
IS 413

Course Introduction

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Agenda

- Instructor Introduction
 - Student Introductions
 - Syllabus Review
 - Swing Overview
 - Quiz # 0
 - Hello World Exercise
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Instructor

- Benjamin Houdeshell houdesh1@umbc.edu
 - Career
 - Financial Engineer
 - Systems Developer
 - ETL Engineer
 - Education
 - BS Business Administration
 - MBA
 - MS Information Systems
 - Ph.D. Student Information Systems
 - Systems & Software Research Area
 - Software Testing
 - Verification & Validation
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Student Intros

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- You will work with a partner this semester
- Always useful to have contact info for someone in the class

- Introduce yourself

- Major
 - Prior experience (if any) in programming
 - Outside Interests
 - Personal goals for this course
 - Reason for taking this course
 - Personal info (hobbies, favorite baseball team, WOW realm etc.)
 - You will introduce your neighbor to the class
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Syllabus Review /Course Requirements

■ Course Focus

- UI programming
 - Java Swing
 - Android

■ First half of each class

- Lecture and new material
 - **Please do not log on to a computer or use a smart phone during the first half of class. Playing games, using Facebook etc. will result in a deduction from your grade.**
 - **Please read for next week: “Should Students Use a Laptop in Class?”**

■ Second half of each class

- Hands-on
 - This is a skills course

■ Activities

- Reading, Writing Code, Quizzes, and Projects
 - You will work with a partner on most assignments
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Course Requirements

- Use of your own laptop for the programming assignments is **highly recommended**
 - Use your laptop during the second half of class
 - Experience with Java and OO technology is required
 - Programming assignments
 - Java Development Kit (either 1.6 or 1.7 is fine)
 - Text Editor (I like VIM)
 - You will do your early work in a command line environment using the JDK and an editor
 - IDEs – after you can build from the command line
 - Eclipse Classic <http://www.eclipse.org/downloads>
 - Android SDK and Eclipse Plugin
 - <http://developer.android.com/sdk/index.html>
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Grading and Homework

■ Grading

- Project 20%
- Quiz 1 through 4 40%
- Homework 40%

■ Quizzes 1 through 4 are 10 points each

- All material from the readings and homeworks

■ Project

- A **significant** graphical project written in java
- Working with a partner **is required**
 - Example Graphical Version of [The Game of Life](http://www.math.com/students/wonders/life/life.html)
 - See <http://www.math.com/students/wonders/life/life.html>
- One page abstract due mid-semester

Homework

- Homework is an important part of this course
 - 40% of your grade
 - Late homework will not be accepted
 - Extraordinary situations – please see me in advance
 - A **hardcopy** of all source code is required, the night the homework is due
 - No homework will be accepted without hard copy
 - **Emailed homework will not be accepted**
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Expectations

- 400 level Course
 - An *honors* university
 - Students can
 - Read documentation
 - Research problems and find solutions
 - Work together with other students
 - Read and write java code
 - Compile, run, and debug simple java programs
 - Do your own work
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Swing – A Widget Toolkit for Java

Basic Controls

Simple components that are used primarily to get input from the user; they may also show simple state.



[JButton](#)



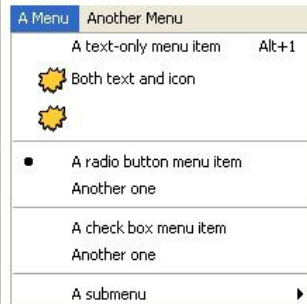
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[JComboBox](#)



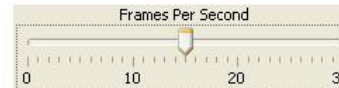
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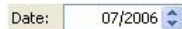
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[JSlider](#)



[JSpinner](#)



[JTextField](#)



[JPasswordField](#)

