

CS2832: MODULAR SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACES

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BEFORE WE START! (AGAIN)

Command Line Interface (CLI)





Graphical User Interface (GUI)

How?

By using Java packages

- AWT
- Swing
- SWT
- OpenJFX / JavaFX
- And many more…

Some facts!

• Java ≠ Javascript

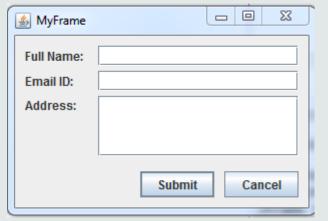
All classes in java are inherited from Object class.

Top-level containers

- JFrame (What is usually the main container)
- JDialog (The small popups)

You can add to your project by,

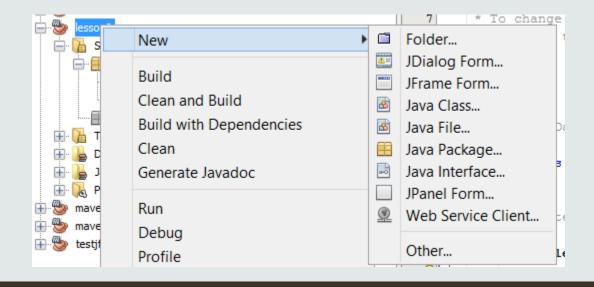
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 -> JFrame / JDialog Form

