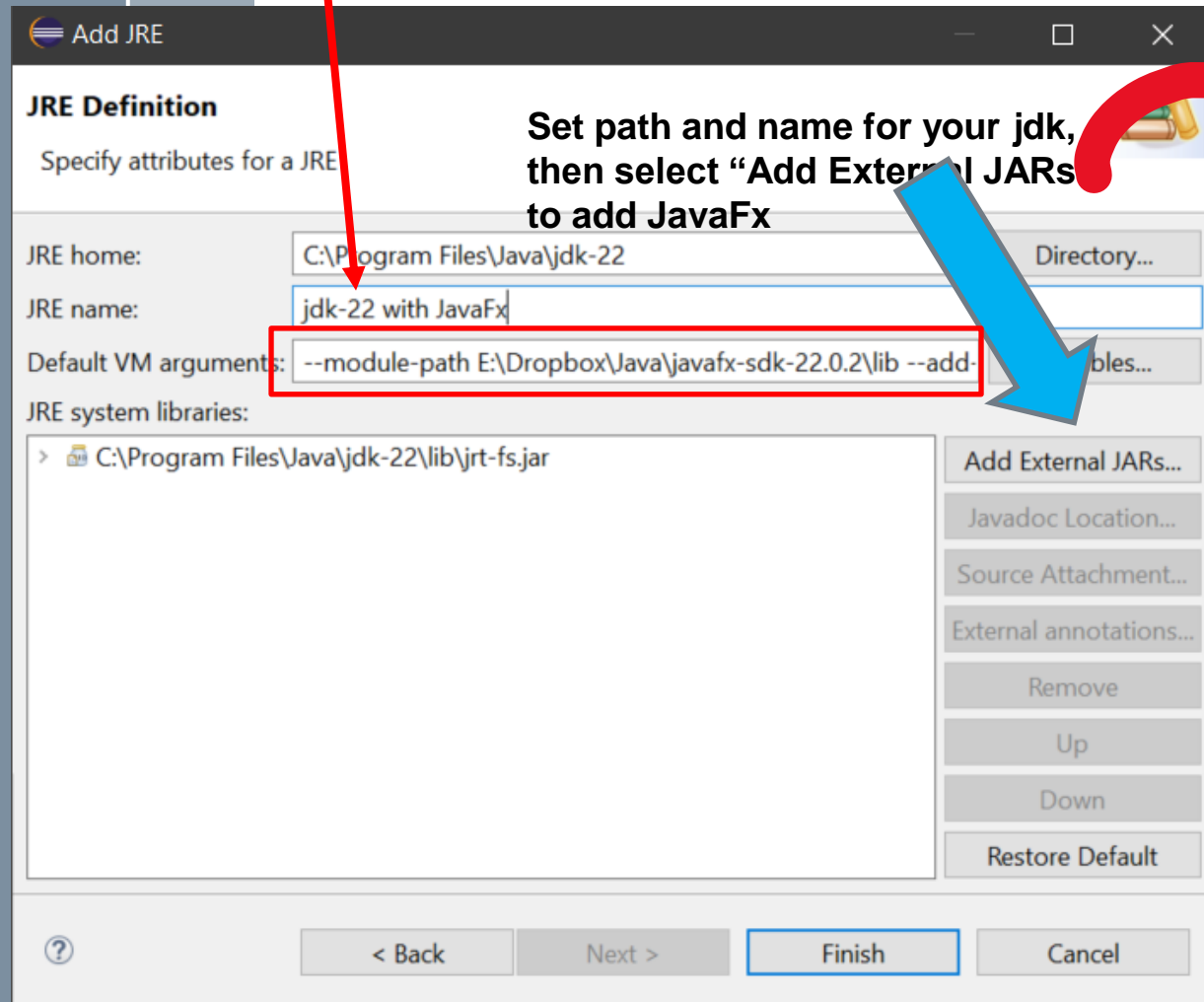


Click "Add"

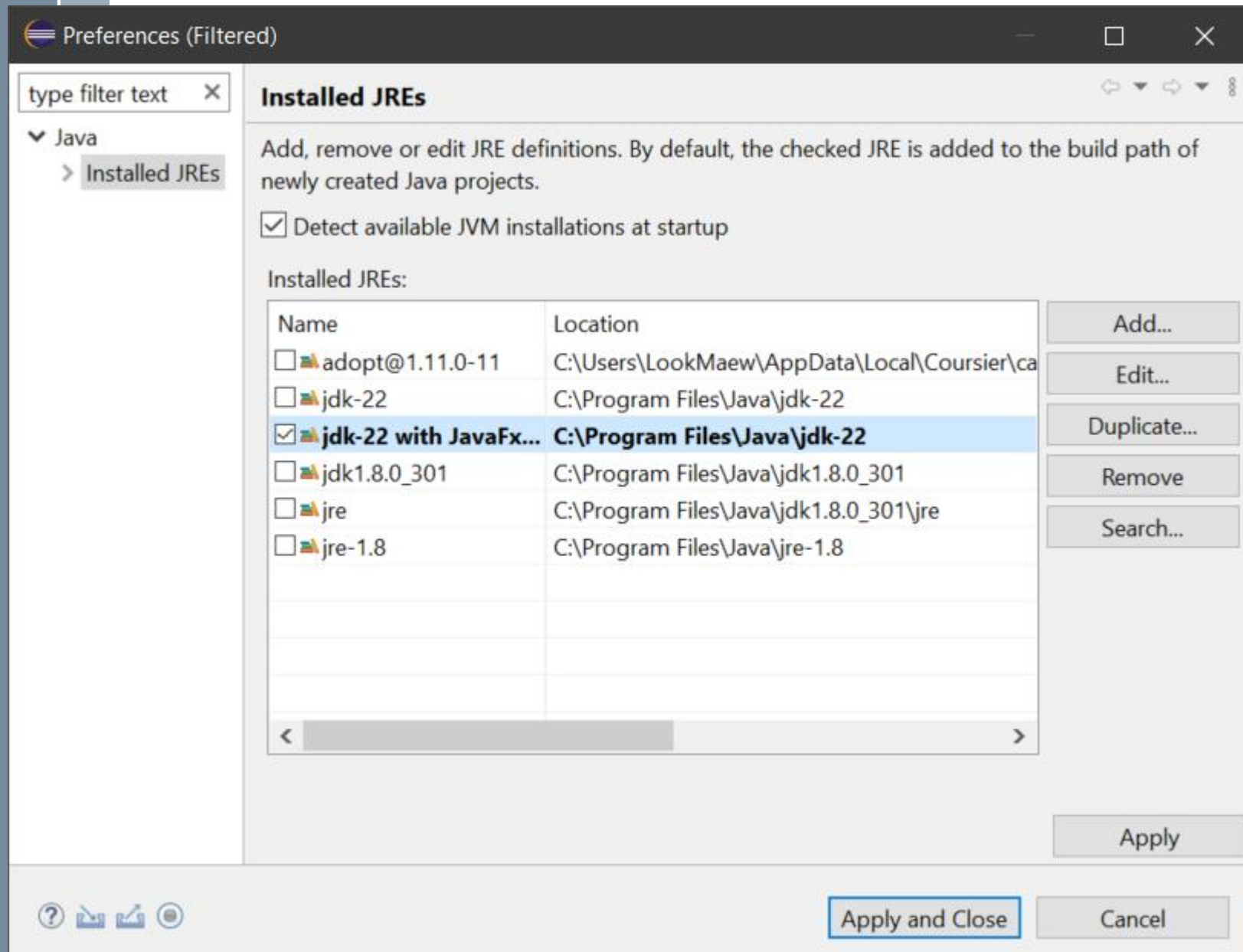


Make sure "Standard VM" is selected,
Then click "Next"

```
--module-path /Users/pop/eclipse/javafx-sdk-22.0.2/lib --add-modules javafx.controls,javafx.fxml
```



Click "Finish" to finish linking this JRE with JavaFx



**You can now
select this new
JRE for every
project that uses
JavaFx**



Now you can just

- › Create a Java project.
- › Create a Java class to run as your JavaFx application.



There may still be some error, for example:

Caution!

Exception : The type 'Button' is not API or
javaFX.application not registered.

- › Go into the project's build path and **edited the JRE System Library**, some execution environment was selected.
- › Choose to use an **“Alternate JRE”** and make sure you **select the correct JRE from here**, then it will fix this error for you.

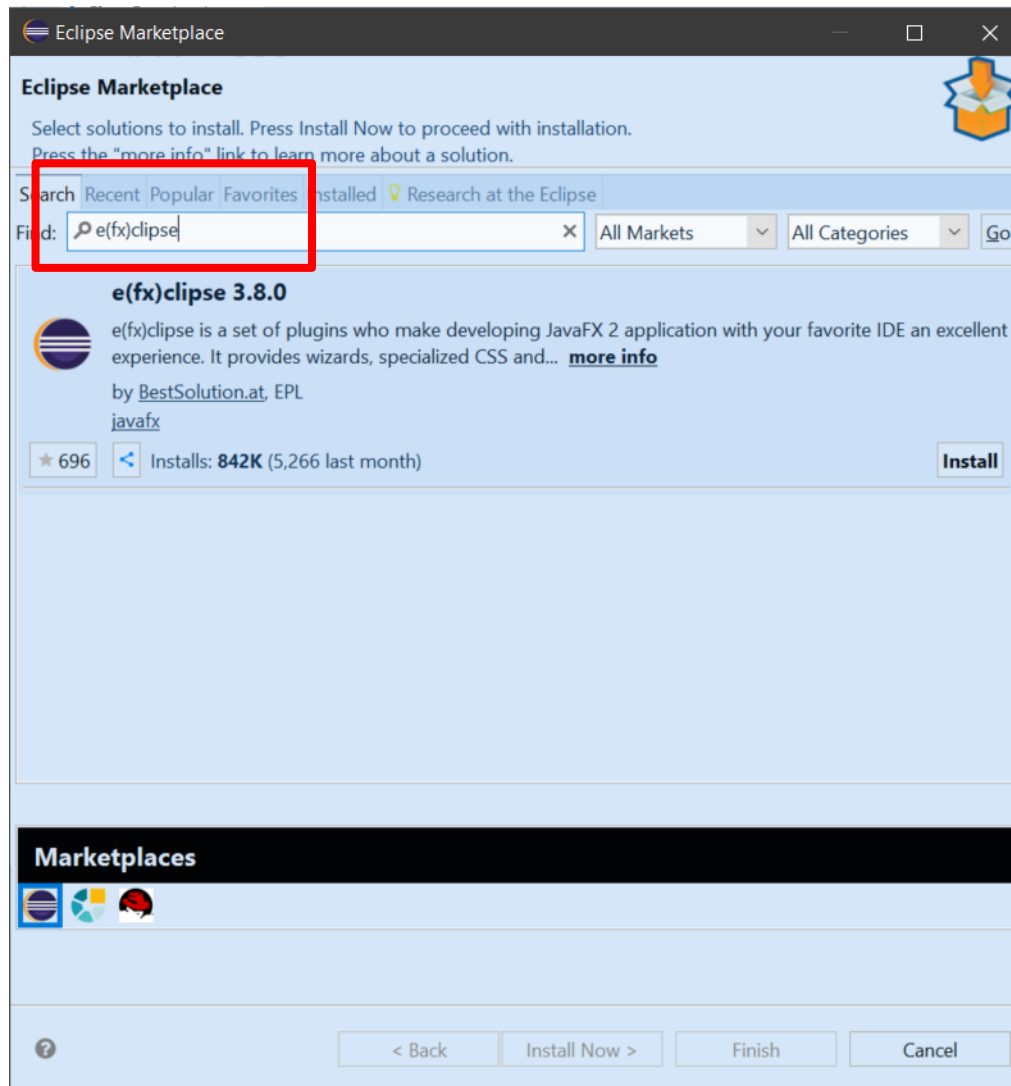
4) Scence Builder (optional)



SceneBuilder

Next step of the setup, install E(fx)clipse into Eclipse

Help -> Eclipse MarketPlace



This plugin helps you

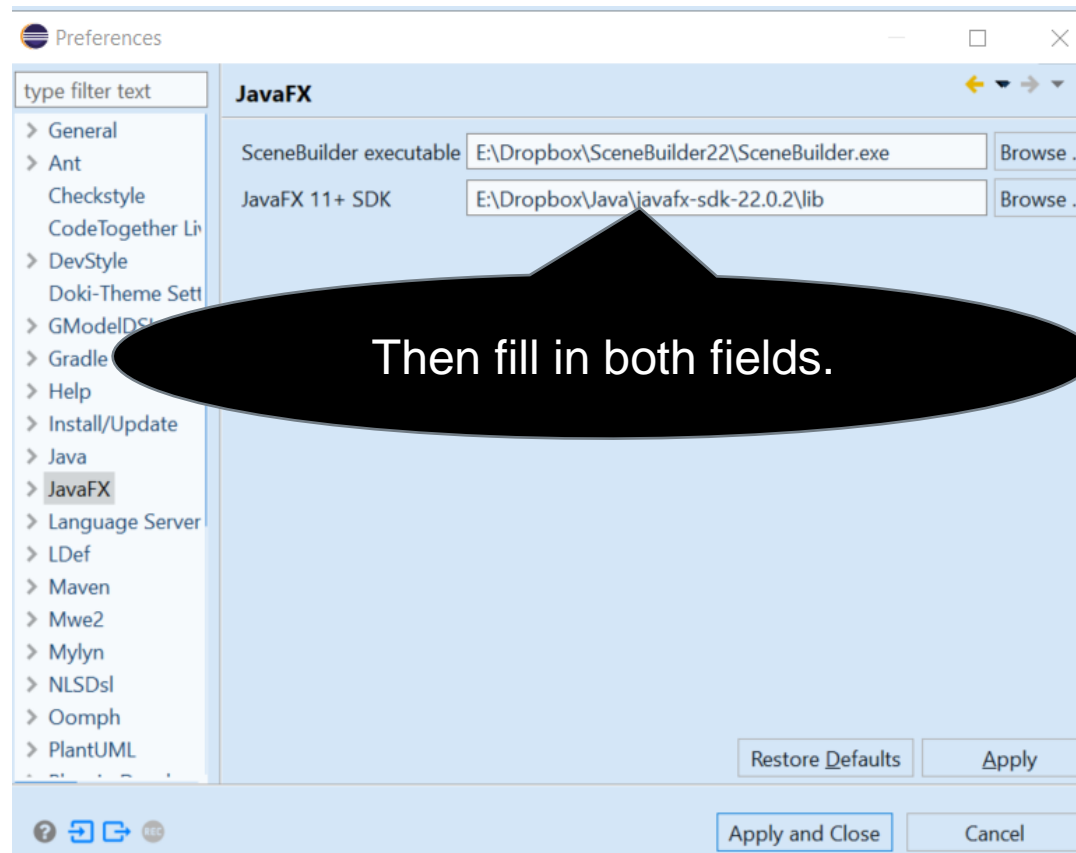
- open FXML editor with syntax highlighting.
- Link JavaFX, Eclipse, and Scene builder



Scene builder (cont.)

