Popular Python GUI Libraries

Python offers several libraries for creating Graphical User Interfaces (GUIs). Some of the most popular ones are:

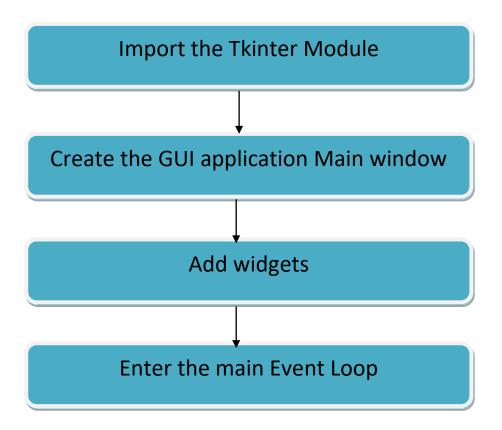
- 1. **Tkinter** Built-in library for Python, lightweight and simple to use.
- 2. PyQt Based on the Qt framework, offers advanced UI elements.
- 3. **PySide** Similar to PyQt, also based on Qt but with LGPL licensing.
- 4. **Kivy** Used for developing multi-touch applications, supports Android and iOS.
- 5. wxPython A wrapper around wxWidgets, provides a native look and feel.
- 6. **PyGTK** Used for creating GTK-based applications.
- 7. **PyGUI** A simple and lightweight cross-platform GUI library.
- 8. **PyForms** Designed for rapid development of GUI applications.
- 9. Flexx Uses Python and JavaScript for web-based applications.
- 10. **PySimpleGUI** Simplifies working with other GUI libraries like Tkinter, Qt, and WxPython.
- 11. **Dear PyGui** A high-performance, GPU-accelerated GUI library.

Tkinter

Tkinter is the default GUI toolkit that comes with Python. It is built on top of the Tk GUI toolkit and provides an easy way to create simple GUI applications.

Features of Tkinter

- Comes pre-installed with Python.
- Provides widgets like buttons, labels, text boxes, etc.
- Lightweight and easy to use.
- Cross-platform (works on Windows, macOS, and Linux)



```
import tkinter as tk

# Create the main window
root = tk.Tk()
root.title("My First Tkinter App")
root.geometry("300x200")  # Set window size

# Add a label
label = tk.Label(root, text="Hello, Tkinter!", font=("Arial", 14))
label.pack(pady=20)  # Add some padding

# Function to change label text
def change_text():
    label.config(text="Button Clicked!")

# Add a button
button = tk.Button(root, text="Click Me", command=change_text)
button.pack()

# Run the Tkinter event loop
root.mainloop()
```

Output:



- 1. tk.Tk() creates the main application window.
- 2. root.title("Title") sets the window title.
- 3. root.geometry("widthxheight") sets the window size.
- 4. tk.Label() creates a text label.
- 5. tk.Button() creates a button and links it to a function.
- 6. root.mainloop() keeps the window open.

Widgets: A widget is an element of GUI that displays information or provides a specific way for a user to interact with the operating system or application.



Methods

Each category of Tkinter methods is demonstrated with a working example.

- 1. Window Methods (title, size, background)
- 2. Widget Configurations (text, colors, fonts)
- 3. Geometry Management (pack, grid, place)
- 4. **Event Handling** (mouse clicks, keypress)
- 5. **Input Handling** (entry fields, buttons)
- 6. Visibility & Control (hiding, showing widgets)
- 7. Canvas Drawing (lines, rectangles, circles)
- 8. **Menu Creation** (dropdown menus)

1. Window Methods:

Method	Description	
window.title("Title")	Sets the title of the window.	
window.geometry("widthxheight")	Sets the window size (e.g., window.geometry("300x200")).	
window.configure(bg="color")	Changes the background color.	
window.resizable(width, height)	Enables/disables resizing (True/False).	
window.attributes('-fullscreen', True)	Opens the window in full-screen mode.	
window.iconbitmap("icon.ico")	Sets the window icon.	

```
import tkinter as tk

window = tk.Tk()
window.title("Window Methods Example")
window.geometry("400x300")
window.configure(bg="lightblue")
window.resizable(False, False)
window.attributes('-topmost', True) # Opens Always on top

window.mainloop()
```

2. Widget Configuration Methods:

"Method	Description
widget.config(option=value)	Changes a widget's property dynamically.
widget.configure(option=value)	Alternative to config(), modifies properties.

