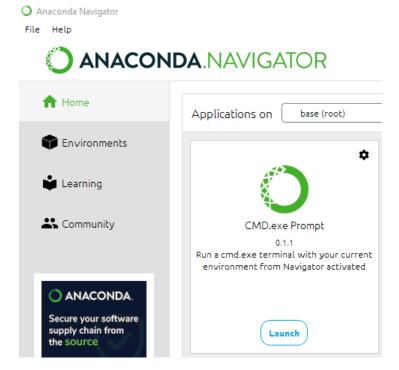
Chapter 10 – Toolbars

Toolbardemo application

Step 1 Open Qt Designer

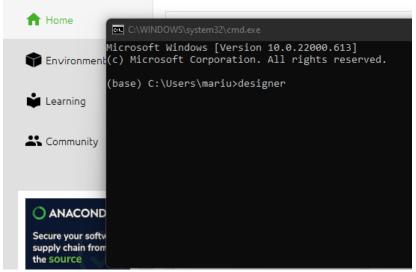
Anaconda Navigator

Launch the CMD.exe Prompt from within Anaconda Navigator



In the command prompt type designer and press enter





Step 2 Selecting a template

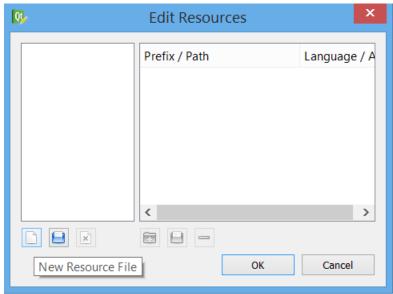
- Click on the "Main Window"
- Click the Create button
- A new form with the caption "untitled" is created with a menu

Step 3 Create a resource file

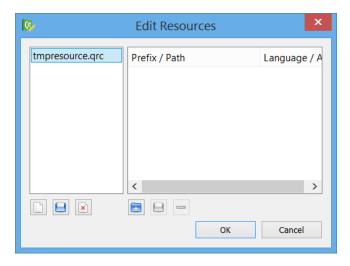
- We will create a resource file that contains the icons for the toolbar.
- Copy the .ico files provided to your computer
- Open the Resource Browser by clicking on the Resource Browser tab at the bottom right of the screen
- Click the edit resource icon



• Create a new resource file by clicking on the New Resource file button

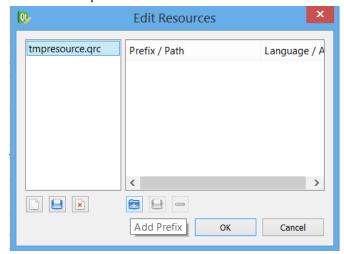


• Enter a filename, tmpresource and click Save

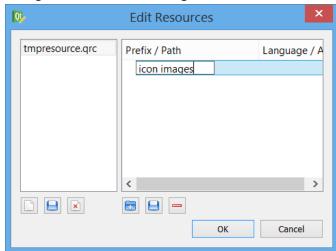


Step 4 Add resources to the resource file

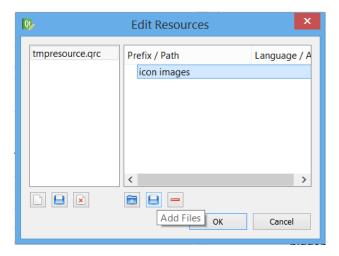
- To add a resource, we first need to create a prefix, a prefix is category name for a resource.
- Click the Add prefix button



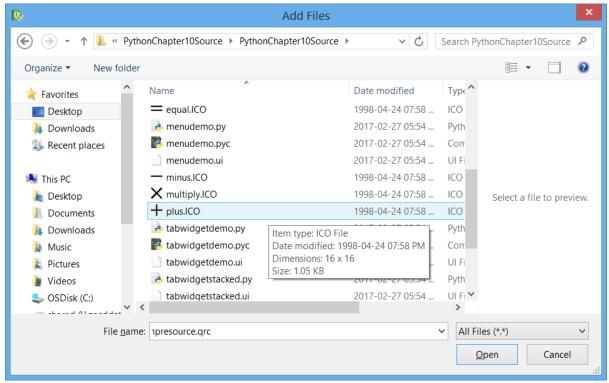
• Change the name to icon images



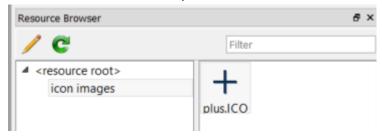
• Click on the Add files icon



 Browse to the location where you save the .ico files and select the file plus.ico and click open



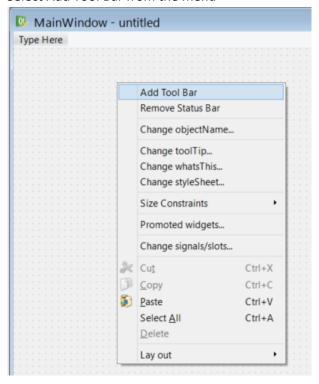
- Click OK
- The icon should be added to your resource file under the icon images prefix



• Repeat the process for the minus, multiply, divide and equal icons

Step 4 Adding a toolbar

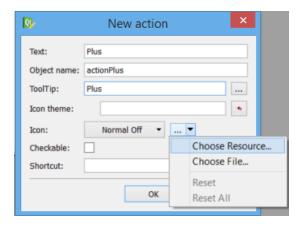
- Right click on the Main Window
- Select Add Tool Bar from the menu



