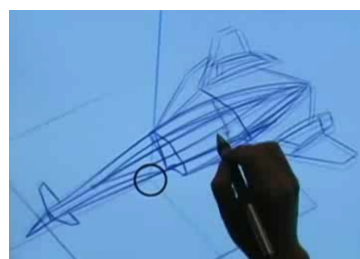
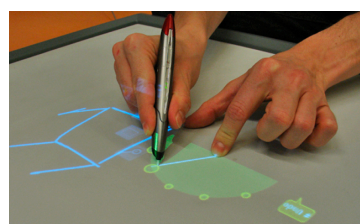
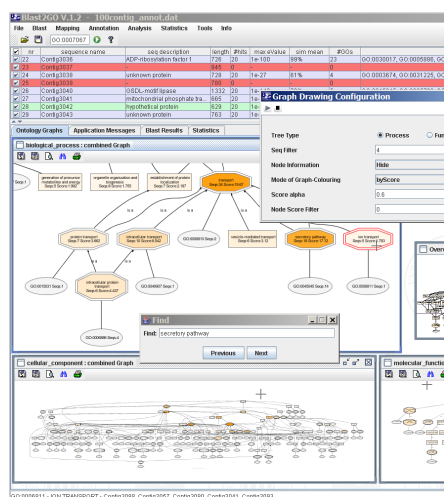


## Week 1 : c. UI Programming

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## interactive systems



# graphical interfaces

GUIs: input is specified w.r.t. output

Input peripherals specify commands at specific locations on the screen (*pointing*), where specific objects are drawn by the system.  
Familiar behavior from physical world



## WIMP interfaces

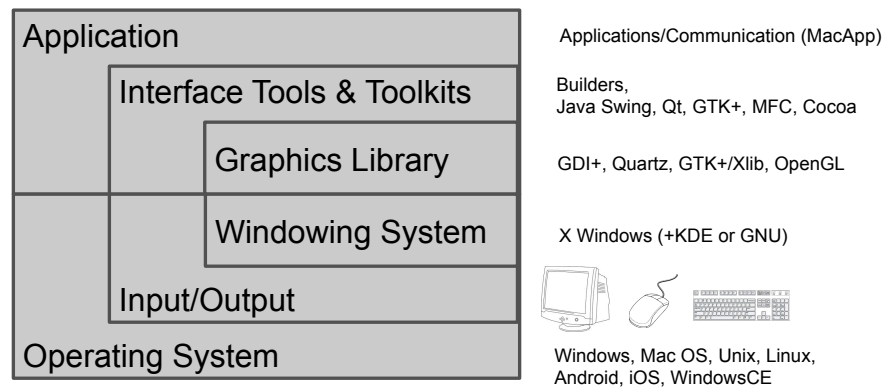
WIMP :

Window, Icons, Menus and Pointing

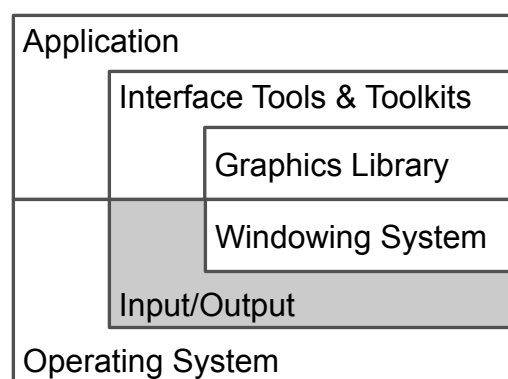
- Presentation
  - Windows, icons and other graphical objects
- Interaction
  - Menus, dialog boxes, text input fields, etc
- Input
  - pointing, selection, ink/path
- Perception-action loop
  - feedback



## software layers



## software layers



## input/output peripherals

input: where we give commands



output: where the system shows its state



## interactivity vs. computing

closed systems (computation):

- read input, compute, produce result
- final state (end of computation)

open systems (interaction):

- events/changes caused by environment
- infinite loop, non-deterministic

## problem

- we learn to program algorithms (computational)
- most languages (C/C++, Java, Lisp, Scheme, Pascal, Fortran, ...) designed for algorithmic computations, not interactive systems

## problem

treating input/output during computation  
(interrupting computation) ...

- write instructions (`print`, `put`, `send`,...) to send data to output peripherals
- read instructions (`read`, `get`, `receive`,...) to read the state or state changes of input peripherals

# problem

to program IS in algorithmic/computational form:

```

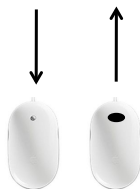
two buttons B1 and B2
finish <- false
while not finish do
  button <- waitClick () //interruption, blocked comp.
  if button
    B1 : print « Hello World »
    B2 : finish <- true
  end
end
end

