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SWING WITH STYLE

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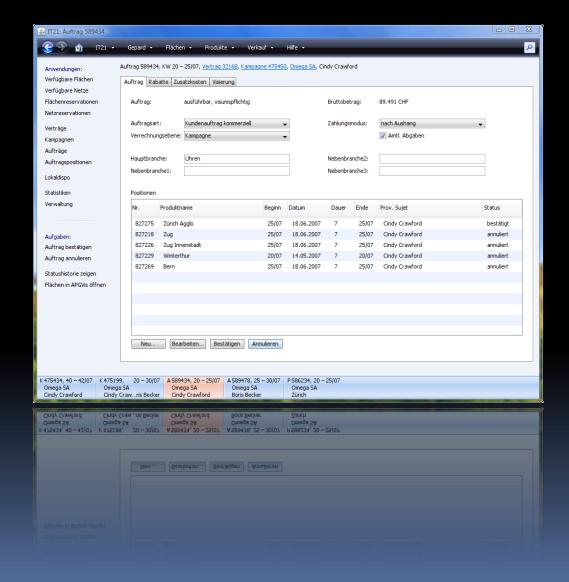
- Open source Swing libraries
- Example applications
- Consultant for Java desktop
- Design assistance
- Training for visual design and implementation

Study GUI production process

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Goal

See success factors for Swing projects

How to implement Swing clients?

Learn criteria for good writing style

Agenda

Visual Dos and Don'ts

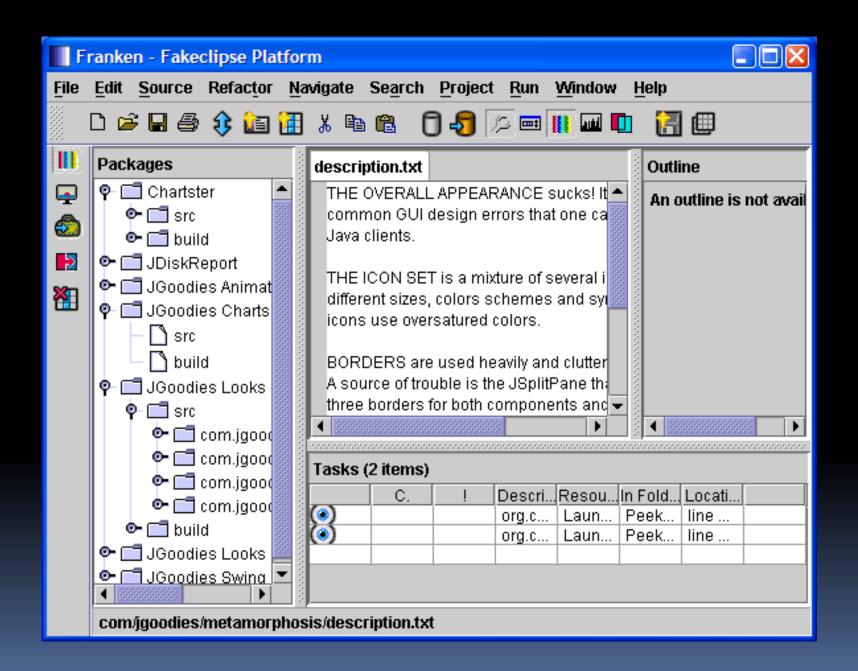
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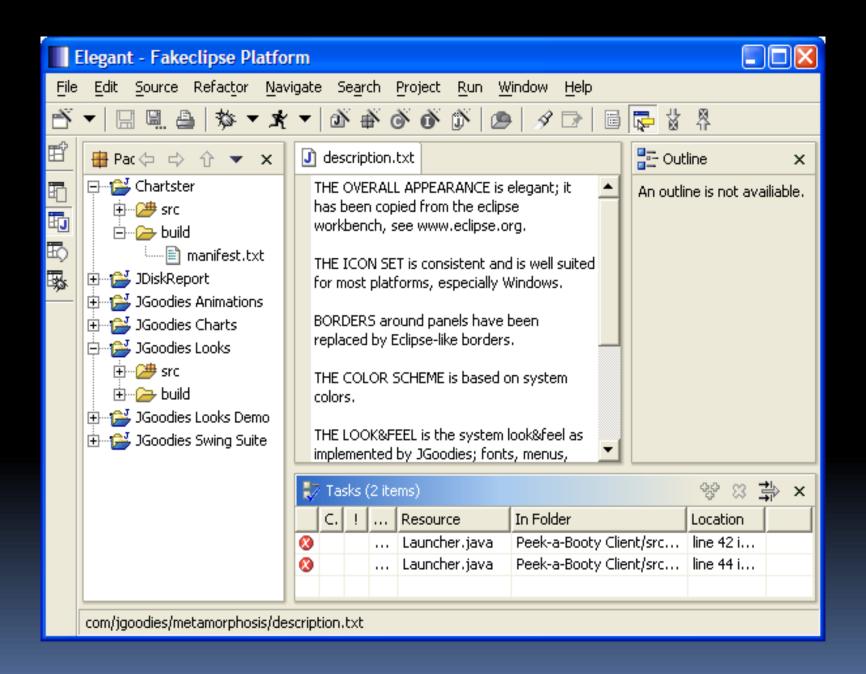
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Visual Patterns

