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Lab 13 –Introduction with Tkinter.

Lab Objectives:

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Tkinter is an inbuilt **Python** module used to create simple **GUI** apps. It is the most commonly used module for **GUI** apps in the **Python**.

We don't need to worry about installation of the **Tkinter** module as it comes with **Python** default.

1.1 What Is Graphical User Interface(GUI)?

GUI is a desktop app which helps you to interact with the computers. They are used to perform different tasks in the desktops, laptops, other electronic devices, etc., Here, we mainly talking about the laptops and desktops.

- GUI** apps like **Text-Editors** are used to create, read, update and delete different types of files.
- GUI** apps like **Sudoku, Chess, Solitaire, etc..**, are games which you can play.
- GUI** apps like **Chrome, Firefox, Microsoft Edge, etc..**, are used to surf the **Internet**.

They are some different types of **GUI** apps which we daily use on the laptops or desktops. We are going to learn how to create those type of apps.

As this is an Introduction to GUI, we will create a simple **Calculator GUI** app.

1.3. Introduction To Tkinter in Detail

Run the following code to create a simple window with the text **Hello World!**.

Necessary Steps:

- import the module **tkinter**.
- Initialize the window manager with the **tkinter.Tk()** method and assign it to a variable **window**.

This method creates a blank window with close, maximize and minimize buttons.

- iii. Rename the title of the window as you like with the **window.title(title_of_the_window)**.

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- iv. **Label** is used to insert some objects into the **window**. Here, we are adding a **Label** with some text.
- v. **pack()** attribute of the widget is used to display the **widget** in a size it requires.
- vi. Finally, the **mainloop()** method to display the **window** until you manually close it.
- vii. That's a basic program to create a simple **GUI** interface. You will see a similar window like this.

Program 1: Write a Python program to make a simple GUI with the name My Greetings and you may print a message as Assalam o Alekum and Welcome to UIT.

Code:

```
import tkinter
window = tkinter.Tk()
# to rename the title of the
window window.title("My
Greetings")
# pack is used to show the object in the window
label = tkinter.Label(window, text = "Assalam O Alekum \n Welcome
to UIT!").pack()
window.mainloop()
```

Output:



1.4. Tkinter Widgets

Widgets are something like elements in the **HTML**. You will find different types of **widgets** to the different types of elements in the **Tkinter**.

Let's see the brief introduction to all of these widgets in the **Tkinter**.

- i. **Button:** **Button** widget is used to place the buttons in the **tkinter**.
- ii. **Canvas:** **Canvas** is used to draw shapes in your **GUI**.
- iii. **Checkbutton:** **Checkbutton** is used to create the check buttons in your application. You can select more than one option at a time.

- iv. **Entry:** **Entry** widget is used to create input fields in the **GUI**.

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- v. **Frame:** **Frame** is used as containers in the **tkinter**.
- vi. **Label:** **Label** is used to create a single line widgets like **text**, **images**, etc.,
- vii. **Menu:** **Menu** is used to create menus in the **GUI**.
- viii. Here we have identified only some of the widgets that are present in **Tkinter**. You can find the complete list of widgets at official **Python** documentation.

1.5. Geometry Management

All widgets in the **tkinter** will have some geometry measurements. These measurements give you to organize the widgets and their parent frames, windows, etc.,

Tkinter has the following three Geometry Manager classes.

- i. **pack():** It organizes the widgets in the block, which mean it occupies the entire available width. It's a standard method to show the widgets in the window
- ii. **grid():** It organizes the widgets in table-like structure. You will see details about **grid** later in this tutorial.
- iii. **place():** It's used to place the widgets at a specific position you want.

1.6. Organizing Layout And Widgets

To arrange the layout in the **window**, we will use **Frame**, class. Let's create a simple program to see how the **Frame** works.

Necessary Steps:

- i. **Frame** is used to create the divisions in the window. You can align the frames as you like with **side** parameter of **pack()** method.
- ii. **Button** is used to create a button in the window. It takes several parameters like **text**(Value of the Button), **fg**(Color of the text), **bg**(Background color), etc.,

Note: The parameter of any **widget** method must be where to place the widget. In the below code, we use to place in the **window**, **top_frame**, **bottom_frame**.

