

Objectives

- Programming Paradigms
- Introduction to GUIs in Java
 - Event handling

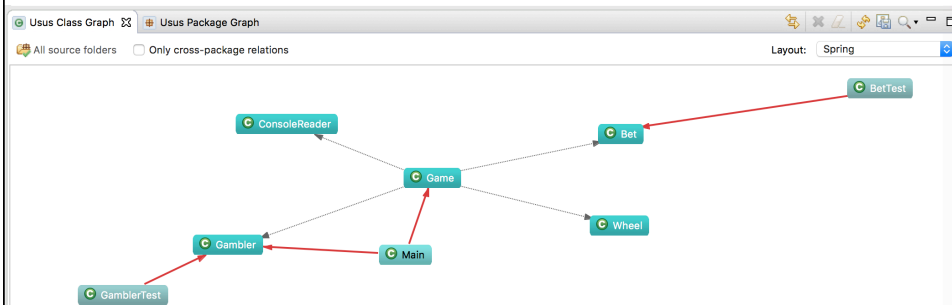
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One More Plugin: Project Usus

- <https://github.com/usus/usus-plugins/wiki>
- Says has metrics capabilities, but they weren't working for me.
- Makes nice visual representations of a project's classes:



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PROGRAMMING PARADIGMS

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Programming Paradigms

- Our focus has been Object-oriented and Procedural paradigms
- Other paradigms
 - Event-driven
 - GUIs, Web applications
 - Distributed
 - Web applications, Grid, Cloud
 - Concurrent
 - Parallel
 - Aspect-oriented

Blurred lines
between paradigms,
Not completely
independent

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GUI IN JAVA

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Java GUI Libraries: AWT & Swing

- AWT: Abstract Windowing Toolkit
 - Original GUI toolkit
 - Relies on operating system to render GUIs
 - Benefit: Match look and feel of platform
 - Classes in `java.awt.*`
- Swing: added to Java2
 - Classes in `javax.swing.*`
 - Extends AWT
 - Provides *Java* look and feel for applications
 - But can plug in other look & feels

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Swing & AWT

- Swing does not completely replace AWT
- Using the Swing graphics programming model
 - Improves performance
 - Allows more efficient development of GUIs
- We will use Swing mostly
 - Leverage AWT

Swing: Made up of Components

- Top-level components
 - ~Hold GUI elements
 - Examples: JFrame, JWindow, JDialog, JApplet
- GUI Elements
 - ~Things user interacts with
 - Examples: JButton, JLabel, JMenuBar

JFRAMES AND PARENT CLASSES

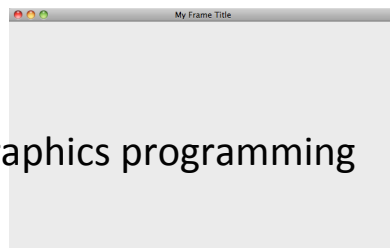
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Frames

- **Frame**: Most basic unit of graphics programming
- Example of a *container*
 - A *container* contains other UI components
- A top-level window
 - Not contained within another window
- Swing's `JFrame` class implements a frame



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Example Frame

```

public class Game extends JFrame implements
    KeyListener {

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Game session = new Game();
        session.init();
    }

    public void init() {
        // Top-left corner is (0,0)
        // width/height: XBOUND, YBOUND
        setBounds(0, 0, XBOUND, YBOUND);
        // Shows the window
        setVisible(true);
        ...
    }
}

```

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Frame Inheritance

- Class hierarchy

```

java.lang.Object
  java.awt.Component
    java.awt.Container
      java.awt.Window
        java.awt.Frame
          javax.swing.JFrame ←

```

- JFrame is derived from `java.awt.Frame`
 - `Frame` class is derived from `Container` class
 - Container: anything that can contain UI components
 - Lots of methods available from the hierarchy

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Components & Containers

● Component

- **Abstract** class
- Everything you see is a component
 - All nonmenu-related AWT components
- Many methods
 - Some deprecated: be careful

● Container

- *Concrete* implementation of Component
- Base class of many classes

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```

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Container Methods

● add(Component c)