widget['text'] = "New Text"	Updates the text of a widget.	
widget['bg'] = "red"	Changes the background color.	
widget['fg'] = "white"	Changes the foreground (text) color.	
widget['font'] = ("Arial", 14, "bold")	Changes the font style.	

```
window = tk.Tk()
window.geometry("300x200")

label = tk.Label(window, text="Original Text", fg="black", bg="white", font=("Arial", 12))
label.pack(pady=10)

def update_label():
    label.config(text="Updated Text!", fg="red", bg="yellow", font=("Arial", 16, "bold"))

button = tk.Button(root, text="Change Label", command=update_label)
button.pack()

window.mainloop()
```

3.Geometry Management Methods

Method	Description	
widget.pack()	Places widget in the next available space.	
widget.pack(side="left", padx=10, pady=10)	Aligns widgets (top, bottom, left, right).	
widget.grid(row=0, column=0)	Uses grid layout for precise positioning.	
widget.grid(columnspan=2, padx=5, pady=5)	Merges columns or adds spacing.	
widget.place(x=50, y=100)	Positions widget at an exact location.	

```
windows = tk.Tk()
windows.geometry("300x200")

label1 = tk.Label(windows, text="Pack Example")
label1.pack(pady=5)

label2 = tk.Label(windows, text="Grid Example")
label2.grid(row=0, column=0, padx=10, pady=10)

label3 = tk.Label(windows, text="Place Example")
label3.place(x=100, y=100)

windows.mainloop()
```

4.Event Handling Methods

Method	Description
widget.bind(" <event>", function)</event>	Binds an event to a function.
widget.bind(" <button-1>", function)</button-1>	Binds left mouse click.
widget.bind(" <keypress>", function)</keypress>	Binds a key press event.

```
import tkinter as tk

root = tk.Tk()
root.geometry("300x200")

def on_click(event):
    label.config(text="Mouse Clicked!")

label = tk.Label(root, text="Click Anywhere", font=("Arial", 14))
label.pack(pady=20)

root.bind("<Button-1>", on_click) # Binds left mouse click

root.mainloop()
```

5. Input Handling Methods (Working with Entry Fields)

Method	Description	
entry.get()	Retrieves the text inside an entry box.	
entry.delete(0, END)	Clears the entry field.	
entry.insert(0, "Default Text")	Adds text to an entry field.	

```
import tkinter as tk

root = tk.Tk()
root.geometry("300x200")

entry = tk.Entry(root)
entry.pack(pady=10)

def show_text():
    print(entry.get())

button = tk.Button(root, text="Get Text", command=show_text)
button.pack()

root.mainloop()
```

6.Visibility and Control Methods (Hiding/Destroying Widgets)

Method	Description	
widget.destroy()	Deletes the widget.	
widget.pack_forget()	Hides the widget (can be restored).	
widget.grid_forget()	Removes a widget from grid layout.	
widget.lower()	Moves widget behind others.	
widget.lift()	Moves widget to the front.	

```
import tkinter as tk

root = tk.Tk()
root.geometry("300x200")

label = tk.Label(root, text="I will disappear", font=("Arial", 14))
label.pack(pady=10)

def hide_label():
    label.pack_forget()

def show_label():
    label.pack()

button_hide = tk.Button(root, text="Hide", command=hide_label)
button_show = tk.Button(root, text="Show", command=show_label)
button_show.pack()

root.mainloop()
```

7. Canvas & Drawing Methods (Creating Shapes)

Method	Description
canvas.create_line(x1, y1, x2, y2, fill="color")	Draws a line.
canvas.create_rectangle(x1, y1, x2, y2, fill="color")	Draws a rectangle.
canvas.create_oval(x1, y1, x2, y2, fill="color")	Draws an oval/circle.
canvas.create_text(x, y, text="Hello")	Adds text inside the canvas.

```
import tkinter as tk

root = tk.Tk()
root.geometry("300x300")

canvas = tk.Canvas(root, width=300, height=300)
canvas.pack()

canvas.create_line(50, 50, 200, 50, fill="red", width=5)
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canvas.create_rectangle(50, 100, 200, 200, fill="blue")
canvas.create_oval(100, 50, 150, 100, fill="green")
root.mainloop()
```

8. Menu Methods (Creating Dropdown Menus)

Method	Description
menu.add_command(label="Item", command=function)	Adds a menu item.
menu.add_separator()	Adds a separator line.

```
import tkinter as tk

root = tk.Tk()
root.geometry("300x200")

menu_bar = tk.Menu(root)

file_menu = tk.Menu(menu_bar, tearoff=0)
file_menu.add_command(label="Open", command=lambda: print("Open Clicked"))
file_menu.add_command(label="Exit", command=root.quit)

menu_bar.add_cascade(label="File", menu=file_menu)

root.config(menu=menu_bar)
root.mainloop()
```