

[20+ Free Look and Feel Libraries for Java Swings](#)

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Java comes with a very few built in look and feels. In this article we shall see various free and a few commercial look and feel libraries that you can use to spice up your swing applications.

The Look and Feel Libraries are broadly divided into two categories.

1. Skinnable
2. Non-Skinnable

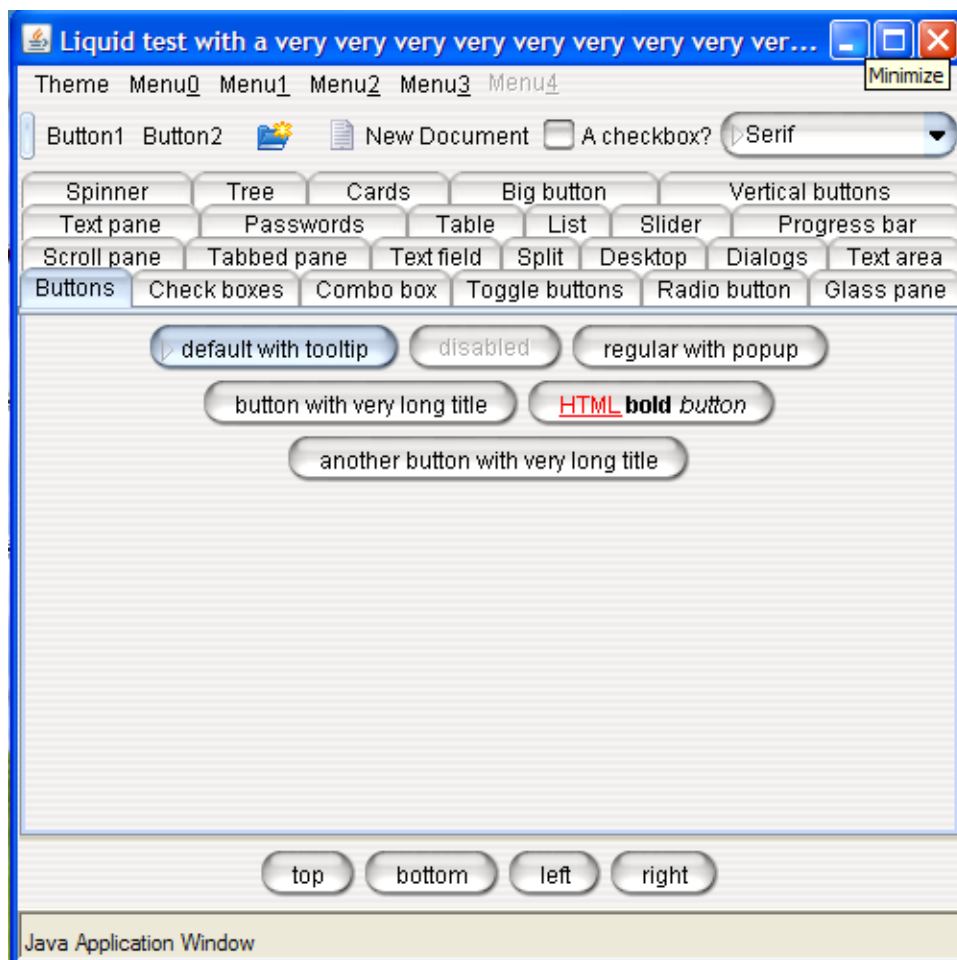
Skinnable look and feel can not only change the look and feel of wigets in your application but can also change the look and feel you window title bars and borders.

For Example:



Non Skinnable look and feel do not change the appearance of your title bars. They only change the look anf feel of other widgets.

For Example



Below we shall see various Look and Feels for Java Applications.

Sponsored Links

[Easynth](#)

Easynth look and feel is synth based

[Oyoaha Look and Feel](#)

Oyoaha is a theme based LAF with animation

[Skin Look And Feel](#)

Skin look and feel can KDE and Gtk environment look

[Substance](#)

Provides a provide a configurable and customizable production-quality Java look and feel library for Swing application

[LipstikLF](#)

LipstiKLF is provides look and feel of KDE theme engine.

[FH Look And Feel](#)

Project is an open source look and Feel

[TinyLAF](#)

TinyLAF is provides look and feel that is a (mostly painted) pluggable for Java 1.4..

[Napkin Look And Feel](#)

The Napkin Look & Feel is a pluggable Java look and feel that looks like it was scrawled on a napkin.

[InfoNode Look And Feel](#)

InfoNode is java swing look and feel based on metal theme

[NimROD Look And Feel](#)

NimROD Look & Feel is an extension of the Metal Look & Feel

[Office Look And Feels](#)

provide support for Look and Feels modeling Microsoft Office XP and Microsoft Office 2003 applications

[PgsLookAndFeel](#)

It aims be a very modern cross-platform LookAndFeel.

[Synthetica](#)

Synthetica is a 'Look and Feel' for Swing and is based on Synth

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[JGoodies](#)

provides a plastic look & feel make your UI Look better

[Liquid Look And Feel](#)

It is based on Mosfet's liquid for KDE.

[Quaqua Look And Feel](#)

provides c look & feel similar to Mac OSs

[Squareness Look and Feel](#)

provides flat look and feel with bright colors .

[Tonic Look And Feel](#)

It has look and feel of Swing, 'Metal'.

[Alloy Look And Feel](#)

The Alloy Look and Feel enables developers to dramatically improve the user interfaces .

[JTattoo](#)

JTattoo consists of several different Look and Feels for Swing applications..

