

# JavaFX Basics

## Lecture 7



# Graphical User Interface

- So far all our interaction with the user has been via terminal (**System.in**), command-line arguments (**args**), and files
- We now look at the basics of GUIs (pronounced “gooey”) – graphical user interfaces
  - Window(s), menus, buttons, etc.

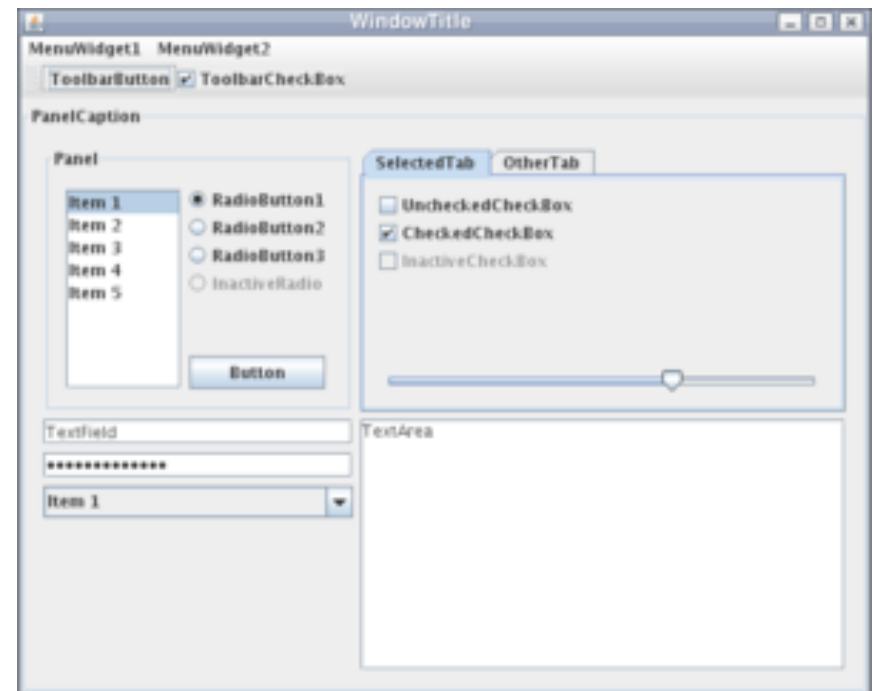
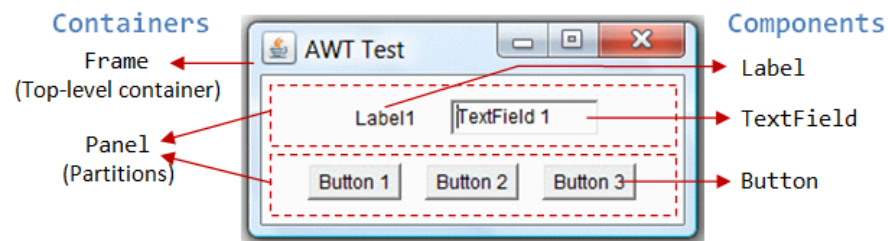


# JavaFX

- JavaFX is a relatively new framework for developing Java GUI programs
- The JavaFX API is an excellent example of OOP
- JavaFX replaces older frameworks
  - Abstract Window Toolkit (AWT): prone to platform-specific bugs, original GUI framework
  - Swing: replaced AWT, now superseded by JavaFX



# Older Java GUIs



# JavaFX Features

- Runs on a desktop or from a Web browser
- Provides a multi-touch support for touch-enabled devices (tablets and smart phones)
- Has built-in 2D/3D animation support, video and audio playback



# Your First JavaFX Project

- Create a new project in Eclipse
  - Name: MyJavaFX
- Create a new class
  - MyJavaFX
    - Extend the “Application” class
  - Include a main method

```
public class MyJavaFX extends Application {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
    }  
}
```

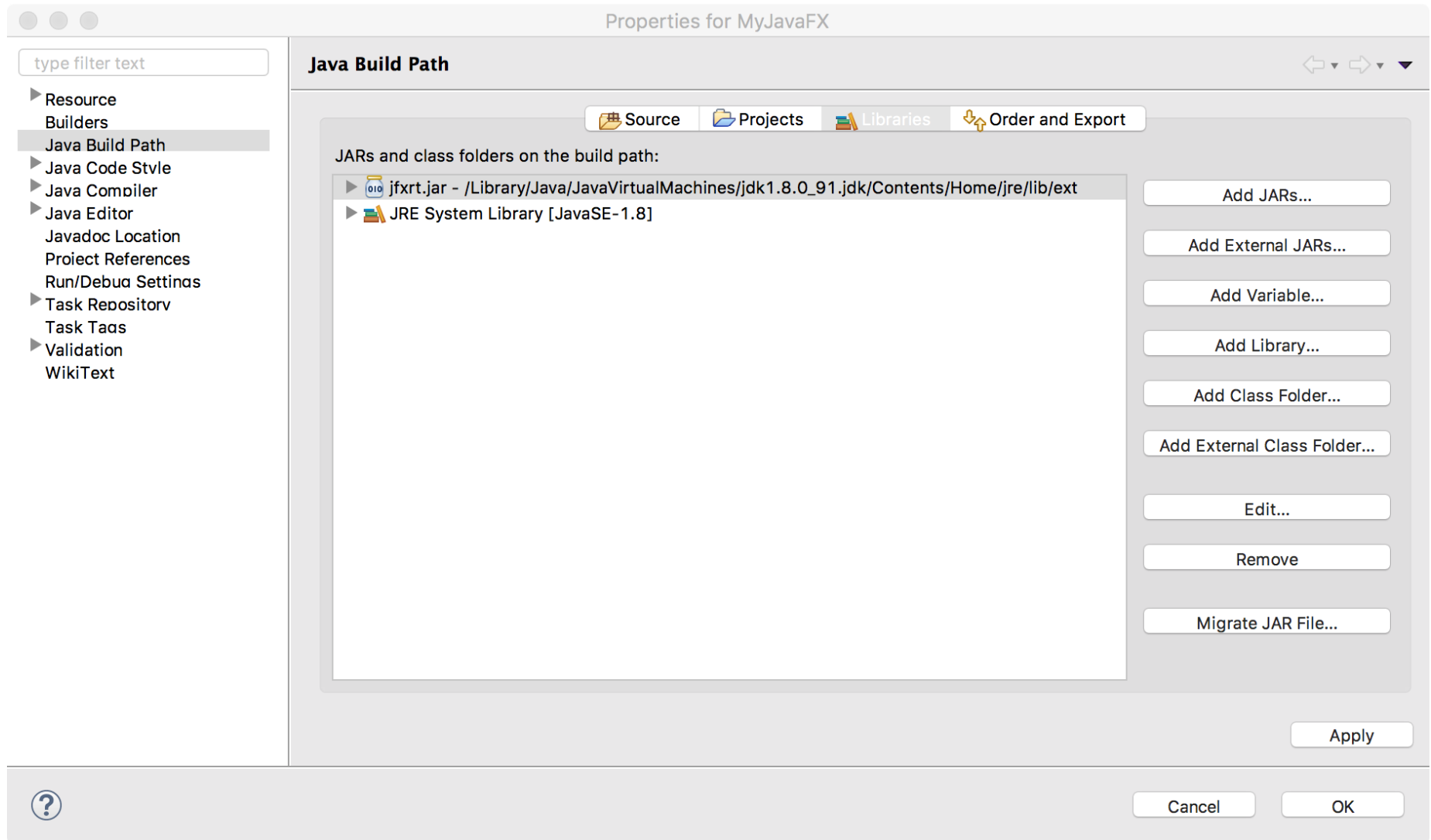


# Including JavaFX

- All JavaFX applications need the JavaFX runtime library (`jfxrt.jar`) added to the class path (location java looks for libraries)
- In Eclipse...
  1. Right-click project, Properties
  2. Java Build Path -> Libraries
  3. Add External JARs
    - Mac: `/Library/Java/JavaVirtualMachines/jdk1.8.X_X.jdk/Contents/Home/jre/lib/ext`
    - Windows:  
`C:\Program Files\Java\jdk1.8.X_X\jre\ext`
  4. Order and Export -> move `jfxrt.jar` to the top, OK

