

JavaFX for ooRexx (Creating Powerful Portable GUIs)

Business Programming 2



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Agenda

- Brief historic overview
 - Java GUI packages for creating portable GUIs
- Overview of JavaFX
 - Concepts
 - ooRexx nutshell examples
- Roundup

Brief Historic Overview, 1

- Java package "java.awt"
 - "awt": "abstract window toolkit"
 - Java GUI classes for the most important GUI controls
 - Implement what
 - Uses JNI (Java Native Interface) to interact with the platform's GUI
 - "heavy" interaction with peer native GUI controls
 - Insulates the Java programmer from the platform
 - Event management and handling carried out in an "awt"-thread
 - Released with Java 1.0 (1996)

Brief Historic Overview, 2

- Java package "javax.swing"
 - "javax": Java extension
 - Java GUI classes for the most important GUI controls
 - "light-weight"
 - Uses Java2d to draw the controls
 - Text fields can be formatted with HTML style-attributes of that time
 - Contained in awt container
 - Swing class names may start with "J", if an awt class exists
 - e.g. javax.swing.JButton vs. java.awt.Button
 - Adds PLAF
 - Pluggable Look and Feel
 - Released with Java 1.2 (1998)

Brief Historic Overview, 3

- Java package "javafx."
 - 2008 a standalone Java package
 - Also included a proper script engine named "JavaFX Script"
 - Removed with JavaFX 2.0 (2011)
 - Replaces `java.awt` and `javax.swing`
 - Introduces "Properties"
 - Totally new class hierarchy
 - Many new multiplatform classes for
 - e.g. charts, sound, video
 - Released with Java 1.8/8 (2014) as part of the JRE/JDK as "JavaFX8"
 - Already included in Java 1.7/7 updates as part of the JRE/JDK (7u15)

Overview of JavaFX, 1

Concepts

- "Property"
 - Contains a value, has setter and getter methods
 - Can be bound to other properties
 - Auto-update values!
 - GUI classes use properties to display and interact with

Overview of JavaFX, 2

Example "property_binding.rex"

```
-- import the Java class, allow it to be used like an ooRexx class thereafter
sipClz=bsf.import("javafx.beans.property.SimpleIntegerProperty")
num1 = sipClz~new(1)
num2 = sipClz~new(2)
sum=num1~add(num2)
say "'num1=1' (an IntegerProperty) and 'num2=2' (an IntegerProperty), 'sum' (a NumberBinding):" sum~getValue
num1~set(2)
say "after setting 'num1' to '2', sum:" sum~getValue
num2~set(3)
say "after setting 'num2' to '3', sum:" sum~getValue

::requires "BSF.CLS"    -- get Java support
```

Output:

```
'num1=1' (an IntegerProperty) and 'num2=2' (an IntegerProperty), 'sum' (a NumberBinding): 3
after setting 'num1' to '2', sum: 4
after setting 'num2' to '3', sum: 5
```

Overview of JavaFX, 3 Concepts

- FXML
 - **FX Markup Language**
 - Allows to define the GUI as an XML file
 - Tool **SceneBuilder** to create GUIs interactively!
 - Cf. <http://gluonhq.com/labs/scene-builder/>
 - Allows to set up an available **javafx.script** engine
 - Run script code, e.g. for events!
 - A Java loader class will read the FXML and create the GUI
 - GUI controls with '**fx:id**' attribute directly addressable!

Overview of JavaFX, 4 Concepts

- FXML (continued)
 - Invoking script code occurs with the help of `javafx.script`
 - Creates a separate `Engine` for each `FXML` document
 - Each invocation gets its own `ScriptContext` with a `GLOBAL_SCOPE` and `ENGINE_SCOPE` Binding
 - `GLOBAL_SCOPE` Binding contains
 - The created `JavaFX` GUI controls that have the attribute `'fx:id'` set!
 - A Rexx script can access all of these GUI controls

Overview of JavaFX, 5 Concepts

- MVC
 - **M**odel-**V**iew-**C**ontroller (introduced with [Smalltalk-76](#))
 - **M**odel – the data to maintain
 - Our program
 - **V**iew – the program to display the data
 - Our program, JavaFX or a combination of both
 - View and model can be bound with [Properties!](#)
 - **C**ontroller – to control interaction with the model and view
 - Our program serving as the bridge between the model and the view(s)

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Example 1



Output:

```
E:\fxml_01>fxml_01.rex
```

```
REXXout>2017-01-19T16:51:51.399000: arrived in code defined for Button's setOnAction method, i.e. the public routine 'klickButtonAction'  
REXXout>... current value of [javafx.scene.control.Label@1d18228]: label~getText=[]  
REXXout>2017-01-19T16:51:51.432000: returning from the event handler  
REXXout>
```

```
REXXout>2017-01-19T16:52:16.525000: arrived in code defined for Button's setOnAction method, i.e. the public routine 'klickButtonAction'  
REXXout>... current value of [javafx.scene.control.Label@1d18228]: label~getText=[Clicked at: 2017-01-19T16:51:51.431000]  
REXXout>2017-01-19T16:52:16.555000: returning from the event handler  
REXXout>
```

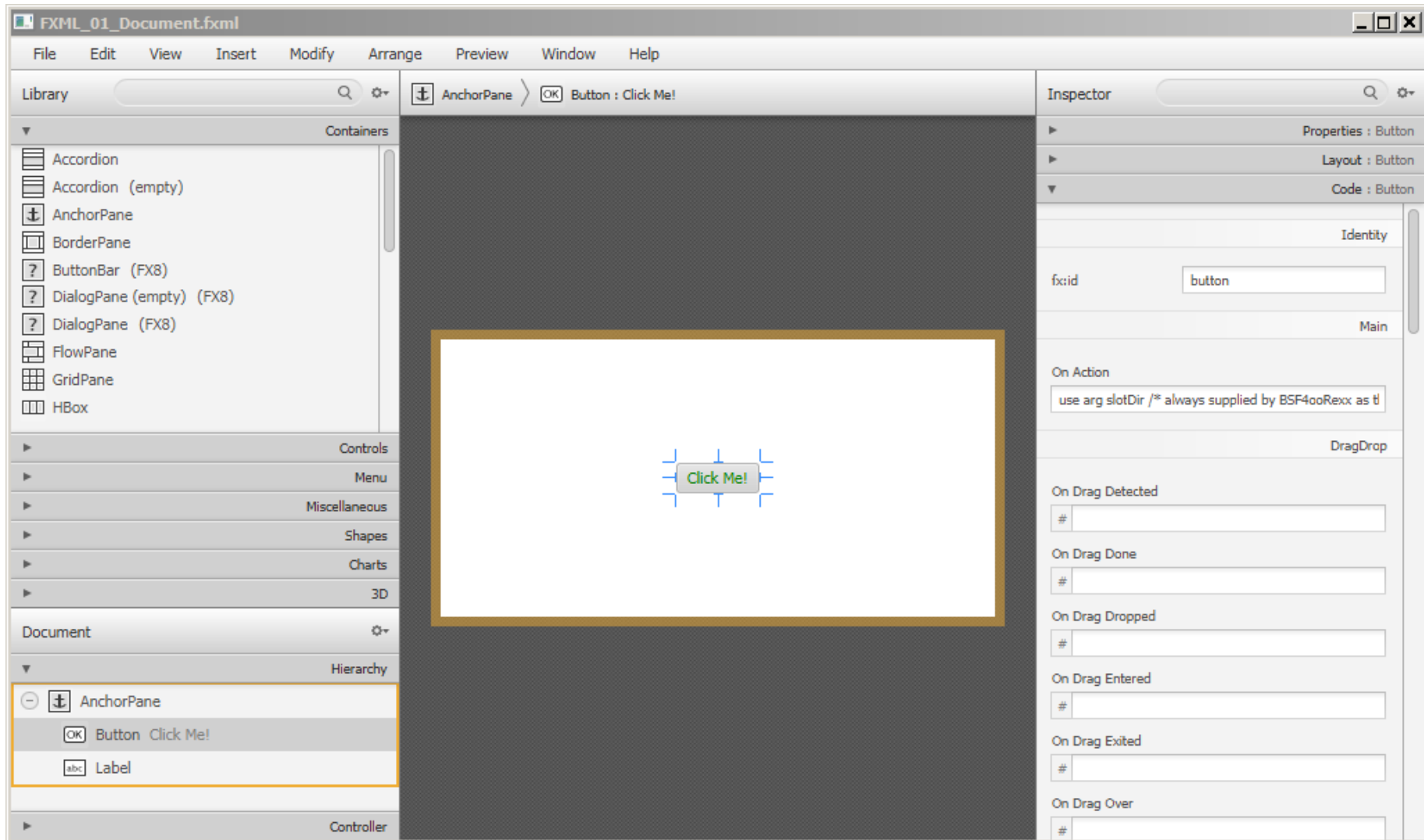
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Example 1, Three Files

