

PROGRAMMING III

JAVA LANGUAGE

COURSE 10

PREVIOUS COURSE CONTENT

- ❑ **Graphical User Interfaces**

- ❑ **Abstract Windows Toolkit**

- ❑ Components

- ❑ Containers

- ❑ Layout Managers

- ❑ Action Management

- ❑ Drawing Components

COURSE CONTENT

Introduction

Arhitecture

Root pane container model

Swing threads

Components

AWT - ABSTRACT WINDOWS TOOLKIT

- ❑ **First Java API used for building GUI applications**
- ❑ **Offers**
 - ❑ A robust mechanism for event handling
 - ❑ Layout managers
- ❑ **Disadvantages**
 - ❑ Portability
 - ❑ Limitation regarding the way in which components are rendered (ex. on Windows OS uses DirectX to render components)
 - ❑ Facilities
 - ❑ does not have support for some components like icons and tooltips

SWING

- A set of custom graphical components which look-and-feel is settled at runtime**
- First official version in 1998**
- Included in Java distributions > 1.1.5**
- Corrects AWT problems**
- The components names start with J**

NEWS SWING VS. AWT

Actions

- synchronized actions model

Tooltips

Timer

- Useful for animations

Event dispatcher thread

Client properties

Keyboard shortcuts

- Focus management, mnemonics and menu accelerators, keymaps

Borders

Icons

Cursors

Double Buffering

New layout managers

- box, spring, grouped

Simple dialog windows

Components

- JFileChooser, JColorChooser, JTable (TableModel), ...

COMPONENTS

AWT/SWING

AWT COMPONENTS

☐ Heavyweight

- ☐ Associated with **native components** named peers
- ☐ Same behavior but the **look and feel** is **platform dependent**
- ☐ `package: java.awt`

SWING COMPONENTS

☐ Lightweight

- ☐ The components are **rendered by JVM** (Java Virtual Machine)
- ☐ `package: javax.swing`

COMPONENTS

AWT/SWING

LIGHTWEIGHT

- Can contain **transparent** pixels
- Can have a **different form** from rectangular because they contain transparent pixels
- Mouse** events are treated **through parent** components

HEAVYWEIGHT

- Are **opaque**
- Are **rectangular**
- Mouse** events are **not** treated **through parent** components

Remark: In Java version < 1.7 when a lightweight component was above a heavyweight component, the heavyweight component was always rendered above

COURSE CONTENT

Introduction

Arhitecture

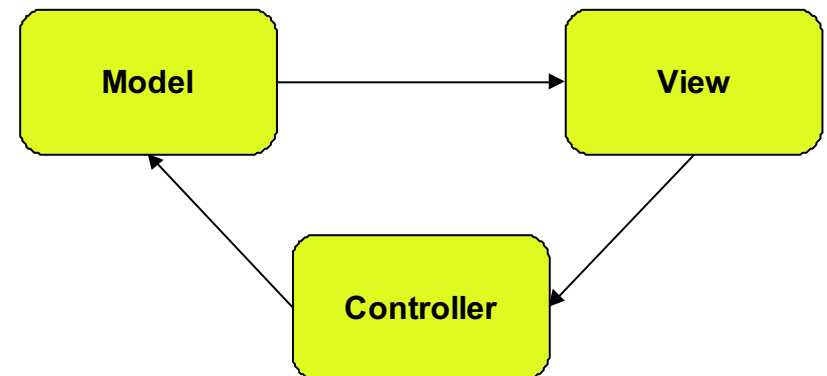
Root pane container model

Swing threads

Components

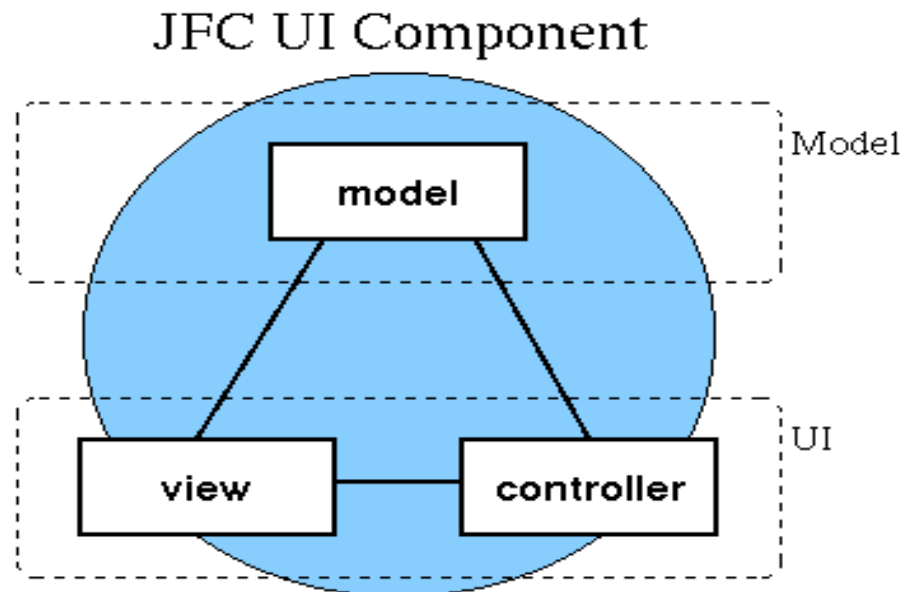
MODEL VIEW CONTROLLER

- ❑ Architectural pattern which separates the presentation to logical level
- ❑ Swing components that use MVC pattern
 - ❑ Model
 - ❑ Encapsulated data state for each component
 - ❑ View
 - ❑ The way in which the component is visible on screen
 - ❑ Controller
 - ❑ the way in which the component interacts with events (keyboard, mouse, focus, etc)



MODEL VIEW CONTROLLER

- ❑ The pattern is a little different from the classical one
 - ❑ Do not exists a clear separation between View and Controller
 - ❑ The separation from Model is clear



MODEL VIEW CONTROLLER

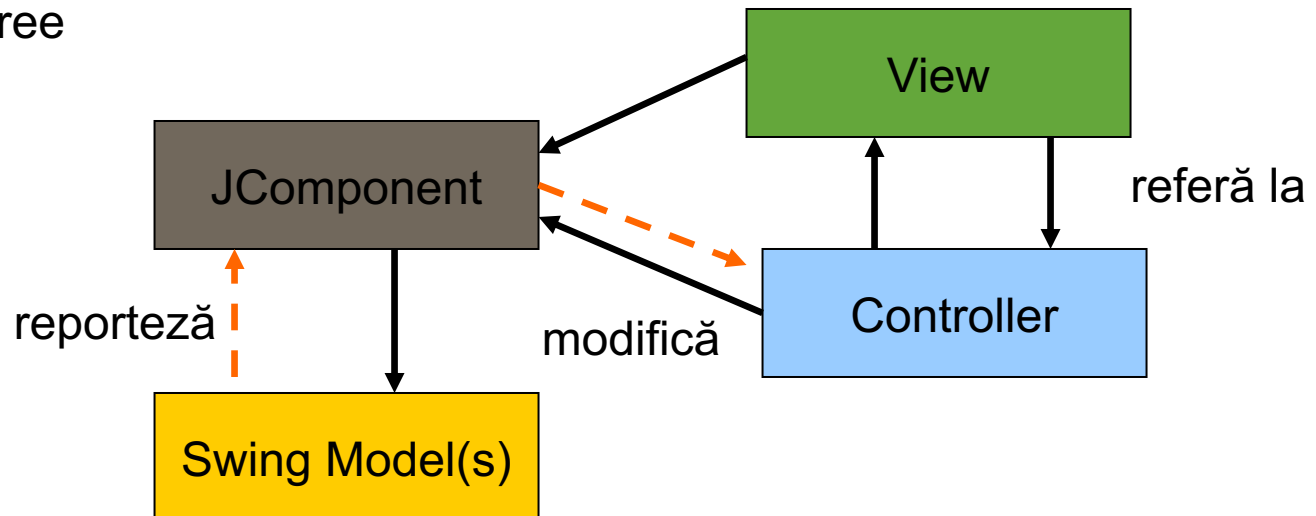
❑ MV/C

- ❑ For more simple components the default model is used

❑ MVC

- ❑ Complex components

- ❑ JList
- ❑ JTable
- ❑ JTree



MODEL

- ❑ **Each component has its model class**
 - ❑ For JTable is Table Model
- ❑ **The model provides **data** to the component**
- ❑ **When the model is modified all listeners are notified by an event**
- ❑ **What models can be used**
 - ❑ **Default**
 - ❑ **Custom** implementation, if it assures a more efficient data control inside the component

VIEW

- ❑ **Each component has its own view**
 - ❑ Responsible with **component rendering**
 - ❑ Named UI Delegates
 - ❑ ButtonUI, SliderUI, etc
- ❑ **Some of the view properties can be found in component class**
 - ❑ Example
 - ❑ Font properties
 - ❑ Background properties
 - ❑ Size properties