● setSize

- Sets size of frame in *pixels*

● setLocation

- Sets location of frame
 - Coordinates of top-left corner

● setBounds

- Sets both size and location of frame
 - Provides information needed for `setSize` and `setLocation`

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Window Methods

- Top-level window
- No borders
- No Menu Bar
- **dispose()**
 - Closes window and reclaims resources associated with it
- **toBack()**
 - Sends window to back, may lose focus/activation
- **toFront()**
 - Bring to front, make this the focused window

```

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```

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Frame's Methods

- Top-level window *with title and borders*
- **setTitle(String title)**
 - Sets title of frame (displayed in title bar)
- **setResizable(boolean resizable)**
 - Can the user resize the frame?

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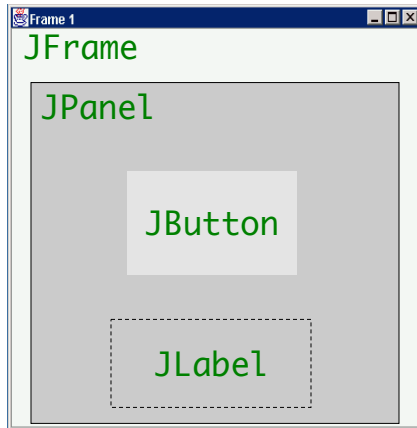
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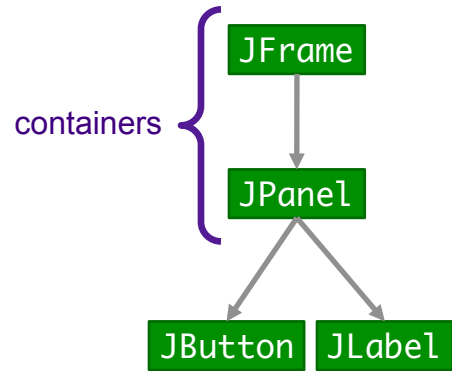
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Anatomy of an Application GUI

GUI



Internal structure



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Implementing a GUI Component

1. Create it
2. Configure it
3. Add children (if container)
4. Add to parent (if not JFrame)
5. Listen to it



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Implementing a GUI Component

1. Create it

```
 JButton b = new JButton();
```
2. Configure it

```
 b.setText("press me");  
 b.setForeground(Color.blue);
```
3. Add it to parent

```
 panel.add(b);
```
4. Listen to it
 - Events: Listeners

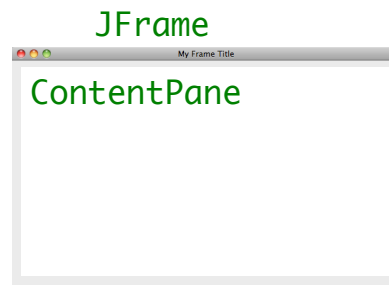
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JFrame

- Contains **ContentPane**
 - A **Container** object that holds components you add, placing them in the frame
 - The part of the frame that holds UI components



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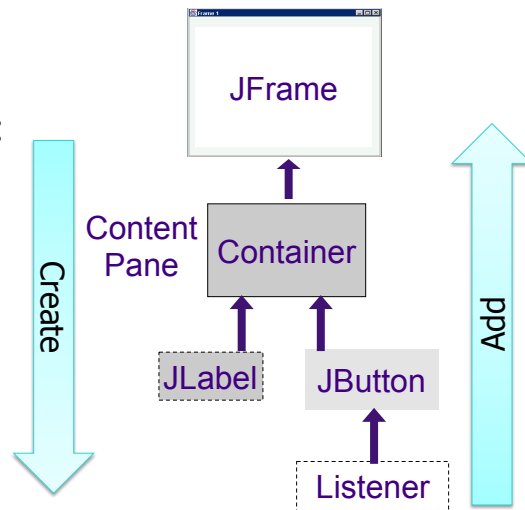
Building a GUI

1. Create (top down):

- Frame
- Container
- Components
- Listeners

2. Add (bottom up):

- Listeners into components
- Components into panel
- Panel into frame



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Example Code

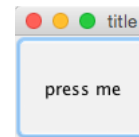
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// create the components
JFrame f = new JFrame("title");
f.setBounds(0, 0, 100, 100);
Container pane = f.getContentPane();
JButton b = new JButton("press me");

// add button to panel
pane.add(b);

// show the frame
f.setVisible(true);