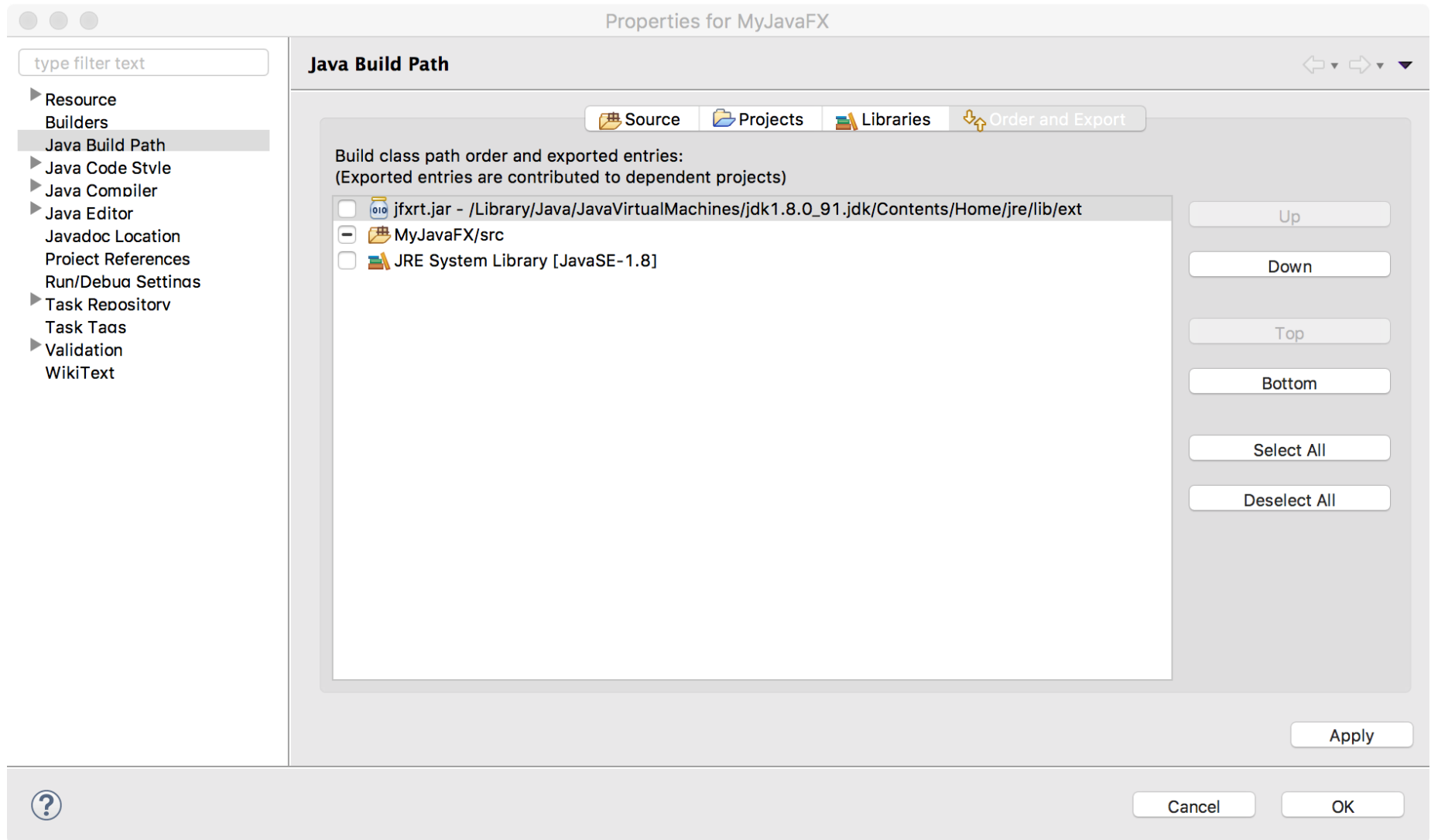


# Screenshots (1)





# Screenshots (2)



# My First JavaFX Application

```
import javafx.application.Application;
import javafx.scene.Scene;
import javafx.scene.control.Button;
import javafx.scene.layout.StackPane;
import javafx.stage.Stage;

public class MyJavaFX extends Application {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        launch(args);
    }

    @Override
    public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
        primaryStage.setTitle("Hello World!");

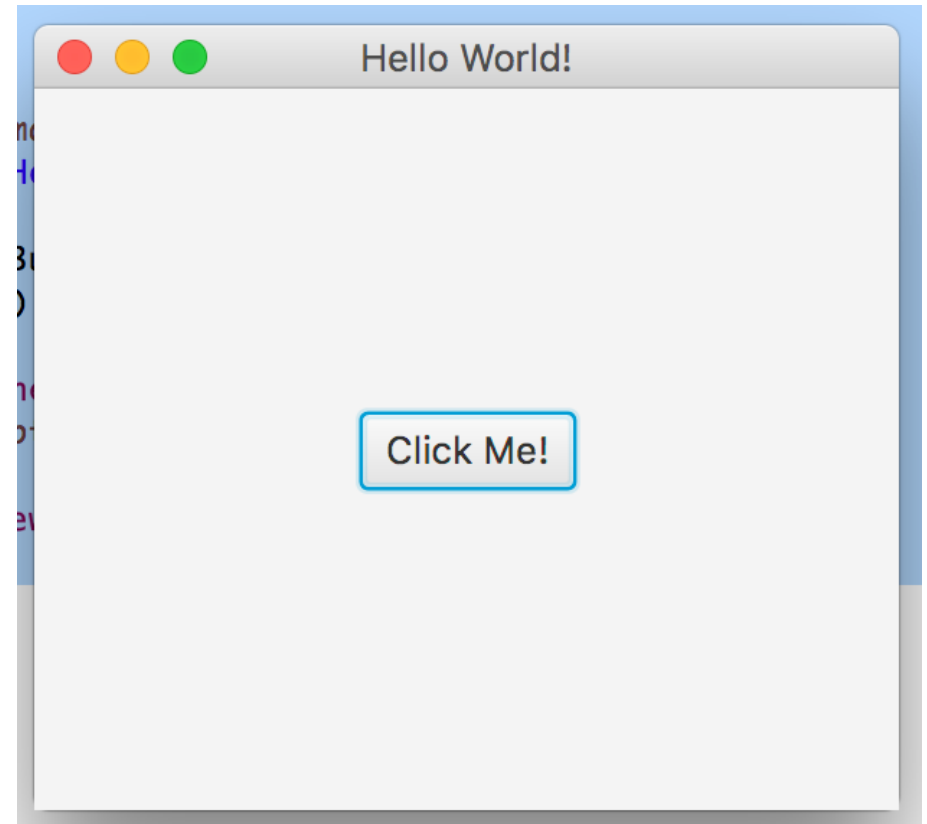
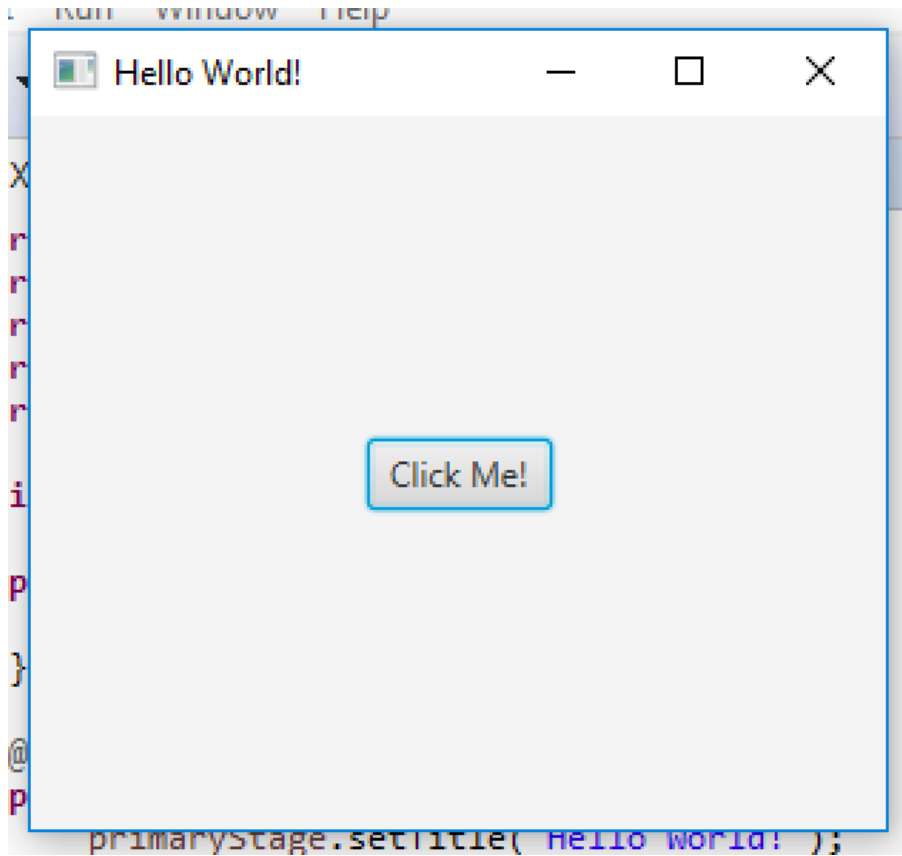
        final Button btn = new Button();
        btn.setText("Click Me!");

        final StackPane root = new StackPane();
        root.getChildren().add(btn);

        primaryStage.setScene(new Scene(root, 300, 250));
        primaryStage.show();
    }
}
```

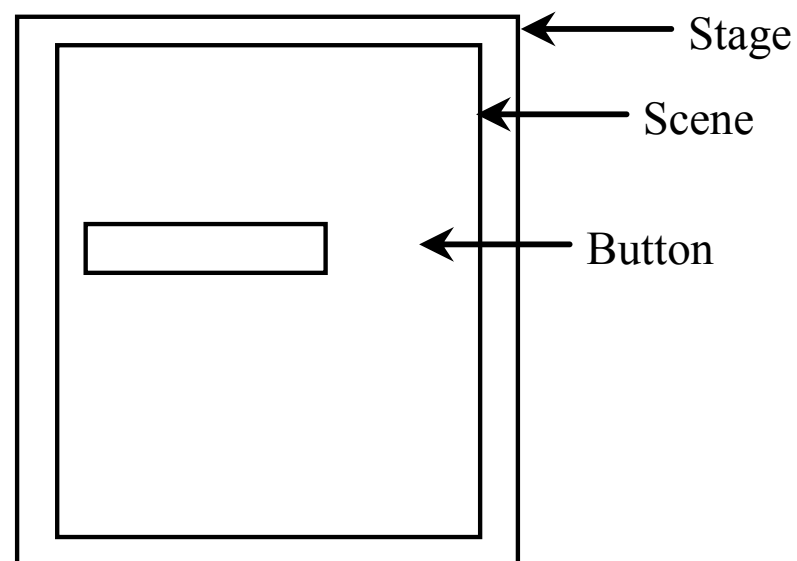


# Platform-Independent GUI



# Basic Structure of JavaFX

1. Extend Application
2. **launch(args)** in **main**
3. Override **start(Stage)**
4. Populate
  - Stage (Window): primary=default, can have multiple
  - Scene: hierarchical graph of nodes

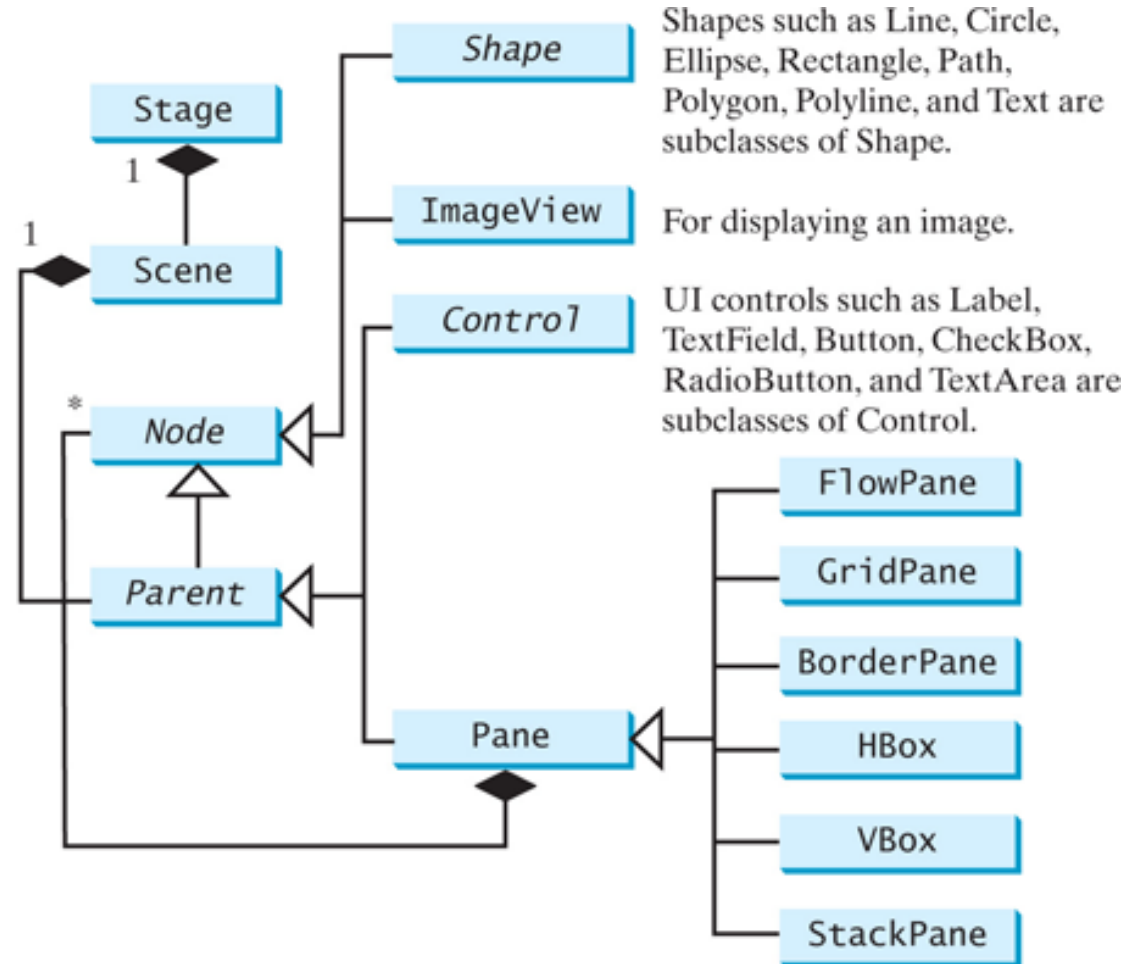
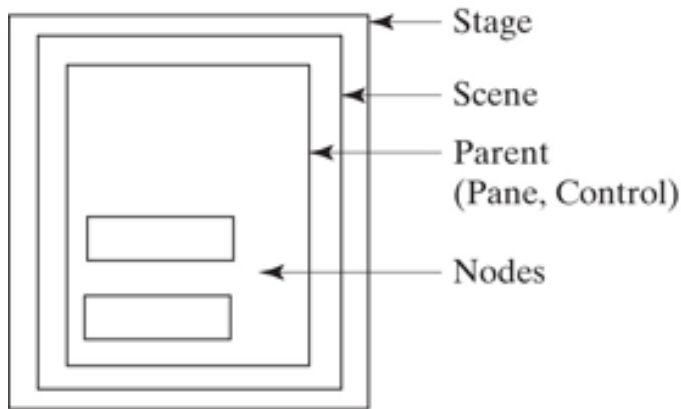


# Multiple Windows

```
public void start(Stage primaryStage) {  
    Scene scene = new Scene(  
        new Button("OK"), 200, 250);  
    primaryStage.setTitle("MyJavaFX");  
    primaryStage.setScene(scene);  
    primaryStage.show();  
  
    Stage stage = new Stage();  
    stage.setTitle("Second Stage");  
    stage.setScene(  
        new Scene(  
            new Button("New Stage"),  
            100, 100));  
    stage.show();  
}
```



# UML Relationships



# Revisit

```
import javafx.application.Application;
import javafx.scene.Scene;
import javafx.scene.control.Button;
import javafx.scene.layout.StackPane;
import javafx.stage.Stage;

public class MyJavaFX extends Application {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        launch(args);
    }

    @Override
    public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
        primaryStage.setTitle("Hello World!");

        final Button btn = new Button();
        btn.setText("Click Me!");

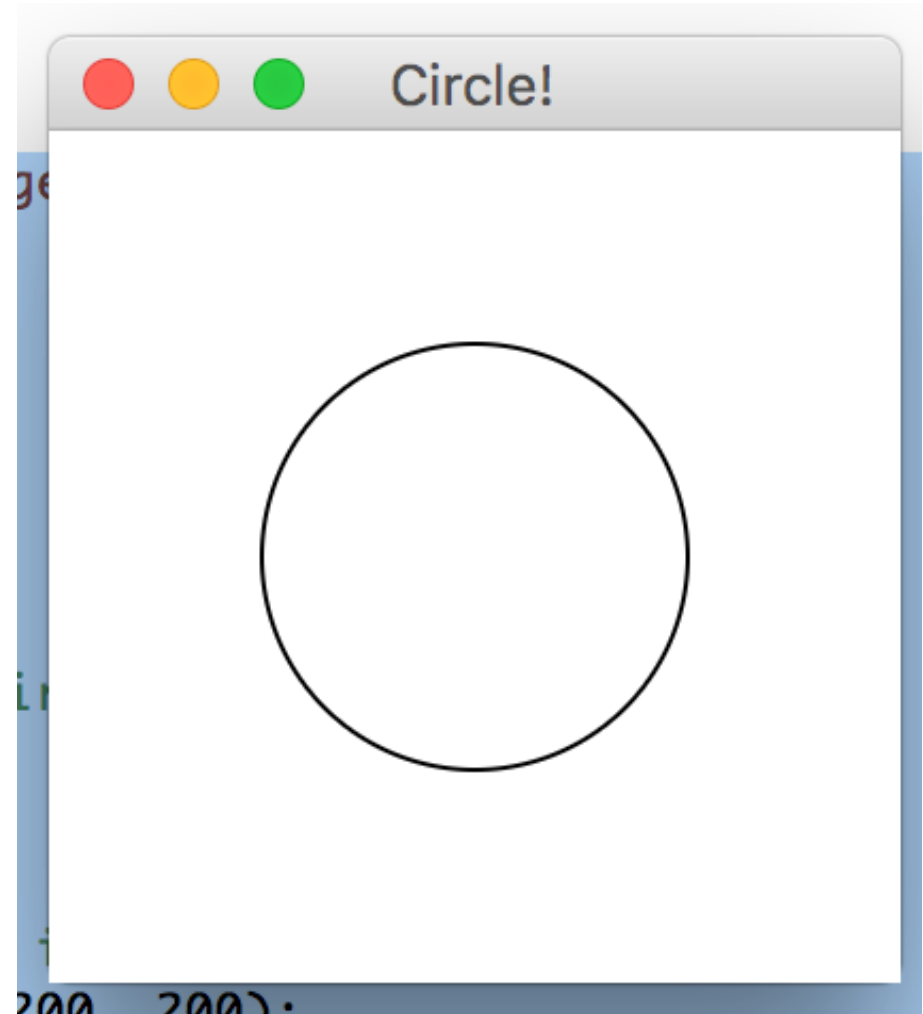
        final StackPane root = new StackPane(); // Forms the root of the nodes, organize vertically
        root.getChildren().add(btn); // Add the button to the root

        primaryStage.setScene(new Scene(root, 300, 250)); // Place the pane in the scene
        primaryStage.show();
    }
}
```