- `FXML_01_Document.fxml`
 - The `FXML` file defining our GUI
 - Defines "rexx" to be used as the script language
 - Defines an `AnchorPane` containing a
 - Button with `fx:id="button"` (with Rexx code) and a
 - Label with `fx:id="label"`
 - Text (`textFill`) of both controls is `GREEN`
- `fxml_01_controller.rex`
 - Defines a public Rexx routine "klickButtonAction"
- `fxml_01.rex`
 - Runs the program using the `javafx` package

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Example 1, Using "SceneBuilder" for the Dialog



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Example 1, "FXML_01_Document.fxml"

```
<?import javafx.scene.control.Button?>
<?import javafx.scene.control.Label?>
<?import javafx.scene.layout.AnchorPane?>
<!-- comment: the following process instruction (PI) defines the Java script engine named 'rexx'
to be used for the code in event attributes like 'onAction' -->
<?language rexx?>

<AnchorPane id="AnchorPane" prefHeight="200" prefWidth="400" xmlns="http://javafx.com/javafx/8.0.65"
xmlns:fx="http://javafx.com/fxml/1">

  <!-- comment: defines the attribute in GLOBAL_SCOPE named 'rexxStarted' to be used for labelStart -->
  <fx:script source="fxml_01_controller.rex" />

  <!-- comment: define the JavaFx controls that make up the GUI, all controls that possess a fx:id
attribute are stored by their id in the ScriptContext's GLOBAL_SCOPE -->

  <children>
    <!-- comment: the Rexx code in the 'onAction' attribute will be invoked by JavaFX via a
Rexx call; note that JavaFX will remove any newline characters between the
double-quotes ("), hence each Rexx statement is explicitly ended with the
semi-colon character -->
    <Button fx:id="button" layoutX="170.0" layoutY="89.0" onAction=
      "slotDir=arg(arg()) /* always supplied by BSF4ooRexx as the last argument */ ;
      call klickButtonAction slotDir /* now process the event, pass on slotDir */ ;"
      text="Click Me!" textFill="GREEN"
    />

    <Label fx:id="label" alignment="CENTER" contentDisplay="CENTER"
      layoutX="76.0" layoutY="138.0"
      minHeight="16" minWidth="49"
      prefHeight="16.0" prefWidth="248.0"
      textFill="GREEN" />
  </children>
</AnchorPane>
```

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Concept of "Rexx Script Annotation"

- A "boon" implemented into the ooRexx `javafx.script RexxEngine`
 - A Rexx block comment, which may be one of
 - `/*@get(idx1 idx2 ...)*/*`
 - Fetches entries named "idx1", "idx2" from the `ScriptContext's Bindings` and makes them available as Rexx variables by the same name ("idx1", "idx2")
 - `/*@set(idx1 idx2 ...)*/*`
 - Sets the entries named "idx1", "idx2" in the `ScriptContext Bindings`, using the values of the Rexx variables "idx1", "idx2"
 - `/*@showsourc*/`
 - Displays the Rexx code that gets executed by the `RexxEngine`

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Example 1, "FXML_01_controller.rex"

- Defines the *public* REXX routine "klickButtonAction"
 - Usually there is one controller for each FXML file
 - Fetches the supplied `slotDir` argument
 - Can be used to access the `ScriptContext` and its `Bindings`
 - This example uses "REXX script annotations"
 - Fetches and updates the Label with `fx:id="label"`
 - Taking advantage of "REXX script annotations"
 - `/*@get(label)*/` instead of coding:
`label=slotDir~scriptContext~getAttribute("label")`
 - Outputs information to `stdout`

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Example 1, "FXML_01_controller.rex"

```
/* This routine will be called from the Rexx code defined with
   the "onAction" attribute in Button's definition */
::routine klickButtonAction public
use arg slotDir    -- allows access to ScriptContext
say .dateTime~new": arrived in code defined for Button's setOnAction method, i.e. the" -
    "public routine 'klickButtonAction'"

    /* the following Rexx script annotation will incorporate the attribute (the Label
       object named "label" as this is its fx:id attribute in the FXML file and make
       it immediately available as a Rexx variable named "label" */
/*@get("label")*/
/* now the local Rexx variable named 'label' is available and can be immediately used: */
say '... current value of 'pp(label)': label~getText='pp(label~text)  ' ;
label~text="Clicked at:" .dateTime~new -- set the label

say .dateTime~new': returning from the event handler' ;
say
```

Responsible for updating the Label object using the (fx:)id value (case-sensitive!) "label" and for the following output to stdout:

```
E:\FXML_01>FXML_01.rex
```

```
REXXout>2017-01-19T16:51:51.399000: arrived in code defined for Button's setOnAction method, i.e. the public routine 'klickButtonAction'
REXXout>... current value of [javafx.scene.control.Label@1d18228]: label~getText=[]
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```

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REXXout>2017-01-19T16:52:16.555000: returning from the event handler
REXXout>
```

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Concepts, Running a JavaFX Application

- A JavaFX application uses
 - Stages to display Scenes
 - A Stage is usually some kind of a window
 - A Scene is a GUI container placed on a Stage for interaction
 - There may be multiple Stages and Scenes
- Abstract class `javafx.application.Application`
 - Initializes JavaFX, creates a ("primary") Stage and invokes the abstract method `start(Stage primaryStage)` in its `launch` method
 - Defines a REXX class implementing the method `start`
 - Uses `BsfCreateRexxProxy()` to create a proxied Application, send it the `launch` message

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Example 1, "fxml_01.rex"

- Defines the Rexx class `RxDocHandler`
 - Implements the abstract method `start`
 - A Rexx instance will be used in `BsfCreateRexxProxy()`
 - The resulting Java object (of type `javafx.application.Application`) gets the `launch` message sent to it, which eventually will invoke the method `start`, causing a Rexx message of that name to be sent to the embedded Rexx instance

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Example 1, "FXML_01.rexx"

```
rexHandler=.rxDocHandler~new -- create Rexx object that will control the FXML set up
-- instantiate the abstract JavaFX class, the abstract "start" method will be served by rexHandler
rxApp=BsfCreateRexxProxy(rexHandler, "javafx.application.Application")
-- launch the application, invoke "start" and then stay up until the application closes
rxApp~launch(rxApp~getClass, .nil) -- need to use this version of launch in order to work
```

```
::requires "BSF.CLS" -- get Java support
```

```
::class RxDocHandler -- Rexx class that implements the start method
```

```
/* loads the fxml document defining the GUI elements, sets up a scene for it and shows it */
::method start -- will be invoked by the "launch" method
use arg stage -- we get the stage to use for our UI

stage~setTitle("Hello JavaFX from ooRexx!") -- we could use stage~title="..." instead!

-- create an URL for the FXMLDocument.fxml file (hence the protocol "file:")
rootDocUrl=.bsf~new("java.net.URL", "file:FXML_01_Document.fxml")
root=bsf.loadClass("javafx.fxml.FXMLLoader")~load( rootDocUrl ) -- load the fxml document

scene=.bsf~new("javafx.scene.Scene", root) -- create a scene for our document
stage~setScene(scene) -- set the stage to our scene
stage~show -- show the stage (and thereby our scene)
```

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Concept, JavaFX **without** Employing FXML