Visual Don'ts

- Color
- Fonts
- Icons

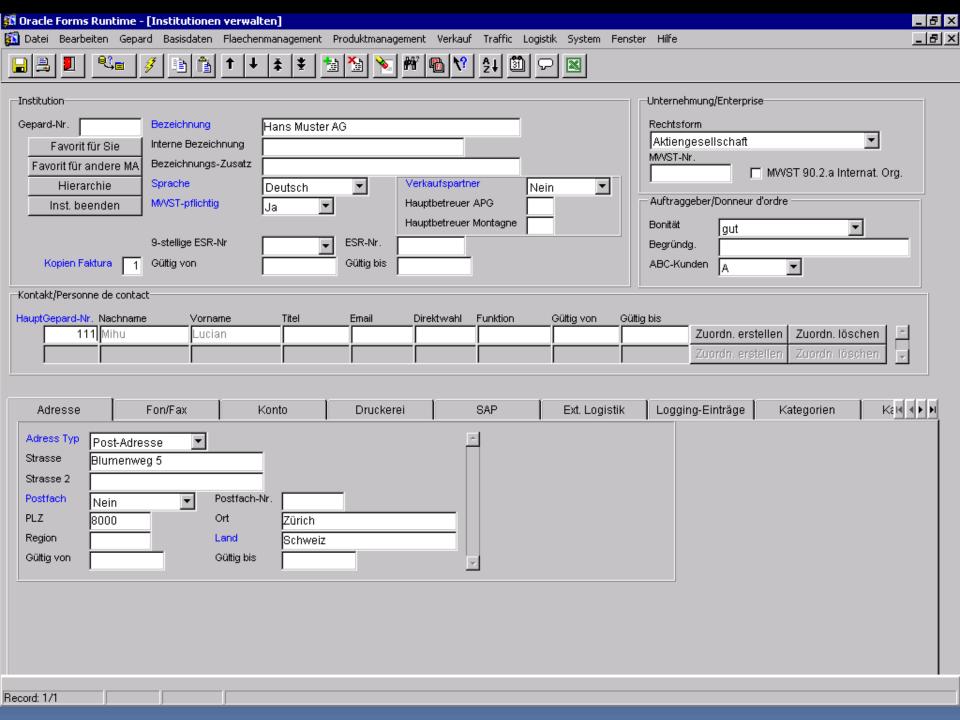


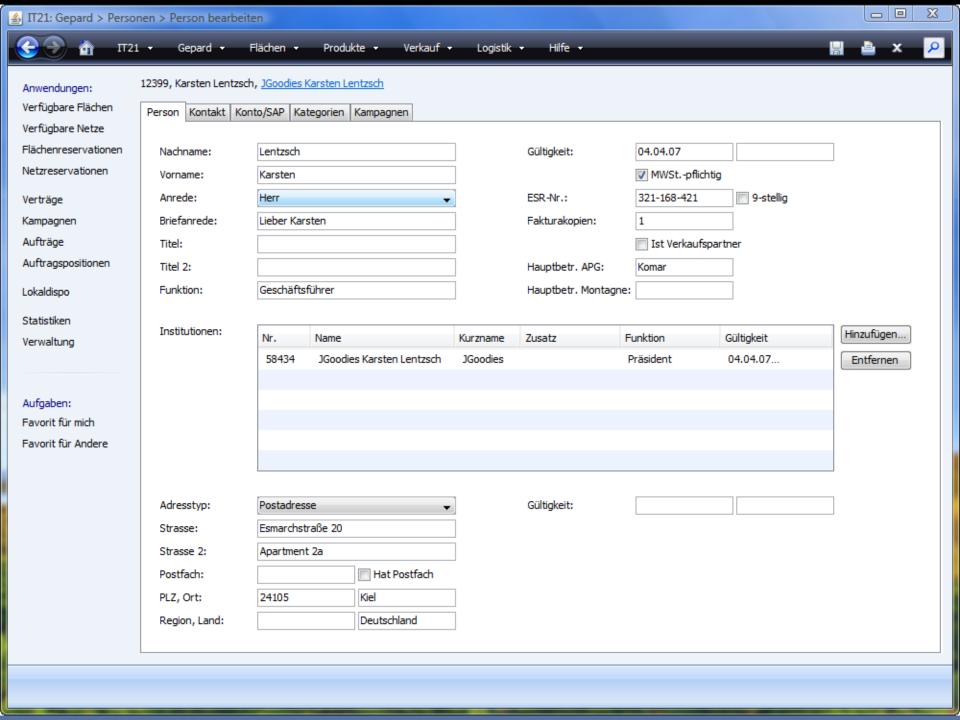


Visual Dos

- Align
- Remove unnecessary borders
- Remove all unnecessary elements

- Use white space
- Learn about contrast, balance





Visual Dos and Don'ts

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"First Aid for Swing Uls"