COURSE CONTENT

Introduction

Architecture

Root pane container model

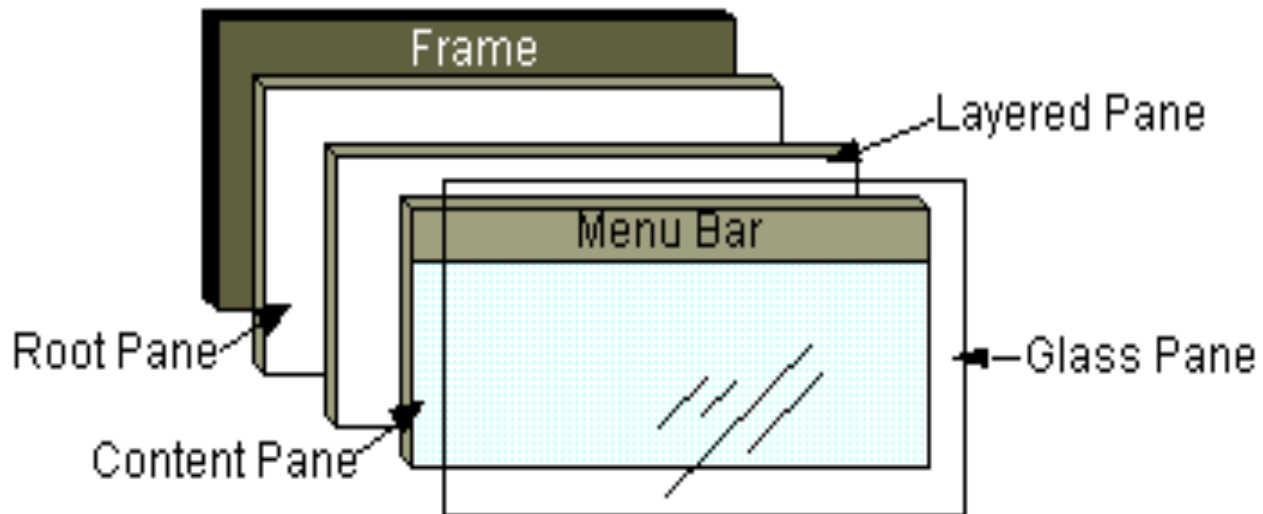
Swing threads

Components

ROOT PANE

❑ Manages

- ❑ Content pane
- ❑ Menu bar
- ❑ Other containers



COURSE CONTENT

Introduction

Architecture

Root pane container model

Swing threads

Components

SWING THREADS

- ❑ A **well-written** Swing program uses concurrency to create a user interface that **never "freezes"**
 - ❑ the program is always responsive to user interaction, no matter what it's doing
- ❑ **Swing threads**
 - ❑ **Initial threads**
 - ❑ the threads that execute initial application code.
 - ❑ The **event dispatch** thread
 - ❑ where all event-handling code is executed. Most code that interacts with the Swing framework must also execute on this thread.
 - ❑ **Worker threads**
 - ❑ also known as background threads, where time-consuming background tasks are executed
- ❑ The **programmer does not need to provide code that explicitly creates these threads: they are provided by the runtime or the Swing framework**

INITIAL THREAD

❑ What they do?

- ❑ Create a **Runnable object** that **initializes** the **GUI** and **schedule** that object for execution on the **event dispatch thread**
- ❑ Once the **GUI** is **created**, the **program** is primarily **driven** by **GUI events**, each of which causes the execution of a short task on the **event dispatch thread**
- ❑ **Application** code can **schedule** additional **tasks** on the **event dispatch thread** (if they complete quickly, so as not to interfere with event processing) or a **worker thread** (for long-running tasks)

INITIAL THREAD

❑ Are created by invoking the methods

❑ `javax.swing.SwingUtilities.invokeLater`

- ❑ simply schedules the task to an initial thread and returns

- ❑ `public static void invokeLater(Runnable r)`

❑ Example

```
Runnable doWorkRunnable = new Runnable() {  
    public void run() { doWork(); }  
};  
SwingUtilities.invokeLater(doWorkRunnable);
```

❑ `javax.swing.SwingUtilities.invokeAndWait`

- ❑ waits initial thread for the task to finish before returning

- ❑ `public static void invokeAndWait(Runnable r)`

EVENT DISPATCH THREAD

- ❑ **It is automatically started by JVM when an application contains graphical components**
 - ❑ Is a background thread used in Java to process events from the Abstract Window Toolkit (AWT) graphical user interface event queue
- ❑ **Responsible for method call**
 - ❑ `paint()`
 - ❑ `actionPerformed()`
 - ❑ all other methods that are used for events handling
- ❑ Allows the safe modification of the components

WORKER THREADS AND SWINGWORKER

- ❑ **Execute a long-running task**
 - ❑ uses one of the worker threads (background threads)
 - ❑ `javax.swing.SwingWorker`. `SwingWorker`

UNIQUE THREAD RULE

- ❑ **AWT** components methods are **thread safe**
 - ❑ the concurrent access to the components do not affect their state
- ❑ **Swing** components are **NOT thread safe**
 - ❑ Once a Swing component has been realized, all code that might affect or depend on the state of that component should be executed in the event-dispatching thread
- ❑ **Some methods like `repaint()`, `revalidate()`, `invalidate()`, methods that modifies the listeners list are thread safe being handled by *event thread***

UNIQUE THREAD RULE

- ❑ Resolves the problem of modification of the components by an external execution thread

- ❑ **Example:**

```
public class MyApplication {
public static void main(String[] args) {
    JFrame f = new JFrame("Labels");
    // Add components to
    // the frame here... M    f.pack();
    f.show();
    // Don't do any more GUI work here...
}
}
```

- ❑ the code runs on the "main" thread.
- ❑ `f.pack()` call realizes the components under the `JFrame`
- ❑ the components in the GUI are shown with the `setVisible()` (or `show`) call. Technically the `setVisible` call is unsafe, because the components have already been realized by the `pack` call. However, because the program doesn't already have a visible GUI, it's exceedingly unlikely that a paint request will occur before `setVisible()` returns.
- ❑ The main thread executes no GUI code after the `setVisible` call. This means that all GUI work moves from the main thread to the event-dispatching thread, and the example is, in practice, thread safe.