```

## managing input

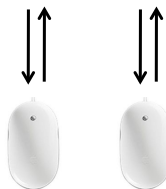
### Querying

Query & wait  
1 per. at a time



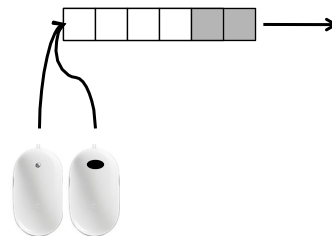
### Polling

Active wait  
Polling in sequence  
CPU cost

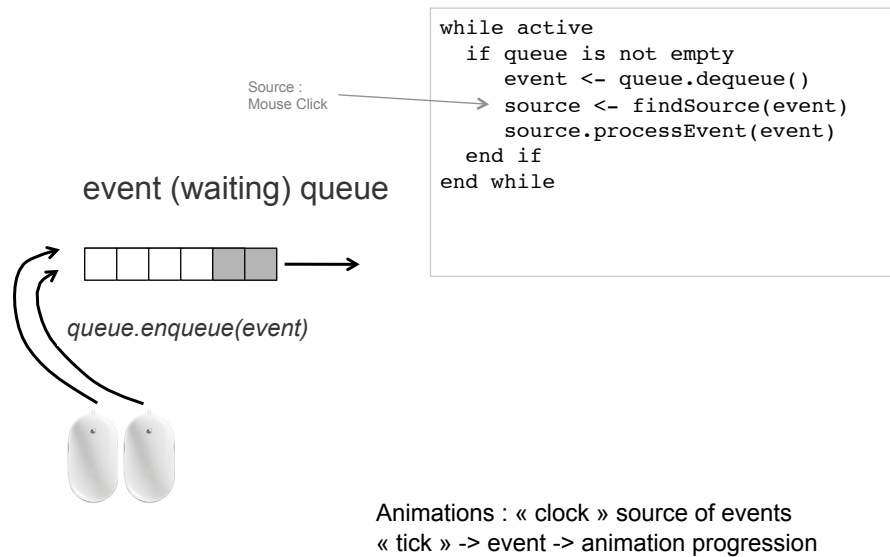


### Events

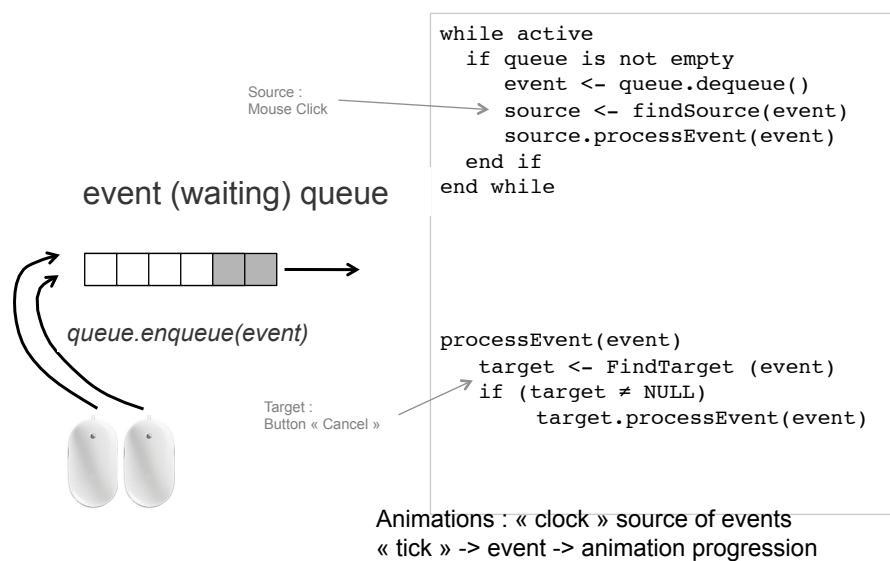
Wait queue



## event based (driven) programming



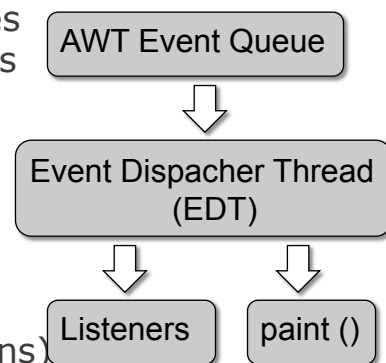
## event based (driven) programming



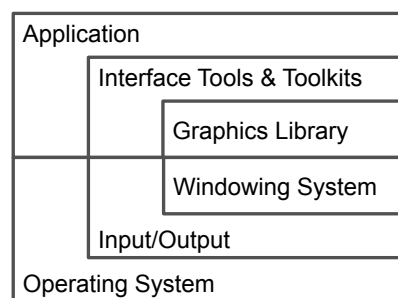
## e.g. Swing (and AWT)

3 threads in JVM:

- main ()
- toolkit thread that receives (from OS) events and puts them in a queue
- EDT manages the queue: sends events to *listeners* (functions dealing with events) and calls paint methods (drawing functions)



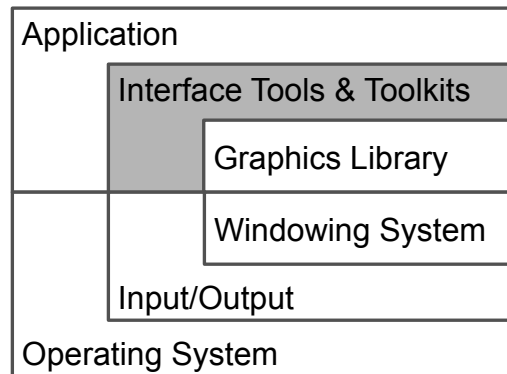
## event handling



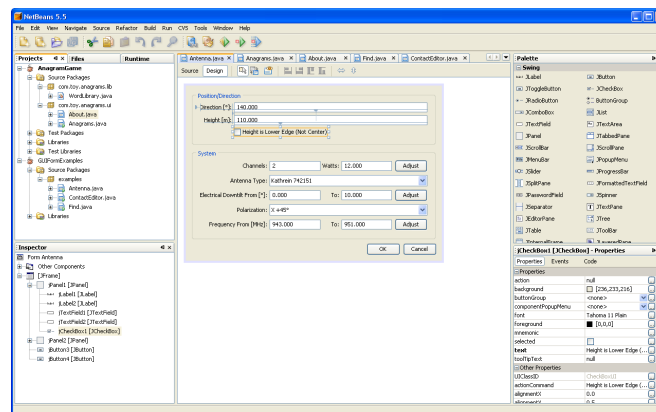
Lower layers fill-up the queue  
Upper layers de-queue and treat events



# software layers



# interface builders



Examples : MS Visual Studio (C++, C#, etc.), NetBeans (Java),  
Interface Builder (ObjectiveC), Android Layout Editor

## interface builders

can be used to

- create prototypes (but attention it looks real)
- get the « look » right
- be part of final product
  
- design is fast
- modest technical training needed
- can write user manuals from it

But: still need to program (and clean code ...)

## interface toolkits

libraries of interactive objects (« widgets », e.g. buttons) that we use to construct interfaces

functions to help programming of GUIs

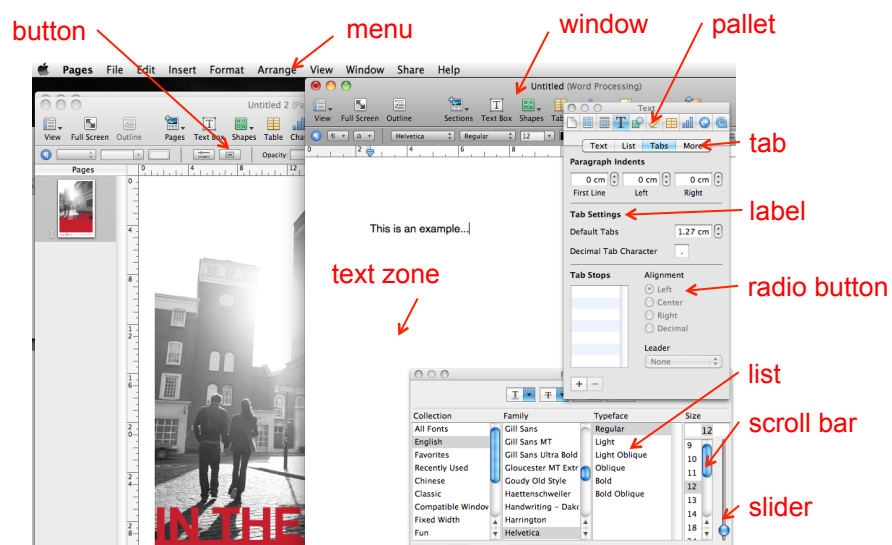
usually also handle input events (later)

## interface toolkits

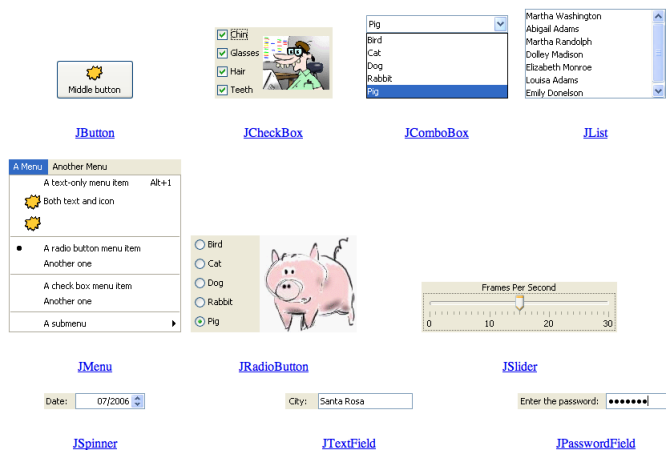
Toolkit	Platform	Language
Qt	multiplatform	C++
GTK+	multiplatform	C
MFC later WTL	Windows	C++
WPF (subset of WTL)	Windows	(any .Net language)
FLTK	multiplatform	C++
AWT / Swing	multiplatform	Java
Cocoa	MacOs	Objective C
Gnustep	Linux, Windows	Objective C
Motif	Linux	C
JQuery UI	Web	javascript

Problem with toolkits? ....