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Program 2: Write a Python program to create two frames with widgets two buttons in top and two in bottom.

Code:

```
import tkinter
window = tkinter.Tk()
window.title("Two Frames with Widgets")

# creating 2 frames TOP and BOTTOM
top_frame =
tkinter.Frame(window).pack()
bottom_frame = tkinter.Frame(window).pack(side = "bottom")

# now, create some widgets in the top_frame and bottom_frame
btn1 = tkinter.Button(top_frame, text = "Button1", fg =
"red").pack()# 'fg - foreground' is used to color the contents
btn2 = tkinter.Button(top_frame, text = "Button2", fg =
"green").pack()# 'text' is used to write the text on the Button
btn3 = tkinter.Button(bottom_frame, text = "Button2", fg =
"purple").pack(side = "left")# 'side' is used to align the
widgets btn4 = tkinter.Button(bottom_frame, text = "Button2", fg
= "orange").pack(side = "left")

window.mainloop()
```

Output:

Program 3: Create a GUI with two frames one is at the left and other is the complete frame with proper labels to mentioned. Use fill parameter of pack().

Code:

```
import tkinter
window = tkinter.Tk()
window.title("Playing with
GUI")
# creating 3 simple Labels containing some
```

```
text # sufficient width
tkinter.Label(window, text = "Sufficient width", fg = "white", bg
= "purple").pack()
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```
# width of X
tkinter.Label(window, text = "Taking all available X width", fg
= "white", bg = "green").pack(fill = "x")

# height of Y
tkinter.Label(window, text = "Taking all available Y height", fg
= "white", bg = "black").pack(side = "left", fill = "y")

window.mainloop()
```

Output:**1.6.1. Grid**

Grid is another way to organize the **widgets**. It uses the **Matrix row column** concepts. Something like this 2 x 2 Matrix.

Program 4: Create a GUI using grid concept in which you can make a Login Window name the GUI as My Login Window having the Username and Password and a Checked Button to Keep me logged. Keep in mind that the username and the password will take the input as string.

Code:

```
import tkinter
window = tkinter.Tk()
window.title("My Login
Window")

# creating 2 text labels and input labels
tkinter.Label(window, text = "Username").grid(row = 0) # this
is placed in 0 0
# 'Entry' is used to display the input-field
tkinter.Entry(window).grid(row = 0, column = 1) # this is placed in
0 1
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```
tkinter.Label(window, text = "Password").grid(row = 1) # this
is placed in 1 0
tkinter.Entry(window).grid(row = 1, column = 1) # this is placed in
1 1

# 'Checkbutton' is used to create the check buttons
tkinter.Checkbutton(window, text = "Keep Me Logged
In").grid(columnspan = 2) # 'columnspan' tells to take the width of
2 columns

# you can also use 'rowspan' in the similar
manner window.mainloop()
```

Output:
1.7. Binding Functions

Calling functions whenever an event occurs refers to a binding function.

Program 4: Create a GUI with a button name it "Click Me", whenever user will click it, it will say Assalam o Alekum. You can use a function say_Assalam_o_Alekum, with text having "Assalam o Alekum". Use the pack() in GUI.

Code:

```
import tkinter
window = tkinter.Tk()
window.title("Binding
Functions")

# creating a function called
say_Assalam_o_Alekum() def
say_Assalam_o_Alekum():
    tkinter.Label(window, text = "Assalam o Alekum").pack()

tkinter.Button(window, text = "Click Me!", command =
```

```
say_Assalam_o_Alekum).pack() # 'command' is executed when you  
click the button
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#