COURSE CONTENT

Introduction

Arhitecture

Root pane container model

Swing threads

Components

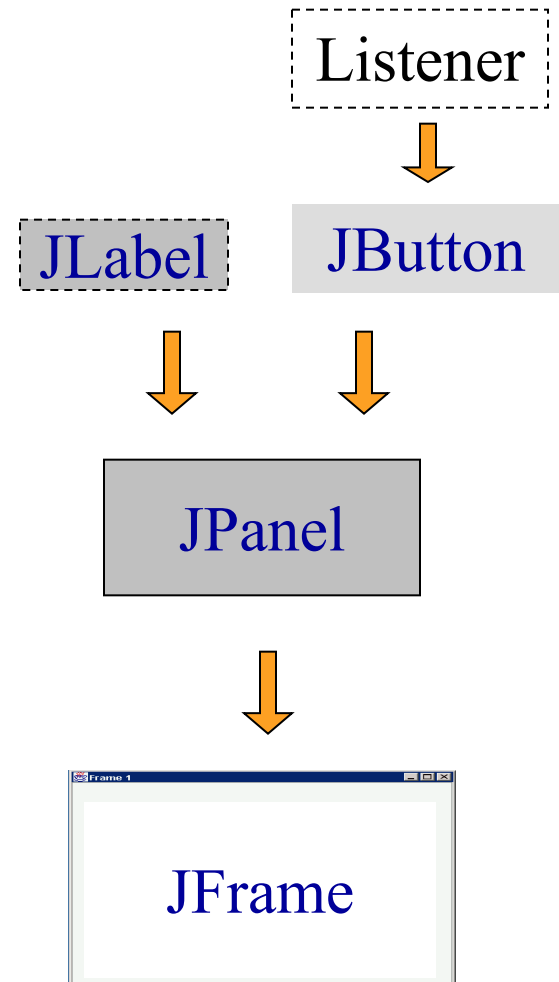
HOW TO CREATE AN APPLICATION

❑ Creation

- ❑ Frame/JFrame
- ❑ Panel/JPanel
- ❑ Components
- ❑ Listeners

❑ Adding

- ❑ Listeners at components
- ❑ Components in panels
- ❑ Panels in frames



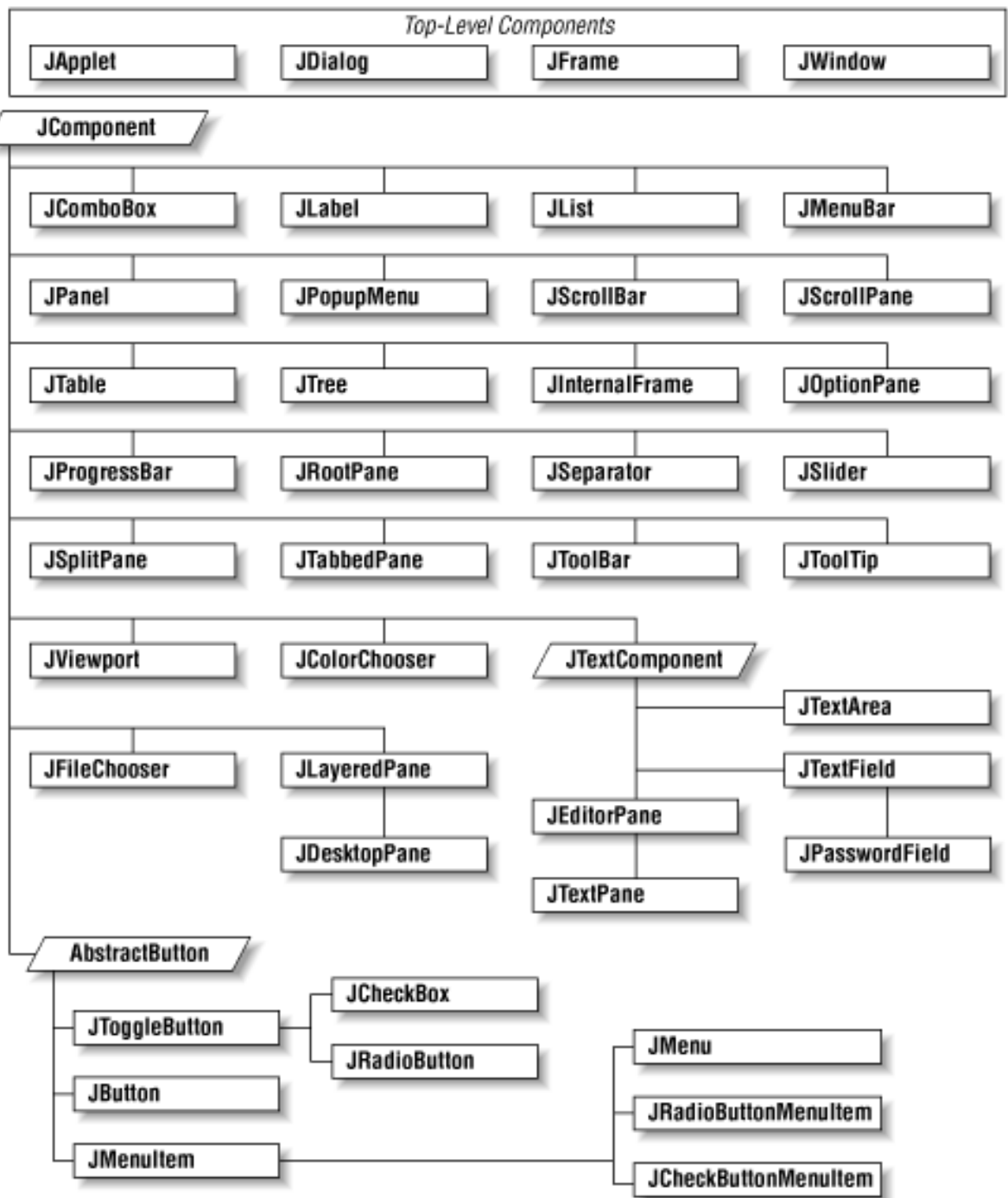
HOW TO CREATE AN APPLICATION

```
public class GUIExample extends JFrame {  
    public GUIExample(String title) {  
        super(title);  
        //add components  
        setVisible(true);  
        pack();  
    }  
  
    public static void main (String args[]) {  
        SwingUtilities.invokeLater( new Runnable() {  
            public void run() {  
                new GUIExample("Ex titlu");  
            }  
        });  
    }  
}
```

Call constructor of
JFrame and sets the
application name

Make the application
visible

Apply the layout(s)
manager(s)



INTERMEDIATE CONTAINERS

- ❑ **Intermediate containers**

- ❑ JPanel
- ❑ JScrollPane
- ❑ JSplitPane
- ❑ JTabbedPane

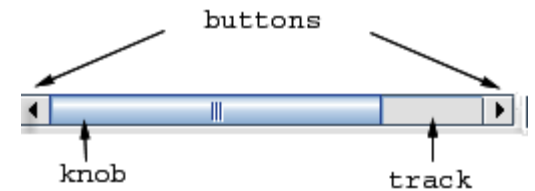
- ❑ **Used for components grouping**

- ❑ **Default layout FlowLayout**

JPANE

- ❑ **JPane**
- ❑ **Base intermediary container for any graphical interface**
- ❑ **Most used to organize group of components**
- ❑ **Methods**
 - ❑ add layout manager
 - ❑ components management (add/remove)
 - ❑ adding border

JSCROLLPANE



❑ JScrollPane

❑ Allows other components to scroll inside a fix dimension area

❑ Example

```
JTextArea textArea = new JTextArea(5, 5);
```

```
JScrollPane scrollableTextArea = new  
                                JScrollPane(textArea);  
scrollableTextArea.setHorizontalScrollBarPolicy(  
                                JScrollPane.HORIZONTAL_SCROLLBAR_ALWAYS);  
scrollableTextArea.setVerticalScrollBarPolicy(  
                                JScrollPane.VERTICAL_SCROLLBAR_ALWAYS);  
  
add(scrollableTextArea);
```

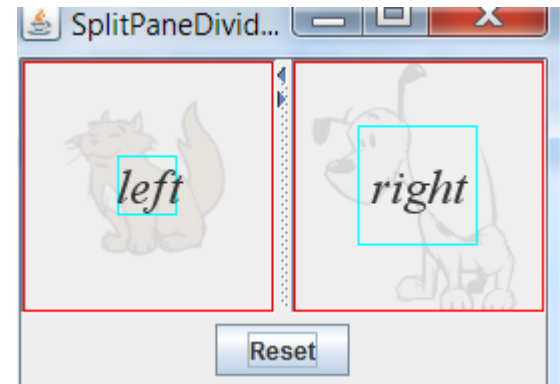
JSPLITPANE

❑ JSplitPane

- ❑ Contains two side by side panels separated by a divider, that allows simulating visualization of two components near each other

❑ Methods for adding components

- ❑ `setTopComponent()`
- ❑ `setLeftComponent()`
- ❑ `setBottomComponent()`
- ❑ `setRightComponent()`



❑ Example

```
Panel panel1 = new JPanel();
JPanel panel2 = new JPanel();
JSplitPane splitPane = new JSplitPane(
    JSplitPane.HORIZONTAL_SPLIT, panel1, panel2);
splitPane.setDividerLocation(0.25);
```


JTABEDPANE

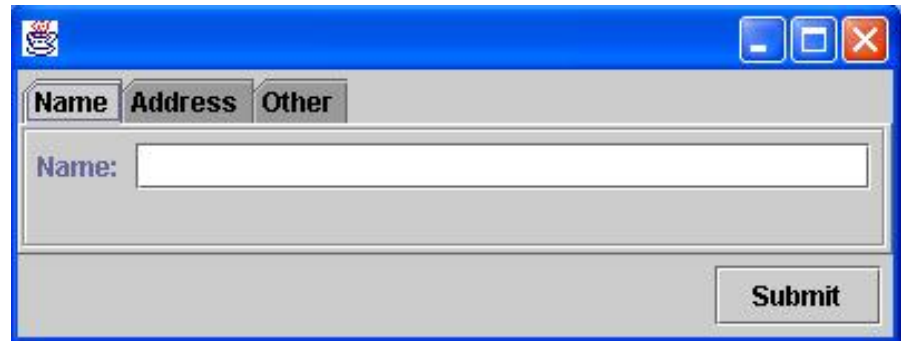
- ❑ **JTabbedPane**

- ❑ **A stack of components layered on many over layered layers**

- ❑ **Methods**

- ❑ `addTab()`
- ❑ `removeTabAt()`
- ❑ `setSelectedIndex()`

- ❑ **Not present in AWT**



JTABEDPANE

□ Example

```
JTabbedPane tabbedPane = new JTabbedPane();
ImageIcon icon = createImageIcon("images/middle.gif");

JComponent panel1 = makeTextPanel("Panel #1");
tabbedPane.addTab("Tab 1", icon, panel1, "Does nothing");
tabbedPane.setMnemonicAt(0, KeyEvent.VK_1);

JComponent panel2 = makeTextPanel("Panel #2");
tabbedPane.addTab("Tab 2", icon, panel2, "Does twice as
much nothing");
tabbedPane.setMnemonicAt(1, KeyEvent.VK_2);

tabbedPane.setSelectedIndex(2);
add(tabbedPane);
```

SIMPLE COMPONENTS

Labels

Buttons

Borders

Lists

Drop down lists

Spinner

LABELS

❑ JLabel

- ❑ can render HTML code

❑ Useful to display

- ❑ text
- ❑ images

❑ Example

```
label1 = new JLabel("Image and Text", icon, JLabel.CENTER);  
label1.setVerticalTextPosition(JLabel.BOTTOM);  
label1.setHorizontalTextPosition(JLabel.CENTER);
```

```
label2 = new JLabel("Text-Only Label");
```

```
label3 = new JLabel(icon);
```

```
JLabel l = new JLabel("<html><center><b>Label</b>  
    <br><font color=#ff00ff>HTML Format</font></html>");
```

BUTTONS

- JButton
- JCheckbox
- JRadioButton
- JMenuItem
- JCheckBoxMenuItem
- JRadioButtonMenuItem
- JToggleButton

BUTTONS

- ❑ **Can realize actions**

- ❑ **Can be grouped**

 - ❑ ButtonGroup

- ❑ **Can contain**

 - ❑ Images

 - ❑ HTML text

 - ❑ Mnemonics

BUTTONS STATES

Selected

Pressed

Rollover

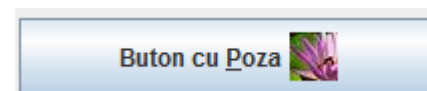
Armed

Enabled

EXAMPLES

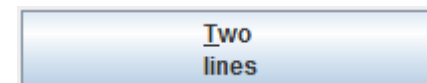
❑ Simple buttons

```
new JButton("Simple button")
```