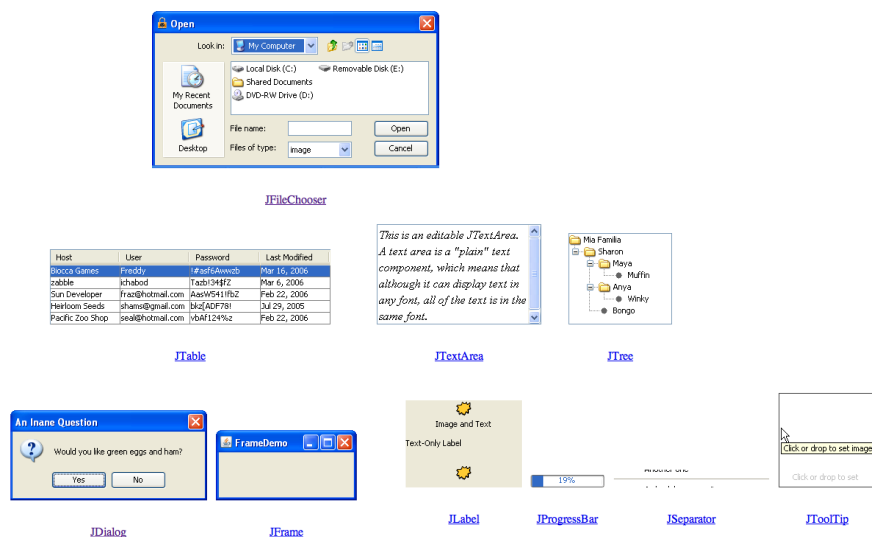
## « widgets » (window gadget)



# Swing widgets



# Swing widgets



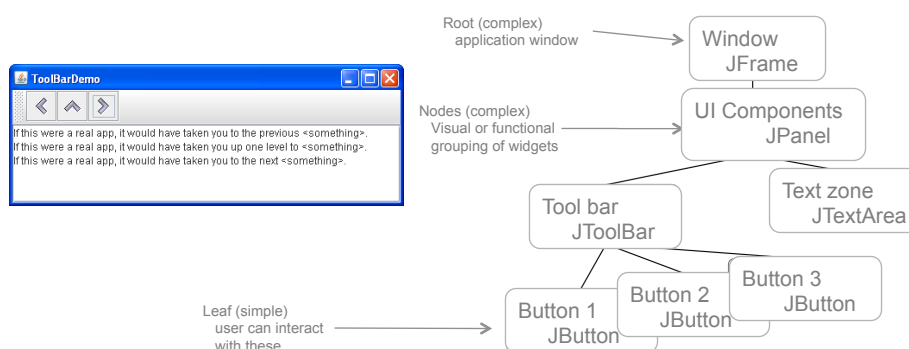
# widget complexity

- Simple widgets
  - buttons, scroll bars, labels, ...
- Composite/complex widgets
  - contain other widgets (simple or complex)
  - dialog boxes, menus, color pickers, ...

# widget tree

Hierarchical representation of the widget structure

- a widget can belong to only one « container »

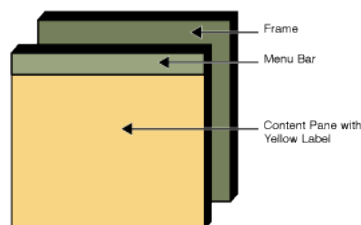


# Swing widget classes

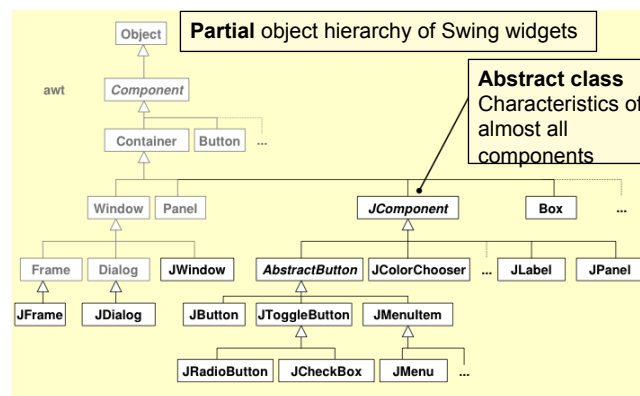
A GUI application has a top-level (container) widget that includes all others

In Swing there are 3 types: JFrame, JDialog and JApplet

They all contain other widgets (simple or complex), that are declared in the field **content pane**



# Swing widget classes



<http://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/ui/features/components.html>

AWT (older) is more connected to the graphics system. Later extended with Swing (less use of the graphics system).

# Swing JFrame

a window with a basic bar

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    JFrame jf = new JFrame("Ta ta!");
    jf.setVisible(true);
    jf.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
    System.out.println("finished ? ! ?");
    System.out.println("no, still running ...");
}
```

Useful functions

```
public JFrame();
public JFrame(String name);
public Container getContentPane();
public void setMenuBar(JMenuBar menu);
public void setTitle(String title);
public void setIconImage(Image image);
```

**This program does not terminate  
after "no, still running ..."**

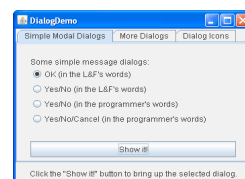
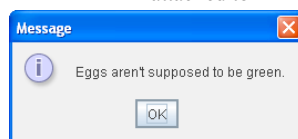
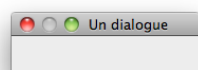
# Swing JDialog

a message window (dialog) can be "modal" (blocks interaction)

usually attached to another window (when that closes, so does the dialog)

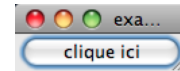
```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    JFrame jf = new JFrame("ta ta!");
    jf.setVisible(true);
    jf.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
    JDialog jd = new JDialog(jf, "A dialog", true); ← modal
    jd.setVisible(true);
}
```

attached to



```
import javax.swing.*;

public class SwingDemo1 {
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        JFrame frame = new JFrame();
        frame.setTitle("example 1");
        frame.getContentPane().add(new JLabel("Swing Demo 1"));
        frame.setDefaultCloseOperation(javax.swing.JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
        frame.getContentPane().add(new JButton("clique ici"));
        frame.setSize(100,50);
        frame.setVisible(true);
    }
}
```



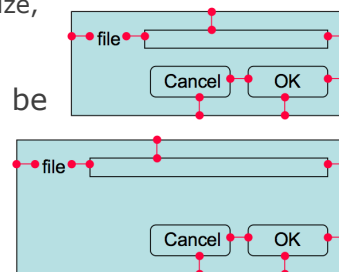
where is the label?

Bruce Eckel, Thinking in Java, 2nd edition

## widget placement

UI toolkits control widget placement:

- should be independent of widget size  
(menu at least as big as its largest item,  
change of scrollbar size with document size,  
adjusting text flow)
- done in *layout managers* that can be  
added to container widgets