› How to install JavaFX Scene Builder

- Download and install JavaFX Scene Builder
<https://gluonhq.com/products/scene-builder/>
- Configuring Eclipse to use the Scene Builder “Window > Preferences”



This is only for Windows. It doesn't need this step for MAC

Yeah! We now finish setup everything.

So, let's start our Java FX Project 😊





JavaFX HelloWorld Example

FXHelloWorld.java

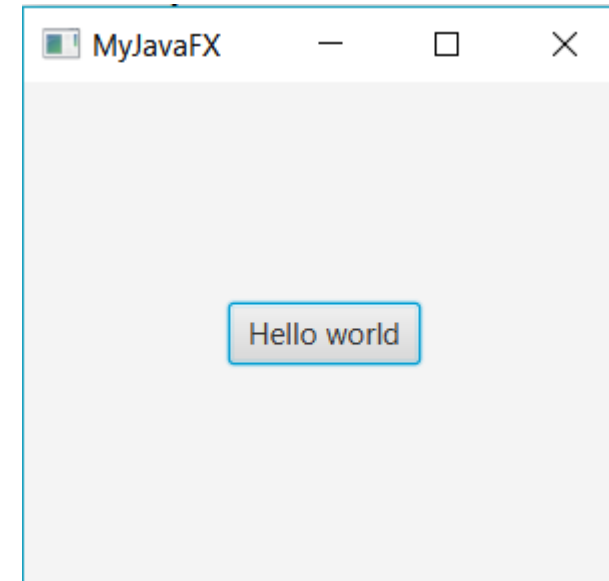
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May not
compile at all!





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- To create JavaFX application,
- Extends [Application](#)
(`javafx.application.Application`)
 - Override the [start\(\)](#) method



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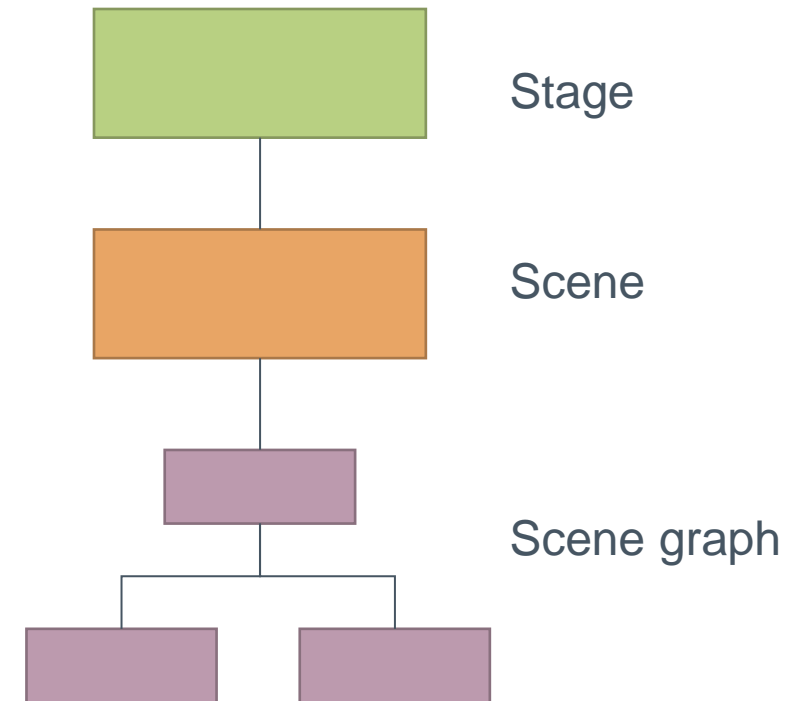
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- Extends **Application**
(javafx.application.Application)
- Override the **start()** method
- Call **launch()** (Application.launch())
 - The framework internals call the **start()** method to start
 - Then, **javafx.stage.Stage** object is available to use



Basic structure

- › JavaFX application contains one or more **stages** which corresponds to **windows**
- › Each **stage** has a **scene**
- › Each **scene** can have **scene graph** (hierarchical tree of nodes)
- › Node (UI Components such as control, layout)





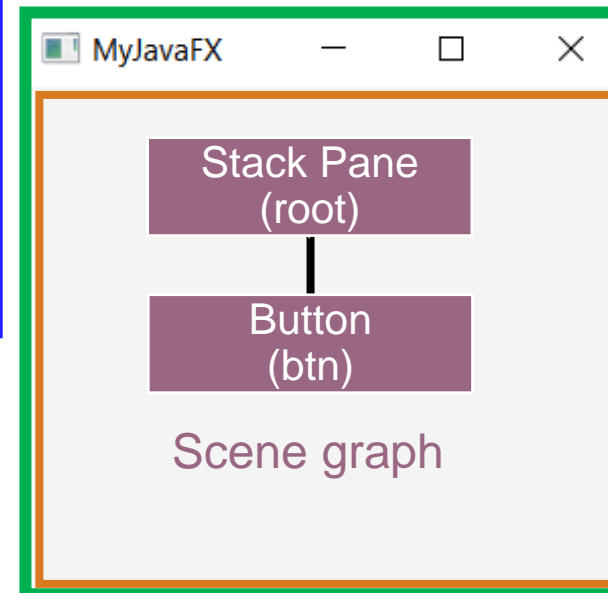
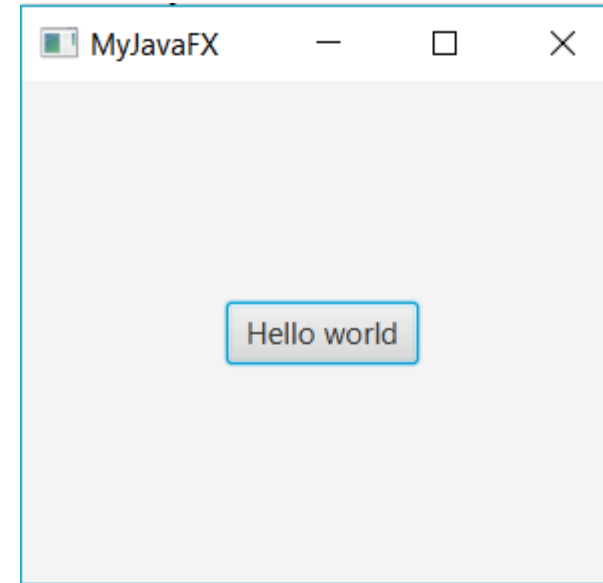
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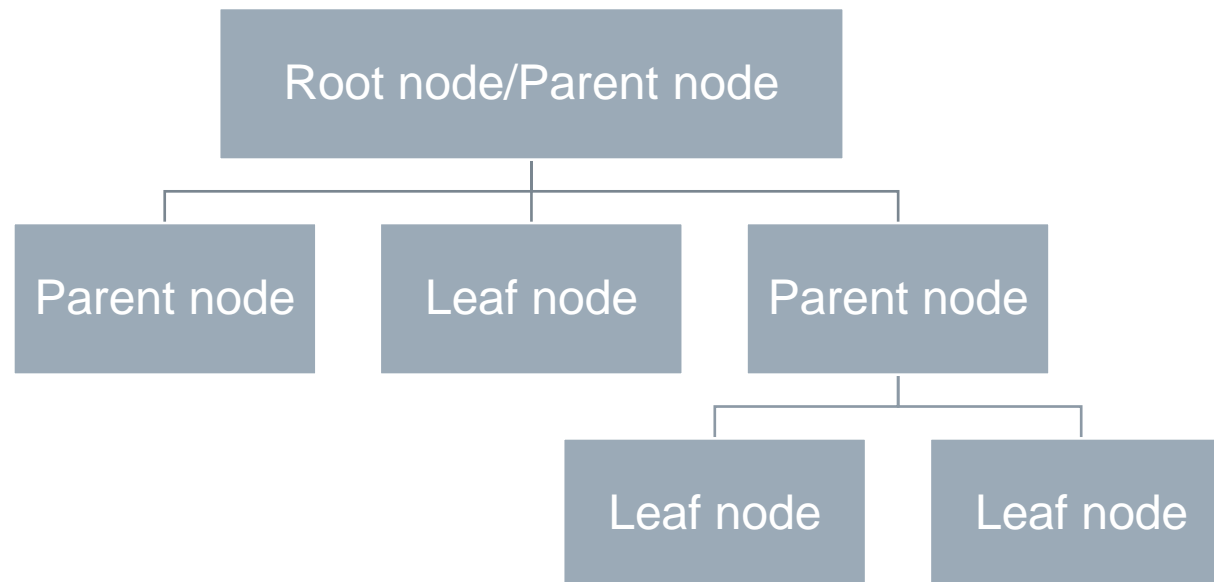
→ Stage
javafx.stage (window)

→ Scene
javafx.scene



Scene graphs

- › In JavaFX, contents (such as text, images, and UI controls) are organized using a **tree-like** data structure known as **scene graph**
- › A scene graph is **hierarchical tree of nodes**





Nodes

- › GUI component object, such as geometric shapes, UI controls, layout panes, and 3D objects.
- › 3 types of nodes
 - Root Node
 - › Parent of all other nodes
 - › Scene graph can have only one root node.
 - Parent Node (group of nodes)
 - › Can have other nodes as children
 - Leaf Node
 - › **Cannot** have children
 - › Not container



Nodes (cont.)

- › Node can have the following:
 - ID
 - Style
 - Class
 - Bounding volume
 - Effects such as blurs and shadows
 - Event handlers (such as mouse, keyboard)
- › Add nodes to parent

```
myParent.getChildren().add(childNode);
```

or

```
myParent.getChildren().addAll(childNode1, childNode2);
```



Using GUI Component

› Java: GUI component = class

› Properties



› Methods



› Events



Button

Using a GUI component

› 1. Create it

```
Button btn = new Button("Hello world");
```

› 2. Configure it

```
// using getter/setter to access properties (text)
btn.setText("Hello world"); // methods
```

› 3. Add it to parent

```
root.getChildren().add(btn);
```

› 4. Listen to it

Events: Listeners



Using a GUI Component

1. Create it
2. Configure it
3. Add children (if root or parent node (container))
4. Add to parent (if not root node)
5. Listen to it

order
important





JavaFX HelloWorld Example

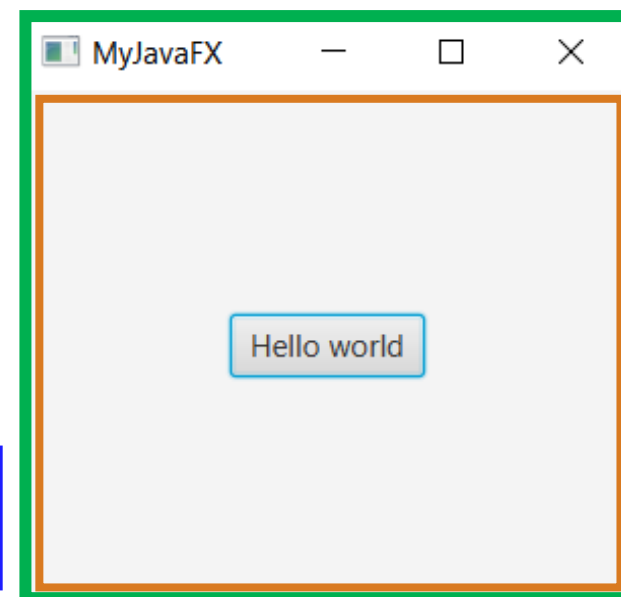
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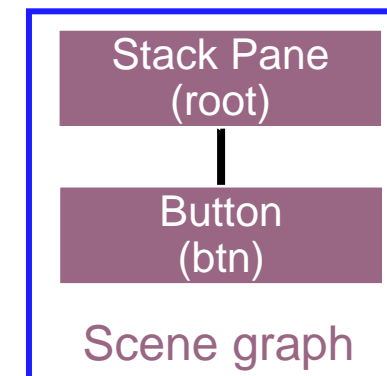
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Stage
javafx.stage (window)

Scene
javafx.scene





Scene

- › Container for all contents in a scene graph
- › **Root node** of the scene graph is **required** for creating Scene

```
Scene scene = new Scene(root, 300, 250);
```

- › Be able to set size, color etc.
- › If size is not specified, automatically compute based on its contents



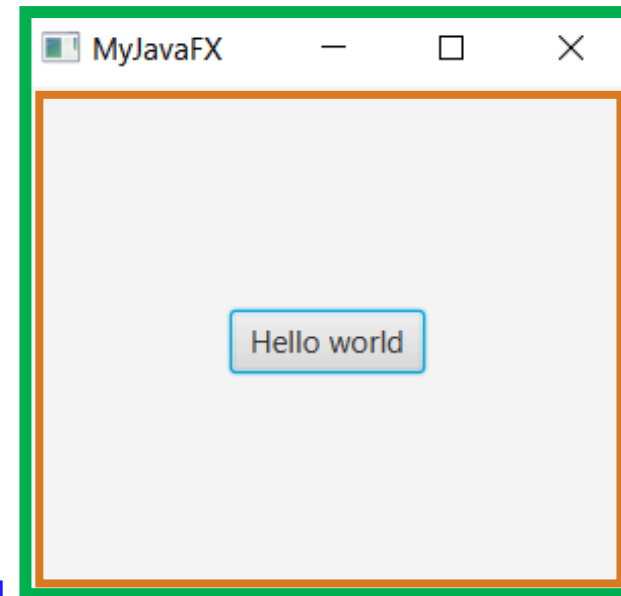
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Stack Pane
(root)

Button
(btn)

Scene graph



Stage

- › javafx.stage package
- › Top level container of the application.
- › Usually, OS Window.
- › The **main stage** is created as part of the application launch and **passed as an argument in start** method

```
public void start(Stage primaryStage)
```

- › Be able to set title, size, icon etc.
- › Single application can have multiple stages



Stage (cont.)