❑ Buttons with images

```
btnPicture = new JButton("Button cu Poza");  
btnPicture.setIcon(new ImageIcon(getImage(getCodeBase(),  
                                         "../img/butoane/icon1.JPG")));  
btnPicture.setHorizontalTextPosition(SwingConstants.LEFT);  
btnPicture.setMnemonic(KeyEvent.VK_P);
```



❑ Buttons using HTML

```
new JButton("<html><b><u>T</u>wo</b><br>lines</html>");
```

❑ Adding listeners (behavior)

```
btnPicture.addActionListener(this);
```


EXAMPLES

❑ Buttons rendered in different way from default behavior

```
btn = new FancyButton(  
    new ImageIcon(getImage(getCodeBase(), "../img/butoane/icon1.JPG")),  
    new ImageIcon(getImage(getCodeBase(), "../img/icon2.JPG")),  
    new ImageIcon(getImage(getCodeBase(), "../img/butoane/icon3.JPG")));
```

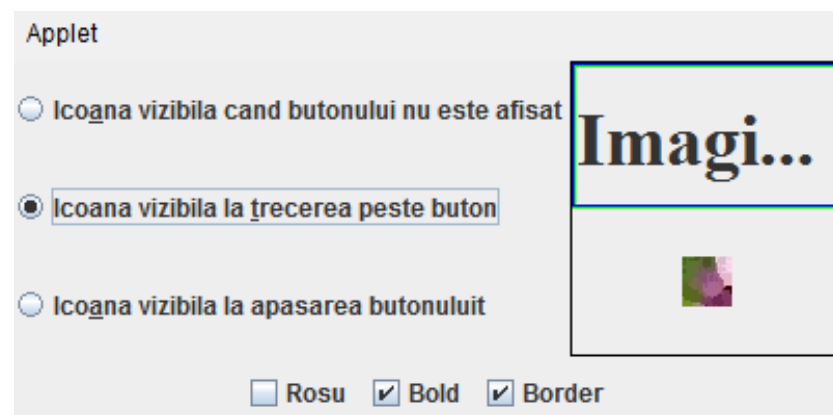
```
btn.setText("FancyButton");  
btn.setIcon(new ImageIcon(  
    getImage(getCodeBase(), "../img/butoane/icon1.JPG")));
```

```
public class FancyButton extends JButton {  
    public FancyButton(Icon icon, Icon pressed, Icon rollover) {  
        super(icon);  
        setFocusPainted(false);  
        setRolloverEnabled(true);  
        setRolloverIcon(rollover);  
        setPressedIcon(pressed);  
        setBorderPainted(false);  
        setContentAreaFille(false);  
    }  
}
```

EXAMPLES

❑ Radio/CheckboxButtons

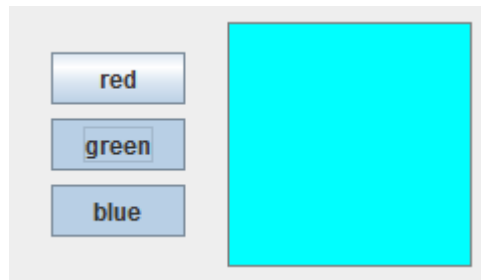
```
r1 = new JRadioButton(  
    "Icoana vizibila cand butonului nu este afisat");  
r1.setActionCommand("1");  
r1.setSelected(true);  
panelButone.add(r1);  
  
r2 = new JRadioButton("Icoana vizibila la trecerea peste buton");  
r2.setActionCommand("2");  
panelButone.add(r2);  
  
r3 = new JRadioButton("Icoana vizibila la apasarea butonului");  
panelButone.add(r3);  
  
ButtonGroup group = new ButtonGroup();  
group.add(r1); group.add(r2); group.add(r3);  
  
JCheckBox cb1 = new JCheckBox("Rosu");
```



EXAMPLES

❑ ToolgeButton

```
JToggleButton redButton = new JToggleButton("red");
```



BORDERS

❑ Borders

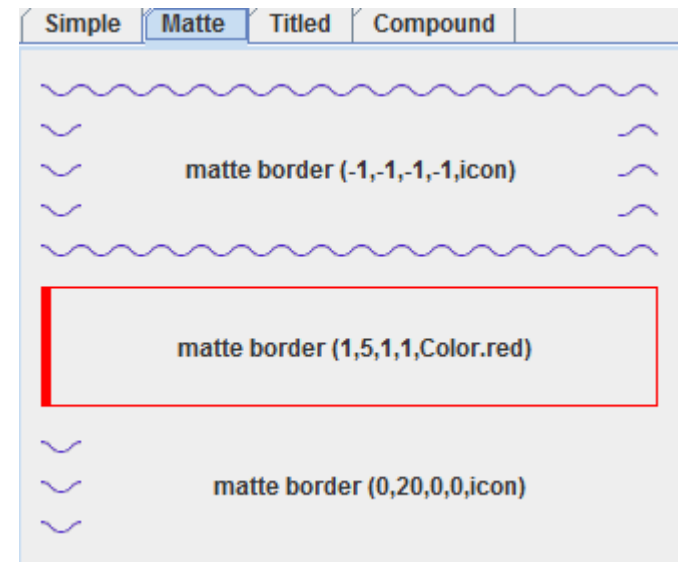
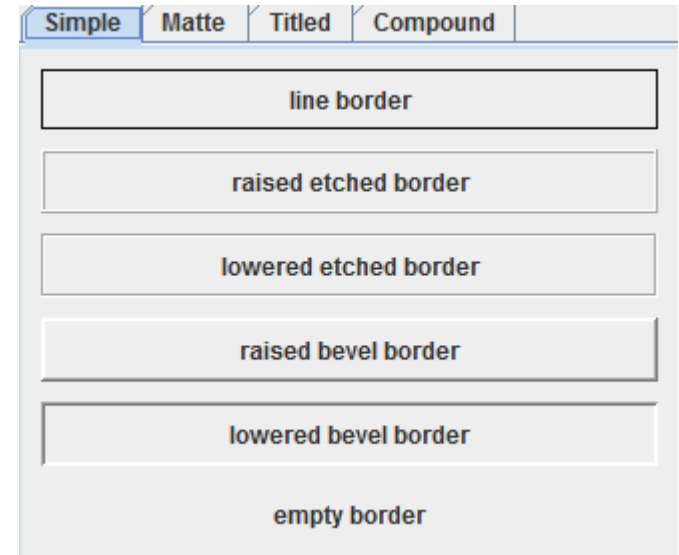
- ❑ Components derived from JComponent
- ❑ cannot have listeners