```

import javax.swing.*;
import java.awt.*;

public class SwingDemo2 extends JFrame {
    public void init()
    {
        this.setTitle("example 2");

        getContentPane().add(new JLabel("Swing Demo 2"));

        Container contentPane = this.getContentPane();
        contentPane.setLayout(new FlowLayout());

        this.setDefaultCloseOperation(EXIT_ON_CLOSE);

        contentPane.add(new JButton("clique ici"));
        contentPane.add(new JButton("clique là"));
    }

    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        JFrame frame = new SwingDemo2();

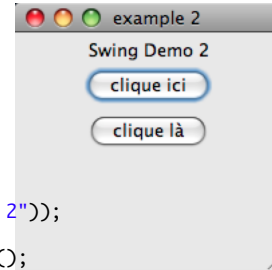
        ((SwingDemo2)frame).init();

        frame.setSize(200,200);
        frame.setVisible(true);
    }
}

```

moved the "setup code" to init()

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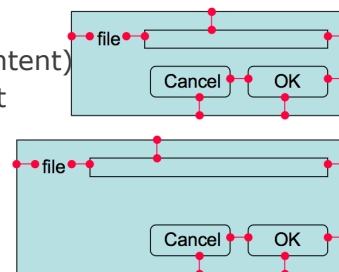
## widget placement

### general guides

- embed geometry of a «child» widget to its parent
- parent controls the placement of its children

### layout algorithm

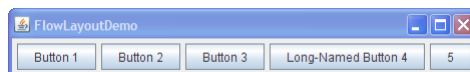
- natural size for each child (to fit content)
- size and position imposed by parent
- constraints: grid, form, etc.



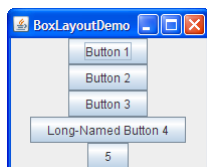
# layout managers (in Swing)



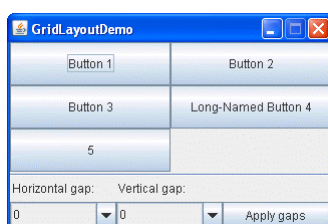
BorderLayout



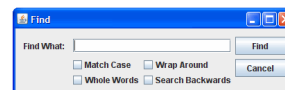
FlowLayout



BoxLayout



GridLayout



GroupLayout

<http://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/uiswing/layout/visual.html>

```
import javax.swing.*;
import java.awt.*;

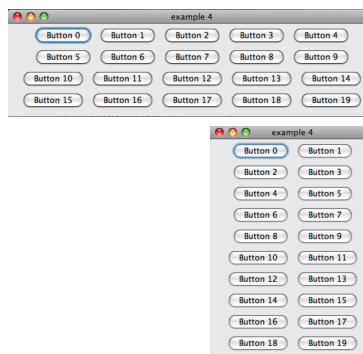
public class SwingDemo4 extends JFrame {
    public void init()
    {
        Container cp = getContentPane();
        this.setTitle("example 4");
        this.setDefaultCloseOperation(EXIT_ON_CLOSE);

        cp.setLayout(new FlowLayout());
        for(int i = 0; i < 20; i++)
            cp.add(new JButton("Button " + i));
    }

    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        SwingDemo4 frame = new SwingDemo4();

        frame.init();

        frame.setSize(200,700);
        frame.setVisible(true);
    }
}
```



Bruce Eckel, Thinking in Java, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition

```

import javax.swing.*;
import java.awt.*;

public class SwingDemo5 extends JFrame {
    public void init() {
        Container cp = getContentPane();

        this.setTitle("example 5");
        this.setDefaultCloseOperation(EXIT_ON_CLOSE);

        cp.setLayout(new GridLayout(7,3));
        for(int i = 0; i < 20; i++)
            cp.add(new JButton("Button " + i));
    }
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        SwingDemo5 frame = new SwingDemo5();

        frame.init();

