



# Sliders in Python

How to add slider controls to your plots in Python with Plotly.

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## Simple Slider Control

Sliders can be used in Plotly to change the data displayed or style of a plot.

```

import plotly.graph_objects as go
import numpy as np

# Create figure
fig = go.Figure()

# Add traces, one for each slider step
for step in np.arange(0, 5, 0.1):
    fig.add_trace(
        go.Scatter(
            visible=False,
            line=dict(color="#00CED1", width=6),
            name="v = " + str(step),
            x=np.arange(0, 10, 0.01),
            y=np.sin(step * np.arange(0, 10, 0.01)))

# Make 10th trace visible
fig.data[10].visible = True

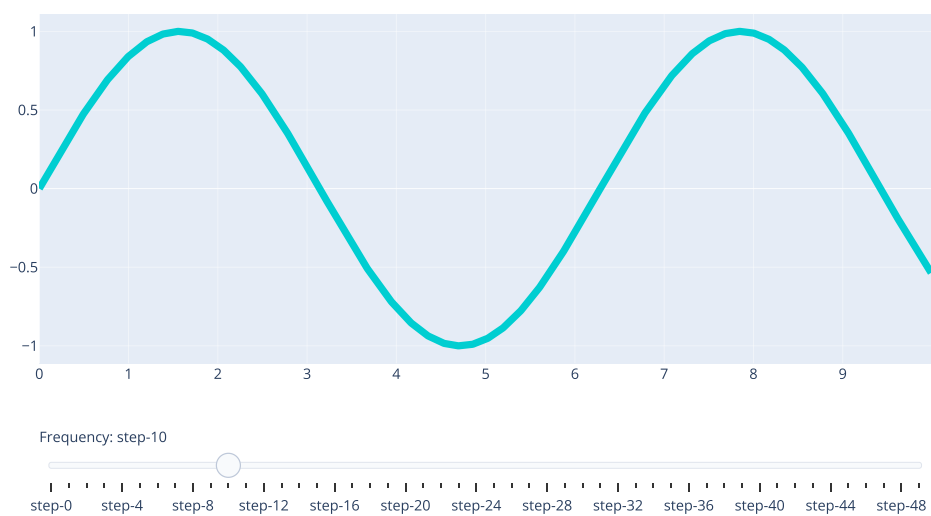
# Create and add slider
steps = []
for i in range(len(fig.data)):
    step = dict(
        method="update",
        args=[{"visible": [False] * len(fig.data)},
              {"title": "Slider switched to step: " + str(i)}], # Layout attribute
    )
    step["args"][0]["visible"][i] = True # Toggle i'th trace to "visible"
    steps.append(step)

sliders = [dict(
    active=10,
    currentvalue={"prefix": "Frequency: "},
    pad={"t": 50},
    steps=steps
)]

fig.update_layout(
    sliders=sliders
)

fig.show()

```



## Methods

The method determines which [plotly.js function](https://plot.ly/javascript/plotlyjs-function-reference/) (<https://plot.ly/javascript/plotlyjs-function-reference/>) will be used to update the chart. Plotly can use several [updatemenu](https://plot.ly/python/reference/layout/updatemenus/#layout-updatemenus-items-updatemenus-buttons-items-button-method) (<https://plot.ly/python/reference/layout/updatemenus/#layout-updatemenus-items-updatemenus-buttons-items-button-method>) methods to add the slider:

- "update": modify **data and layout** attributes (as above)
- "restyle": modify **data** attributes
- "relayout": modify **layout** attributes
- "animate": start or pause an animation

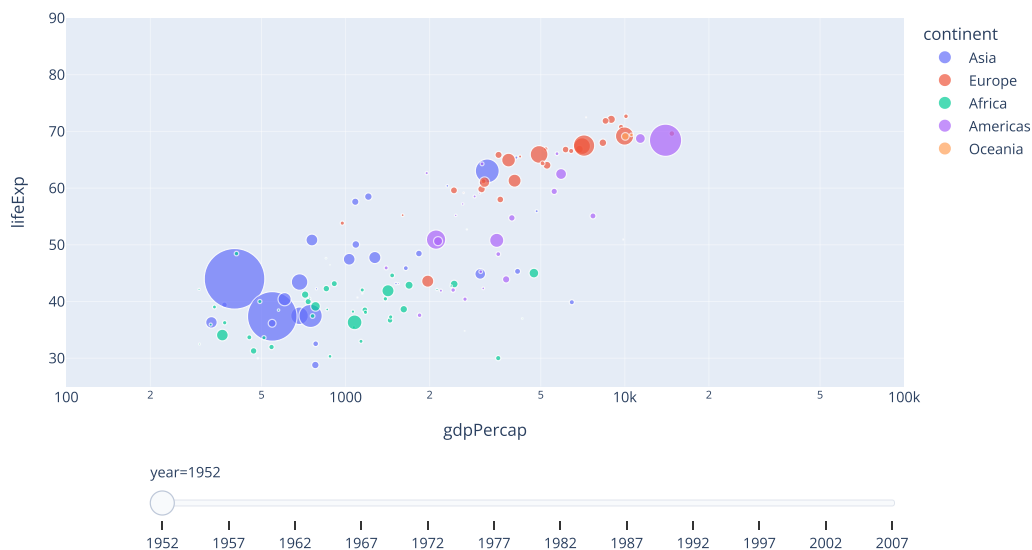
## Sliders in Plotly Express

Plotly Express provide sliders, but with implicit animation using the "animate" method described above. The animation play button can be omitted by removing `updatemenus` in the layout:

```
import plotly.express as px

df = px.data.gapminder()
fig = px.scatter(df, x="gdpPercap", y="lifeExp", animation_frame="year", animation_group="country",
                size="pop", color="continent", hover_name="country",
                log_x=True, size_max=55, range_x=[100,100000], range_y=[25,90])

fig["layout"].pop("updatemenus") # optional, drop animation buttons
fig.show()
```



## Reference

Check out <https://plotly.com/python/reference/layout/updatemenus/> (<https://plotly.com/python/reference/layout/updatemenus/>) for more information!

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Everywhere in this page that you see `fig.show()`, you can display the same figure in a Dash application by passing it to the `figure` argument of the [Graph component](https://dash.plot.ly/dash-core-components/graph) (https://dash.plot.ly/dash-core-components/graph) from the built-in `dash_core_components` package like this:

```
import plotly.graph_objects as go # or plotly.express as px
fig = go.Figure() # or any Plotly Express function e.g. px.bar(...)
# fig.add_trace( ... )
# fig.update_layout( ... )

from dash import Dash, dcc, html

app = Dash()
app.layout = html.Div([
    dcc.Graph(figure=fig)
])

app.run(debug=True, use_reloader=False) # Turn off reloader if inside Jupyter
```



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Albania	3600523	Europe	76.423	5937.829525999999
Algeria	33333216	Africa	72.381	6223.367465
Angola	12420476	Africa	42.731	4707.231267
Argentina	40301927	Americas	75.32	12779.37964
Australia	20434176	Oceania	81.235	34435.367439999995
Austria	8199783	Europe	79.829	36126.4927
Bahrain	706573	Asia	75.635	29796.04834
Bangladesh	150448339	Asia	64.062	1701.253792
Belgium	10391226	Europe	79.441	33062.04908
Benin	8878314	Africa	56.728	1441.284873
Bolivia	9139532	Americas	65.554	3821.137884



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