



Qt in Education

Custom Widgets and Painting





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What is a Widget?



- Look
Feel



Public Functions

- API

```
QComboBox ( QWidget *parent = 0 )
~QComboBox ()

void addItem ( const QString &text, const QVariant &userData = QVariant() )
void addItem ( const QIcon &icon, const QString &text, const QVariant &userData = QVariant() )
void addItems ( const QStringList &texts )

QCompleter * completer () const
int count () const
int currentIndex () const
QString currentText () const
bool duplicatesEnabled () const
int findData ( const QVariant &data, int role = Qt::UserRole, Qt::MatchFlags flags = Qt::MatchExactly | Qt::MatchCaseSensitive ) const
int findText ( const QString &text, Qt::MatchFlags flags = Qt::MatchExactly | Qt::MatchCaseSensitive ) const
bool hasFrame () const
virtual void hidePopup ()
QSize iconSize () const
void insertItem ( int index, const QString &text, const QVariant &userData = QVariant() )
void insertItem ( int index, const QIcon &icon, const QString &text, const QVariant &userData = QVariant() )
void insertItems ( int index, const QStringList &list )
InsertPolicy insertPolicy () const
void insertSeparator ( int index )
bool isEditable () const
```



Custom Widgets



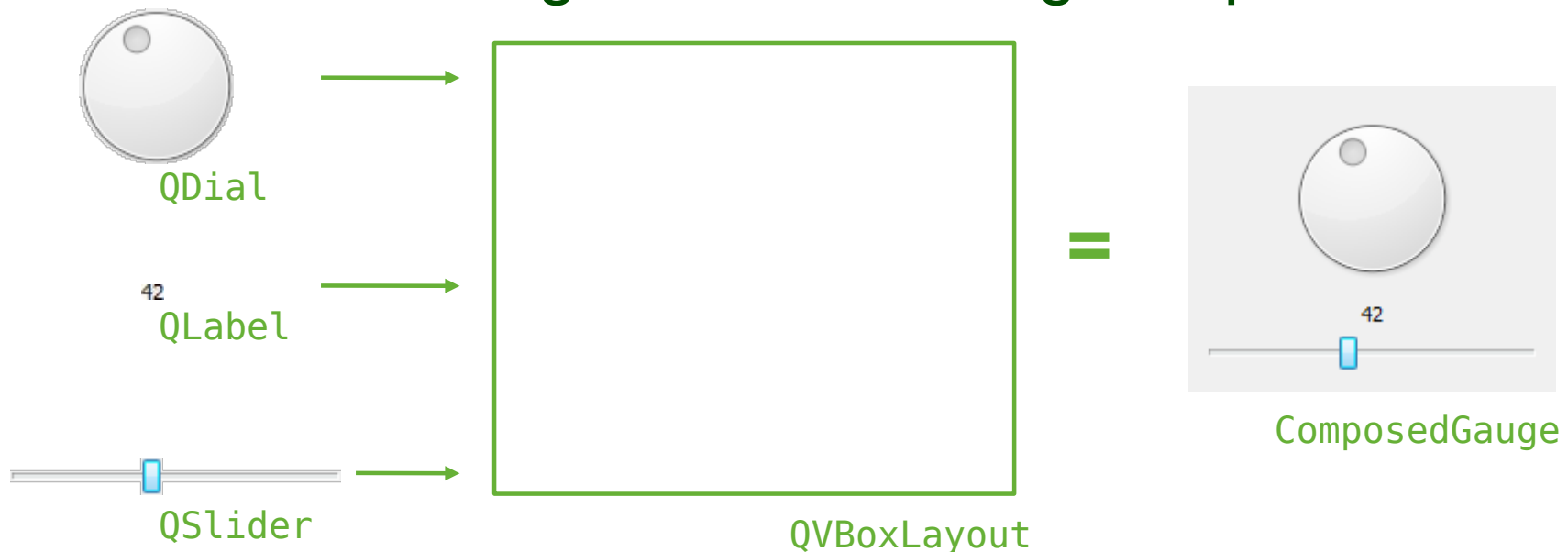
- Custom widgets can make or break a user experience
 - Custom widgets can enhance the look and feel
 - Custom widgets can help brand a user interface
- Custom widgets are almost always a part of a non-trivial application
- Beware – users know how the standard widgets work



Composing Widgets



- Composing widgets is an easy way to build reusable widgets from existing components





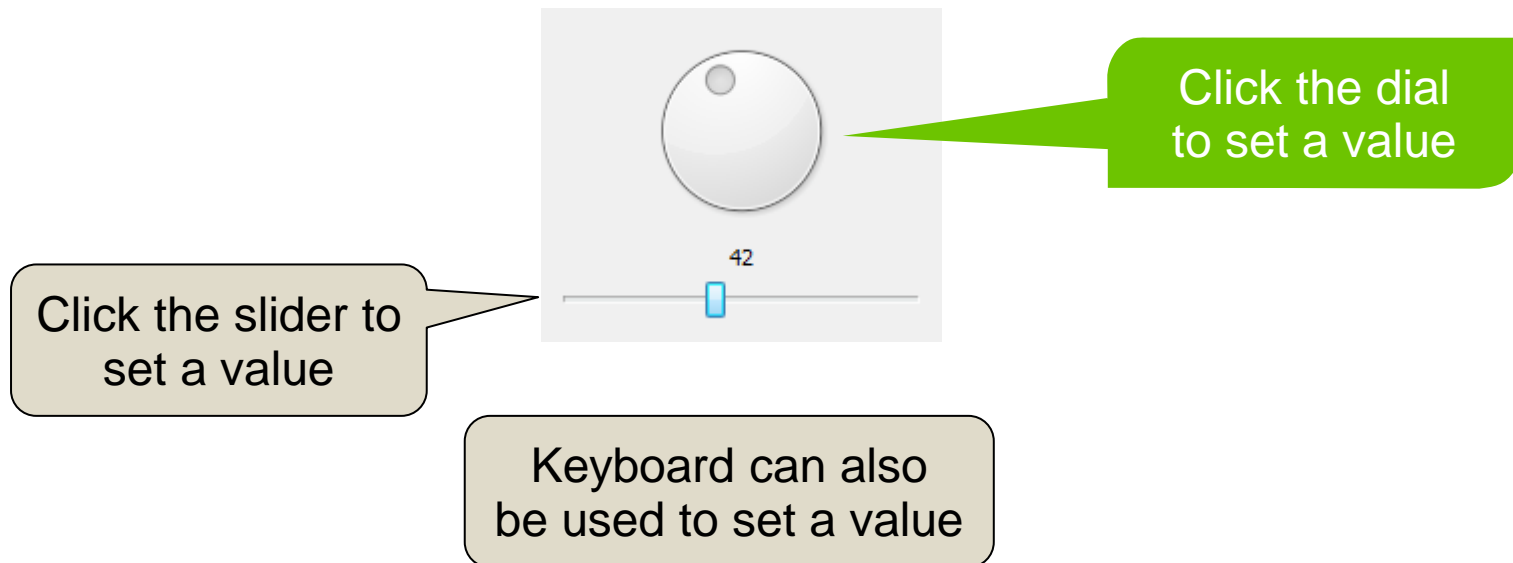
Composing Widgets

```
ComposedGauge::ComposedGauge(QWidget *parent) :  
    QWidget(parent)  
{  
    QVBoxLayout *layout = new QVBoxLayout(this);  
  
    QDial *dial = new QDial();  
    QLabel *label = new QLabel();  
    m_slider = new QSlider();  
  
    layout->addWidget(dial);  
    layout->addWidget(label);  
    layout->addWidget(m_slider);  
  
    m_slider->setOrientation(Qt::Horizontal);  
    label->setAlignment(Qt::AlignCenter);  
  
    ...  
}
```



