

GPOrbit

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How to call it

For using the [GPOrbit](#) class, the developer has only to create such an object with these two possibilities:

- With no orbit initialization:

```
gpOrbit = new GPOrbit("Orbit");
```

- Or, if we want to initialize the widget with a predefined orbit:

```
final Frame CIRF = FramesFactory.getCIRF();
final TimeScale TUC = TimeScalesFactory.getUTC();
final AbsoluteDate date0 = new AbsoluteDate(2010, 1, 1, 12, 0, 0., TUC);
final double ae = Constants.WGS84_EARTH_EQUATORIAL_RADIUS;
final double mu = Constants.WGS84_EARTH_MU;

ApsisOrbit orbit =
    new ApsisOrbit(ae+200.e+3, ae+300.e+3, FastMath.toRadians(51.6), 0., 0.,
0.,
                    PositionAngle.MEAN, CIRF, date0, mu);

gpOrbit = new GPOrbit("Orbit", orbit);
```

Display

With the first example, we will be able to display this:

Orbit ✖ *

Pivot

TLE Convert

Deactivate conversions ☐

Date: [UTC](#)

+/-

Frame:

GCRF

Type:

Keplerian

Keplerian Parameters ✖ *

a: ✖

[km](#)

e:

i:

[deg](#)

Ω :

[deg](#)

ω :

[deg](#)

Anomaly:

[true](#) [deg](#)

μ : *

Select

[km^3/s^2](#)

We can see that the widget is automatically set in an error mode as the semi major axis is null.

On the contrary, if it is not the case (as for the second previous example):

Orbit *

Pivot

TLE Convert

Deactivate conversions ☐

Date: [UTC](#)

+/-

Frame:

GCRF

Type:

Apsis Radius

Apsis Radius Parameters *

rp: *

[km](#)

ra: *

[km](#)

i: *

[deg](#)

Ω : *

[deg](#)

ω : *

[deg](#)

Anomaly: *

[true](#) [deg](#)

μ : *

Select

[km^3/s^2](#)

Note that since the **V2.0** version, it exists the possibility to enter data from a **TLE** by clicking on the dedicated button. These data will be automatically converted in osculating parameters.

TLE Entry window

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TLE entry:

1 22402U 92093CT 99216.66458328 .00027405 00000-0 61707-2 0 3098
2 22402 070.6355 282.2899 0105779 117.9687 243.2185 14.52871844343948

Convert

Test

Cancel

Orbit *

Pivot

TLE Convert

Deactivate conversions ☐

Date: *
04/08/1999 15h56m59s995ms392us000ns
UTC +/-

Frame:
GCRF

Type:
Apsis Radius

Apsis Radius Parameters *

rp: *
7020.69555240981
km

ra: *
7180.48887695035
km

i: *
70.6472726246068
deg

Ω: *
-77.710100979071
deg

ω: *
113.185330882728
deg

Anomaly: *
true
-113.187578717263
deg

μ: *
Select
398600.4418
km^3/s^2

We have also the possibility to customize the list of frames and/or types of parameters. In the example below, we will be able only to propose **GCRF**, **CIRF** and **EME2000** for frames when only Keplerian, Cartesian, ApsisRadius and Reentry will be available for type of parameters:

```

GPreFrame[] tabFrames = gpOrbit.getAvailableFrames();
GPreFrame[] tabFramesSimplified = new GPreFrame[3];
tabFramesSimplified[0] = tabFrames[0];
tabFramesSimplified[1] = tabFrames[1];
tabFramesSimplified[2] = tabFrames[6];
gpOrbit.setAvailableFrames(tabFramesSimplified);

GParamsType[] tabParams = gpOrbit.getAvailableParamsTypes();
GParamsType[] tabParamsSimplified = new GParamsType[4];
tabParamsSimplified[0] = tabParams[0];
tabParamsSimplified[1] = tabParams[1];
tabParamsSimplified[2] = tabParams[5];
tabParamsSimplified[3] = tabParams[7];
gpOrbit.setAvailableParamsTypes(tabParamsSimplified);

```

The "pivot" notion

This widget is in fact a relatively complex one as it proposes a lot of different frames an type of parameters but also allows executing conversions. It is very interesting for example if you want to

see quickly at which altitude is your perigee when you initially get **Cartesian** parameters!