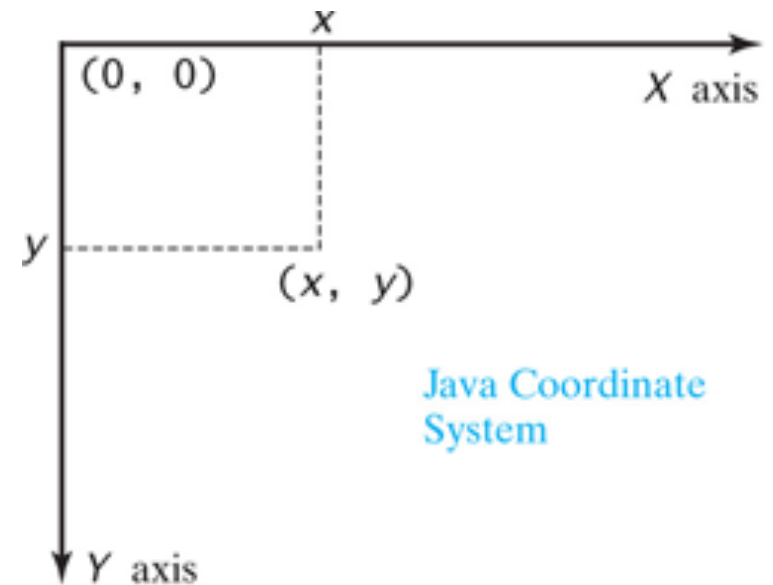
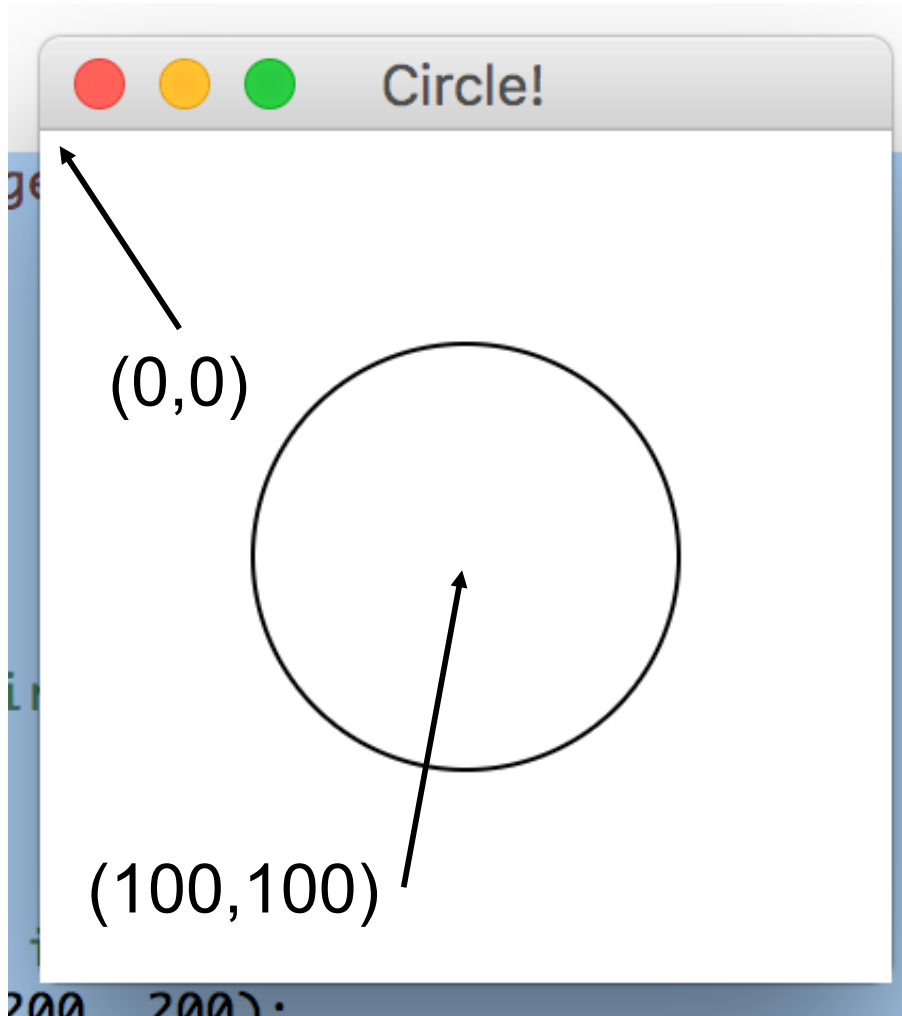
# Another Example

```
public void start(Stage primaryStage) {  
    final Circle c = new Circle();  
    c.setCenterX(100);  
    c.setCenterY(100);  
    c.setRadius(50);  
    c.setStroke(Color.BLACK);  
    c.setFill(Color.WHITE);  
  
    Pane pane = new Pane();  
    pane.getChildren().add(c);  
  
    Scene scene = new Scene(  
        pane, 200, 200);  
    primaryStage.setTitle("Circle!");  
    primaryStage.setScene(scene);  
    primaryStage.show();  
}
```

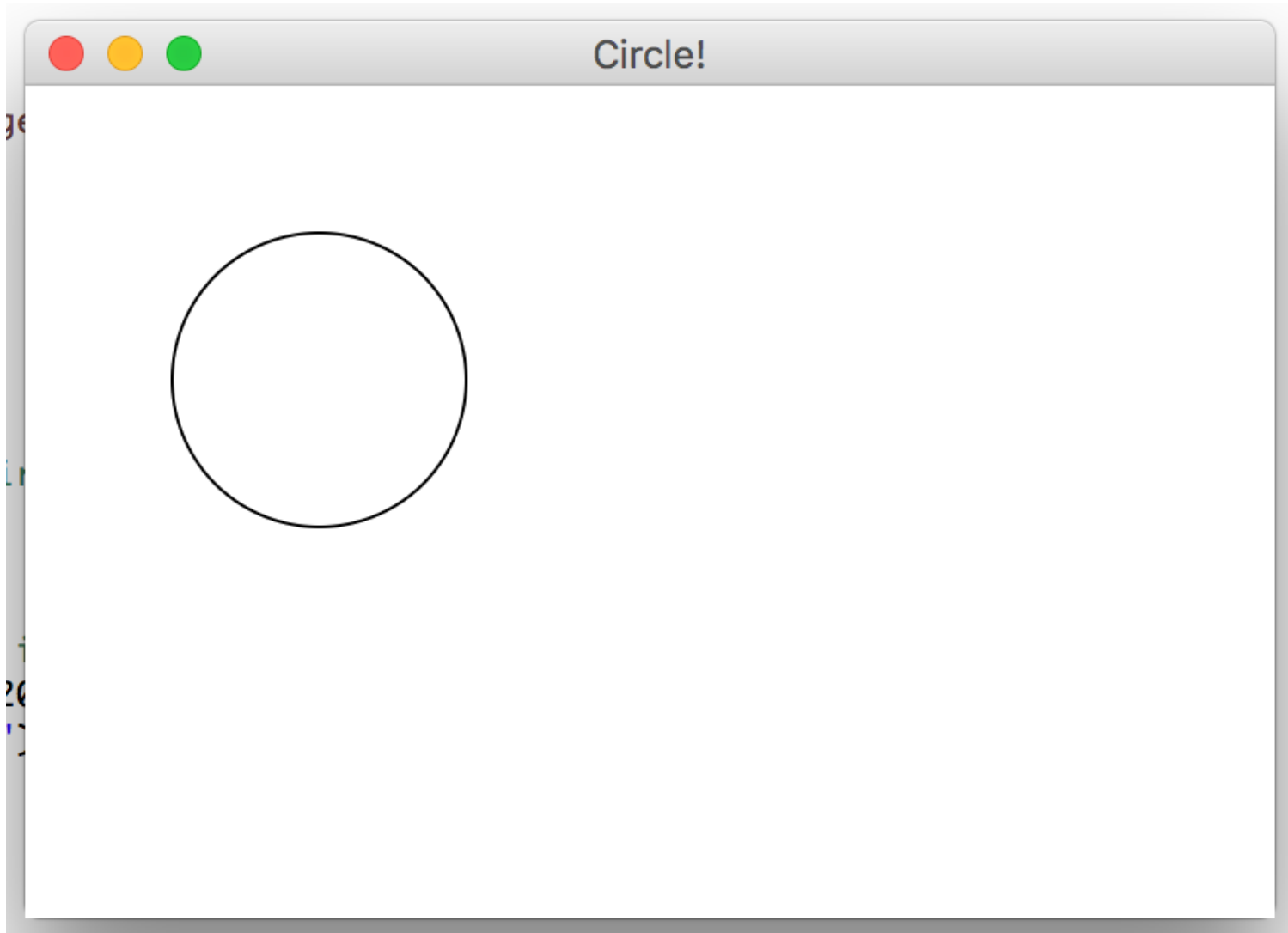




# Notes



# Resizing the Window :(



# Solution 1: No Resizing

```
primaryStage.setResizable(false);
```



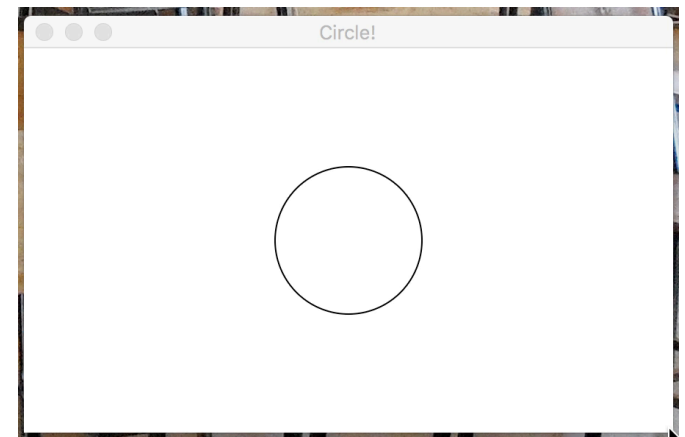
# Solution 2: Property Binding

- JavaFX introduces a new concept called **property binding** that enables a target object to be bound to a source object
- If the value in the source object changes, the target object is also changed automatically
- The target object is called a *binding object* or a *binding property* and the source object is called a *bindable object* or *observable object*



# Example

```
public void start(Stage primaryStage) {  
    Pane pane = new Pane();  
  
    final Circle c = new Circle();  
    c.setCenterX(100);  
    c.setCenterY(100);  
    c.setRadius(50);  
    c.setStroke(Color.BLACK);  
    c.setFill(Color.WHITE);  
  
    c.centerXProperty().bind(pane.widthProperty().divide(2));  
    c.centerYProperty().bind(pane.heightProperty().divide(2));  
  
    pane.getChildren().add(c);  
  
    Scene scene = new Scene(pane, 200, 200);  
    primaryStage.setTitle("Circle!");  
    primaryStage.setScene(scene);  
    primaryStage.show();  
}
```



# The Color Class

The getter methods for property values are provided in the class, but omitted in the UML diagram for brevity.

<code>javafx.scene.paint.Color</code>
<code>-red: double</code> <code>-green: double</code> <code>-blue: double</code> <code>-opacity: double</code>
<code>+Color(r: double, g: double, b: double, opacity: double)</code> <code>+brighter(): Color</code> <code>+darker(): Color</code> <code>+color(r: double, g: double, b: double): Color</code> <code>+color(r: double, g: double, b: double, opacity: double): Color</code> <code>+rgb(r: int, g: int, b: int): Color</code> <code>+rgb(r: int, g: int, b: int, opacity: double): Color</code>

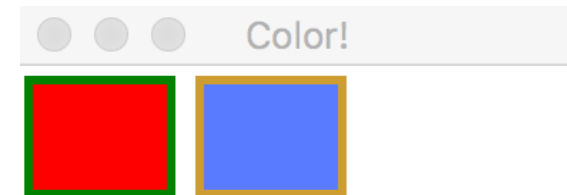
The red value of this Color (between 0.0 and 1.0).  
The green value of this Color (between 0.0 and 1.0).  
The blue value of this Color (between 0.0 and 1.0).  
The opacity of this Color (between 0.0 and 1.0).  
Creates a Color with the specified red, green, blue, and opacity values.  
Creates a Color that is a brighter version of this Color.  
Creates a Color that is a darker version of this Color.  
Creates an opaque Color with the specified red, green, and blue values.  
Creates a Color with the specified red, green, blue, and opacity values.  
Creates a Color with the specified red, green, and blue values in the range from 0 to 255.  
Creates a Color with the specified red, green, and blue values in the range from 0 to 255 and a given opacity.



