

# Propagator

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## Goal

In this page, we give a relatively concrete example allowing to create an application with its own **GUI** (using of course [GENIUS](#) and **GENOPUS!**) to propagate an orbit using [PATRIUS](#).

Nevertheless, in order to simplify the example (else you may directly use [PSIMU!](#)), we will "only" consider as inputs:

- **Initial orbital parameters**
- **Vehicle characteristics** (only dry mass and simple aerodynamic characteristics)
- Choice of **force models**
  - Only Balmino for Earth potential
  - Atmospheric models

In addition:

- Data will be stored in **INI\_suffix.xml** files (or **INIT.xml** by default)
- Some results will be displayed on the **GUI** console but also in a **EPH\_suffix.txt** file (**EPHEM.txt** by default)

## Using GDataPanelAbstract to organize input data

To do it, we will have to create a class extending from [GDataPanelAbstract](#) and adding [GPOrbit](#), [GPVehicle](#) and [GPForceModels](#) objects in different tabs.

*Note : be careful as GPOrbit extends from Gcontainer and not from GPanel, so it is mandatory to encapsulate it in a GPanel class (private class in our example).*

```
public class WidPropagatorDataPanel extends GDataPanelAbstract {  
  
    private final WidOrbit widOrbit;  
    private final GPVehicle widVehicle;  
    private final GPForceModels widForces;
```

```

/**
 * Constructor.
 * @throws GException    GENIUS exception
 */
public WidPropagatorDataPanel() throws GException {

    super("Data");

    // Creating an orbit widget
    widOrbit = new WidOrbit("Initial orbital parameters");

    // Creating a vehicle widget (only with dry mass and simple
aerodynamic properties)
    widVehicle = new GPVehicle("Vehicle characteristics", true, false,
true, false, false);

    // Creating a force model widget (only with potential [Balmino] and
atmosphere)
    AttractionModelsEnum[] attractionModelsAvailable = {
AttractionModelsEnum.BALMINO };
    widForces = new GPForceModels("Models",
AttractionModelsEnum.BALMINO, attractionModelsAvailable, false, true, false,
false, false, false);

    // Adding it in a tabbedpane
    this.addTab("Orbit", widOrbit);
    this.addTab("Vehicle", widVehicle);
    this.addTab("Forces", widForces);
    // Adding an output console
    this.addConsoleTab("Console");

}

public void clear() throws GException {
    // TODO Auto-generated method stub
}

/**
 * Private class needed because GPOrbit is not a GPanel ...
 */
private class WidOrbit extends GPanel implements GReadWrite {

    private final GPOrbit orbit;
    public WidOrbit ( final String label) {
        orbit = new GPOrbit(label);
    }
    public void display() throws GException { generic(); }
    @Override
    public void generic() throws GException { put(orbit); }
    public void read() throws GException { generic(); }
    public void write() throws GException { generic(); }
}

```

```

        /**
         * @return the GP orbit widget
         */
        public GPOrbit getGPOrbit() {
            return orbit;
        }
    }

    /**
     * Class to get the PATRIUS orbit object
     * @return PATRIUS orbit object
     * @throws GPOrbitException GENOPUS exception
     */
    public Orbit getOrbit() throws GPOrbitException {
        return widOrbit.getGPOrbit().getPatriusObject();
    }

    /**
     * Class to get the Custom PATRIUS vehicle object
     * @return the widVehicle
     * @throws GPVehicleException GENOPUS exception
     */
    public CustomVehicle getVehicle() throws GPVehicleException {
        return widVehicle.getPatriusObject();
    }

    /**
     * Class to get the Custom PATRIUS force models object
     * @return Custom PATRIUS force models object
     * @throws GException GENIUS exception
     */
    public CustomForceModels getForces() throws GException {
        final Assembly assembly =
getVehicle().getAssembly(FramesFactory.getCIRF());
        return widForces.getPatriusObject(assembly);
    }
}

```

## Create the batch computation mode

The basic idea is to develop a class allowing to propagate an orbit and that will be called using the [GJavaCommandLauncher](#) class. This class will include:

- reading data in a file (a [XML](#) one automatically generated thanks to [GENIUS](#))
- using these data and considering other ones not exposed via the [GUI](#) (in order to simplify the example) to build the numerical propagator:
  - Numerical integrator => [RungeKutta](#) 4th order with a 5s step
  - Propagation time => 1 orbit

- StepHandler = 60s
- propagating the orbit
- writing results on the screen and inside the **EPHEM.txt** file.

