



Advanced Java Programming

Ch(14): Introduction to `Swing` Components.

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Extending the `JFrame` Class

- Create class that descends from `JFrame` class
- Advantage
 - Set `JFrame`'s properties within object's constructor
 - When `JFrame` child object created
 - Automatically endowed with specified features
- How?
 - Create child class using keyword `extends`
 - Call parent class's constructor method Using keyword `super`

Extending the JFrame Class (cont'd.)

```
import javax.swing.*;
public class JMyFrame extends JFrame
{
    final int WIDTH = 200;
    final int HEIGHT = 120;
    public JMyFrame()
    {
        super("My frame");
        setSize(WIDTH, HEIGHT);
        setVisible(true);
        setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
    }
}
```

Figure 14-15 The JMyFrame class

```
public class CreateTwoJMyFrameObjects
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        JMyFrame myFrame = new JMyFrame();
        JMyFrame mySecondFrame = new JMyFrame();
    }
}
```

Figure 14-16 The CreateTwoJMyFrame

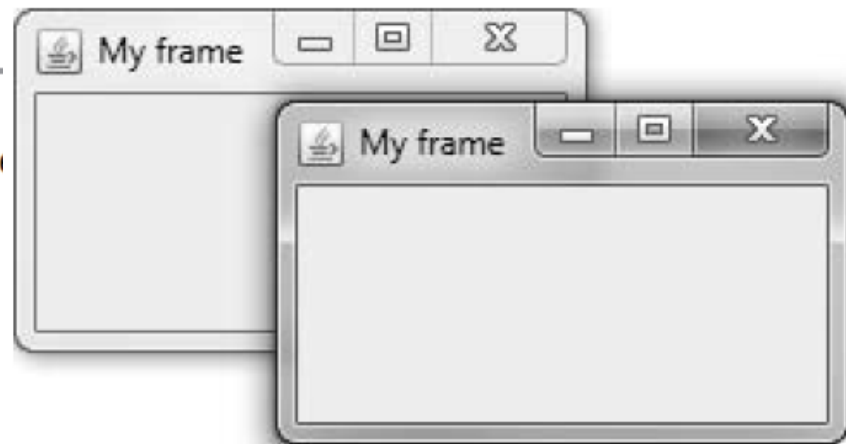


Figure 14-17 Output of the CreateTwoJMyFrameObjects application after dragging the top frame

Using the `JCheckBox`, and `JComboBox` **Classes**

- **Besides `JButtons` and `JTextFields`**
 - Several other Java components allow a user to make selections in a UI environment

The JCheckBox Class

- JCheckBox
 - Consists of a label positioned beside a square
 - Click square to display or remove check mark
 - Use to allow user to turn option on or off
- Constructors
 - `JCheckBox () // No label, unselected`
 - `JCheckBox ("Check here") // Label, unselected`
 - `JCheckBox ("Check here", false) // Label, unselected`
 - `JCheckBox ("Check here", true) // Label, selected`

```
import java.awt.*;
import javax.swing.*;
public class CheckBoxDemonstration extends JFrame
{
    FlowLayout flow = new FlowLayout();
    JLabel label = new JLabel("What would you like to drink?");
    JCheckBox coffee = new JCheckBox("Coffee", false);
    JCheckBox cola = new JCheckBox("Cola", false);
    JCheckBox milk = new JCheckBox("Milk", false);
    JCheckBox water = new JCheckBox("Water", false);
    public CheckBoxDemonstration()
    {
        super("CheckBox Demonstration");
        setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
        setLayout(new FlowLayout());
        label.setFont(new Font("Arial", Font.ITALIC, 22));
        add(label);
        add(coffee);
        add(cola);
        add(milk);
        add(water);
    }
    public static void main(String[] arguments)
    {
        final int FRAME_WIDTH = 350;
        final int FRAME_HEIGHT = 120;
        CheckBoxDemonstration frame = new CheckBoxDemonstration();
        frame.setSize(FRAME_WIDTH, FRAME_HEIGHT);
        frame.setVisible(true);
    }
}
```

The JCheckBox Class (cont'd.)

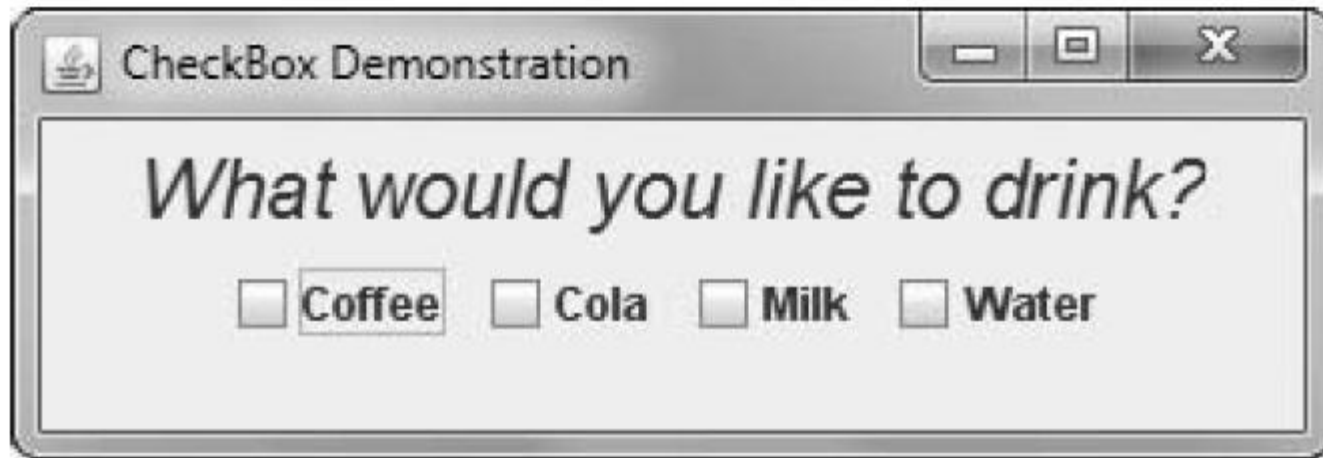


Figure 14-31 Output of the `CheckBoxDemonstration` class

The JCheckBox Class (cont'd.)