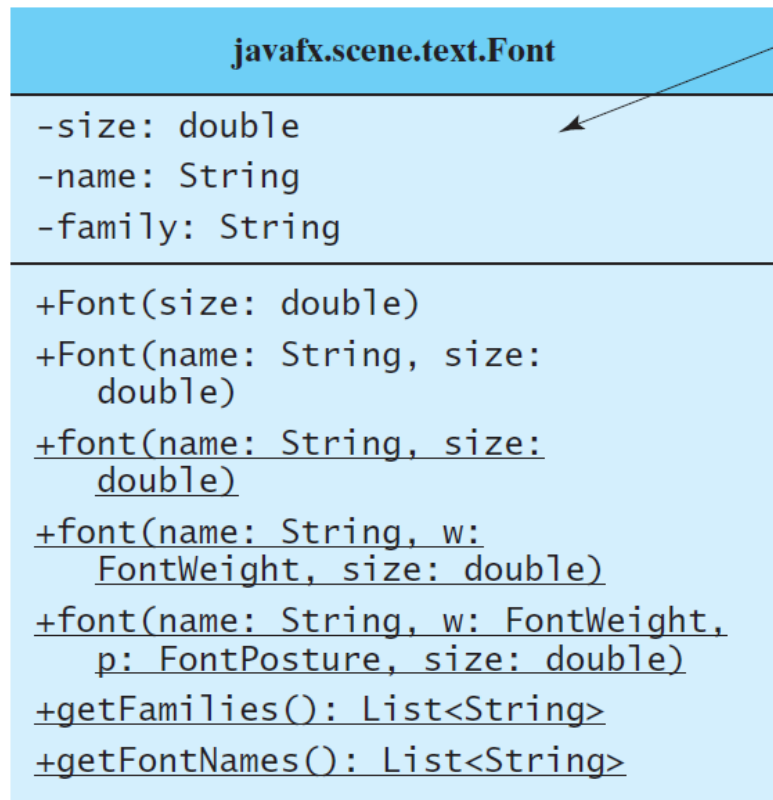
# Example

```
Rectangle rec1 =  
    new Rectangle(5, 5, 50, 40);  
rec1.setFill(Color.RED);  
rec1.setStroke(Color.GREEN);  
rec1.setStrokeWidth(3);
```

```
Rectangle rec2 =  
    new Rectangle(65, 5, 50, 40);  
rec2.setFill(Color.rgb(91, 127, 255));  
rec2.setStroke(  
    Color.hsb(40, 0.7, 0.8));  
rec2.setStrokeWidth(3);
```



# The Font Class



The getter methods for property values are provided in the class, but omitted in the UML diagram for brevity.

The size of this font.  
The name of this font.  
The family of this font.

Creates a `Font` with the specified size.  
Creates a `Font` with the specified full font name and size.  
Creates a `Font` with the specified name and size.  
Creates a `Font` with the specified name, weight, and size.  
Creates a `Font` with the specified name, weight, posture, and size.

Returns a list of font family names.  
Returns a list of full font names including family and weight.





# Example

```
primaryStage.setTitle("Howdy!");

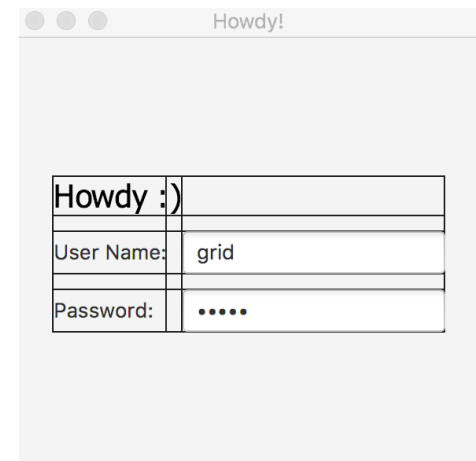
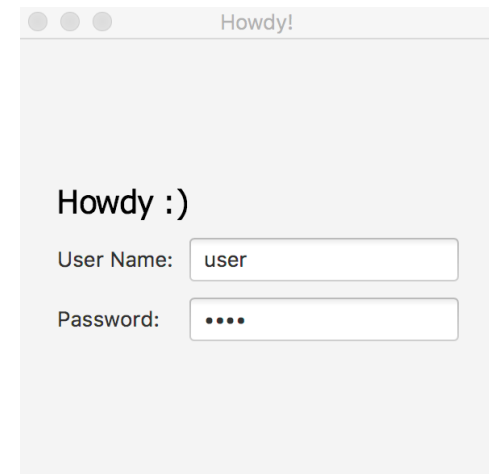
GridPane grid = new GridPane();
// grid.setGridLinesVisible(true);
grid.setAlignment(Pos.CENTER);
grid.setHgap(10);
grid.setVgap(10);
grid.setPadding(new Insets(25, 25, 25, 25));

Text scenetitle = new Text("Howdy :)");
scenetitle.setFont(
    Font.font("Tahoma", FontWeight.NORMAL, 20));
grid.add(scenetitle, 0, 0, 2, 1);

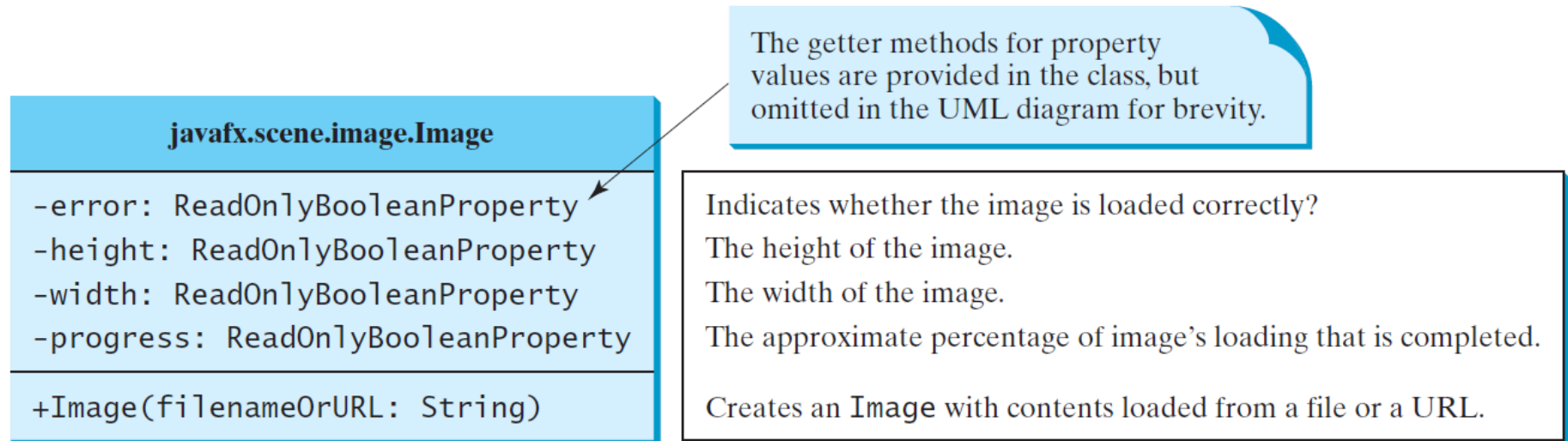
Label userName = new Label("User Name:");
grid.add(userName, 0, 1);
TextField userTextField = new TextField();
grid.add(userTextField, 1, 1);

Label pw = new Label("Password:");
grid.add(pw, 0, 2);
PasswordField pwBox = new PasswordField();
grid.add(pwBox, 1, 2);

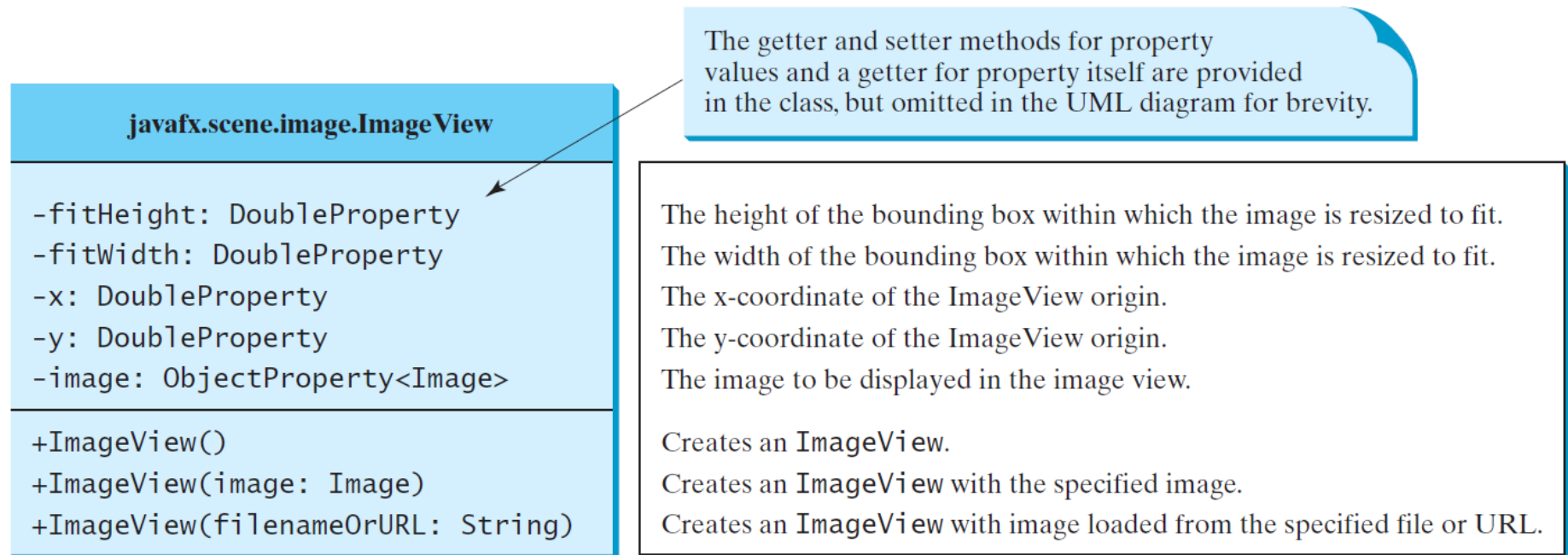
Scene scene = new Scene(grid, 300, 275);
primaryStage.setScene(scene);
primaryStage.show();
```



# The Image Class

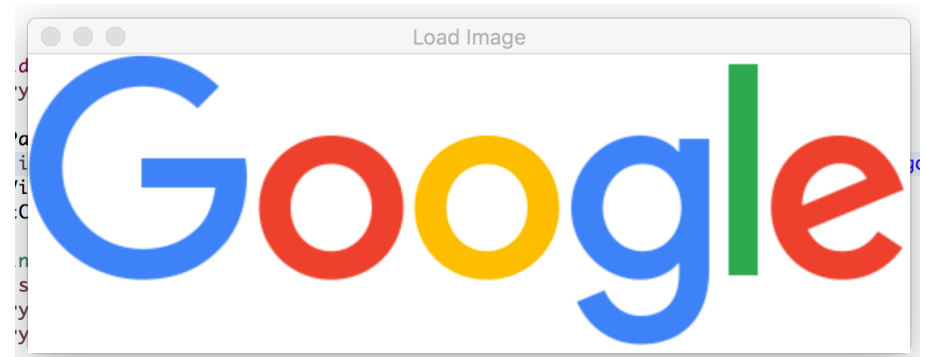


# The ImageView Class



# Example

```
primaryStage.setTitle("Load Image");  
StackPane sp = new StackPane();  
Image img = new Image(  
    "https://www.google.com/images/branding/googlelogo/2x/googlelogo_color_272x92dp.png");  
ImageView imgView = new ImageView(img);  
sp.getChildren().add(imgView);  
Scene scene = new Scene(sp);  
primaryStage.setScene(scene);  
primaryStage.show();
```



# The MediaPlayer Class

## javafx.scene.media.MediaPlayer

-autoPlay: BooleanProperty  
-currentCount: ReadOnlyIntegerProperty  
-cycleCount: IntegerProperty  
-mute: BooleanProperty  
-volume: DoubleProperty  
-totalDuration:  
  ReadOnlyObjectProperty<Duration>

+MediaPlayer(media: Media)  
+play(): void  
+pause(): void  
+seek(): void

The getter and setter methods for property values and a getter for property itself are provided in the class, but omitted in the UML diagram for brevity.

Specifies whether the playing should start automatically.  
The number of completed playback cycles.  
Specifies the number of time the media will be played.  
Specifies whether the audio is muted.  
The volume for the audio.  
The amount of time to play the media from start to finish.

Creates a player for a specified media.  
Plays the media.  
Pauses the media.  
Seeks the player to a new playback time.