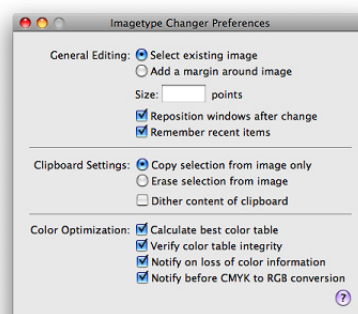
        frame.setSize(200,700);
        frame.setVisible(true);
    }
}

```



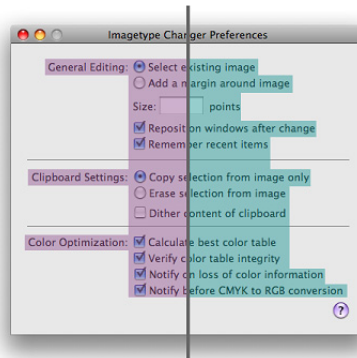
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## placement guides (Mac OS X)



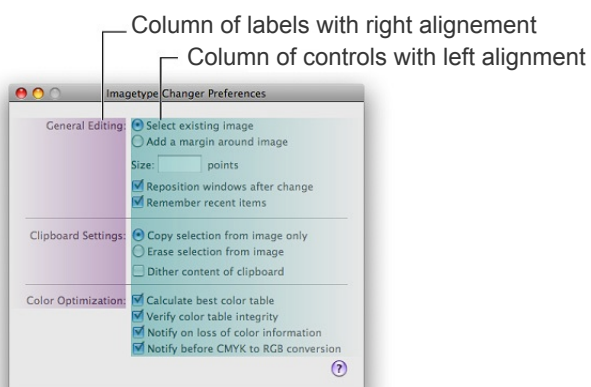
## placement guides (Mac OS X)

**Center balance** : visual balance of a container's content between the left and right parts



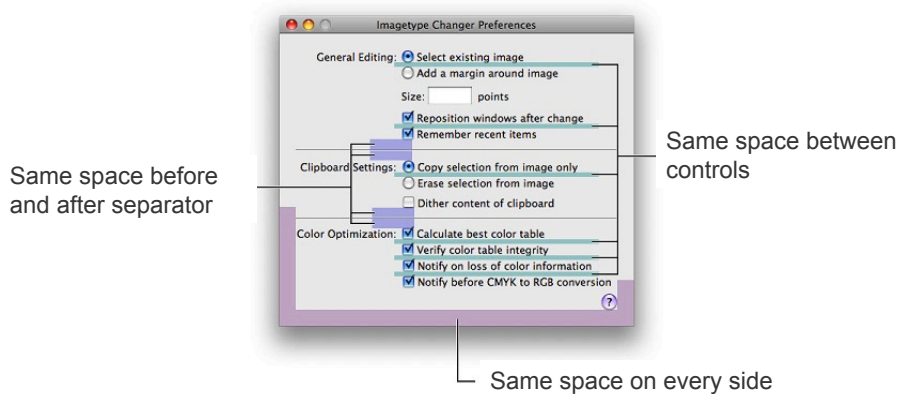
## placement guides (Mac OS X)

### Alignement



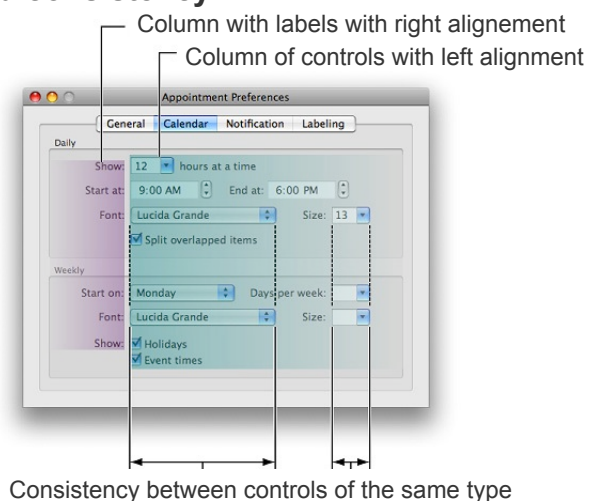
## placement guides (Mac OS X)

### Spacing



## placement guides (Mac OS X)

### Alignment and consistency

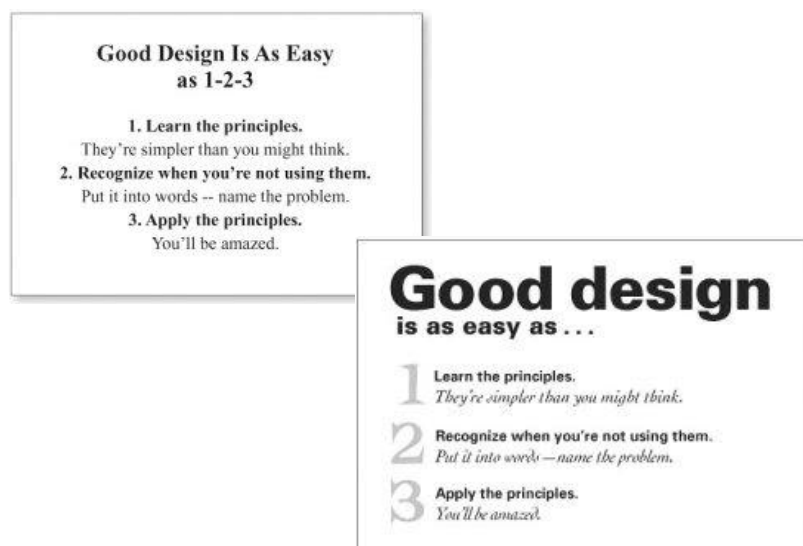


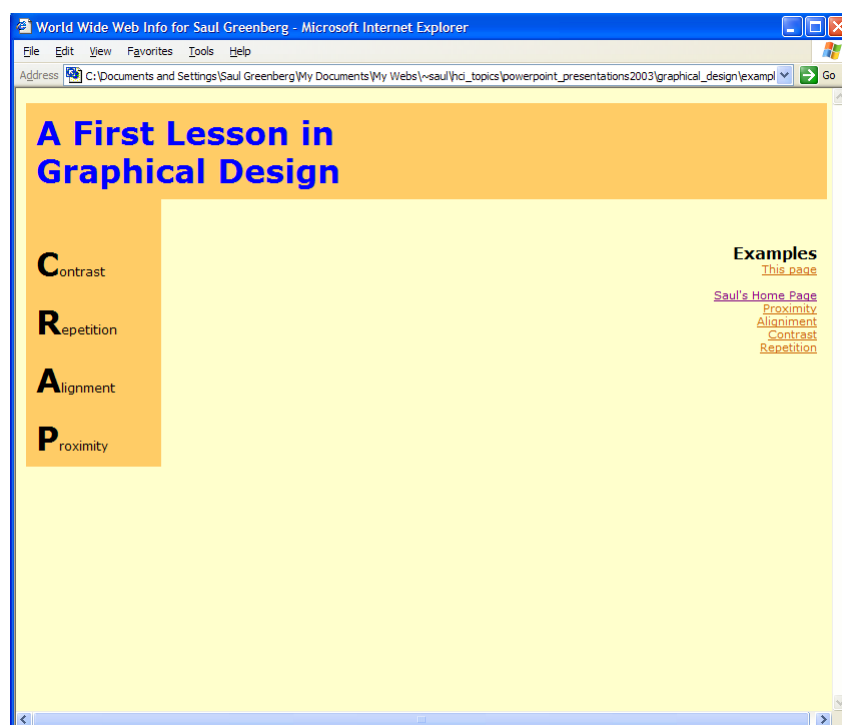
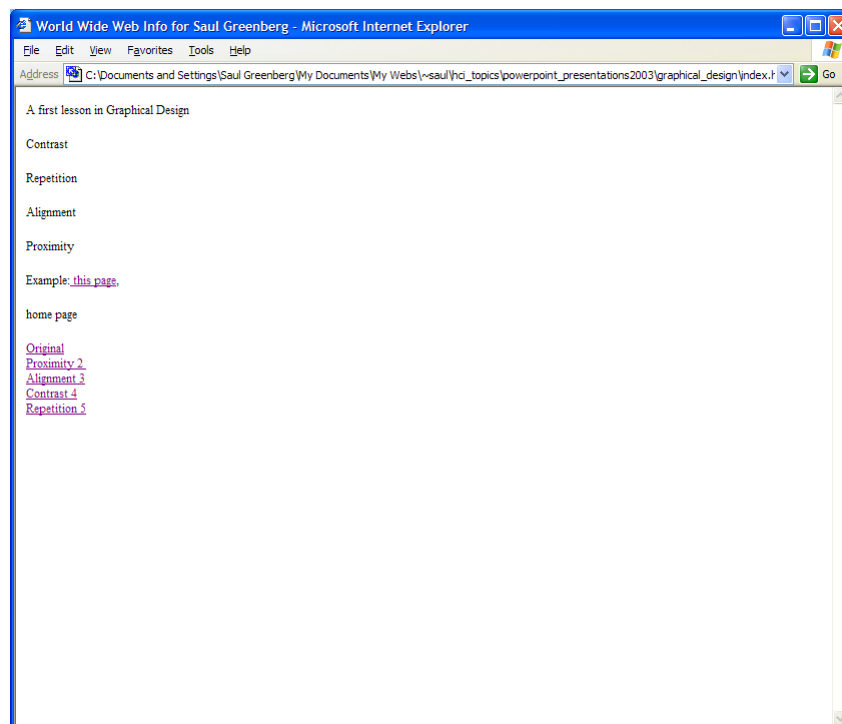
# CRAP

contrast, repetition, alignment, proximity

Major sources: Designing Visual Interfaces, Mullet & Sano, Prentice Hall / Robin Williams Non-Designers Design Book, Peachpit Press

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# CRAP

- **C**ontrast
- **R**epetition
- **A**lignment
- **P**roximity

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# CRAP

## • **Contrast**

make different things different

brings out dominant elements

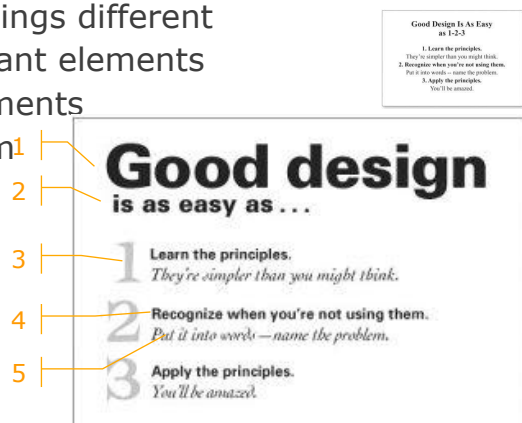
mutes lesser elements

creates dynamism

## • **Repetition**

## • **Alignment**

## • **Proximity**



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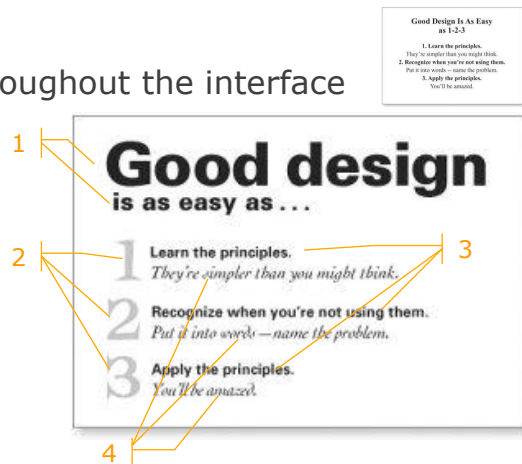


# CRAP

- **C**ontrast
- **R**epetition

repeat design throughout the interface  
consistency  
creates unity

- **A**lignment
- **P**roximity



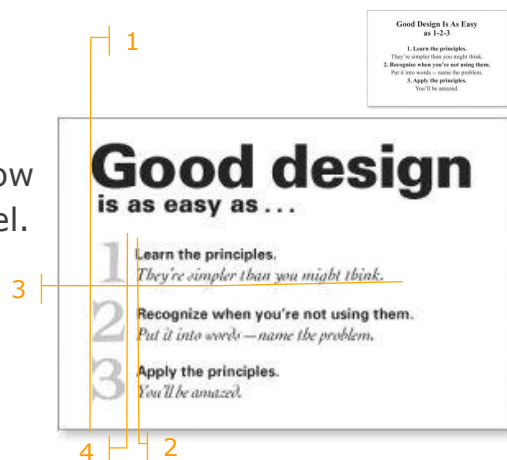
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# CRAP

- **C**ontrast