❑ Borders Types

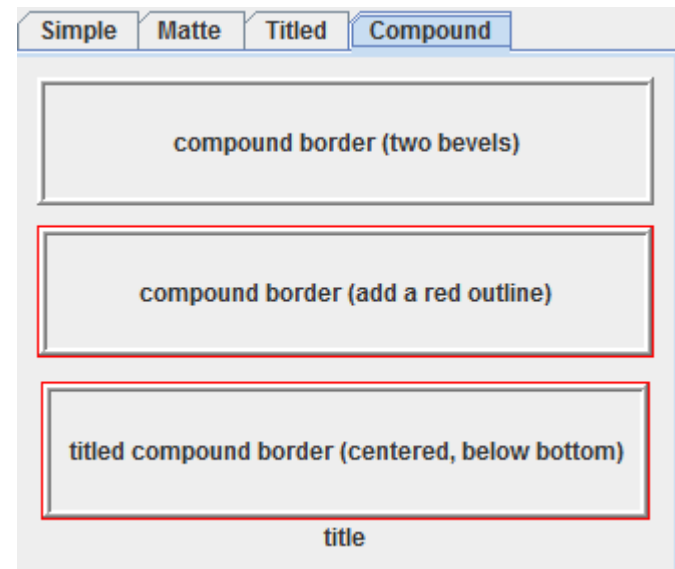
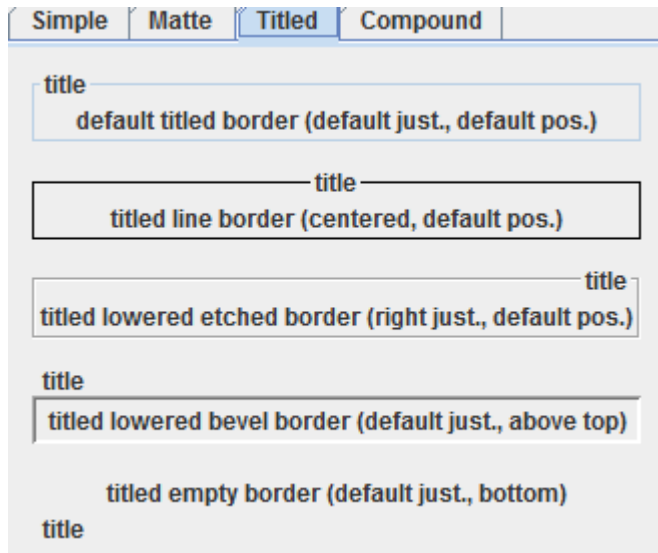
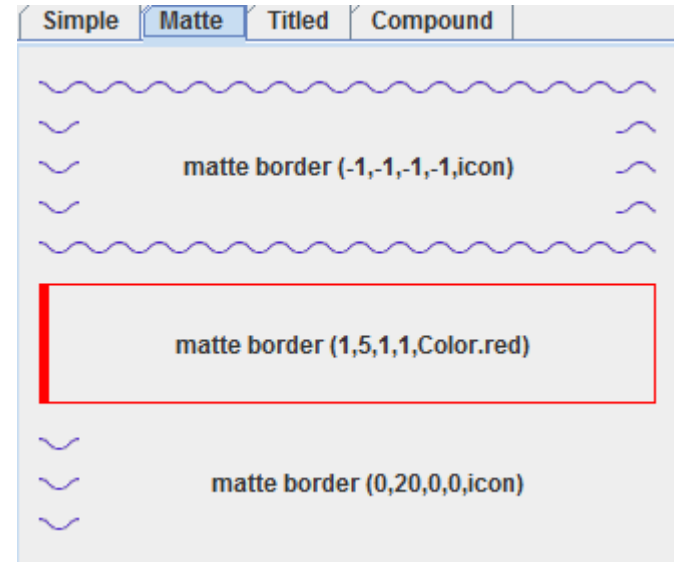
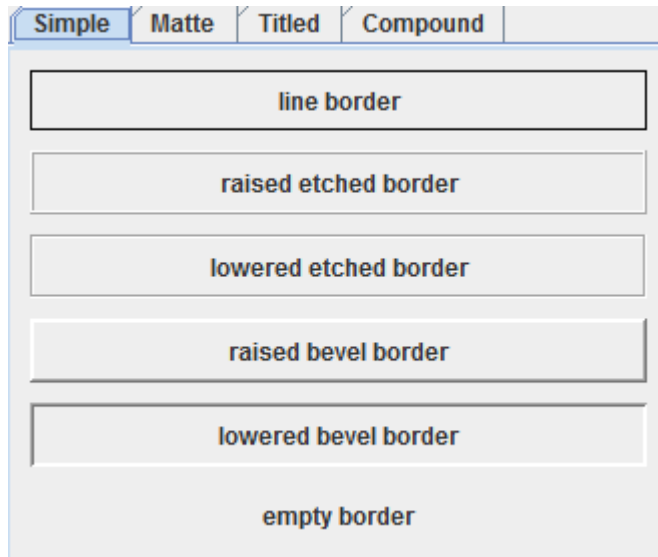
- ❑ CompoundBorder
- ❑ EmptyBorder
- ❑ EtchedBorder
- ❑ LineBorder
- ❑ MatteBorder
- ❑ SoftBevelBorder
- ❑ TitledBorder

❑ Border Factory

❑ `setBorder()`



BORDERS



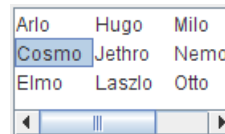
BORDERS

❑ Example

```
Border outline =  
    BorderFactory.createLineBorder(Color.black);  
  
JLabel northLabel = new JLabel("NORTH");  
  
northLabel.setHorizontalAlignment(  
    SwingConstants.CENTER);  
  
northLabel.setBorder(outline);
```

JLIST

- ❑ **Allows selection one or more elements from a list**
 - ❑ SINGLE_SELECTION
 - ❑ SINGLE_INTERVAL_SELECTION
 - ❑ MULTIPLE_INTERVAL_SELECTION
- ❑ **Objects are displayed by calling `toString()` method**
 - ❑ exception: Icon class



- ❑ **Model**
 - ❑ DefaultListModel
 - ❑ AbstractListModel
- ❑ **Events**
 - ❑ ListSelectionListener

JCOMBOBOX

❑ JComboBox

- ❑ Combines a button with a list (internal popup)

❑ Data Models

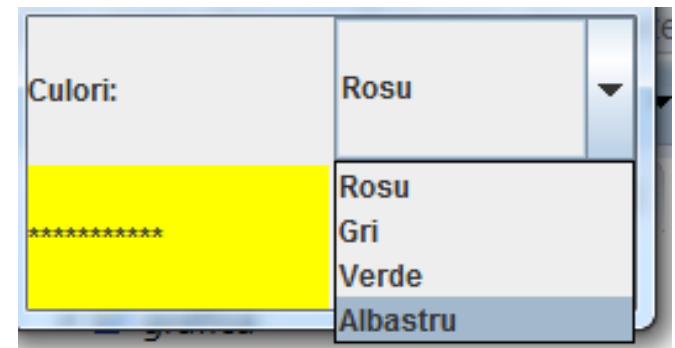
- ❑ DefaultComboBoxModel
- ❑ MutableComboBoxModel
 - ❑ allows operation of add/remove/update

❑ Events

- ❑ ChangeListener

❑ Types

- ❑ Combobox
- ❑ Editable Combobox



EXAMPLE

```
final JComboBox<MyColor> cb = new JComboBox<MyColor>();

cb.addItem(new MyColor("Rosu", Color.red));
cb.addItem(new MyColor("Gri", Color.gray));
cb.addItem(new MyColor("Verde", Color.green));
cb.addItem(new MyColor("Albastru", Color.blue));

cb.addItemListener(new ItemListener() {
    @Override
    public void itemStateChanged(ItemEvent ie) {
        MyColor color = (MyColor) cb.getSelectedItem();
        lText.setBackground(color.color);
        lText.updateUI();
    }
});
```

JSPINNER

- ❑ **JSpinner**

- ❑ **Is a text line that allows selecting a value from a sequence of values**

- ❑ **Selection**

- ❑ Using arrows
- ❑ Adding directly a value

- ❑ **Models**

- ❑ SpinnerListModel
- ❑ AbstractSpinnerModel
- ❑ SpinnerDateModel
- ❑ SpinnerModel
- ❑ SpinnerNumberModel

COMPLEX COMPONENTS

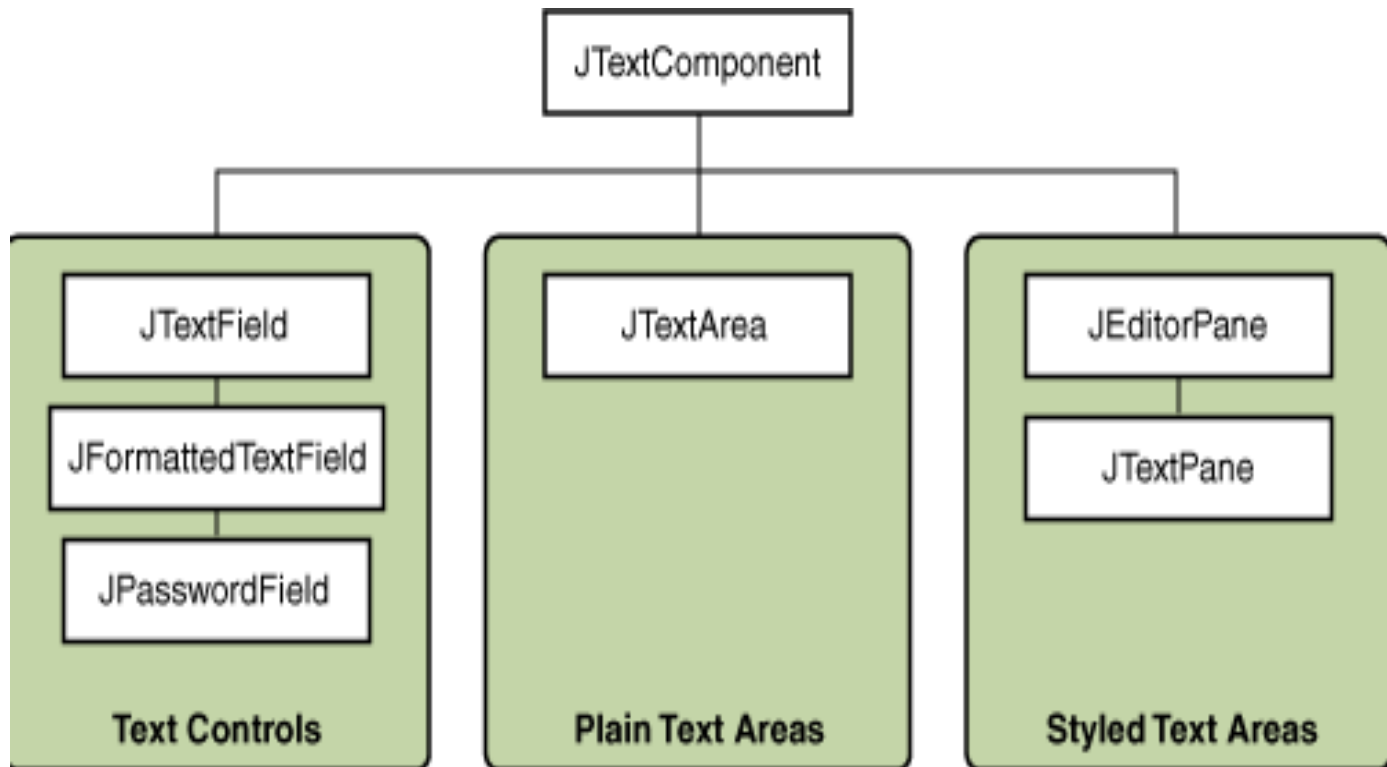
Text comonents

Tables

Trees

TEXT COMPONENTS

- ❑ Display and allow text editing



TEXT COMPONENTS

- ❑ **The content is managed by an instance of Document interface**
 - ❑ PlainDocument
 - ❑ StyledDocument
- ❑ **Copy/paste system is already implemented in superclass JTextComponent**
 - ❑ copy()
 - ❑ cut()
 - ❑ select(int pozInt, int pozFin)
 - ❑ selectAll()