- FXML contains all GUI declarations
 - Which `javafx` controls
 - Position of `javafx` controls
 - Attributes of `javafx` controls, e.g.
 - Color information
 - Position and size information
 - Unique and case-sensitive `fx:id` values for `javafx` controls
- Without taking advantage of FXML
 - The code needs to do all this setting up
 - Needs to take over event handling

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Example 1, "javafx_01.rex"

```
rexHandler=.RexxAppHandler~new -- create Rexx object that will control the FXML set up
-- instantiate the abstract JavaFX class, the abstract "start" method will be served by rexHandler
rxApp=BSFCreateRexxProxy(rexHandler, "javafx.application.Application")
-- launch the application, invoke "start" and then stay up until the application closes
rxApp~launch(rxApp~getClass, .nil)

::requires "BSF.CLS" -- get Java support

::class RexxAppHandler -- the Rexx handler for javafx.application.Application

::method start -- will be called by JavaFX, allows to setup everything
use arg primaryStage

primaryStage~setTitle("Hello JavaFX from ooRexx!") -- we could use primaryStage~title="..." instead!

colorClz=bsf.loadClass("javafx.scene.paint.Color") -- get access to the JavaFX colors
cdClz=bsf.loadClass("javafx.scene.control.ContentDisplay") -- get access to ContentDisplay constants
alClz=bsf.loadClass("javafx.geometry.Pos") -- get access to alignment constants (an Enum class)

root=.bsf~new("javafx.scene.layout.AnchorPane") -- create the root node
root~prefHeight=200
root~prefWidth=400

-- define the Label
lbl=.bsf~new("javafx.scene.control.Label")
lbl~textFill=colorClz~BLUE
lbl~setLayoutX(76)
lbl~setLayoutY(138)
lbl~prefHeight="16.0"
lbl~prefWidth="248.0"
lbl~contentDisplay=cdClz~CENTER -- center ContentDisplay
lbl~alignment=alClz~valueOf("CENTER") -- center align

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```

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Example 1, "javafx_01.rex"

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```
-- define and add the Button
btn=.bsf~new("javafx.scene.control.Button")
btn~textFill=colorClz~BLUE
btn~layoutX=170      -- assign as if it was a Rexx attribute
btn~layoutY=89      -- assign as if it was a Rexx attribute
btn~text="Click Me!" -- assign as if it was a Rexx attribute
    -- create a RexxButtonHandler, wrap it up as a Java RexxProxy implementing
    -- all methods of "javafx.event.EventHandler":
bh=BSFCreateRexxProxy(.RexxButtonHandler~new(lbl), , "javafx.event.EventHandler")
btn~setOnAction(bh)  -- let this instance's Java RexxProxy handle the event

    -- add the button to
root~getChildren~~add(btn)~~add(lbl)
    -- put the scene on the stage (using AnchorPane's preferred height and width)
primaryStage~setScene(.bsf~new("javafx.scene.Scene", root))
primaryStage~show

    -- Rexx class which handles the button presses
::class RexxButtonHandler
::method init
    expose label      -- define an attribute
    use arg label     -- save reference to javafx.scene.control.Label

::method handle      -- will be invoked by the Java side
    expose label
    say .dateTime~new": arrived in code defined for Button's setOnAction method, i.e. the 'handle' method"

    say '... current value of 'pp(label)': label~getText='pp(label~text)  ;
    label~text="Clicked at:" .dateTime~new -- set the label

    say .dateTime~new': returning from the event handler' ;
    say
```



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Concepts

- **DOM** and **CSS**
 - All **javafx** controls are organized in a **DOM** tree
 - **DOM**: Document Object Model
 - **W3C** standard
 - All **javafx** controls can be formatted using **CSS**
 - **CSS**: Cascading Style Sheets
 - Defining styles for all nodes of the **DOM** tree
 - **JavaFX** employs **webkit** for rendering
 - Open source rendering engine
 - e.g. Apple uses it for Safari, Google forked it for Chrome

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Example 2, Six Files

- Image files  
 - `bsf4oorex_032.png` (application icon), `oorex_032.png` (background)
- Dialog files
 - `fxml_02.css`, `FXML_02_Document.fxml`, `fxml_02_controller.rex`
 - Automatic substitution of values (problems with SceneBuilder 2.0!)
 - `%year`, `%clickMe`: `FXML_02_de.properties`, `FXML_02_en.properties`
 - `$`-prefix: fetch value from `ScriptContext` at startup
 - `${name}`: fetch value continuously from `ScriptContext`
- Starting the application
 - `fxml_02.rex`

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Example 2, "xml_02.css"

```
/* Some Java-FX CSS definitions, cf. <http://docs.oracle.com/javafx/2/get_started/css.htm>,
especially: <https://docs.oracle.com/javafx/2/api/javafx/scene/doc-files/cssref.html>.
The following style definitions only have the purpose to demonstrate the power available.
These definitions are only meant for fun and starting point for experiments, not for
professional use! :)    2016-11-22, rgf */

/* define the background of the scene, will be applied to AnchorPane: */
.root {
    -fx-background-image: url("bsf4oorex_032.png");
    -fx-background-color: LightGoldenRodYellow;
}
/* this is the basic formatting for all Label:s */
.label {
    -fx-font-size: 11px;
    -fx-font-weight: bold;
    -fx-text-fill: #333333;
    -fx-effect: dropshadow( gaussian , rgba(255,255,255,0.5) , 0,0,0,1 );
    -fx-border-color: red;
    -fx-border-radius: 3px;
    -fx-border-style: dashed;
    -fx-border-width: 1px;
}
/* this will change the appearance of Button a little bit: */
.button {
    -fx-text-fill: royalblue;
    -fx-font-weight: 900;
}

/* this will apply alpha (fourth value) to get the background to shine thru the
label with the class "rexxInfo"; to be able to apply the alpha, one
needs to turn the hexadecimal values into their decimal representations like:
hence: oldlace = #fdf5e6 -> fd~x2d f5~x2d e5~x2d -> rgb(253, 245, 230)
*/
.rexxStarted {
    -fx-background-color: rgb(253, 245, 230, 0.75) ;
    -fx-text-fill: royalblue;
}
```

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Example 2, "FXML_02_Document.fxml"

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>

<?import javafx.scene.control.Button?>
<?import javafx.scene.control.Label?>
<?import javafx.scene.layout.AnchorPane?>

<!-- comment: this file can be displayed and edited with the JavaFX SceneBuilder, e.g. from
<http://gluonhq.com/labs/scene-builder/>; however note that as of fall 2016
(SceneBuilder 2.0) there are bugs present that may remove text-field values
that start with a $ character, so you need to fill them back in with a plain
text editor! -->

<!-- comment: the following process instruction (PI) defines the Java script engine named 'rexx'
to be used for the code in event attributes like 'onAction' -->

<?language rexx?>

<AnchorPane id="AnchorPane" fx:id="root" prefHeight="240.0" prefWidth="480.0" styleClass="root" stylesheets="@FXML_02.css"
xmlns="http://javafx.com/javafx/8.0.65" xmlns:fx="http://javafx.com/fxml/1">

  <!-- comment: defines the attribute in GLOBAL_SCOPE named 'rexxStarted' to be used for labelStart -->
  <fx:script source="FXML_02_controller.rex" />

  <!-- comment: define the JavaFx controls that make up the GUI, all controls that possess a fx:id
  attribute are stored by their id in the ScriptContext's GLOBAL_SCOPE -->

  <children>
    <!-- comment: "$rexxStarted" will cause fetching the value of the attribute "rexxStarted"
    from the ScriptContext's Bindings, when initially setting up the Label;
    note: SceneBuilder as of 2016-11-22 cannot handle (and deletes) the text attribute's
    value: "$rexxStarted"
    -->
    <Label fx:id="LabelRexxStarted" alignment="CENTER" layoutX="50.0" layoutY="26.0" minHeight="16" minWidth="69"
    prefHeight="16.0" prefWidth="380.0" styleClass="rexxStarted" stylesheets="@FXML_02.css" text="$rexxStarted" />

  </children>
</AnchorPane>

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```

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Example 2, "FXML_02_Document.fxml"