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- **A**lignment  
creates a visual flow  
visually connects el.

- **P**roximity

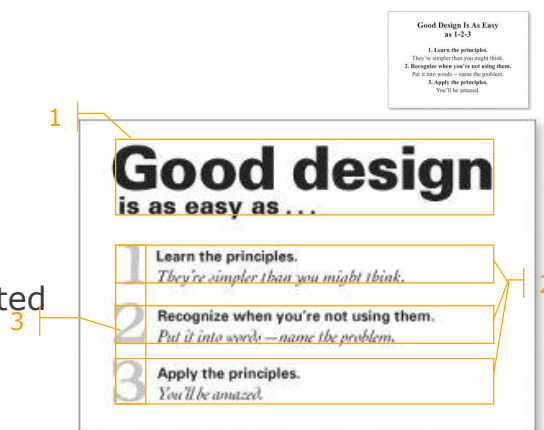


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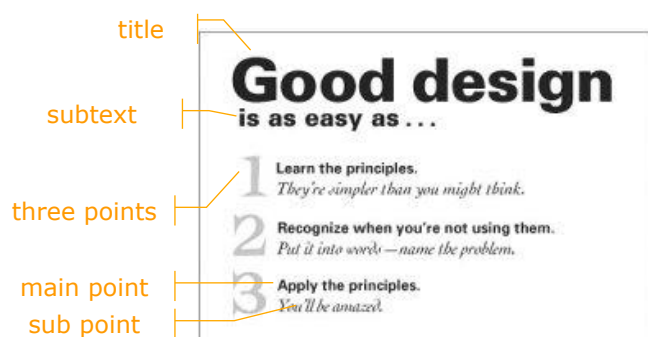
groups related  
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## Where does your eye go?

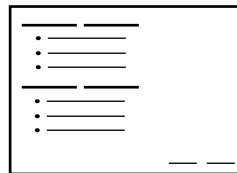
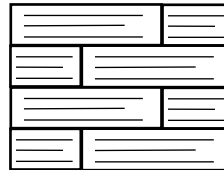
- CRAP combines to give you cues of how to read the graphic



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## Where does your eye go?

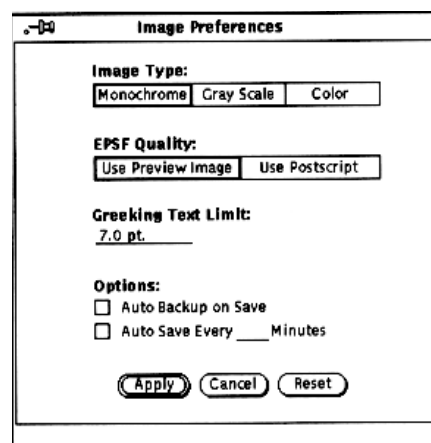
- Boxes do not create a strong structure
  - CRAP fixes it



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## Where does your eye go?

- Some contrast and weak proximity
  - ambiguous structure
  - interleaved items

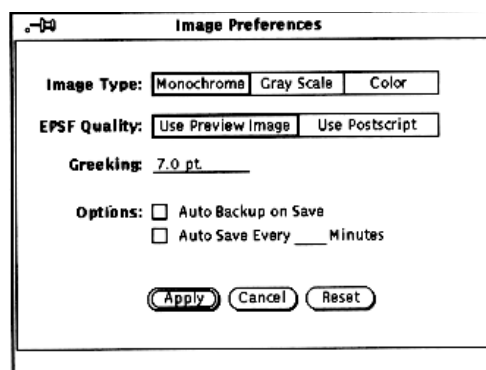


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## Where does your eye go?

- Strong proximity (left/right split)
  - unambiguous



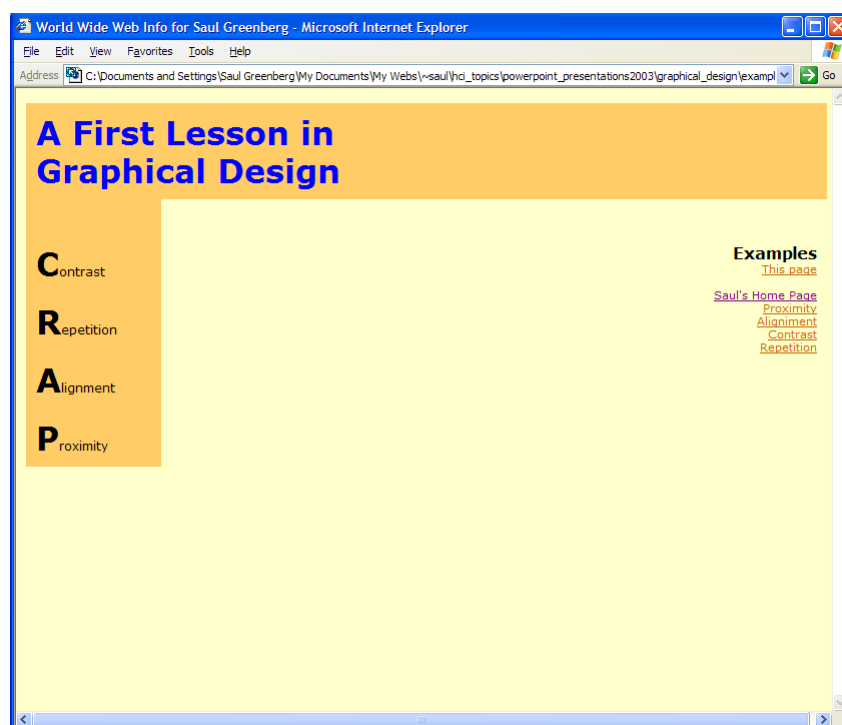
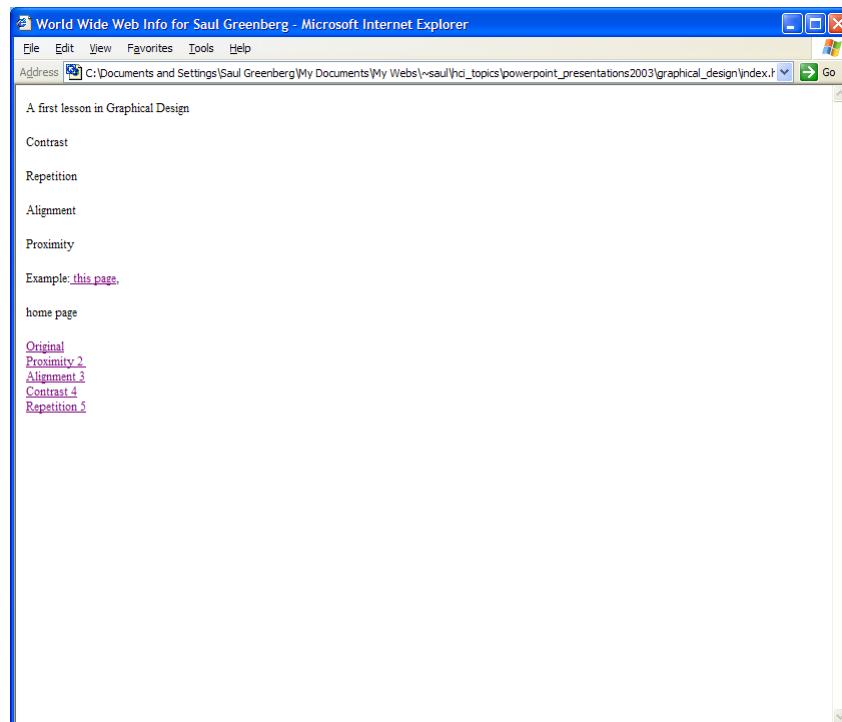
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## Where does your eye go?

- the strength of proximity
  - alignment
  - white (negative) space
  - explicit structure a poor replacement

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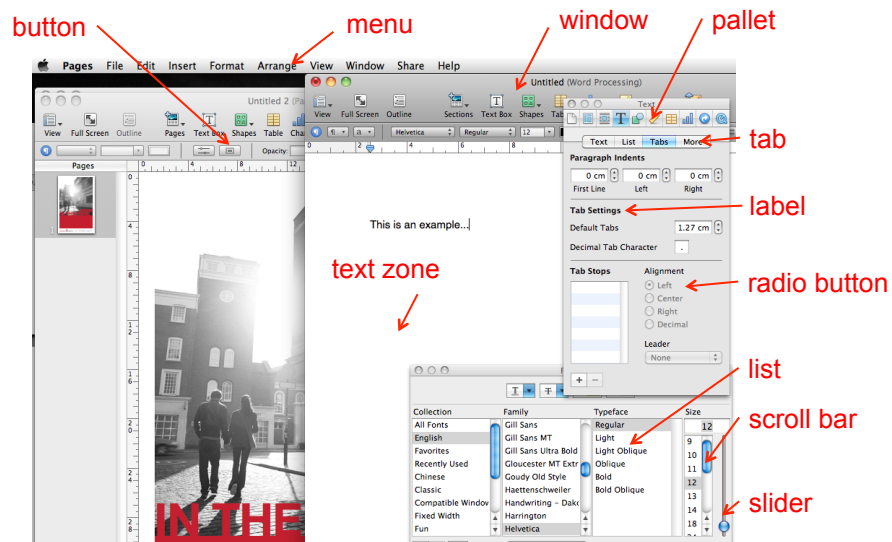
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# Repetition

facets of a widget



## « widgets » (window gadget)



## facettes of a widget

presentation

- appearance

behavior

- reaction to user actions

interface with the application:  
notification of state changes

Button:

border with text inside

