

Interactors

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Learning goals for today

— — —

To learn how to use **interactors** in our programs

To go **under the hood** of a program

To see how we can use Computer Science to **understand people**

‘...a device that [...] had about a hundred tiny flat press buttons and a screen about four inches square on which any one of a million “pages” could be summoned at a moment’s notice. It looked insanely complicated, and [...] had the words **DON’T PANIC** printed on it in large friendly letters’

- Douglas Adams, *The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy*

How do we interact with programs?

— — —

As Console Programs

```
public class myProgram extends ConsoleProgram {...}
```

Using our Mouse and Keyboard

```
public void mouseMoved(MouseEvent e){...}
```

Using UI Elements (buttons, sliders, text fields)

```
// ~\_(\ツ)\_/~
```

Using the tools we already have,
how could we make a button?

What's wrong with this approach to making buttons?

Not a separate part of the interface

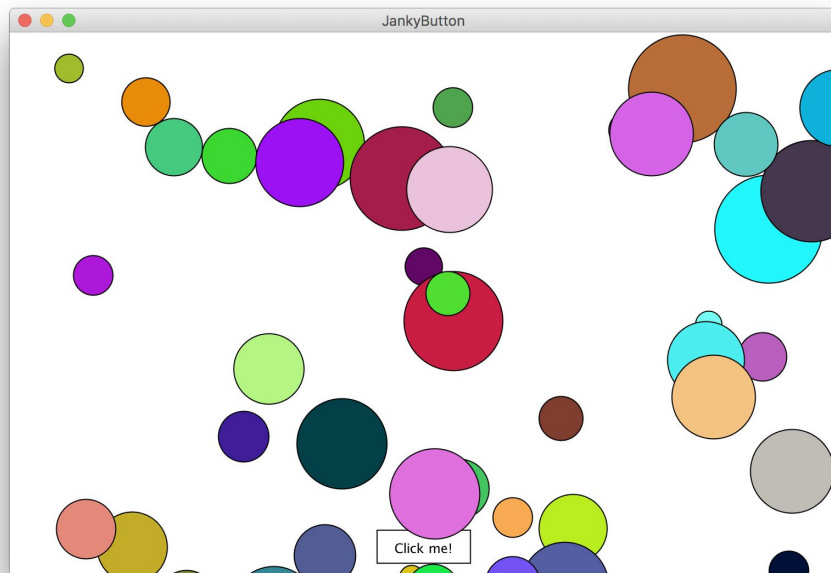
Doesn't give any indication that it was clicked

Looks pretty bad

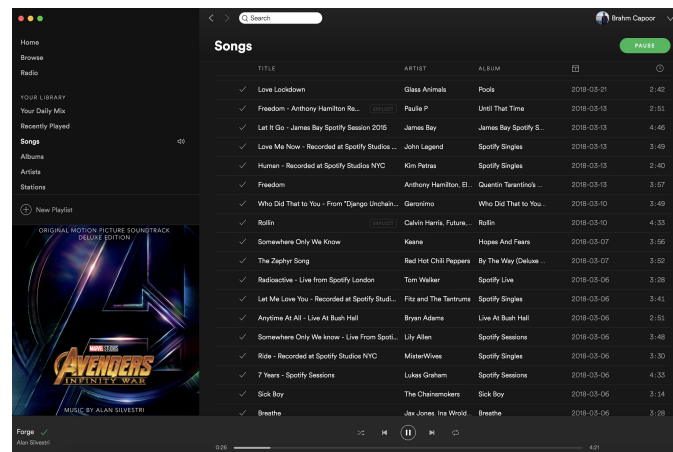
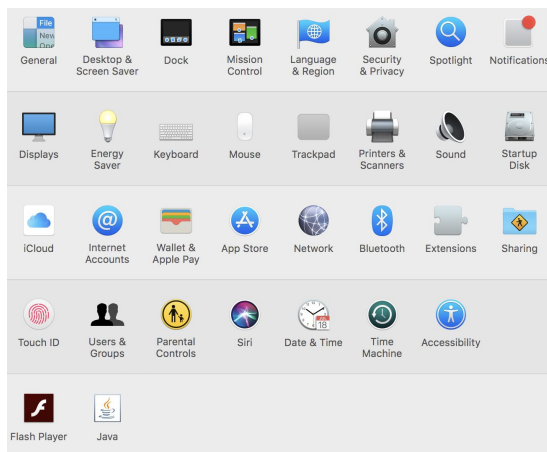
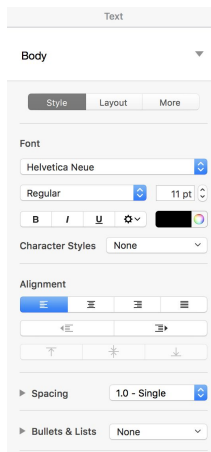
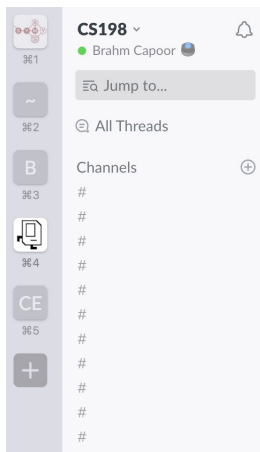
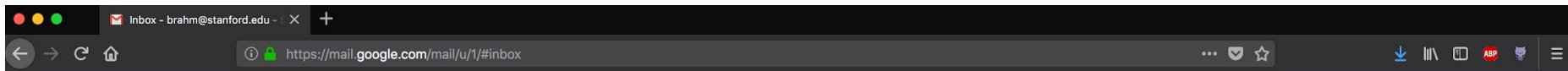
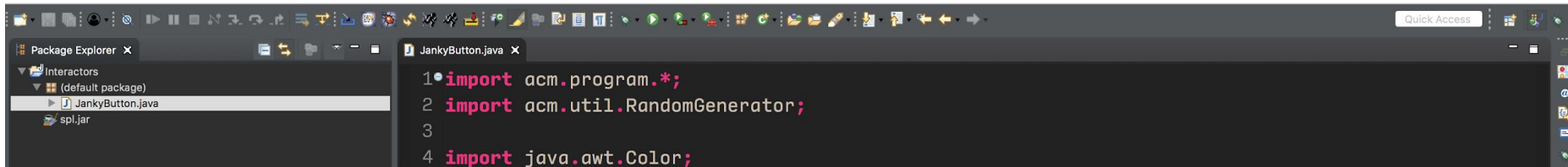
Inconsistent with other programs