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```
<!-- comment: the Rexx code in the 'onAction' attribute will be invoked by JavaFX via a
Rexx call; note that JavaFX will remove any newline characters between the
double-quotes ("), hence each Rexx statement is explicitly ended with the
semi-colon character; note the text attribute which gets localized -->
<Button fx:id="button" layoutX="210.0" layoutY="137.0" onAction=
"
    say ' ==&gt; ---&gt; arrived in button's onAction-code ...' ;
    /*@showsourc*/ /* the previous Rexx script annotation will cause this code to be shown in original and edited state */;
    use arg slotDir /* this argument is always sent by BSF4ooRexx */ ;
    /*@get('label')*/ /* the previous Rexx script annotation will incorporate the attribute 'label' as a Rexx variable */ ;
    say ' ... label~getText='pp(label~getText) ;
    say ' ... changing text in label to current date and time ...' ;
    label~text=.dateTime~new~string ;
    say ' ... label~getText='pp(label~getText) ;
    say ' ... now invoking the public Rexx routine 'klickButtonAction'' ;
    call klickButtonAction slotDir /* now process the event */;
"
    text="%clickMe"
/>

<!-- comment: "%year" will be replaced by the value in the ResourceBundle's properties files -->
<Label fx:id="year" layoutX="50.0" layoutY="175.0" minHeight="16" minWidth="20"
    style="-fx-background-color: palegoldenrod;" text="%year" />

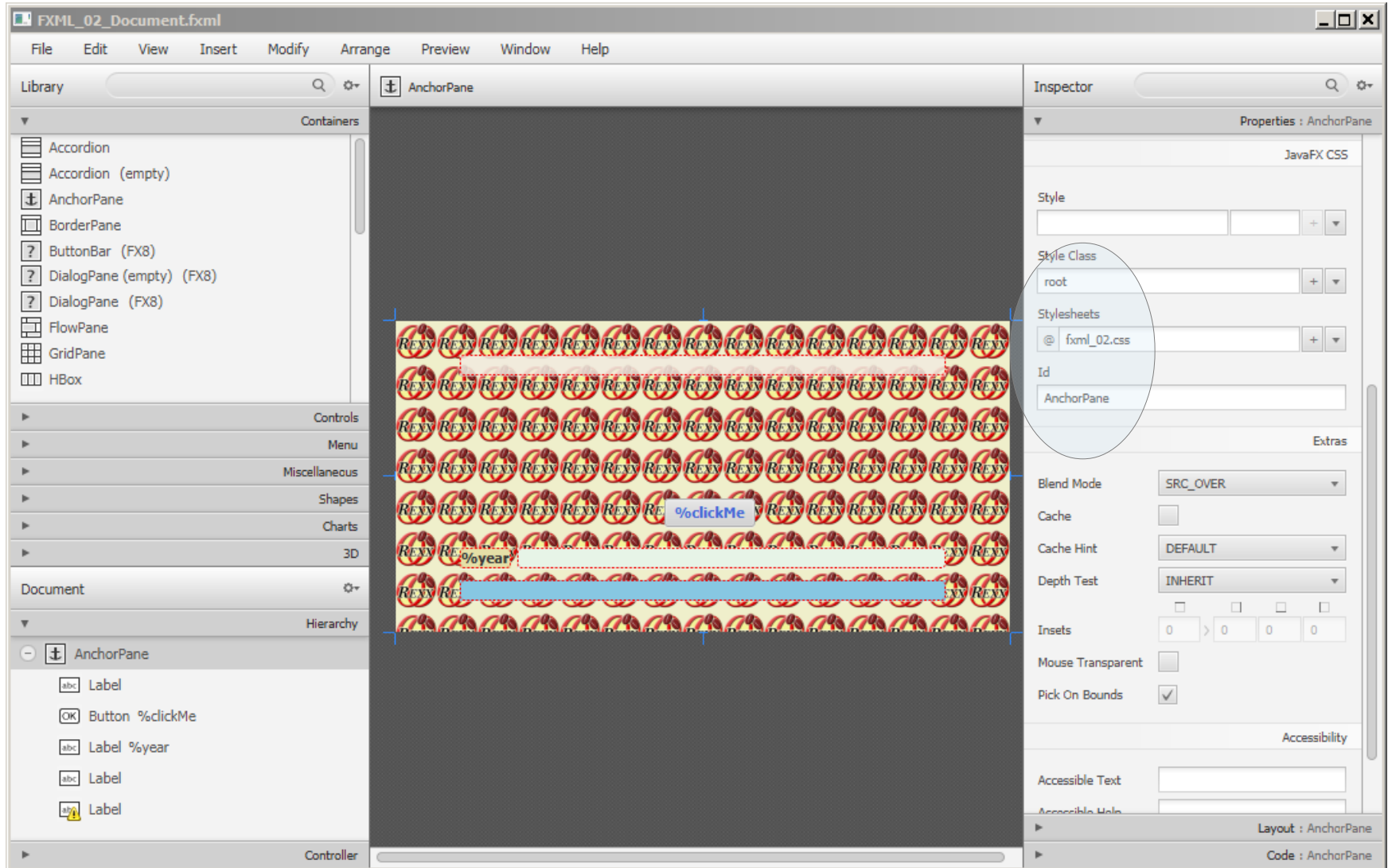
<Label fx:id="label" layoutX="95.0" layoutY="175.0" minHeight="16" minWidth="49" prefHeight="16.0" prefWidth="335.0"
    style="-fx-background-color: honeydew;" />

<!-- comment: "${rexxInfo}" will cause continuous fetching of the value of the attribute
"rexxInfo" from the ScriptContext's Bindings;
note: SceneBuilder as of 2016-11-22 cannot handle the text attribute's
value: "${rexxInfo}", displays a warning icon and does not display this entry!
-->
<Label fx:id="labelRexxInfo" alignment="CENTER" layoutX="50.0" layoutY="200.0" minHeight="16.0" minWidth="49.0"
    prefHeight="16.0" prefWidth="380.0"
    style="-fx-background-color: skyblue; -fx-cursor: wait; -fx-font-family: serif; -fx-font-weight: lighter;" text="${rexxInfo}" />
</children>

</AnchorPane>
```

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Example 2, Using "SceneBuilder" for the Dialog



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Example 2, "FXML_02_controller.rex"

```
started=.dateTime~new    -- take the date and time
/*@showsourc*/ /* the previous Rexx script annotation will cause this script's source code to be shown */
use arg slotDir          -- fetch the slotDir argument (BSF4ooRexx adds this as the last argument at the Java side)
scriptContext=slotDir~scriptContext -- get the ScriptContext from the slotDir (last) argument

parse source s
say "just arrived at" pp(started)": parse source ->" pp(s)

-- add an attribute to the ScriptContext's GLOBAL_SCOPE Bindings, used for "labelStartTime" in the fxml-document
.JSR223~setAttribute(scriptContext, "rexxStarted", "Rexx started at:" started~string, .jsr223~global_scope)

parse version v          -- get Rexx version, display it in the "rexxInfo" label
.JSR223~setAttribute(scriptContext, "rexxInfo", "Rexx version:" v, .jsr223~global_scope)

-- set attribute at ENGINE_SCOPE (visible for this script engine only):
.JSR223~setAttribute(scriptContext, "title", "--> -> >")

-- set attribute at global scope (visible for all script engines):
.JSR223~setAttribute(scriptContext, "count", "1", .jsr223~global_scope)

/* ***** */
/* ----- */
/* This routine will be called from the Rexx code defined with the "onAction" event attribute; cf.
   the JavaFX control with the id "label" in the fxml document */
::routine klickButtonAction public
  use arg slotDir -- fetch the slotDir argument (BSF4ooRexx adds this as the last argument at the Java side)
  scriptContext=slotDir~scriptContext -- get the slotDir (the last) argument, get the entry "SCRIPTCONTEXT"

  say " ==> ---> arrived in public Rexx routine 'klickButtonAction' ..."