[EaSynth](#)

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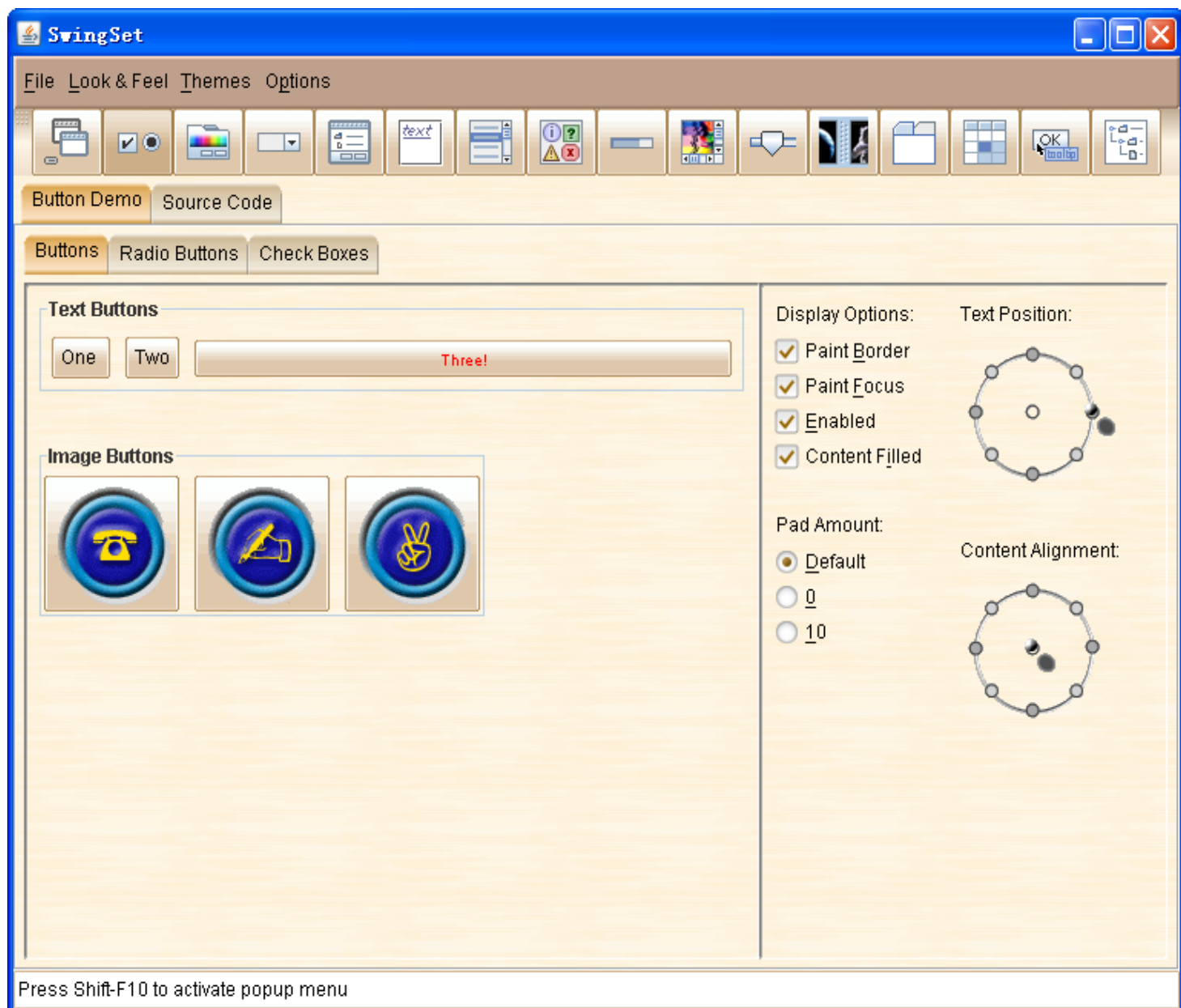
Development: *Active*

Size: *347Kb*

JRE: *5 or above*

Skinnable: *Yes*

EaSynth look and feel is a Synth based look and feel, the name \"EaSynth\" comes from \"Easy Synth\", because this look and feel is generated by EaSynth look and feel designer, this can be much easier than doing it manually. EaSynth look and feel and its source code (including the XML, Painter and GraphicsUtils classes java code and look and feel project file) will be released under the Apache License 2.0 very soon. Now you can get the stand-alone look and feel JAR file inside the EaSynth Look And Feel Designer package and integrate it into your application.



[Oyoaha](#)