Look and Feel

- When composing widgets, the look and feel is inherited from the widgets used





Addressing the Feel

```
ComposedGauge::ComposedGauge(QWidget *parent) :  
    QWidget(parent)  
{  
    ...  
  
    connect(dial, SIGNAL(valueChanged(int)),  
            m_slider, SLOT(setValue(int)));  
    connect(m_slider, SIGNAL(valueChanged(int)),  
            dial, SLOT(setValue(int)));  
    connect(m_slider, SIGNAL(valueChanged(int)),  
            label, SLOT(setNum(int)));  
  
    dial->setFocusPolicy(Qt::NoFocus);  
  
    dial->setValue(m_slider->value());  
    label->setNum(m_slider->value());  
  
    ...  
}
```




API

- Wrapping the composed widgets in a task specific API makes the widget easy to (re)use

```
class ComposedGauge : public QWidget
{
    Q_OBJECT
    Q_PROPERTY(int value READ value WRITE setValue)
public:
    explicit ComposedGauge(QWidget *parent = 0);

    int value() const;

public slots:
    void setValue(int);

signals:
    void valueChanged(int);

private:
    QSlider *m_slider;
};
```



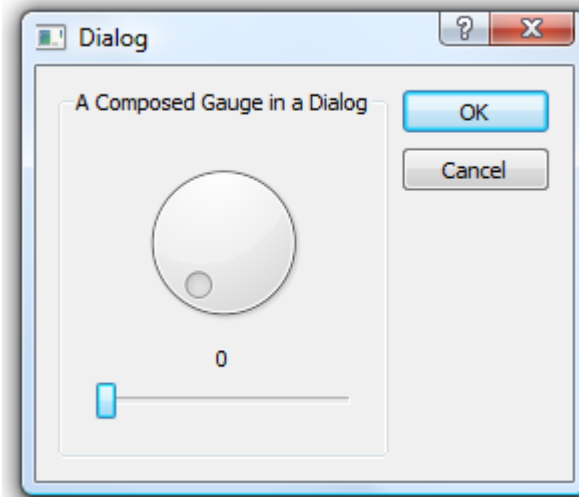
Implementing the API

- The `QSlider` holds the actual value

```
ComposedGauge::ComposedGauge(QWidget *parent) :  
    QWidget(parent)  
{  
    ...  
  
    connect(m_slider, SIGNAL(valueChanged(int)),  
           this, SIGNAL(valueChanged(int)));  
}  
  
int ComposedGauge::value() const  
{  
    return m_slider->value();  
}  
  
void ComposedGauge::setValue(int v)  
{  
    m_slider->setValue(v);  
}
```



Using the Widget



...

```
ComposedGauge *gauge = new ComposedGauge();
```

```
layout->addWidget(gauge);
```

```
connect(gauge, SIGNAL(valueChanged(int)), ... );
```

...



Custom Widgets



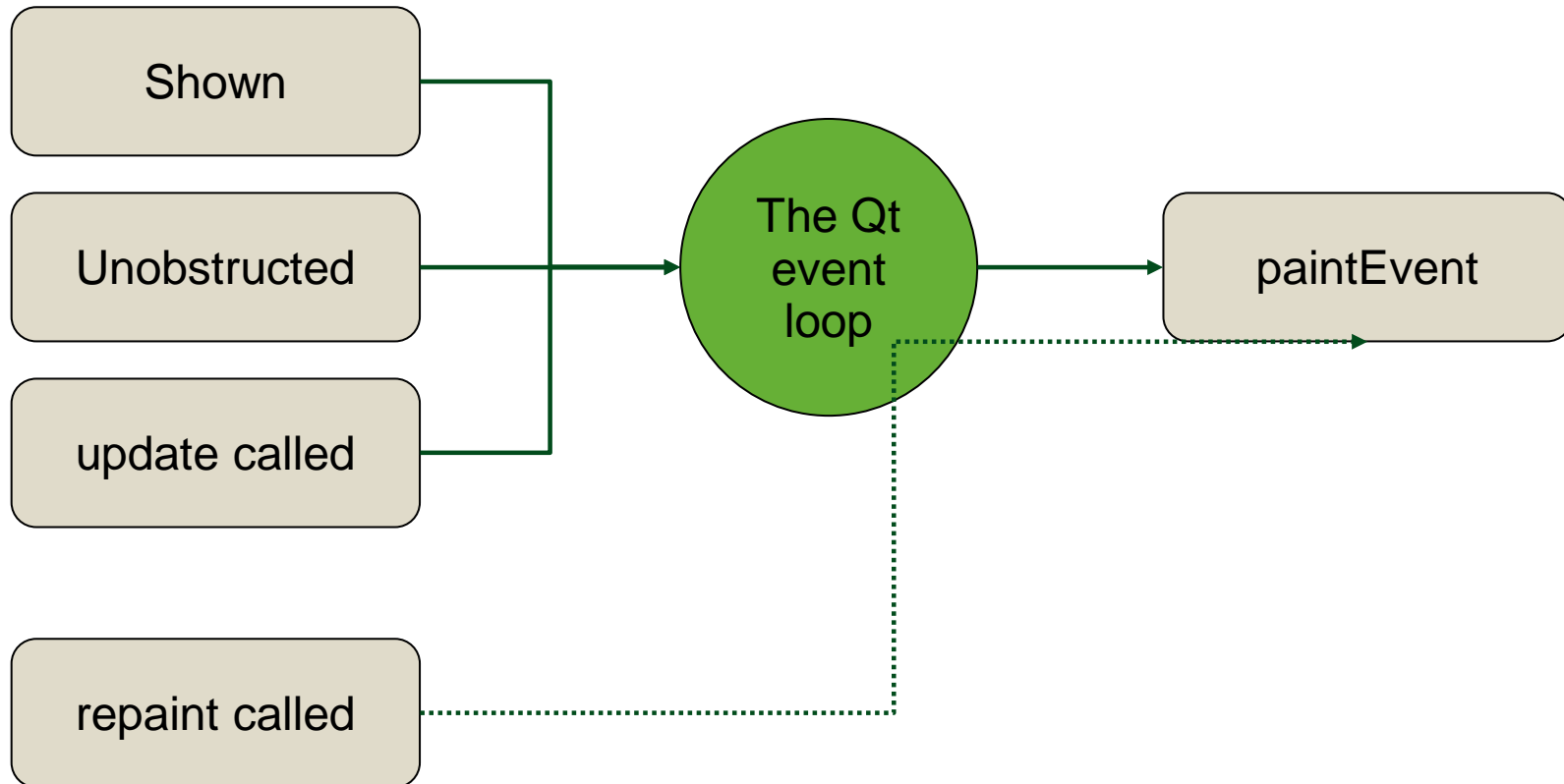
- To create truly custom widgets you must
 - Handle painting yourself
 - Handle events
 - Keyboard
 - Mouse
 - Resize
 - etc
 - Handle size hints and size policies



Custom Painting



- Painting is handled through the `paintEvent`





Custom Painting

- To handle paint events, simply override the `paintEvent` function and instantiate a `QPainter`

```
class MyWidget : public QWidget
{
    ...

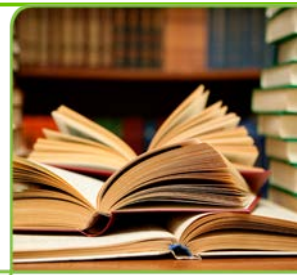
protected:
    void paintEvent(QPaintEvent*);
```

```
void MyWidget::paintEvent(QPaintEvent *ev)
{
    QPainter p(this);

    ...
```



