Graphical User Interfaces

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Outline

• Pixels & bits & colors
• JavaFX Introduction
• Shapes
Pixels and Graphics

Programs represent pictures as grids of picture elements or *pixels*

Picture *resolution*: Relates to how many pixels are used
Display size
(300, 120) vs. (500, 320)

Scene scene = new Scene(root, 300, 120, Color.LIGHTGREEN);
Coordinate System

• The origin of the Java coordinate system is in the upper left corner

• All visible points have **positive, int** coordinates
Representing Images

Bitmap
1 bit

Grayscale
8 bits

RGB Color
3 colors: red, green, blue
24 bits

sRGB Color
3 colors: red, green, blue + alpha
32 bits

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Example: Representing Pixels in RGB

Color (red=116, green=86, blue=142)

x = 11
y = 8
sRGB Color in JavaFX

- Color: Each pixel has a color associated with it
  - We can specify a color using the Color.rgb method:
  - Each color has a value from 0-255

```java
Scene scene = new Scene(root, 300, 120, Color.rgb(0, 0, 255));
```

... Or we can use a (predefined) Color constant

```java
Scene scene = new Scene(root, 300, 120, Color.BLUe);
```

See Color class in the JavaFX API:
https://docs.oracle.com/javase/8/javafx/api/javafx/scene/paint/Color.html
Representing Color

• The static `rgb` method in the `Color` class returns a `Color` object with a specific RGB value:

```java
Color purple = Color.rgb(183, 44, 150);
Scene scene = new Scene(root, 300, 120, Color.rgb(0, 255, 0));
```

• The `color` method uses percentages:

```java
Color maroon = Color.color(0.6, 0.1, 0.0);
```

• Both methods allow an extra parameter to specify alpha value:

```java
Color purple = Color.rgb(183, 44, 150, 0.3);
Color maroon = Color.color(0.6, 0.1, 0.0, 0.8);
```
Example: HelloJavaFX

- HelloJavaFX program makes use of Inheritance

```java
public class HelloJavaFX extends Application
```

- New class HelloJavaFX
- Based on an existing parent class Application
- Reuses items from the parent class
  - attributes (variables)
  - methods (code)

- JavaFX programs inherit core graphical functionality from the Application class
Example: HelloJavaFX – Two methods

• A JavaFX program has a `start` method

• The `main` method is only needed to launch the JavaFX application and call the `start` method

```
public void start(Stage primaryStage)
```

• The `start` method accepts the primary stage (window)

• See `HelloJavaFX.java`
import javafx.application.Application;
import javafx.scene.Group;
import javafx.scene.Scene;
import javafx.scene.paint.Color;
import javafx.scene.text.Text;
import javafx.stage.Stage;

public class HelloJavaFX extends Application {

    public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
        Text hello = new Text(50, 50, "Hello, JavaFX!");
        Text question = new Text(120, 80, "How's it going?");

        Group root = new Group(hello, question);
        Scene scene = new Scene(root, 300, 120, Color.LIGHTGREEN);

        continued
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    primaryStage.setTitle("A JavaFX Program");
    primaryStage.setScene(scene);
    primaryStage.show();
}

// Launches the JavaFX application. This method is not required
// in IDEs that launch JavaFX applications automatically.
public static void main(String[] args)
{
    launch(args);
}
}
Intro to JavaFX

• NOTE: position of each Text object is specified explicitly

    Text hello = new Text(50,50,"Hello, JavaFX!");

• In this example, two Text objects are added to a Group

• Group is used to create one name for several items

• Order in the group is the order of adding to the scene

    Group root = new Group(hello,question);
Examine two lines

```java
Group root = new Group(hello, question);
Scene scene = new Scene(root, 300, 120, Color.LIGHTGREEN);
```

- The group serves as the root node of a Scene
- The scene is displayed on the Stage primaryStage (window)
- The size and background color of the scene can be set when the Scene object is created
Basic Shapes

• JavaFX shapes are represented by classes in one of the packages we import

```java
import javafx.scene.shape.*;
```

• A line segment is defined by the `Line` class, whose constructor accepts the coordinates of the two endpoints:

```java
Line(startX, startY, endX, endY)
```

• For example:

```java
Line myLine = new Line(10, 20, 300, 80);
```
Basic Shapes

- A rectangle is specified by its upper left corner and its width and height:

  \[
  \text{Rectangle}(x, y, \text{width}, \text{height})
  \]

  \[
  \text{Rectangle } r = \text{new Rectangle}(30, 50, 200, 70);
  \]

