





# Qt Designer's Editing Modes

Qt Designer provides four editing modes: **Widget Editing Mode**, **Signals and Slots Editing Mode**, **Buddy Editing Mode** and **Tab Order Editing Mode**. When working with Qt Designer, you will always be in one of these four modes. To switch between modes, simply select it from the **Edit** menu or the toolbar. The table below describes these modes in further detail.

	Editing Modes
	In <b>Edit</b> mode, we can change the appearance of the form, add layouts, and edit the properties of each widget. To switch to this mode, press <b>F3</b> . This is Qt Designer's default mode.
	In <b>Signals and Slots</b> mode, we can connect widgets together using Qt's signals and slots mechanism. To switch to this mode, press <b>F4</b> .
	In <b>Buddy Editing Mode</b> , buddy widgets can be assigned to label widgets to help them handle keyboard focus correctly.
	In <b>Tab Order Editing Mode</b> , we can set the order in which widgets receive the keyboard focus.



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