```
in this above case we're calling the function  
'say_Assalam_o_Alekum'. window.mainloop()
```

Output:

1.7.1 Events Capture

Another way to bind functions is using **events**. Events are something like **mousemove**, **mouseover**, **clicking**, **scrolling**, etc....

The following program also produces the same output as the above one.

- '<Button-1>' parameter of **bind** method is the left clicking event, i.e., when you click the left button the **bind** method call the function **say_hi**
 - <Button-1> for **left** click
 - <Button-2> for **middle** click
 - <Button-3> for **right** click
- Here, we are **binding** the **left** click event to a **button**. You can bind it to any other **widget** you want.
- You will have different parameters for different events

1.8. Mouse Clicking Events

Clicking events are of 3 different types namely **leftClick**, **middleClick**, and **rightClick**.

Now, you will learn how to call a particular function based on the event that occurs.

- Run the following program and click the **left**, **middle**, **right** buttons to calls a specific **function**.
- That **function** will create a new label with the mentioned text.

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1.10. Drop-Down Menus

I hope all of you know what drop-down menus are. You will create drop-down menus in **tkinter** using the class **Menu**. Follow the below steps to create drop-down menus.

Steps:-

- Create a **root menu** to insert different types of **menu options** using **tkinter.Menu(para)** and it takes a parameter where to place the **Menu**
- You have to tell the **tkinter** to initiate **Menu** using **window_variable.config(menu = para)** and it takes a parameter called **menu** which is the **root menu** you previously defined.
- Now, creating **sub menus** using same method **tkinter.Menu(para)** and it takes the parameter **root menu**.
- **root menu.add_cascade(para1, menu = para2)** creates the name of the **sub menu**, and it takes 2 parameters one is **label** which is the name of the **sub menu**, and another one is **menu** which is **sub menu**.
- **sub menu.add_command()** adds an option to the **sub menu**.
- **sub menu.add_separator()** adds a separator Let's see the example to understand it fully.

Program 7: Create a GUI which have drop down menus of File having New File, Open File, Exit and next menu will have Edit in which Undo and Redo as drop down.

Code:

```
import tkinter

window = tkinter.Tk()

window.title("My GUI with
Menu") def function():

    pass

# creating a root menu to insert all the sub
menus root_menu = tkinter.Menu(window)

window.config(menu = root_menu)
```

```
# creating sub menus in the root menu
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```
file_menu = tkinter.Menu(root_menu) # it initializes a new sub menu
in the root menu

root_menu.add_cascade(label = "File", menu = file_menu) # it
creates the name of the sub menu

file_menu.add_command(label = "New file.....", command = function)
# it adds a option to the sub menu 'command' parameter is used to
do some action

file_menu.add_command(label = "Open files", command = function)
file_menu.add_separator() # it adds a line after the 'Open
files' option

file_menu.add_command(label = "Exit", command = window.quit)

# creating another sub menu

edit_menu =
tkinter.Menu(root_menu)

root_menu.add_cascade(label = "Edit", menu = edit_menu)

edit_menu.add_command(label = "Undo", command =
function) edit_menu.add_command(label = "Redo", command
= function)

window.mainloop()
```

Output:

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1.11. Alert Box

You can create alert boxes in the **tkinter** using **messagebox** method. You can also create **questions** using the **messagebox** method.

Program 8: Create a GUI which will generate an alert message when you execute the GUI and give you option that do you love python if you press yes it will write the message otherwise it will say you don't love python on GUI.

Code:

```
import tkinter
import tkinter.messagebox

window = tkinter.Tk()
window.title("Alert Message
GUI")

# creating a simple alert box
tkinter.messagebox.showinfo("Alert Message", "This is just a
alert message!")
# creating a question to get the response from the user [Yes or
No Question]
response = tkinter.messagebox.askquestion("Simple Question", "Do
you love Python?")
# If user clicks 'Yes' then it returns 1 else it returns
0 if response == 1:
    tkinter.Label(window, text = "You love
Python!").pack() else:
    tkinter.Label(window, text = "You don't love
Python!").pack() window.mainloop()
```

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1.12. Simple Shapes

You are going to draw some basic shapes with the **Canvas** provided by **tkinter** in **GUI**. You will see the following shapes in your **GUI** window. Just run **dir(tkinter.Canvas)** to see all the available methods for creating different shapes.

Program 9: Create a GUI which will use tkinter canvas method to generate the shapes such as a rectangle with green color, a line which is black color and another line which is red. Now you can use a `canvas.delete()` to delete line 1.

Code:

```
import tkinter

window = tkinter.Tk()

window.title("Shapes on your
GUI")

# creating the 'Canvas' area of width and height 500px
canvas = tkinter.Canvas(window, width = 500, height =
500) canvas.pack()

# 'create_line' is used to create a line. Parameters:- (starting
x- point, starting y-point, ending x-point, ending y-point)
line1 = canvas.create_line(25, 25, 250,
150) # parameter:- (fill = color_name)
line2 = canvas.create_line(25, 250, 250, 150, fill = "red")

# 'create_rectangle' is used to create rectangle.
Parameters:- (starting x-point, starting y-point, width,
height, fill)

# starting point the coordinates of top-left point of
rectangle rect = canvas.create_rectangle(500, 25, 175, 75,
```

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fill = "green")
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# you 'delete' shapes using delete method passing the name of
the variable as parameter.
canvas.delete(line1)
# you 'delete' all the shapes by passing 'ALL' as parameter to
the 'delete' method
# canvas.delete(tkinter.ALL)

window.mainloop()
```

Output:**1.13. Images And Icons**

You can add **Images** and **Icons** using **PhotoImage** method. Let's see how it works.

You can see the icon in the **GUI**.

Program 10: Create a GUI which will use tkinter PhotoImage method to show the image on the GUI.

Code:

```
import
tkinter
import
tkinter
window = tkinter.Tk()
window.title("Image or Logo on
```

GUI")

taking image from the directory and storing the source in a
variable icon = tkinter.PhotoImage(file = "UITlogo.png")

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# displaying the picture using a 'Label' by passing the  
'picture' variable to 'image' parameter  
label = tkinter.Label(window, image =  
icon) label.pack()
```

```
window.mainloop()
```

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1.14. Creating Calculator

Every **GUI** apps include two steps.

- i. Creating User Interface
- ii. Adding functionalities to the **GUI**
- iii. Let's start creating **Calculator**.

Program 11: Write a program in python that can create a GUI for a Simple Calculator.

```
from tkinter import *  
  
# creating basic  
window = Tk()  
  
window.geometry("312x324") # size of the window width:- 500,  
height:- 375  
  
window.resizable(0, 0) # this prevents from resizing the  
window window.title("Calcualtor")
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```
#####  
functions  
#####  
  
# 'btn_click' function continuously updates the input field  
whenever you enters a number  
  
def btn_click(item):  
    global  
    expression  
    expression = expression +  
    str(item)  
    input_text.set(expression)  
  
# 'btn_clear' function clears the input  
field  
def btn_clear():  
    global expression  
    expression = ""  
    input_text.set("")  
    )  
  