Frame: GCRF
Type: Cartesian
Cartesian Parameters *
x: 3295.70380176292 km
y: 5683.65017359001 km
z: 439.631391348975 km
Vx: -6.74200496491514 km/s
Vy: 3.90930999706841 km/s
Vz: 0.439250454593903 km/s
μ: Select 398600.4415 km³/s²

Frame: GCRF
Type: Apsis Altitude
Apsis Altitude Parameters *
hp: 200.0 km
ha: 300.0 km
i: 5.0 deg
Ω: 10.0 deg
ω: 20.0 deg
Anomaly: true 30.0 deg
μ: Select 398600.4415 km³/s²
req: Select 6378.1363 km

=>

Unfortunately, a feedback of many years of such use shows that you will definitively get numerical uncertainties and when you will have to return to the first entry, you will not recover exactly the same values.

The “pivot” is a very important notion that allows answering to this problematic. The basic idea is to store the initial entry as a reference (the “pivot”). So every time the user will ask for a conversion, it will be checked if the format is equal (or not) to the reference. If it is the case, no conversion will be done, the reference will be retrieved. The “pivot” is then defined by:

- The frame
- The kind of parameters
- The kind of anomaly (if relevant)

At every moment, the user may change the “**pivot**” definition by clicking on the dedicated button.

On the other side, if the user modifies an entry (as the eccentricity when Keplerian parameters), the “**pivot**” will be automatically modified (as we will be on a new orbit). On the same idea, if the user modifies the “μ” value (or equatorial radius or flatness), the orbit will also be modified.

Nevertheless, a conversion will be done as it could be useful to see the influence of such constants.

Moreover, it is always possible to disconnect this conversion possibility: indeed, it is a basic case when the user started to enter orbital parameters before choosing the right frame!

Constants

Some constants are necessary depending on the kind of parameters. Nominally, only **Cartesian** parameters do not need it but it has been decided to show “μ” value anytime. On the contrary, equatorial radius and/or flatness will be displayed only when needed (as for reentry parameters). These constants are modifiable via the **GUI** but a list of predefined values (present in [**PATRIUS**] library) is accessible via a select button that will display a pop-up window as below ...

Earth's Gravity Constant

Earth's Gravity Constant WGS84

Selected Value: 3.986004418E14 m³/s²

Select Cancel

How to use it

To get a [[PATRIUS](#)] [Orbit](#) object, we will just have to call for the [getPatriusObject\(\)](#) method as below:

```
Orbit orbit = gpOrbit.getPatriusObject();
```

How it is stored

Here is the [XML](#) format for such an orbit:

```
<Orbit name="Orbit">
  <AbsoluteDate name="Date">
    <String name="date">01/01/2010 12h00m00s</String>
    <String name="scale">UTC</String>
  </AbsoluteDate>
  <Frame name="Frame">
    <String name="name">CIRF</String>
  </Frame>
  <String name="typeOfParameters">Apsis Radius</String>
  <ApsisRadiusParameters name="Apsis_Radius_Parameters">
    <Real name="rp" unit="km">6.578137E3</Real>
    <Real name="ra" unit="km">6.678137E3</Real>
    <Real name="I" unit="deg">5.16E1</Real>
    <Real name="raan" unit="deg">0.0E0</Real>
    <Real name="pa" unit="deg">0.0E0</Real>
    <String name="typeOfAnomaly">>true</String>
    <Real name="anomaly" unit="deg">0.0E0</Real>
    <Real name="mu" unit="km^3/s^2">3.986004418E5</Real>
  </ApsisRadiusParameters>
</Orbit>
```

Note: the data are stored using the "pivot" information independently of how it will be displayed!

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