- A circle is specified by its center point and radius:

  \[
  \text{Circle}(\text{centerX}, \text{centerY}, \text{radius})
  \]

  \[
  \text{Circle } c = \text{new Circle}(100, 150, 40);
  \]
Basic Shapes

• An ellipse is specified by its center point and its radius along the x and y axis:

```java
public class Ellipse {
    // Constructor
    public Ellipse(int centerX, int centerY, int radiusX, int radiusY) {
        // Implementation
    }
}
```

```
Ellipse e = new Ellipse(100, 50, 80, 30);
```

• Shapes are drawn in the order in which they are added to the group

• The stroke and fill of each shape can be set

• See `Einstein.java`
import javafx.application.Application;
import javafx.scene.Group;
import javafx.scene.Scene;
import javafx.scene.paint.Color;
import javafx.scene.shape.*;
import javafx.scene.text.Text;
import javafx.stage.Stage;

public class Einstein extends Application {
    public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
        Line line = new Line(35, 60, 150, 170);

        Circle circle = new Circle(100, 65, 20);
        circle.setFill(Color.BLUE);
    }

    continued
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Rectangle rect = new Rectangle(60, 70, 250, 60);
rect.setStroke(Color.RED);
rect.setStrokeWidth(2);
rect.setFill(null);

Ellipse ellipse = new Ellipse(200, 100, 150, 50);
ellipse.setFill(Color.PALEGREEN);

Text quote = new Text(120, 100, "Out of clutter, find " + "simplicity.\n-- Albert Einstein");

Group root = new Group(ellipse, rect, circle, line, quote);
Scene scene = new Scene(root, 400, 200);

primaryStage.setTitle("Einstein");
primaryStage.setScene(scene);
primaryStage.show();

} // We will typically exclude the main method. Use it to launch
// the application if needed.
}
rectangle = new Rectangle(60, 70, 250, 60);
rectangle.setStroke(Color.RED);
rectangle.setStrokeWidth(2);
rectangle.setFill(null);
ellipse = new Ellipse(200, 100, 150, 50);
ellipse.setFill(Color.PALEGREEN);
quote = new Text(120, 100, "Out of clutter, find simplicity.
-- Albert Einstein");
root = new Group(ellipse, rectangle, circle, line, quote);
scene = new Scene(root, 400, 200);
primaryStage.setTitle("Einstein");
primaryStage.setScene(scene);
primaryStage.show();

// We will typically exclude the main method. Use it to launch
// the application if needed.
HelloJavaFX Sketch – Find reference points

**Practice:**
1. Add the center of the circle and other endpoint of line
2. Verify width and height of all objects

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Out of clutter, find simplicity. -- Albert Einstein
Groups – order matters

Group root = new Group(ellipse, rect, circle, line, quote);

• First thing drawn is the ellipse then the rectangle
  – What would happen if I had the ellipse last?

• Groups can be nested within groups

• *Translating* a shape or group shifts its position along the x or y axis

• A shape or group can be rotated using the `setRotate` method

• See Snowman.java
import javafx.application.Application;
import javafx.stage.Stage;
import javafx.scene.Group;
import javafx.scene.Scene;
import javafx.scene.paint.Color;
import javafx.scene.shape.*;

public class Snowman extends Application {

    // Presents a snowman scene.
    public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
        Ellipse base = new Ellipse(80, 210, 80, 60);
        base.setFill(Color.WHITE);

        Ellipse middle = new Ellipse(80, 130, 50, 40);
        middle.setFill(Color.WHITE);

        continued
Circle head = new Circle(80, 70, 30);
head.setFill(Color.WHITE);
Circle rightEye = new Circle(70, 60, 5);
Circle leftEye = new Circle(90, 60, 5);
Line mouth = new Line(70, 80, 90, 80);
Circle topButton = new Circle(80, 120, 6);
topButton.setFill(Color.RED);
Circle bottomButton = new Circle(80, 140, 6);
bottomButton.setFill(Color.RED);
Line leftArm = new Line(110, 130, 160, 130);
leftArm.setStrokeWidth(3);
Line rightArm = new Line(50, 130, 0, 100);
rightArm.setStrokeWidth(3);
Rectangle stovepipe = new Rectangle(60, 0, 40, 50);
Rectangle brim = new Rectangle(50, 45, 60, 5);
Group hat = new Group(stovepipe, brim);
hat.setTranslateX(10);
hat.setRotate(15);
Group snowman = new Group(base, middle, head, leftEye, rightEye, mouth, topButton, bottomButton, leftArm, rightArm, hat);
snowman.setTranslateX(170);
snowman.setTranslateY(50);

Circle sun = new Circle(50, 50, 30);
sun.setFill(Color.GOLD);

Rectangle ground = new Rectangle(0, 250, 500, 100);
ground.setFill(Color.STEELBLUE);

Group root = new Group(ground, sun, snowman);
Scene scene = new Scene(root, 500, 350, Color.LIGHTBLUE);

primaryStage.setTitle("Snowman");
primaryStage.setScene(scene);
primaryStage.show();
Summary

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