# Example

```
MediaPlayer player;

@Override
public void start(Stage primaryStage) throws Exception {
    final Button b = new Button("pause");
    b.setOnAction(new EventHandler<ActionEvent>() { // more on this later!
        @Override
        public void handle(ActionEvent event) {
            if (player.getStatus()==Status.PAUSED) {
                player.play();
                b.setText("pause");
            } else {
                player.pause();
                b.setText("play!");
            }
        }
    });

    final StackPane sp = new StackPane();
    sp.getChildren().add(b);

    player = new MediaPlayer(new Media(getClass().getResource("flynn.mp3").toString()));
    player.play();

    primaryStage.setScene(new Scene(sp));
    primaryStage.show();
}
```

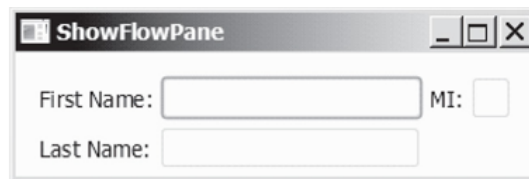
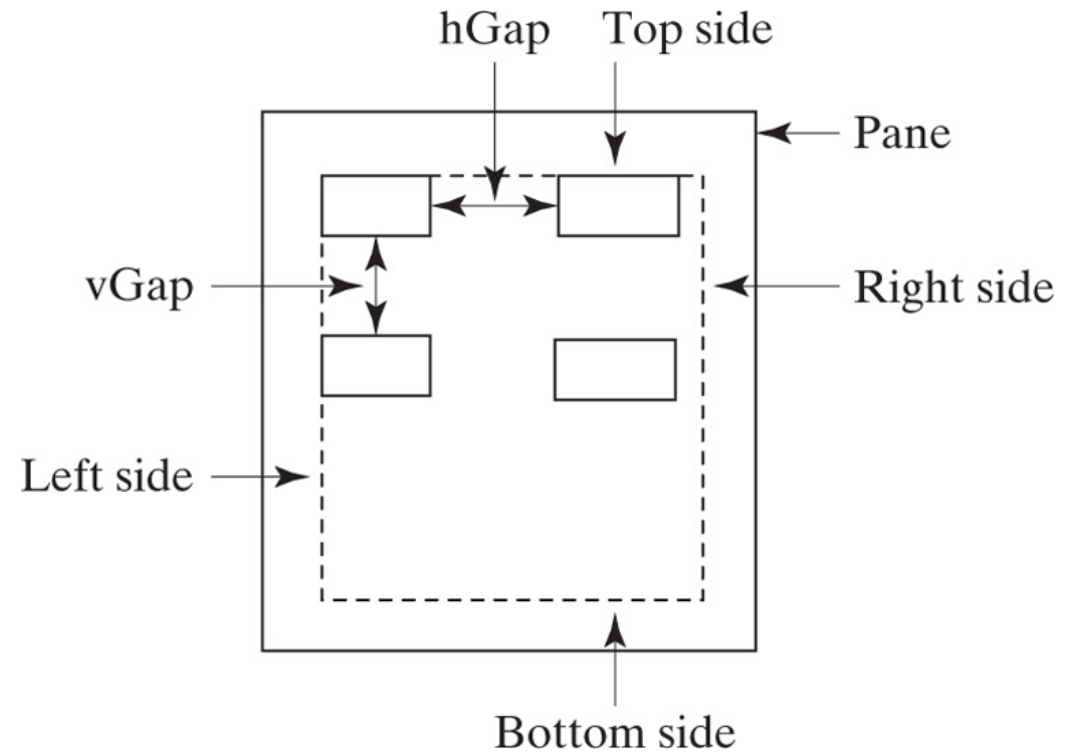


# Layout Panes

- JavaFX provides many types of panes for organizing nodes in a container
  - **Pane**: base class
  - **FlowPane**: row-by-row vertically, or column-by-column horizontally
  - **BorderPane**: top-right-left-bottom-center
  - **StackPane**: stack vertically in the center
  - **GridPane**: 2D grid
  - **HBox**: single row
  - **VBox**: single column

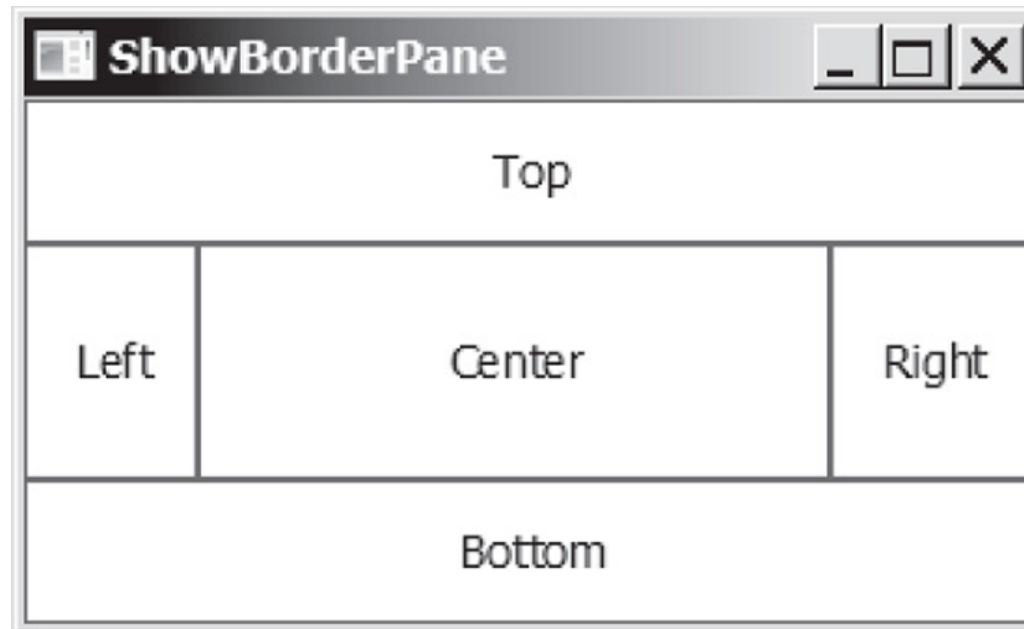


# FlowPane





# BorderPane



# FYI: Code

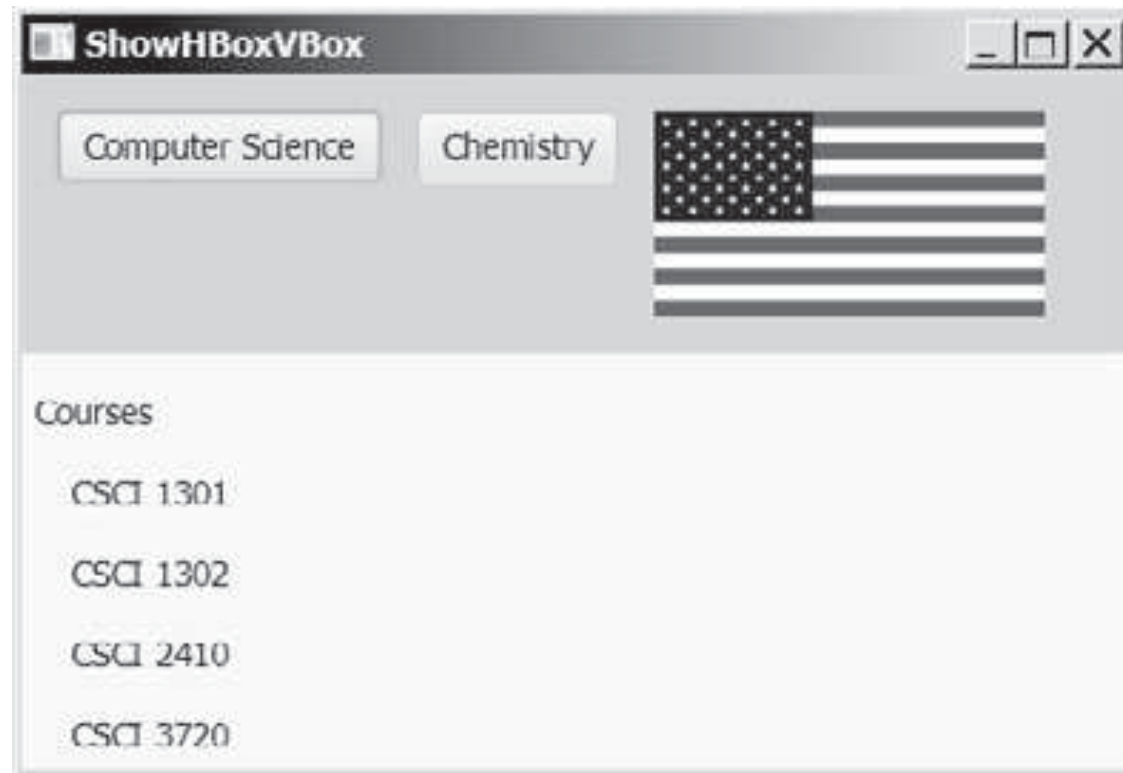
```
@Override
public void start(Stage primaryStage) throws Exception {
    BorderPane pane = new BorderPane();
    pane.setTop(new CustomPane("Top"));
    pane.setRight(new CustomPane("Right"));
    pane.setBottom(new CustomPane("Bottom"));
    pane.setLeft(new CustomPane("Left"));
    pane.setCenter(new CustomPane("Center"));

    Scene scene = new Scene(pane);
    primaryStage.setTitle("ShowBorderPane");
    primaryStage.setScene(scene);
    primaryStage.show();
}

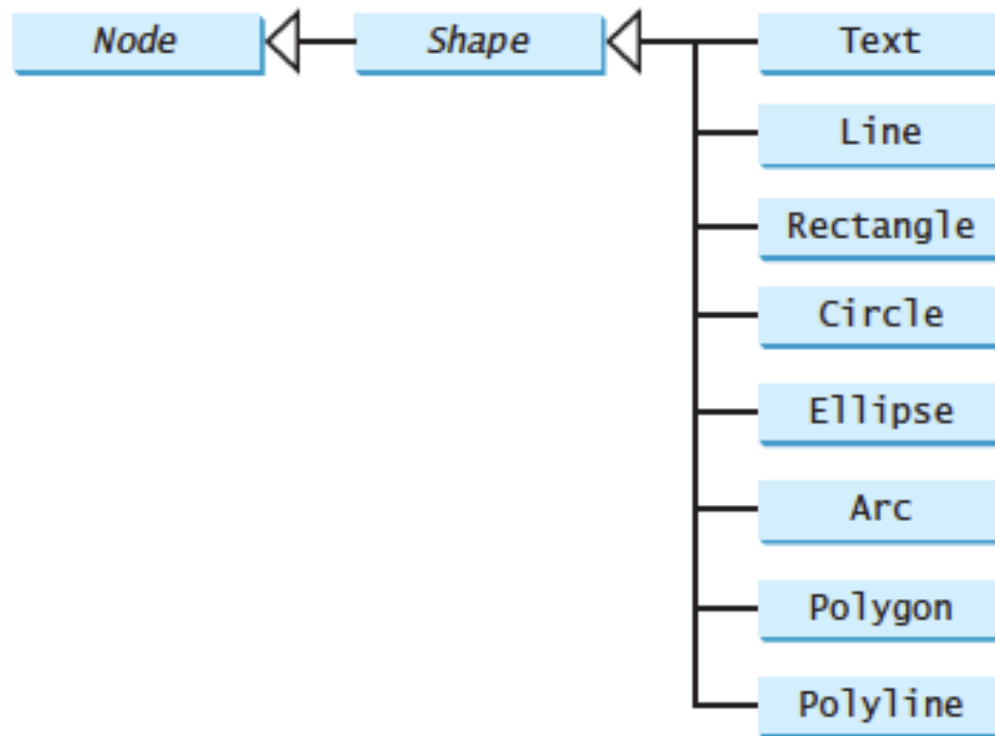
class CustomPane extends StackPane {
    public CustomPane(String title) {
        getChildren().add(new Label(title));
        setStyle("-fx-border-color: red");
        setPadding(new Insets(11.5, 12.5, 13.5, 14.5));
    }
}
```



# HBox and VBox



# Shapes



# Text

The getter and setter methods for property values and a getter for property itself are provided in the class, but omitted in the UML diagram for brevity.

## javafx.scene.text.Text

```

- text: StringProperty
- x: DoubleProperty
- y: DoubleProperty
- underline: BooleanProperty
- strikethrough: BooleanProperty
- font: ObjectProperty<Font>

+ Text()
+ Text(text: String)
+ Text(x: double, y: double,
    text: String)
  
```

Defines the text to be displayed.

Defines the x-coordinate of text (default 0).

Defines the y-coordinate of text (default 0).

Defines if each line has an underline below it (default `false`).

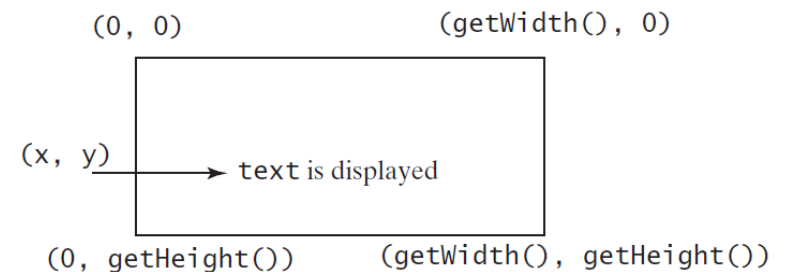
Defines if each line has a line through it (default `false`).

Defines the font for the text.

Creates an empty Text.

