



Figure 1: Calculator Screen shots

A Very Small Calculator

Due Date:

This assignment is due Friday 2022-03-25.

Purpose:

To become familiar with more components of the `javax.swing.*` architecture for creating GUI applications.

Goal

To create a very small “calculator” that looks like those shown in Figure ?? The initial calculator should look like the leftmost image. Pressing various buttons should normally produce an image like the middle one; too many digits should result in a row of stars, as shown on the right.

More precisely:

- Clicking Clear should reset the calculator to the leftmost image.

- Tapping the display screen with the mouse should also clear the calculator.
- Clicking a digit button normally adds that digit to the right end of the number. There are three exceptions.
- Clicking a 0 when the display is just 0 or -0 should have no effect.
- When the display is “full” clicking any digit causes the display to go into overflow mode where only `*****s` are displayed.
- When the display has overflowed in `*****s` the only button that is effective is the clear button.
- Except when the display is overfull, clicking the `-` button should toggle the presence or absence of a leading `-` digit.

Method

The overall display is a `JFrame` or `JPanel` using `BorderLayout`. The display part is in the north component, the buttons are in the center

Display

The display part of the calculator should be a `javax.swing.JTextField`. Attributes that you likely want to set include

- the foreground and background colours,
 - the font (the screenshot are from a program that uses
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- ```
display.setFont(new Font("Menlo", Font.BOLD,30)) ;
```
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- Feel free to pick your own font.)
- `.setEditable(false)`
  - the left-right alignment (`.setHorizontalAlignment(JTextField.TRAILING)`)

## Buttons

The individual buttons are `JButtons`. They are arranged in a `JPanel` with `GridLayout`.

## Model

Building a separate model class `Register` (or your favourite name) is strongly recommended. The model might have public methods like those shown in Figure ???. The behaviours of the model are designed to be convenient to attach to the various buttons.

The `getDisplayText()` method should return a `String` appropriate for use with the display's `setText(...)` method.

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```
1 public boolean isNegated() ;
2 public int getDisplayDigitsMax(); max digits before stars appear
3 public String getDisplayText() ; // what to display in the text field
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5 public void negate() ; // change the register's sign
6 public void setDisplayDigitsMax(int dMax) ;
7 public void clearDisplay();
8
9 public void addDigit(int k) ;
10 public void addDigit(char k) ;
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Figure 2: Methods for a model class

You may want to add methods to the Register class to help link a Register with the JTextField that is its view. This drags a bit on the cohesiveness and coupling of the Register class, but is simple to implement.

## Linking

The buttons each need to be linked to something. The simplest approach is to use an addActionListener and a  $\lambda$ -expression. This might look something like

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```
clearButton.addActionListener((ae)-> myRegister.clearDisplay()) ;
```

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for each of the buttons.

The display needs to have a MouseListener attached so that clicking on the display causes the model object to clear.

Finally the model needs to be linked to the display JTextField, so that changes in the model cause the display to be updated.

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## Submission

Submit Lab 6 the same way that you submitted Lab 5.