  /* the following Rexx script annotation will incorporate the attributes as local
     Rexx variables which can be used immediately thereafter from Rexx: */
  /*@get("rexxInfo label count event title")*/

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```

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Example 2, "FXML_02_controller.rex"

```
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/* changing the attribute that gets constantly updated (once we return from
   this event handler) thanks to the FXMLLoader */
rexInfo="Updated from public Rexx routine 'klickButtonAction'."
if count//2=0 then rexxInfo=rexInfo~reverse -- if even, reverse the current text
/* the following Rexx script annotation will update the value of an existing
   attribute in one of the ScriptContext's scopes to the current value of the
   Rexx variable: */
/*@set("rexInfo")*/ -- update the attribute with the Rexx variable's current (new) value

/* show the currently defined attributes in all ScriptContext's scopes */
say "getting all attributes from all ScriptContext's scopes..."
dir=.directory~new
dir[.jsr223~engine_scope]="ENGINE_SCOPE"
dir[.jsr223~global_scope]="GLOBAL_SCOPE"
arr=.array~of(.jsr223~engine_scope, .jsr223~global_scope)
do sc over arr
  say "ScriptContext scope:" pp(sc) "("dir~entry(sc)", available attributes:"
  bin=.jsr223~getBindings(scriptContext,sc)
  if bin=.nil then iterate -- inexistent scope
  keys=bin~keySet -- get key values
  it=keys~makearray -- get the keys as a Rexx array
  do key over it~sortWith(.CaselessComparator~new) -- sort keys (attributes) caselessly
    val=bin~get(key) -- fetch the key's value
    str=""
    if val~isA(.bsf) then str=~toString:" pp(val~toString)
    say " " pp(key)~left(35, ".") pp(val) str
  end
  say "-~copies(79)
end
-- access the "label" JavaFX Label, change its text
label~setText(title .dateTime~new~string "(count #" count)")
/* now explicitly update the count attribute in global scope bindings; if the
   attribute does not exist, it would be created */
.JSR223~setAttribute(scriptContext, "count", count+1, .jsr223~global_scope)
say " <== <--- returning from public Rexx routine 'klickButtonAction'."
say
```


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Example 2, "FXML_02_controller.rex", Some Output

... cut (output of /*@showsourc*/ REXX script annotation not shown) ...

```
REXXout> ==> ---> arrived in button's onAction-code ...
REXXout> ... label~getText=[]
REXXout> ... changing text in label to current date and time ...
REXXout> ... label~getText=[2017-01-19T20:40:56.722000]
REXXout> ... now invoking the public REXX routine 'klickButtonAction'
REXXout> ==> ---> arrived in public REXX routine 'klickButtonAction' ...
REXXout>getting all attributes from all ScriptContext's scopes...
REXXout>ScriptContext scope: [100] (ENGINE_SCOPE), available attributes:
REXXout> [event]..... [javafx.event.ActionEvent@1af2deb] ~toString: [javafx.event.ActionEvent[source=Button[id=button,
styleClass=button]'Click Me!']]
REXXout> [javax.script.engine]..... [Open Object REXX (ooRexx)]
REXXout> [javax.script.engine.version]..... [100.20161221]
REXXout> [javax.script.language]..... [ooRexx]
REXXout> [javax.script.language.version].... [REXX-ooRexx_5.0.0(MT)_32-bit 6.05 12 Oct 2016]
REXXout> [javax.script.name]..... [Rexx]
REXXout> [title]..... [--> -> >]
REXXout>-----
REXXout>ScriptContext scope: [200] (GLOBAL_SCOPE), available attributes:
REXXout> [button]..... [javafx.scene.control.Button@1d18228] ~toString: [Button[id=button, styleClass=button]'Click Me!']]
REXXout> [count]..... [1]
REXXout> [label]..... [javafx.scene.control.Label@1b892a4] ~toString: [Label[id=label, styleClass=label]'2017-01-
19T20:40:56.722000']
REXXout> [labelRexxInfo]..... [javafx.scene.control.Label@1f604d6] ~toString: [Label[id=labelRexxInfo, styleClass=label]'Updated
frompublic REXX routine 'klickButtonAction'.']
REXXout> [labelRexxStarted]..... [javafx.scene.control.Label@ebb052] ~toString: [Label[id=labelRexxStarted, styleClass=label
rexStarted]'Rexx started at: 2017-01-19T20:40:06.324000']
REXXout> [location]..... [java.net.URL@d8bb3] ~toString: [file:FXML_02_Document.fxml]
REXXout> [resources]..... [java.util.PropertyResourceBundle@507c1] ~toString: [java.util.PropertyResourceBundle@507c1]
REXXout> [rexInfo]..... [Updated from public REXX routine 'klickButtonAction'.]
REXXout> [rexStarted]..... [Rexx started at: 2017-01-19T20:40:06.324000]
REXXout> [root]..... [javafx.scene.layout.AnchorPane@138d8b7] ~toString: [AnchorPane[id=AnchorPane, styleClass=root
root]]
REXXout> [year]..... [javafx.scene.control.Label@11659ae] ~toString: [Label[id=year, styleClass=label]'Year->']
REXXout>-----
REXXout> <== <--- returning from public REXX routine 'klickButtonAction'.
REXXout>
```

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Example 2, "fxml_02_controller.rex", Some Output