Can't use it in ConsolePrograms

Lots of work to create

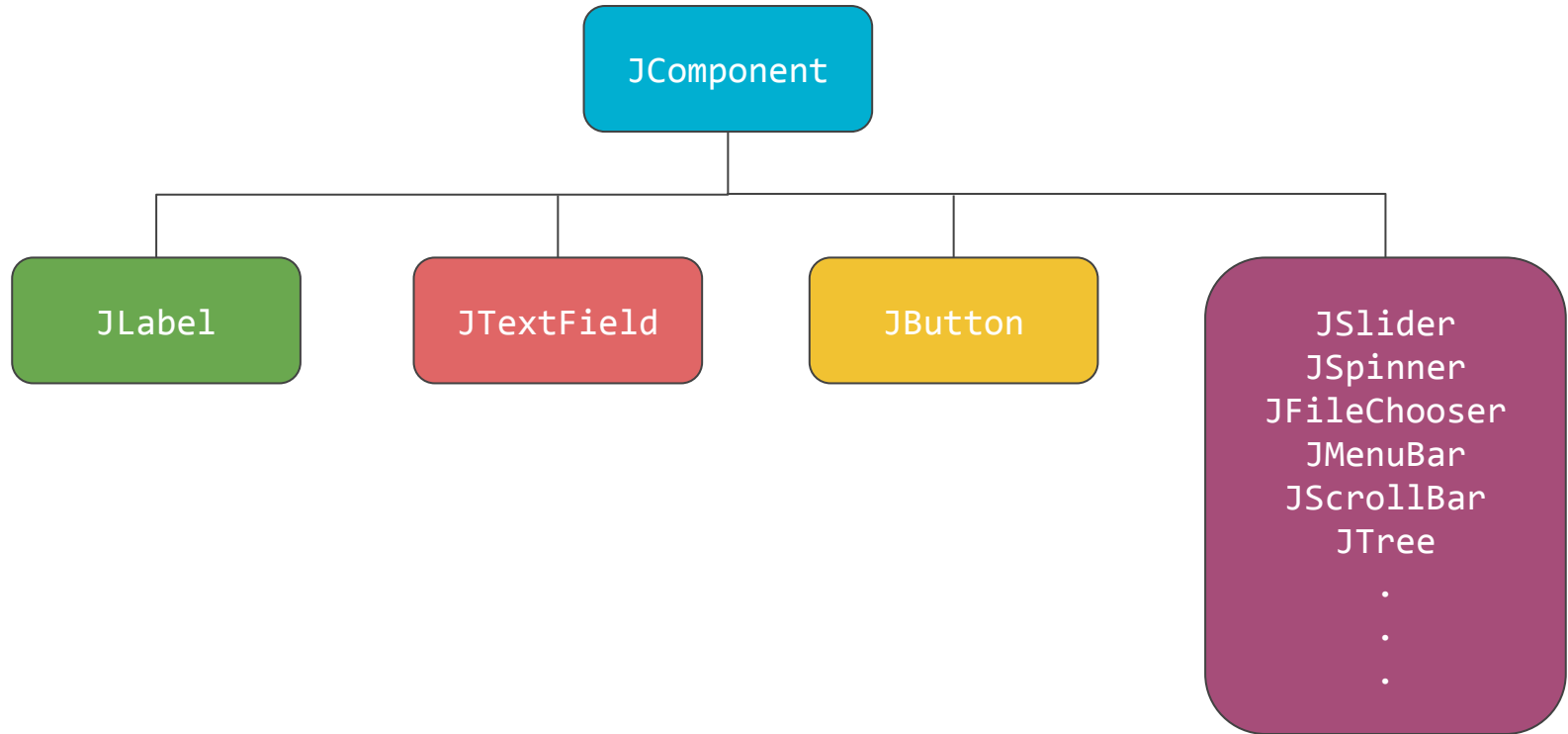


Making these interfaces would be **devastating**

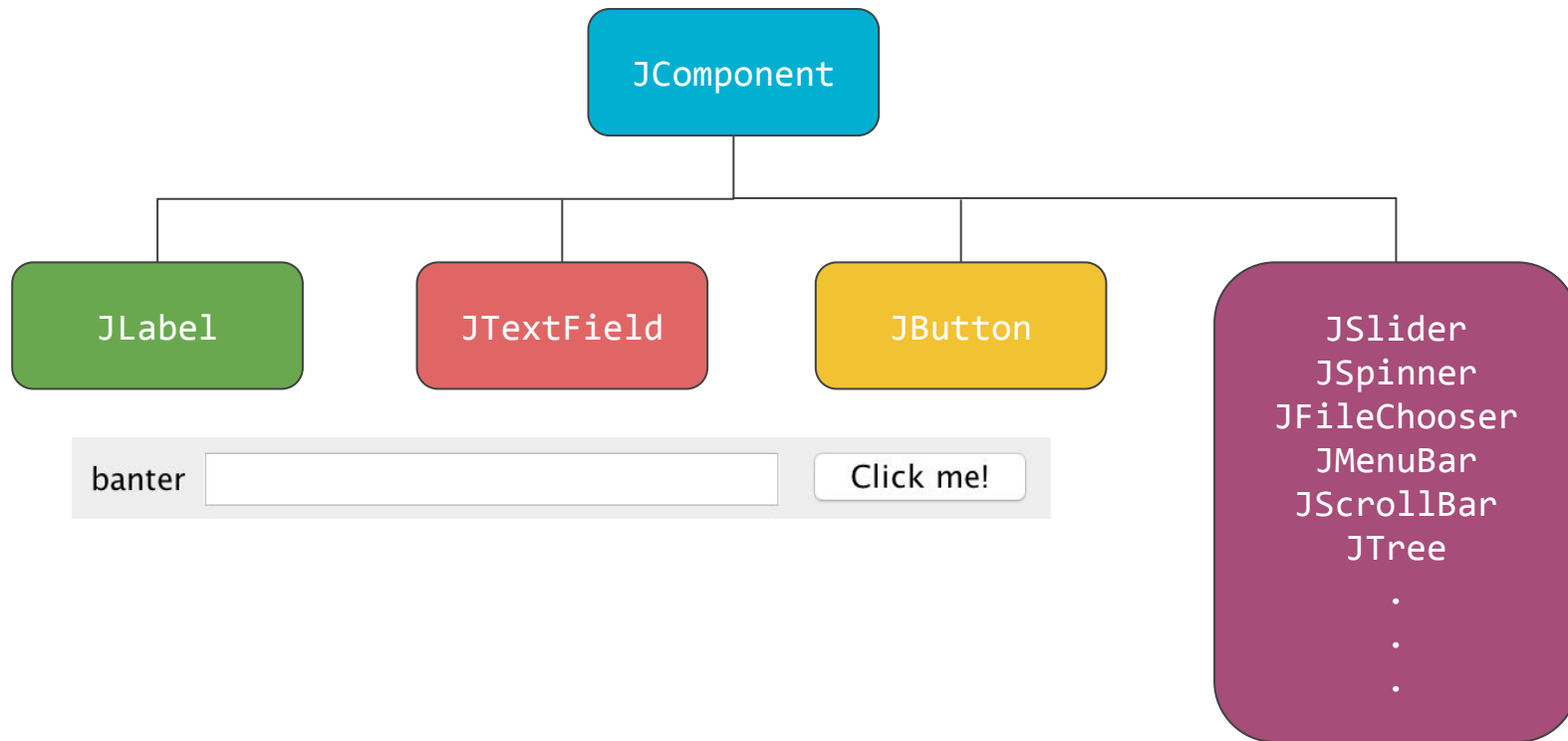


**Programming is about standing on the shoulders
of giants**

Meet today's giant



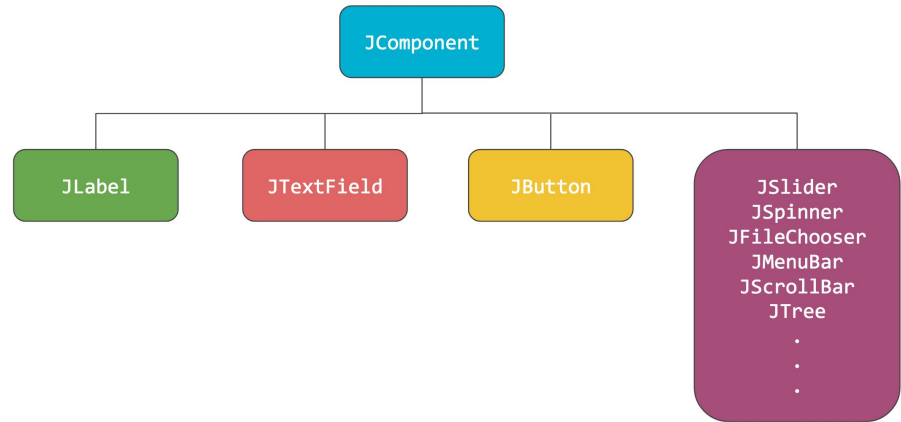
Meet today's giant



JComponents

Java handles how they **look**

You handle how they **work**



Our first JComponents

```
JLabel label = new JLabel("banter");

JTextField field = new JTextField(20);    // 20 characters wide

JButton button = new JButton("Click me");