QPainter



- QPainter objects paint on QPaintDevice objects
 - QWidget
 - QImage – hardware independent, for modifying
 - QPixmap – off-screen, for showing on screen
 - QPrinter
 - QPicture – records and replays painter commands
 - QSvgGenerator – records painter commands and stores them as SVG files

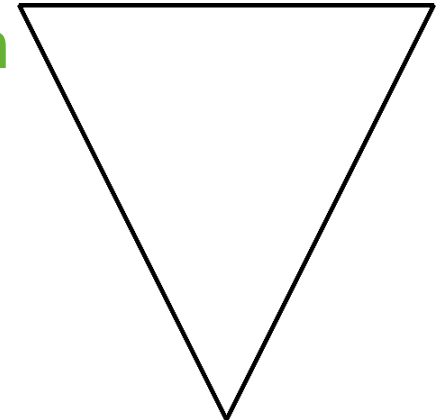


QPainter

- A **QPainter** can be used to draw any shape

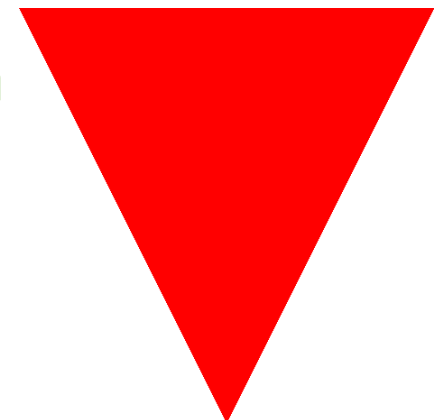
- Outlines are stroked using a **QPen**

```
QPainter p( ... );  
QPen pen(Qt::black, 5);  
p.setPen(pen);  
p.drawPolygon(polygon);
```



- Interiors are filled using a **QBrush**

```
QPainter p( ... );  
p.setPen(Qt::NoPen);  
p.setBrush(Qt::red);  
p.drawPolygon(polygon);
```





QColor

- QColor is used to represent colors

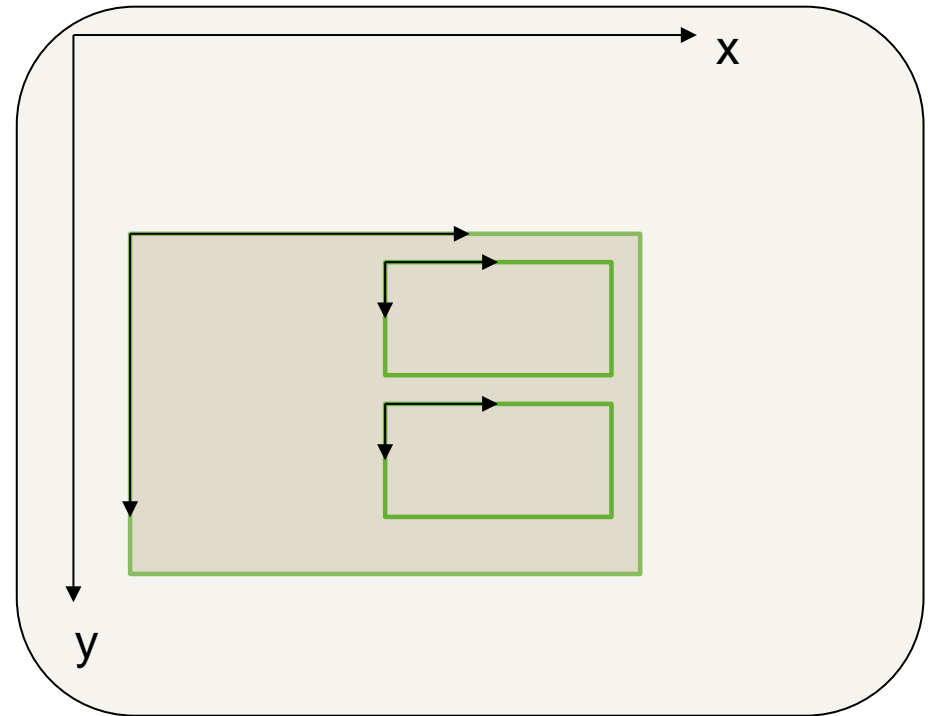
```
QColor c = QColor(red, green, blue, alpha=255);
```

- The arguments **red**, **green**, **blue** and **alpha** are specified in the range 0 to 255
- The **alpha** setting controls the transparency
 - 255, the color is opaque
 - 0, the color is transparent



Coordinates

- The X-axis grows right
- The Y-axis grows downwards
- Coordinates can be
 - global
 - local (to a widget)





Coordinates

- Qt uses classes for points, sizes and rectangles
 - `QPoint` – a point (`x`, `y`)
 - `QSize` – a size (`width`, `height`)
 - `QRect` – a point and size (`x`, `y`, `width`, `height`)

Functions `topLeft`, `topRight`, `bottomLeft`,
`bottomRight` and `size`

- `QPointF`/`QSizeF`/`QRectF` for floating point coord's

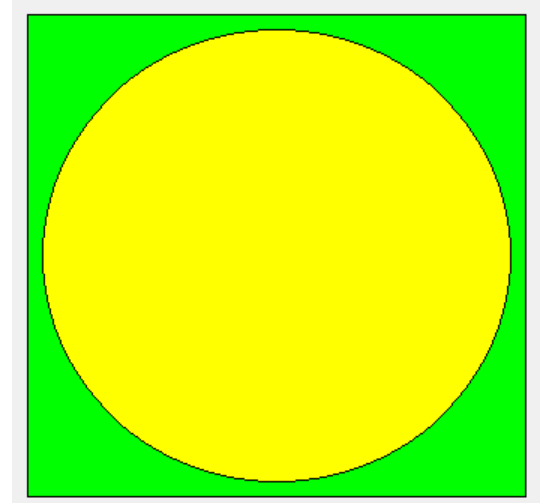


Basic Painting

- This is a trivial `paintEvent` implementation
 - Notice that the default pen is black

```
void RectWithCircle::paintEvent(QPaintEvent *ev)
{
    QPainter p(this);

    p.setBrush(Qt::green);
    p.drawRect(10, 10, width()-20, height()-20);
    p.setBrush(Qt::yellow);
    p.drawEllipse(20, 20, width()-40, height()-40);
}
```





Convenient overloading



- Most draw-functions have multiple ways to provide coordinates and settings

```
drawRect(QRectF r);  
drawRect(QRect r);  
drawRect(int x, int y, int w, int h);
```

```
drawPoint(QPointF p);  
drawPoint(QPoint p);  
drawPoint(int x, int y);
```



