2110: GUIS: Graphical User Interfaces

Their mouse had a mean time between failure of … a week … it would jam up irreparably, or ... jam up on the table-- ... It had a flimsy cord whose wires would break. Steve Jobs: "... Xerox says it can't be built for < $400, I want a $10 mouse that will never fail and can be mass produced, because it's going to be the primary interface of the computer ..."

... Dean Hovey ... came back, "I've got some good and some bad news. Good news: we've got a new project with Apple. Bad news: I told Steve we'd design a mouse for 10 bucks."

... year later ... we … filed … and were granted a patent, on the electro-mechanical-optical mouse of today; ... we ended up ... [making] the mouse as invisible to people as it is today.

Steve Sachs interview on first computer with GUI: Apple Lisa (~$10K in 1982). http://library.stanford.edu/mac/primary/interviews/sachs/trans.html

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Discussion of prelim 1

Sign up for lunches with instructors. Pinned Piazza note.

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GUI (Graphical User Interface)

- Provides a friendly interface between user and program
- Allows event-driven or reactive programming: The program reacts to events such as button clicks, mouse movement, keyboard input
- Often is multi-threaded: Different threads of execution can be executing simultaneously. We study concurrency and threads in April.

Two aspects to making a GUI:

1. Placing components (buttons, text, etc.) in it.   TODAY
2. Listening/responding to events   Next Lecture

Lecture notes page of course website, rows for GUI lectures: Contains guiDemo.zip. It's filled with short demos of GUI features including demos for today and next lecture.
Download it and look at demos in DrJava or Eclipse.

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GUI (Graphical User Interface)

There are three GUI packages in Java:

•AWT (Abstract or Awful Window Toolkit) —first one. Some parts are implemented not in Java but in code that depends on the platform. Came with first Java.

•Swing —a newer one, which builds on AWT as much as possible. It is "lightweight": all code written as Java classes/interfaces. Released in 97-98.

•JavaFX —completely new! Much more functionality, flexibility, but far too complicated to teach in CS2110. (Released first in 2008)

We use Swing (and parts of AWT)

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Class JFrame

JFrame object: associated with a window on your monitor.

Generally, a GUI is a JFrame object with various components placed in it

Some methods in a JFrame object
hide()   show()   setVisible(boolean)
getX()   getY()   (coordinates of top-left point)
getWidth()   getHeight()   setLocation(int, int)
getTitle()   setTitle(String)
getLocation()   setLocation(int, int)

Over 100 methods in a JFrame object!

Class JFrame is in package javax.swing

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Placing components in a JFrame

Layout manager: Instance controls placement of components.

JFrame layout manager default: BorderLayout.

BorderLayout layout manager: Can place 5 components:

```
public class C extends JFrame {
    public C() {
        JButton jb= new JButton("Click here");
        JLabel jl= new JLabel( "west");
        add(jb, BorderLayout.EAST);
        add(jl, BorderLayout.WEST);
        add(new JLabel("south"), BorderLayout.SOUTH);
        add(new JLabel("center"), BorderLayout.CENTER);
        add(new JLabel("north"), BorderLayout.NORTH);
        pack();
        setVisible(true);
    }
}
```

North		
West	Center	East
	South	
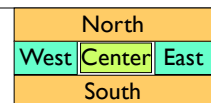
JFrameDemo.java

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Putting components in a JFrame

```java
import java.awt.*;   import javax.swing.*;
/** Demonstrate placement of components in a JFrame.
   Places five components in 5 possible areas:
      (1) a JButton in the east,       (2) a JLabel in the west,
      (3) a JLabel in the south,       (4) a JTextField in the north
      (5) a JTextArea in the center.  */

public class ComponentExample extends JFrame {
   /** Constructor: a window with title t and 5 components */
   public ComponentExample(String t) {
      super(t); cp.add(new JButton("click me"), BorderLayout.EAST);
      add(new JTextField("type here", 22), BorderLayout.NORTH);
      add(new JCheckBox("I got up today"), BorderLayout.SOUTH);
      add(new JLabel("label 2"), BorderLayout.WEST);
      add(new JTextArea("type\nhere", 4, 10), BorderLayout.CENTER);
      pack();
   }
}
```

ComponentExample.java

Put scrollbars around JTextArea:
ComponentExample2.java

Also try it without pack()

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Packages --Components

Packages that contain classes that deal with GUIs:
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Jxxxx: in
Swing, with
xxxx in awt.

Component: Something that can be placed in a GUI
window. They are instances of certain classes, e.g.

JButton, Button:	Clickable button
JLabel, Label:	Line of text
JTextField, TextField:	Field into which the user can type
JTextArea, TextArea:	Many-row field into which user can type
JPanel, Panel:	Used for graphics: to contain other components
JCheckBox:	Checkable box with a title
JComboBox:	Menu of items, one of which can be checked
JRadioButton:	Same functionality as JCheckBox
JScrollPane:	Scrollbars around a JTextArea
Container:	Can contain other components
Box:	Can contain other components

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1. Look at AreaExample to see how to get scroll bars.