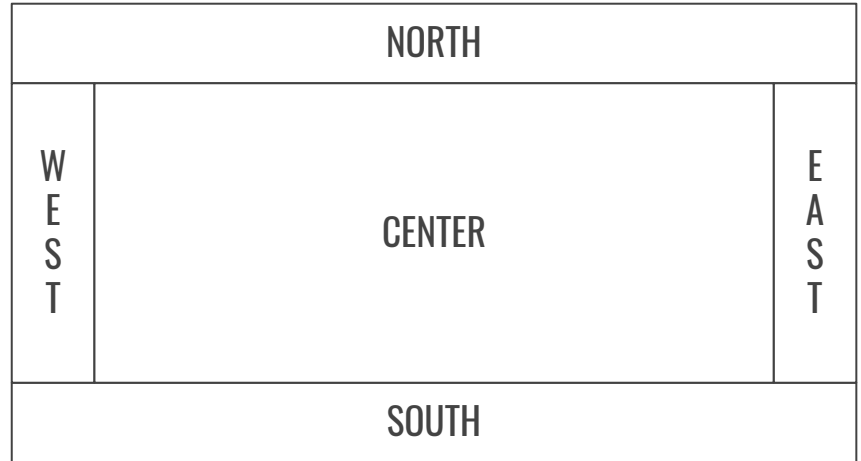
// how do we add these to the window?
```

Regions in a window

Java divides every window into 5 regions

Center: your ConsoleProgram or GraphicsProgram

The other regions only show up when you **add things** to them



Putting JComponents on the window

```
JLabel label = new JLabel("banter");
```

```
JTextField field = new JTextField(20); // 20 characters wide
```

```
JButton button = new JButton("Click me");
```

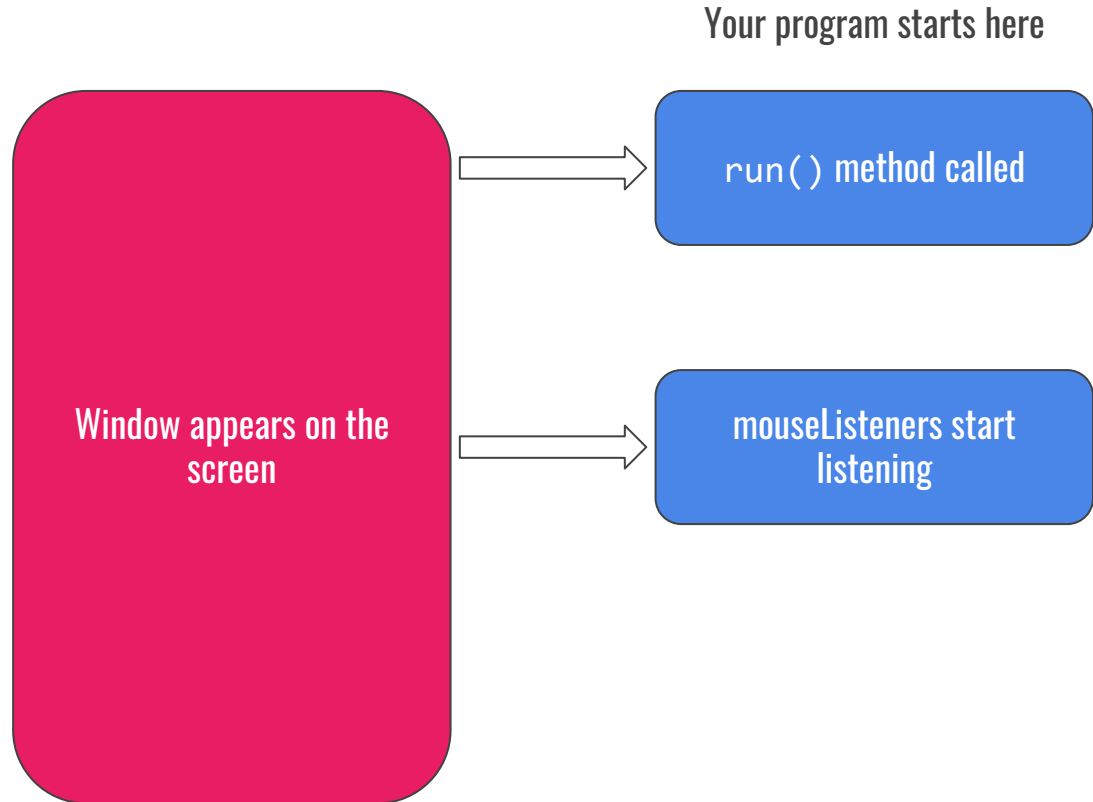
```
add(label, SOUTH);  
add(field, SOUTH);  
add(button, SOUTH);
```