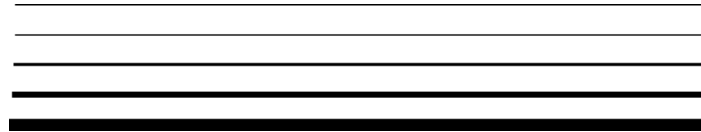
Basic Shapes



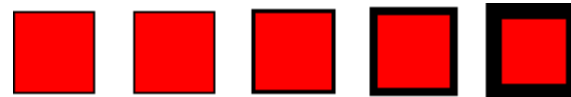
- QPainter::drawPoint

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- QPainter::drawLine



- QPainter::drawRect






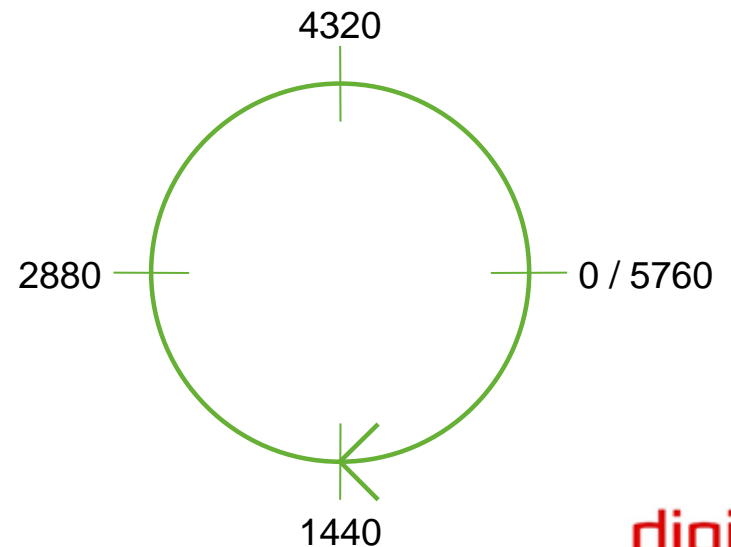
- QPainter::drawRoundedRect





Basic Shapes

- `QPainter::drawEllipse` 
- `QPainter::drawArc` 
- `QPainter::drawPie` 
- The arc and pie angles are specified as 16ths of degrees, zero degrees at three o'clock growing clock-wise





Painting Text

- QPainter::drawText

```
QPainter p(this);

QFont font("Helvetica");
p.setFont(font);
p.drawText(20, 20, 120, 20, 0, "Hello World!");

font.setPixelSize(10);
p.setFont(font);
p.drawText(20, 40, 120, 20, 0, "Hello World!");

font.setPixelSize(20);
p.setFont(font);
p.drawText(20, 60, 120, 20, 0, "Hello World!");

QRect r;
p.setPen(Qt::red);
p.drawText(20, 80, 120, 20, 0, "Hello World!", &r);
```

Hello World!

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Hello World!

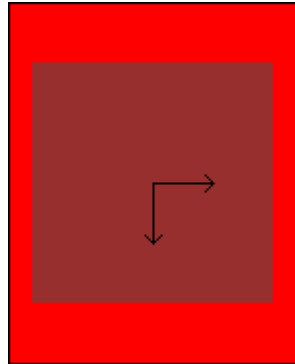
The rectangle **r**
represents the
extent of the text



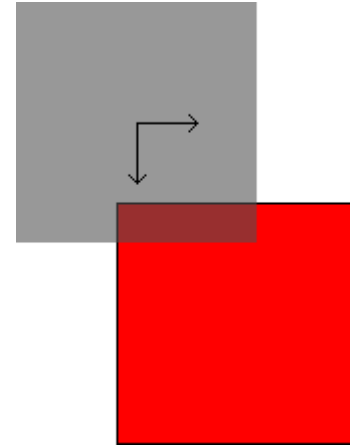
Transformations



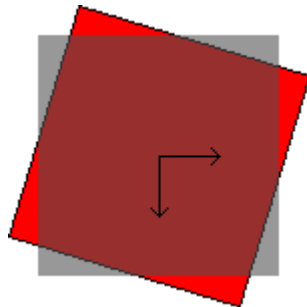
- `QPainter::scale`



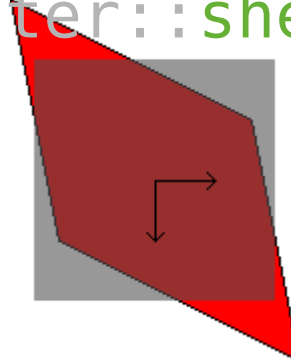
- `QPainter::translate`



- `QPainter::rotate`



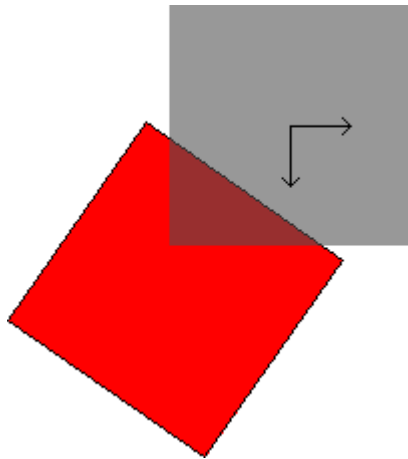
- `QPainter::shear`



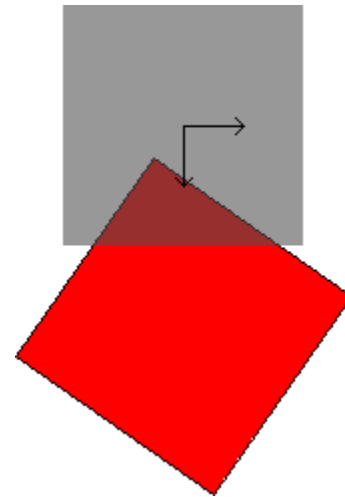


Transformations

- Order of transformations is important
- Origin is important when scaling, rotating and shearing



```
p.translate(0, 100);  
p.rotate(35);  
  
p.drawRect(-60, -60, 120, 120);
```



```
p.rotate(35);  
p.translate(0, 100);  
  
p.drawRect(-60, -60, 120, 120);
```



Transformations

- Using **save** and **restore**, transformation states can be kept on a stack
- Example, rotating around an arbitrary point

```
QPoint rotCenter(50, 50);  
qreal angle = 42;
```

```
p.save();  
p.translate(rotCenter);  
p.rotate(angle);  
p.translate(-rotCenter);
```

```
p.setBrush(Qt::red);  
p.setPen(Qt::black);  
p.drawRect(25, 25, 50, 50);
```

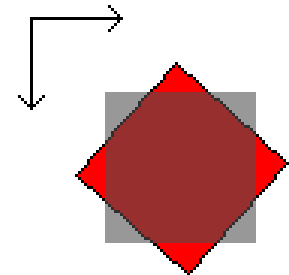
```
p.restore();
```

```
p.setPen(Qt::NoPen);  
p.setBrush(QColor(80, 80, 80, 150));  
p.drawRect(25, 25, 50, 50);
```

Apply transformations

Red rectangle

Gray rectangle

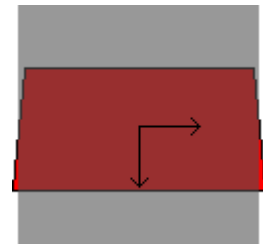
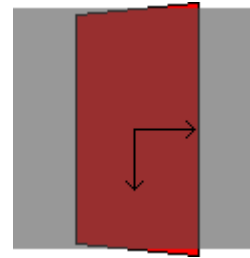




2.5D Transformations

- When rotating, it is possible to rotate about any axis, creating a 3D effect

```
QTransform t;  
t.rotate(60, Qt::YAxis);  
painter.setTransform(t, true);
```