TABLES

JTable

Allows displaying data in a tabular format

Properties

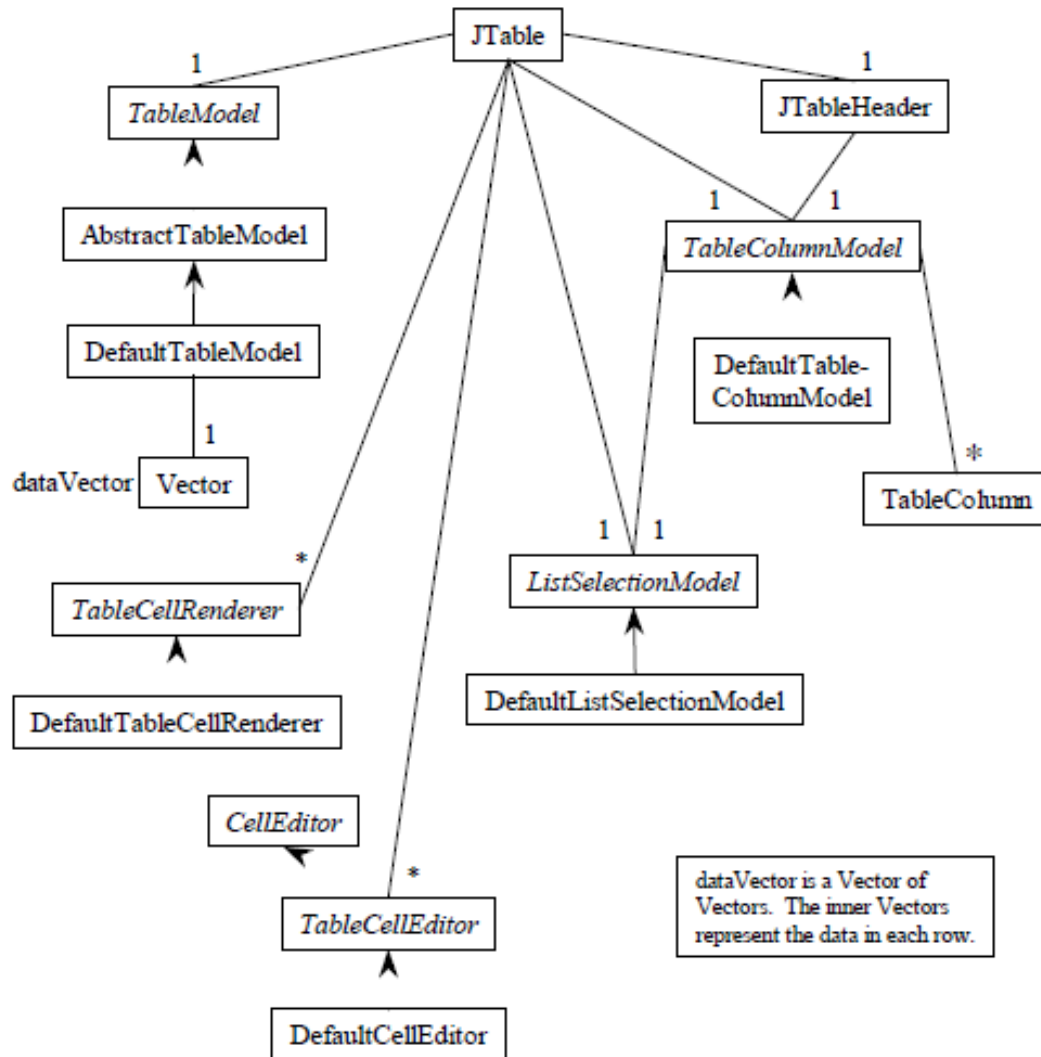
The user can

- select table lines, columns, table header
- reorder the columns by table headers movement
- column resize
- edit cell values
- sort columns based on content
- filter columns based on content

The program can

- modify cell values
- add/delete/move columns
- customize rendering mode of the table
- customize edit mode of the table

TABLES. RELATED CLASSES



TABLES

- ❑ **JTable** has many properties that can be customized, like cell rendering and editing, but also contains default values for them
- ❑ **A JTable component is formed from**
 - ❑ Data lines
 - ❑ Data columns
 - ❑ Columns header
 - ❑ An editor if the cells will be editable
 - ❑ A `TableModel`, that is a subclass of `AbstractTableModel`, that will contain the data
 - ❑ A `TableColumnModel`, usually `DefaultTableColumnModel`, which controls the behavior of table columns and gives access to them
 - ❑ A `ListSelectionModel`, usually `DefaultListSelectionModel`, that contains information about the lines selected into the table
 - ❑ A `TableCellRenderer`, usually `DefaultTableCellRender`, that gives information about how the cells are rendered
 - ❑ A `MultipleTableColumns`, that contains information about each column
 - ❑ A `JTableHeader` that display the header

TABLEMODEL

❑ `TableModel`

- ❑ Manages the data displayed in the table

❑ Methods

- ❑ `Class getColumnClass(int columnIndex)`
 - ❑ Used by renderer and editor
- ❑ `boolean isCellEditable(int rowIndex, int columnIndex)`
- ❑ `Object getValueAt(int rowIndex, int columnIndex)`
- ❑ `void setValueAt(Object aValue, int rowIndex, int columnIndex)`
 - ❑ called by `JTable` at editing time
- ❑ `void addTableModelListener (TableModelListener l)`
 - ❑ notifications for table data and structure

TABLEMODEL

❑ AbstractTableModel

❑ defaults

- ❑ Object class reported is `Object`
- ❑ The columns have a default name if none is specified
- ❑ The cells are **not editable**

❑ the following methods have to be overwritten

- ❑ `int getRowCount();`
- ❑ `int getColumnCount();`
- ❑ `Object getValueAt(int rowIndex, int columnIndex)`

TABLEMODEL

❑ DefaultTableModel

❑ Stores the data in vectors

- ❑ each column has its own vector

❑ defaults

- ❑ Object class reported is `Object`

- ❑ The columns have a default name if none is specified

- ❑ The cells are **not editable**

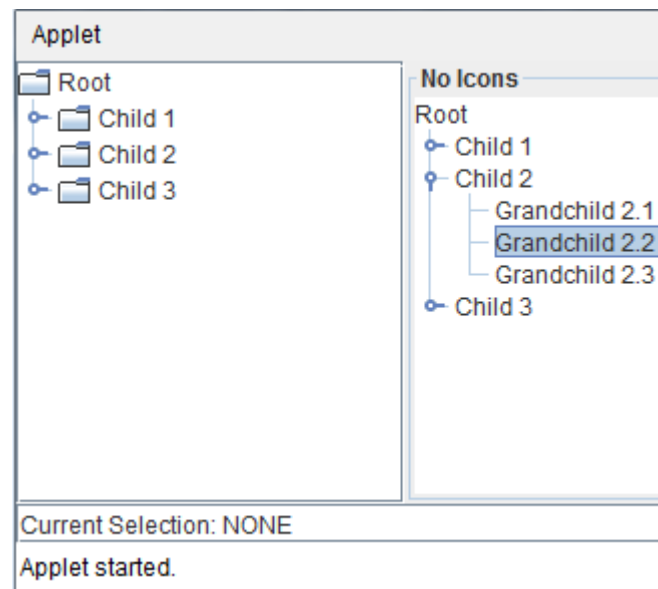
COLUMNMODEL

- ❑ **Contains information about**
 - ❑ Headers values
 - ❑ Dimensions
 - ❑ Rendering mode
 - ❑ Editing mode
 - ❑ Allows columns resize

JTREE

❑ JTree

- ❑ Allows the visualization of tree structures
- ❑ Has only one root node
- ❑ Selection mechanism similar with `JList` selection mechanism