License: *Free Apache Like License,*

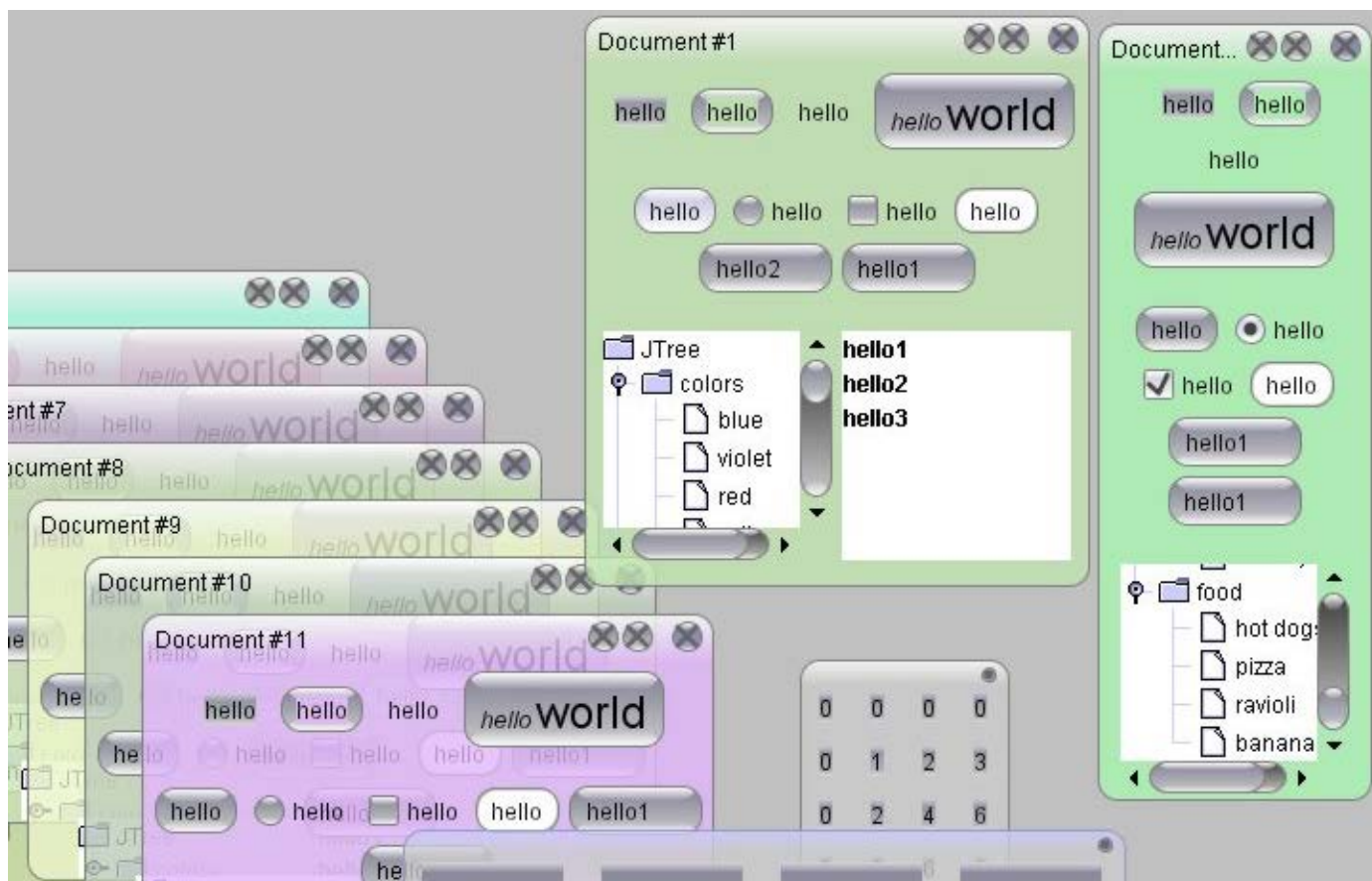
Development: *Active,*

Size: *382 Kb*

JRE: *4 or above*

Skinnable: *Yes*

Oyoaha look and feel is an open source project similar to EaSynth .It introduces new feature like transparency, sounds and is Skinnable



[Skin Look And Feel](#)

License: *Free Apache Like License,*

Development: *Active,*

Size: *382 Kb*

JRE: *4 or above*

Skinnable: *Yes*

Skin Look And Feel is able to load theme packs (a bundle of GTK - The Gimp Toolkit - and KDE - The K Desktop Environment - skins).It Enhances your application GUI controls such as Buttons, Checks, Radios, Scrollbars, Progress Bar, Lists, Tables, Internal Frames, Colors, Background Textures, Regular Windows. Skin Look And Feel (aka SkinLF) also includes NativeSkin to create irregular windows.



[Substance](#)

License: *BSD License*,

Development: *Active*,

Size: *3.4 Mb*

JRE: *5 or above*

Skinnable: *Yes*

Substance Java look & feel is a project to provide a modern look & feel that combines graphic ideas from Windows XP / Vista and MacOS 10.4. The Substance library adds many more cool L&F to java applications. These look and feels provide many additional features which the built in look and feels do not have:

Themed Title Bar ,Configurable Button Shapes,Animated Progress bars etc



[FH Look And Feel](#)

License: *GPL License*

Development: *Active*

Size: *1.0 Mb*

JRE: *5 or above*

Skinnable: *No*

FH look and feel, is a open source project .Provides Change of borders, textures and icons along with the change of theme.



[Info Look And Feel](#)

License: *GPL and Commercial License*

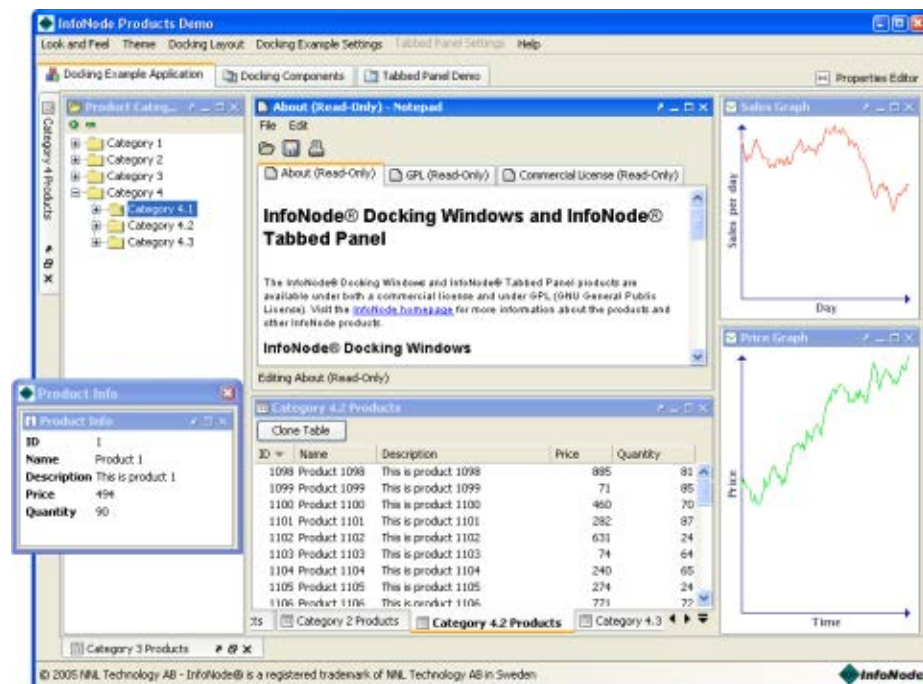
Development: *Active*

Size: *145kb*

JRE: 5 or above

Skinnable: No

it is a Java Swing look and feel based on the Metal look and feel. It's designed to have a slim, clean appearance. It has support for themes.



[JGoodies Look](#)

License: BSD License

Development: Active

Size: 2.0 Mb

JRE: 4 or above

Skinnable: No

The JGoodies look&feels make your Swing applications and applets look better. They have been optimized for readability, precise micro-design and usability.



