

CS100J Lab 02. Creating objects, calling their methods, and writing subclasses Spring 2006

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In this lab, we ask you to experiment with creating objects, calling their methods, and writing subclasses. At the end of this handout are a list of oft-used methods of class JFrame.

Task 1. Practicing calling methods of objects

(a) In DrJava, using the interactions pane, create two different JFrames and show them. You can drag them to different places. (Remember that you need to import the classes of package javax.swing. See Sec. 1.3.2 of the text. You create a JFrame folder and store its name in a variable jf1 using the assignment "jf1= new JFrame();".

(b) Try out these method calls. In the table below, we show calls on the methods, using three dots ... to denote the position of an argument, which you have to fill in when you type in the call in the DrJava interactions pane. For a function call, write the value that the function call returns, so that we know that you tried such a call. For a procedure call, just put a check next to it. You can call these methods as many times as you want. Experiment.

show();	getWidth()
setSize(..., ...);	getHeight()
setLocation(..., ...);	getX()
setTitle(...);	getY()

Describe BRIEFLY, below, the syntactic and semantics differences between the methods (and calls on them) being called in the left column and those being called in the right. Hint: what kind of method is called in the left column and what kind on the right? **Syntax** refers to grammar, structure. **Semantics** refers to meaning—in programming, how a statement is executed or an expression is evaluated.

Task 2. Positioning JFrames

Reset the Interactions pane (by clicking button "reset". Create two new JFrames (assigning their names to variables).

Make the first window 120 x220 pixels and the second window 220 x 120 pixels (by calling appropriate methods). Which coordinate comes first, the horizontal or vertical coordinate? (Write your answer below). Check your answer by calling methods getWidth and getHeight of one of the JFrames.

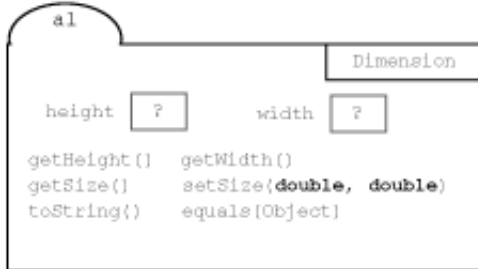
Drag the first window so that it is on the left of the screen and halfway down. Then, write down its x-coordinate and y-coordinate (find these out by calling appropriate methods).

Task 3. Customizing a JFrame

1. Class Toolkit in package java.awt has a method for obtaining the screensize of your monitor (number of pixels in both dimensions). Type this into the DrJava Interactions pane (you can copy and paste the whole thing):

```
import java.awt.*;
Dimension d= Toolkit.getDefaultToolkit().getScreenSize();
```

Here's what an object of class Dimension (in package java.awt) looks like:



Fields height and width are of type **int**.

2. In the interactions pane, type expression d (just d by itself) and hit the return key. You should then see the dimensions of your monitor. Copy them here: _____, _____. Also, type these expressions --you can copy and paste one line at a time into the Interactions pane.

```
d.getHeight()
d.getWidth()
```

3. Type a new class named MaxWindow into the class window (upper right pane) of DrJava. Here it is:

```
import javax.swing.*;
import java.awt.*;
public class MaxWindow extends JFrame {

}
```

Save the file with name MaxWindow.java. In the ACCEL lab, please put it in a SEPARATE FOLDER. Every time you start a new Java project, place its files in a new folder. Now compile MaxWindow.java. Then use the Interactions pane to create and show a MaxWindow. This is just to make sure that your skeleton of the class definition is correct.

4. In class MaxWindow, type this method (but see below, first)

```
/** Move the JFrame to the left of the screen and make its width
    the width of the screen */
public void maximizeWidth() {
    setLocation(0, getY());
    Dimension d= Toolkit.getDefaultToolkit().getScreenSize();
    setSize((int) d.getWidth(), getHeight());
}
```

The above version is indented properly, but if you copy and paste you may get errors. Instead, copy the version given below, paste it into the class definition, highlight all the text in the pane, and use DrJava's indent command (in menu Edit) to indent the class properly.

```
/** Move the JFrame to the left of the screen and make its width
the width of the screen */
```

```

public void maximizeWidth() {
    setLocation(0, getY());
    Dimension d= Toolkit.getDefaultToolkit().getScreenSize();
    setSize((int) d.getWidth(), getHeight());
}

```

5. Study method `maximizeWidth`, so that you know what it does and how it does it. Then, compile the class, switch to the Interactions pane, and create and show an object of class `MaxWindow`. Drag the window the right a bit and then call its method `maximizeWidth` to see whether it works properly.

6. Add to class `MaxWindow` a procedure `maximizeHeight` with the spec shown below. Then compile and test the procedure.

```

/** Move the JFrame to the top of the screen and make its height the height of the screen */
public void maximizeHeight()

```

7. Add to class `MaxWindow` a procedure with the spec shown below. Its body should simply call methods `maximizeHeight` and `MaximizeWidth`. Then compile and test it.

```

/** Move the JFrame to the left-top of the screen and make it fill the whole screen
public void maximize()

```

Task 4. Resizing a JFrame.

Create a new `JFrame` named `jf` and show it. Try resizing the `JFrame` with your mouse (make it bigger). Call function `isResizable()` of `jf` to see whether `JFrame` `jf` is resizable, and put the answer here (yes or no):

Now execute the procedure call `jf.setResizable(false)`; Try resizing `jf` with your mouse. Is it resizable?

Call function `isResizable()` in folder `jf` and put the value it returns here:

Make `jf` resizable again.

Task 5. Find the API specifications for method `setTitle` of class `JFrame`.

(a) This task gives you practice with the general way in which one browses the API specifications. Find the root of the API specs from links subpage of the website for CS100J. Open the API specifications to class `JFrame` --or, simply copy and past this URL into your browser:

<http://java.sun.com/j2se/1.5.0/docs/api/javaw/swing/JFrame.html>

(b) Just read a bit to familiarize yourself with the page --spend a minute on it.

(c) Click the mouse near the top of the window, so that the curser appears near the top. Then search for "setTitle" --do this by typing control-F (if you are on a PC), typing `setTitle` into the search window, and hitting the return key. The page should scroll down to a part labeled "Methods inherited from class `java.awt.Frame`", and "showTitle" will be highlighted.

(d) Click on the highlighted term "showTitle". A new page will open in the browser window, which is for class `Frame`. Read about method `setTitle`. Then scroll to the top of the page and spend 1/2 minute reading about class `Frame`.

Task 6. Show your lab instructor or a consultant your file `MaxWindow.java` and this sheet.

Here are methods of class `JFrame` that we tend to use often:

<code>window.show();</code>	Show window window.
<code>window.hide();</code>	Hide window window.
<code>window.getHeight()</code>	= height of window window, in pixels
<code>window.getWidth()</code>	= width of window window, in pixels
<code>window.setSize(w,h);</code>	Set width and height of window window to w and h
<code>window.getX()</code>	= x-coordinate of top left corner of window window
<code>window.getY()</code>	= y-coordinate of top left corner of window window
<code>window.setLocation(x,y);</code>	Set x- and y-coordinates of top left corner of window to x, y
<code>window.getTitle()</code>	= the title of window window (in the title bar)
<code>window.setTitle(s);</code>	Set the title of window window to s (a String).
<code>window.isResizable()</code>	= “window window can be resized by dragging it”
<code>window.setResizable(b);</code>	If b is true (false) make window resizable (not resizable).