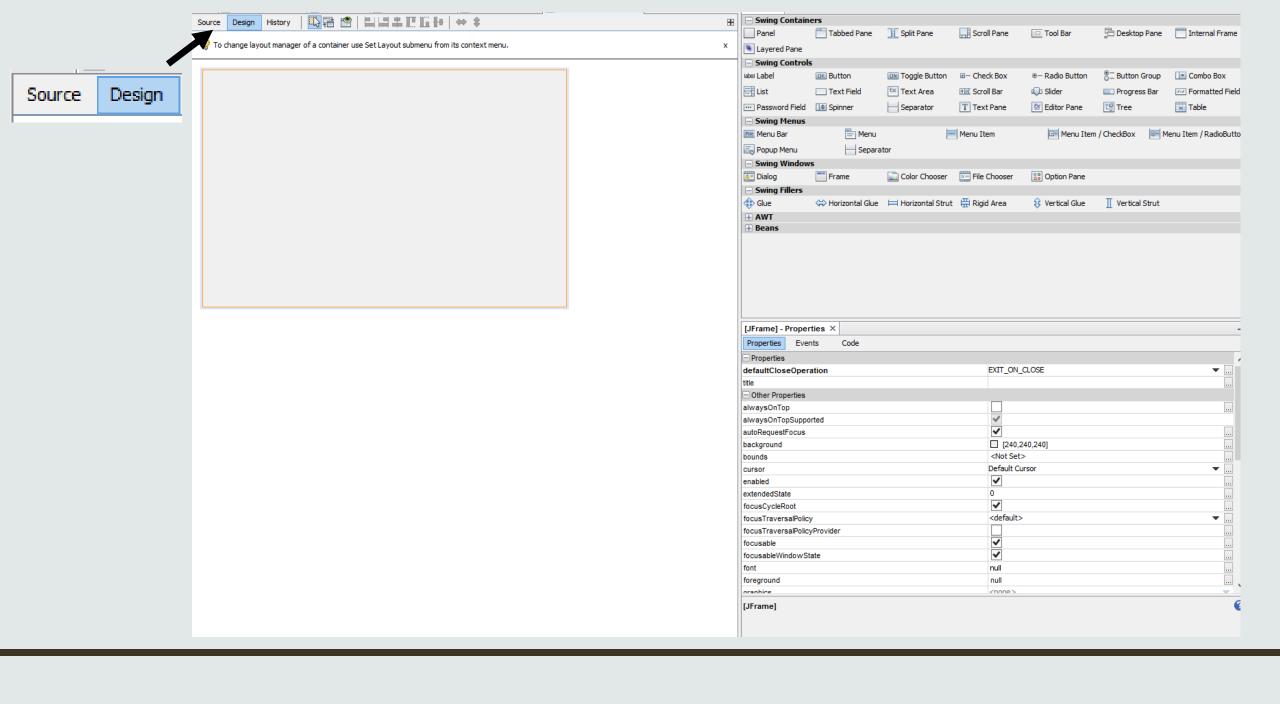


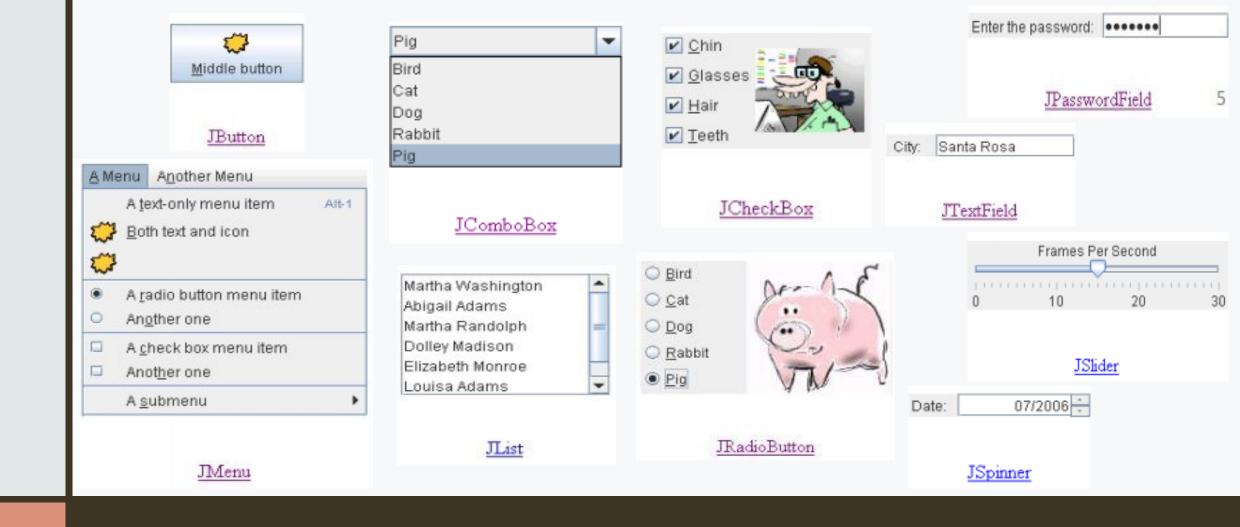


JDialog









Some swing components

Which one to use?

Assume that you have to chose the perfect **GUI** component for getting the user's agreement for the Enduser license agreement.

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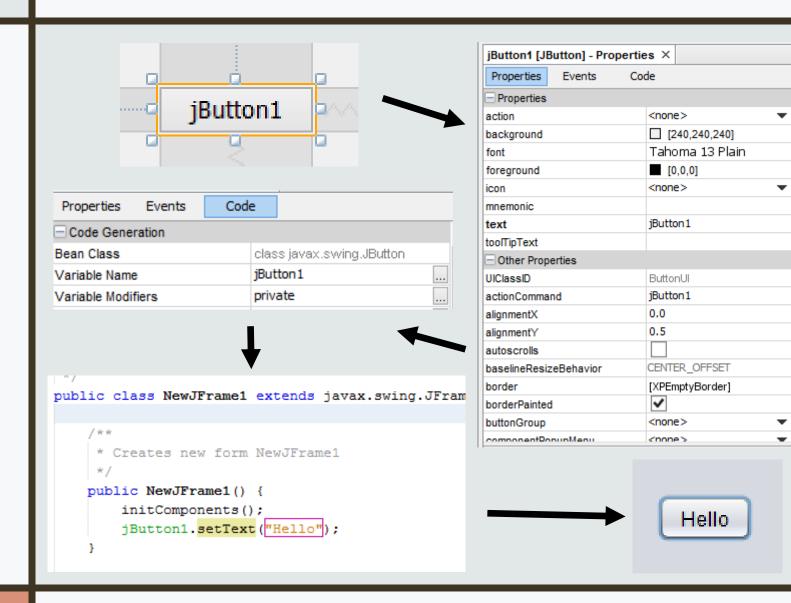
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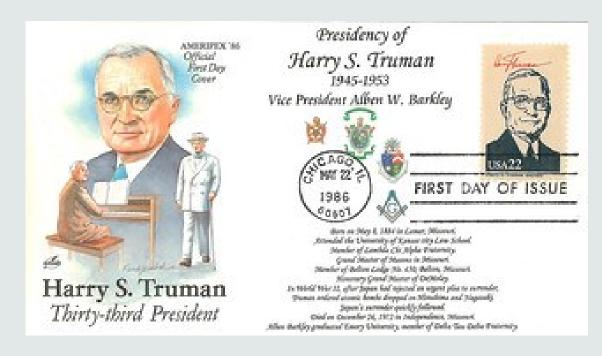
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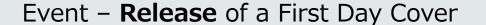
Component properties

You can change via,

- The IDE (In situations where you are starting off with that property)
- Code (If you want to change while running the program)