[LipstikLE](#)

License: GPL License 2

Development: *Active*

Size: *2.0 Mb*

JRE: *4 or above*

Skinnable: *No*

LipstickLF is a Java Swing look and feel based on KDE Environment. Despite many Swing LookAndFeels none of them suits well with native Kde apps decorated by Lipstik engine. This one makes KDE user's life a bit sweeter imitating Lipstik look. Although it's not exactly (pixel-to-pixel) the same as original, it should give you a nice impression



[Liquid Look And Feel](#)

License: *GPL and Commercial License*

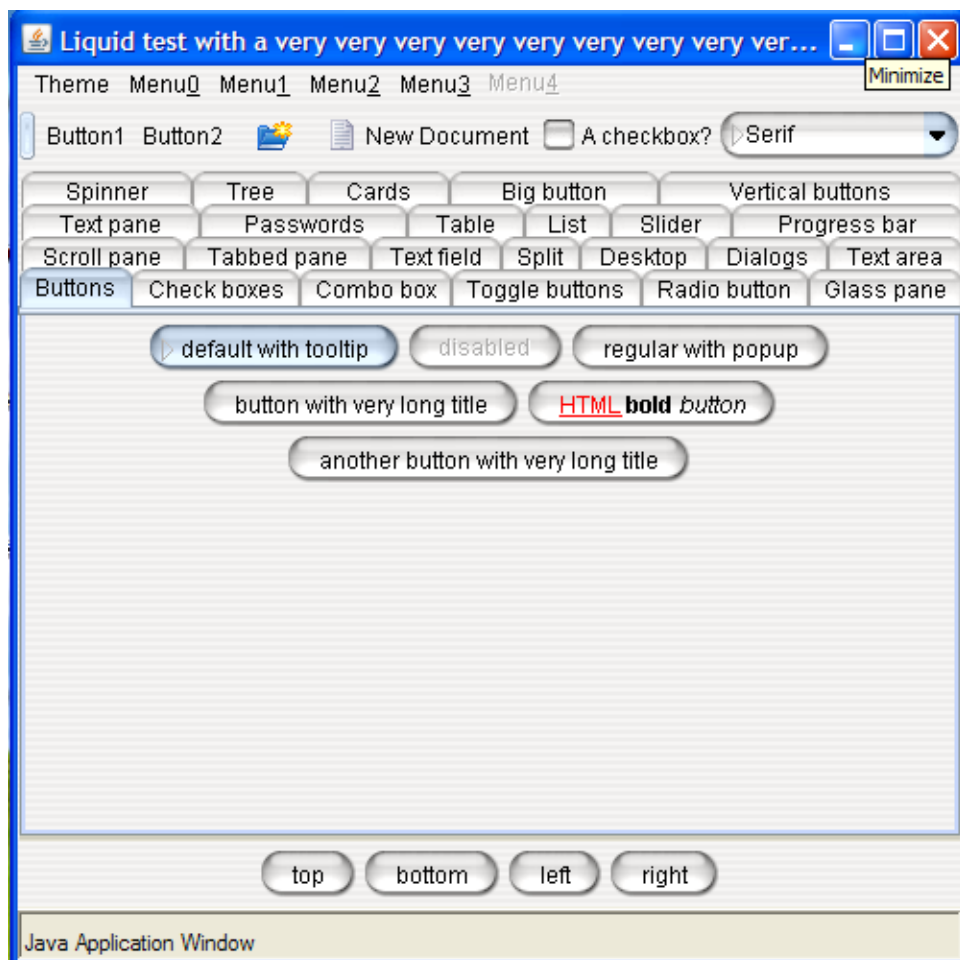
Development: *Active*

Size: *395kb*

JRE: *5 or above*

Skinnable: *No*

Liquid is a new look and feel for Java GUI applications based on Swing. It is based on Mosfet's Liquid 0.9.6 theme for KDE 3.x.



[NimRod Look And Feel](#)

License: *LGPL License*

Development: *Active*

Size: *198kb*

JRE: *5 or above*

Skinnable: *No*

NimROD Look & Feel is an extension of the Metal Look & Feel. The user is able to change the colours with properties.



[Napkin Look And Feel](#)

