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AppleScript for Java

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Scripting Java

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What's In This Session

- All Java applications and applets are OSA scriptable applications
- How to script a Java application
- How to optimize a Java application for scriptability

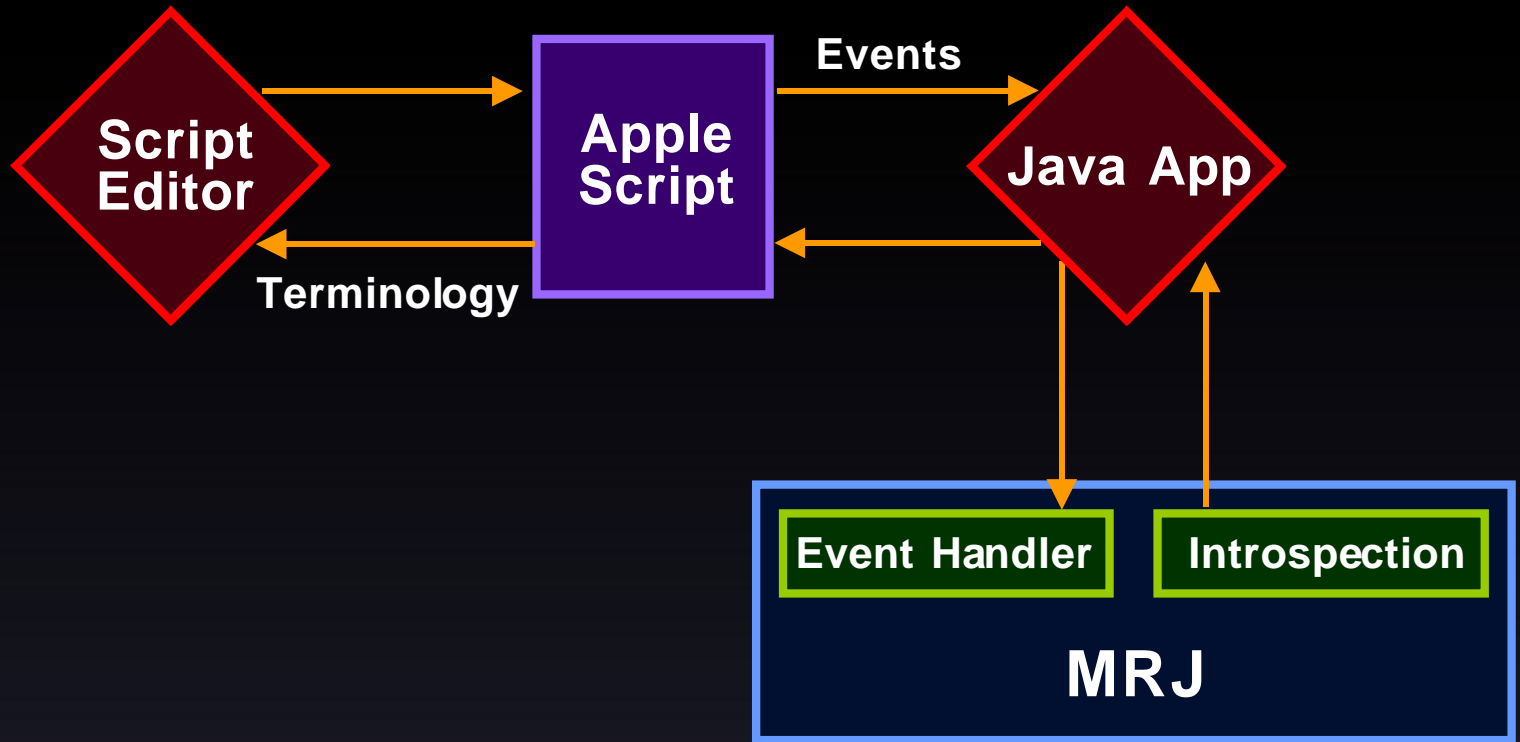


Some Caveats

- This isn't executing AppleScripts from Java
- It's not great scripting—but it's free
- You can't script applets being run by a browser
- Obfuscated Java classes are unscriptable
- This has nothing to do with JavaScript



How It Works





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Basic Steps

- Add the AWT terminology resource to the Java application
- Run the Java application, touching all major elements
- Get the terminology and save it
- Store the new terminology resource in the application



AWT Terminology

- Provided on the SDK
- Covers all classes in AWT
- Defines basic classes used by applications
- Provides scriptability of the user interface



AWT Terminology

java.awt.Frame:

Class Frame: A top-level window with a title and a border.

Properties:

<Inheritance> Window [r/o]

title string—*The title of the frame.*

resizable boolean—*Indicates whether this frame is resizable.*

menu Bar Menu Bar—*public java.awt.MenuBar
java.awt.Frame.getMenuBar() & public synchronized
void java.awt.Frame.setMenuBar(java.awt.MenuBar)*



Application Classes

- Derived from objects instantiated during execution
- Uses BeanInfo if present
- Fields become properties
- Generally no elements, just list properties
- Methods for properties are listed in the property comments



Application Classes

Class Camera:

Properties:

<Inheritance> Canvas [r/o]

repaint Particles boolean—*public boolean*

***org.canticle.simphysics.Camera.getRepaintParticles()
& public void***

***org.canticle.simphysics.Camera.setRepaintParticles(b
oolean)***

the Universe Universe—*public*

org.canticle.simphysics.Universe

***org.canticle.simphysics.Camera.getTheUniverse() &
public void***

***org.canticle.simphysics.Camera.setTheUniverse(org.c
anticle.simphysics.Universe)***



Application Events

- Derived from methods on the classes
- Calling conventions are in the comment
- Parameters are passed in a parameters parameter



Application Events

org.canticle.simphysics.Camera:

select Particle: public void org.canticle.simphysics.

Camera.selectPartide(org.canticle.simphysics.Particle)

select Particle reference
parameters Particle

move Particle To: public void org.canticle.simphysics.

Camera.moveParticleTo(org.canticle.simphysics.Particle,org.canticle.simphysics.Cartesian3DPoint)

move Particle To reference
parameters list



A Typical Script

```
tell application "SimPhysics 1.0"  
  repeat with i from 1 to 10  
    set charge of Particle 1 of the Universe of  
    Camera 1 of Component 1 of Frame 1 to i * 0.1  
    repaint Camera 1 of Component 1 of Frame 1  
  end repeat  
end tell
```



Figuring it Out

- Start from the top AWT object
- Query the properties of every next-level object



Improving the 'aete'

- Delete unnecessary terms and suites
- Make class terms for missing classes
- Change Java terms to AppleScript form (no InterCap, appropriate parts of speech, etc.)





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Shipping Scripting

- This is Mac-only scripting
- Use JBindery and add in the terminology resource
- Consider InstallAnywhere for one cross-platform installer
- Documentation is crucial
- Ship plenty of sample scripts



Summary

- You can script any Java applet or application out of the box
- You can script both the HI and the application itself
- Spend a little time to improve the scripter's experience
- More info is on the Java SDK and in Technote 1162





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