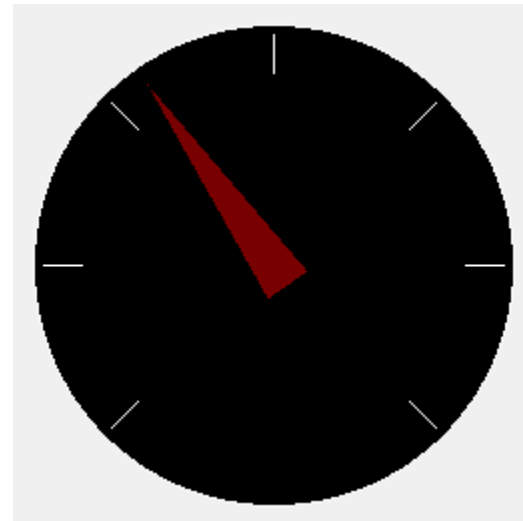




A Gauge



- An example of a custom widget: `CircularGauge`
- Works as the `CombinedGauge`, but is a truly custom widget
 - Same API as `CombinedGauge`, the `value` property
 - Custom painting
 - Can interact with
 - keyboard
 - mouse





A Gauge

- Painting the gauge background

```
void CircularGauge::paintEvent(QPaintEvent *ev)
{
    QPainter p(this);

    {
        int extent;
        if (width() > height())
            extent = height() - 20;
        else
            extent = width() - 20;

        p.translate((width() - extent) / 2, (height() - extent) / 2);

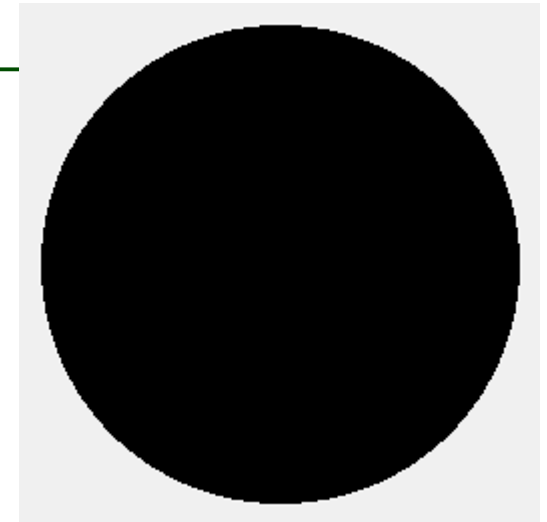
        p.setPen(Qt::white);
        p.setBrush(Qt::black);

        p.drawEllipse(0, 0, extent, extent);
    }

    ...
}
```

Centering the
gauge in the
available area

Drawing the
background circle





A Gauge

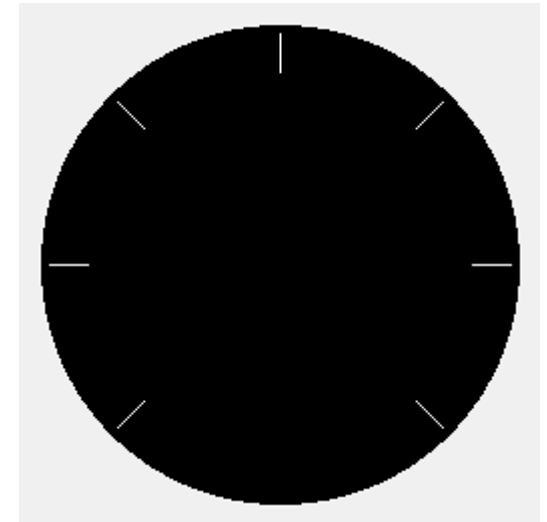
- Painting the scale around the edge of the gauge

```
void CircularGauge::paintEvent(QPaintEvent *ev)
{
    ...

    p.translate(extent/2, extent/2);
    for(int angle=0; angle<=270; angle+=45)
    {
        p.save();
        p.rotate(angle+135);
        p.drawLine(extent*0.4, 0, extent*0.48, 0);
        p.restore();
    }
    ...
}
```

Notice the save and restore pair inside the loop.

Simply calling `rotate(45)` accumulates a potential rounding error.



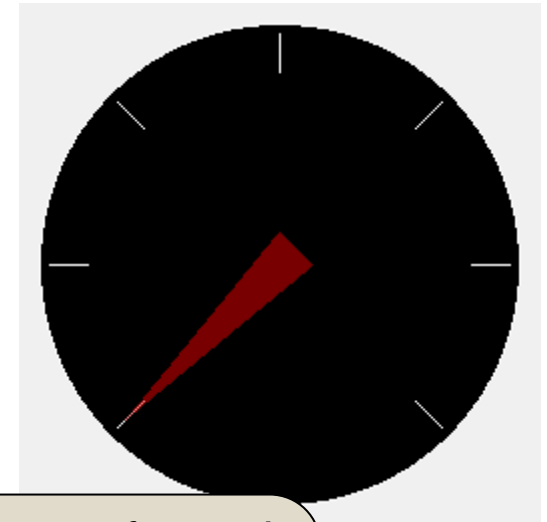


A Gauge

- Painting the needle

```
void CircularGauge::paintEvent(QPaintEvent *ev)
{
    ...

    p.rotate(m_value+135);
    QPolygon polygon;
    polygon << QPoint(-extent*0.05, extent*0.05)
            << QPoint(-extent*0.05, -extent*0.05)
            << QPoint(extent*0.46, 0);
    p.setPen(Qt::NoPen);
    p.setBrush(QColor(255,0,0,120));
    p.drawPolygon(polygon);
}
```

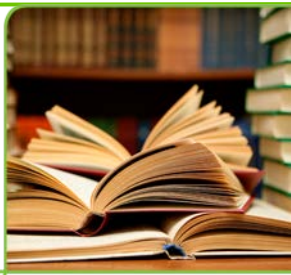


The arrow is, untransformed, pointing left and positioned around the origin





Acting on Events



- There are more events than the paint event
 - Keyboard events
 - Mouse events
- window events, touch events, gesture events, timer events, change events, accessibility events, clipboard events, layout events, drag events, etc.



Reacting to Keys



- Re-implement the protected `keyPressEvent`
- Act on the key being pressed
- Pass non-used keys to the base class

```
void CircularGauge::keyPressEvent(QKeyEvent *ev)
{
    switch(ev->key())
    {
        case Qt::Key_Up:
        case Qt::Key_Right:
            setValue(value()+1);
            break;
        case Qt::Key_Down:
        case Qt::Key_Left:
            setValue(value()-1);
            break;
        case Qt::Key_PageUp:
            setValue(value()+10);
            break;
        case Qt::Key_PageDown:
            setValue(value()-10);
            break;
        default:
            QWidget::keyPressEvent(ev);
    }
}
```



Reacting to the Mouse



- Mouse events are handled through overriding the following protected methods
 - `mousePressEvent` and `mouseReleaseEvent`
 - `mouseMoveEvent` – only called while a button is pressed unless `mouseTracking` is enabled
- `setValueFromPos` is a private method for converting a point into an angle

```
void CircularGauge::mousePressEvent(QMouseEvent *ev)
{
    setValueFromPos(ev->pos());
}

void CircularGauge::mouseReleaseEvent(QMouseEvent *ev)
{
    setValueFromPos(ev->pos());
}

void CircularGauge::mouseMoveEvent(QMouseEvent *ev)
{
    setValueFromPos(ev->pos());
}
```



Drawing less is quicker



- The `paintEvent` method takes a `QPaintEvent` as argument
- The `QPaintEvent` has two methods
 - `QRect rect` – returns the rectangle needing repainting
 - `QRegion region` – returns the region needing repainting
- A region is more complex than a rectangle
- When re-painting, try to avoid drawing complex shapes outside the rectangle / region