License: *BSD License*

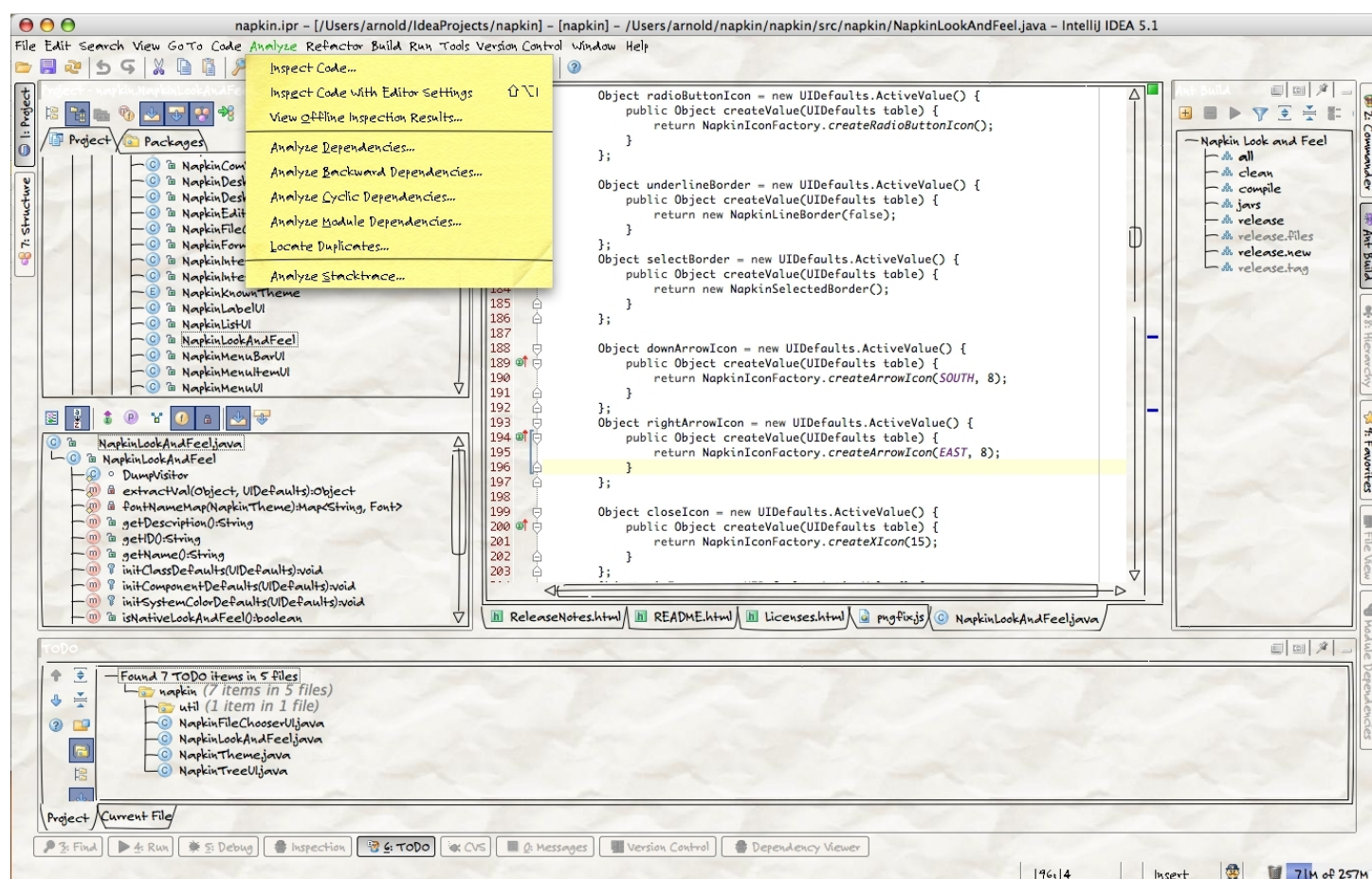
Development: *Active*

Size: *198kb*

JRE: *5 or above*

Skinnable: No

Makes your Java Swing applications to provide support for Look and Feels modeling Microsoft Office XP and Microsoft Office 2003 applications.



Office Look And Feel

License: **BSD License**

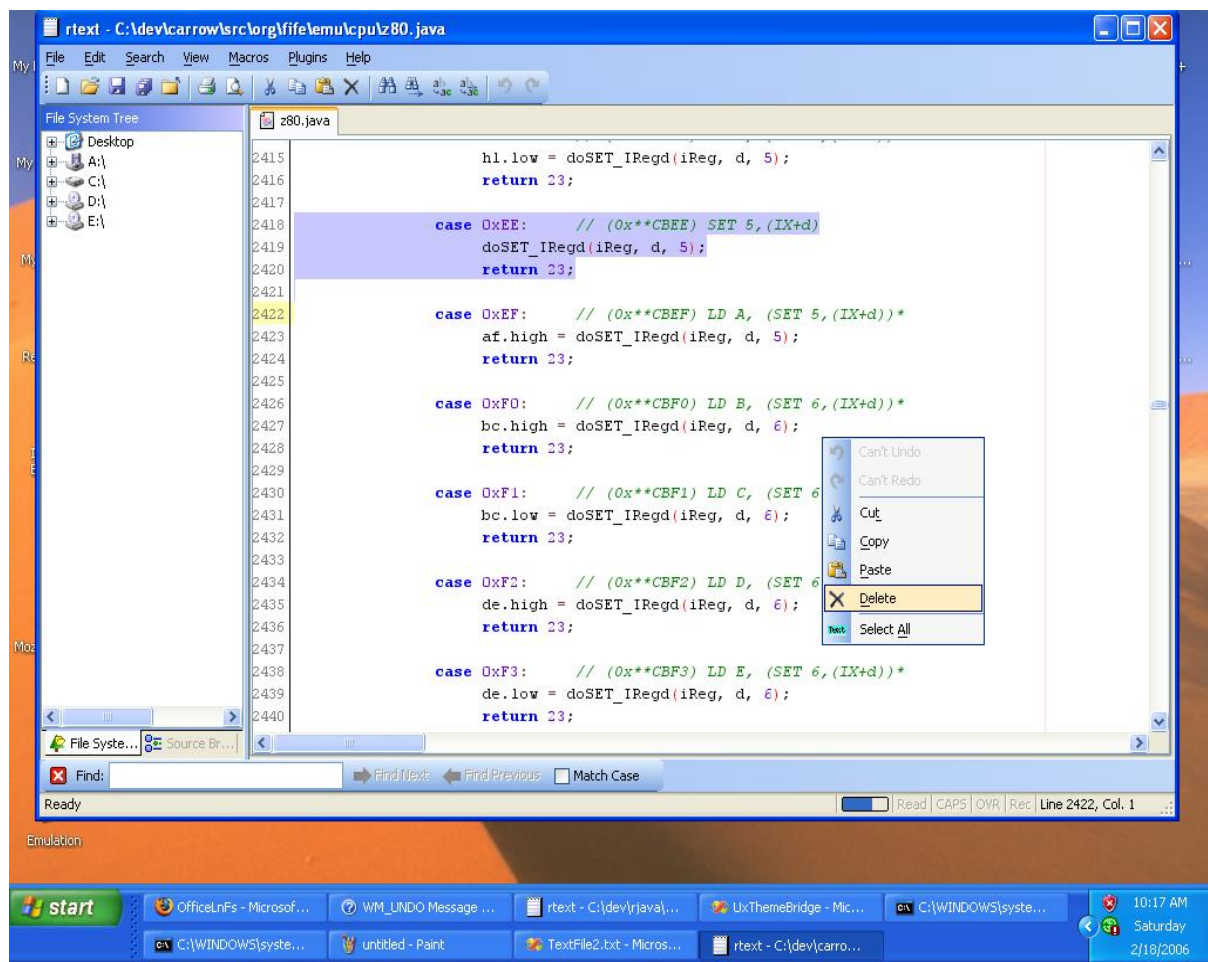
Development: **Active**

Size: **198kb**

JRE: **5 or above**

Skinnable: **No**

Makes your Java Swing applications to provide support for Look and Feels modeling Microsoft Office XP and Microsoft Office 2003 applications.