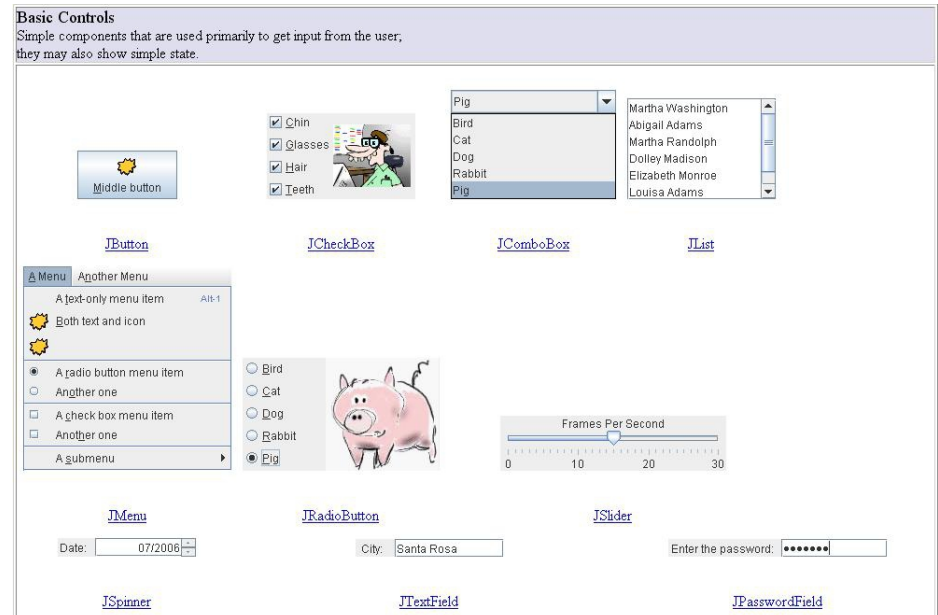
Swing Context

■ History

- Replace the AWT
 - Abstract Window Toolkit
- Initially part of JFC
 - Java Foundation Classes

■ Selected JFC Features

- GUI Components
- Java 2D API
- Pluggable Look and Feel
- Data Transfer
- Internationalization



Swing Environment

- Many public packages
 - javax.swing
 - javax.swing.event
 - e.g. `javax.swing.JFrame`,
`javax.swing.JButton`,
`javax.swing.JApplet` etc.
- Best Practice : Run Swing components on their own thread
 - Event Dispatch Thread

Getting Started Exercise

- Hello World



- <http://java.sun.com/docs/books/tutorial/uiswing/start/compile.html>

- Use a text editor

- Enter the code (do not simply download and compile)
 - `HelloWorldSwing.java`
 - Compile
 - Run
 - Change Title to "Hello IS 413"
 - Compile and Run
 - **Please complete through the week. You will need to be able to compile and run java programs from the command line in order to complete the week 1 homework.**

Event Dispatch Thread

- HelloWorld example uses the Swing EventDispatch Thread

```
public static void main(String[] args)
{
    //schedule a job for the event-dispatching thread
    javax.swing.SwingUtilities.invokeLater(new Runnable()
    {
        public void run()
        {
            createAndShowGUI();
        }
    });
} //main
```

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Anonymous Inner Class

Setting up a Basic Environment on Windows

- To compile and run a java program, the **Java Development Kit**, must be installed
 - The jdk is available for free
 - [Java Development Kit](#)
- Once installed, the following environment variable must be set:
 - From a DOS command prompt, enter:

```
PATH=%PATH%;E:\jdk1.6.0_11\bin;
```

- assuming the JDK is installed in the directory
E:\jdk1.6.0_11
- You may set this permanently with My Computer|Properties|Advanced|Environment Variables
- See
<http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/documentation/install-windows-152927.html>
- See Update the Path Variable

Note: All of the above applies to java 7 as well. Also – java 6 is the same as java 1.6 and java 7 is the same as java 1.7.

Setting Up a Basic Environment

- To use the JDK try the following simple exercise:
- Using a text editor enter the following Java Source code

```
public class Hello {  
    public static void main(String args[]) {  
        System.out.println("Hello IS 413") }  
    }
```

- Save the program in a file called `Hello.java`
- From a DOS window, `cd` to the directory where you saved the file `Hello.java`
- To compile the program type `javac Hello.java`
 - if no errors, a file called `Hello.class` will be produced
- To run the program type: `java Hello`
- Congratulations, you just wrote a java program
- Lesson: The Hello World Application
 - Do "HelloWorld! for Microsoft Windows " (or whatever environment you use)

Observations

- **Writing code is fun**

- Java is fun
- Visually oriented programming is fun
 - *IS 413 is fun !!!*

- **Your mileage may vary**

- We usually have a diverse set of educational backgrounds
 - For some the work will be easy, others will find it more challenging
 - This is normal – don't worry

- **Tutoring has been available in the past**

- Make use of it if need be

Recommendations

■ Do the homework

- The number 1 reason for poor grades is a failure to submit the homework assignments
- Submit the assignments on time
 - Late assignments are not accepted

■ Come to class

- Students that come to class get better grades
- Students with poor attendance get lower grades

■ Work with a partner

Summary

- Focus on applied use of Java
- Format : Lecture plus Lab
- Grading 4 x 10% quizzes, homework 40%, project 20%
- Work with a partner on most homework/project
- **Homework (part 1)**
 - Quiz #0
 - Do the getting started exercise (Hello World)
 - Reading
 - Getting Started with Swing
 - About the JFC and Swing
 - Compiling and Running Swing Programs