

Discussion Questions for “Swing Run Time”

1. In the bootstrapping examples I showed in the video lecture, the main method did not try to do anything after invoking the `invokeLater` method.
 - a. If you added code after running `invokeLater`, would that code get executed before the GUI starts, while the GUI is running, or after the GUI ends? How does the `invokeLater` method make this work?
 - b. If there is code after `invokeLater`, can it modify the data that the GUI will use?
 - c. What is the benefit of the `invokeLater` paradigm?
2. The Swing documentation recommends that when you register a callback such as the `actionPerformed` callback, that you are careful to make that callback run quickly and not take a long time. Why is the performance of the callback routine important? Have you ever run into examples where an event handler for a button took longer than expected? How can you tell?
3. Can you detect any pre-packaged dialogs in the Pippin GUI? If so, where are these used and why?
4. The `JFrame` library class supports a `setDefaultCloseOperation` method that has options “`DO_NOTHING_ON_CLOSE`”, “`HIDE_ON_CLOSE`”, “`DISPOSE_ON_CLOSE`”, and “`EXIT_ON_CLOSE`”. The default is “`HIDE_ON_CLOSE`”. Do you have any idea of what these four options do, and why you might want to specify a different default close operation?