

Adding radio buttons

The Swing `JRadioButton` class creates a radio button component that can be added to a graphical interface. This can be used to allow the user to select an item from a group of radio buttons.

The `JRadioButton` object is created with the `new` keyword and its constructor takes a `String` argument specifying text to be displayed alongside that radio button. It can also take a second `true` argument to make a radio button be selected by default.

A `ButtonGroup` object logically groups a number of radio buttons so that only one button in that group can be selected at any time. Each radio button is added to the `ButtonGroup` object by specifying its name as the argument to the group's `add()` method.



Radios.java

- 1 Edit a copy of `Window.java` from page 135, changing the class name in the declaration, the constructor, and the instance statement from “Window” to “Radios”
- 2 Before the `Radios()` constructor, create three `JRadioButton` objects – with one selected by default


```
JRadioButton rad1 = new JRadioButton( "Red" , true );
JRadioButton rad2 = new JRadioButton( "Rosé" );
JRadioButton rad3 = new JRadioButton( "White" );
```
- 3 Next create a `ButtonGroup` object with which to group the radio buttons


```
ButtonGroup wines = new ButtonGroup() ;
```
- 4 In the `Radios()` constructor method, insert statements to add each `JRadioButton` component to the `JButtonGroup`

```
wines.add( rad1 ) ;
wines.add( rad2 ) ;
wines.add( rad3 ) ;
```
- 5 Insert statements to add the `JRadioButton` components to the `JPanel` container


```
pnl.add( rad1 ) ;
pnl.add( rad2 ) ;
pnl.add( rad3 ) ;
```
- 6 Save the program as `Radios.java` then compile and run the program, selecting any one radio button after the default

Don't forget



The `ButtonGroup` object only groups the buttons logically, not physically.