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Visual Dos and Don'ts

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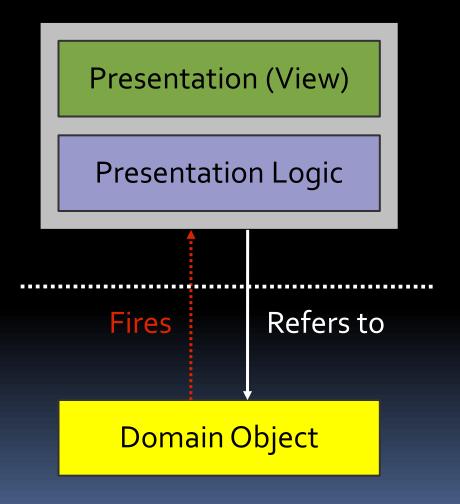
Example: Contact Manager

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Contact Editor

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Legend



Tip 1

Separate domain data

Pattern: Separated Presentation

Presentation (View)

Presentation Logic

Domain

Domain Logic in Presentation

Presentation (View)

Presentation Logic

Business Logic

Domain

Tip 1

Separate domain data

- Separate domain logic
- Consider object orientation

Domain Class

```
public class Contact {
  private String givenName;
  private String surname;
  private String phone;
  public String getPhone() {
    return phone;
  public void setPhone(String newPhone) {
    phone = newPhone;
```

With Bound Properties

```
public class Contact extends Bean {
  public static final String PROPERTY PHONE
      = "phone";
  public void setPhone(String newPhone) {
    String oldPhone = getPhone();
    phone = newPhone;
    firePropertyChange(
        PROPERTY PHONE, oldPhone, newPhone);
  ...
```

Pattern: Autonomous View

Presentation (View)

Presentation Logic

Autonomous View I

```
public class ContactEditorDialog extends JDialog {
   private final Contact contact;
   private JTextField givenNameField;
   public ContactEditorDialog(Contact contact) { ... }
   private void initComponents() { ... }
   private void initEventHandling() { ... }
   private JComponent buildContent() { ... }
```

Autonomous View II

```
class OKAction extends AbstractAction {
   private OKAction() {
       super("OK");
   }
   public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
       ...
   }
}
```

Tip 2

Separate presentation from presentation logic

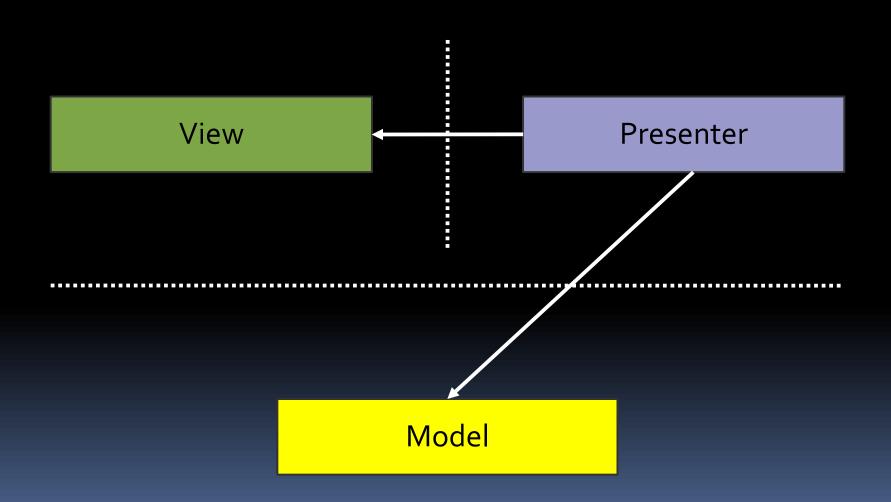
Separated Presentation Logic

Presentation (View)

