Part 5: Chart Modules

Chapter 32. Bubble, Net, Stock Charts

This chapter concludes my use of the Chart2Views.java example by looking at how bubble, net and stock charts can be generated from spreadsheet data.

The relevant lines of Chart2Views.java are:

Topics: The Bubble Chart; The Net Chart; The Stock Chart: basic and modified candle sticks; Stock Chart and Line Graph

Example folders: "Chart2 Tests" and "Utils"

```
// part of Chart2Views.java
public static void main(String args[])
  XComponentLoader loader = Lo.loadOffice();
  XSpreadsheetDocument doc = Calc.openDoc(CHARTS DATA, loader);
  GUI.setVisible(doc, true);
  XSpreadsheet sheet = Calc.getSheet(doc, 0);
  // ---- use different chart templates ----
  labeledBubbleChart(doc, sheet); // see section 1
                                   // section 2
  // netChart(doc, sheet);
  // happyStockChart(doc, sheet); // section 3
  // stockPricesChart(doc, sheet); // section 4
 Lo.waitEnter();
 Lo.closeDoc(doc);
 Lo.closeOffice();
} // end of main()
```

1. The Bubble Chart

A bubble chart is a variation of a scatter chart where each data point shows the relationship between three variables. Two variables are used for a bubble's (x, y) coordinate, and the third affects the bubble's size.

labeledBubbleChart() in Chart2Views.java utilizes the "World data" table in "chartsData.ods" (see Figure 1).

	Н	I	J	К		
62	World Data					
63	Martial Arts	Acrobats	Population	Country		
64	10500	3500	1326960000	PR China		
65	7700	2000	1139960000	India		
66	-9700	3800	305540000	United States		
67	12000	-500	228582000	Indonesia		
68	-5500	-1000	187994000	Brazil		
69	7000	3000	164727000	Pakistan		
70	9000	2400	158665000	Bangladesh		
71	800	1000	148093000	Nigeria		
72	10000	6000	141900000	Russia		
73	13800	3600	127690000	Japan		
74	-10200	2300	106682500	Mexico		
75	200	4600	64473140	France		
76	3500	3900	70586256	Turkey		
77	900	5100	82169000	Germany		
78	1250	4250	59619290	Italy		
79	-200	5400	61186000	United Kingdom		
80	610	4945	483800	Luxembourg		
81	-1800	6500	320169	Iceland		
82	1000	6200	4790300	Norway		
83	13300	-2700	21473500	Australia		
84	13800	3600	127690000	Japan		
85	-6400	-3400	40301927	Argentina		
86	2400	-2900	47850700	South Africa		
87	-7200	400	44603000	Colombia		
88	3000	2700	75482000	Egypt		
89	1830	-1230	17024000	Angola		
90	3000	-2000	13349000	Zimbabwe		
91	3800	100	37538000	Kenya		
92	-9500	6000	33415800	Canada		
93	5300	3200	70495782	Iran		
94						

Figure 1. The "World data" Table.

The data range passed to the Chart.insertChart() uses the first three columns of the table; the "Country" column is added separately. The generated scatter chart is shown in Figure 2.



Figure 2. Bubble Chart for the Table in Figure 1.