```



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More GUI Components

- Choice
 - Drop-down list
- FileDialog
 - Opening and saving files
- List
 - Scrollable
 - Allows multiple selections
- ScrollPane
 - scrollbars
- TextField
 - Single line of text
- TextArea
 - Multiple lines of text

Menus

- MenuBar
 - Thing across top of frame
 - Frame: `setMenuBar(MenuBar mb);`
- Menu
 - The dropdown part
 - A sequence of `MenuItems`
 - `Menu` is a subclass of `MenuItems`, so can have submenus

Practice: Combining Components

- Create a panel with three buttons on it

ButtonPanel.java

Placement of Components

- How does the panel know where to place a button?
- How does the panel know where to place the next button?
- How does the panel know where to place *any* component that is added to it?

LAYOUT MANAGERS

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Layout Managers

- Java uses *layout managers* to place components inside a container
- **LayoutManager** automatically handles placement of components
 - When a component is added to a container (through **add**), layout manager decides where to place the component

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Default Layout Managers

- JFrame's content pane: BorderLayout
- JPanel's: FlowLayout

The Flow Layout Manager

- Default layout manager for a *panel*
- Lines components up *horizontally* until no more room in container
 - Then starts a new row of components
- If user resizes component, layout manager automatically reflows components

The Flow Layout Manager

- Can choose how to arrange components in a row
 - Default: center each row
 - Other options: left or right align
- Change alignment using **setLayout**

```
setLayout(new FlowLayout( FlowLayout.LEFT ));
```

components aligned to the left

- Another constructor has **hgap** and **vgap** for gaps to put around components

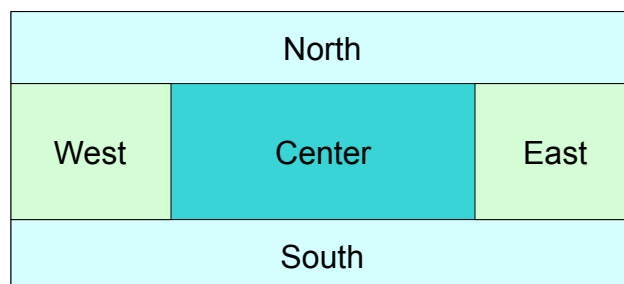
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Border Layout Manager

- Default layout manager of the content pane for **JFrame**
- Lets you choose where you want to place each component



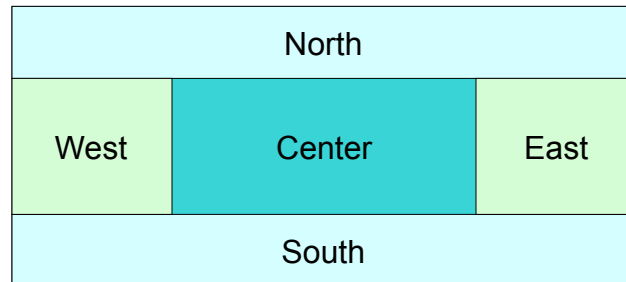
with respect to
the container

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Border Layout Regions



- Edge components are laid out first
- Center occupies remaining space

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Border Layout Rules

- Grows all components to fill available space
- If container is resized, edge components are redrawn and center region size recomputed
- To add a component to a container using a border layout

➤ Ex: `JFrame`'s content pane

```
Container contentPane = getContentPane();
contentPane.add(button, BorderLayout.SOUTH);
```

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Adding Components Using a Border Layout

```
Container contentPane = getContentPane();
contentPane.add(button, BorderLayout.SOUTH);
```

- If no region specified, assumes center region

What happens if we add multiple components, e.g., three buttons, without specifying a region?