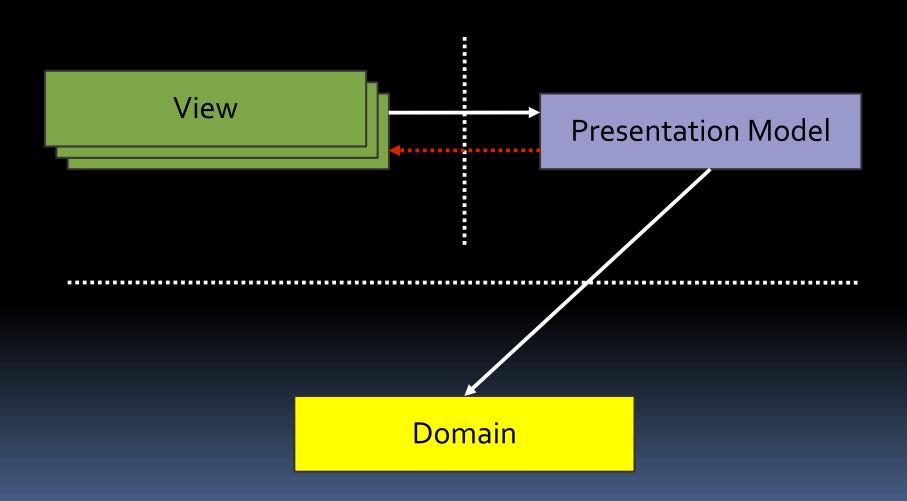
Presentation Logic

Domain

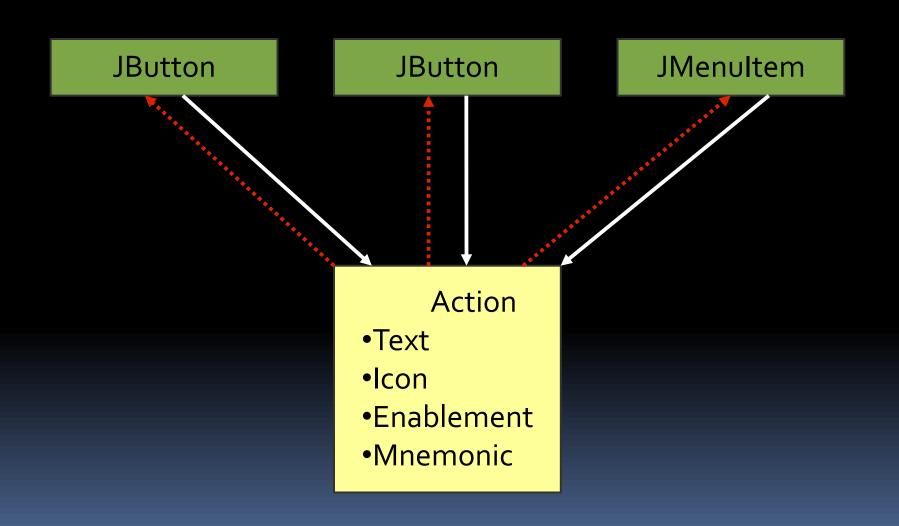
Pattern: Model-View-Presenter



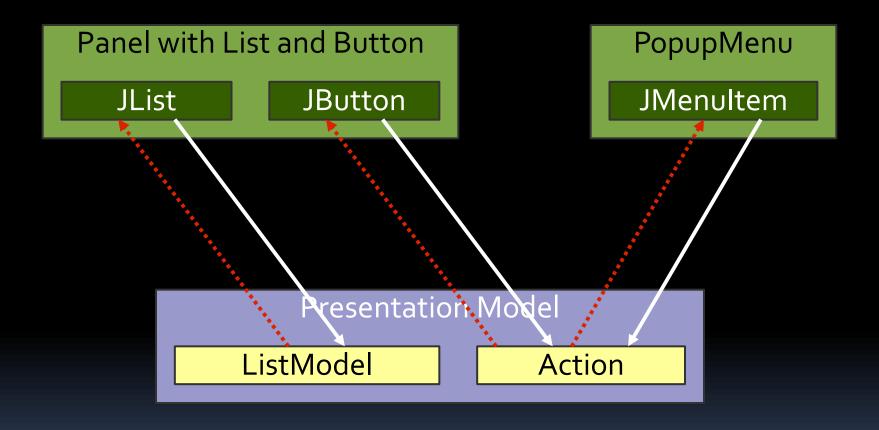
Pattern: Presentation Model



Action with Multiple Views



PM: Multiple Views



Domain

Implementation Patterns

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"Desktop Patterns & Data Binding"

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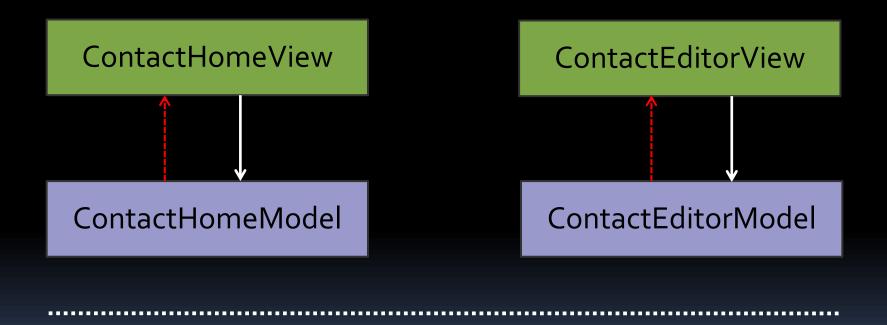
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Contact Example



Contact

ContactEditorView

```
ContactEditorView 1.19

ContactEditorView(ContactEditorModel)

initComponents(): void

initBindings(): void

showDialog(EventObject): void

buildContent(): JComponent
```

ContactEditorView (1/4)

```
final class ContactEditorView {
 private final ContactEditorModel model;
 private JTextField givenNameField;
 private JTextField surnameField;
 private JTextField phoneField;
 private JButton okButton;
 ContactEditorView(ContactEditorModel model) {
    this.model = model;
    initComponents();
    initBindings();
```

- Build dialogs, frames, panels
- Extend JDialog, JFrame, JPanel if necessary.
 Do you extend or use HashMap?

Use view superclasses judicously

Too Many Superclasses

JGoodies Abstract Dialog JGoodies Default Dialog

CompanyAbstractDialog
CompanyDefaultDialog
CompanyValidationDialog

ProjectDefaultDialog

Use view superclasses judicously

- Favor composition over inheritance
- Consider interfaces or a single superclass for:
 - ensuring consistency
 - life-cycle

- Write for the reader
- Reduce visibilities
 - Classes
 - Fields
 - Methods
- Mark as final
- Follow Joshua Blochs "Effective Java" tips

ContactEditorView (2/4)

```
private void initComponents() {
 JGComponentFactory factory =
   JGComponentFactory.getCurrent();
 givenNameField = factory.createTextField();
  surnameField = factory.createTextField();
 phoneField = factory.createPhoneField();
 faxField
                = factory.createFaxField();
                = factory.createEmailField();
 emailField
  tagsField
                = factory.createTextField();
 Options.setSelectOnFocusGainEnabled(
     tagsField, false);
 okButton = factory.createButton(); // No text
```

- Use a component factory
 - extensible
 - exchangeable
 - shared by multiple projects
 - project specific

 Consider special component types, e.g. for: Email, Money, Power, Weight, Lengths, etc.