« pressing » or « releasing » animation when clicked

call function when the button is clicked

## facettes of a widget

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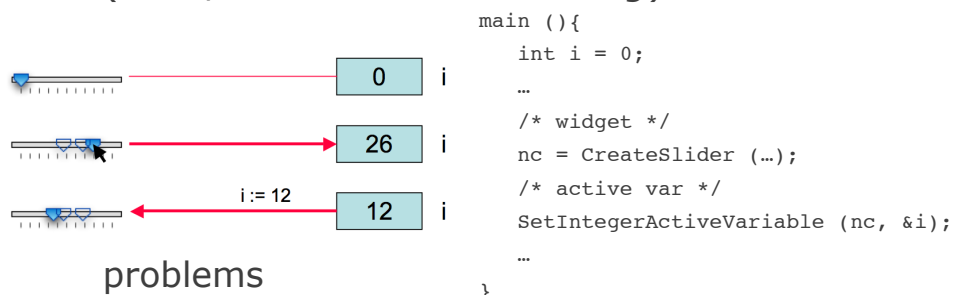
interface with the application:

notification of state changes

- active/linked/wrapped variables (Tcl/Tk)
- event dispatching (Qt)
- callback functions (Swing)

## variable wrappers (active variables)

two-way link between a state variable of a widget and another application variable  
(in Tcl/Tk referred to as *tracing*)



problems

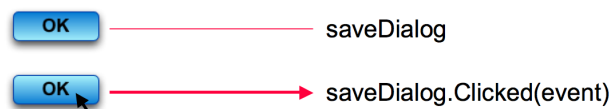
- limited to simple types
- return link can be costly if automatic
- errors when links are updated by programmers

## event dispatching

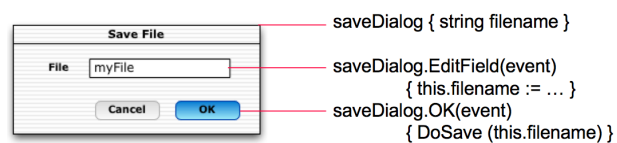
widgets act as input peripherals and send events when their state changes

a while loop reads and treats events

associate an object to a widget, and its methods to changes in the widget state



## event dispatching



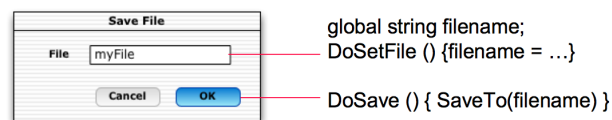
- divide event sending and treatment
- better encapsulation (inside widget class)
- but when similar behaviors exist ...

## callback functions

Registration at widget creation



Call at widget activation



## callback functions

Problem: spaghetti of callbacks

Sharing a state between multiple callbacks by:

- global variables: widgets check them
  - too many in real applications
- widget trees: callback functions are called with a reference to the widget that called it (visible in the same tree)
  - Fragile if we change the structure of the UI, does not deal with other data not associated to widgets (e.g. filename)
- token passing: data passed with the callback function call

## callback functions