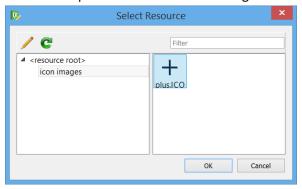
- A blank toolbar will be added below the menu bar
- Toolbar buttons are added with actions, we will therefor create an action in the Action editor for each toolbar button and drag each action from the Action Editor and drop it on the toolbar
- Open the Action Editor by clicking on the tab at the bottom right of the screen.
- We will create a toolbar with icons for arithmetic operators
- Click on the new button on the action editor



- In the Text box specify the name of the action, Plus
- The Objectname will automatically be updated to action with the text as a prefix, actionPlus
- In the Tooltip box enter Plus or a description of the action
- On the icon dropdown list select the option Choose Resource



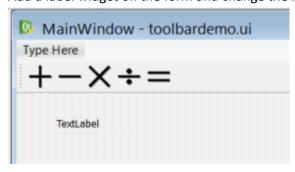
• Click on the plus.ico and then OK to assign the icon to the action



- Drag the actionPlus from the Action Editor onto the toolbar
- A new icon is created on the toolbar which is linked to the actionPlus action
- Repeat the process for Minus, Multiply, Divide and Equal

Step 5 Add a label

Add a label widget on the form and change the name to label



Step 6 Save the form

• Save the form as toolbardemo.ui (note the case!! Python is case sensitive)

Step 7 Convert the .ui file to a .py file

Convert the toolbardemo.ui file to toolbardemo.py using pyuic5. (note the case!!
 Python is case sensitive, so even on file names the case must be the same throughout)

Step 8 Convert the .grc file to a .py file

- The resource file needs to be converted to a Python .py file as well.
- We will use another command prompt utility for converting the .qrc file to a Python script
- Launch the CMD.exe Prompt from within Anaconda Navigator
- Make sure that you change to the folder where you save the tmpresource.qrc file.
- Type pyrcc5 tmpresource.qrc -o tmpresource_rc.py and press Enter (note the case!!
 Python is case sensitive, so even on file names the case must be the same throughout)
- The screen will pause for a while and return a blank line if the conversion was successful

Step 9 Create a source file that imports the .py file

- Create a source file that will import the .py file created in step above and from which we will invoke the user interface in Jupyter Notebook.
- Use the following code (note the indentation and case!!)

```
Jupyter calltoolbar Last Checkpoint: 7 minutes ago (autosaved)
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    In [4]: import sys
            from PyQt5.QtWidgets import QDialog, QApplication, QMainWindow
            from toolbardemo import *
            class MyForm(QMainWindow):
                def __init__(self, parent=None):
                    super().__init__()
                    self.ui = Ui_MainWindow()
                    self.ui.setupUi(self)
            if __name__ == "__main__":
                app = QApplication(sys.argv)
                myapp = MyForm()
                myapp.show()
                sys.exit(app.exec_())
```

- Save the file as calltoolbar
- Run and test the application up to this point

Step 9 Add the code

- Write functions for each of the toolbar icons
- Connect the triggered() signal of each of the menu items to the methods you created
- Add the following code: (Note the indentation and case in the screenprint)

```
self.ui.actionPlus.triggered.connect(self.plusmessage)
self.ui.actionMinus.triggered.connect(self.minusmessage)
self.ui.actionMultiply.triggered.connect(self.multiplymessage)
self.ui.actionDivide.triggered.connect(self.dividemessage)
```

```
self.ui.actionEqual.triggered.connect(self.equalmessage)

def plusmessage(self):
    self.ui.label.setText("You have selected Plus ")

def minusmessage(self):
    self.ui.label.setText("You have selected Minus ")

def multiplymessage(self):
    self.ui.label.setText("You have selected Multiply ")

def dividemessage(self):
    self.ui.label.setText("You have selected Divide ")

def equalmessage(self):
    self.ui.label.setText("You have selected Equal ")
```

To explain this code when the actionbar option for, Plus, Minus, Multiply, Divide or Equal is selected an event is *triggered*, the code then *connect* each of the items to a specific *function* to execute the code

```
import sys
from PyQt5.QtWidgets import QDialog, QApplication, QMainWindow
from toolbardemo import *
class MyForm(QMainWindow):
   def __init__(self, parent=None):
        super().__init__()
        self.ui = Ui_MainWindow()
        self.ui.setupUi(self)
        self.ui.actionPlus.triggered.connect(self.plusmessage)
       self.ui.actionMinus.triggered.connect(self.minusmessage)
       self.ui.actionMultiply.triggered.connect(self.multiplymessage)
        self.ui.actionDivide.triggered.connect(self.dividemessage)
       self.ui.actionEqual.triggered.connect(self.equalmessage)
   def plusmessage(self):
        self.ui.label.setText("You have selected Plus ")
   def minusmessage(self):
       self.ui.label.setText("You have selected Minus ")
   def multiplymessage(self):
        self.ui.label.setText("You have selected Multiply ")
   def dividemessage(self):
       self.ui.label.setText("You have selected Divide ")
    def equalmessage(self):
       self.ui.label.setText("You have selected Equal ")
if __name__ == "__main__":
   app = QApplication(sys.argv)
   myapp = MyForm()
   myapp.show()
   sys.exit(app.exec_())
```

- Save the file as calltoolbar
- Run and test your application. Click each toolbar icon and see that it changes the label text