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```
REXXout> ==> ---> arrived in button's onAction-code ...
REXXout> ... label~getText=[--> -> > 2017-01-19T20:40:56.792000 (count # 1)]
REXXout> ... changing text in label to current date and time ...
REXXout> ... label~getText=[2017-01-19T20:41:47.371000]
REXXout> ... now invoking the public REXX routine 'klickButtonAction'
REXXout> ==> ---> arrived in public REXX routine 'klickButtonAction' ...
REXXout>getting all attributes from all ScriptContext's scopes...
REXXout>ScriptContext scope: [100] (ENGINE_SCOPE), available attributes:
REXXout> [event]..... [javafx.event.ActionEvent@cc2042] ~toString: [javafx.event.ActionEvent[source=Button[id=button,
styleClass=button]'Click Me!']]
REXXout> [javax.script.engine]..... [Open Object REXX (ooRexx)]
REXXout> [javax.script.engine.version]..... [100.20161221]
REXXout> [javax.script.language]..... [ooRexx]
REXXout> [javax.script.language.version].... [REXX-ooRexx_5.0.0(MT)_32-bit 6.05 12 Oct 2016]
REXXout> [javax.script.name]..... [Rexx]
REXXout> [title]..... [--> -> >]
REXXout>-----
REXXout>ScriptContext scope: [200] (GLOBAL_SCOPE), available attributes:
REXXout> [button]..... [javafx.scene.control.Button@1d18228] ~toString: [Button[id=button, styleClass=button]'Click Me!']]
REXXout> [count]..... [2]
REXXout> [label]..... [javafx.scene.control.Label@1b892a4] ~toString: [Label[id=label, styleClass=label]'2017-01-
19T20:41:47.371000']
REXXout> [labelRexxInfo]..... [javafx.scene.control.Label@1f604d6] ~toString: [Label[id=labelRexxInfo,
styleClass=label]'. 'noitcAnottuBkcilk' enituor xxeR cilbup morf detadpU']
REXXout> [labelRexxStarted]..... [javafx.scene.control.Label@ebb052] ~toString: [Label[id=labelRexxStarted, styleClass=label
rexStarted]'Rexx started at: 2017-01-19T20:40:06.324000']
REXXout> [location]..... [java.net.URL@d3bb3] ~toString: [file:FXML_02_Document.fxml]
REXXout> [resources]..... [java.util.PropertyResourceBundle@507c1] ~toString: [java.util.PropertyResourceBundle@507c1]
REXXout> [rexInfo]..... [.'noitcAnottuBkcilk' enituor xxeR cilbup morf detadpU]
REXXout> [rexStarted]..... [Rexx started at: 2017-01-19T20:40:06.324000]
REXXout> [root]..... [javafx.scene.layout.AnchorPane@138d8b7] ~toString: [AnchorPane[id=AnchorPane, styleClass=root
root]]
REXXout> [year]..... [javafx.scene.control.Label@11659ae] ~toString: [Label[id=year, styleClass=label]'Year->']
REXXout>-----
REXXout> <== <--- returning from public REXX routine 'klickButtonAction'.
REXXout>
```

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Example 2, "FXML_02_controller.rex", Some Output

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```
REXXout> ==> ---> arrived in button's onAction-code ...
REXXout> ... label~getText=[--> -> > 2017-01-19T20:41:47.481000 (count # 2)]
REXXout> ... changing text in label to current date and time ...
REXXout> ... label~getText=[2017-01-19T20:42:10.265000]
REXXout> ... now invoking the public REXX routine 'klickButtonAction'
REXXout> ==> ---> arrived in public REXX routine 'klickButtonAction' ...
REXXout>getting all attributes from all ScriptContext's scopes...
REXXout>ScriptContext scope: [100] (ENGINE_SCOPE), available attributes:
REXXout> [event]..... [javafx.event.ActionEvent@45d3b2] ~toString: [javafx.event.ActionEvent[source=Button[id=button,
styleClass=button]'Click Me!']]
REXXout> [javax.script.engine]..... [Open Object REXX (ooRexx)]
REXXout> [javax.script.engine_version]..... [100.20161221]
REXXout> [javax.script.language]..... [ooRexx]
REXXout> [javax.script.language_version].... [REXX-ooRexx_5.0.0(MT)_32-bit 6.05 12 Oct 2016]
REXXout> [javax.script.name]..... [Rexx]
REXXout> [title]..... [--> -> >]
REXXout>-----
REXXout>ScriptContext scope: [200] (GLOBAL_SCOPE), available attributes:
REXXout> [button]..... [javafx.scene.control.Button@1d18228] ~toString: [Button[id=button, styleClass=button]'Click Me!']]
REXXout> [count]..... [3]
REXXout> [label]..... [javafx.scene.control.Label@1b892a4] ~toString: [Label[id=label, styleClass=label]'2017-01-
19T20:42:10.265000']
REXXout> [labelRexxInfo]..... [javafx.scene.control.Label@1f604d6] ~toString: [Label[id=labelRexxInfo, styleClass=label]'Updated
frompublic REXX routine 'klickButtonAction'.']
REXXout> [labelRexxStarted]..... [javafx.scene.control.Label@ebb052] ~toString: [Label[id=labelRexxStarted, styleClass=label
rexStarted]'Rexx started at: 2017-01-19T20:40:06.324000']
REXXout> [location]..... [java.net.URL@d3bb3] ~toString: [file:FXML_02_Document.fxml]
REXXout> [resources]..... [java.util.PropertyResourceBundle@507c1] ~toString: [java.util.PropertyResourceBundle@507c1]
REXXout> [rexInfo]..... [Updated from public REXX routine 'klickButtonAction'.]
REXXout> [rexStarted]..... [Rexx started at: 2017-01-19T20:40:06.324000]
REXXout> [root]..... [javafx.scene.layout.AnchorPane@138d8b7] ~toString: [AnchorPane[id=AnchorPane, styleClass=root
root]]
REXXout> [year]..... [javafx.scene.control.Label@11659ae] ~toString: [Label[id=year, styleClass=label]'Year->']
REXXout>-----
REXXout> <== <--- returning from public REXX routine 'klickButtonAction'.
REXXout>
... ..
```

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Example 2, "FXML_02.rex"

```
/* only "de" has an effect and will use the German translation for the */
parse arg locale .

-- create Rexx object that will control the FXML set up with or without local
if locale<>" " then rexxHandler=.rxDocHandler~new(locale)
    else rexxHandler=.rxDocHandler~new

-- instantiate the abstract JavaFX class, the abstract "start" method will be served by rexxHandler
rxApp=BsfCreateRexxProxy(rexxHandler, "javafx.application.Application")
-- launch the application, invoke "start" and then stay up until the application closes
rxApp~launch(rxApp~getClass, .nil)    -- need to use this version of launch in order to work
say center(" after rxApp~launch ", 70, "-")

::requires "BSF.CLS"    -- get Java support

/* implements the abstract method "start" for the Java class javafx.application.Application */
::class RxDocHandler

::method init -- constructor to fetch a locale string ("de" for German: "FXML_01_de.properties")
    expose locale
    use strict arg locale="en"

/* loads the FXML document defining the GUI elements, sets up a scene for it and shows it */
::method start -- will be invoked by the "launch" method
    expose locale
    use arg stage -- we get the stage to use for our UI

    -- create an URL for the FXMLDocument.fxml file (hence the protocol "file:")
    rootDocUrl=.bsf~new("java.net.URL", "file:FXML_02_Document.fxml")
    jLocale=.bsf~new("java.util.Locale", locale)
    jRB=bsf.importClass("java.util.ResourceBundle")~getBundle("FXML_02", jLocale)

    root=bsf.loadClass("javafx.fxml.FXMLLoader")~load(rootDocUrl, jRB) -- load the fxml document

    scene=.bsf~new("javafx.scene.Scene", root)    -- create a scene for our document
    stage~setScene(scene)    -- set the stage to our scene
    scene~getStyleSheets~add("FXML_02.css")    -- use this CSS to style the UI

    img=.bsf~new("javafx.scene.image.Image", "oorexx_032.png")
    stage~getIcons~add(img)    -- set application icon
    stage~show    -- show the stage (and thereby our scene)
```

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Example 2, "FXML_02_{de|en}.properties"

FXML_02_en.properties

```
! This is the English (en) translation for two terms.
!  
! the following key is used in the Label with the fx:id="text", where  
! its text attribute states (note the percentage char): text="%year"  
year = Year->  
  
! the following key is used in the Button with the fx:id="button", where  
! its text attribute states (note the percentage char): text="%clickMe"  
clickMe = Click Me!
```

FXML_02_de.properties

```
! This is the German (de) translation for two terms.
!  
! the following key is used in the Label with the fx:id="text", where  
! its text attribute states (note the percentage char): text="%year"  
year = Jahr->  
  
! the following key is used in the Button with the fx:id="button", where  
! its text attribute states (note the percentage char): text="%clickMe"  
clickMe = Drück mich!
```

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An Address Book Application with **JavaFX**, 1 Example 3, Overview

- Cf. <http://code.makery.ch/library/javafx-8-tutorial/>
- Simple address book example
 - Data loaded from JSON file, if available
 - Data stored in JSON file
 - List persons
 - Allow for
 - Adding, deleting, changing persons
 - Create and show statistics about the months of birth
 - Print persons according to the current list order

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Example 3, Files

- Rendering, graphics: `address_book_128.png`, `DarkTheme.css`, `DarkThemePrint.css`
- REXX-Utilities: `json-rgf.cls`, `put_FXID_objects_into.my.app.rex`
- Controlling the application
 - `MainApp.rex`
 - For each FXML file a REXX class is defined to control it
- FXML-files defined with `SceneBuilder`
 - `RootLayout.fxml`, `PersonOverview.fxml`, `BirthdayStatistics.fxml`, `PersonEditDialog.fxml`, `PersonPrinterDialog.fxml`