}

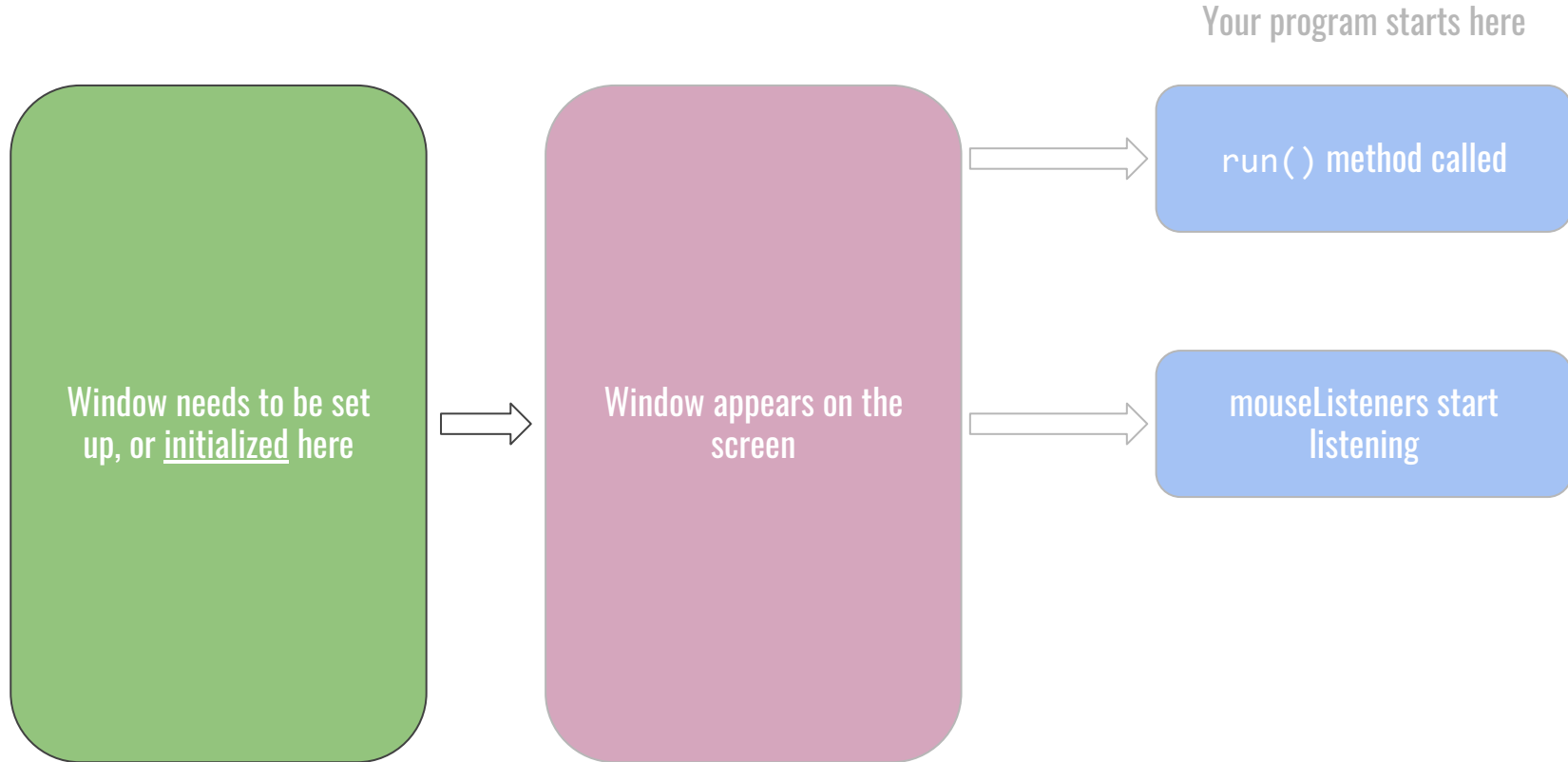
Java **automatically arranges** the components in the SOUTH region for you

Let's run() with it

What we know so far



Diving under the hood

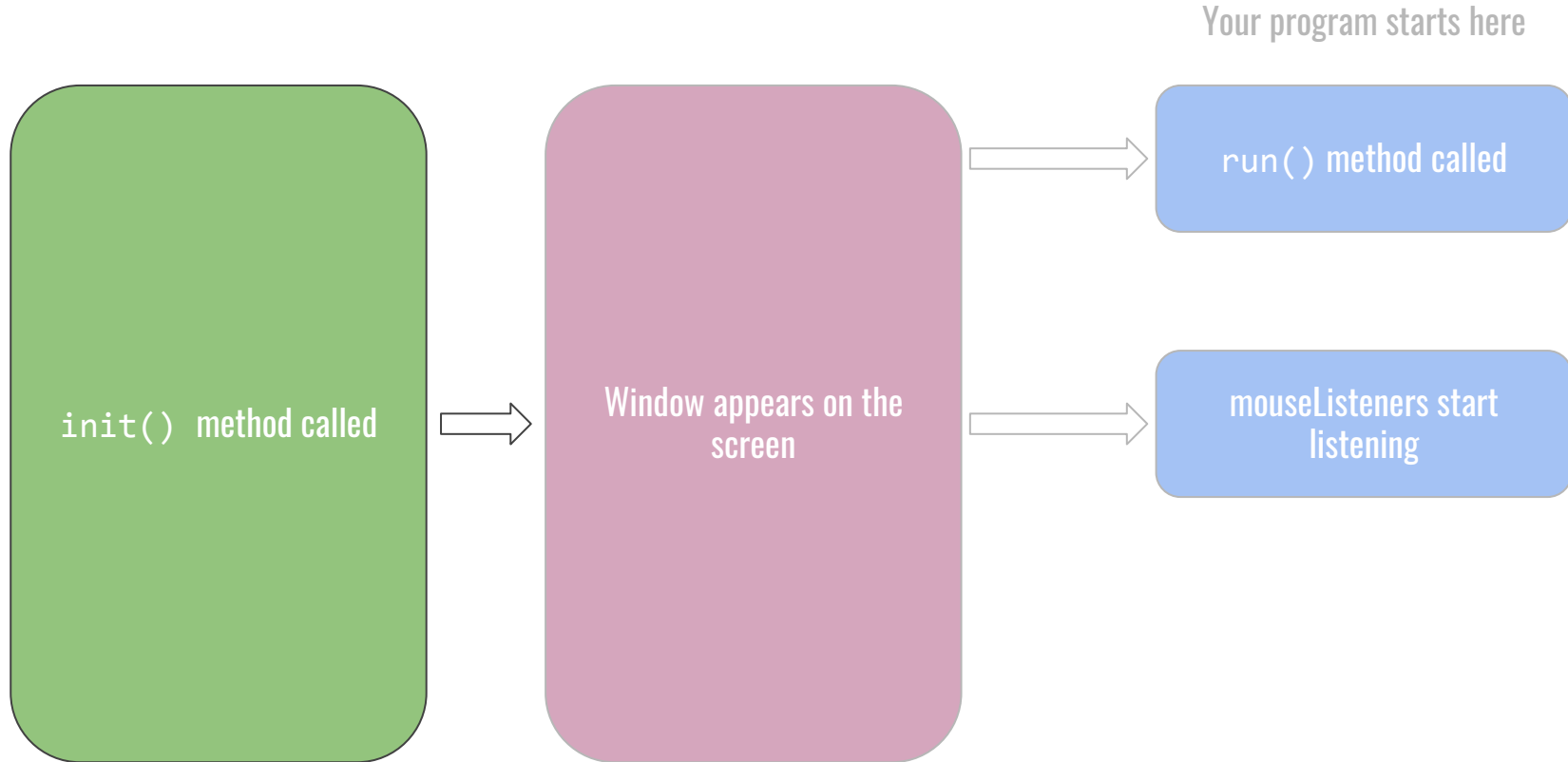


Diving under the hood

Your program starts here

```
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u  
public void init() {  
    // Set up the window here  
}
```

Diving under the hood



Let's run with `init()`

`// (sorry)`

The takeaway: add JComponents in `init()`

How to use JComponents

Where else have our programs had to respond to user actions that could happen anytime?