2. Look at BorderDemo to demo radio buttons, ButtonGroup, and borders.

3. Look at CheckBoxExample.

4. Look at ColorChooserExample.

5. Look at ComboBoxExample.

6. Look at SliderExample

7. Look at TemperatureSlider.

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Basic Components

```
Component
   Button, Canvas
   Checkbox,  Choice
   Label,  List,  Scrollbar
   TextComponent
      TextField, TextArea
   Container
      JComponent
         AbstractButton
            JButton
            JToggleButton
               JCheckBox
               RadioButton
         JLabel,  JList
         JOptionPane,  JPanel
         JPopupMenu,  JScrollBar, JSlider
         JTextComponent
            JTextField, JTextArea
```

Component: Something that can be
placed in a GUI window. These are
the basic ones used in GUIs

Note the use of subclasses
to provide structure and
efficiency. For example,
there are two kinds of
JToggleButtons, so that
class has two subclasses.

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Components that can contain other components

```
Component
   Box
   Container
      JComponent
         JPanel
      Panel
         Applet
   Window
      Frame
         JFrame
      JWindow
```

java.awt is the old GUI package.

javax.swing is the newer GUI package.
When they wanted to use an old name,
they put J in front of it.

(e.g. Frame and JFrame)

When constructing javax.swing, the
attempt was made to rely on the old
package as much as possible.

So, JFrame is a subclass of Frame.

But they couldn't do this with JPanel.

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```java
import java.awt.*;   import javax.swing.*;
/** Instance has labels in east /west, JPanel with four buttons in center. */
public class PanelDemo extends JFrame {
   JPanel p= new JPanel();
   /** Constructor: a frame with title "Panel demo", labels in east/west,
       blank label in south, JPanel of 4 buttons in the center */
   public PanelDemo() {
      super("Panel demo");
      p.add(new JButton("0"));   p.add(new JButton("1"));
      p.add(new JButton("2"));   p.add(new JButton("3"));
      add(new JLabel("east"), BorderLayout.EAST);
      add(new JLabel("west"), BorderLayout.WEST);
      add(new JLabel("    "), BorderLayout.SOUTH);
      add(p, BorderLayout.CENTER);
      pack();
   }
}
```

JPanel as a container

panelDemo

JPanel layout manager default: FlowLayout.

FlowLayout layout manager: Place any number of components.
They appear in the order added, taking as many rows as necessary.

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```java
import javax.swing.*;  import java.awt.*;
/** Demo class Box. Comment on constructor says how frame is laid out. */
public class BoxDemo extends JFrame {
    /** Constructor: frame with title "Box demo", labels in the east/west,
        blank label in south, horizontal Box with 4 buttons in center. */
    public BoxDemo() {
        super("Box demo");

        Box b= new Box(BoxLayout.X_AXIS);
        b.add(new JButton("0"));    b.add(new JButton("1"));
        b.add(new JButton("2"));    b.add(new JButton("3"));

        add(new JLabel("east"),  BorderLayout.EAST);
        add(new JLabel("west"),  BorderLayout.WEST);
        add(new JLabel(" "),     BorderLayout.SOUTH);
        add(b,                   BorderLayout.CENTER);

        pack(); show();
    }
}
```

Class Box: a container

BoxDemo

Box layout manager default: BoxLayout.

BoxLayout layout manager: Place any number of components. They appear in the order added, taking only one row.

```java
public class BoxDemo2 extends JFrame {
 /** Constructor: frame with title t and 3 columns with n, n+1, and n+2 buttons. */
 public BoxDemo2(String t, int n) {
    super(t);
    // Create Box b1 with n buttons.
        Box b1= new Box(BoxLayout.Y_AXIS);
        for (int i= 0;  i != n;  i= i+1)
            b1.add(new JButton("1 " + i));
    // Create Box b2 with n+1 buttons.
        Box b2= …
    // Create Box b3 with n+2 buttons.
        Box b3= …
    // Create horizontal box b containing b1, b2, b3
        Box b= new Box(BoxLayout.X_AXIS);
        b.add(b1);
        b.add(b2);
        b.add(b3);
    ;
    add(b, BorderLayout.CENTER);
    pack();  show();
}
```

Boxes within a Box
3 vertical boxes, each a column of buttons, are placed in a horizontal box

BoxLayout layout manager: Place any number of components. They appear in the order added, taking only one row.

BoxDemo2

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Simulate BoxLayout Manager in a JFrame

To simulate using a BoxLayout manager for a JFrame, create a Box and place it as the sole component of the JFrame:

```java
JFrame jf= new JFrame("title");
Box b= new Box(BoxLayout.X_AXIS);
Add components to b;
jf.add(b,BorderLayout.CENTER);
```

1. Start developing a GUI by changing an already existing one. A lot of details. Hard to get all details right when one starts from scratch and has little idea about the Java GUI package.

1. Showed how to place components in a GUI. Next time: how to "listen" to things like button clicks in a GUI.

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