ContactEditorView (3/4)

```
private void initBindings() {
  Binder binder = Binders.binderFor(model);
  binder.bindBeanProperty("givenName")
        .to(givenNameField);
  binder.bindBeanProperty("surname")
        .to(surnameField);
  binder.bindBeanProperty("phone")
        .to(phoneField);
  binder.bindAction("OK").to(okButton);
```

ContactEditorView (3a/4)

```
private void initBindings() {
  Binder binder = Binders.binderFor(model);
 binder.bindBeanProperty(PROPERTY GIVEN NAME)
        .to(givenNameField);
 binder.bindBeanProperty(PROPERTY SURNAME)
        .to(surnameField);
 binder.bindBeanProperty(PROPERTY PHONE)
        .to(phoneField);
 binder.bindAction(ACTION OK).to(okButton);
```

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ContactEditorView (3/4)

```
private JComponent buildContent() {
 FormLayout layout = new FormLayout(
    "pref, $lcgap, 74dlu, 2dlu, 74dlu",
    "p, $lg, p, $lg, p, $lg, p");
  PanelBuilder builder = new PanelBuilder(layout);
  builder.addLabel("&Given name:", CC.xy (1, 1));
 builder.add(givenNameField, CC.xyw(3, 1, 3));
 builder.addLabel("&Surname:", CC.xy (1, 3));
 builder.add(surnameField, CC.xyw(3, 3, 3));
 builder.addLabel("&Phone, Fax:", CC.xy (1, 5));
                                 CC.xy(3, 5));
 builder.add(phoneField,
                                  CC.xy(5, 5));
 builder.add(faxField,
  return builder.getPanel();
```

- Use a grid-based layout
 - MIGLayout
 - JGoodies FormLayout

- Avoid 2-pass-code
 - Describe the grid first
 - Then fill it with components without state

- Favor flat over nested layouts
- Nest sublayouts that are not aligned
- Write #build-methods for sublayouts

ContactEditorView (4/4)

```
void showDialog(EventObject e) {
    PropertyPane pane = new PropertyPane(
        buildContent(),
        okButton, CommandValue.CANCEL);

pane.showDialog(e, "Contact Editor");
}
```

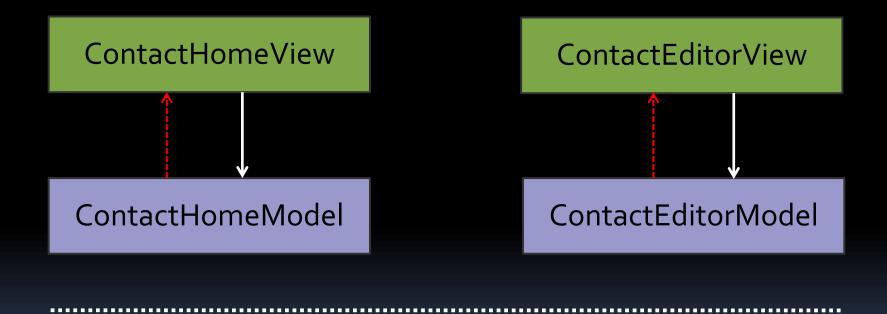
Separate content from decoration

- Here:
 - Editor content
 - Property dialog command area, borders, etc.

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Contact Example



Contact

ContactEditorModel (1/2)

```
public final class ContactEditorModel
    extends ActionPresentationModel<Contact> {
  private final ContactService service;
  private final EventBus eventBus;
  public ContactEditorModel(
            Contact contact,
            ContactService service,
            EventBus eventBus) {
     super(contact);
```

- Illustrate the object context
 - Which objects are used?
 - Who reads/writes data?
 - How will changes be reported to others?

E.g. use Constructor Injection

ContactEditorModel

```
ContactEditorModel 1.9

ContactEditorModel(Contact, ContactService, EventBus)

onOKPerformed(ActionEvent): void

SaveTask

ContactService, EventBus, boolean)

odoInBackground(): Contact

succeeded(Contact): void

failed(Throwable): void
```

- Consider a shorthand for Actions
- Know the @Action mechanism of the JSR 296 – Swing Application Framework

ContactEditorModel (2/2)

```
@Action
public void onOKPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
    // Save the data
    ...
}
```

ContactEditorModel (2a/2)

```
@Action(text="OK")
public void onOKPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
    // Commit pending edits
    TextComponentUtils.commitImmediately();
    // Save the data
    ...
}
```

- Know the JSR 296 Swing App Framework
 - organizes, simplifies, standardizes
 - Resource management
 - Action management
 - Background tasks

Swing Application Framework

For details see:

JGoodies.com -> Downloads -> Presentations

"JSR 296 – Swing App Framework"

