

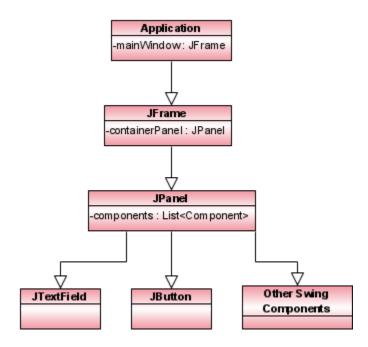
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Purpose of the Swing framework

The Swing framework is a crucial part of Java's Standard Library, specifically designed for creating graphical user interfaces (GUIs) that are rich in functionality and platform-independent. As a lightweight toolkit, Swing offers a wide array of pre-built components, including buttons ('JButton'), text fields ('JTextField'), labels, tables, and more, all of which can be customized and combined to develop responsive and interactive desktop applications. Unlike older GUI frameworks such as AWT (Abstract Window Toolkit), Swing is entirely written in Java, ensuring cross-platform compatibility without reliance on native operating system elements. In the diagram provided, the application's main window is represented by a 'JFrame', which acts as the top-level container for various components, while a 'JPanel' inside the 'JFrame' serves as a container to organize and manage multiple components like buttons, text fields, and others. These components are stored in a list and arranged according to the layout manager selected by the developer, allowing for a structured design. Overall, Swing's architecture promotes flexibility and reusability, empowering developers to create sophisticated, visually appealing user interfaces with minimal effort.

Class diagram of the Components of Swing



Implementation of the MVC Pattern

Differences from Conventional MVC Pattern

The implementation in the Swing example might differ from the conventional MVC pattern described in lectures in several ways:

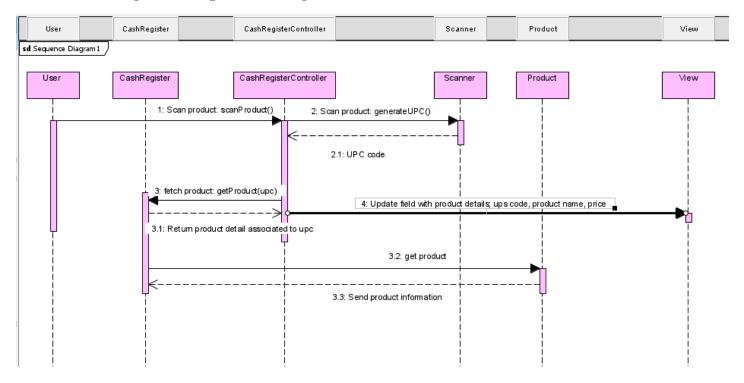
- 1. **Integration of View and Controller:** In many Swing applications, the View and Controller are intimately linked. It is common for the View classes to declare and use event listeners directly, as they are essentially a component of the Controller. The Controller would be a different class that handles all user inputs and logic in contrast to a more stringent separation.
- 2. **Flexible Role of Components:** Swing gives the MVC components adaptable roles. A single Swing class, for example, may serve as both a Model and a View, or a View and a Controller, particularly in smaller applications. Variations from the rigorous theoretical MVC architecture, in which each component is precisely and strictly defined, may result from this flexibility.
- 3. **Dynamic Updates:** Swing's architecture enables dynamic updates of View components straight from the Model or Controller, eliminating the need for a full view refresh. While this can provide more fluid interactions, it also departs from traditional MVC, in which the Controller would rigorously control all updates to the View through specified interfaces.

In summary, while the example follows the general principles of MVC, it adapts the pattern to fit the needs and capabilities of the Swing framework, which encourages a more integrated approach to handling user interface logic and data management.

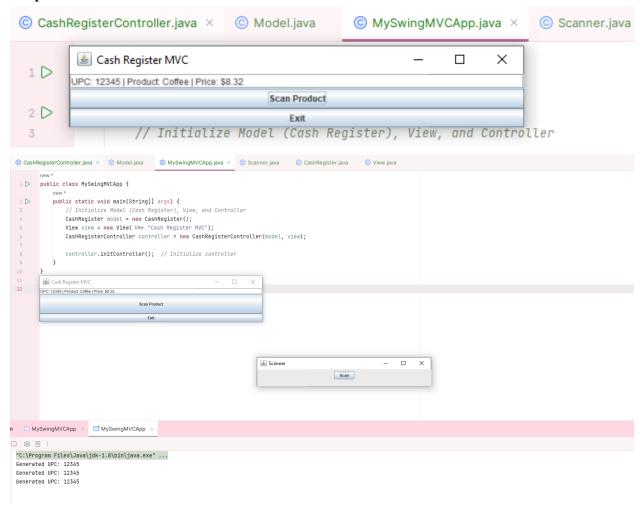
Cash Register Implementation Using Swing MVC Model

Code screenshots were uploaded to GitHub, Canvas, and screenshots can be found at the end of this document.