DEFAULT DIALOGUES

- JOption Pane
- JFileChooser
- JColorChooser

JOPTIONPANE

JOptionPane

Easy way to create simple dialogs

- Display a message

- Ask a question

- Input a value

Modal windows

- Blocks application until an answer is given

JOPTIONPANE

□ Types

□ Message

□ `showConfirmDialog()`

□ Confirm

□ `showInputDialog()`

□ Input

□ `showMessageDialog()`

□ Option

□ `showOptionDialog()`



question



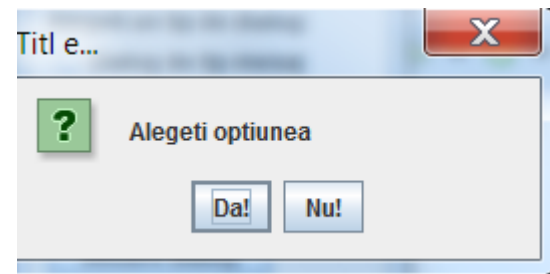
information



warning



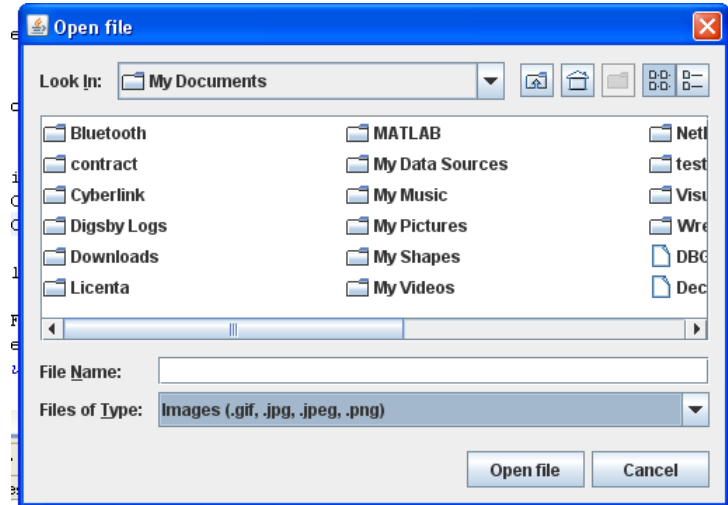
error



JFILECHOOSER

❑ JFileChooser

- ❑ Component that allows navigation through file system
 - ❑ Can open files
 - ❑ Can save files



❑ Example

```
JFileChooser files = new JFileChooser(DEFAULT_DIRECTORY);  
int result = files.showSaveDialog(frame);  
File f = files.getSelectedFile();
```

JFILECHOOSER

❑ Files filters

- ❑ `FileNameExtensionFilter`

- ❑ Create your own filter by extending the class `FileFilter`

❑ Example

```
FileFilter filter = new FileNameExtensionFilter(
    "Text files (*.txt)", "txt" );

files.addChoosableFileFilter(filter);
```

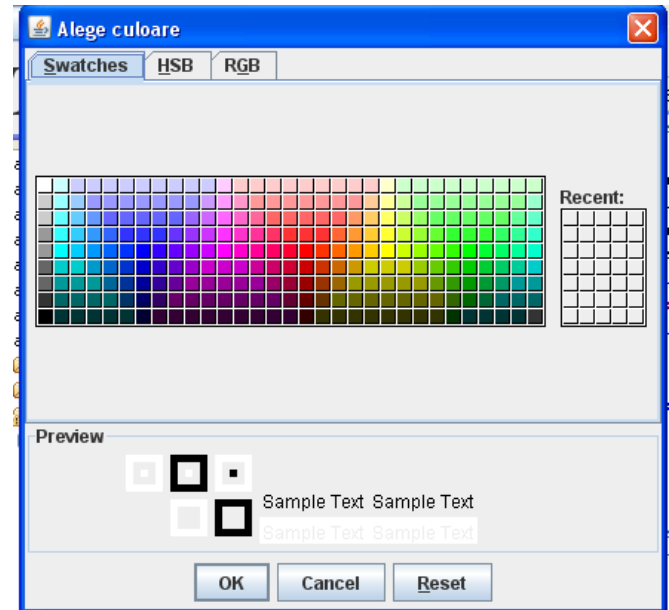
JCOLORCHOOSEER

JColorChooser

- Allows color choosing

Available modes

- Swatches
- HSV —Hue-Saturation-Value
- RGB —Red-Green-Blue
- HSL —Hue-Saturation-Lightness
- CMYK – Crayn-Magenta-Yellow-Black



COMPONENTS FOR PROGRESS AND SCROLL

JSlider

JScrollBar

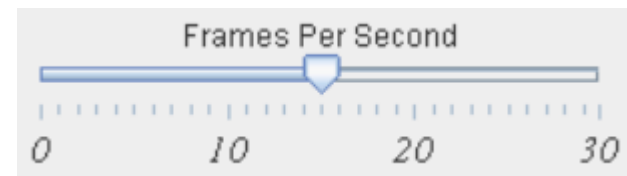
JProgressBar

JToolTip

SLIDER

❑ JSlider

- ❑ Used when we have to chose values into a known numerical interval
- ❑ Properties
 - ❑ orientation
 - ❑ intent
 - ❑ the number of missing values by using page up, page down keys
 - ❑ minorTickSpacing
 - ❑ majorTickSpacing
 - ❑ paintTicks
 - ❑ paintLabels
 - ❑ inverted



PROGRESSBAR

- ❑ `JProgressBar`
- ❑ Used to display the progress of a time consuming operation
- ❑ The activity monitorization is done by the method `setValue()`

JSCROLLBAR

- ❑ `JScrollBar`

- ❑ **Added to the components in order to scroll in a more facile way the content**

- ❑ **Properties**

 - ❑ Orientation

 - ❑ The place where the indicator is initially displayed

 - ❑ the size of the indicator

TOOL TIP

- ❑ `JToolTip`
- ❑ **Windows that allows association of contextual information to application components**
- ❑ **Visible when the mouse is over the component**
- ❑ `void setToolTipText(String text)`
- ❑ They **become active** when the mouse remain 750 ms over the component
- ❑ It **remains active** 4000ms
- ❑ If we **enter, and get out** from the component it activates in 500 ms
- ❑ **The time periods can be modified through class `ToolTipManager`**
 - ❑ `setInitialDelay(), setDismissDelay(), setReshowDelay()`