 Show clearly, which events are handled by the presentation logic

- Use a shorthand similar to @Action
 - PropertyChangeListener
 - ListSelectionListener
 - Popup trigger
 - Double-click

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ContactHomeModel

```
G ContactHomeModel 1.14
     ContactHomeModel(ContactService, EventBus)
        initEventHandling(): void
        getContactsModel(): ListModel
        getContactsSelectionModel(): ListSelectionModel
        onNewPerformed(ActionEvent): void
        onEditPerformed(ActionEvent): void
        onDeletePerformed(ActionEvent) : DeleteTask
        onDoubleClick(MouseEvent): void
        onPopupTriggered(MouseEvent): JPopupMenu
        onListSelectionChanged(ListSelectionEvent): void
    onContactInserted(ContactInsertedEvent): void
    onContactUpdated(ContactUpdatedEvent) : void
    onContactRemoved(ContactRemovedEvent): void
        onLoadTaskSucceeded(List<Contact>): void
        loadList(): void
        editItem(EventObject, Contact) : void
        getSelection(): Contact
        LoadTask
        DeleteTask
```

ContactHomeModel

```
@ListSelectionListener
public void onListSelectionChanged(
    ListSelectionEvent e) {
    // Enable/disable the Edit and Delete Action
}
@DoubleClickListener
public void onDoubleClickPerformed(MouseEvent e) {
    editItem(e, getSelection());
}
```

- Standardize the client source structure
 - Sections
 - (Method) names
 - Method order
 - API

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        onDoubleClick(MouseEvent): void
        onPopupTriggered(MouseEvent): JPopupMenu
        onListSelectionChanged(ListSelectionEvent): void
    onContactInserted(ContactInsertedEvent): void
    onContactUpdated(ContactUpdatedEvent) : void
    onContactRemoved(ContactRemovedEvent): void
        onLoadTaskSucceeded(List<Contact>): void
        loadList(): void
        editItem(EventObject, Contact) : void
        getSelection(): Contact
        LoadTask
        DeleteTask
```

Duty

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 - I-/O-operations
 - Server access
 - Service calls

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Tip 15

- Consider performing long tasks in the Event-Dispatch-Thread, if
 - most tasks perform in the twinkling of an eye
 - you cannot block the GUI [correctly]
 - your team doesn't master Swing's 1-thread-rule

Tip 16

- Write short
- Favor clear over short code

More vs. Less

```
private void initComponents() {
  givenNameField = factory.createTextField();
private void initBindings() {
 binder.bindBeanProperty(PROPERTY GIVEN NAME)
        .to(givenNameField);
private void initComponents() {
  givenNameField = bindingFactory
    .createBoundTextField(PROPERTY GIVEN NAME);
```

Very Short

```
private JComponent buildContent() {
    return BeanBuilder.createEditor(Contact.class);
}
```

Tip 17

- Avoid implicit operations, that
 - Nobody knows
 - Nobody understands
 - Nobody documents
 - Nobody maintains
 - You can't debug
- Automatic data binding
- Automatic form construction using reflection

Tip 18

Use views, that can be shown without context

- Already done in MVP
- Possible in Presentation Model

Model Access in PM-View

```
private void initComponents() {
  okButton = new JButton(
             // NPE if model == null
             model.getAction(ACTION OK));
ContactEditorView(ContactEditorModel model) {
   this.model = model;
   initComponents();
   if (model != null) {
      initBindings();
```

Tip 19

- Write JavaDocs that increase the readability
 - Avoid repeating method names
 - Avoid empty tags
 - Follow standards (write in 3rd person, etc.)
 - Does the comment add value or blur sources?
 - Use static checks (by the IDE, CheckStyle)

Criteria for Good Style

- Short
- Simple, easy to understand
- Stable against changes
 - Pattern MVP vs. PM
 - With or without visual editor
 - Component factory
 - Binding system
 - Layout
 - Toolkit
 - Language

Tip 20: Clean Up

Factor out:

- Domain data, business logic, services
- Component construction
- Action construction, Listener construction
- Resource management
- Event system (EventBus)
- Mechanism for background tasks
- Standard layouts
- Standard dialogs

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Visual Patterns

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ContactHomeView

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ContactHomeView(ContactHomeModel)

initComponents(): void

initBindings(): void

initEventHandling(): void

buildPanel(): JComponent

buildButtonBar(): JComponent

ContactTableModel
```

ContactHomeView Panel Layout

```
private JComponent buildPanel() {
  FormLayout layout = new FormLayout(
       "fill:250dlu:grow",
       "p, $1cg, fill:200dlu, $rgap, p");
  PanelBuilder builder = new PanelBuilder(layout);
  builder.addLabel("&Contacts:", CC.xy(1, 1));
 builder.add(
      new JScrollPane(contactsTable), CC.xy(1, 3));
                               CC.xy(1, 5));
 builder.add(buildButtonBar(),
  return builder.getPanel();
```

ContactHomeView Button Bar I

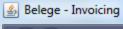
```
private JComponent buildButtonBar() {
  FormLayout layout = new FormLayout(
       "pref, 4px, pref, 4px, pref",
       "p");
  PanelBuilder builder = new PanelBuilder(layout);
  builder.add(newButton, CC.xy(1, 1));
  builder.add(editButton, CC.xy(3, 1));
  builder.add(deleteButton, CC.xy(5, 1));
  return builder.getPanel();
```