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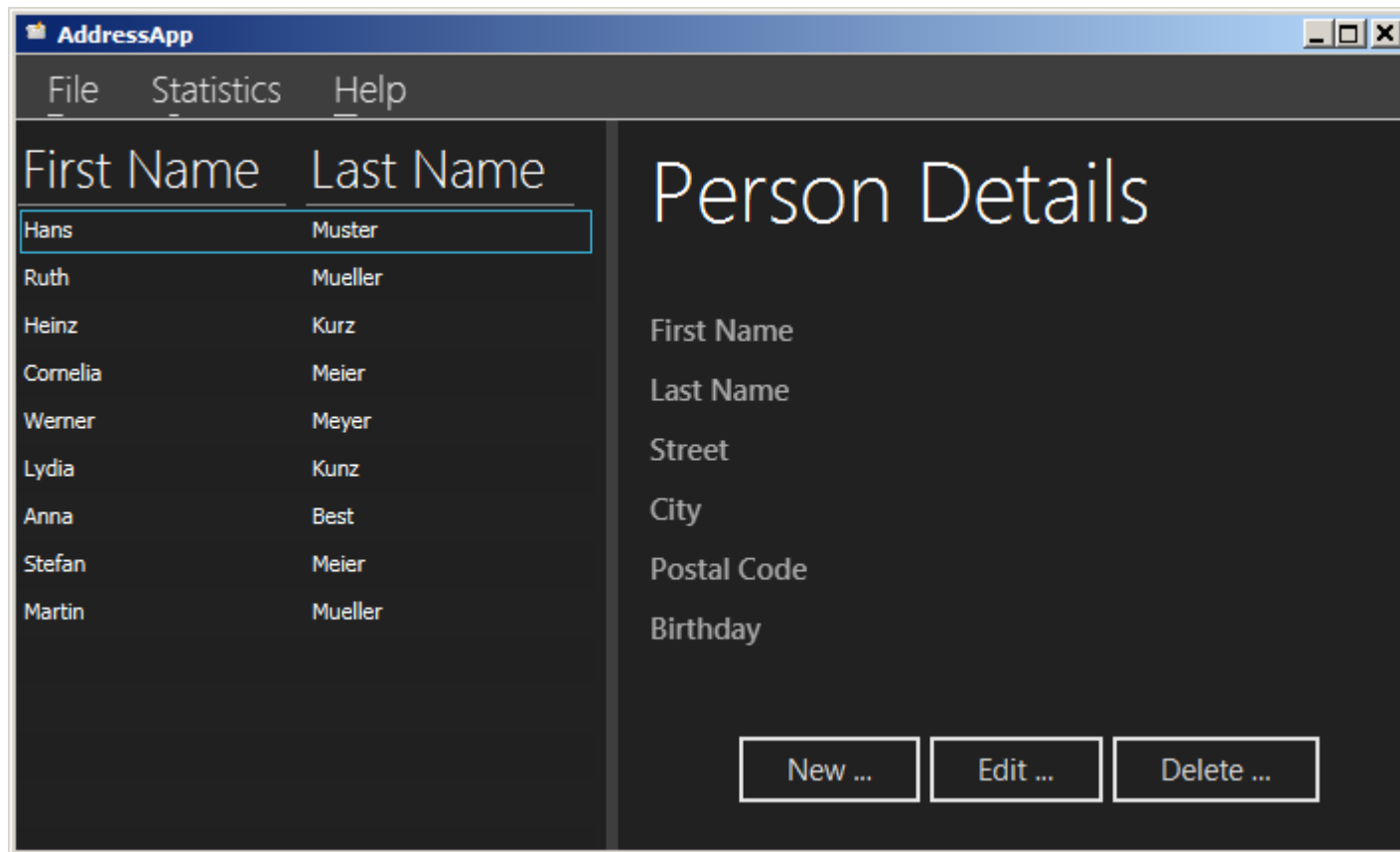
Example 3, Overview

- Needs ooRexx 5.0 or higher (beta as of 2017-01-19)
- `MainApp.rex`
 - In addition creates an entry "`MY.APP`" in global `.environment`
 - The controller classes will be able to fetch the `JavaFX` objects to interact with from `.MY.APP` stored in a directory named after the `FXML` file
- `put_FXID_objects_into.my.app.rex`
 - Will be called at the end of each `FXML` file, after all `JavaFX` objects got defined
 - If there is no entry named `MY.APP` in the global Rexx `.environment`, then one will get created by that name referring to a newly created Rexx directory, such that it can be referred to by its environment symbol `.MY.APP`
 - Will store all `JavaFX` objects with an `fx:id` attribute in `.MY.APP` under the name of the `FXML` file name (location entry in global `ScriptContext`) for later retrieval

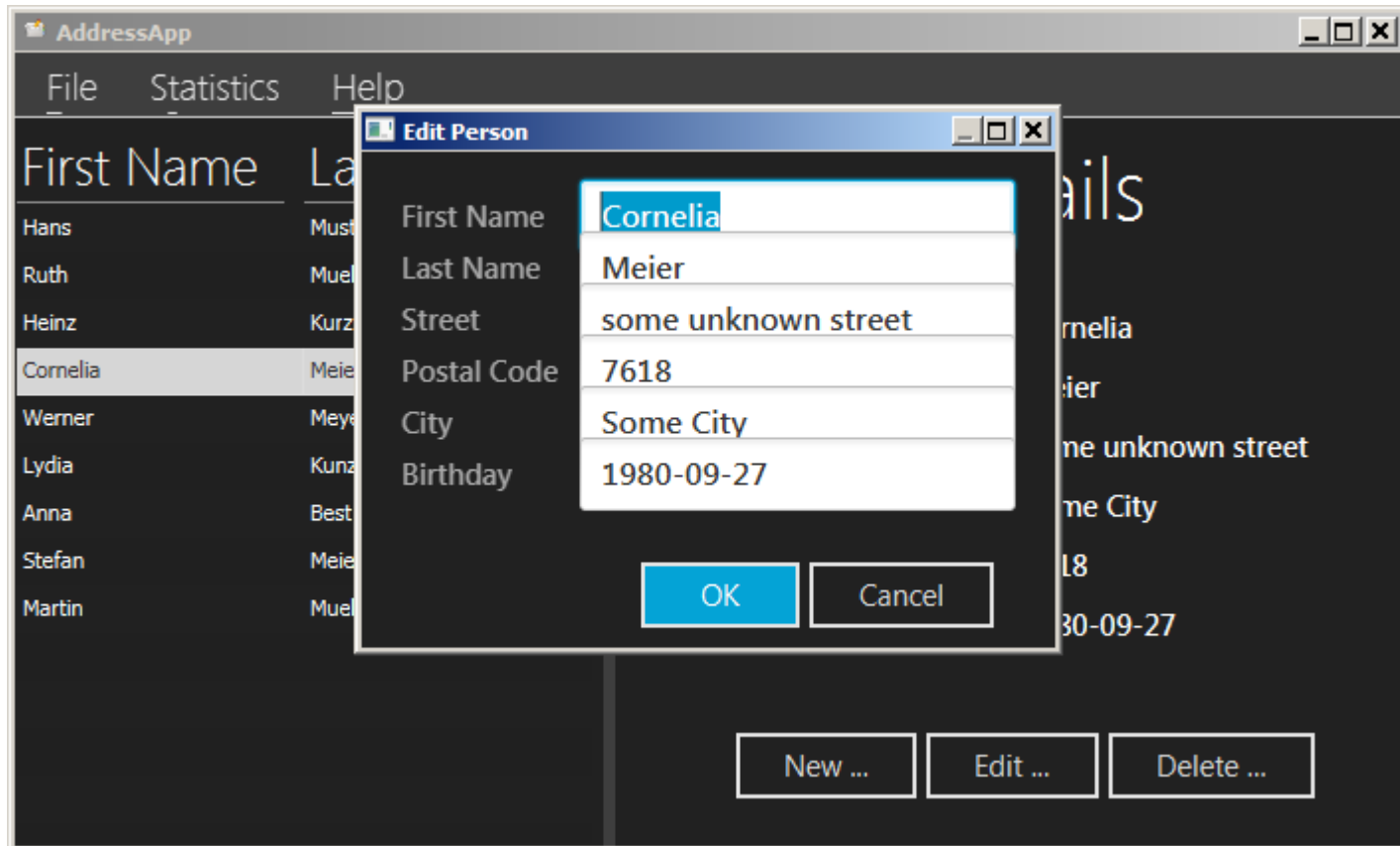
An Address Book Application with **JavaFX**, 4 Example 3, Sample JSON Content

```
[
  {
    "birthday": "1979-03-11",
    "city": "Some City",
    "firstName": "Hans",
    "lastName": "Muster",
    "postalCode": 8985,
    "street": "some unknown street"
  },
  {
    "birthday": "2014-04-08",
    "city": "Some City",
    "firstName": "Ruth",
    "lastName": "Mueller",
    "postalCode": 9940,
    "street": "some unknown street"
  },
  ... cut ...
  {
    "birthday": "1978-05-20",
    "city": "Some City",
    "firstName": "Martin",
    "lastName": "Mueller",
    "postalCode": 4979,
    "street": "some unknown street"
  }
]
```