Like `MouseListener`s, using components requires **Event-Driven programming**

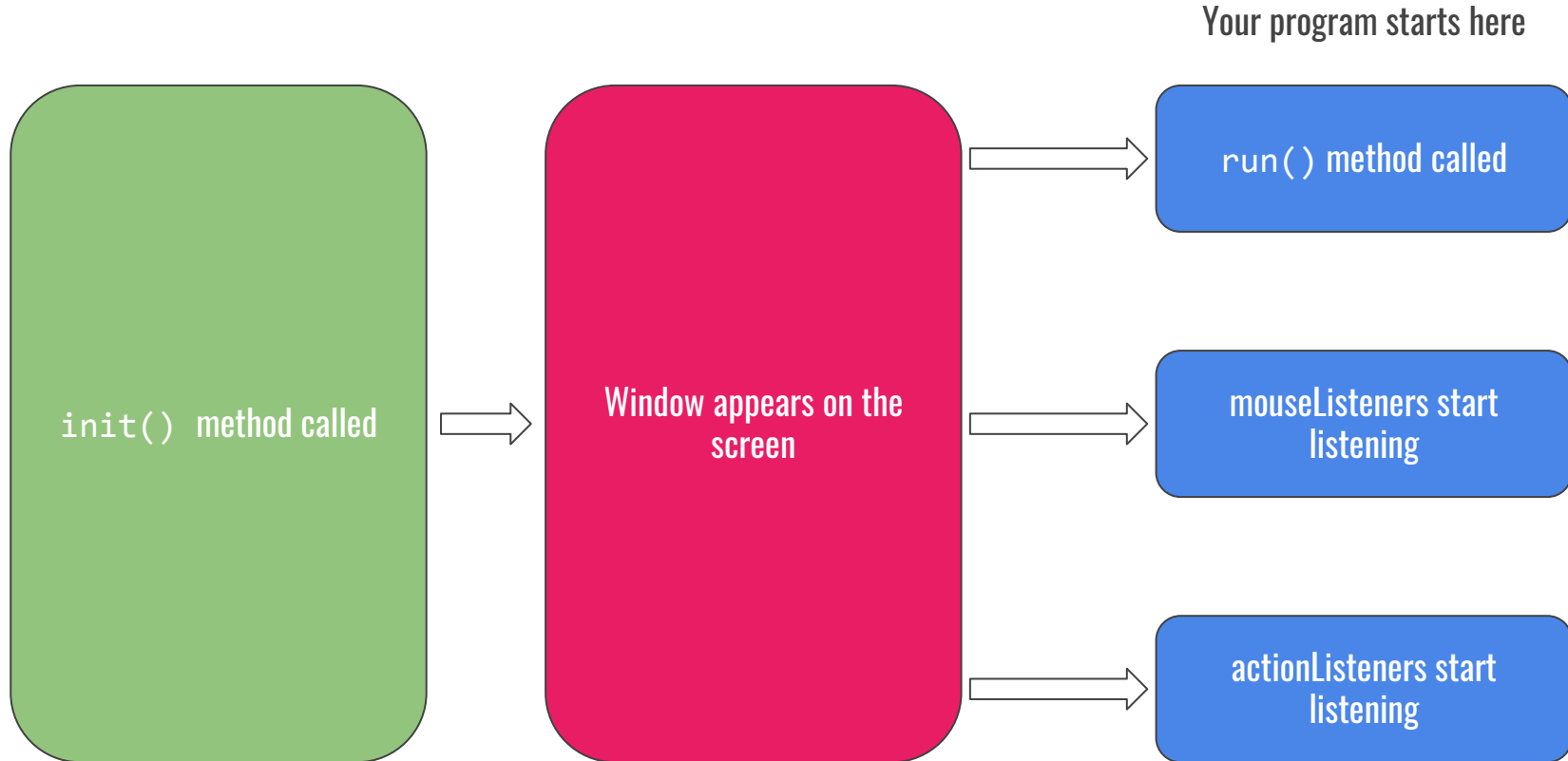
```
public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e){
    String command = e.getActionCommand();
    // Process command
}
```

```
public void init() {
    JButton button = new JButton("Click me!");
    field.addActionListener(this);    // enable pressing enter
    field.setActionCommand("Typed"); // set the field's action command

    add(button, SOUTH);
    add(field, SOUTH);
    addActionListeners();            // start listening for user actions
}

public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e){
    String command = e.getActionCommand();
    if (command.equals("Click me!")) {
        println("Button clicked!");
    }
    if (command.equals("Typed")) {
        println(field.getText());    // needs to be an instance variable
    }
}
```

Diving under the hood



Let's make something cool!

The [xkcd](#) Color survey: what names do people give colors?

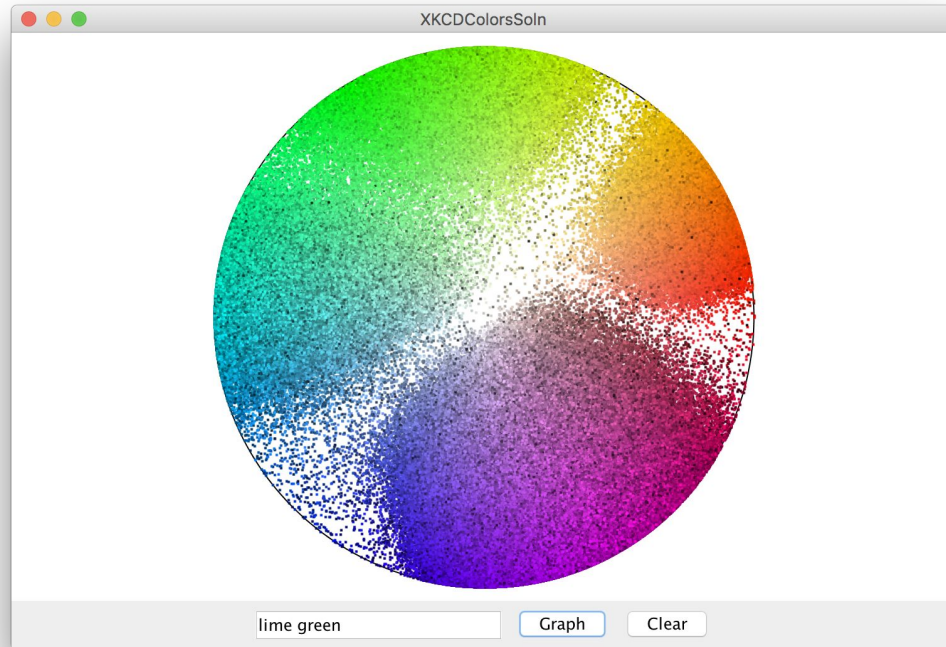
Dataset: 2.85 million RGB colors + names