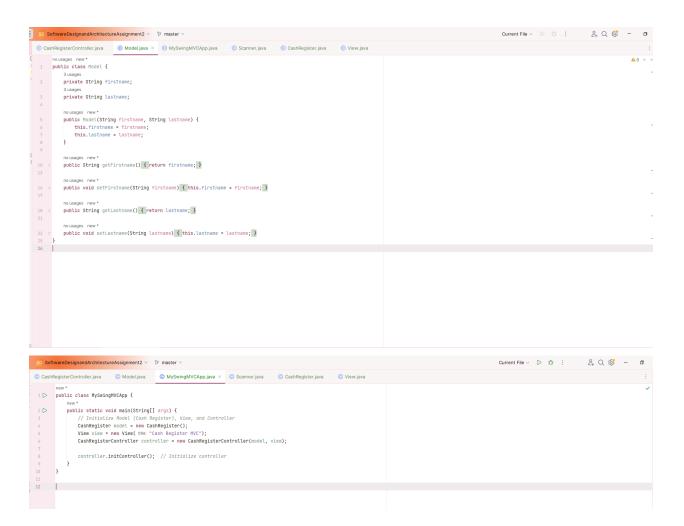
Cash Register Sequence Diagram

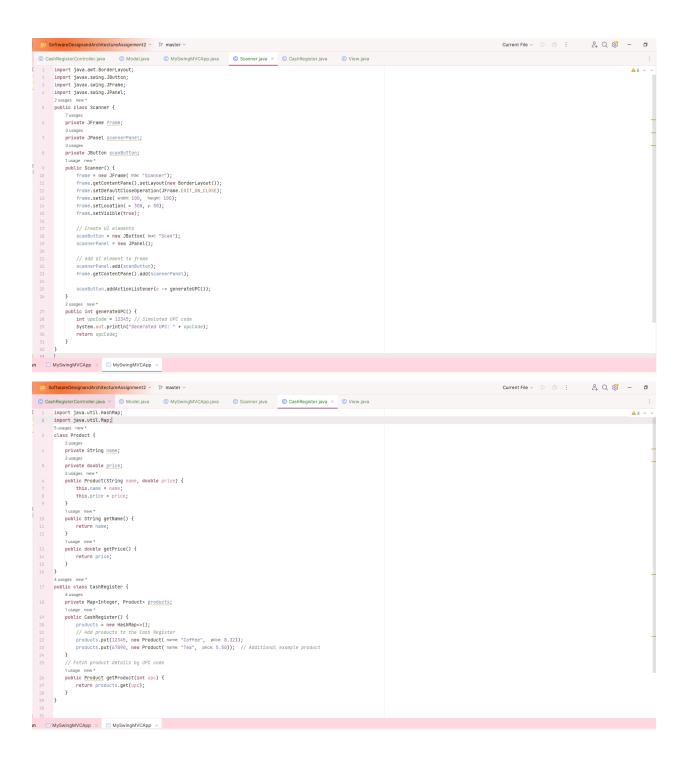


Output and Code:



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public void initController() {
        // Add action listeners for buttons
view.getFirstnameSaveButton().addActionListener(e -> scanProduct());
        view.getBye().addActionListener(e -> exitApp());
 .
 // Action for scanning a product
    1 usage new*
private void scanProduct() {
        } else {
            JOptionPane.showMessageDialog( parentComponent: null, message: "Product not found.", title: "Error", JOptionPane.ERROR_MESSAGE);
        }
    1 usage new *
    private void exitApp() {
        System.exit( status: 0); // Exit the application
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private String firstname;
         3 usages
private String lastname;
          no usages new*
public Model(String firstname, String lastname) {
    this.firstname = firstname;
    this.lastname = lastname;
          public String getFirstname() { return firstname; }
         nousages new*
public void setFirstname(String firstname) { this.firstname = firstname; }
          public String getLastname() { return lastname; }
         nousages new*
public void setLastname(String lastname) { this.lastname = lastname; }
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