- › Set Stage title

```
primaryStage.setTitle("MyJavaFX");
```

- › Set scene to stage

```
primaryStage.setScene(scene);
```

- › Show the stage

```
primaryStage.show();
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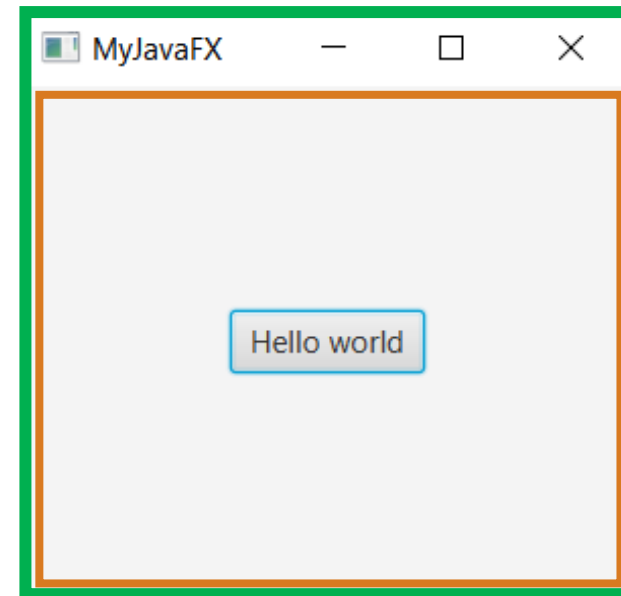
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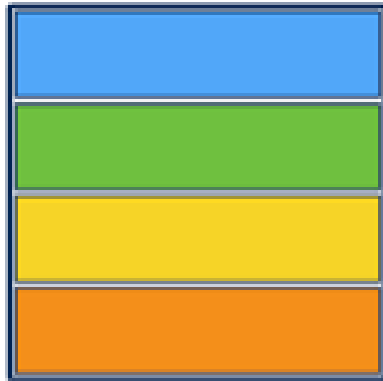
Layout Pane

- › JavaFX provides many types of panes for organizing nodes in a container.

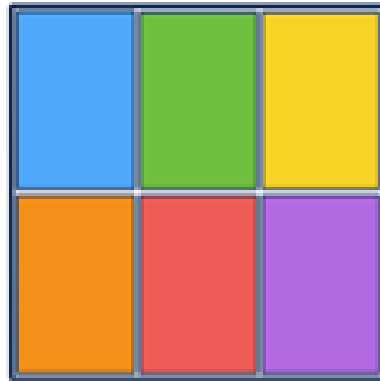
<i>Class</i>	<i>Description</i>
Pane	Base class for layout panes. It contains the getChildren() method for returning a list of nodes in the pane.
StackPane	Places the nodes on top of each other in the center of the pane.
FlowPane	Places the nodes row-by-row horizontally or column-by-column vertically.
GridPane	Places the nodes in the cells in a two-dimensional grid.
BorderPane	Places the nodes in the top, right, bottom, left, and center regions.
HBox	Places the nodes in a single row.
VBox	Places the nodes in a single column.



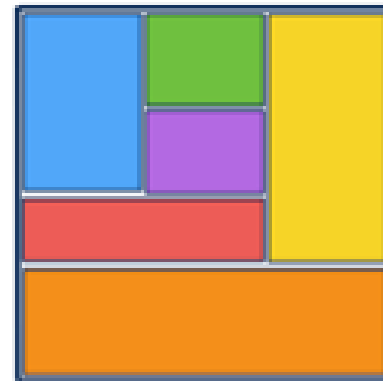
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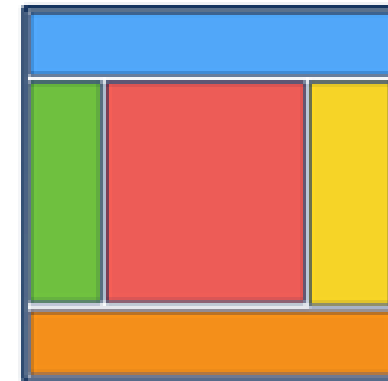
VBox



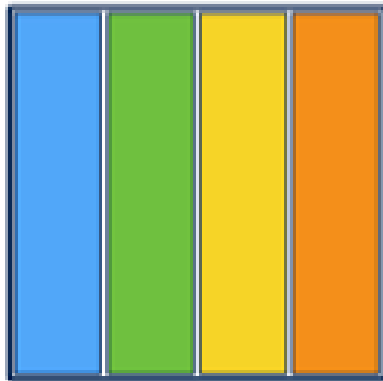
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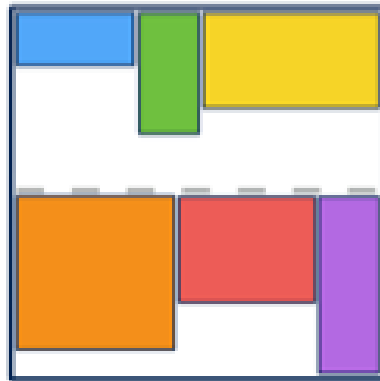
GridPane



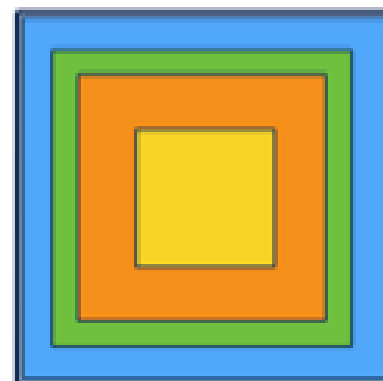
BorderPane



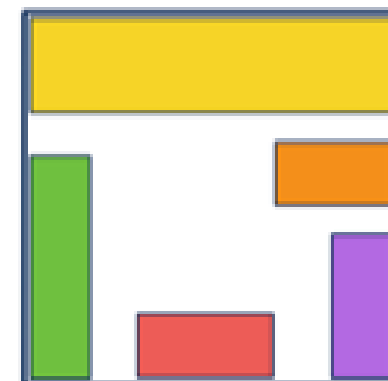
HBox



FlowPane



StackPane



AnchorPane

Reference: <https://dzone.com/refcardz/javafx-8-1>



Examples

MainWindow.java

```
package application;

import javafx.application.Application;
import javafx.geometry.Insets;
import javafx.stage.Stage;
import javafx.scene.Scene;
import javafx.scene.layout.FlowPane;
import javafx.scene.control.Button;
import javafx.scene.control.TextField;

public class MainWindow extends Application {
    @Override
    public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
        // create the flow pane as root node
        FlowPane root = new FlowPane();
        root.setPadding(new Insets(5));
        root.setHgap(5);
        root.setVgap(5);

        Button exitButton = new Button(" Exit ");
        exitButton.setPrefWidth(70);
        Button showButton = new Button(" Show ");
        showButton.setPrefWidth(70);

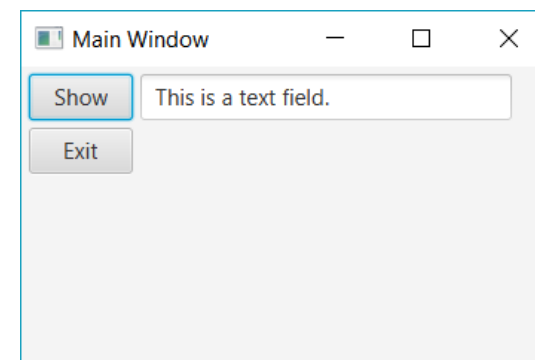
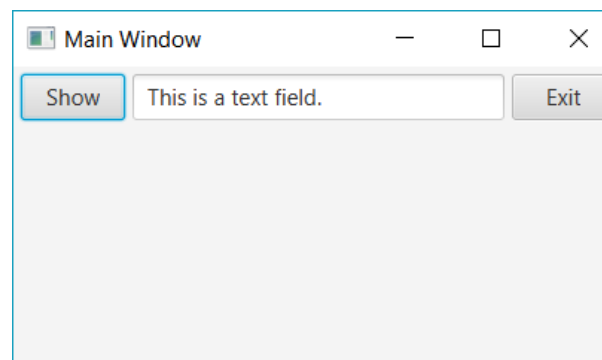
        TextField text = new TextField("This is a
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        text.setPrefWidth(250);
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root.getChildren().addAll(showButton, text, exitButton);

        Scene scene = new Scene(root, 410, 200);

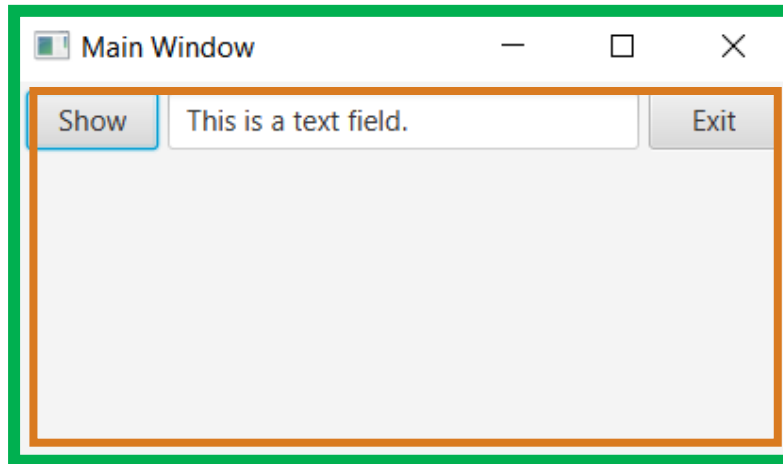
        primaryStage.setTitle("Main Window");
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        launch(args);
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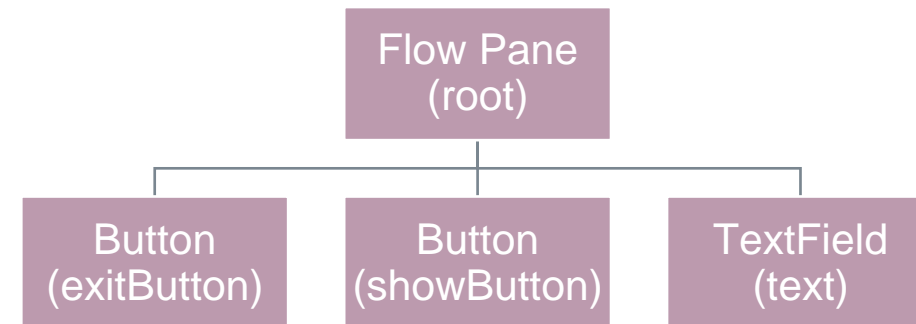


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`javafx.stage (window)`

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Scene graph

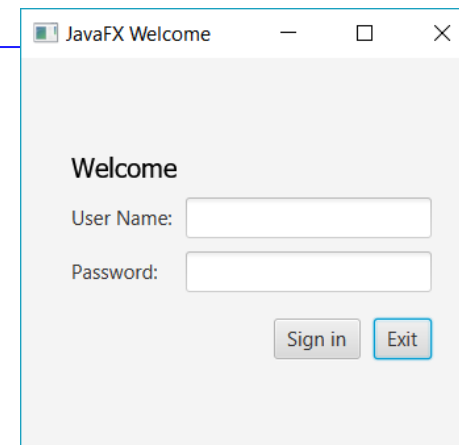


Examples (cont.)

Welcome.java

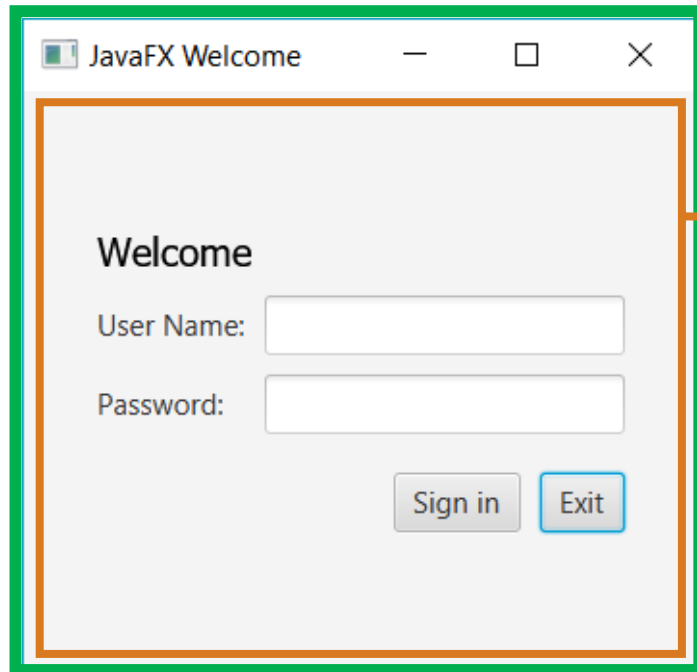
```
public class Welcome extends Application {  
  
    @Override  
    public void start(Stage primaryStage) {  
  
        GridPane grid = new GridPane();  
        grid.setAlignment(Pos.CENTER);  
        grid.setHgap(10);  
        grid.setVgap(10);  
        grid.setPadding(new Insets(25, 25, 25, 25));  
  
        Text scenetitle = new Text("Welcome");  
        scenetitle.setFont(Font.font("Tahoma",  
            FontWeight.NORMAL, 20));  
        grid.add(scenetitle, 0, 0, 2, 1);  
  
        Label userName = new Label("User Name:");  
        grid.add(userName, 0, 1);  
  
        TextField userTextField = new TextField();  
        grid.add(userTextField, 1, 1);  
  
        Label pw = new Label("Password:");  
        grid.add(pw, 0, 2);  
  
        PasswordField pwBox = new PasswordField();  
        grid.add(pwBox, 1, 2);  
    }  
}
```

```
HBox hbBtn = new HBox(10);  
hbBtn.setAlignment(Pos.BOTTOM_RIGHT);  
Button signinBtn = new Button("Sign in");  
Button exitBtn = new Button("Exit");  
hbBtn.getChildren().addAll(signinBtn, exitBtn);  
grid.add(hbBtn, 1, 4);  
  
Scene scene = new Scene(grid, 350, 300);  
  
primaryStage.setScene(scene);  
primaryStage.setTitle("JavaFX Welcome");  
primaryStage.show();  
}  
  
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    Launch(args);  
}
```





Examples (cont.)

