

## Re: suitable layout manager?

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Use the GridBagLayout all the time. it's the most flexible – anything else is a waste of time.

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> *Bert wrote:*

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> > *I'm building an option Window. This Window has some JLabels and*

> > *JTextFields. I would like to show 1 jlabel and 1 jtextfield on a line. like:*

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> > *jlabel jtextfield*

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> > *ok cancel (centered jbuttons)*

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> > *These components must keep their normal size. what layout manager is the*

> > *best way to do this?*

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> *I provide an advanced, free and open layout manager that*

> *makes simple things easy and the hard stuff possible.*

> *It has been designed to reduce the layout production costs.*

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> *FormLayout can do things you won't find in other managers.*

> *It supports non-pixel sizes, can give sets of columns and*

> *rows the same size and the whole Forms layout system is*

> *even more powerful. Logical variables ensure that gaps*

> *and minimum sizes follow the platform's layout guide lines.*

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> *In your example the button order can change between*

> *the Mac OS X and Windows/Unix: "Cancel OK" vs. "OK Cancel".*

> *And your example can be built using the DefaultFormBuilder*

> *that lets you build every label-textfield pair with a*

> *single line of code.*

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> *You can find more information about the Forms in the*

> *whitepaper, you can test drive a Demo, and download the*

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