[PgslLookAndFeel](#)

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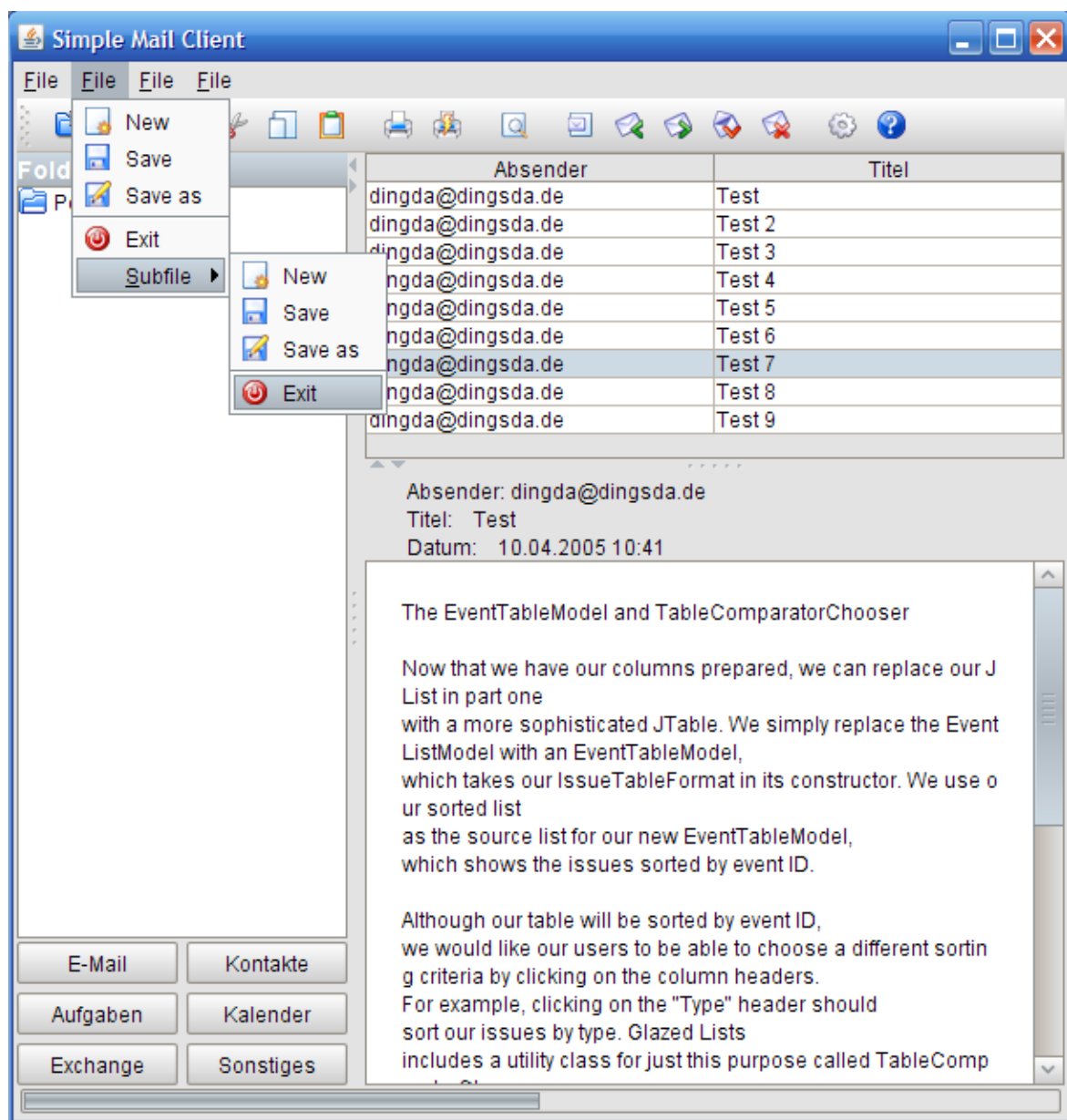
Development: *Active*

Size: *322kb*

JRE: *5 or above*

Skinnable: *No*

It aims be a very modern cross-platform LookAndFeel with nice features and much interaction for users.



[Quaqua Look And Feel](#)

License: *BSD License*

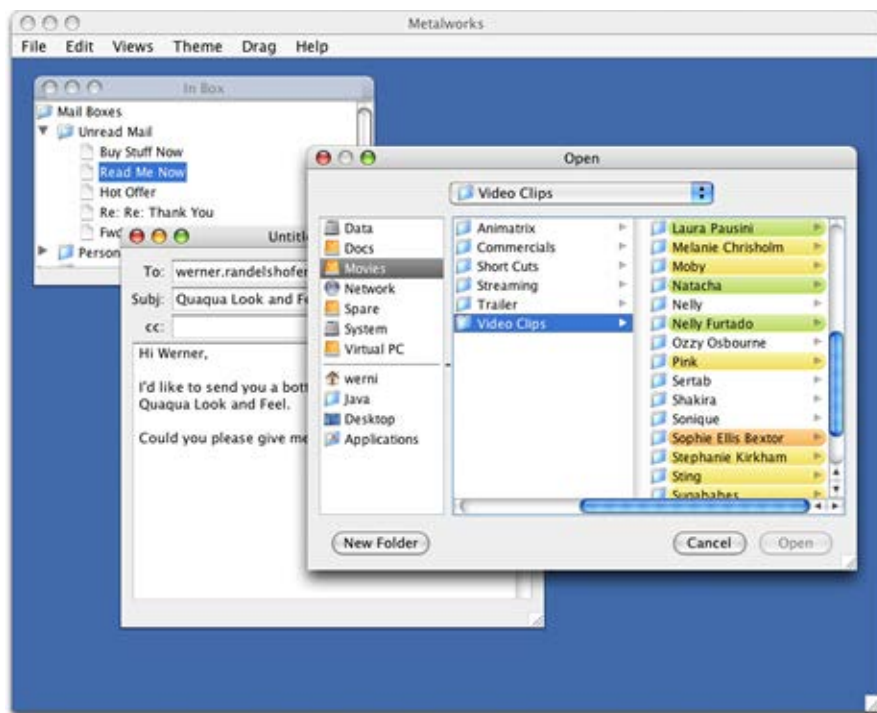
Development: *Active*

Size: *6.1Mb*

JRE: *1.3or above*

Skinnable: *No*

The Quaqua Look and Feel (Quaqua) is a user interface library for Java applications which wish to closely adhere to the Apple Human Interface Guidelines for Mac OS X.