QTimer



- **QTimer** is used to let the clock generate events

```
MyClass(QObject *parent) : QObject(parent)
{
    QTimer *timer = new QTimer(this);
    timer->setInterval(5000);
    connect(timer, SIGNAL(timeout()), this, SLOT(doSomething()));
    timer->start();
}
```

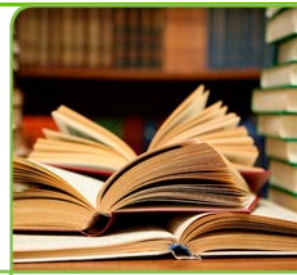
Every 5000ms
i.e. every 5s

- Or to delay an action
 - passes through the event loop, can be used to queue slot calls

```
QTimer::singleShot(1500, dest, SLOT(doSomething()));
```



The Event Mechanism



- All events are posted on the Qt event queue
- In the event queue, they can be processed
 - Only the last `mouseMoveEvent` will be delivered
 - Multiple `paintEvent` requests can be merged
- When a `QObject` receives an event, the `event` method is activated
 - The `event` method can either `accept` or `ignore` the event
 - Ignored events are propagated through the object hierarchy



Filtering Events



- It is possible to install event filters on a `QObject`
- The filter itself is a `QObject` that implements the `eventFilter` method
- An event filter receives the watched object's events and can let them through or stop them
 - Can be used to add functionality to an object without sub-classing
 - Can be used to prevent a given event from reaching its target



Filtering Events

- Implementing a filter for the gauges
 - Adds a function: Pressing 0 (zero) zeroes the value

```
class KeyboardFilter : public QObject ...
```

```
bool KeyboardFilter::eventFilter(QObject *o, QEvent *ev)
{
    if (ev->type() == QEvent::KeyPress)
        if (QKeyEvent *ke = static_cast<QKeyEvent*>(ev))
            if (ke->key() == Qt::Key_0)
                if (o->metaObject()->indexOfProperty("value") != -1 )
                {
                    o->setProperty("value", 0);
                    return true;
                }

    return false;
}
```

true uses the event,
i.e. it is not passed on
to the watched object



Installing the filter

- Activating the filter is as easy as calling `installEventFilter`

```
ComposedGauge compg;  
CircularGauge circg;  
  
KeyboardFilter filter;  
  
compg.installEventFilter(&filter);  
circg.installEventFilter(&filter);
```

- As the filter works on the property, not a particular class, it can be used with `QSlider`, `QDial`, `QSpinBox`, etc.
- The brave can install an event filter on the `QApplication`





Style Aware Widgets



- Qt paints widgets using different styles on different platforms
 - Control the style used from the command line

```
./myapplication -style name-of-style
```

- For widgets to properly integrate across platforms they must be made style aware
 - Build from standard elements
 - Use platform specific elements when painting
 - Asking the platform style for sizes



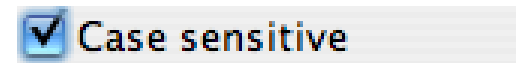
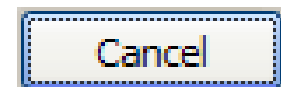
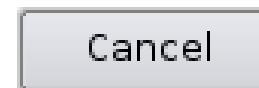
Avoiding Style Awareness

- Style awareness means that you have to make your widget fit in across all platforms
- Consider using existing widgets
 - Directly or in composed widgets
- Use QFrame as base
 - If the content is independent of style



The Structure of Styles

- Complex controls
 - Sub-controls
- Primitive elements
- Control elements
- Metrics
- Standard pixmaps





Style Options

- When painting elements using QStyle, a QStyleOption instance is used to convey information such as
 - Font
 - Palette
 - Rectangle on screen
 - State (active, has focus, is selected, etc)
 - Element specific settings (e.g. icon and text)



Painting using styles

```
void Widget::paintEvent(QPaintEvent *event)
{
    QPainter painter(this);

    QStyleOptionFocusRect option;
    option.initFrom(this);
    option.backgroundColor = palette().color(QPalette::Background);

    style()->drawPrimitive(QStyle::PE_FrameFocusRect,
        &option, &painter, this);
}
```



QStylePainter

- The QStylePainter class encapsulates the QPainter and QStyle

```
void MyWidget::paintEvent(QPaintEvent *event)
{
    QStylePainter painter(this);

    QStyleOptionFocusRect option;
    option.initFrom(this);
    option.backgroundColor = palette().color(QPalette::Background);

    painter.drawPrimitive(QStyle::PE_FrameFocusRect, option);
}
```




Widgets in Designer



- Having created custom widgets, you can include them in Designer
 - Write a plugin based on implementing `QDesignerCustomWidgetInterface`
 - Read more at <http://doc.trolltech.com/designer-creating-custom-widgets.html> and <http://doc.trolltech.com/4.6/designer-customwidgetplugin.html>



Classes around Painter



- When using QPainter, you encounter a number of surrounding classes
 - QColor – represents a color, including transparency
 - QPen – represents a pen used for stroking outlines
 - QBrush – represents a brush for filling interiors





QColor

- The constructor of QColor takes three colors and an alpha channel
 - The alpha channel controls how transparent or opaque the color is

```
QColor( int r, int g, int b, int a )
```

- Qt provides a range of predefined colors

white	black	cyan	darkCyan
red	darkRed	magenta	darkMagenta
green	darkGreen	yellow	darkYellow
blue	darkBlue	gray	darkGray
lightGray			



Color Spaces

- The RGB colorspace is commonly used for computers, but there are more colorspace
 - CMYK – commonly used in printing
 - HSV / HSL – used in color pickers, etc
- QColor can be set from any of these colorspace using static functions
 - `QColor::fromCmyk`
 - `QColor::fromHsl`
 - `QColor::fromHsv`



Color Spaces cont'd

- The values of the individual components of RGB, CMYK, HSL and HSV colors can be read using
 - `getRgb`, `getCmyk`, `getHsl`, `getHsv`

```
getRgb(int *r, int *g, int *b)
```

- The can also be read individually using
 - red, green, blue, cyan and magenta, yellow, black
 - `hslHue`, `hslSaturation`, `lightness`
 - `hsvHue`, `hsvSaturation`, `value`
 - `alpha`



Tuning Colors

- The QColor class lets you create lighter and darker colors
 - QColor::lighter(int factor)
 - QColor::darker(int factor)



darker



Qt::red



lighter



QRgb



- The QColor class is great for representing colors, but when storing colors, a more compact alternative is needed
- QRgb is a 32-bit color triplet with alpha (RGBA)



QRgb

- Create new QRgb values using qRgb and qRgba

```
QRgb orange = qRgb(255, 127, 0);  
QRgb overlay = qRgb(255, 0, 0, 100);
```

- Read components using qRed, qGreen, qBlue, qAlpha

```
int red = qRed(orange);
```

- Convert to gray scale using qGray
 - Not the average value – weighted by luminance

```
int gray = qGray(orange);
```



Pens



- When stroking outlines of shapes, a QPen is used.
- A pen defines properties such as color, width and line style
- Pens can be cosmetic, i.e. not affected by transformations
 - Set using `setCosmetic(bool)`
 - Can greatly improve performance



Line Styles

- The line style is set by the `setLineDash()` method

- `Qt::SolidLine`

- `Qt::DashLine`

- `Qt::DotLine`

- `Qt::DashDotLine`

- `Qt::DashDotDotLine`

- `Qt::CustomDashLine` – controlled by `dashPattern`





Joining and Ending Lines

- joinStyle

- Qt::BevelJoin (default)



- Qt::MiterJoin



- Qt::RoundJoin



capStyle

Qt::SquareCap (default)