Method	Purpose
<code>void setText(String)</code>	Sets the text for the JCheckBox
<code>String getText()</code>	Returns the JCheckBox text
<code>void setSelected(boolean)</code>	Sets the state of the JCheckBox to <code>true</code> for selected or <code>false</code> for unselected
<code>boolean isSelected()</code>	Gets the current state (checked or unchecked) of the JCheckBox

Table 14-5 Frequently used JCheckBox methods

Using the `JComboBox` Class

- `JComboBox`
 - Component that combines two features
 - Display area showing one option
 - List box containing additional options
 - When user clicks `JComboBox`, list of alternative items drops down
 - User selects one to replace box's displayed item

Using the JComboBox Class (cont'd.)

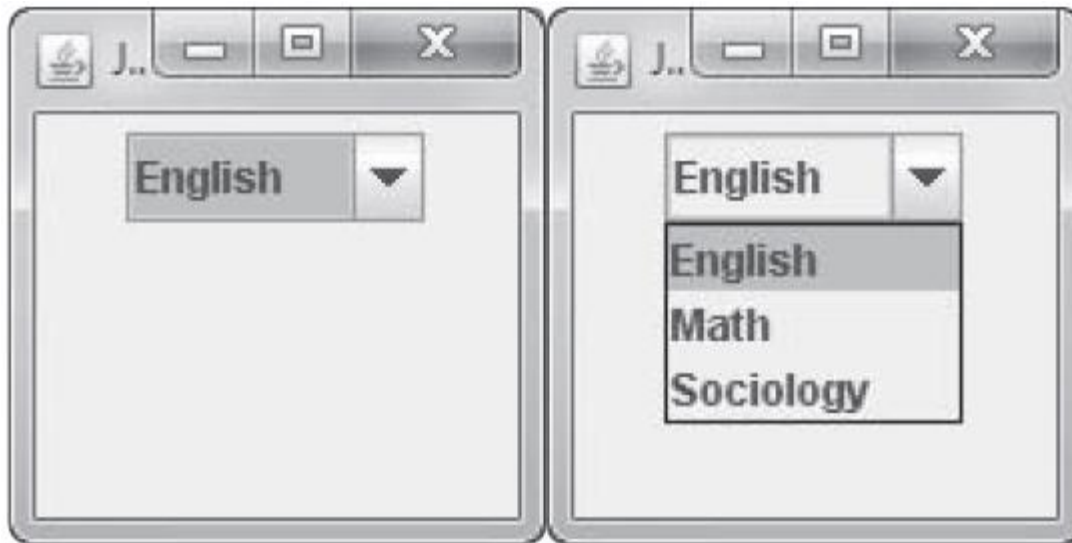


Figure 14-35 A JComboBox before and after the user clicks it

Using the JComboBox Class (cont'd.)

- **Build JComboBox**

- Use constructor with no arguments
- Add items with `addItem()` method
- Alternatively, construct by using array of `Objects` as constructor argument
- **Example :**

```
String[] majorArray = {"English", "Math", "Sociology"};  
JComboBox majorChoice = new JComboBox(majorArray);
```

Method	Purpose
<code>void addItem(Object)</code>	Adds an item to the list
<code>void removeItem(Object)</code>	Removes an item from the list
<code>void removeAllItems()</code>	Removes all items from the list
<code>Object getItemAt(int)</code>	Returns the list item at the index position specified by the integer argument
<code>int getItemCount()</code>	Returns the number of items in the list
<code>int getMaximumRowCount()</code>	Returns the maximum number of items the combo box can display without a scroll bar
<code>int getSelectedIndex()</code>	Returns the position of the currently selected item
<code>Object getSelectedItem()</code>	Returns the currently selected item
<code>Object[] getSelectedObjects()</code>	Returns an array containing selected Objects
<code>void setEditable(boolean)</code>	Sets the field to be editable or not editable
<code>void setMaximumRowCount(int)</code>	Sets the number of rows in the combo box that can be displayed at one time
<code>void setSelectedIndex(int)</code>	Sets the index at the position indicated by the argument
<code>void setSelectedItem(Object)</code>	Sets the selected item in the combo box display area to be the Object argument

Table 14-6 Some JComboBox class methods

```
import java.awt.*;
import javax.swing.*;
public class CoboBoxDemonstration extends JFrame
{
    FlowLayout flow = new FlowLayout();
    String[] majorArray = {"English", "Math", "Sociology"};
    JComboBox majorChoice = new JComboBox(majorArray);
    public CoboBoxDemonstration()
    {
        super("CheckBox Demonstration");
        setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
        setLayout(new FlowLayout());
        add(majorChoice);
    }
    public static void main(String[] arguments)
    {
        final int FRAME_WIDTH = 350;
        final int FRAME_HEIGHT = 120;
        CoboBoxDemonstration frame = new CoboBoxDemonstration();
        frame.setSize(FRAME_WIDTH, FRAME_HEIGHT);
        frame.setVisible(true);
    }
}
```