

Visualization of Context Graphs - JUNG and Zest

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- In this circumstances, a starting point could be to implement a graphical interface which permits the user to visualize and dinamically edit his context graphs. Since there are already free and open-source softwares that provide the manipulation and visualization of the graphs there is no need to reinvent the wheel and implement another framework but to make use of what already exists.

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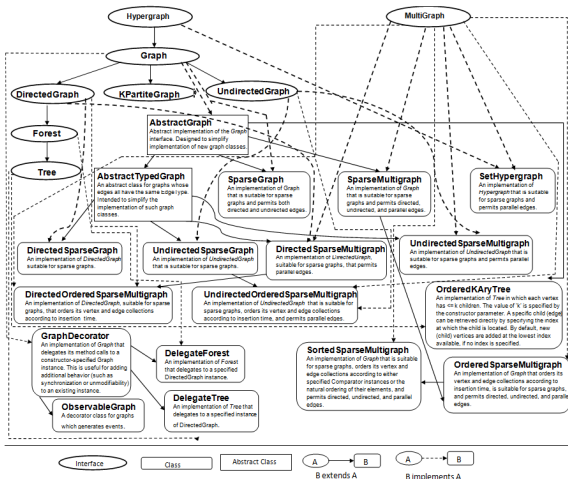
Framework for the modeling, analysis, and visualization of graphs in Java.

- supports most types of graphs
- separate, flexible visualization framework
- "rich" library of algorithms

More about JUNG

- Open-source software
- Written in Java
- Created by 3 UCI CS PhD students:
 - Scott White
 - Joshua O'Madadhain
 - Danyel Fisher

Graph Types



Creating a graph in JUNG

- The simplest way to create a graph is by calling the constructor for the desired type of graph

```
Graph<Integer, String> g = new SparseMultigraph<Integer, String>();
```

- Adding vertices and edges

```
g.addVertex((Integer) 1);  
g.addVertex((Integer) 2);  
g.addVertex((Integer) 3);  
g.addEdge("Edge-A", 1, 2, EdgeType.DIRECTED);  
g.addEdge("Edge-B", 2, 3);
```

- Removing vertices and edges

```
g.removeVertex(1);  
g.removeEdge("Edge-A");
```

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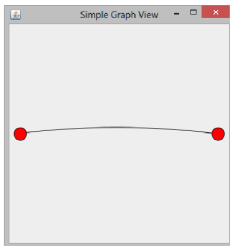
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- A Renderer, which takes the data provided by the Layout and paints the vertices and edges into the provided Component. 

Simple Graph Display

```
Layout<Integer, String> layout = new CircleLayout<Integer,String>(g);
layout.setSize(new Dimension(350, 350));
// sets the initial size of the space
BasicVisualizationServer<Integer, String> vv = new BasicVisualizationServer<Integer, String>(layout);
vv.setPreferredSize(new Dimension(350, 350));
// Sets the viewing area size
JFrame frame = new JFrame("Simple Graph View");
frame.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
frame.getContentPane().add(vv);
frame.pack();
frame.setVisible(true);
```

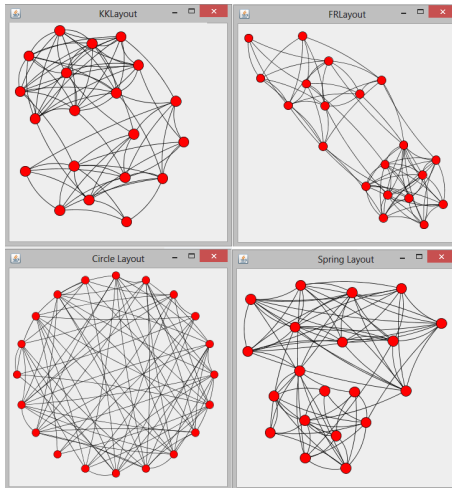
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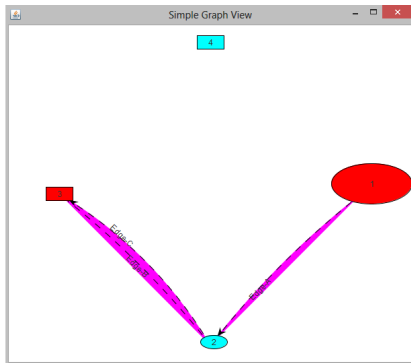
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Graph view customization

The default implementation fetches the location of each vertex from the Layout, paints each one with the Renderer inside the Swing Component, and paints each edge as a straight line between its vertices. Users may customize this behavior as desired; JUNG includes utilities and support classes that facilitate such customization.

Customized view of a graph in JUNG



What kind of algorithms does JUNG provide?