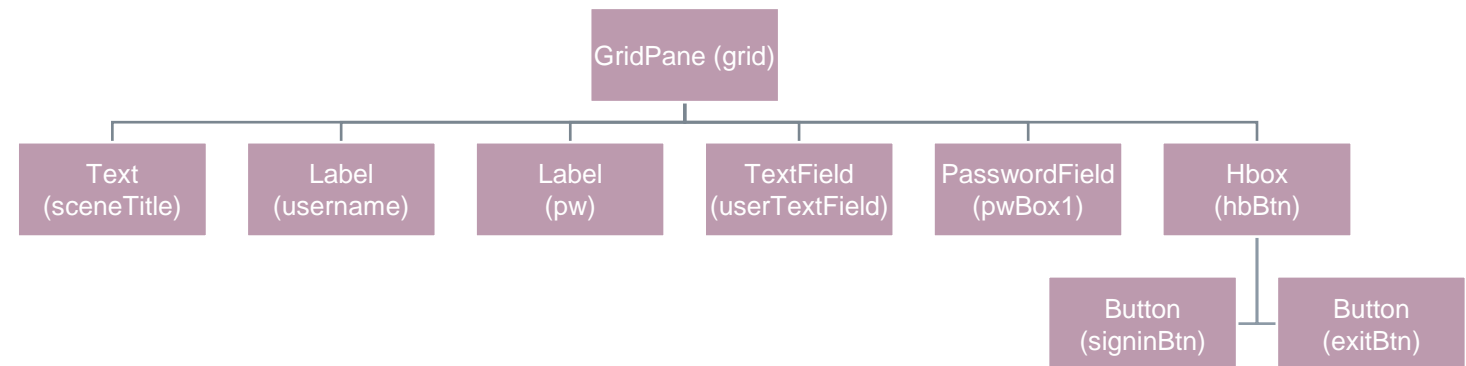


Stage

javafx.stage (window)

Scene

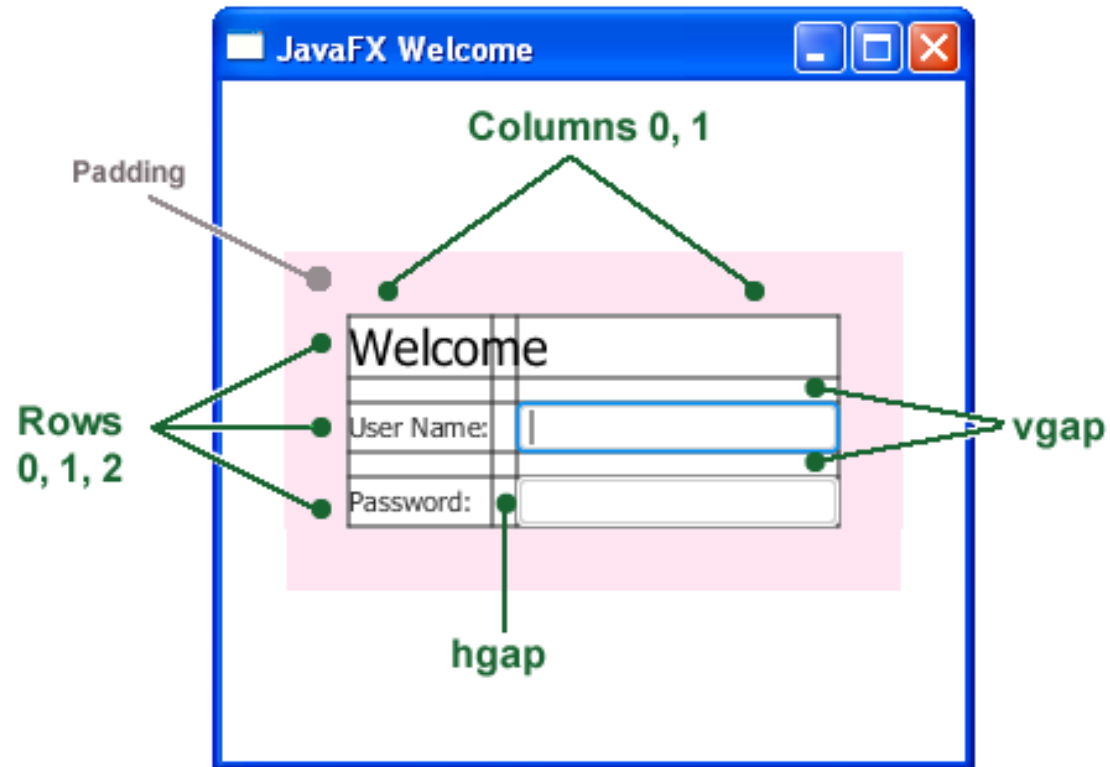
javafx.scene



Scene graph



Examples (cont.)

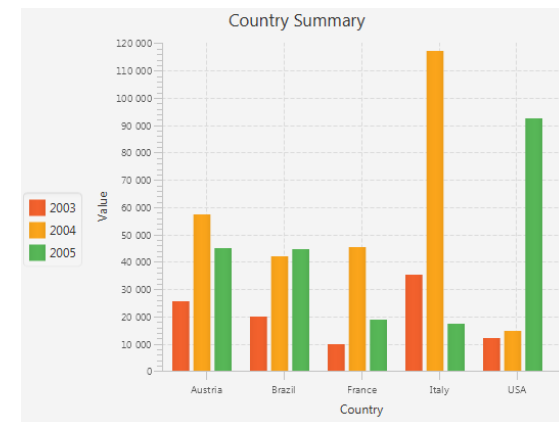
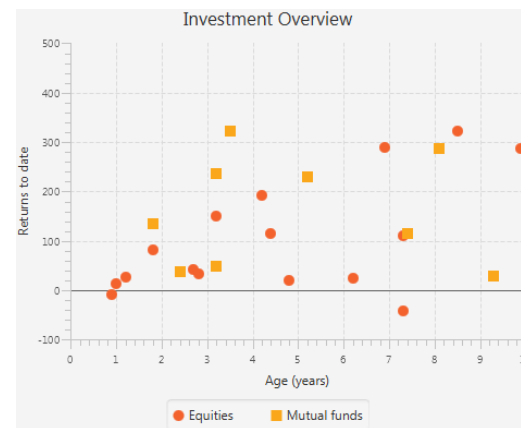
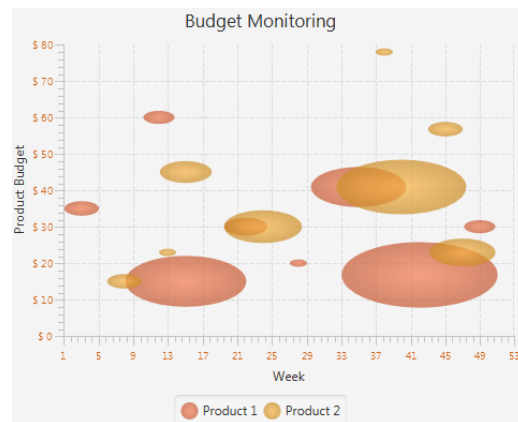
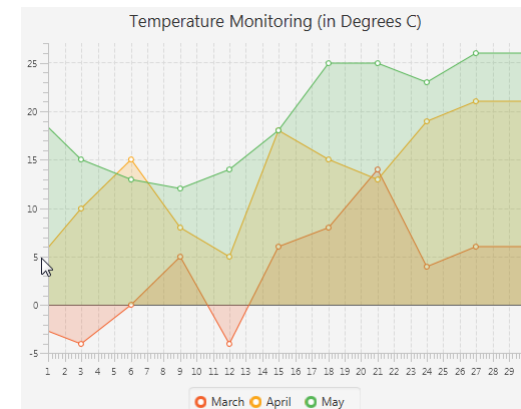
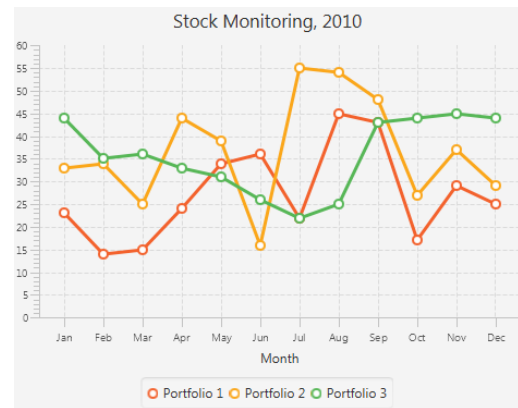
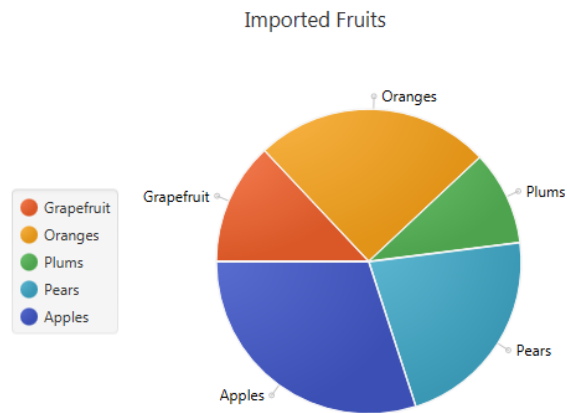


Reference: http://docs.oracle.com/javafx/2/get_started/form.htm



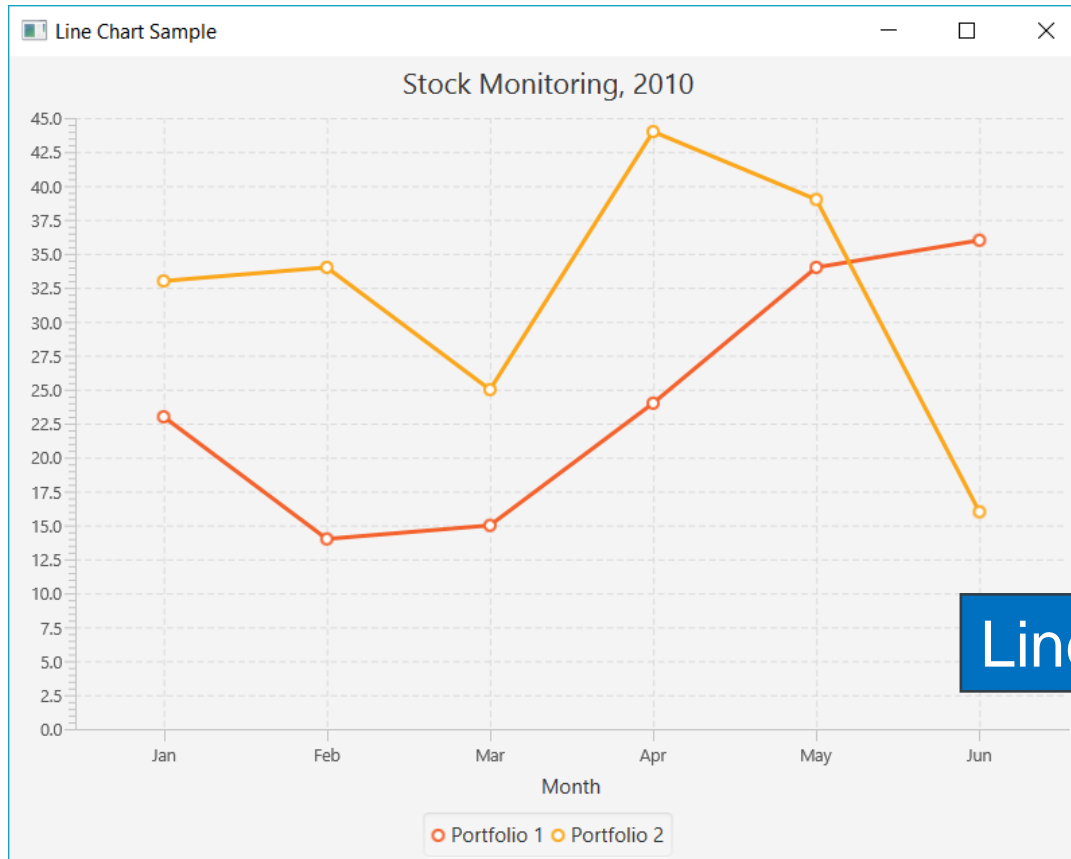
Charts

› javafx.scene.chart package





Charts (cont.)



LineChartSample.java



Scene builder

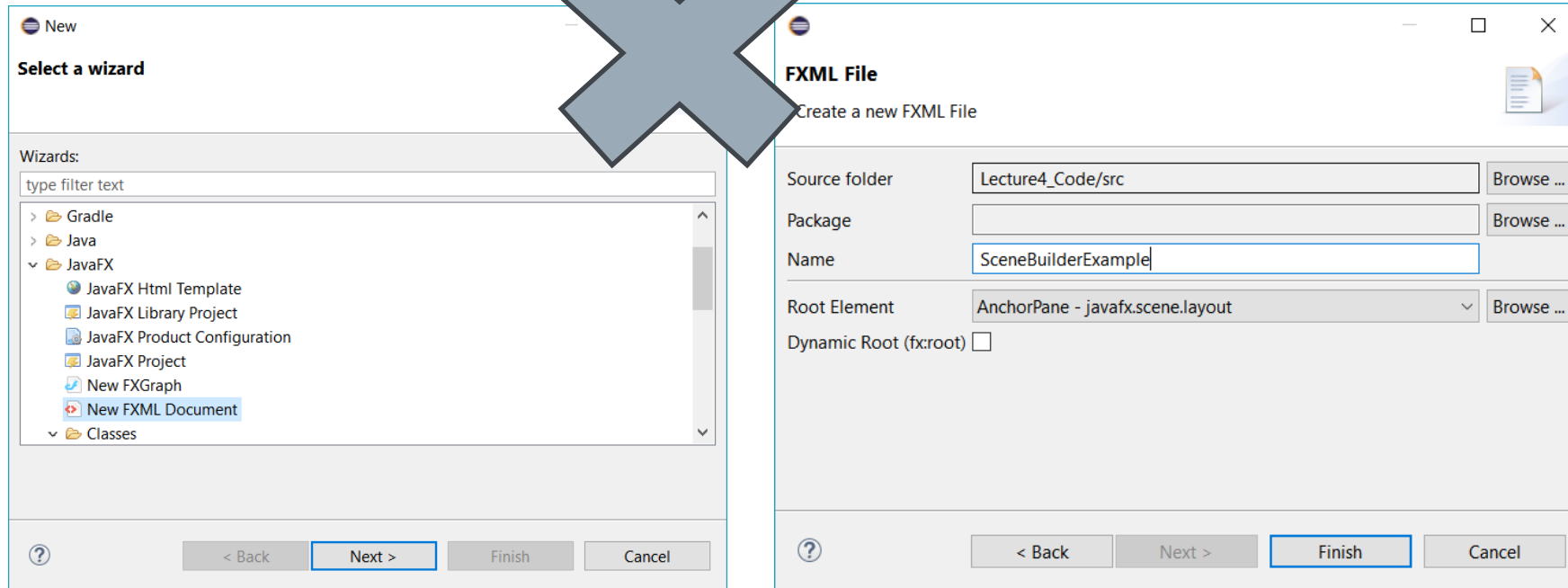
- › **JavaFX Scene Builder** is a visual layout tool that lets users quickly design JavaFX application **user interfaces, without coding**.
- › **FXML code** for the layout that they are creating is automatically generated in the background.
- › FXML file that can then be combined with a Java project by binding the UI to the application's logic



Scene builder (to create a new .fxml)

› New > other > New FXML Document

Currently not working!