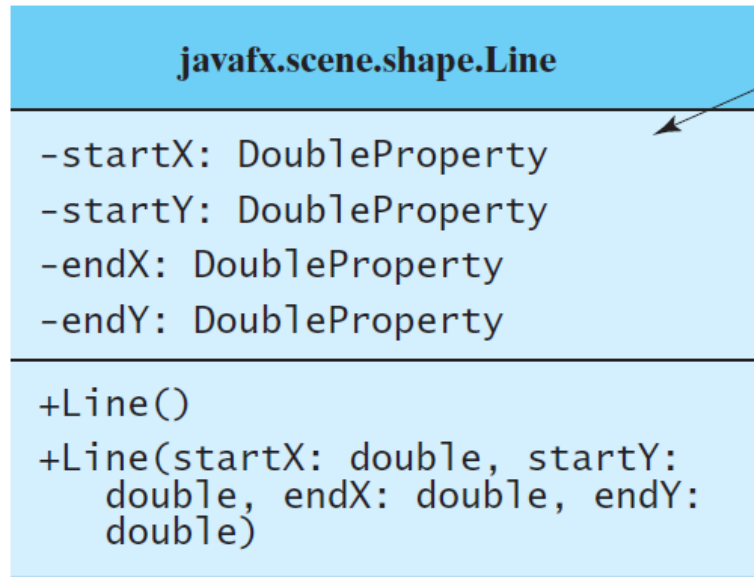
Creates a Text with the specified text.

Creates a Text with the specified x-, y-coordinates and text.



# Line

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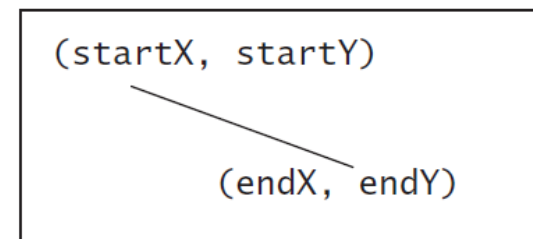
The x-coordinate of the start point.  
The y-coordinate of the start point.  
The x-coordinate of the end point.  
The y-coordinate of the end point.

Creates an empty Line.

Creates a Line with the specified starting and ending points.

(0, 0)

(getWidth(), 0)



(0, getHeight())

(getWidth(), getHeight())



# Rectangle

## javafx.scene.shape.Rectangle

```
-x: DoubleProperty
-y: DoubleProperty
-width: DoubleProperty
-height: DoubleProperty
-arcWidth: DoubleProperty
-arcHeight: DoubleProperty

+Rectangle()
+Rectangle(x: double, y:
  double, width: double,
  height: double)
```

The getter and setter methods for property values and a getter for property itself are provided in the class, but omitted in the UML diagram for brevity.

The x-coordinate of the upper-left corner of the rectangle (default 0).

The y-coordinate of the upper-left corner of the rectangle (default 0).

The width of the rectangle (default: 0).

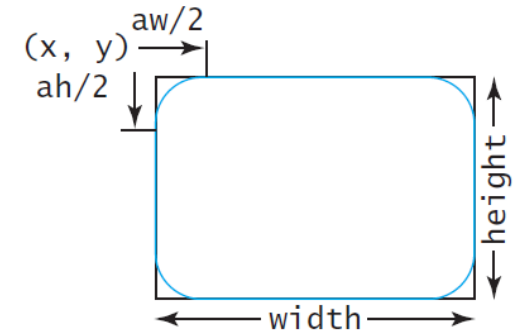
The height of the rectangle (default: 0).

The arcWidth of the rectangle (default: 0). arcWidth is the horizontal diameter of the arcs at the corner (see Figure 14.31a).

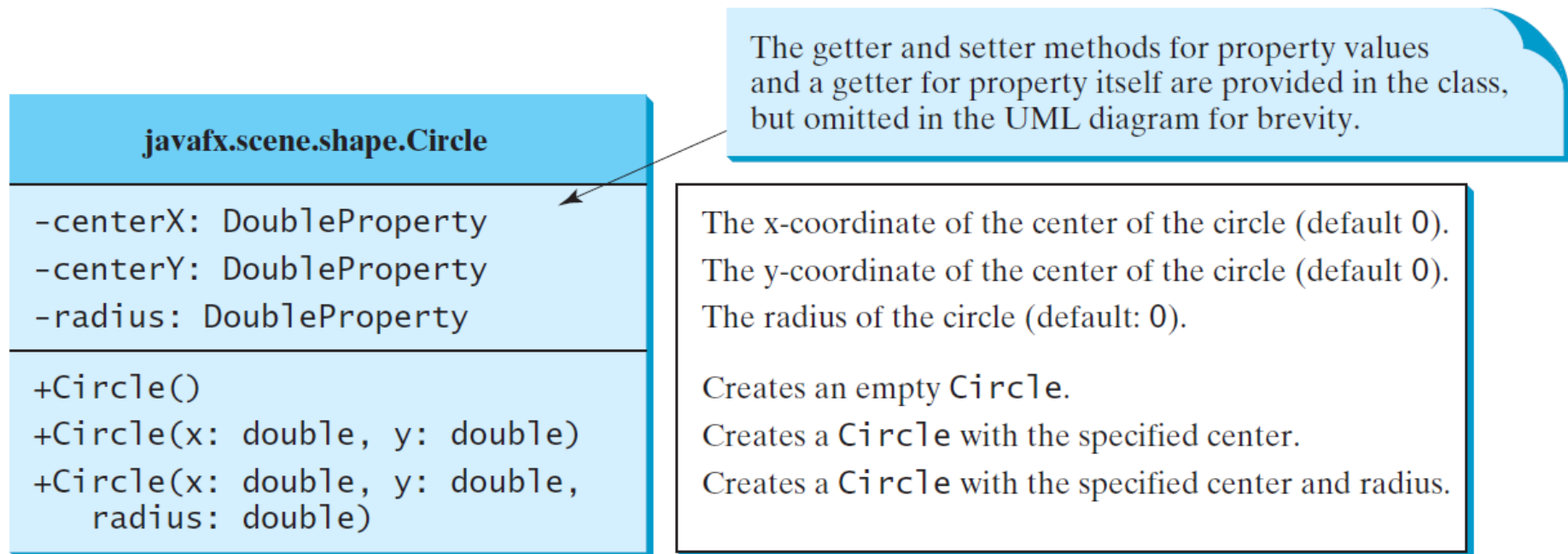
The arcHeight of the rectangle (default: 0). arcHeight is the vertical diameter of the arcs at the corner (see Figure 14.31a).

Creates an empty Rectangle.

Creates a Rectangle with the specified upper-left corner point, width, and height.



# Circle





# Ellipse

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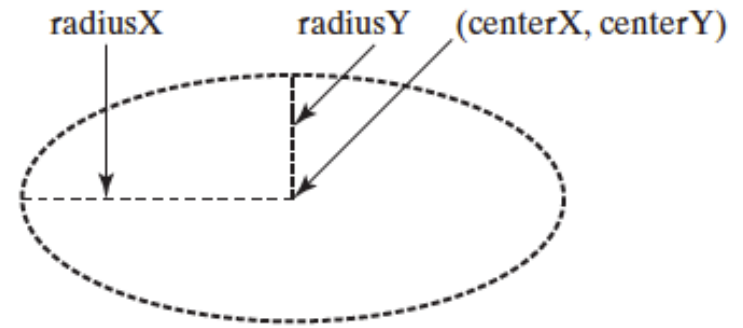
## javafx.scene.shape.Ellipse

-centerX: DoubleProperty  
-centerY: DoubleProperty  
-radiusX: DoubleProperty  
-radiusY: DoubleProperty

+Ellipse()  
+Ellipse(x: double, y: double)  
+Ellipse(x: double, y: double,  
radiusX: double, radiusY:  
double)

The x-coordinate of the center of the ellipse (default 0).  
The y-coordinate of the center of the ellipse (default 0).  
The horizontal radius of the ellipse (default: 0).  
The vertical radius of the ellipse (default: 0).

Creates an empty `Ellipse`.  
Creates an `Ellipse` with the specified center.  
Creates an `Ellipse` with the specified center and radiuses.



# Arc (1)

## javafx.scene.shape.Arc

```
-centerX: DoubleProperty  
-centerY: DoubleProperty  
-radiusX: DoubleProperty  
-radiusY: DoubleProperty  
-startAngle: DoubleProperty  
-length: DoubleProperty  
-type: ObjectProperty<ArcType>
```

```
+Arc()  
+Arc(x: double, y: double,  
     radiusX: double, radiusY:  
     double, startAngle: double,  
     length: double)
```

The getter and setter methods for property values and a getter for property itself are provided in the class, but omitted in the UML diagram for brevity.

The x-coordinate of the center of the ellipse (default 0).

The y-coordinate of the center of the ellipse (default 0).

The horizontal radius of the ellipse (default: 0).

The vertical radius of the ellipse (default: 0).

The start angle of the arc in degrees.

The angular extent of the arc in degrees.

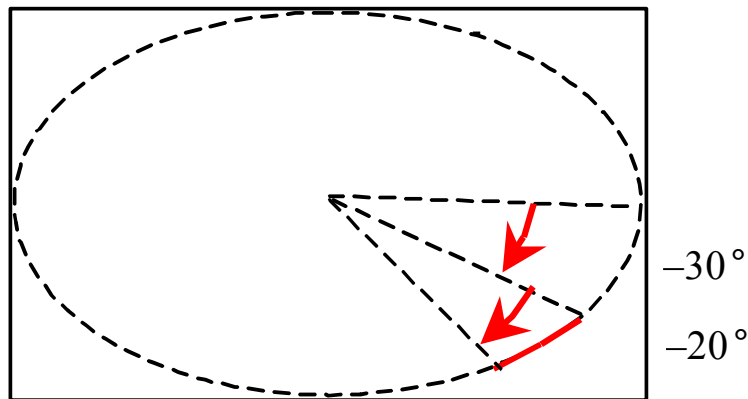
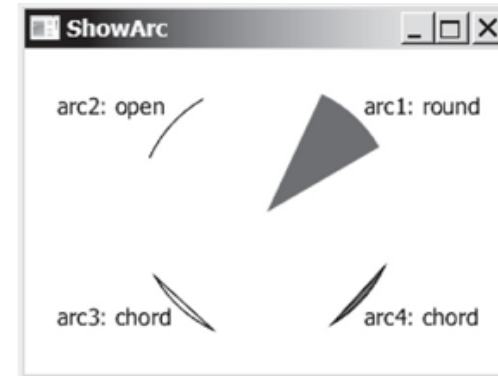
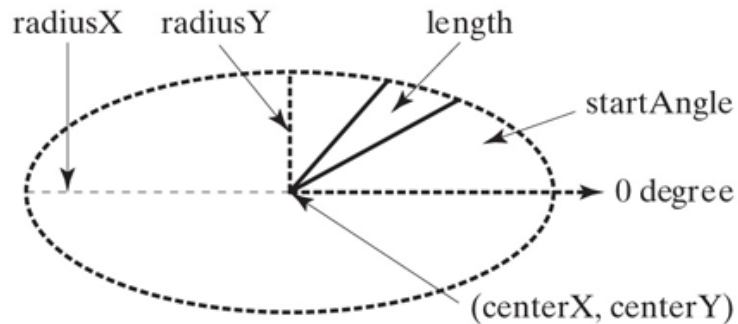
The closure type of the arc (`ArcType.OPEN`, `ArcType.CHORD`, `ArcType.ROUND`).

Creates an empty Arc.

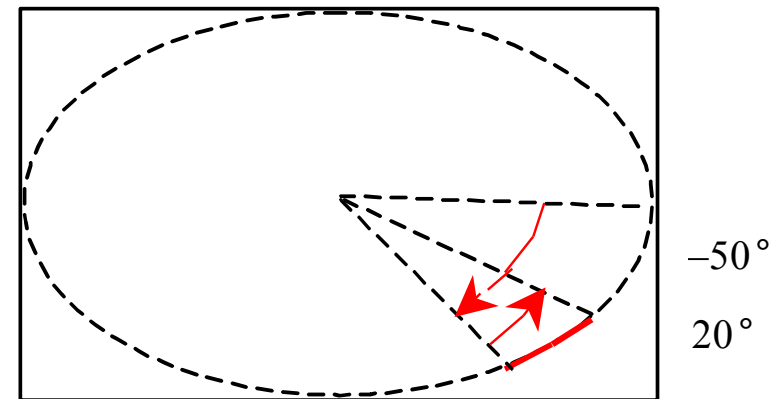
Creates an Arc with the specified arguments.