labeledBubbleChart() is:

```
// in Chart2Views.java
private static void labeledBubbleChart(XSpreadsheetDocument doc,
                                XSpreadsheet sheet)
{
  CellRangeAddress rangeAddr = Calc.getAddress(sheet, "H63:J93");
  XChartDocument chartDoc =
      Chart2.insertChart(sheet, rangeAddr, "A62",18,11, "Bubble");
  Calc.gotoCell(doc, "A62");
  Chart2.setTitle(chartDoc, Calc.getString(sheet, "H62"));
  Chart2.setXAxisTitle(chartDoc, Calc.getString(sheet, "H63"));
  Chart2.setYAxisTitle(chartDoc, Calc.getString(sheet, "I63"));
  Chart2.rotateYAxisTitle(chartDoc, 90);
  Chart2.viewLegend(chartDoc, true);
  // change the data points
  XDataSeries[] ds = Chart2.getDataSeries(chartDoc);
  Props.setProperty(ds[0], "Transparency", 50);
                           // 100 == fully transparent
  Props.setProperty(ds[0], "BorderStyle", LineStyle.SOLID);
  Props.setProperty(ds[0], "BorderColor", Calc.RED);
  Props.setProperty(ds[0], "LabelPlacement", Chart2.DP CENTER);
  // Chart2.setDataPointLabels(chartDoc, Chart2.DP NUMBER);
/*
  String sheetName = Calc.getSheetName(sheet);
  String label = sheetName + "." + "K63";
  String names = sheetName + "." + "K64:K93";
 Chart2.addCatLabels(chartDoc, label, names);
*/
  } // end of labeledBubbleChart()
```

The transparency and border properties of all the data points are set via the DataPointProperties class for the data series. Without transparency, large bubbles could obscure or completely hide smaller bubbles.

If the call to Chart2.setDataPointLabels() is uncommented, the result is messy, as shown in Figure 3.



Figure 3. Numerically Labeled Bubble Chart for the Table in Figure 1.

Instead of labeling the bubbles with population sizes, it would be better to use the "Country" values (see Figure 1). Chart2.addCatLabels() implements this feature, producing Figure 4.



Figure 4. Category Labeled Bubble Chart for the Table in Figure 1.

Chart2.addCatLabels() employs the "Country" data to create an XLabeledDataSequence object which is assigned the role "categories". It is then assigned to the x-axis as category-based scale data:

```
// in the Chart2 class
public static void addCatLabels(XChartDocument chartDoc,
                          String dataLabel, String dataRange)
  // create 'categories' labeled data sequence
 XDataProvider dp = chartDoc.getDataProvider();
 XLabeledDataSequence dLSeq =
            createLDSeq(dp, "categories", dataLabel, dataRange);
  // assign sequence to x-axis as category scale data
  XAxis axis = getAxis(chartDoc, X AXIS, 0);
  if (axis == null)
   return;
  ScaleData sd = axis.getScaleData();
  sd.Categories = dLSeq;
  axis.setScaleData(sd);
 setDataPointLabels(chartDoc, Chart2.DP CATEGORY);
    // label the data points with categories
} // end of addCatLabels()
```

When setDataPointLabels() displays category data for the points, the new x-axis categories are utilized.

2. The Net Chart

The net chart (also called a *radar chart*) is useful for comparing multiple columns of data (often between three and eight columns) in a 2D arrangement that resembles a spider's web. Although net charts have an interesting look, a lot of people dislike them (e.g. see "A Critique of Radar Charts" by Graham Odds at http://blog.scottlogic.com/2011/09/23/a-critique-of-radar-charts.html).

netChart() in Chart2Views.java utilizes the "No of Calls per Day" table in "chartsData.ods" (see Figure 5).

	A	В	С	D	
55	No of Calls per Day				
56	Day	Week1	Week2	Week3	
57	Sunday	24	25	28	
58	Monday	144	122	150	
59	Tuesday	156	128	164	
60	Wednesday	188	140	180	
61	Thursday	170	132	176	
62	Friday	110	84	120	
63	Saturday	50	42	60	
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Figure 5. The "No of Calls per Day" Table.

The generated net chart is shown in Figure 6.