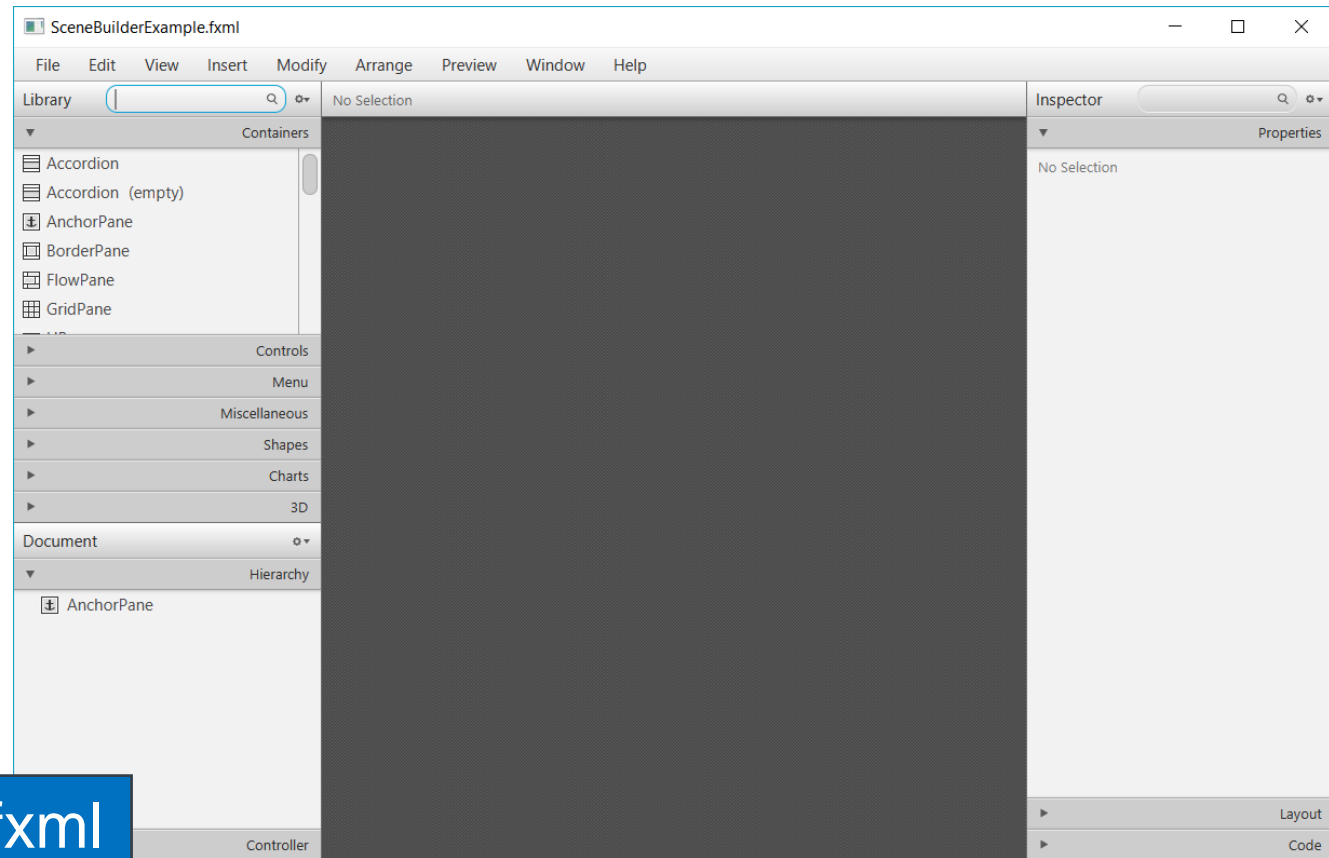
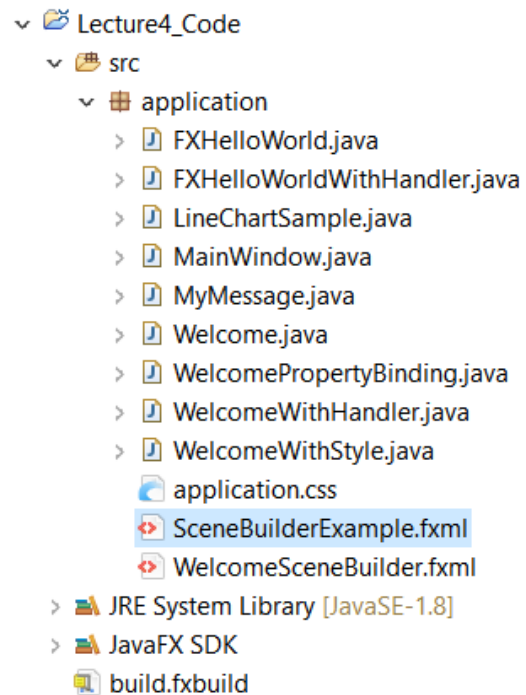


(To create a new .fxml, you can copy another .fxml file too)



Scene builder (cont.)

› Right click .fxml file > open with SceneBuilder



SceneBuilderExample.fxml



Scene builder (cont.)

The screenshot displays the Scene Builder application window titled "SceneBuilderExample.fxml". The interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, View, Insert, Modify, Arrange, Preview, Window, Help), a Library panel on the left, a central canvas, and two Inspector panels on the right.

Library Panel: The "Containers" section is expanded, showing a list of containers: Accordion, Accordion (empty), AnchorPane, BorderPane, FlowPane, and GridPane. The "Hierarchy" section is also expanded, showing a single node labeled "HBox", which is highlighted with a blue box.

Inspector Panel (Left): This panel shows the properties for the selected "HBox" container. The "Internal" section is expanded, showing "Padding" (5, 5, 5, 5) and "Spacing" (5), both highlighted with a blue box. The "Specific" section shows "Fill Height" checked. The "Size" section shows "Min Width", "Min Height", "Pref Width", "Pref Height", "Max Width", and "Max Height" all set to "USE_PREF_SIZE" or "USE_COMPUTED_SIZE", with this entire section highlighted by a blue box. The "Position" section shows "Layout X" and "Layout Y" both set to 0.

Inspector Panel (Right): This panel shows the "Identity" section, where the "fxid" is set to "hboxRoot", highlighted with a blue box. Below this, the "DragDrop" section is visible, showing various event listeners like "On Drag Detected", "On Drag Done", etc., each with a text input field.



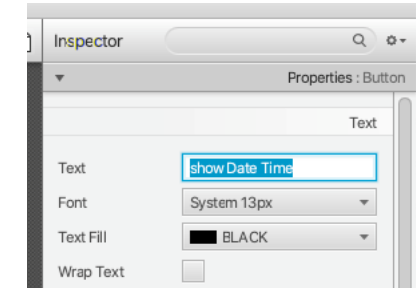
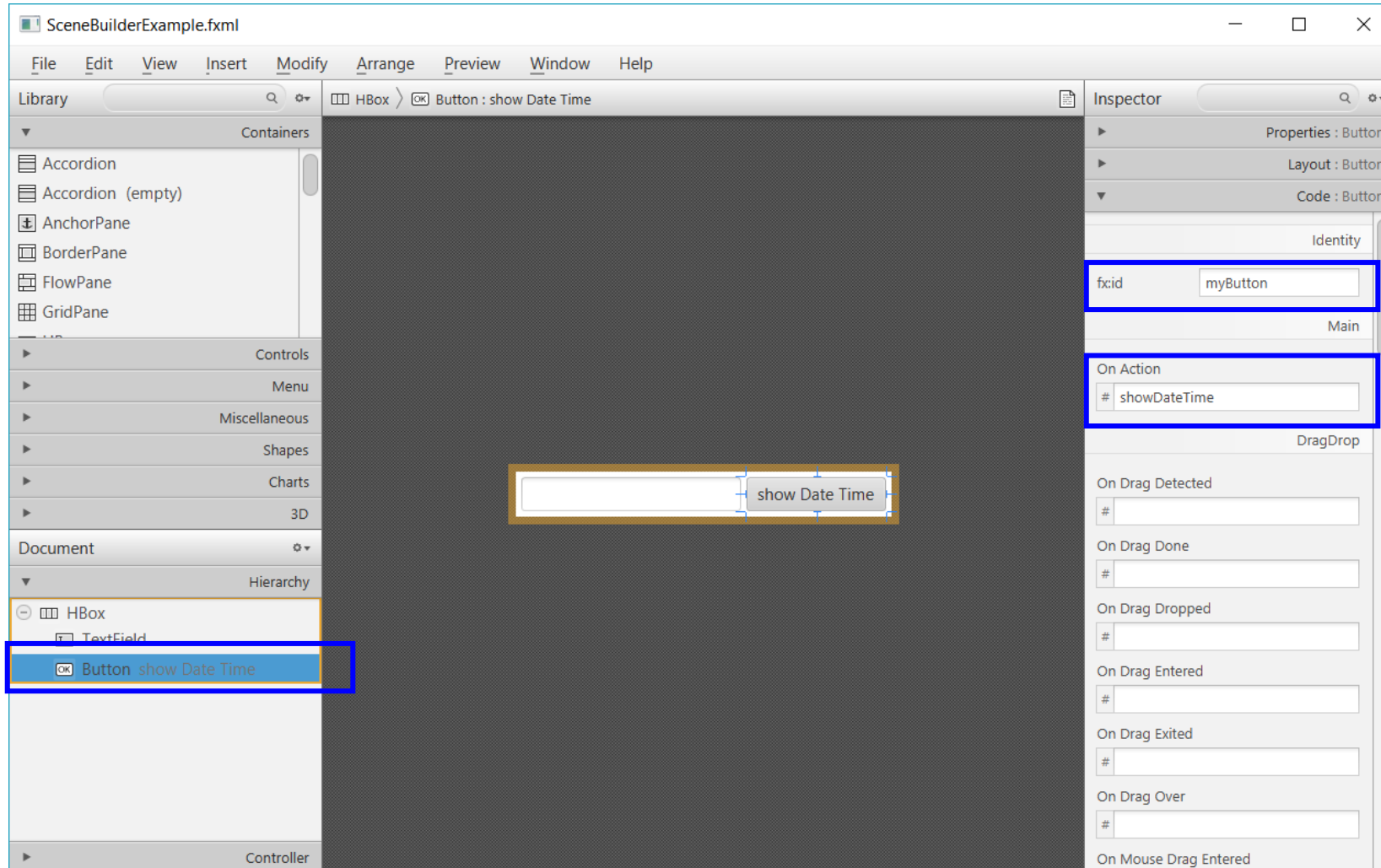
Scene builder (cont.)

The screenshot displays the JavaFX Scene Builder application window titled "SceneBuilderExample.fxml". The interface is divided into several panels:

- Library:** Located on the left, it contains categories like Containers, Controls, Menu, Miscellaneous, Shapes, Charts, 3D, Document, Hierarchy, and Controller. The "Hierarchy" panel shows a tree structure with "HBox" and "TextField" components. The "TextField" component is highlighted with a blue border.
- Inspector:** Located on the right, it shows the properties of the selected "TextField" component. The "Properties" tab is active, displaying various settings. The "Pref Width" property is highlighted with a blue border and set to "200".
- Code:** A separate panel on the right shows the code for the "TextField" component. The "fx:id" property is highlighted with a blue border and set to "outputField".
- Scene:** The central area shows a preview of the scene. A "TextField" component is visible on a dark background, with a blue border indicating it is selected.



Scene builder (cont.)





Scene builder (cont.)

- › Save
- › Drag file to editor in eclipse to view FXML

```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2
3 <?import javafx.geometry.*?>
4 <?import javafx.scene.control.*?>
5 <?import javafx.scene.text.*?>
6 <?import java.lang.*?>
7 <?import javafx.scene.layout.*?>
8 <?import javafx.scene.layout.AnchorPane?>
9
10 <HBox fx:id="hboxRoot" maxHeight="-Infinity"
11     maxWidth="-Infinity" minHeight="-Infinity"
12     minWidth="-Infinity" spacing="5.0"
13     xmlns="http://javafx.com/javafx/8" xmlns:fx="http://javafx.com/fxml/1">
14   <children>
15     <TextField fx:id="outputField" editable="false" prefWidth="200.0" />
16     <Button fx:id="myButton" mnemonicParsing="false" onAction="#showDateTime" text="show Date Time" />
17   </children>
18   <padding>
19     <Insets bottom="5.0" left="5.0" right="5.0" top="5.0" />
20   </padding>
21 </HBox>
```




Scene builder (cont.)

- › Adding the attribute `fx:controller` to `<Hbox>`, the Controller will be useful to the Controls lying inside Hbox such as `myButton` and `outputField`.

```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2
3 <?import javafx.geometry.*?>
4 <?import javafx.scene.control.*?>
5 <?import javafx.scene.text.*?>
6 <?import java.lang.*?>
7 <?import javafx.scene.layout.*?>
8 <?import javafx.scene.layout.AnchorPane?>
9
```

```
10 <HBox fx:id="hboxRoot" maxHeight="-Infinity"
11       maxWidth="-Infinity" minHeight="-Infinity"
12       minWidth="-Infinity" spacing="5.0"
13       xmlns:fx="http://javafx.com/javafx/8" xmlns:fx="http://javafx.com/fxml/1"
14       fx:controller="application.MyController">
15   <children>
16     <TextField fx:id="outputField" editable="false" prefWidth="200.0" />
17     <Button fx:id="myButton" mnemonicParsing="false" onAction="#showDateTime" text="show Date Time" />
18   </children>
19   <padding>
20     <Insets bottom="5.0" left="5.0" right="5.0" top="5.0" />
21   </padding>
22 </HBox>
23
```

Must be public!

```
1 package application;
2
3 import java.net.URL;
4 import java.text.DateFormat;
5 import java.text.SimpleDateFormat;
6 import java.util.Date;
7 import java.util.ResourceBundle;
8
9 import javafx.event.ActionEvent;
10 import javafx.fxml.FXML;
11 import javafx.fxml.Initializable;
12 import javafx.scene.control.Button;
13 import javafx.scene.control.TextField;
14
15 public class MyController implements Initializable {
16
17     @FXML
18     private Button myButton;
19
20     @FXML
21     private TextField outputField;
22
23     @Override
24     public void initialize(URL location, ResourceBundle resources) {
25     }
26
27     // When user click on myButton
28     // this method will be called.
29     public void showDateTime(ActionEvent event) {
30         System.out.println("Button Clicked!");
31         Date now = new Date();
32         DateFormat df = new SimpleDateFormat("dd-MM-yyyy HH:mm:ss.SSS");
33         // Model Data
34         String dateTimeString = df.format(now);
35         // Show in VIEW
36         outputField.setText(dateTimeString);
37     }
38 }
39
40 }
```




Scene builder (cont.)