# Arc (2)



(a) Negative starting angle  $-30^\circ$  and negative spanning angle  $-20^\circ$



(b) Negative starting angle  $-50^\circ$  and positive spanning angle  $20^\circ$



# Polygon and Polyline

`javafx.scene.shape.Arc`

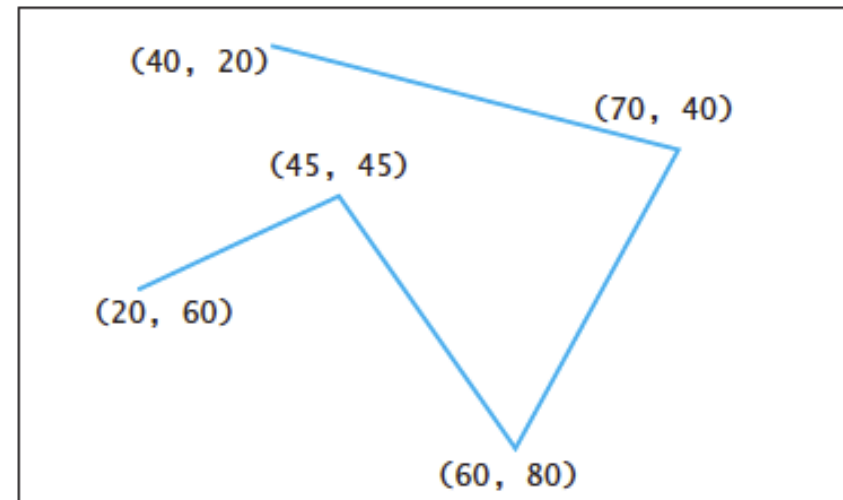
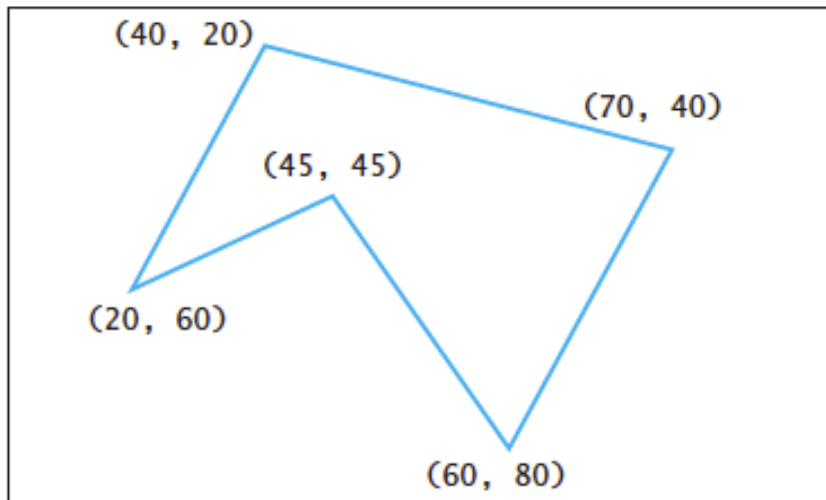
```
+Polygon()  
+Polygon(double... points)  
+getPoints():  
  ObservableList<Double>
```

The getter and setter methods for property values and a getter for property itself are provided in the class, but omitted in the UML diagram for brevity.

Creates an empty Polygon.

Creates a Polygon with the given points.

Returns a list of double values as x-and y-coordinates of the points.

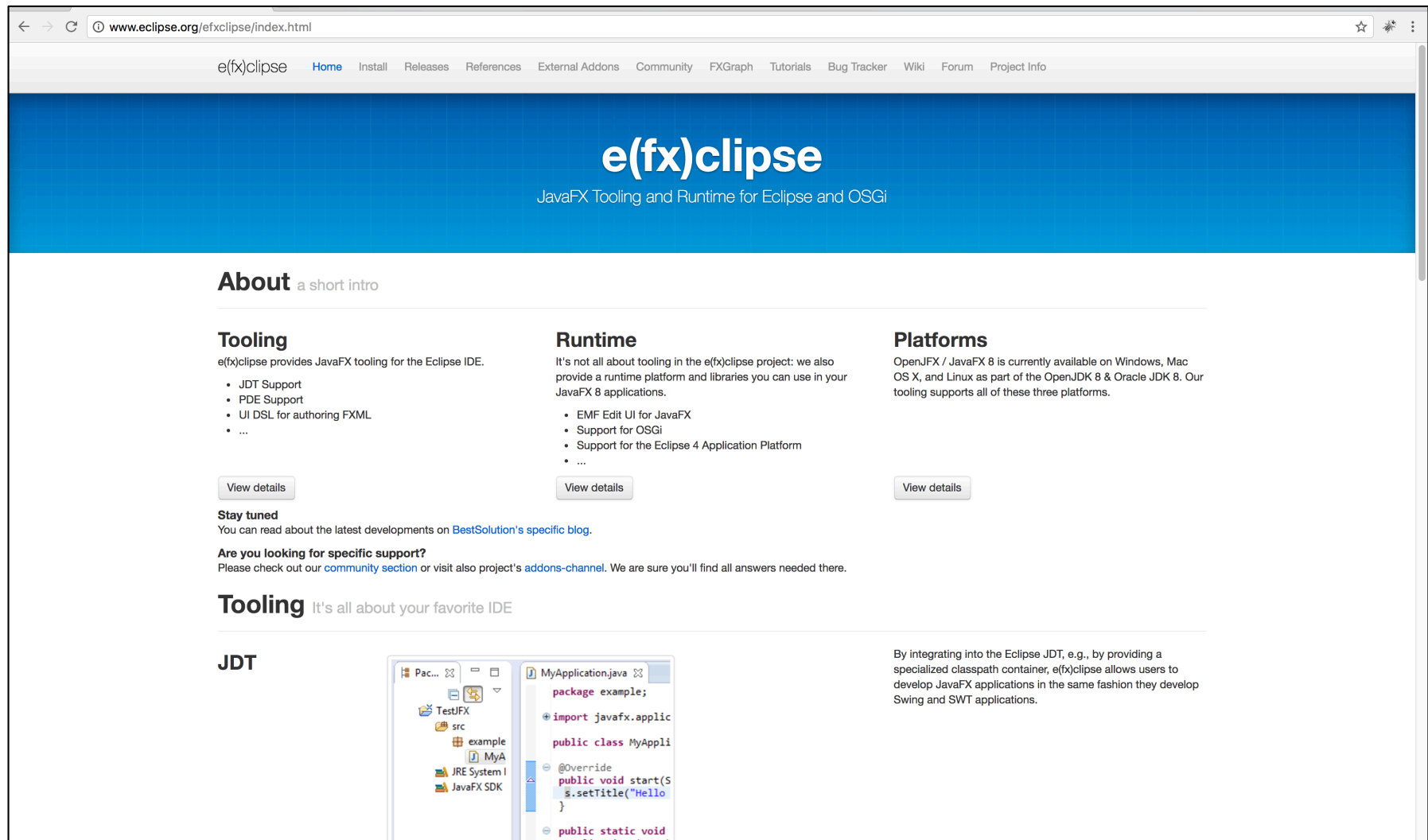


# e(fx)clipse

- Provides JavaFX tooling for the Eclipse
- <http://www.eclipse.org/efxclipse/>



# Installing e(fx)clipse (1)



The screenshot shows the homepage of the e(fx)clipse project. The browser address bar displays `www.eclipse.org/efxclipse/index.html`. The navigation menu includes links for Home, Install, Releases, References, External Addons, Community, FXGraph, Tutorials, Bug Tracker, Wiki, Forum, and Project Info. The main heading is "e(fx)clipse" with the subtitle "JavaFX Tooling and Runtime for Eclipse and OSGi".

**About** a short intro

**Tooling**  
e(fx)clipse provides JavaFX tooling for the Eclipse IDE.

- JDT Support
- PDE Support
- UI DSL for authoring FXML
- ...

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**Runtime**  
It's not all about tooling in the e(fx)clipse project: we also provide a runtime platform and libraries you can use in your JavaFX 8 applications.

- EMF Edit UI for JavaFX
- Support for OSGi
- Support for the Eclipse 4 Application Platform
- ...

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**Platforms**  
OpenJFX / JavaFX 8 is currently available on Windows, Mac OS X, and Linux as part of the OpenJDK 8 & Oracle JDK 8. Our tooling supports all of these three platforms.

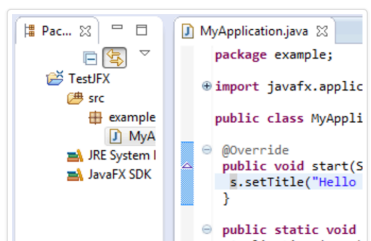
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**Stay tuned**  
You can read about the latest developments on [BestSolution's specific blog](#).

**Are you looking for specific support?**  
Please check out our [community section](#) or visit also project's [addons-channel](#). We are sure you'll find all answers needed there.

**Tooling** It's all about your favorite IDE

**JDT**



The IDE screenshot shows a project named "TestJFX" with a source folder "src" containing a package "example" with a class "MyA". The "JavaFX SDK" is also visible in the project structure. The code editor shows the following code:

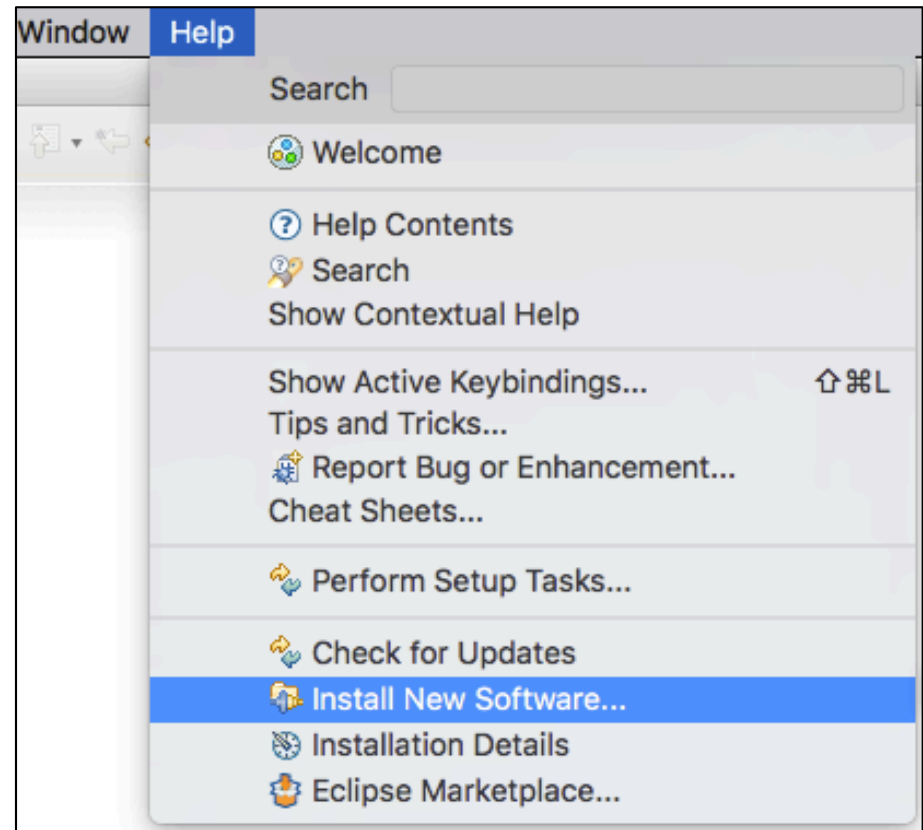
```
package example;  
  
import javafx.applic  
  
public class MyAppli  
  
@Override  
public void start(S  
    s.setTitle("Hello  
}  
  
public static void  
Application Launch
```

By integrating into the Eclipse JDT, e.g., by providing a specialized classpath container, e(fx)clipse allows users to develop JavaFX applications in the same fashion they develop Swing and SWT applications.



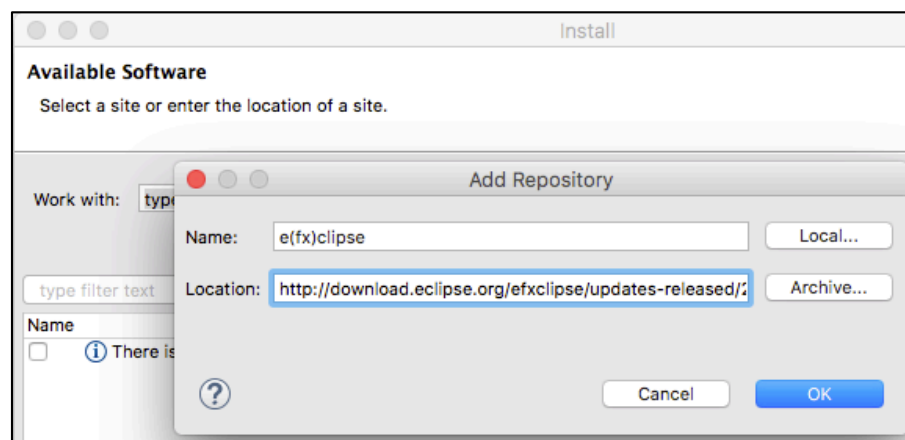
# Installing e(fx)clipse (2)

- Eclipse -> Help -> Install New Software



# Installing e(fx)clipse (3)

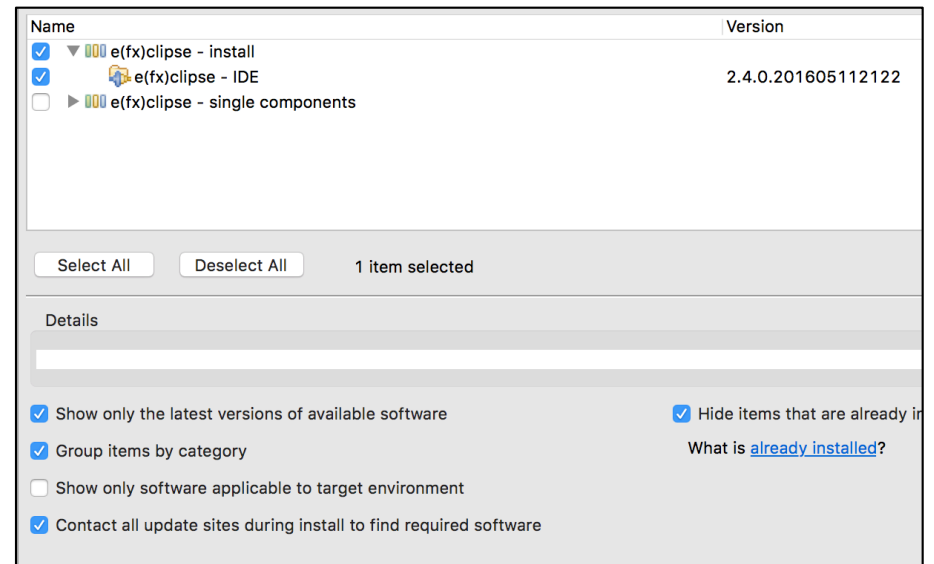
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- <http://download.eclipse.org/efxclipse/updates-released/2.4.0/site>