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```

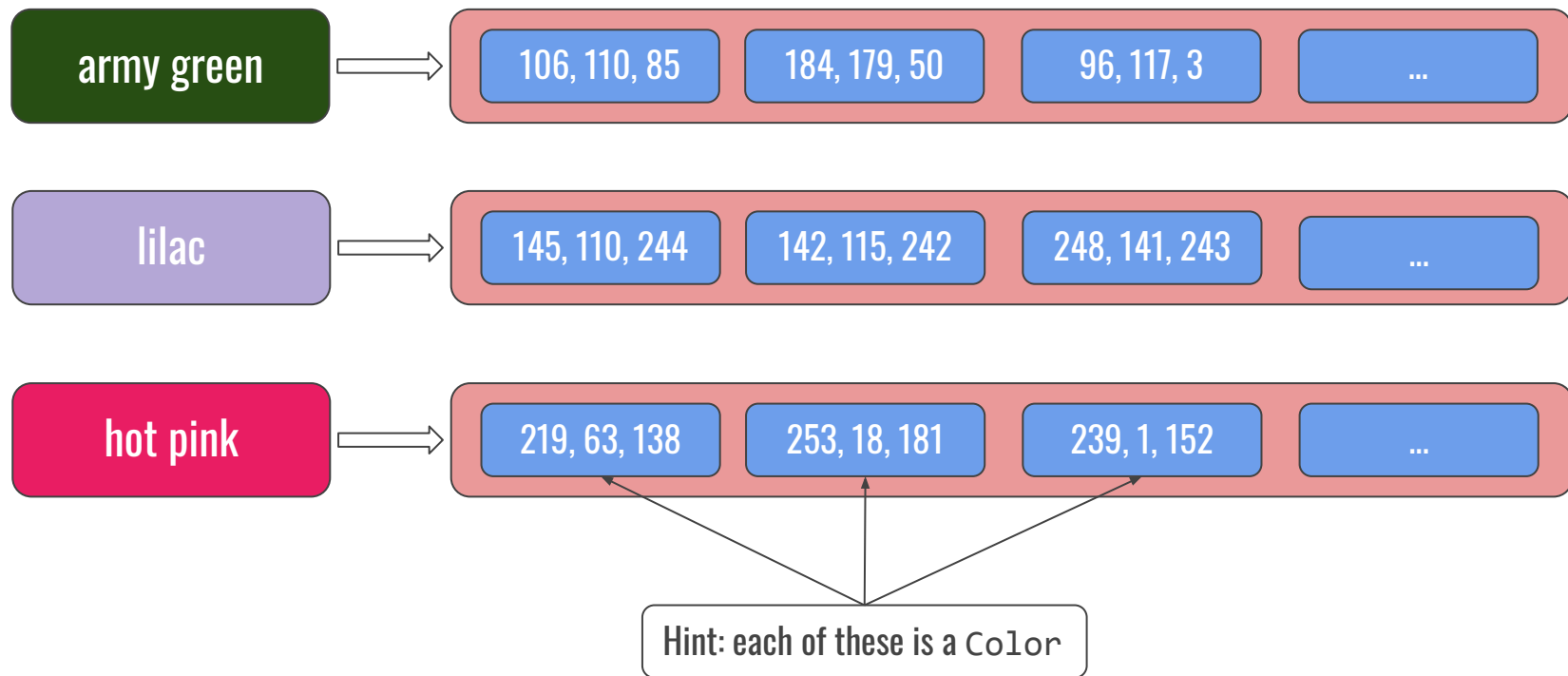
This is a lot of data

```
11401401  midnight blue
11401402  19
11401403  14
11401404  78
```

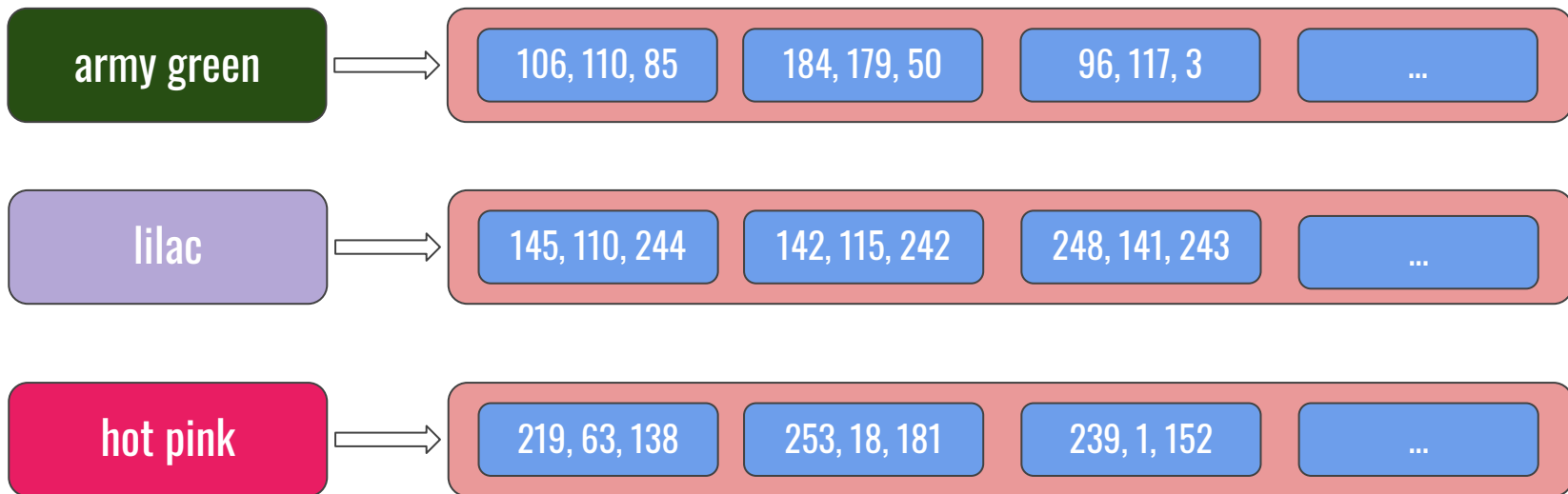
A cool visualization!



Milestone 1: How do we represent this data?



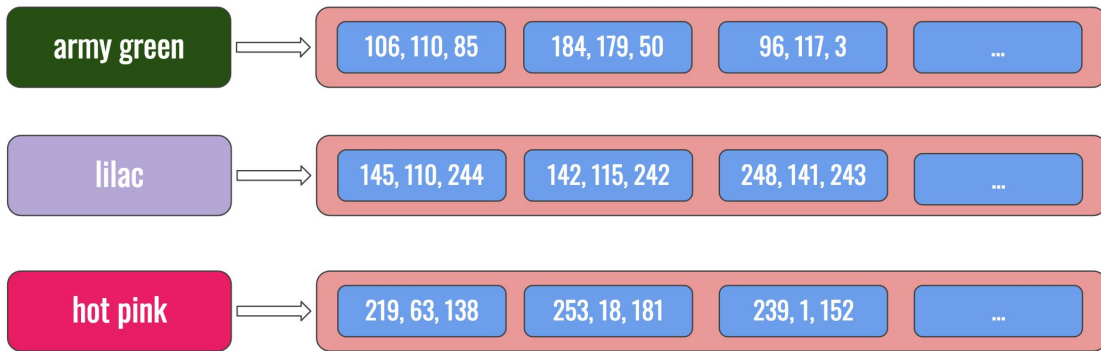
Milestone 1: How do we represent this data? ✓



```
HashMap<String, ArrayList<Color>> colorMap;
```

Milestone 2: How do we load data from the file?