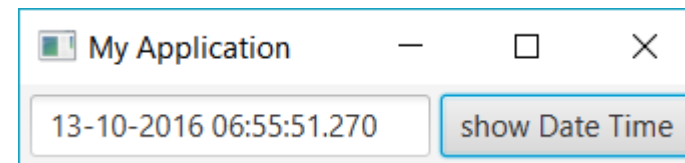
› Run “MyApplication”

```
1 package application;
2
3 import javafx.application.Application;
4 import javafx.fxml.FXMLLoader;
5 import javafx.scene.Parent;
6 import javafx.scene.Scene;
7 import javafx.stage.Stage;
8
9 public class MyApplication extends Application {
10
11     @Override
12     public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
13         try {
14             // Read file fxml and draw interface.
15             Parent root = FXMLLoader.load(getClass()
16                 .getResource("SceneBuilderExample.fxml"));
17
18             primaryStage.setTitle("My Application");
19             primaryStage.setScene(new Scene(root));
20             primaryStage.show();
21
22         } catch (Exception e) {
23             e.printStackTrace();
24         }
25     }
26
27     public static void main(String[] args) {
28         launch(args);
29     }
30
31 }
```

SceneBuilderExample.fxml

MyController.java

MyApplication.java



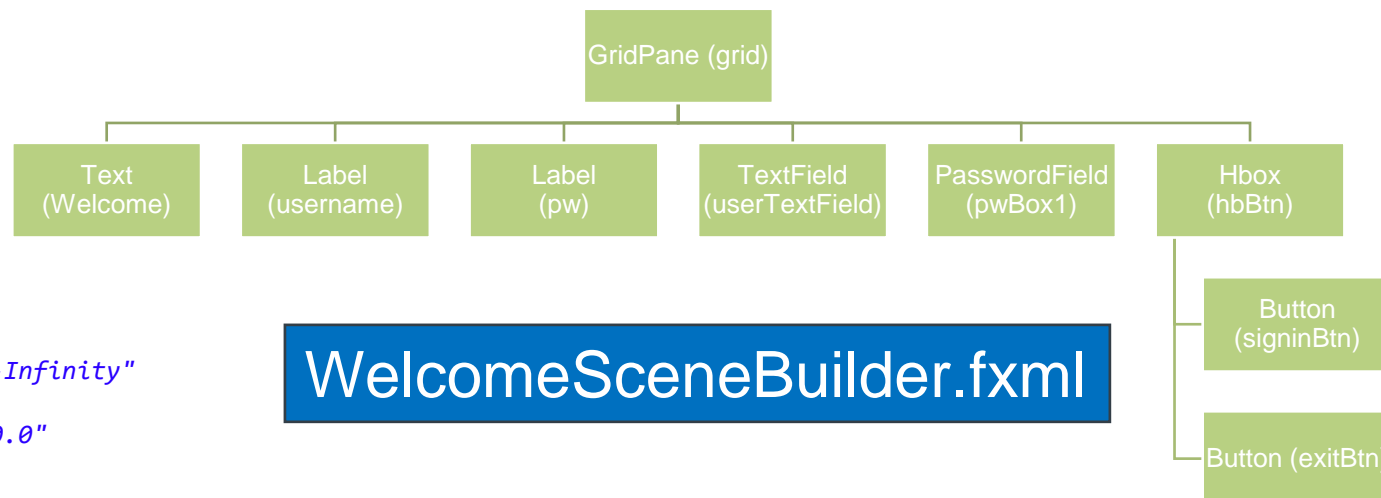


FXML

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
```

```
<?import javafx.geometry.*?>
<?import javafx.scene.control.*?>
<?import javafx.scene.text.*?>
<?import java.lang.*?>
<?import javafx.scene.layout.*?>
<?import javafx.scene.layout.AnchorPane?>
```

```
<GridPane hgap="10.0" maxHeight="-Infinity" maxWidth="-Infinity"
  minHeight="-Infinity" minWidth="-Infinity"
  prefHeight="300.0" prefWidth="350.0" vgap="10.0"
  xmlns="http://javafx.com/javafx/8"
  xmlns:fx="http://javafx.com/fxml/1">
  <children>
    <Text strokeType="OUTSIDE" strokeWidth="0.0" text="Welcome">
      <font>
        <Font name="Tahoma" size="20.0" />
      </font>
    </Text>
    <Label text="User Name:" GridPane.rowIndex="1" />
    <Label text="Password:" GridPane.rowIndex="2" />
    <HBox alignment="BOTTOM_RIGHT" prefHeight="100.0"
      prefWidth="200.0" spacing="10.0" GridPane.columnIndex="1"
      GridPane.rowIndex="4">
      <children>
        <Button mnemonicParsing="false" text="Sign in" />
        <Button mnemonicParsing="false" text="Exit" />
      </children>
    </HBox>
    <TextField GridPane.columnIndex="1" GridPane.rowIndex="1" />
    <PasswordField GridPane.columnIndex="1" GridPane.rowIndex="2" />
  </children>
```



WelcomeSceneBuilder.fxml

```
<columnConstraints>
  <ColumnConstraints hgrow="SOMETIMES" maxWidth="263.0"
    minWidth="10.0" prefWidth="87.0" />
  <ColumnConstraints hgrow="SOMETIMES" maxWidth="463.0"
    minWidth="10.0" prefWidth="203.0" />
</columnConstraints>
<padding>
  <Insets bottom="25.0" left="25.0" right="25.0" top="25.0" />
</padding>
<rowConstraints>
  <RowConstraints minHeight="10.0" prefHeight="30.0" vgrow="SOMETIMES" />
  <RowConstraints minHeight="10.0" prefHeight="30.0" vgrow="SOMETIMES" />
  <RowConstraints minHeight="10.0" prefHeight="30.0" vgrow="SOMETIMES" />
  <RowConstraints minHeight="10.0" prefHeight="30.0" vgrow="SOMETIMES" />
  <RowConstraints minHeight="10.0" prefHeight="30.0" vgrow="SOMETIMES" />
</rowConstraints>
</GridPane>
```



CSS

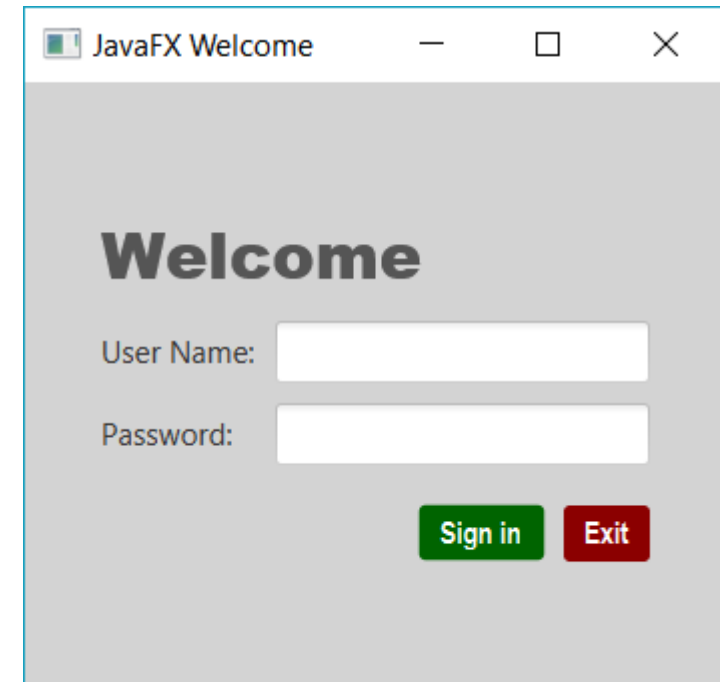
- › JavaFX provides styling by **Cascading Style Sheets(CSS)**.
- › CSS support is based on the W3C CSS version 2.1
- › JavaFX CSS document:
<https://docs.oracle.com/javafx/2/api/javafx/scene/doc-files/cssref.html>



CSS (cont.)

```
// set style
grid.setStyle("-fx-background-color:lightgray;");
scenetitle.setStyle("-fx-font-size: 32px;
                    -fx-font-family:\"Arial Black\";
                    -fx-fill: #555;");
signinBtn.setStyle("-fx-text-fill: white;
                   -fx-font-weight: bold;
                   -fx-font-family: \"Arial Narrow\";
                   -fx-background-color: darkgreen;");
exitBtn.setStyle("-fx-text-fill: white;
                  -fx-font-weight: bold;
                  -fx-font-family: \"Arial Narrow\";
                  -fx-background-color: darkred;");
```

WelcomeWithStyle.java



Remarks: you can set same style for more than one node using “css class” or writing the style in separated file (not covered in this class)



Binding properties

- › JavaFX introduces a new concept called **binding property**
- › Enables a **target object** to be bound to a **source object**.
- › If the value in the source object changes, the **target property** is also **changed automatically**.
- › The target object is simply called a **binding object** or a **binding property**.



Binding Properties (cont.)

```
Label userName = new Label("User Name:");  
grid.add(userName, 0, 1);  
TextField userTextField = new TextField();  
grid.add(userTextField, 1, 1);
```

```
Label userName1 = new Label("User Name:");  
grid.add(userName1, 0, 2);  
Label userNameOut = new Label();  
grid.add(userNameOut, 1, 2);
```

```
// Unidirectional bindings
```

```
userNameOut.textProperty().bind(userTextField.textProperty());
```

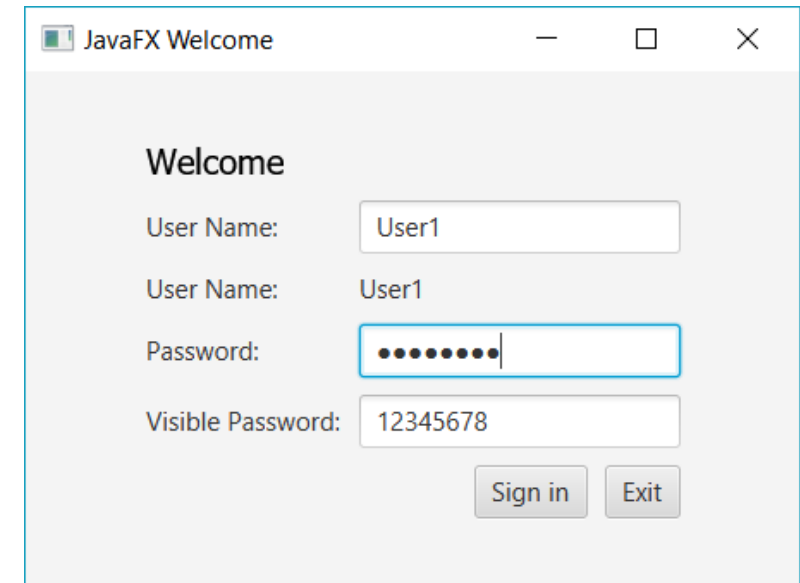
```
Label pw1 = new Label("Password:");  
grid.add(pw1, 0, 3);  
PasswordField pwBox1 = new PasswordField();  
grid.add(pwBox1, 1, 3);
```

```
Label pw2 = new Label("Visible Password:");  
grid.add(pw2, 0, 4);  
TextField pwBox2 = new TextField();  
grid.add(pwBox2, 1, 4);
```

```
// Bidirectional bindings
```

```
pwBox1.textProperty().bindBidirectional(pwBox2.textProperty());
```

WelcomePropertyBinding.java





Event Handling

- › To make the program response to an action, you need to create **a listener object** that waits for a particular event to handle and modified the correspondence method.
- › There are many events on GUI:
 - ActionEvent, InputEvent, ScrollToEvent, WindowEvent, WebEvent, MouseEvent, KeyEvent, ...
- › JavaFX event is an instance of the `javafx.event.Event` class or its subclass



Event Handling

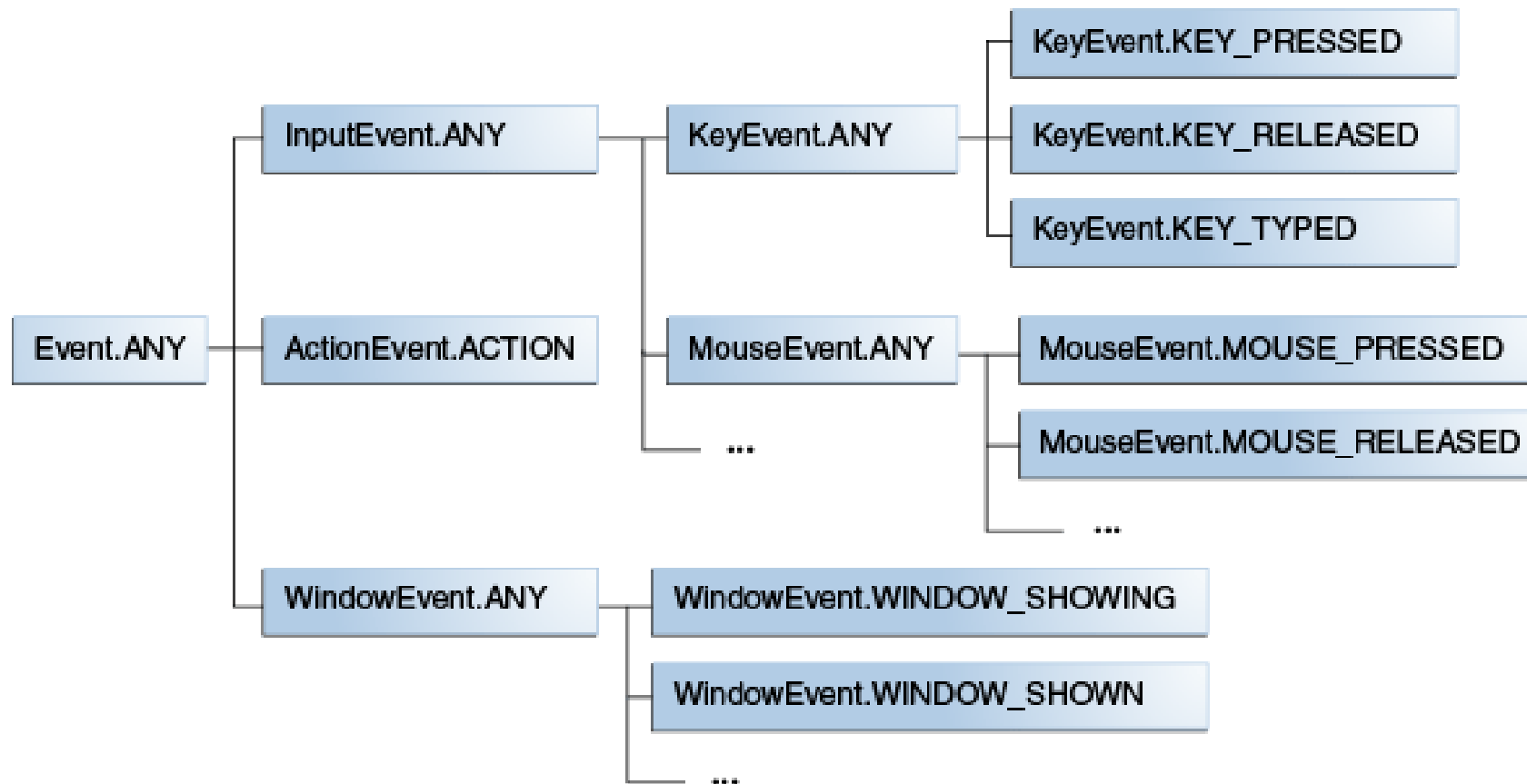
- › Use the **setOnXXX** methods to register event handlers

```
setOnEvent-type(EventHandler<? super event-class> value)
```

- **Event-type** is the type of event that the handler processes,
setOnKeyTyped for Key Typed events
setOnMouseClicked for Mouse Clicked events.
 - **event-class** is the class that defines the event type,
KeyEvent for events related to keyboard input
MouseEvent for events related to mouse input.
- › Override **handle** method



Event Handling (cont.)



Event type hierarchy

Reference: <http://docs.oracle.com/javase/8/javafx/events-tutorial/processing.htm>



Event Handling (cont.)

FXHelloWorldWithHandler.java

```
package application;

import javafx.application.Application;
import javafx.stage.Stage;
import javafx.scene.Scene;
import javafx.scene.layout.StackPane;
import javafx.scene.control.Button;
...

public class FXHelloWorld extends Application {
    // Override the start method in the Application class
    @Override
    public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
        // Create a scene and place a button in the scene
        Button btn = new Button("Hello world");
        ...
        StackPane root = new StackPane();
        root.getChildren().add(btn);
        Scene scene = new Scene(root, 300, 250);
        primaryStage.setTitle("MyJavaFX"); // Set the stage title
        primaryStage.setScene(scene); // Place the scene
        primaryStage.show();
    }

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

```
import javafx.event.ActionEvent;
import javafx.event.EventHandler;
```

```
// set event handler

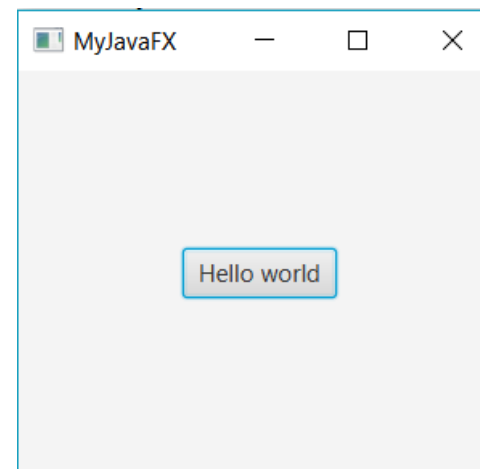
btn.setOnAction(new EventHandler<ActionEvent>() {

    public void handle(ActionEvent event) {

        System.out.println("Hello World");

    }

});
```



```
Problems @ Javadoc Declaration
<terminated> FXHelloWorldWithHandler
Hello World
Hello World
Hello World
```



Event Handling (cont.)