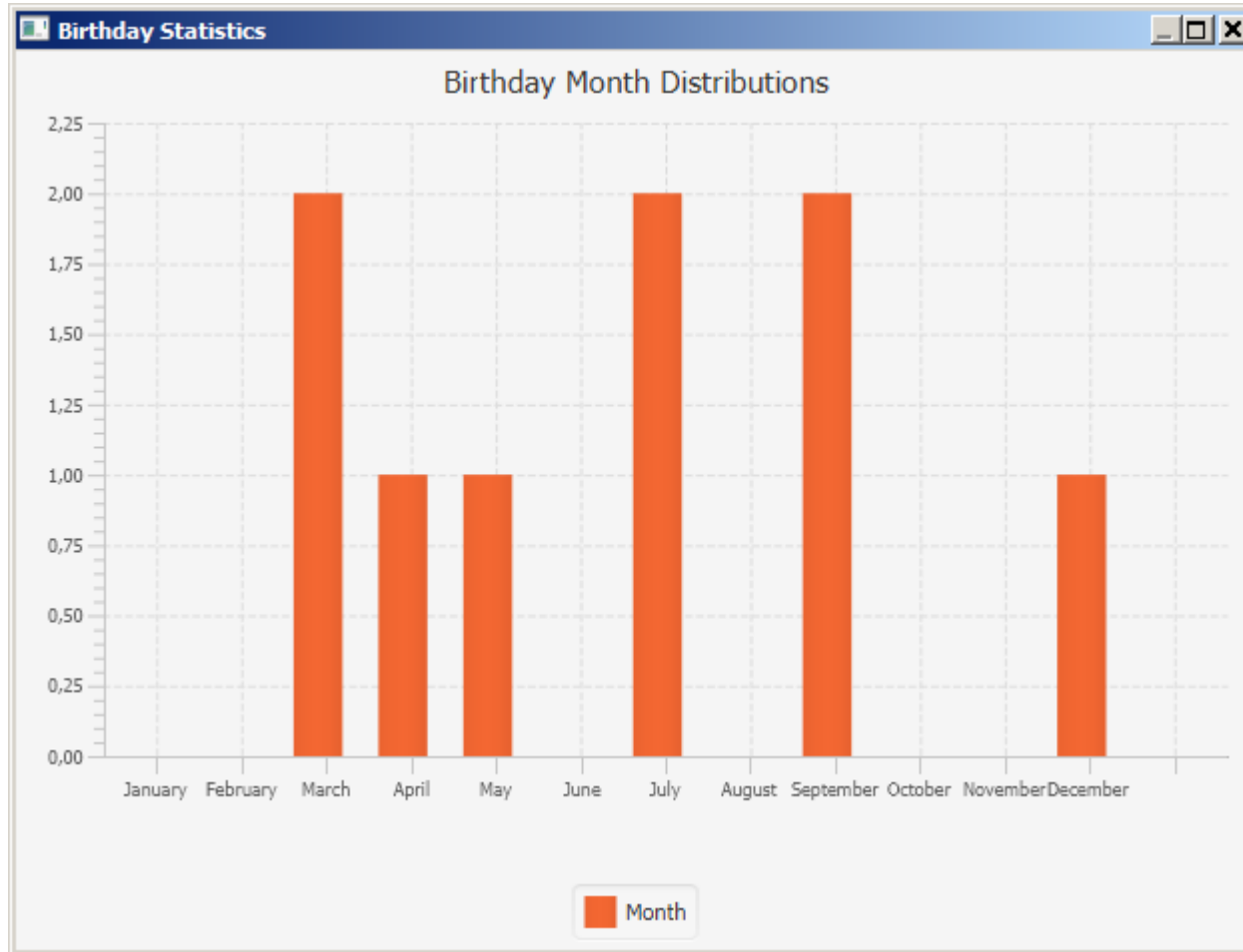
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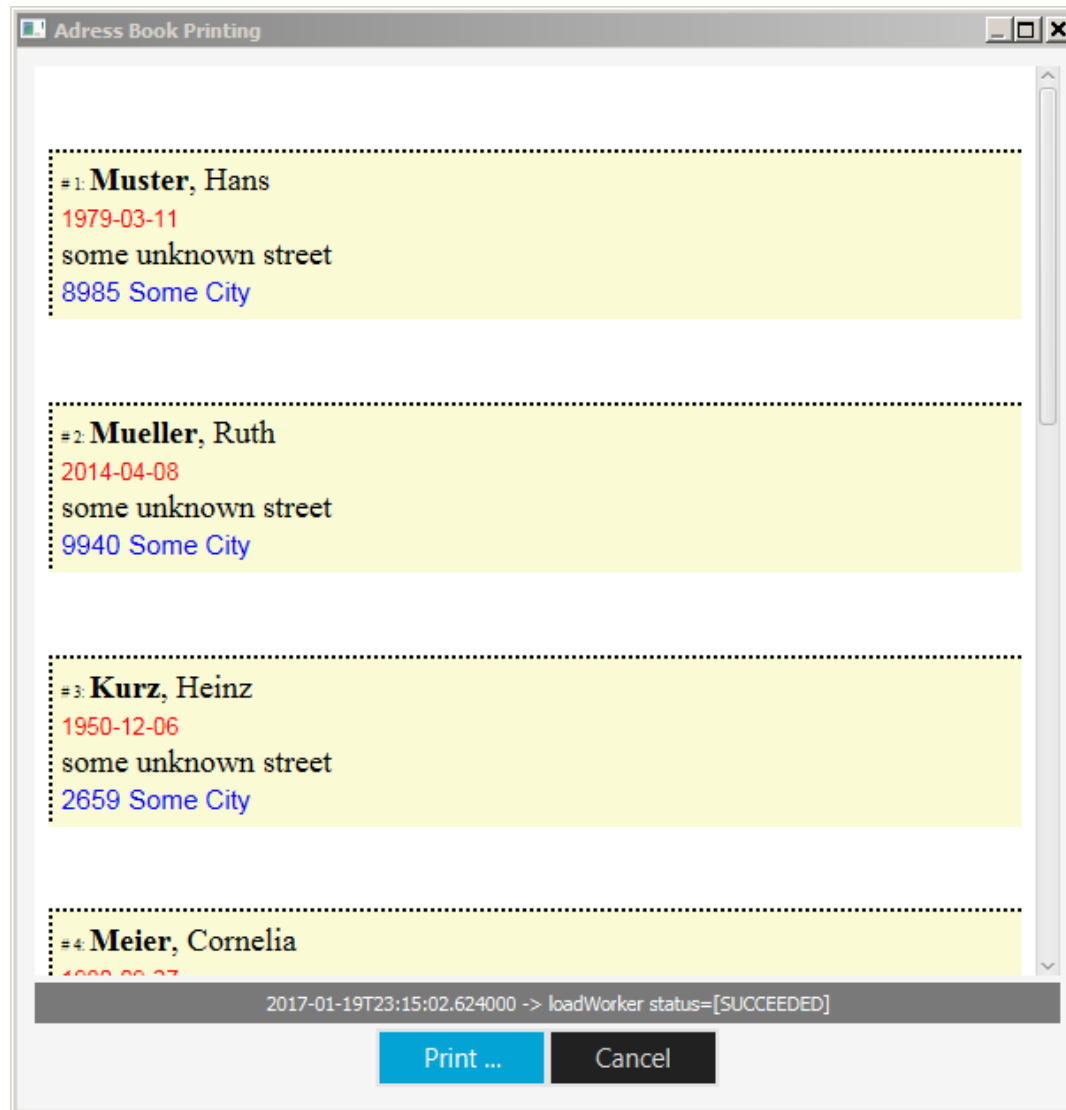
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Roundup and Outlook

- Roundup
 - JavaFX
 - A great and extremely powerful GUI programming infrastructure
 - Allows meeting the most challenging GUI demands
 - `SceneBuilder` makes it easy to take full advantage of `JavaFX`
 - `DOM` and `CSS` (`webkit`)
 - `BSF4ooRexx`' `javax.script` support makes it very easy to use `JavaFX` from `ooRexx`!
 - Allows for powerful and portable (!) `ooRexx` applications
 - No excuse not to create great GUIs with `ooRexx`! :)