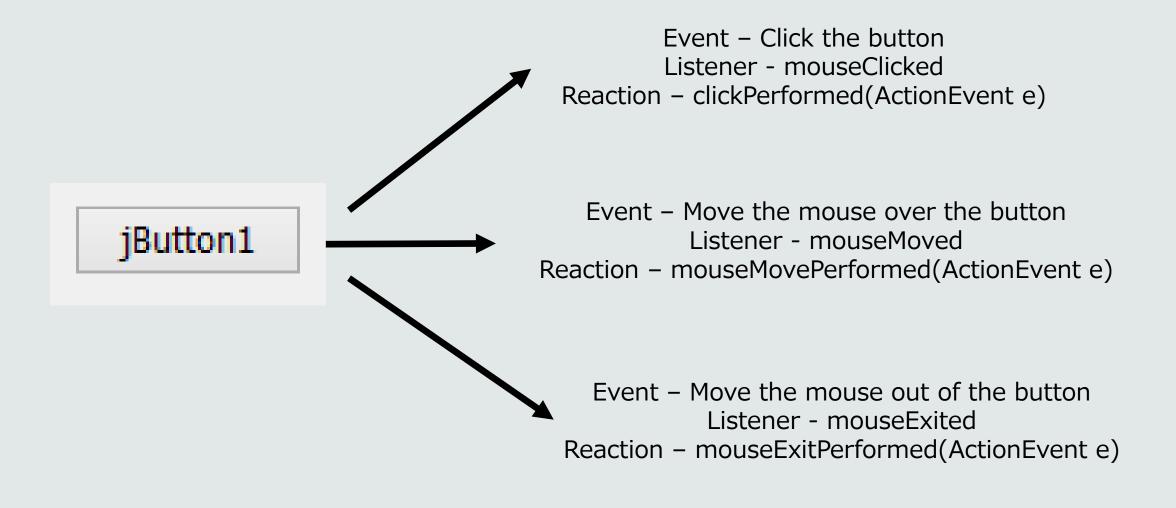


Listener - Postal Service in Sri Lanka

Reaction - **Send** the First Day Cover to the home

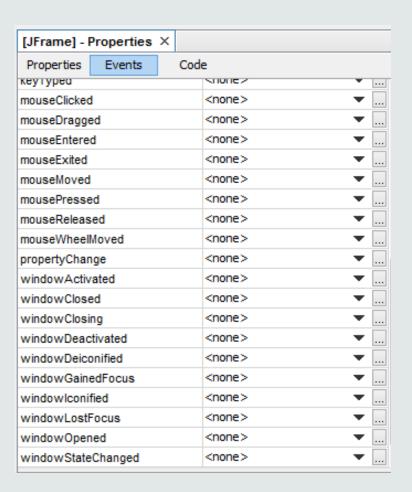






Event Listeners

- Listeners are objects which "listen" for a particular event and then react to it.
- Listeners comes as interfaces found in java.awt.event.
- WindowListener
- ActionListener

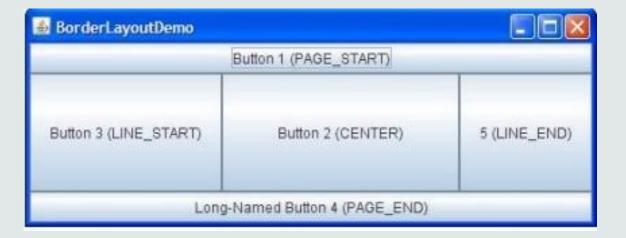


Some interesting ActionListner Methods

- Object getSource()
 - Returns the object that fired the event.
 - Ex evt.getSource()
- int getModifiers()
 - Returns an integer representing the modifier keys the user was pressing when the action event occurred.
 - Ex evt.getModifiers()

Layout managers

- Different layout managers specify different ways of placing components.
- NetBeans provide "Free Design" option which is very flexible.
- You can also select a layout as well by, Right click -> Set layout -> Select some layout



BorderLayout

Some interesting points regarding certain GUI components

- JComboBox
 - jcbox1.addItem("Mr.");
 - jcbox1.getSelectedItem();
- JCheckBox
 - jchkbox1.isSelected();
 - jchkbox1.setSelected(false);
- JList
 - jList1.getSelectedValuesList() (or getSelectedValue())
- jRadioButton Only one button from a group can be selected
 - ButtonGroup gender = new ButtonGroup(); group.add(radioButton1); (or by the properties window)
 - boolean sel = jRadioButton1.isSelected()

THANK YOU!

IF YOU HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS, PLEASE
BRING THEM UP IN
THE FORUMS!