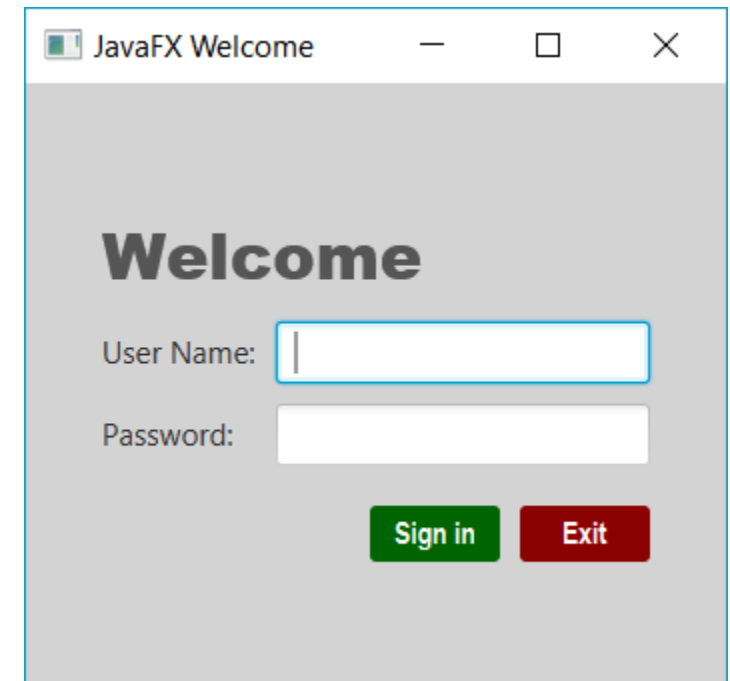
- › `setOnAction()` method is used to register an event handler.
- › `handle()` method in the event handler is called when user clicks the button and it print "Hello World" to the console.



Event Handling (cont.)

- › Clear User Name when press **ESC**
- › Change button width if **mouse is over**
- › Popup welcome dialog when **click Sign in**
- › Close application when **click Exit**

WelcomeWithHandler.java





Common Event-Handling Problem

- › A component does not generate the events it should.
 - Did you register **the right kind of listener** to detect the events?
 - Did you register the listener to **the right object**?
 - Did you **implement** the event handler correctly?



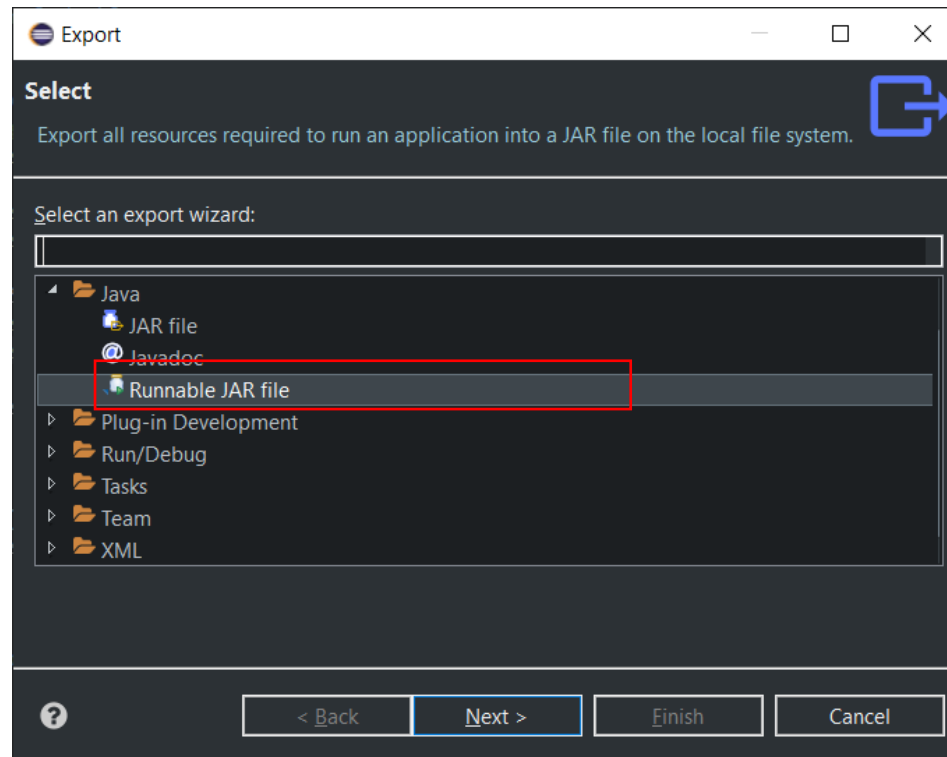
Export Jar

- › We've managed to create our Java FX Application
- › Let's try out our application as an executable JAR
- › (We can still export as a JAR with source code, but we'll have to specify the main class to run the window)



How to export a runnable jar file

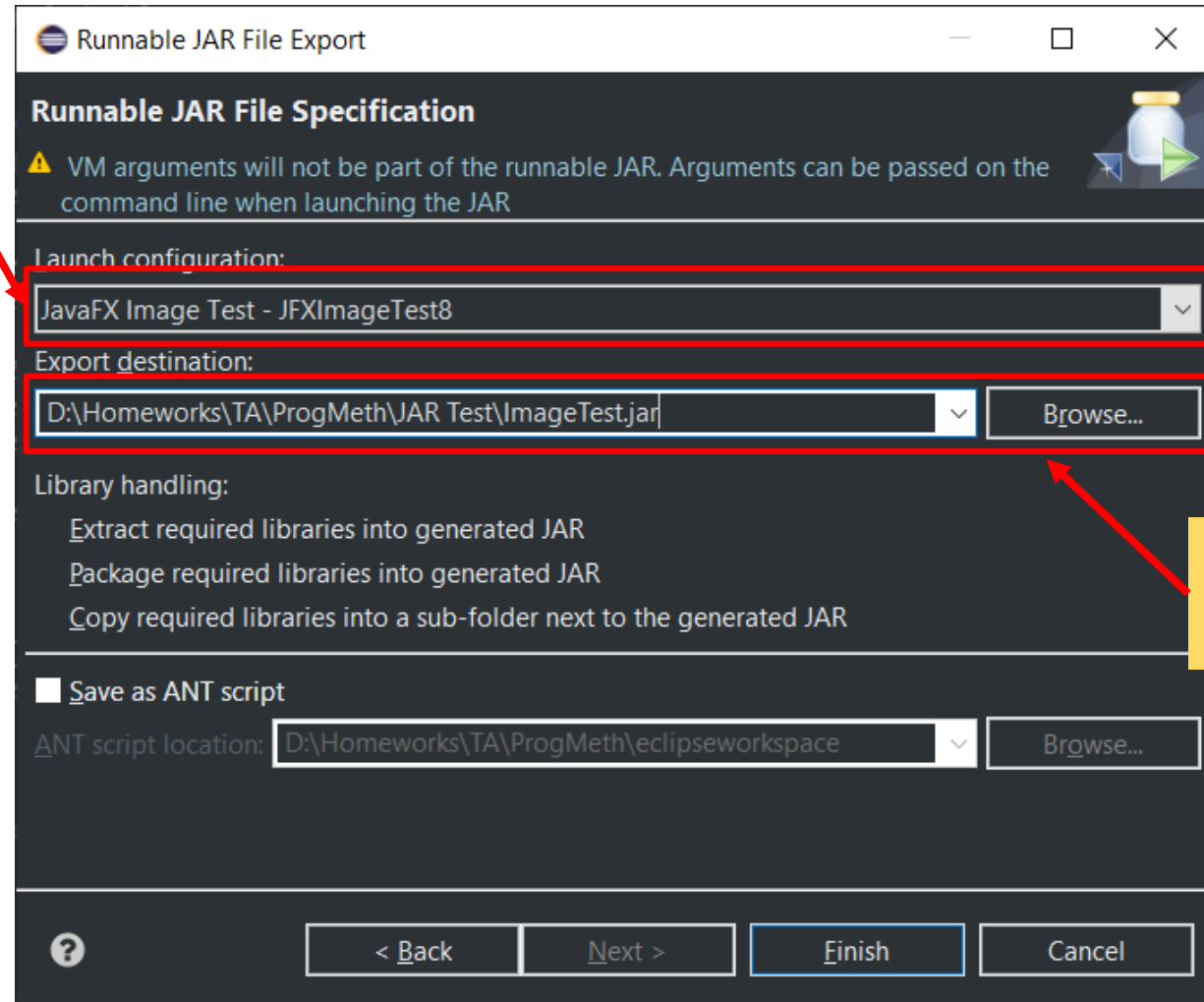
- › Click File > Export
- › Choose Java > Runnable JAR File





How to export a runnable jar file

Be sure to pick
correct
Launch configuration
for the project!



The dialog box is titled "Runnable JAR File Export". It contains the following sections:

- Runnable JAR File Specification**: Includes a warning icon and text: "VM arguments will not be part of the runnable JAR. Arguments can be passed on the command line when launching the JAR".
- Launch configuration:**: A dropdown menu showing "JavaFX Image Test - JFXImageTest8".
- Export destination:**: A text field containing "D:\Homeworks\TA\ProgMeth\JAR Test\ImageTest.jar" and a "Browse..." button.
- Library handling:**: Three radio button options:
 - ☐ Extract required libraries into generated JAR
 - ☐ Package required libraries into generated JAR
 - ☐ Copy required libraries into a sub-folder next to the generated JAR
- ☐ **Save as ANT script**: Includes an "ANT script location:" text field with "D:\Homeworks\TA\ProgMeth\eclipseworkspace" and a "Browse..." button.

At the bottom, there are buttons for "< Back", "Next >", "Finish", and "Cancel".

Choose the export
destination here.



Using VM Arguments to Run .jar files outside the IDE

1. Export the .jar file.
2. Open cmd in the folder your .jar file is in
3. Type the following into your command line:

```
java -jar --module-path "(your javafx libpath here)" --add-modules  
javafx.controls,javafx.fxml (your jar file name).jar
```

Example:

```
java -jar --module-path "C:\Program Files\Java\javafx-sdk-22.0.2\lib" --  
add-modules javafx.controls,javafx.fxml ImageLoader.jar
```

Note that in MacOS, you should NOT use quotes. You should also use slash (/) instead of backslash (\)

Your program should run now!



```
C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.19045.4651]
(c) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Users\LookMaew\Desktop>java -jar --module-path "E:\Dropbox\Java\javafx-sdk-22.0.2\lib" --add-modules javafx.controls,
javafx.fxml ImageLoader.jar

C:\Users\LookMaew\Desktop>
```



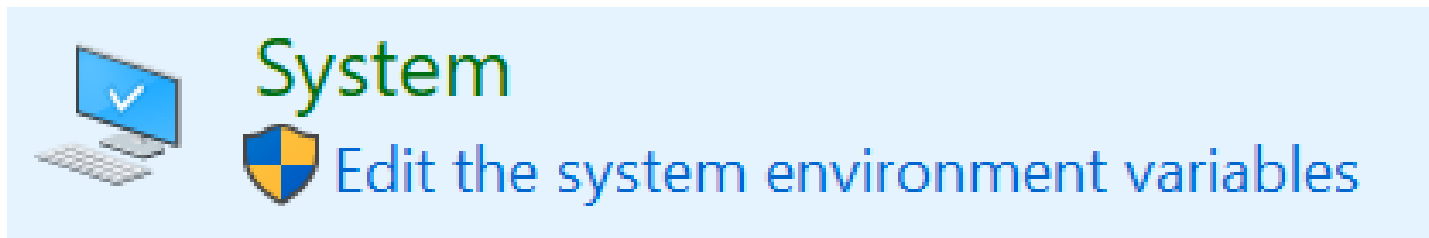
Setting System Variable to Save Time

Note: for windows users only!

for mac users, please visit the tutorial here:

<http://osxdaily.com/2015/07/28/set-environment-variables-mac-os-x/>

1. Go to your Control Panel
2. Search for “System Variable” and click on this:





Startup and Recovery

System startup, system failure, and debugging information

Settings...

Environment Variables...

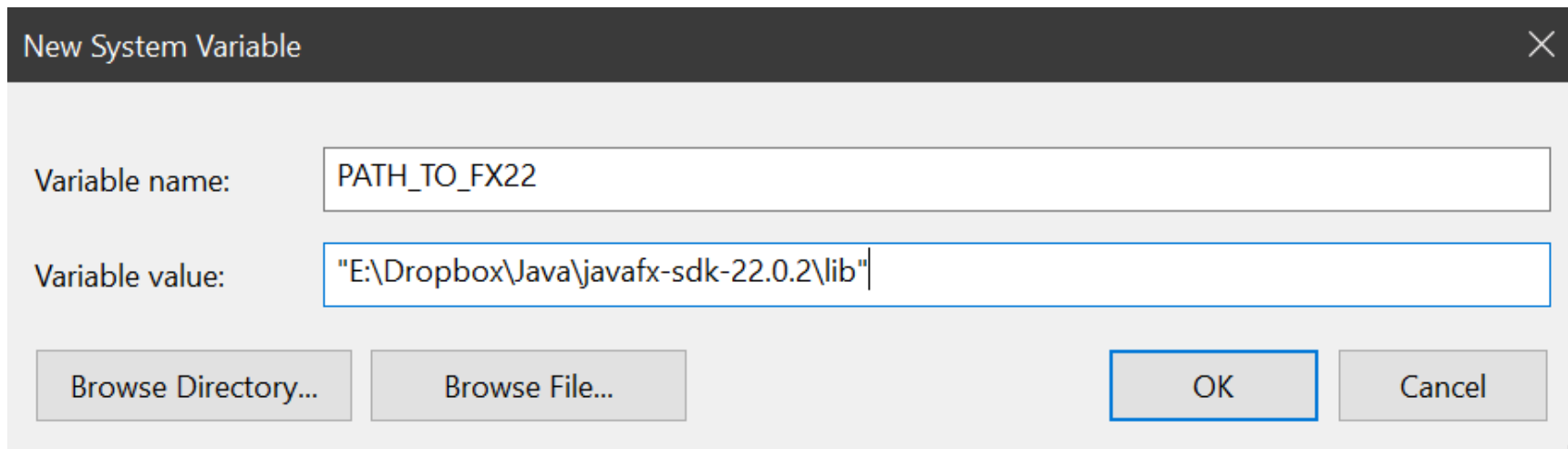


Setting System Variable to Save Time

3.) Under “System Variables”, click New...