```

/* callback function */
void DoSave (Widget w, void* data) {
    /* retrieve file name */
    filename = (char**) data;
    /* call an application function */
    SaveTo (filename);
    /* close the dialog */
    CloseWindow (getParent(getParent(w)));
}

/* main program */
main () {
    /* variable with file name */
    char* filename = "";
    ...
    /* create a widget and associate a callback */
    ok = CreateButton (...);
    RegisterCallback (ok, DoSave, (void*) &filename);
    ...
    /* event manager loop */
    MainLoop ();
}

```

## event listeners (Java)

a variation of callbacks in Java:

methods of type **AddListener** that do not specify a callback function but an object (the *listener*)

when a widget changes state, it triggers a predefined method of the *listener* object (e.g. *actionPerformed*)

## event listeners (Java)

```
public class ClickListener implements ActionListener
{
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e){
        JButton button = (JButton)e.getSource();
        ...
    }
}

...
ClickListener listener = new ClickListener();
JButton button = new JButton("Click me");
button.addActionListener(listener);
...
```

## event listeners (Java)

### **Anonymous Inner classes**

"new <class-name> () { <body> }"

this construction does 2 things:

- creates a new class without name, that is a subclass of <class-name> defined by <body>
- creates a (unique) instance of this new class and returns its value

this (inner) class has access to variables and methods of the class inside which it is defined

## event listeners (Java)

### Anonymous Inner classes

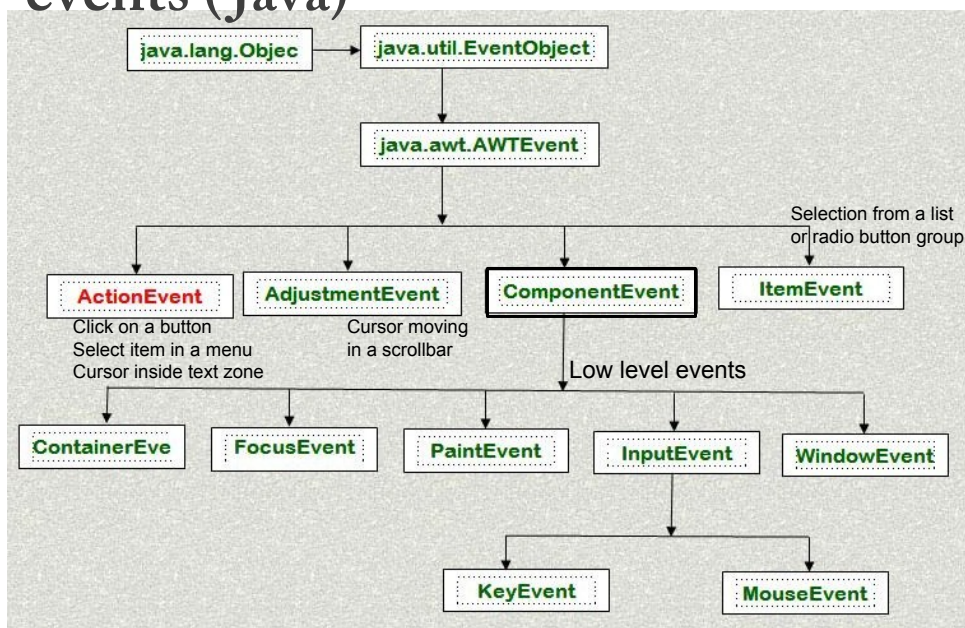
```

...
button.addActionListener(new ActionListener(){
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e){
        ...
    }
});
...
panel.addMouseListener(new MouseAdapter(){
    public void mouseClicked(MouseEvent e){
        ...
    }
});

```

The functions and events are predefined

## events (Java)



## events and listeners (Java)

Each has a source (e.g. JButton, JRadioButton, JCheckBox, JToggleButton, JMenu, JRadioButtonMenuItem, JTextField)

Can get it with the function **getSource()**

(Listeners) need to implement the interface that corresponds to event  
e.g. `ActionEvent` => `ActionListener` :

```
public interface ActionListener extends EventListener {
    /** Invoked when an action occurs.*/
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e)
}
```

## events and listeners (Java)

all events inherit from the class `EventObject`

all listeners correspond to an interface that inherits from `EventListener`

a class receiving notification events of some type needs to implement the corresponding interface:

- `ActionEvent`                      `ActionListener`
- `MouseEvent`                      `MouseListener`
- `KeyEvent`                      `KeyListener`
- ...



# events and listeners (Java)

listeners need to be registered (added) to widgets

a listener can be added to multiple widgets

- e.g. one listener handles events from multiple buttons

a widget can have many listeners

- e.g. one for "click" events and for "enter" on button events

```
import javax.swing.*;
import java.awt.*;
import java.awt.event.*;

public class SwingDemo3 extends JFrame {

    JButton b1 = new JButton("Clique ici");
    JButton b2 = new JButton("Clique la");
    JTextField txt = new JTextField(10);

    class ButtonListener implements ActionListener // INNER CLASS DEF.
    {
        public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
            String name = ((JButton)e.getSource()).getText();
            txt.setText(name);
        }
    } // END OF INNER CLASS DEFINITION

    ButtonListener bl = new ButtonListener();

    public void init() {

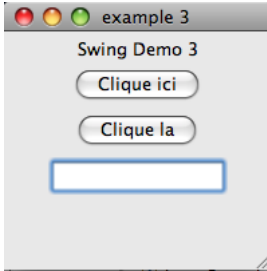
        b1.addActionListener(bl);
        b2.addActionListener(bl);

        Container cp = this.getContentPane();
        this.setTitle("example 3");
        cp.add(new JLabel("Swing Demo 3"));
        cp.setLayout(new FlowLayout());

        cp.add(b1);
        cp.add(b2);
        cp.add(txt);
    }

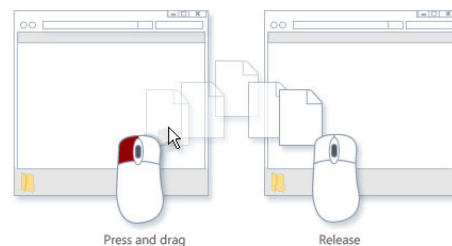
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        SwingDemo3 frame = new SwingDemo3();
        frame.init();
        frame.setSize(200,200);
        frame.setVisible(true);
    } // end of SwingDemo3 class definition
}
```

*inner class*



## « drag-and-drop » to think about

What are the affected « widgets »?  
What are the events?



How to describe this interaction with a  
« event listener » ?

## interface toolkits

event-action model

- can lead to errors (e.g. forgotten events)
- difficult to extend (e.g. add hover events)
- complex code

=> Finite State Machine and Hierarchical SM  
(soon !)

hard to do things the toolkit was not designed for

e.g. multi-device input, multi-screen applications,  
advanced interaction techniques (CrossY)