[Squareness Look And Feel](#)

License: *Similar GPL License*

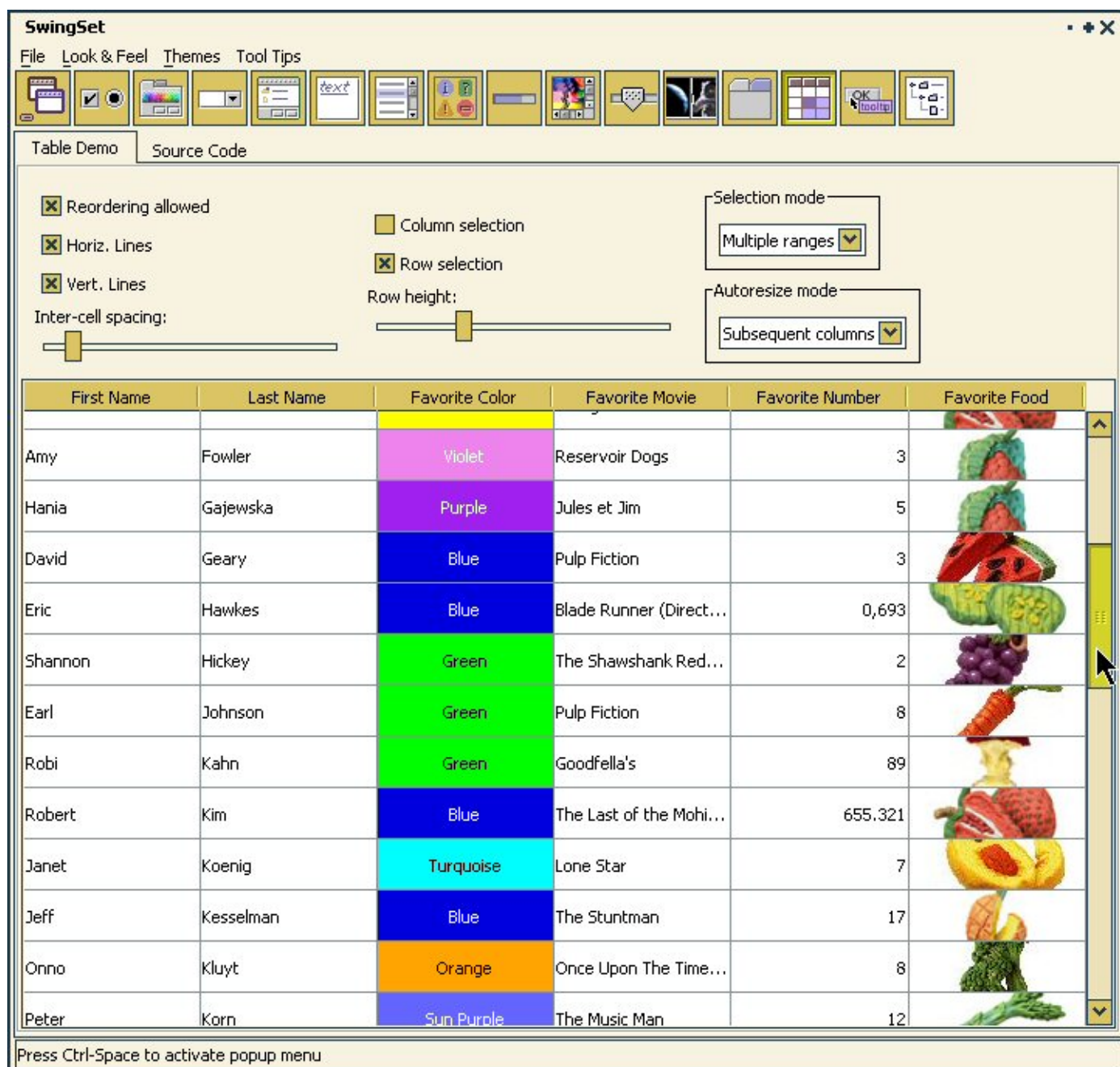
Development: *Active*

Size: *198kb*

JRE: *1.4or above*

Skinnable: *No*

It's a minimalistic flat look and feel with bright colors that are easy on the eyes. It's part of the Squareness skin suite. The suite provides skins for Windowblinds, Java, Firebird. It aims to deliver a consistent look and feel across all your applications.



[TinyLAF](#)

License: **GNU LGPL License**

Development: **Active**

Size: **198kb**

JRE: **5 or above**

Skinnable: **No**

This look and feel is a (mostly painted) pluggable Look and Feel for Java 1.4. TinyLaF can look like Windows 98 or like Windows XP. With the assistance of the control panel, the user can define the component's colors and behaviour.



[The Alloy Look And Feel](#)