ContactHomeView Button Bar II

```
private JComponent buildButtonBar() {
   return new ButtonBarBuilder()
        .addButton(newButton, editButton, deleteButton)
        .getPanel();
}
```

Tip 21

- Search for similar panels, subpanels, forms, ...
- Build it consistently with:
 - Panel building code (nested)
 - Grid filling code (embedded)
 - Visual components (Beans)









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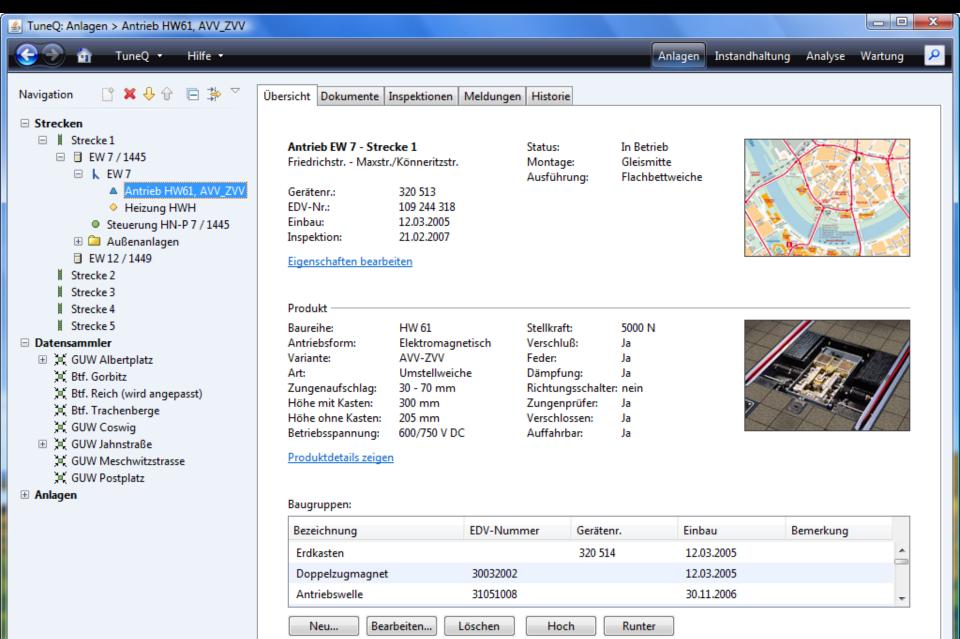
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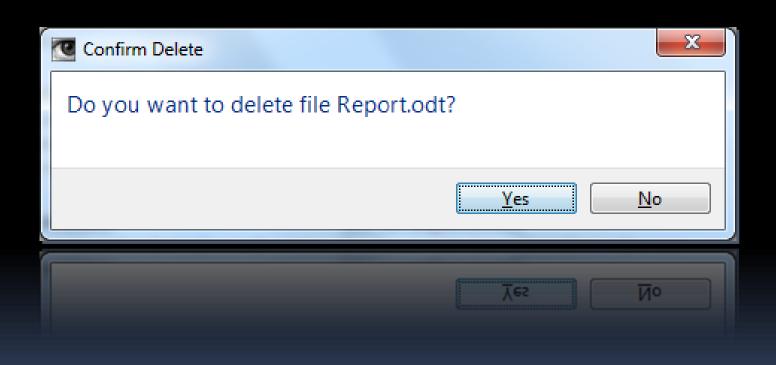


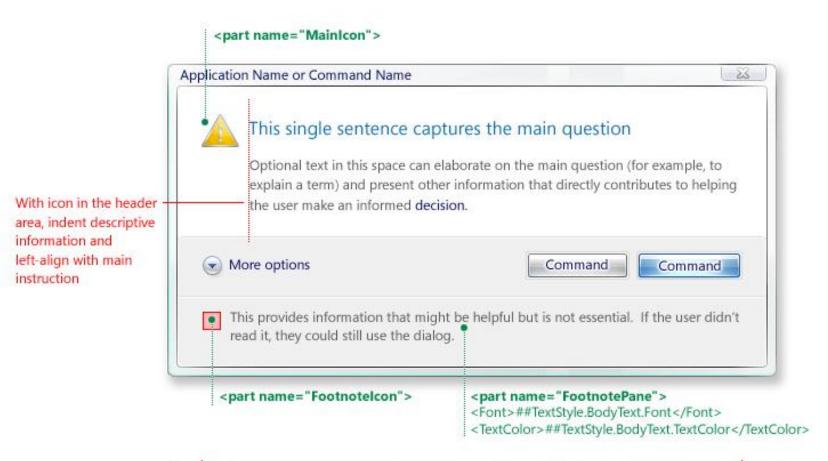
ListViewBuilder

```
private JComponent buildPanel() {
   return new ListViewBuilder()
        .title("&Contacts:")
        .listView(contactsTable))
        .listBar(newButton, editButton, deleteButton)
   // .detailsView(...)
        .build();
}
```