We may see on the following code inside the `compute()` method how the [PATRIUS](#) propagator is implemented as well as the associated stephandler in a specific private class.

```
public class BatchPropagator {

    /** Initial orbit */
    private Orbit orbit;
    /** Vehicle characteristics */
    private CustomVehicle vehicle;
    /** Forces */
    private CustomForceModels forces;

    /** UTC time scale */
    private TimeScale UTC;

    /** By default EPHEM file names */
    private static final String EPH_FILE = "EPHEM.txt";

    /**
     * Constructor.
     * @param nomFicData    name of the context file.
     * @param nomFicEphem   name of the output file.
     * @throws IOException  GENIUS exception.
     */
    public BatchPropagator (final String nomFicData, final String
nomFicEphem) throws IOException {

        // Patrius dataset initialization
        try {
            PatriusDataset.addResourcesFromPatriusDataset();
        } catch (OrekitException err) {
            GConsoleLogger.getLogger().log(Level.SEVERE, err.getMessage());
        }

        WidPropagatorDataPanel dataPan = null;
        try {
            dataPan = new WidPropagatorDataPanel();
        } catch (GException err) {
            GConsoleLogger.getLogger().log(Level.SEVERE, err.getMessage());
        }
        // Data read inside the XML file
        try {
            GFileManipulation.readConfig(nomFicData, "Propagator", dataPan,
true);
        } catch (GFileManipulatorException err) {
            GConsoleLogger.getLogger().log(Level.SEVERE, err.getMessage());
        }
    }
}
```

```

// Orbit initialization
try {
    orbit = dataPan.getOrbit();
} catch (GPOrbitException err) {
    GConsoleLogger.getLogger().log(Level.SEVERE, err.getMessage());
}
// Vehicle initialization
try {
    vehicle = dataPan.getVehicle();
} catch (GPVehicleException err) {
    GConsoleLogger.getLogger().log(Level.SEVERE, err.getMessage());
}
// Forces initialization
try {
    forces = dataPan.getForces();
} catch (GException err) {
    GConsoleLogger.getLogger().log(Level.SEVERE, err.getMessage());
}

// Recovery of the UTC time scale using a "factory"
try {
    UTC = TimeScalesFactory.getUTC();
} catch (OrekitException err) {
    GConsoleLogger.getLogger().log(Level.SEVERE, err.getMessage());
}

}

/**
 * Method to propagate
 * @throws PropagationException PATRIUS exception
 */
public void compute() throws PropagationException {

    // Getting the mas provider from the vehicle object.
    final MassProvider mm = new
MassModel(vehicle.getAssembly(FramesFactory.getCIRF()));

    // We create a spacecraftstate
    final SpacecraftState iniState = new SpacecraftState(orbit, mm);

    // Initialization of the Runge Kutta integrator with a 5 s step
    final double pasRk = 5.;
    final FirstOrderIntegrator integrator = new
ClassicalRungeKuttaIntegrator(pasRk);

    // Initialization of the propagator
    final NumericalPropagator propagator = new
NumericalPropagator(integrator);
    propagator.resetInitialState(iniState);

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// Adding additional state
propagator.setMassProviderEquation(mm);

// Forcing integration using cartesian equations
propagator.setOrbitType(OrbitType.CARTESIAN);

// Adding an attitude law (in case of lift component)
final AttitudeLaw attitudeLaw = new LofOffset(LOFType.LVLH,
RotationOrder.ZYX, 0., 0., 0.);
propagator.setAttitudeProvider(attitudeLaw);

// Adding force models
List<ForceModel> list = forces.getForceModelsList();
for (ForceModel forceModel : list) {
    propagator.addForceModel(forceModel);
}

// Creation of a fixed step handler
final ArrayList<SpacecraftState> listOfStates = new
ArrayList<SpacecraftState>();
OrekitFixedStepHandler myStepHandler = new OrekitFixedStepHandler() {
    private static final long serialVersionUID = 1L;
    public void init(SpacecraftState s0, AbsoluteDate t) {
        // Nothing to do ...
    }
    public void handleStep(SpacecraftState currentState, boolean
isLast)
        throws PropagationException {
        // Adding S/C to the list
        listOfStates.add(currentState);
    }
};
// The handler frequency is set to 60s
propagator.setMasterMode(60., myStepHandler);

// Propagating on 1 period
final double dt = orbit.getKeplerianPeriod();
final AbsoluteDate finalDate = orbit.getDate().shiftedBy(dt);
final SpacecraftState finalState = propagator.propagate(finalDate);
final Orbit finalOrbit = finalState.getOrbit();

// Printing new date and semi major axis
System.out.println();
System.out.println("Initial date = "+orbit.getDate().toString(UTC));
System.out.println("Initial semi major axis = "+orbit.getA()/1000.+"
km");
System.out.println("New date = "+finalOrbit.getDate().toString(UTC));
System.out.println("Final semi major axis =
"+finalOrbit.getA()/1000.+" km");

// Writing in the EPHEM.txt file

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```

        try {
            System.out.println();
            System.out.println("EPHEM.txt file writing ...");
            FileWriter ephemeris = new FileWriter(new File(EPH_FILE));
            Locale.setDefault(Locale.US);
            for (SpacecraftState sc : listOfStates) {
                ephemeris.write(String.format("%s %22.15e \n", sc.getDate(),
sc.getA()/1000.));
            }
            ephemeris.close();
        } catch (IOException err) {
            GConsoleLogger.getLogger().log(Level.SEVERE, err.getMessage());
        }
    }

    /**
     * Main method ...
     * @param args
     */
    public static void main(String[] args) {

        BatchPropagator batch;
        try {
            batch = new BatchPropagator("INIT.xml", "EPHEM.txt");
            batch.compute();
        } catch (IOException err) {
            GConsoleLogger.getLogger().log(Level.SEVERE, err.getMessage());
        } catch (PropagationException err) {
            GConsoleLogger.getLogger().log(Level.SEVERE, err.getMessage());
        }
    }
}