4.) Put in your JavaFX lib path (with quotes), and put the name you want to use

5.) Click OK, then Apply and Close the Environment Variables window



New System Variable

Variable name: PATH_TO_FX22

Variable value: "E:\Dropbox\Java\javafx-sdk-22.0.2\lib"

Browse Directory... Browse File... OK Cancel



Setting System Variable to Save Time

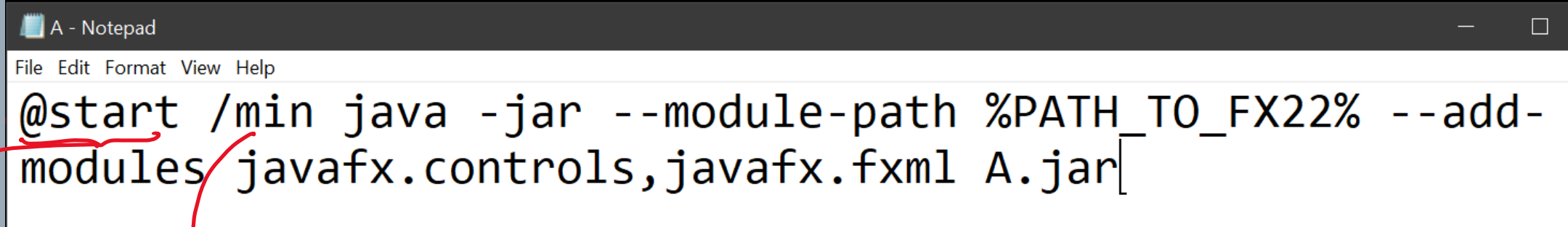
You should now be able to use that variable instead of typing the entire path (but exit cmd window and re-open it again first).

```
C:\Users\LookMaew\Desktop>java -jar --module-path %PATH_TO_FX22% --add-modules javafx.fxml,javafx.controls A.jar
```



How about double clicking?!

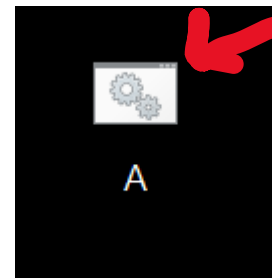
- › Create a new text file (in the same folder as the jar file) and put the java command in.
- › Save the file as a .bat file.



```
@start /min java -jar --module-path %PATH_TO_FX22% --add-modules javafx.controls,javafx.fxml A.jar
```

Run in new thread

Minimize command line window



You can now double click this file's icon to run.



How to export Jar with picture

- › Run Project JavaFxImage01 in Eclipse. It'll open a "Misa Hayase" image (you can change to the image you like).

```
import javafx.application.Application;

public class ImageLoader extends Application {

    @Override
    public void start(Stage primaryStage) throws Exception {

        StackPane root = new StackPane();
        root.setPadding(new Insets(15));

        /* Not using class loader */
        ImageView imageView = new ImageView(new Image("file:res/images/misa02.jpg"));

        /* Using class loader */
        // String image_path = ClassLoader.getResource("images/homestay.jpg").toString();
        // ImageView imageView = new ImageView(new Image(image_path));

        imageView.setPreserveRatio(true);
        imageView.setFitWidth(400);

        root.getChildren().add(imageView);

        Scene scene = new Scene(root);

        primaryStage.setScene(scene);
        primaryStage.setTitle("Image Loader");
        primaryStage.show();
    }

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





How to export Jar with picture (cont.)

- › Let's export the project to ImageLoader.jar somewhere.
- › Run -> ImageLoader.jar
- › (Folder \Test_Jar\1_only_jar contains the exported file).



Our Image doesn't appear anymore



Export Jar with res folder

- › Let's take a look at how we load our image
 - `ImageView imageView = new ImageView(new Image("file:res/images/misa02.jpg"));`
- › The image must be in the same directory as our JAR
 - Let's try again



Export Jar with res folder (cont.)

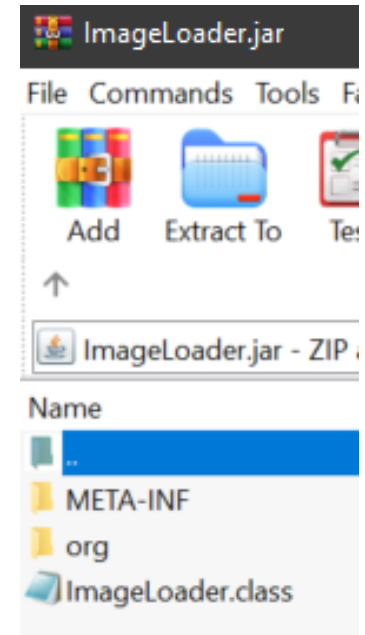
- › Run ->
JAVA_FX_Image/Test_Jar/2_jar_with_res_folder/ImageLoader.jar
- › It works !!!
- › You can just simply put the res folder in the same directory as the jar file.





Export Jar containing res folder

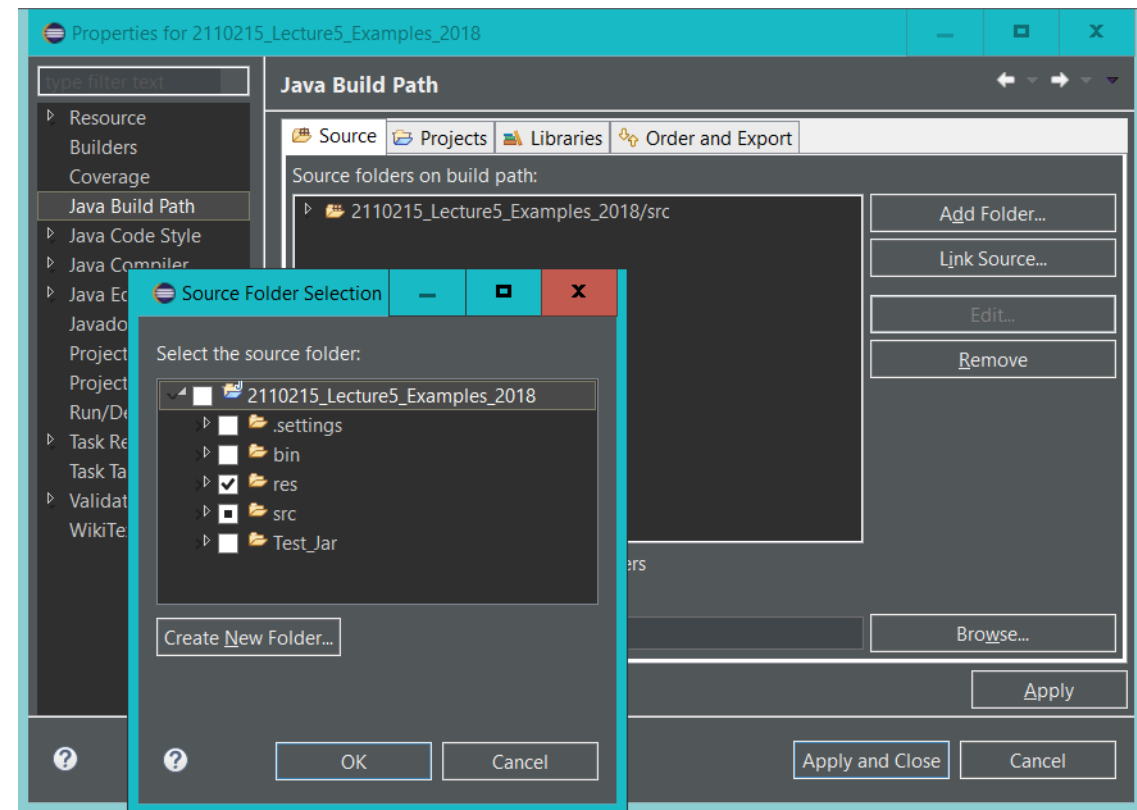
- › Keeping resource beside our JAR makes it work.
- › But it would be better if we can store all our resources into our JAR.
- › But our current export does not have res folder!!!
- › We need to instruct the export command!





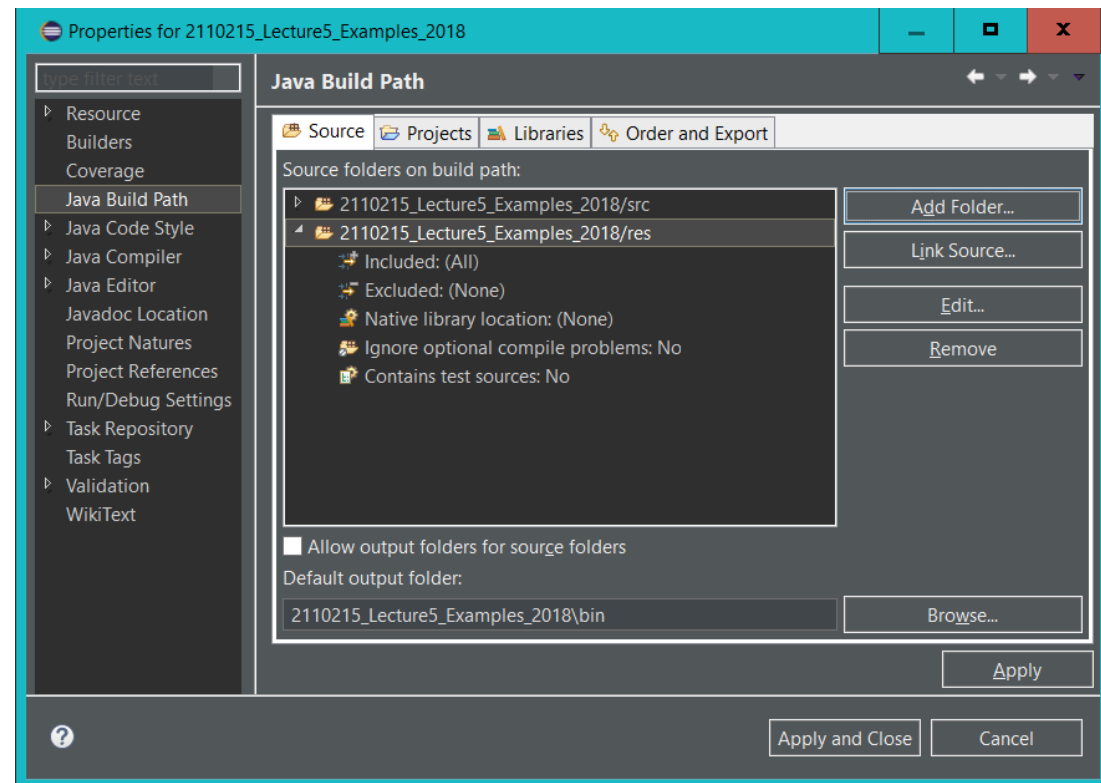
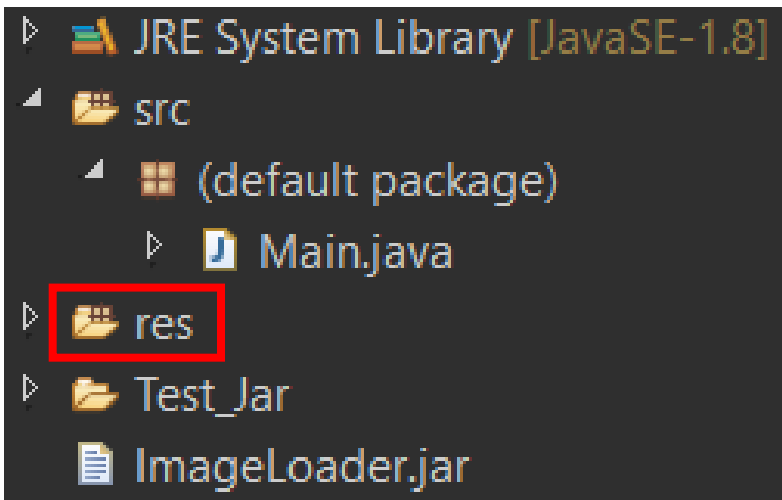
Export Jar containing res folder - BuildPath

- › To include a folder in exported file,
- › Select, Build Path
- › -> Configure Build Path
- › -> Source (Tab)
- › -> Add Folder
- › -> Select Folder res





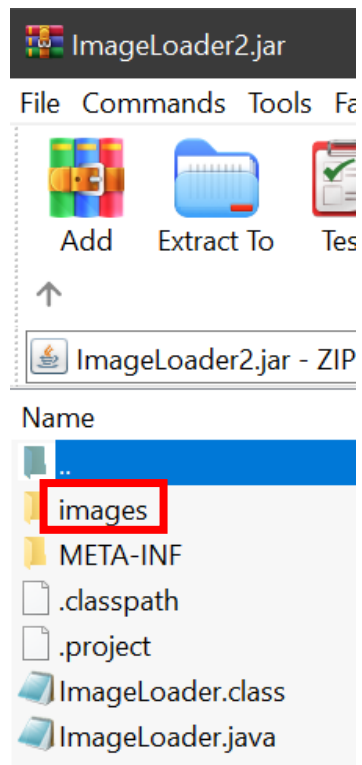
Export Jar containing res folder - BuildPath





Export Jar containing res folder (cont.)

- › Now, try to export the project, and run (remove image folder from your directory first).
- › Or Run -> JAVA_FX_Image/Test_Jar/3_jar_contain_res_folder/ImageLoader2.jar



Our Image still doesn't appear



Export Jar containing res folder (cont.)

› Why?

- Because `ImageView imageView = new ImageView(new Image("file:res/images/misa02.jpg"));`
- Can get resource from file only
- It cannot read a resource within a zip file!!!!

› How to fix it?



Export Jar containing res folder - **ClassLoader**

- › Use ClassLoader to help loading our image
 - A path to our resource related to our .class file directory
- › `ClassLoader.getResource(String filePath)`
 - Return as URL
- › Example:
 - String image_path =
`ClassLoader.getResource("images/misa02.jpg").toString();`
 - `ImageView imageView = new ImageView(new Image(image_path));`



Export Jar containing res folder (cont.)

› Run ->

JAVA_FX_Image/Test_Jar/4_jar_fixed/ImageLoader3.jar

› This works because it reads resource from our jar file.