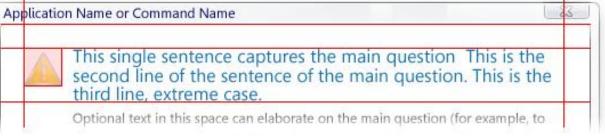
ContactHomeModel 1

```
@Action
public void onDeletePerformed(ActionEvent e) {
  Contact selection = view.getSelection();
  String objectName = selection.getDisplayString();
  TaskPane pane = new TaskPane(
   MessageType.QUESTION,
    "Do you want to delete " + objectName + "?",
    CommandValue.YES, CommandValue.NO);
  pane.showDialog(e, "Delete Contact");
  if (pane.getCommitValue() == CommandValue.YES) {
      // Delete the selection
```

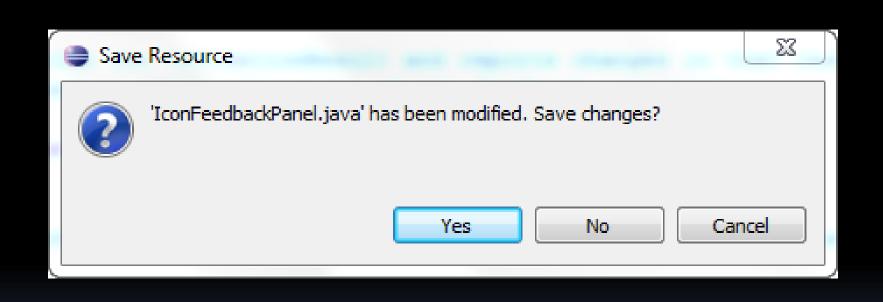


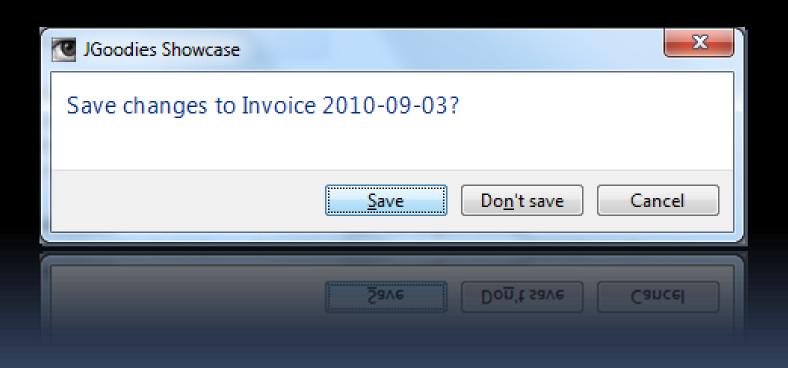


Task dialog automatically expands and top aligns longer main instruction text strings









Style Guide Compliance API

```
@ActionListener
public void onDeletePerformed(ActionEvent e) {
  Contact selection = view.getSelection();
  String objectName = selection.getDisplayString();
 boolean proceed = MessagePanes.getCurrent()
    .showConfirmation(e,
    "Delete Contact",
    "Do you want to delete " + objectName + "?");
  if (proceed) {
      // Delete the selection
```

Class MessagePanes

```
#showError(...)
#showAwarenessWarning(...)
#showImminentProblem(...)
#showInformation(...)
#showConfirmation(...)
#showRiskyActionConfirmation(...)
#showHelp(...)
```

Standard Dialogs

```
@ActionListener
public void onDeletePerformed(ActionEvent e) {
  Contact selection = view.getSelection();
  String objectName = selection.getDisplayString();
 boolean proceed = StandardPanes.getCurrent()
    .showDeleteConfirmation(e, objectName);
  if (proceed) {
      // Delete the selection
```

Class StandardPanes

```
#showDeleteConfirmation(...)
#showRiskyDeleteConfirmation(...)
#showExitConfirmation(...)
#showSaveChangesConfirmation(...)
#showSaveAllChangesConfirmation(...)
#showNotYetImplemented(...)
#showNotYetTestedConfirmation(...)
```

Visual Patterns (Meta Design)

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"Efficient Swing Design"

More Information

- Martin Fowler: Further P of EAA
 - google "Organizing Presentation Logic"
- Chris Ramsdale:
 Large scale application development and MVP

More Information: Human Factors

See the video:

"Warum so viele kluge Leute so schlechte Oberflächen entwickeln" – German only

"Why so many smart people develop poor GUIs"

ContactHomeModel

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G ContactHomeModel 1.14
     ContactHomeModel(ContactService, EventBus)
        initEventHandling(): void
        getContactsModel(): ListModel
        getContactsSelectionModel(): ListSelectionModel
        onNewPerformed(ActionEvent): void
        onEditPerformed(ActionEvent): void
        onDeletePerformed(ActionEvent) : DeleteTask
        onDoubleClick(MouseEvent): void
        onPopupTriggered(MouseEvent): JPopupMenu
        onListSelectionChanged(ListSelectionEvent): void
    onContactInserted(ContactInsertedEvent): void
    onContactUpdated(ContactUpdatedEvent) : void
    onContactRemoved(ContactRemovedEvent): void
        onLoadTaskSucceeded(List<Contact>): void
        loadList(): void
        editItem(EventObject, Contact) : void
        getSelection(): Contact
        LoadTask
        DeleteTask
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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