Figure 6. Net Chart for the Table in Figure 5.

netChart() is:

```
// in Chart2Views.java
private static void netChart(XSpreadsheetDocument doc,
                            XSpreadsheet sheet)
{ CellRangeAddress rangeAddr = Calc.getAddress(sheet, "A56:D63");
  XChartDocument chartDoc =
      Chart2.insertChart(sheet, rangeAddr, "E55",16,11, "NetLine");
                           // Net, NetLine, NetSymbol
                           // StackedNet, PercentStackedNet
  Calc.gotoCell(doc, "E55");
  Chart2.setTitle(chartDoc, Calc.getString(sheet, "A55"));
  Chart2.viewLegend(chartDoc, true);
  Chart2.setDataPointLabels(chartDoc, Chart2.DP NONE);
  // reverse x-axis so days increase clockwise around net
  XAxis xAxis = Chart2.getXAxis(chartDoc);
  ScaleData sd = xAxis.getScaleData();
  sd.Orientation = AxisOrientation.REVERSE;
 xAxis.setScaleData(sd);
  // end of netChart()
}
```

Different net chart templates allow points to be shown, the areas filled with color, and the lines to be stacked or displayed as percentages.

netChart() changes the x-axis which wraps around the circumference of the chart. By default, the axis is drawn in a counter-clockwise direction starting from the top of the net. This order doesn't seem right for the days of the week in this example, so I made the order clockwise, as in Figure 6.

3. The Stock Chart

A stock chart is a specialized column graph for displaying stocks and shares information. All stock chart templates require at least three columns of data concerning the lowest price, highest price, and closing price of a stock (or share). It's also possible to include two other columns that detail the stock's opening price and transaction volume.

The stock template names reflect the data columns they utilize:

- StockLowHighClose
- StockOpenLowHighClose
- StockVolumeLowHighClose
- StockVolumeOpenLowHighClose

The names also indicate the ordering of the columns in the data range supplied to the template. For example, "StockVolumeOpenLowHighClose" requires five columns of data in the order: transaction volume, opening price, lowest price, highest price, and closing price.

happyStockChart() in Chart2Views.java utilizes the "Happy Systems (HASY)" table in "chartsData.ods" (see Figure 7).

	Α	В	С	D	E	F	
85			Happy Syster	ns (<u>HA SY</u>)			
86	Date	Volume	Open	Low	High	Close	
87	Apr 7, 2015	15,000,000	\$88.75	\$88.88	\$94.50	\$92.69	
88	Apr 8, 2015	14,652,562	\$92.69	\$87.00	\$95.50	\$93.69	
89	Apr 9, 2015	15,070,589	\$93.69	\$91.00	\$96.50	\$92.00	
90	Apr 10, 2015	15,207,571	\$92.00	\$90.00	\$97.50	\$93.00	
91	Apr 11, 2015	14,869,716	\$93.00	\$90.00	\$98.50	\$93.60	
92	Apr 12, 2015	15,225,943	\$93.60	\$87.00	\$99.50	\$93.80	
93	Apr 13, 2015	15.243.446	\$93.80	\$88.00	\$100.50	\$94.00	
94	Apr 14, 2015	14.889.873	\$94.00	\$89.00	\$101.50	\$93.00	
95	Apr 15, 2015	14,781,243	\$93.00	\$90.00	\$100.00	\$92.00	
96	Apr 16, 2015	15 132 068	\$92.00	\$88.00	\$96.00	\$92.00	
97	Apr 17, 2015	15,253,822	\$92.00	\$89.00	\$95.00	\$93.00	
98	Apr 18, 2015	14,919,019	\$93.00	\$93.00	\$97.00	\$95.00	
99	Apr 19, 2015	14,972,533	\$95.00	\$84.00	\$95.00	\$91.00	
100	Apr 20, 2015	14,642,786	\$91.00	\$87.00	\$100.00	\$97.00	
101	Apr 21, 2015	14,804,376	\$97.00	\$91.00	\$98.00	\$96.00	
102	Apr 22, 2015	14,907,452	\$96.00	\$92.00	\$102.00	\$95.00	
103	Apr 23, 2015	15,319,376	\$95.00	\$91.00	\$96.00	\$93.00	
104	Apr 24, 2015	15,066,118	\$93.00	\$94.00	\$99.00	\$98.00	
105							
106							

Figure 7. The "Happy Systems (HASY)" Table.