```

## Using GMainFrameAbstract for the main frame

Once the batch mode is available (see above), we have just to create the last third class extending from [GMainFrameAbstract](#), displaying data and allowing to execute the batch mode ...

```

public class WidPropagator extends GMainFrameAbstract<WidPropagatorDataPanel>
{

    // FILE NAMES

    /** Prefix for context file names */
    private static final String INI_FILE_PREFIX = "INI_";
    /** By default context file names */
    private static final String INI_FILE = "INIT.xml";

```

```

/** Prefix for output file names */
private static final String EPH_FILE_PREFIX = "EPH_";
/** By default EPHEM file names */
private static final String EPH_FILE = "EPHEM.txt";

// SIZES

/** Data panel height */
private static final int DATAPANEL_HEIGHT = 400;
/** Error console height */
private static final int ERRCONSOLE_HEIGHT = 80;
/** Icon size */
private static final int ICON_SIZE = 12;

/**
 * Constructor.
 * @throws GException GENIUS exception
 */
public WidPropagator() throws GException {

    super("Propagator",
        new WidPropagatorDataPanel(),
        new GContextFileManagement(".", "Propagator data", new
GFileFilter(INI_FILE_PREFIX, ".xml", "Propagator Files") ),
        new GAboutDialog("About S/W", "Propagator using PATRIUS ...",
"CNES", "V1.0 ; 20/12/2017", null),
        new GSaveResults("Saving results", new File("."), ".txt", ".xml"),
        DATAPANEL_HEIGHT, ERRCONSOLE_HEIGHT, ICON_SIZE, false);

}

/**
 * Method to manage saving data and results files
 */
@Override
protected void saveFilesManagement() throws GException {

    final File ini = new File(INI_FILE);
    final File res = new File(EPH_FILE);

    // The context file INIT.xml will be saved in INI_....xml
    this.getSaveResultsDialog().setContextFile(ini.getName(),
INI_FILE_PREFIX, true);
    // Result files consist in a single one named by default "EPHEM"
    this.getSaveResultsDialog().clearResultFileList();
    this.getSaveResultsDialog().addSingleResultFile(res.getName(),
EPH_FILE_PREFIX, true);

    this.getSaveResultsDialog().show();

}