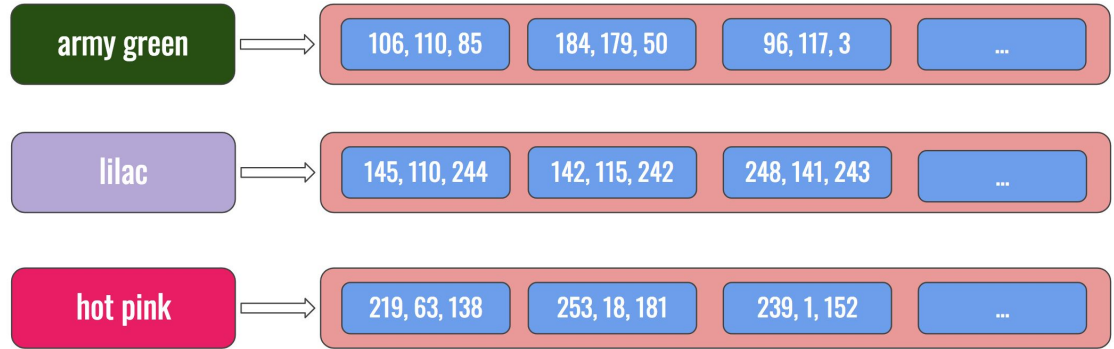
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```
private HashMap<String, ArrayList<Color>> readFile() {
    // fun Scanner shenanigans
}
```

Milestone 2: How do we load data from the file? ✓

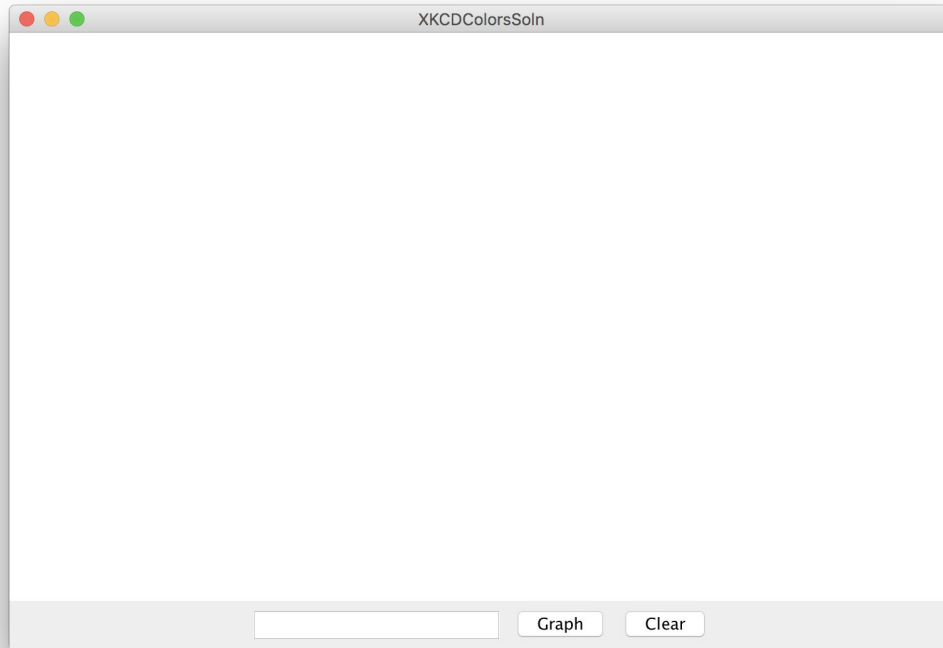
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[Click here for an animation of the file reading](#)

Milestone 3: How do we set up the interactors?



Milestone 4: How do we put all the pieces together?

Suppose you have a method

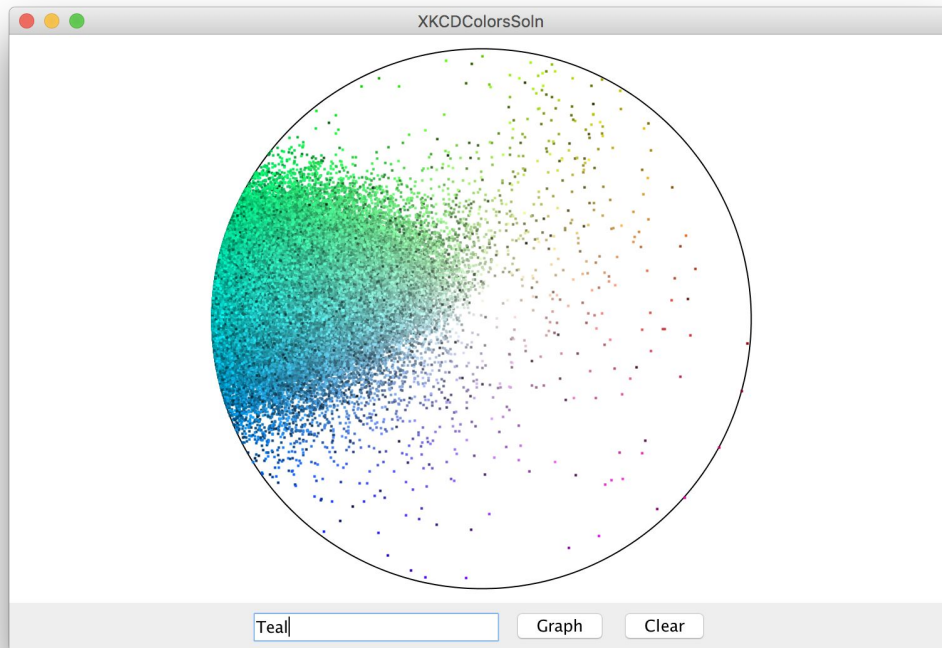
```
private void plotColor(Color color)
```

that puts a single color dot on the screen in the correct place

and another method

```
private void clearAll()
```

that removes all the colored dots



Computer Science helps us learn about people

[xkcd's analysis of the results](#)

Overflow slides

1. How do we plot a color?
2. A file reading demo

How do we plot a color in xkcd colors?

[The HSB Color Space](#)

// (you're not required to know this)

How do we plot a color?

We normally break colors into a **red**, **green** and **blue** component

You can think of each color as a point on a 3d graph with a **red**, **green** and **blue** axis

This graph is called the **RGB Color Space**

Each axis on the graph goes from 0 to 255



[RGB Color Space Atlas](#)

How do we plot a color?

We don't **have** to break a color into RGB values

RGB is easy for computers to understand, but **not** for humans

What does it **mean** for a color to be 127 / 255 red? 

We tend to think of a color in terms of its **general color range**, how **vivid** it is, and how **bright** it is.

How do we plot a color?

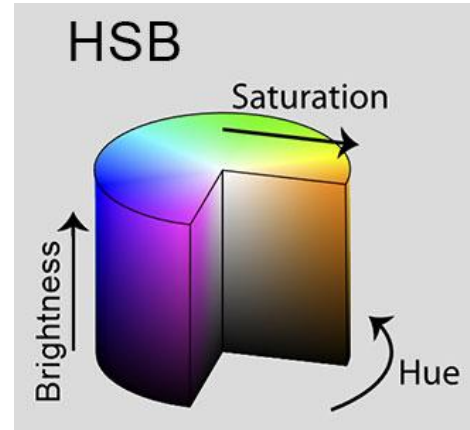
We can also break a color into these three components:

The color's **hue** represents its general color range (its location on the color wheel)

The color's **saturation** represents how vivid it is

The color's **brightness** represents how bright it is

Each color is now a point in the **HSB Color Space**



[source](#)

How do we plot a color?

Java gives us a method to break a color up into HSB Components:

```
float[] HSComponents = Color.RGBtoHSB(color.getRed(), color.getGreen(), color.getBlue(), null);
```



HSComponents has **three** elements, which are in order:

1. color's hue
2. color's saturation
3. color's brightness

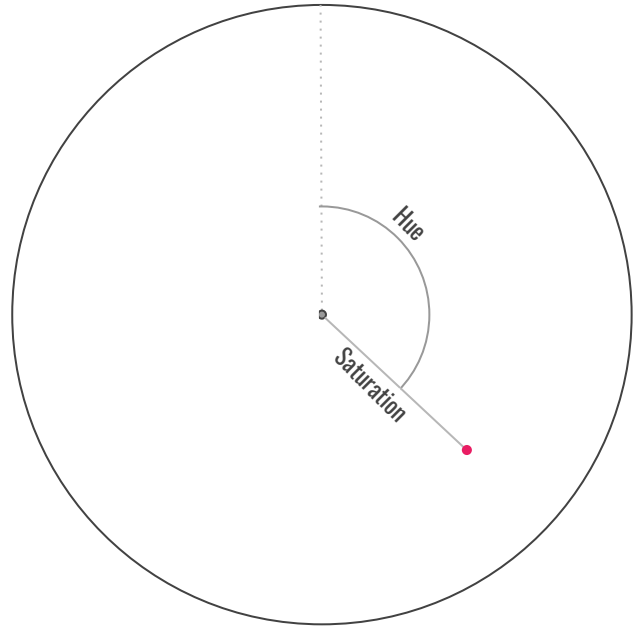
don't worry about the
float data type!

(it's like a double, but for
smaller numbers)

How do we plot a color?

We use the color's **hue** and **saturation** to figure out where in the circle the color's point goes

We color the point with its **corresponding color**, which captures brightness



How do we plot a color?

```
float[] components = Color.RGBtoHSB(color.getRed(),
                                     color.getGreen(),
                                     color.getBlue(),
                                     null);

double radius = getRadius() * components[1];
double theta = components[0] * Math.PI * 2.0;

double x = getWidth() / 2.0 + radius * Math.cos(theta);
double y = getHeight() / 2.0 - radius * Math.sin(theta);

GRect pt = new GRect(x, y, 1, 1);
pt.setFilled(true);
pt.setColor(color);
```



Get HSB Components from
color


How do we plot a color?

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pt.setColor(color);
```



radius is based on saturation (as a fraction of 100) and angle is based on hue (as a fraction of 360)

How do we plot a color?

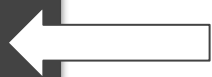
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                                   color.getGreen(),
                                   color.getBlue(),
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```

Calculate exact position of the point on the screen using trigonometry



How do we plot a color?

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```



Plot the point on the screen

How colorMap is made

A more detailed animation

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```

```
Scanner sc = new Scanner(new File(COLORS_FILE));
HashMap<String, ArrayList<Color>> result =
    new HashMap<String, ArrayList<Color>>();

while (sc.hasNextLine()) {
    String colorName = sc.nextLine();
    String red = sc.nextLine();
    String green = sc.nextLine();
    String blue = sc.nextLine();

    int r = Integer.parseInt(red);
    int g = Integer.parseInt(green);
    int b = Integer.parseInt(blue);

    Color color = new Color(r, g, b);

    if (!result.containsKey(colorName)) {
        result.put(colorName, new ArrayList<Color>());
    }

    result.get(colorName).add(color);
}
```



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```
while (sc.hasNextLine()) {
```

result

NO KEYS

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```
String colorName = sc.nextLine();
```

while loop variables

colorName: "navy blue"

result

NO KEYS

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navy blue
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```
String red = sc.nextLine();
```

while loop variables

colorName: "navy blue"

red: "27"

result

NO KEYS

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```
String green = sc.nextLine();
```

while loop variables

```
colorName: "navy blue"
red:       "27"
green:    "34"
```

result

NO KEYS

```
navy blue
```

```
27
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```
String blue = sc.nextLine();
```

while loop variables

colorName: "navy blue"

red: "27"

green: "34"

blue: "98"

result

NO KEYS

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```

```
int r = Integer.parseInt(red);
```

while loop variables

```
colorName: "navy blue"
red:       "27"
green:    "34"
blue:     "98"
r:        27
```

result

NO KEYS

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navy blue
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```

```
int g = Integer.parseInt(green);
```

while loop variables

```
colorName: "navy blue"
red:       "27"
green:     "34"
blue:      "98"
r:         27
g:         34
```

result

NO KEYS

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navy blue
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```
int b = Integer.parseInt(blue);
```

while loop variables

```
colorName: "navy blue"
red:       "27"
green:     "34"
blue:      "98"
r:         27
g:         34
b:         98
```


result

NO KEYS


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```

```
Color color = new Color(r, g, b);
```

while loop variables

```
colorName: "navy blue"
red:       "27"         color: 
green:    "34"
blue:     "98"
r:        27
g:        34
b:        98
```


result

NO KEYS

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navy blue
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```

```
if (!result.containsKey(colorName)) {
    result.put(colorName, new ArrayList<Color>());
}
```

while loop variables

```
colorName: "navy blue"
red:       "27"         color: 
green:    "34"
blue:     "98"
r:        27
g:        34
b:        98
```


result

```
"navy blue": {}
```


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navy blue
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```

```
result.get(colorName).add(color);
```

while loop variables

```
colorName: "navy blue"
red:       "27"         color: 
green:    "34"
blue:    "98"
r:        27
g:        34
b:        98
```

result

```
"navy blue": {  }
```

```
navy blue
```

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27
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34
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98
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```
while (sc.hasNextLine()) {
```

result

“navy blue”: { [REDACTED] }

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navy blue
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```
String colorName = sc.nextLine();
```

while loop variables

colorName: "blue"

result

"navy blue": { [REDACTED] }

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```
String red = sc.nextLine();
```

while loop variables

```
colorName: "blue"
red: "41"
```

result

```
"navy blue": { [REDACTED] }
```

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```
String green = sc.nextLine();
```

while loop variables

```
colorName: "blue"
red:       "41"
green:     "201"
```

result

```
"navy blue": {██████████}
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```
String blue = sc.nextLine();
```

while loop variables

```
colorName: "blue"
red:       "41"
green:    "201"
blue:     "234"
```

result

```
"navy blue": {██████████}
```



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```
int r = Integer.parseInt(red);
```

while loop variables

```
colorName: "blue"
red:       "41"
green:    "201"
blue:     "234"
r:        41
```

result

```
"navy blue": {██████}
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```
int g = Integer.parseInt(green);
```

while loop variables

```
colorName: "blue"
red:       "41"
green:    "201"
blue:     "234"
r:        41
g:        201
```

result

```
"navy blue": {██████████}
```

```
navy blue
27
34
98
blue
41
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234
lime green
99
212
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red brown
160
89
66
.
.
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```

```
int b = Integer.parseInt(blue);
```

while loop variables

```
colorName: "blue"
red:       "41"
green:    "201"
blue:     "234"
r:        41
g:        201
b:        234
```


result

```
"navy blue": {██████████}
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```

```
Color color = new Color(r, g, b);
```

while loop variables

```
colorName: "blue"      color: 
red:        "41"
green:     "201"
blue:     "234"
r:         41
g:         201
b:         234
```


result

```
"navy blue": {  }
```


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```

```
if (!result.containsKey(colorName)) {
    result.put(colorName, new ArrayList<Color>());
}
```

while loop variables

```
colorName: "blue"      color: 
red:        "41"
green:     "201"
blue:      "234"
r:         41
g:         201
b:         234
```


result

```
"navy blue": {}
"blue":      {}
```



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```

```
result.get(colorName).add(color);
```

while loop variables

```
colorName: "blue"      color: 
red:        "41"
green:     "201"
blue:      "234"
r:         41
g:         201
b:         234
```

result

```
"navy blue": {  }
"blue":      {  }
```

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