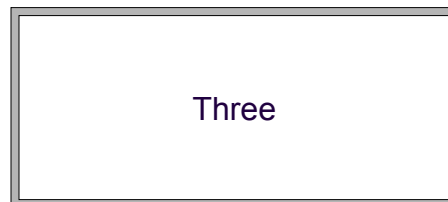
- Recall: border layout grows component to fit specified region

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A Border Layout Limitation



- Last button added grows to completely fill center region
- First two buttons were discarded/overwritten by each subsequently added component

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Changing Layout Managers

- Any container can use any layout manager
- Use **setLayout** to change layout manager *before adding components*

```
// sets layout to a new flow layout manager that
// aligns row components to the left and uses a 20 pixel
// horizontal separation and 20 pixel vertical separation
setLayout(new FlowLayout(FlowLayout.LEFT, 20, 20));

// sets layout to a new border layout manager that
// uses a 45 pixel horizontal separation between
// components (regions) and a 20 pixel vertical separation
setLayout(new BorderLayout(45, 20));
```

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Combining Panels

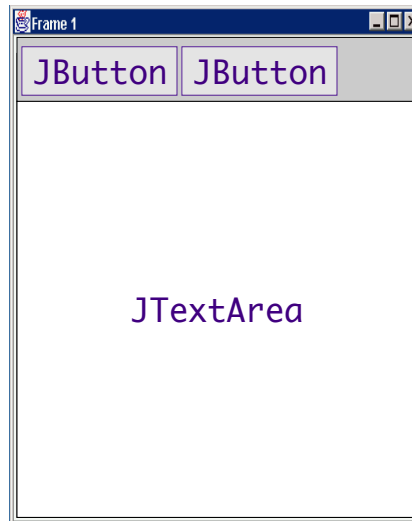
- **Panels** act as (smaller) containers for UI elements
- Can be arranged inside a larger panel by a layout manager
- Use additional panels to customize look
 - Create a panel
 - Add some buttons to it
 - Add that panel to a region in content pane

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Combining Panels

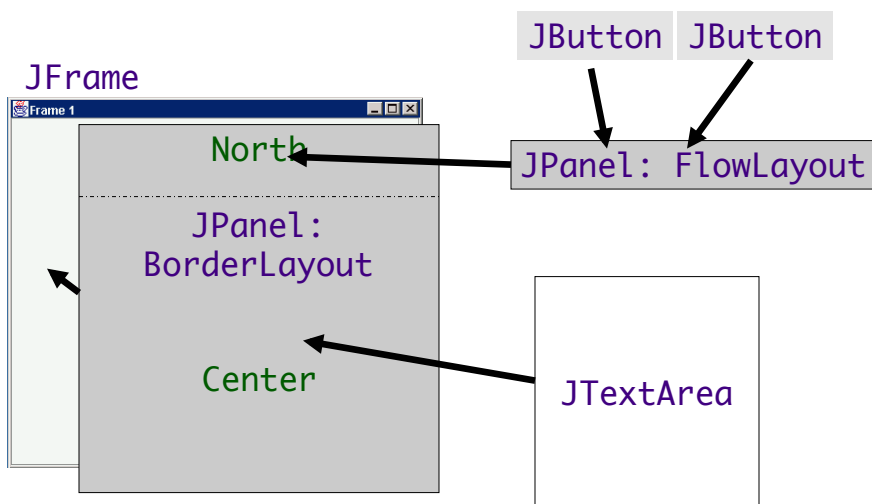


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Combining Panels



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Using Additional Panels

- Get fairly accurate and precise placement of components
- Use nested panels with

Layout	Use
BorderLayout	Content panes and enclosing panels
Flow Layouts	Panels containing buttons and other UI components

FlexibleLayout.java

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Another Layout Manager: Grid

- Divides container into columns and rows of equal size, which collectively occupy the entire container region
- Rows and columns are aligned like a table
 - When container is resized, the “cells” grow and/or shrink
 - Cells always maintain identical sizes
- Example:

```
panel.setLayout(new GridLayout(5, 4)); // 5 rows, 4 cols
```