MENUS

❑ Swing allows creation of

❑ Menu bars

- ❑ JMenuBar

❑ Menus

- ❑ JMenu, JMenuItem, JSeparator,
JCheckBoxMenuItem, JRadioButtonMenuItem

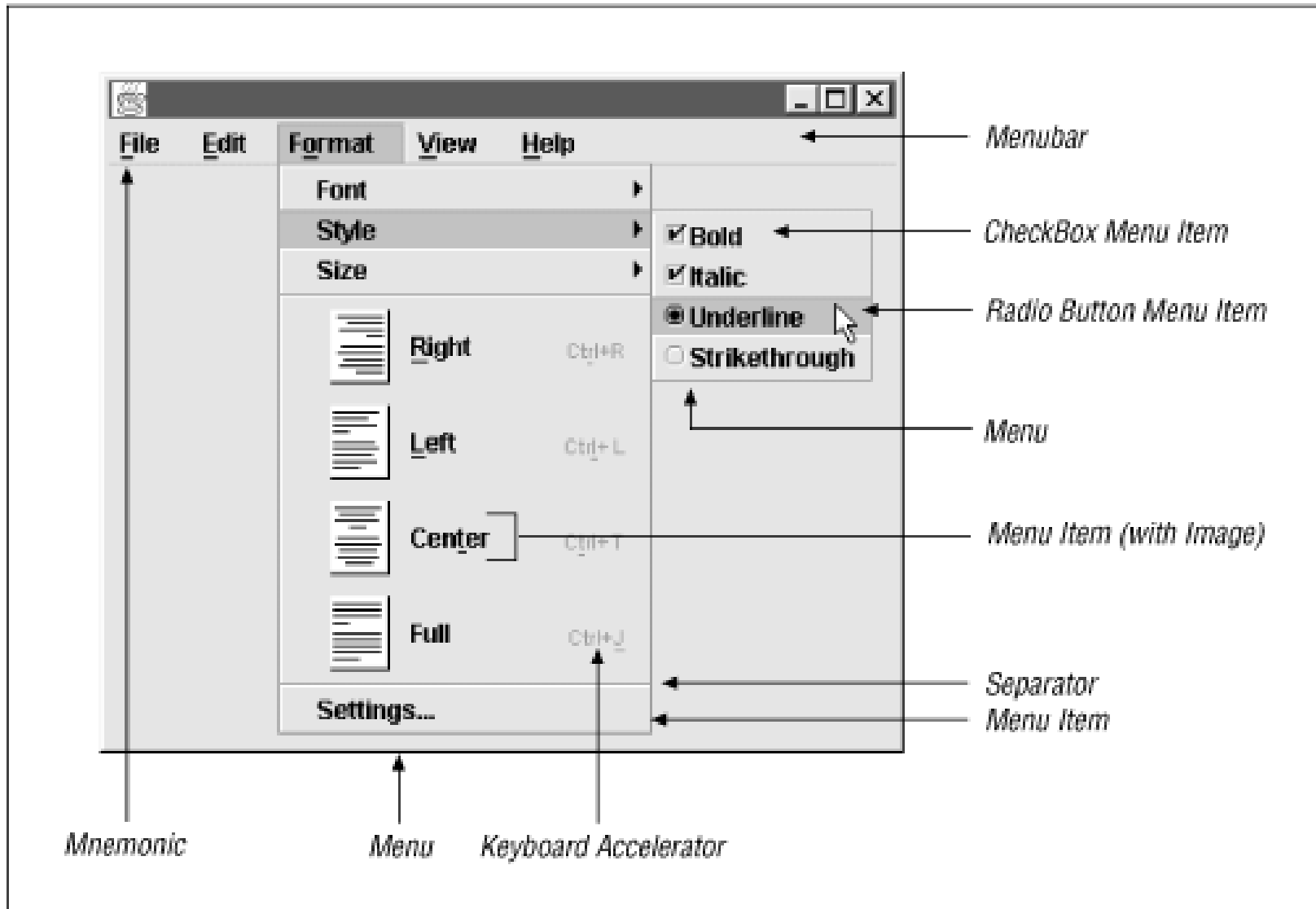
❑ Popup menus

- ❑ JPopupMenu

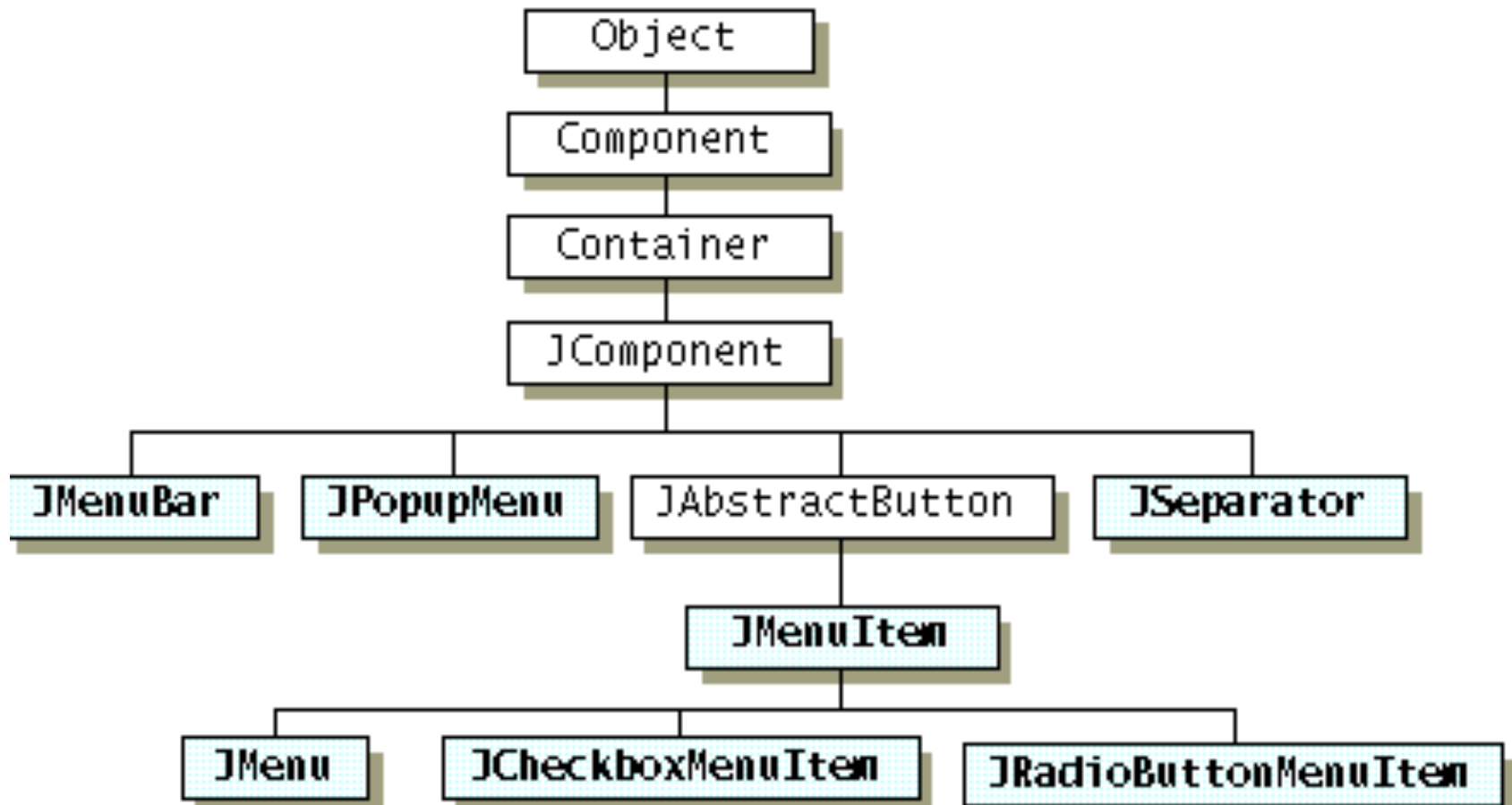
❑ Toolbars

- ❑ JToolBar

MENUS



MENUS. CLASS HIERARCHY



MENUS

Events

- Mouse

- Keyboard

 - Key combinations (mnemonics)

 - usually fit letter from submenu

 - Accelerators

 - Allows direct access of a submenu

BUILDING A MENU

❑ Building menu bar

```
JMenuBar bar = new JMenuBar();
```

❑ Building the menu

```
JMenu menu = new JMenu("Example");
```

❑ Building menu items

```
menu.add(new JMenuItem("entry 1"));  
menu.addSeparator();  
menu.add(new JMenuItem("entry 2"));
```

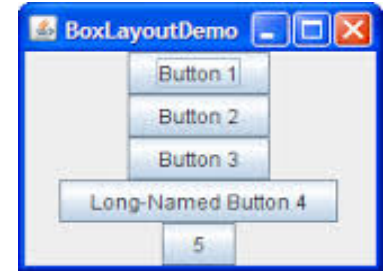
❑ Adding the menu to menubar

```
bar.add(menu);
```

❑ Adding the menubar to frame

```
JFrame frame = new JFrame("Title");  
frame.setJMenuBar(bar);
```

MORE LAYOUTS



❑ BorderLayout

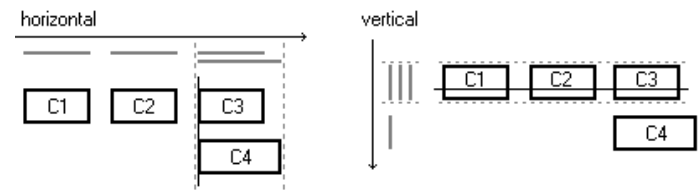
- ❑ The components are displayed like a stack and can be paced on vertical or horizontal

❑ SpringLayout

- ❑ Defines directed relations (constraints) between components edges

❑ GroupLayout

- ❑ Hierarchical groups components in order place them into container
- ❑ horizontal layout = sequential group { c1, c2, parallel group (LEFT) { c3, c4 } }
- ❑ vertical layout = sequential group { parallel group (BASELINE) { c1, c2, c3 }, c4 }



LOOK & FEEL

- ❑ **Swing allows the modification of the way components look**
 - ❑ **Look** - the way in which the components look
 - ❑ **Fell** - the way in which the components behaves

- ❑ **Types**
 - ❑ `CrossPlatformLookAndFeel`
 - ❑ Java L&F - Metal
 - ❑ `SystemLookAndFeel`
 - ❑ L&F native for the operation system on which the application runs
 - ❑ `Synth`
 - ❑ Create your own L&F using XML files
 - ❑ **Multiplexing**
 - ❑ Using multiple L&Fs same time

LOOK & FEEL

❑ Example of usage

❑ Java L&F

```
UIManager.setLookAndFeel ( UIManager.  
    getCrossPlatformLookAndFeelClassName ( ) ) ;
```

❑ Platform L&F

```
UIManager.setLookAndFeel ( UIManager.  
    getSystemLookAndFeelClassName ( ) ) ;
```

❑ Specifying on command line of the L&F

```
java -  
Dswing.defaultlaf=com.sun.java.swing.plaf.windows.WindowsLookAndFeel MyAp
```


OTHER FACILITIES

Focus Manager

Dialogs

Printing

Splash Screens

DIALOGS

Dialog Box

- Is a top level window that has a title, margins and collects information from users

- Modal or modelees

 - Modal

 - blocks the input at applications windows until it is closed

 - Modeless

 - allows to work with other application's windows while it is opened

DIALOGS TYPES

Modeless

- A modeless dialog box does not block any other window while it is visible

Document-modal

- A document-modal dialog box blocks all windows from the same document, except windows from its child hierarchy. In this context, a document is a hierarchy of windows that share a common ancestor, called the document root, which is the closest ancestor window without an owner

Application-modal

- An application-modal dialog box blocks all windows from the same application, except windows from its child hierarchy. If several applets are launched in a browser environment, the browser is allowed to treat them either as separate applications or as a single application. This behavior is implementation-dependent.

Toolkit-modal

- A toolkit-modal dialog box blocks all windows that run in the same toolkit, except windows from its child hierarchy. If several applets are launched, all of them run with the same toolkit. Hence, a toolkit-modal dialog box shown from an applet may affect other applets and all windows of the browser instance that embeds the Java runtime environment for this toolkit.

Exclusion mode

- Any top-level window can be marked not to be blocked by modal dialogs.

CONCLUSIONS

❑ Advantages

❑ Portability

- ❑ Contains few elements platform specific

❑ Behavior

- ❑ Allows a more flexible behavior to the components because they are not so peered with operating system

❑ Properties

- ❑ Supports more properties like icons, tooltips ...

❑ Look and Feel

- ❑ Allows application to look similar on all platforms

❑ Disadvantages

❑ Applets portability

- ❑ Most of the browsers does not include Swing classes so it have to install a Java plug-in

❑ Performance

- ❑ Swing components are slower that AWT components

❑ Look & Feel

- ❑ In case the components use the L&F of the operating system the components could look different

BIBLIOGRAPHY

- ❑ <https://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/uiswing/TOC.html>