License: *Commercial License*

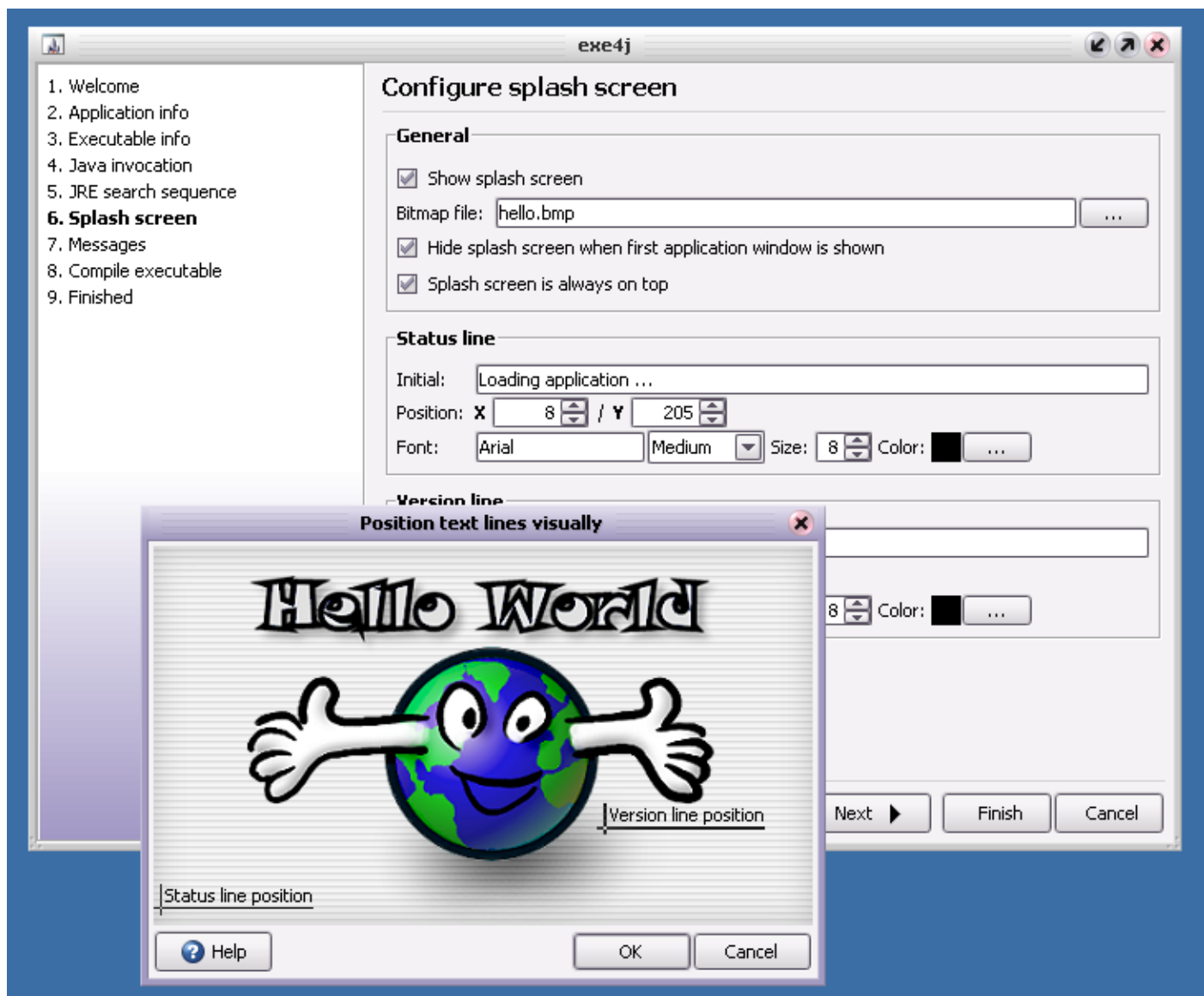
Development: *Active*

Size: *198kb*

JRE: *5 or above*

Skinnable: *No*

The Alloy Look and Feel, a new generation look and feel for Java™ Swing applications..



The Alloy Look and Feel enables developers to dramatically improve the user interfaces of Swing applications with minimal effort. With its unmatched appearance, an outstanding active feel, extensive functionality, and high performance there finally is a Java™ look and feel that closes the gap to the latest native GUIs without sacrificing performance or functionality.

[JTattoo](#)

License: *Free and Commercial License*

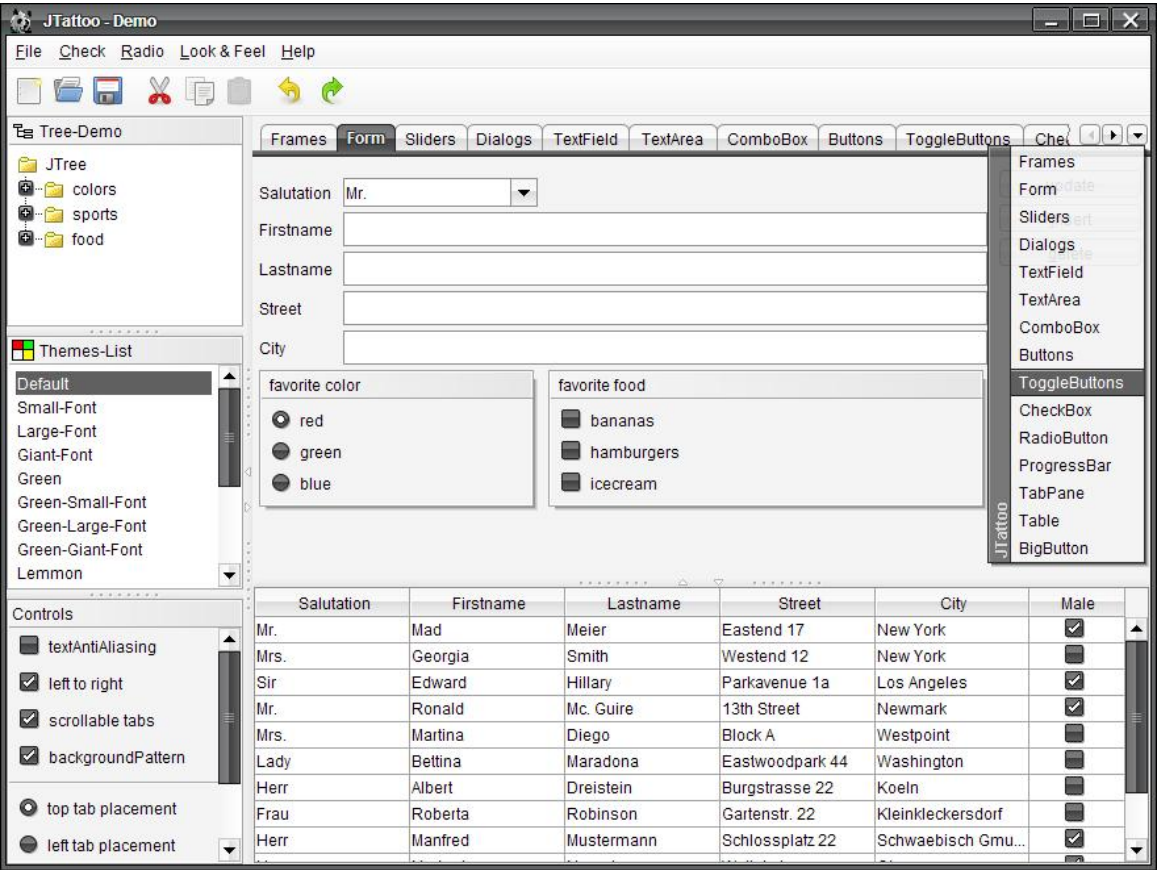
Development: *Active*

Size: *600kb*

JRE: *1.3 or above*

Skinnable: *yes*

JTattoo consists of several different Look and Feels for Swing applications. All of them enables developers to improve their application with an excellent user interface



Sythetica

License: *Commercial License*

Development: *Active*

Size: *600kb*

JRE: *5 or above*

Skinnable: *No*

Sythetica is a 'Look and Feel' for Swing and is based on Synth which is part of version 1.5 of the Java2 Platform, Standard Edition. It provides components with rounded borders, shadowed popup menus, nice icons and a new, fresh look. Moreover it enables you to modify existing LAF's, or to create your own LAF only by editing a XML based configuration file.