- Layout Algorithms
 - FRLLayout(Fruchterman-Rheingold)
 - KKLayout(Kamada-Kawaii)
 - RadialLayout
 - TreeLayout
 - RadialTreeLayout
 - CircleLayout
 - SpringLayout
- Paths problem solving algorithms
 - DijkstraShortestPath
 - MinimumSpanningForest
 - UnweightedShortestPath
- Clustering algorithms
- Transformation algorithms

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Zest is a set of visualization graphs/networks built for Eclipse.

- It has been developed in SWT/Draw2D.
- Open-source software
- Written in Java

Creating a graph in Zest

- The simplest way to create a graph is by declaring the graph as a *Graph* type and then calling the constructor for *Graph*:

```
graph = new Graph(parent, SWT.NONE);
```

- Declaring the vertices

```
GraphNode node1 = new GraphNode(graph, SWT.NONE, "1");  
GraphNode node2 = new GraphNode(graph, SWT.NONE, "2");  
GraphNode node3 = new GraphNode(graph, SWT.NONE, "3");  
GraphNode node4 = new GraphNode(graph, SWT.NONE, "4");  
GraphNode node5 = new GraphNode(graph, SWT.NONE, "5");  
GraphNode node6 = new GraphNode(graph, SWT.NONE, "6");
```

Creating a graph in Zest - cont.

- Declaring the edges

```
GraphConnection c1=new GraphConnection(graph, ZestStyles.NONE, node1,node2);  
c1.setText("2");  
GraphConnection c2=new GraphConnection(graph, ZestStyles.CONNECTIONS_DIRECTED, node1,node6);  
c2.setText("1");  
GraphConnection c3=new GraphConnection(graph, ZestStyles.CONNECTIONS_DIRECTED, node1,node4);  
c3.setText("4");  
GraphConnection c4=new GraphConnection(graph, ZestStyles.CONNECTIONS_DIRECTED, node2,node3);  
c4.setText("1");  
GraphConnection c5=new GraphConnection(graph, ZestStyles.CONNECTIONS_DIRECTED, node2,node5);  
c5.setText("1");  
GraphConnection c6=new GraphConnection(graph, ZestStyles.CONNECTIONS_DIRECTED, node4,node3);  
c6.setText("2");
```

- Removing vertices and edges

```
node3.dispose();  
c3.dispose();
```

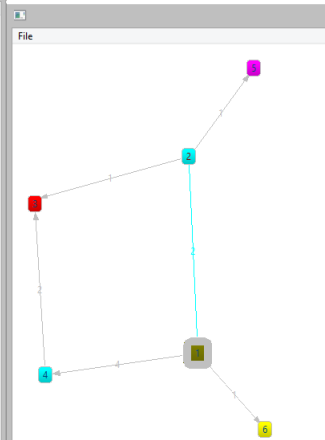
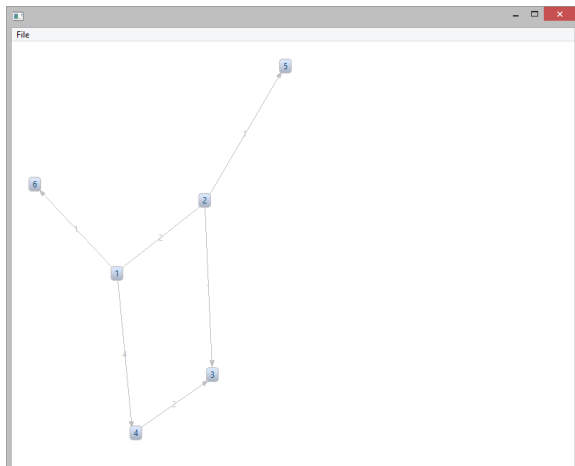

How do we visualize graphs in Zest?

Eclipse Zest provides graph layout managers. A graph layout manager determines how the nodes (and the edges) of a graph are arranged on the screen.

The simplest way to visualize a graph in Zest is by declaring an instance of one of the layouts provided by Zest and then calling the method `setLayoutAlgorithm()` of the graph:

```
SpringLayoutAlgorithm SLA= new SpringLayoutAlgorithm(LayoutStyles.NO_LAYOUT_NODE_RESIZING);  
graph.setLayoutAlgorithm(SLA, true);
```

Graph visualization in Zest



What kind of algorithms does Zest provide?

Unlike JUNG which has a large variety of algorithms, Zest has only layout managing algorithms:

- SpringLAYOUTAlgorithm
- HorizontalLayoutAlgorithm
- GridLayoutAlgorithm
- TreeLayoutAlgorithm
- RadialLayoutAlgorithm

Conclusions

- Both are toolkits for creating and visualizing graphs.
- JUNG provides more algorithms than Zest.
- JUNG is more documented than Zest.
- Zest has more recent releases(Zest 3.8.0-2012) than JUNG(JUNG2-2010).

Future Work

- Choose one of the tools presented
- Implement a graphical user interface(GUI) which permits the visualization and interactively editing of context graphs.

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