Qt::FlatCap



Qt::RoundCap



Square covers the end point
flat does not cover the end



Brushes



- Brushes are used for filling the interior of shapes
- There are several types of brushes, all available through the QBrush class
- They can be divided into the following groups
 - Solid
 - Patterned
 - Textured
 - Gradients



Solid Brushes

- Solid, single color, brushes are created by giving the QBrush constructor a color as argument

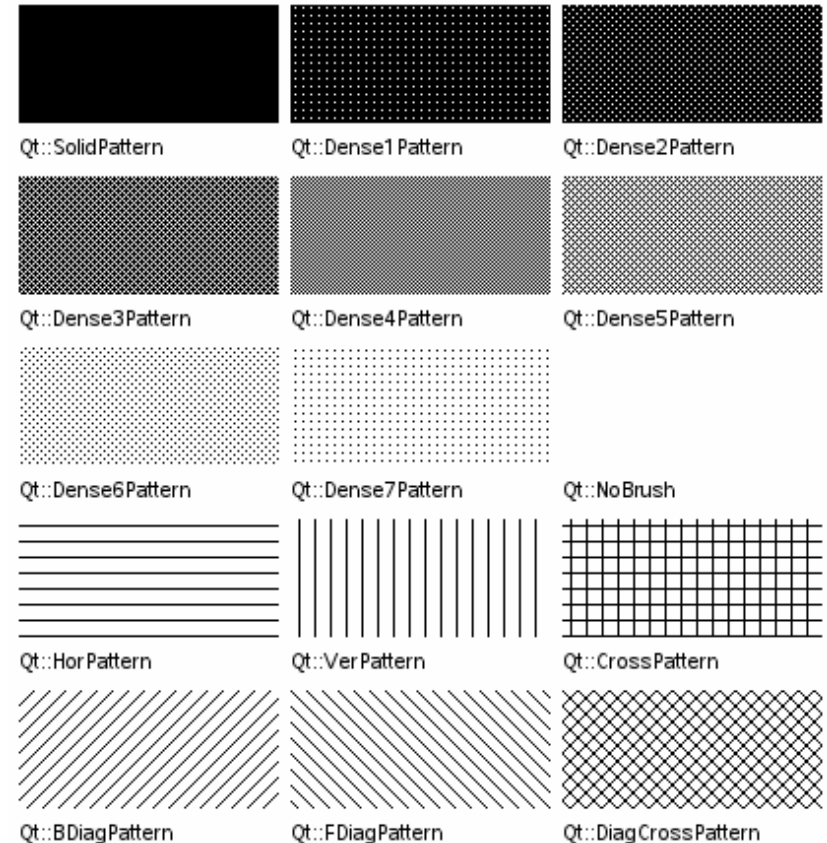
```
QBrush red(Qt::red);
```

```
QBrush odd(QColor(55, 128, 97));
```



Patterned Brushes

- A solid brush is really an instance of a patterned brush, but with a different brushStyle



```
QBrush( const QColor &color, Qt::BrushStyle style )
```

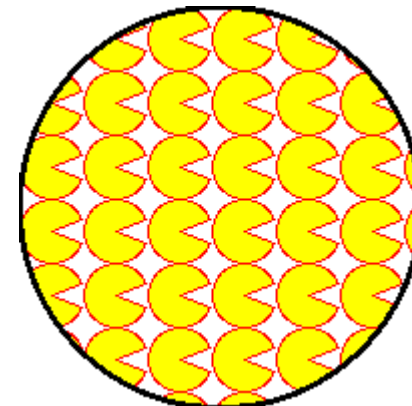


Textured Brushes

- A textured brush uses a QPixmap as texture

```
QBrush( const QPixmap &pixmap )
```

```
QPixmap pacPixmap("pacman.png");  
  
painter.setPen(QPen(Qt::black, 3));  
painter.setBrush(pacPixmap);  
painter.drawEllipse(rect());
```


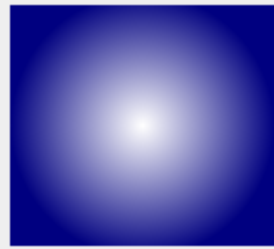



If the texture is monochrome,
the color of the brush is used.

Otherwise the pixmap's colors are used.



Gradients

QLinearGradient	QRadialGradient	QConicalGradient
		

- Create a QBrush by passing a QGradient object to it, e.g.

```
QBrush b = QBrush( QRadialGradient( ... ) );
```



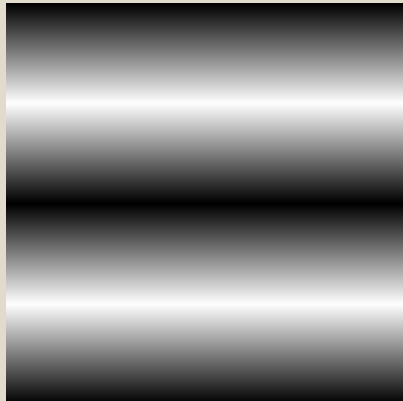


A Generic Gradient

- Divides the distance from a start point to a end point in the 0.0 to 1.0 range

```
QGradient::setColorAt( qreal pos, QColor );
```

- Spread the colors outside the interval

PadSpread (default)	RepeatSpread	ReflectSpread
		



Example: a linear gradient



`setColorAt(0.0,
QColor(0, 0, 0))`

`setColorAt(0.7,
QColor(255, 0, 0))`

`setColorAt(1.0,
QColor(255, 255, 0))`



Using pens and brushes

- To avoid filling or stroking, clear the pen or brush

```
QPainter p;  
p.setPen(Qt::NoPen);  
p.setBrush(Qt::NoBrush);
```

- It can be costly to change pen and brush
 - Plan you painting to gain performance.



Text



- Painting text can be a complex task
 - Font sizes
 - Alignment
 - Tabs
 - Wrapping
 - Flowing around images
 - Left-to-right and right-to-left



QPainter and Text

- Basic painting of text

```
drawText( QPoint, QString )
```

- Painting of text with options

```
drawText( QRect, QString, QTextOptions )
```

- Painting of text with feedback

```
drawText( QRect, flags, QString, QRect* )
```



Fonts



- The QFont class represents a font
 - Font family
 - Size
 - Bold / Italic / Underline / Strikeout / etc



Font Family

- Create new QFont instances by specifying the font name to the c'tor

```
QFont font("Helvetica");  
font.setFamily("Times");
```

- Use QFontDatabase::families to get a list of available fonts.

```
QFontDatabase database;  
QStringList families = database.families();
```




Font Size

- Fonts can either be sized using pixel size or point size

```
QFont font("Helvetica");  
  
font.setPointSize(14); // 12 points high  
                        // depending on the paint device's dpi  
  
font.setPixelSize(10); // 10 pixels high
```

- Notice that the `pixelSize == -1` if the size was set using `setPointSize` and vice versa



Font Effects

- Font effects can be enabled or disabled

Hello Qt!

Hello Qt!

Hello Qt!

~~Hello Qt!~~

Hello Qt!

Hello Qt!