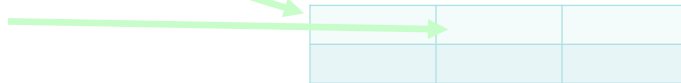
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Adding Components to a Grid Layout

- Components added *sequentially*
- 1st **add** adds component to 1st row, 1st col
- 2nd **add** adds component to 1st row, 2nd col



- And so forth until 1st row is filled
- Then 2nd row begins with the 1st column
- Continues until the entire container is filled

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Grid Layout Rules

- Components are resized to take up entire cell
- Restrictive but can be useful for some applications
- Example: Create a row of buttons of identical size
 1. Make a panel that has a grid layout with one row
 2. Add a button to each cell
 3. Set horiz/vert separation so buttons are not touching

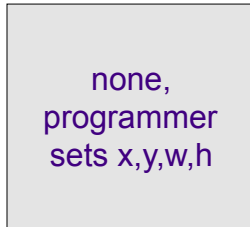
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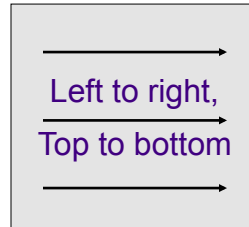
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Layout Manager Heuristics

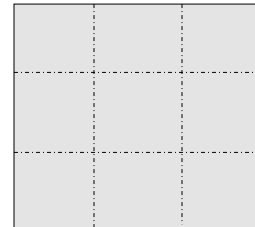
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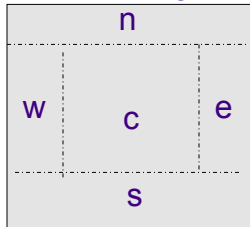
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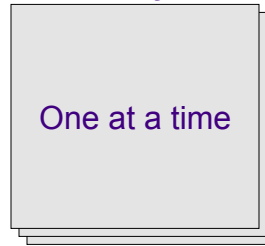
GridLayout



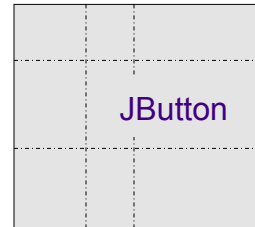
BorderLayout



CardLayout



GridBagLayout



HANDLING USER INTERACTIONS

Event-Driven Programming

- User actions (e.g., mouse clicks, key presses), sensor outputs, or messages from other applications determine flow of program
- Application architecture:

```
while ( true ) {
    event = waitForEvent();
    handleEvent(event);
}
```

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Event Basics



- An **event** is generated from an **event source** and is transmitted to an **event listener**
- Event sources allow event listeners to **register** with them
 - Registered listener requests event source send its event to listener when event occurs

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Java Event Handling

- All events are objects of event classes
 - Derive from `java.util.EventObject`
- **Event source**
 - Sends out event objects to *all registered* listeners when that event occurs
- **Listener**
 - Implements a listener interface
 - Uses `EventObject` to determine its reaction to the event

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Java Event Handling

- Register a listener with an event source:

```
eventSourceObject.addEventListener(
    eventListenerObject);
```

- Example:

```
ActionListener listener = . . .;
JButton button = new JButton("Click Me!");
button.addActionListener(listener);
```

- Whenever an “action event” occurs on **button**, **listener** is notified
 - For buttons, an action event is a button click

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Listener Objects

- A listener object must be an instance of a class that implements the appropriate interface
 - For buttons, that's **ActionListener**
- Listener class must implement `actionPerformed(ActionEvent event)`

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Listener Objects and Event Handling

- When a user clicks a button, **JButton** object generates an **ActionEvent** object

Which makes **JButton** a *what*?

- **JButton** calls listener object's `actionPerformed` method, passing generated event object
- A single event source can have *multiple listeners* listening for its events
 - Source calls `actionPerformed` on each of its listeners

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An Example of Event Handling

- Suppose we want to make a panel that has three buttons on it
 - Each button has a color associated with it
 - When user clicks a button, background color of panel changes to the corresponding color
- We need
 1. A panel with 3 buttons on it
 2. 3 listener objects, one registered to listen for a button's events