```



```

/**
 * Method to manage what to do before starting the computation
 */
@Override
protected void customPreProcessManagement() throws
GFileManipulatorException {

    // We write a context file with data coming from the data panel
    GFileManipulation.writeConfig(INI_FILE, "Propagator",
this.getDataPanel(), true);
    // We initialize the JavaCommandLauncher
    final String classPath = System.getProperty("java.class.path");
    this.getJavaCommandLauncher().setJavaCommand(classPath, new String[]
{"propagator.BatchPropagator"});
    // We display the console above the other tabbedpanes
    this.getDataPanel().selectConsoleTab();
}

/**
 * Method to manage what to do after computation
 */
@Override
protected void customPostProcessManagement() {
    // Nothing to do ...
}

/**
 * Main method.
 * @param args
 * @throws GException
 */
public static void main(String[] args) throws GException {

    // Patrius dataset initialization
    try {
        PatriusDataset.addResourcesFromPatriusDataset();
    } catch (OrekitException err) {
        err.printStackTrace();
    }

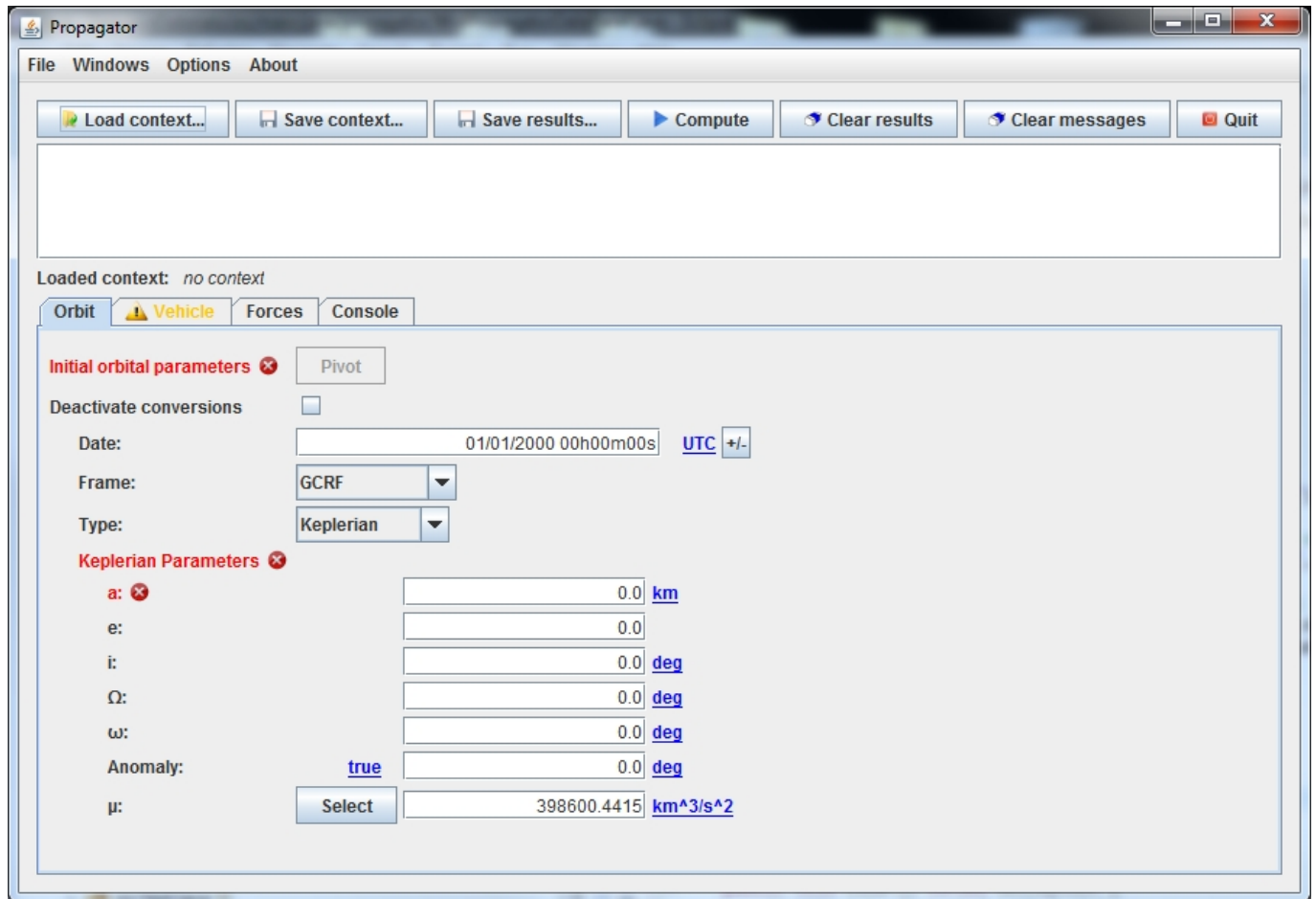
    final WidPropagator pan = new WidPropagator();
    pan.displayMainFrame();

}
}

```

## Final result

Now you are able to load this [GUI](#) and to use it!



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