Normal, bold,
italic, strike out,
underline,
overline

- QWidget::font and QPainter::font returns a const QFont reference, i.e. you must modify a copy

```
QFont tempFont = w->font();  
tempFont.setBold( true );  
w->setFont( tempFont );
```



Measuring Text



- It is interesting to know how large a text will be before painting it
 - QFontMetrics is used to measure text and fonts
 - The boundingRect function makes it easy to measure the size of a text block

```
QImage image(200, 200, QImage::Format_ARGB32);
QPainter painter(&image);
QFontMetrics fm(painter.font(), &image);

qDebug("width: %d", fm.width("Hello Qt!"));
qDebug("height: %d", fm.boundingRect(0, 0, 200, 0,
    Qt::AlignLeft | Qt::TextWordWrap, loremIpsum).height());
```



Measuring Text

- These measurements are useful when aligning text with other graphics





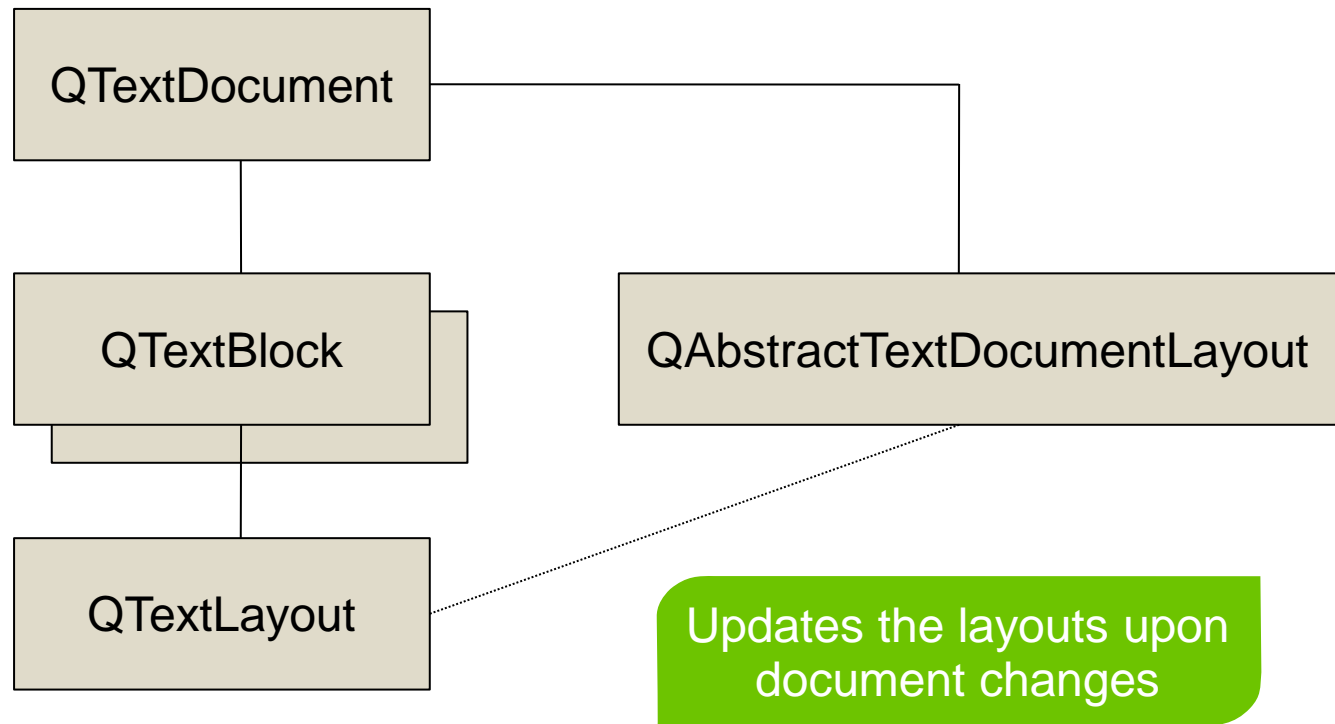
Working with Documents



- The QTextDocument class is used to handle rich text documents
 - Consists of blocks of text, QTextBlock
 - Lays out the text using a QTextDocumentLayout layout engine
 - Using the standard layout engine, it is possible to render rich text to any QPainter



The Document Classes



Used for traversing
and modifying
documents

QTextCursor



Painting with Text Documents

- Use the `textWidth` property to control the width
 - Read the resulting height using `size`
- Use the `pageSize` property to control pagination
 - `pageCount` holds the resulting number of pages



Working with Text Documents

- Use `drawContents` to draw the contents of a document using a `QPainter`

```
QPainter painter;  
  
QTextDocument doc;  
doc.setTextWidth(width());  
doc.drawContents(&p, rect());
```

Lorem Ipsum

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- Use `setTextWidth` to limit the width of the text



Images



QPixmap

*Optimized for
showing images
on-screen*

QImage

*Optimized for
manipulation*

- If you plan on painting a QImage to the screen even twice, it is better to convert it to a QPixmap first



Converting

- Conversion between the QImage and QPixmap is handed in QPixmap

```
QImage QPixmap::toImage();
```

```
QPixmap QPixmap::fromImage( const QImage& );
```



Loading and Saving

```
QPixmap pixmap( "image.png" );  
pixmap.save( "image.jpeg" );
```

```
QImage image( "image.png" );  
image.save( "image.jpeg" );
```

This code uses the QImageReader and QImageWriter classes. These classes determine the image file format from extension when saving.



Painting to a QImage

- The QImage is a QPaintDevice, so a QPainter can paint on it

```
QImage image( 100, 100, QImage::Format_ARGB32 );  
QPainter painter(&image);  
  
painter.setBrush(Qt::red);  
  
painter.fillRect( image.rect(), Qt::white );  
painter.drawRect(  
    image.rect().adjusted( 20, 20, -20, -20 ) );
```



Painting a QPixmap

- QPixmap is optimized for being painted onto the screen

```
void MyWidget::imageChanged( const QImage &image )
{
    pixmap = QPixmap::fromImage( image );
    update();
}

void MyWidget::paintEvent( QPaintEvent* )
{
    QPainter painter( this );
    painter.drawPixmap( 10, 20, pixmap );
}
```



Scalable Vector Graphics



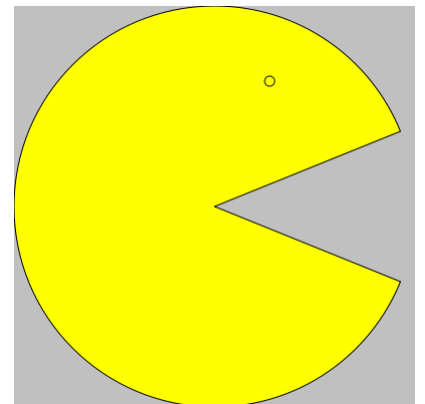
- The SVG file format is a W3C standard for describing vector graphics using XML
- Qt supports both generating and reading SVG files
- All SVG related classes reside in the QtSvg module



Rendering SVG

- Using the `QSvgRenderer` and the `load` and `render` methods, it is possible to render an SVG file to a `QPainter`

```
QPainter painter;  
  
QSvgRenderer renderer;  
renderer.load(QString("svg-test.svg"));  
  
renderer.render(&painter);
```



- Use the `defaultSize` and `viewBox` methods to determine the size of the rendered graphics



Generating SVG

- To generate SVG files, use a `QSvgGenerator` as the `QPaintDevice` and open a `QPainter` to it

```
QSvgGenerator generator;  
generator.setFileName("svg-test.svg");  
generator.setSize(QSize(200, 200));  
generator.setViewBox(QRect(0, 0, 200, 200));  
  
QPainter p;  
p.begin(&generator);  
  
p.setPen(Qt::black);  
p.setBrush(Qt::yellow);  
p.drawPie(0, 0, 200, 200, 22*16, 316*16);  
p.drawEllipse(125, 35, 5, 5);  
  
p.end();
```