The table has six columns, the first being the x-axis categories, which are usually dates. The other columns follow the order required by the "StockVolumeOpenLowHighClose" template.

The generated stock chart is shown in Figure 8.



Figure 8. Stock Chart for the Table in Figure 7.

The chart is made up of two graphs with a common x-axis: a column graph for the stock volume on each day, and a candle-stick graph showing the lowest, opening, closing, and highest stock values. Figure 9 gives details of how these elements are drawn.



Figure 9. The Elements of a Stock Chart.

The thin red lines drawn on the columns in Figure 9 denote the range between the lowest and highest stock value on that day. The white and black blocks represent the stock's change between its opening and closing price. A white block (often called a "white day") means the price has increased, while black (a "black day") means that it has decreased.

happyStockChart() is:

```
// in Chart2Views.java
private static void happyStockChart(XSpreadsheetDocument doc,
                                   XSpreadsheet sheet)
{ CellRangeAddress rangeAddr = Calc.getAddress(sheet, "A86:F104");
 XChartDocument chartDoc =
     Chart2.insertChart(sheet, rangeAddr, "A105", 25, 14,
                               "StockVolumeOpenLowHighClose");
  Calc.gotoCell(doc, "A105");
  Chart2.setTitle(chartDoc, Calc.getString(sheet, "A85"));
  Chart2.setXAxisTitle(chartDoc, Calc.getString(sheet, "A86"));
  Chart2.setYAxisTitle(chartDoc, Calc.getString(sheet, "B86"));
  Chart2.rotateYAxisTitle(chartDoc, 90);
  Chart2.setYAxis2Title(chartDoc, "Stock Value");
  Chart2.rotateYAxis2Title(chartDoc, 90);
  Chart2.setDataPointLabels(chartDoc, Chart2.DP NONE);
                     // too cluttered if numerical data is shown
  // change 2nd y-axis min and max; default is poor ($0 - $20)
  XAxis yAxis2 = Chart2.getYAxis2(chartDoc);
  ScaleData sd = yAxis2.getScaleData();
  sd.Minimum = 83;
  sd.Maximum = 103;
  yAxis2.setScaleData(sd);
  // more stock chart code; explained in a moment...
} // end of happyStockChart()
```

happyStockChart() sets and rotates the secondary y-axis title, which appears on the right of the chart. Chart2.setYAxis**2**Title() and Chart2.rotateYAxis**2**Title() are implemented in the same way as Chart2.setYAxisTitle() and Chart2.rotateYAxisTitle() described in Chapter 29, section 3.

happyStockChart() also changes the second y-axis' range; the default shows prices between \$0 and \$20, which is too low. New minimum and maximum values are assigned to the axis' scale data.

3.1. Modifying the Chart Dates

A common problem is that date information clutters the stock chart, making it harder to read. Figure 8 shows that the stock template is clever enough to only draw every second date, but this is still too much information for the limited space.

One solution is to increase the x-axis interval so a tick mark (and date string) is only drawn for every third day, as in Figure 10.



Figure 10. Stock Chart with Three-day Intervals for the X-Axis.

Changing the interval is implemented by adjusting the time increment for the x-axis in its ScaleData object:

Before the interval can be changed, the axis type must be changed to be of type DATE. Information on the ScaleData class can be accessed by calling lodoc chart2 scaledata.

Another technique for making the dates easier to read is to rotate their labels. The following code rotates each label counter-clockwise by 45 degrees:

```
// part of happyStockChart() in Chart2Views.java...
:
XAxis xAxis = Chart2.getXAxis(chartDoc);
Props.setProperty(xAxis, "TextRotation", 45);
```

The resulting chart is shown in Figure 11.



Figure 11. Stock Chart with Rotated X-Axis Labels.

Note that the template has automatically switched back to showing every date instead of every second one in Figure 8.