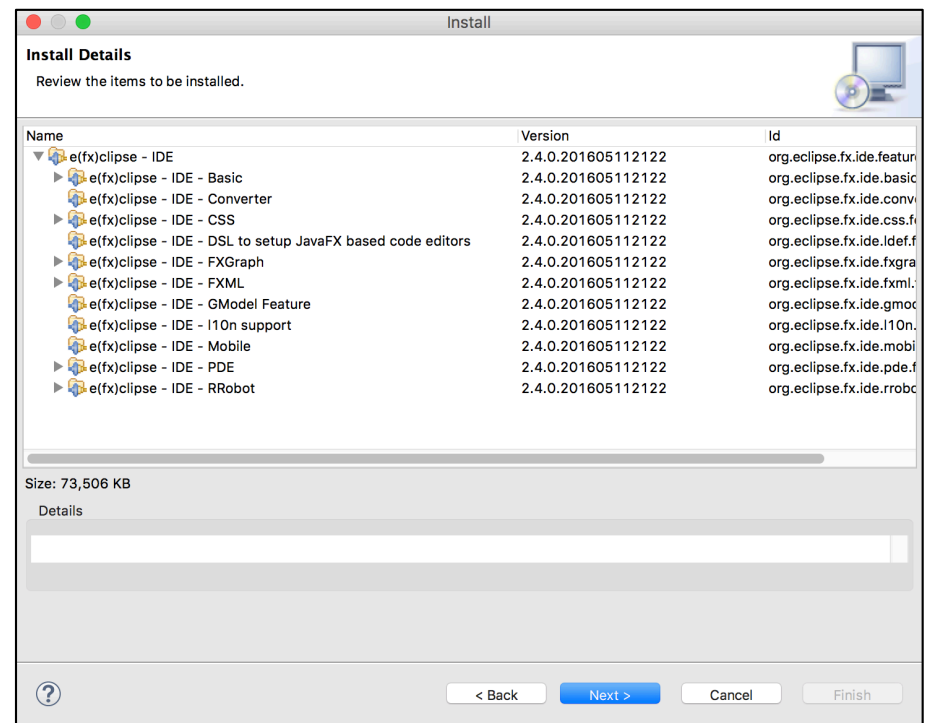
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- Select “e(fx)clipse - install” -> “e(fx)clipse - IDE”



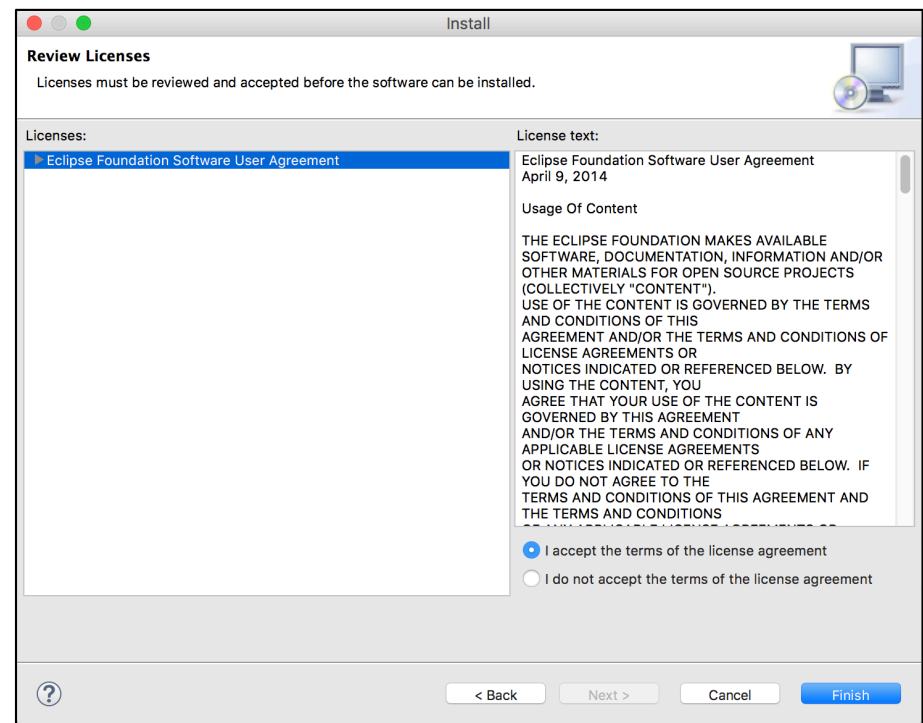
# Installing e(fx)clipse (5)

- Next



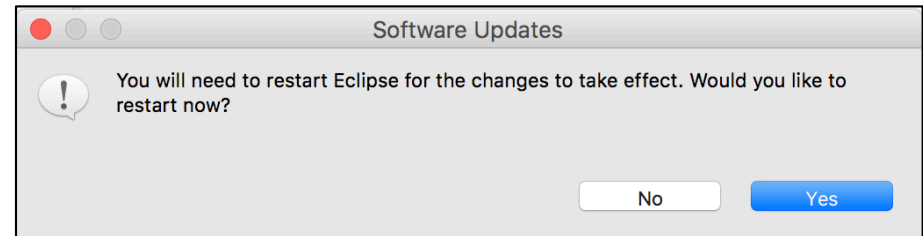
# Installing e(fx)clipse (6)

- Agree, Finish



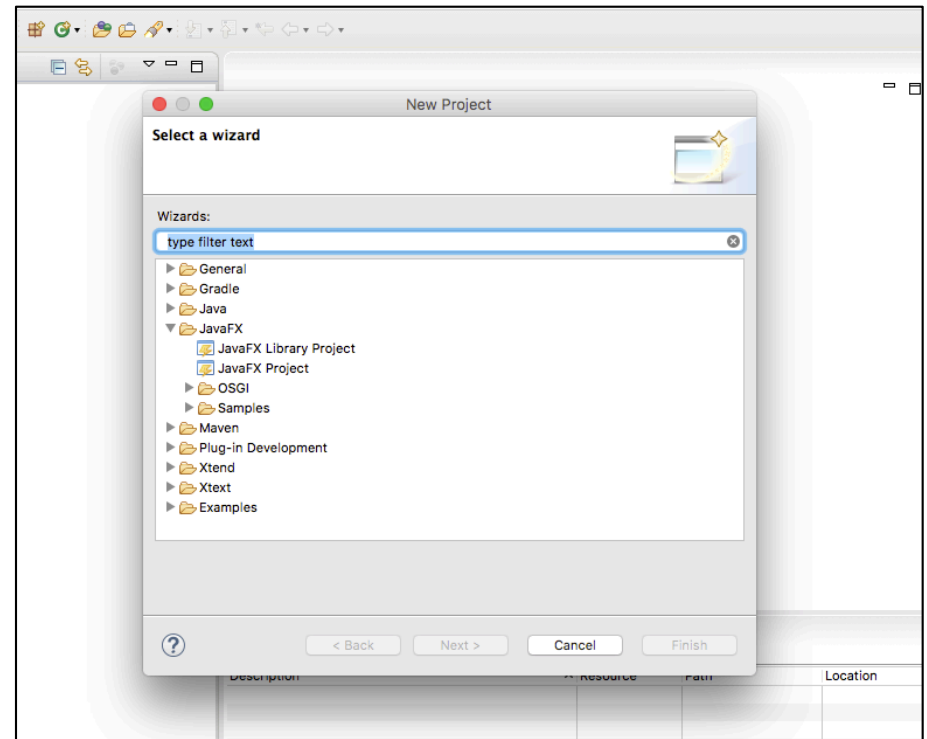
# Installing e(fx)clipse (7)

- Restart



# Using e(fx)clipse

- File -> New -> Project



# SceneBuilder

- A Visual Layout Tool for JavaFX Applications
- Quickly design JavaFX GUI via drag-and-drop components that write an FXML file
- FXML file can be combined with a Java project
- <http://gluonhq.com/products/scene-builder/>



# Using SceneBuilder

- Install
- In Eclipse -> Preferences -> JavaFX
  - Set path to SceneBuilder
- In Project, New -> Other -> JavaFX -> New FXML Document
- Right click -> Open with SceneBuilder



# Example

The screenshot displays the JavaFX IDE interface for a window titled "stuff.fxml". The main canvas shows a "BorderPane" containing a central white area with the text "Yay!! :)" and a button labeled "Click Me!!!" below it. The interface is divided into several panels:

- Library:** Shows a list of UI controls including ScrollBar, Separator, Slider, SplitMenuButton, TableColumn, and TableView.
- Document:** Shows the Hierarchy of the scene graph, listing the BorderPane, a Label "Yay!! :)", and a Button "Click Me!!!".
- Inspector:** Shows the Properties for the selected BorderPane, including internal padding (50, 0, 0, 0), size (Min Width, Min Height, Pref Width, Pref Height, Max Width, Max Height, Width, Height), position (Layout X, Layout Y), and transforms (Rotate, Rotation Axis, Scale X, Scale Y, Scale Z, Translate X, Translate Y).





# Corresponding FXML

```
MyJavaFX.java  stuff.fxml  [X]
1  <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
2
3  <?import javafx.geometry.*?>
4  <?import javafx.scene.text.*?>
5  <?import javafx.scene.control.*?>
6  <?import java.lang.*?>
7  <?import javafx.scene.layout.*?>
8  <?import javafx.scene.layout.AnchorPane?>
9
10
11 <BorderPane maxHeight="-Infinity" maxWidth="-Infinity" minHeight="-Infinity" minWidth="-Infinity" prefHeight
12   <center>
13     <Button mnemonicParsing="false" text="Click Me!!!" BorderPane.alignment="CENTER" />
14   </center>
15   <top>
16     <Label text="Yay!! :)" BorderPane.alignment="CENTER">
17       <font>
18         <Font name="Consolas Bold" size="36.0" />
19       </font>
20     </Label>
21   </top>
22   <padding>
23     <Insets top="50.0" />
24   </padding>
25 </BorderPane>
26
```



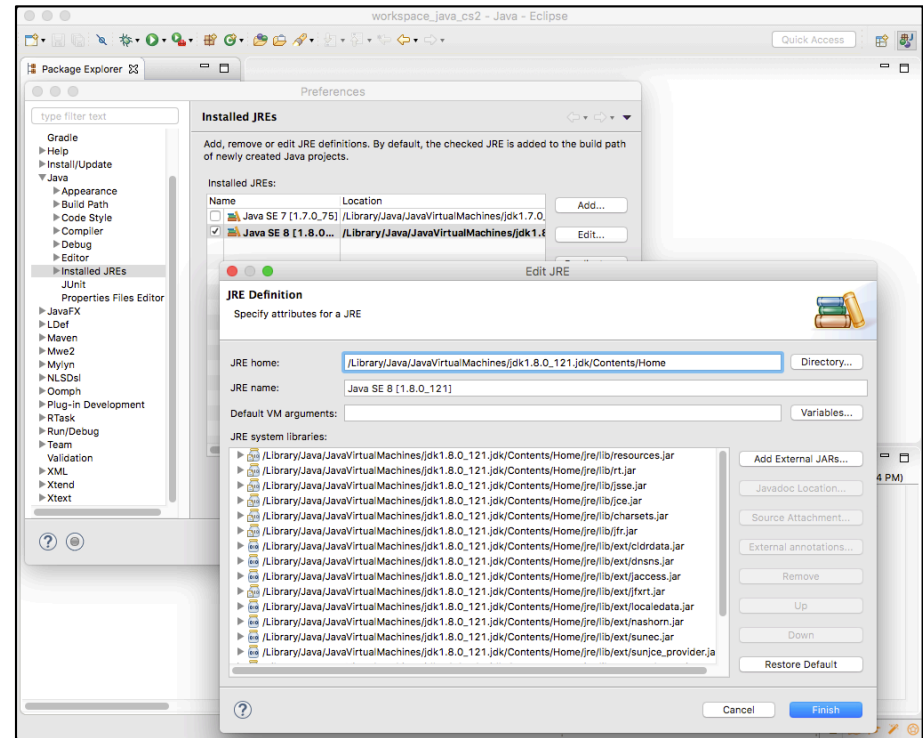
# Code

```
@Override
public void start(Stage primaryStage) throws Exception {
    Parent root = FXMLLoader.load(getClass().getResource("stuff.fxml"));
    Scene scene = new Scene(root);
    primaryStage.setTitle("MyExampleApp");
    primaryStage.setScene(scene);
    primaryStage.show();
}
```



# Potential Issue

- Update to latest JDK
- Eclipse
  - Eclipse -> Preferences
    - > Java -> Installed JREs
  - Update it to latest JRE version



WARNING: Loading FXML document with JavaFX API of version 8.0.111 by JavaFX runtime of version 8.0.11  
Exception in thread "Thread-1"



# Take Home Points

- You have now seen the basics of using JavaFX for creating **graphical user interfaces (GUIs)**
- Start playing around!
  - This will be necessary for your project
  - Install the tool(s) you plan to use
- More to come: how to respond to events (e.g. user clicks a button)