3.2. Changing the Stock Values Appearance

This section describes two changes to the candle stick part of the chart: adjusting the colors used in the "white days" and "black days" blocks, and making the high-low stock line easier to read. The results appear in Figure 12.



Figure 12. Stock Chart with Modified Candle Sticks.

A stock chart is made up of two chart types: a column chart type for the volume information, and a candle stick chart type for the stock prices. This information can be listed by calling Chart2.printChartTypes():

// in happyStockChart()
Chart2Views.javaChart2.printChartTypes(chartDoc);

It produces:

```
No. of chart types: 2
    com.sun.star.chart2.ColumnChartType
    com.sun.star.chart2.CandleStickChartType
```

In order to affect the candle stick chart type's data it is necessary to access its XChartType instance. This can be done with the two-argument version of Chart2.findChartType():

Figure 13 shows that the XChartType interface is supported by the ChartType service, and the CandleStickChartType subclass.



Figure 13. The ChartType Service.

CandleStickChartType contains some useful properties, including "WhiteDay" and "BlackDay" (for details call lodoc chart2 CandleStickChartType). These properties store sets containing multiple values from the FillProperties and LineProperties services. They can be accessed like so:

```
Props.showObjProps("WhiteDay", props);
Props.setProperty(props, "FillColor", Calc.GREEN);
```

The same sort of change can be done to the "FillColor" property inside the "BlackDay" property set. Both changes are implemented inside Chart2.colorStockBars():

```
// in the Chart2 class
public static void colorStockBars(XChartType ct,
                           int wDayColor, int bDayColor)
{ if (!ct.getChartType().equals(
                 "com.sun.star.chart2.CandleStickChartType"))
    System.out.println("Chart type not a candle stick: " +
                                            ct.getChartType());
  else {
    XPropertySet props = Lo.gi(XPropertySet.class,
                         Props.getProperty(ct, "WhiteDay"));
    Props.setProperty(props, "FillColor", wDayColor);
    props = Lo.qi(XPropertySet.class,
                          Props.getProperty(ct, "BlackDay"));
   Props.setProperty(props, "FillColor", bDayColor);
 }
} // end of colorStockBars()
```

Chart2.findChartType() and Chart2.colorStockBars() are called at the end of happyStockChart() to change the "white day" blocks to green and the "black day" blocks to red:

Making the high-low lines thicker and yellow requires access to the data series in the candle stick chart type (as shown in Figure 13). This is implemented by using the two-argument version of Chart2.getDataSeries():

The high-low lines are adjusted via the "LineWidth" and "Color" properties in the series. The code at the end of happyStockChart() is:

4. Adding a Line Graph to a Stock Chart

stockPricesChart() in Chart2Views.java utilizes the "Calc Guide Stock Prices" table in "chartsData.ods" (see Figure 14).

	E	F	G	н	I	J	
140			Calc Guide Stock Pri	ces			
141	Date	Opening Price	Low (bottom price)	High (top price)	Closing price	Pork Bellies	
142	Monday	20	15	25	17	32	
143	Tuesday	32	22	37	30	30	
144	Wednesday	15	15	17	17	27	
145	Thursday	40	30	47	35	31	
146	Friday	27	20	32	31	33	
147							
1/10							

Figure 14. The "Calc Guide Stock Prices" Table.

The stock chart is created using the first five columns, excluding the "Pork Bellies" data. There's no "Volume" column for the stocks, so the "StockOpenLowHighClose" template is employed.

The stock chart is shown in Figure 15.



Figure 15. Stock Chart for the Table in Figure 14.

stockPricesChart() is:

A line graph showing the movement of "Pork Bellies" is added to the chart by Chart2.addStockLine(). The additional code at the end of stockPricesChart() is:

```
// part of stockPricesChart() in Chart2Views.java...
:
String sheetName = Calc.getSheetName(sheet);
String porkLabel = sheetName + "." + "J141";
String porkPoints = sheetName + "." + "J142:J146";
Chart2.addStockLine(chartDoc, porkLabel, porkPoints);
Chart2.viewLegend(chartDoc, true);
```

The resulting change to the stock chart is shown in Figure 16.



Figure 16. Stock Chart with Line Graph for the Table in Figure 15.

A data series belongs to a chart type, which is part of the coordinates system. Therefore the first task is to obtain the chart's coordinate system. A new line chart type is added to it, and an empty data series is inserted into the chart type.

The addition of a new chart type to the chart's coordinate system is preformed by Chart2.addChartType(). The following adds a line chart type:

```
// part of Chart2.addStockLine(); see below...
XChartType ct = Chart2.addChartType(chartDoc, "LineChartType");
```

Chart2.addChartType() uses Chart2.getCoordSystem() to get the chart's coordinate system, and then converts it into an XChartTypeContainer so the new chart type can be added:

```
// in the Chart2 class
public static XChartType addChartType(XChartDocument chartDoc,
                                     String chartType)
{ // create new chart type
 XChartType ct = Lo.createInstanceMCF(XChartType.class,
                     "com.sun.star.chart2." + chartType);
  if (ct == null) {
   System.out.println("Unable to create XChartType: "+chartType);
    return ct;
  }
  // add chart type to coord system
  XCoordinateSystem coordSys = getCoordSystem(chartDoc);
  XChartTypeContainer ctCon =
          Lo.qi(XChartTypeContainer.class, coordSys);
  ctCon.addChartType(ct);
 return ct;
} // end of addChartType()
```

Chart2.addChartType() returns a reference to the new chart type, and an empty data series is added to it by converting the chart type into an XDataSeriesContainer:

This empty data series is filled with data points via its XDataSink interface, using the steps shown in Chapter 31, section 5.1, Figure 13. A DataProvider service is required so that two XDataSequence objects can be instantiated, one for the label of an XLabeledDataSequence object, the other for its data. The XDataSequence object

representing the data must have its "Role" property set to "values-y" since it will become the y-coordinates of the line graph.

The task of building the XLabeledDataSequence object is handled by Chart2.createLDSeq(), which I used in Chapter 31, section 5.1 to add error bars to a scatter chart, and in section 1 to place category labels in a bubble chart.

The code is:

All the preceding code fragments of this section are wrapped up inside Chart2.addStockLine():

```
// in the Chart2 class
public static void addStockLine(XChartDocument chartDoc,
                            String dataLabel, String dataRange)
{ // add (empty) line chart to the doc
 XChartType ct = addChartType(chartDoc, "LineChartType");
  XDataSeriesContainer dataSeriesCnt =
                            Lo.qi(XDataSeriesContainer.class, ct);
  // create (empty) data series in the line chart
  XDataSeries ds = Lo.createInstanceMCF(XDataSeries.class,
                               "com.sun.star.chart2.DataSeries");
  if (ds == null) {
   System.out.println("Unable to create XDataSeries: " + ds);
   return;
  }
  Props.setProperty(ds, "Color", 0xFF0000);
  dataSeriesCnt.addDataSeries(ds);
  // treat series as a data sink
  XDataSink dataSink = Lo.gi(XDataSink.class, ds);
  // build a sequence representing the y-axis data
  XDataProvider dp = chartDoc.getDataProvider();
  XLabeledDataSequence dLSeq =
             createLDSeq(dp, "values-y", dataLabel, dataRange);
  // add sequence to the sink
 XLabeledDataSequence[] ldSeqArr = { dLSeq };
 dataSink.setData(ldSeqArr);
} // end of addStockLine()
```

Chart2.addStockLine() is passed a reference to the chart document, and references to the label and data for the line graph:

// part of stockPricesChart() in Chart2Views.java...
:
String sheetName = Calc.getSheetName(sheet);
String porkLabel = sheetName + "." + "J141";
String porkPoints = sheetName + "." + "J142:J146";
Chart2.addStockLine(chartDoc, porkLabel, porkPoints);