# 'btn_equal' calculates the expression present in input  
field  
def btn_equal():  
    global expression  
    result = str(eval(expression)) # 'eval' function evalutes  
the string expression directly  
    # you can also implement your own function to evalute  
the expression instead of 'eval' function  
    input_text.set(result  
    )  
    expression = ""
```

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expression = ""
```

```
# 'StringVar()' is used to get the instance of input
```

```
field input_text = StringVar()
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```
# creating a frame for the input field

input_frame = Frame(window, width = 312, height = 50, bd =
0, highlightbackground = "black", highlightcolor = "black",
highlightthickness = 1)

input_frame.pack(side = TOP)

# creating a input field inside the 'Frame'

input_field = Entry(input_frame, font = ('arial', 18, 'bold'),
textvariable = input_text, width = 50, bg = "#eee", bd = 0, justify
= RIGHT)

input_field.grid(row = 0, column = 0)

input_field.pack(ipady = 10) # 'ipady' is internal padding to
increase the height of input field

# creating another 'Frame' for the button below the 'input_frame'

btns_frame = Frame(window, width = 312, height = 272.5, bg =
"grey") btns_frame.pack()

# first row

clear = Button(btns_frame, text = "C", fg = "black", width = 32,
height = 3, bd = 0, bg = "#eee", cursor = "hand2", command =
lambda: btn_clear()).grid(row = 0, column = 0, columnspan = 3, padx
= 1, pady
= 1)

divide = Button(btns_frame, text = "/", fg = "black", width = 10,
height = 3, bd = 0, bg = "#eee", cursor = "hand2", command =
lambda: btn_click("/")).grid(row = 0, column = 3, padx = 1, pady =
1)

# second row

seven = Button(btns_frame, text = "7", fg = "black", width = 10,
height = 3, bd = 0, bg = "#fff", cursor = "hand2", command = lambda:
btn_click(7)).grid(row = 1, column = 0, padx = 1, pady = 1)

eight = Button(btns_frame, text = "8", fg = "black", width = 10,
height = 3, bd = 0, bg = "#fff", cursor = "hand2", command = lambda:
```

```
btn_click(8).grid(row = 1, column = 1, padx = 1, pady = 1)
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```
nine = Button(btns_frame, text = "9", fg = "black", width = 10, height = 3, bd = 0, bg = "#fff", cursor = "hand2", command = lambda: btn_click(9)).grid(row = 1, column = 2, padx = 1, pady = 1)
```

```
multiply = Button(btns_frame, text = "*", fg = "black", width = 10, height = 3, bd = 0, bg = "#eee", cursor = "hand2", command = lambda: btn_click("*")).grid(row = 1, column = 3, padx = 1, pady = 1)
```

```
# third row
```

```
four = Button(btns_frame, text = "4", fg = "black", width = 10, height = 3, bd = 0, bg = "#fff", cursor = "hand2", command = lambda: btn_click(4)).grid(row = 2, column = 0, padx = 1, pady = 1)
```

```
five = Button(btns_frame, text = "5", fg = "black", width = 10, height = 3, bd = 0, bg = "#fff", cursor = "hand2", command = lambda: btn_click(5)).grid(row = 2, column = 1, padx = 1, pady = 1)
```

```
six = Button(btns_frame, text = "6", fg = "black", width = 10, height = 3, bd = 0, bg = "#fff", cursor = "hand2", command = lambda: btn_click(6)).grid(row = 2, column = 2, padx = 1, pady = 1)
```

```
minus = Button(btns_frame, text = "-", fg = "black", width = 10, height = 3, bd = 0, bg = "#eee", cursor = "hand2", command = lambda: btn_click("-")).grid(row = 2, column = 3, padx = 1, pady = 1)
```

```
# fourth row
```

```
one = Button(btns_frame, text = "1", fg = "black", width = 10, height = 3, bd = 0, bg = "#fff", cursor = "hand2", command = lambda: btn_click(1)).grid(row = 3, column = 0, padx = 1, pady = 1)
```

```
two = Button(btns_frame, text = "2", fg = "black", width = 10, height = 3, bd = 0, bg = "#fff", cursor = "hand2", command = lambda: btn_click(2)).grid(row = 3, column = 1, padx = 1, pady = 1)
```

```
three = Button(btns_frame, text = "3", fg = "black", width = 10, height = 3, bd = 0, bg = "#fff", cursor = "hand2", command = lambda: btn_click(3)).grid(row = 3, column = 2, padx = 1, pady = 1)
```

```
plus = Button(btns_frame, text = "+", fg = "black", width = 10, height  
= 3, bd = 0, bg = "#eee", cursor = "hand2", command =  
lambda: btn_click("+")).grid(row = 3, column = 3, padx = 1,  
pady = 1)
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fourth row

```
zero = Button(btns_frame, text = "0", fg = "black", width = 21, height = 3, bd = 0, bg = "#fff", cursor = "hand2", command = lambda: btn_click(0)).grid(row = 4, column = 0, columnspan = 2, padx = 1, pady = 1)
```

```
point = Button(btns_frame, text = ".", fg = "black", width = 10, height = 3, bd = 0, bg = "#eee", cursor = "hand2", command = lambda: btn_click(".")).grid(row = 4, column = 2, padx = 1, pady = 1)
```

```
equals = Button(btns_frame, text = "=", fg = "black", width = 10, height = 3, bd = 0, bg = "#eee", cursor = "hand2", command = lambda: btn_equal()).grid(row = 4, column = 3, padx = 1, pady = 1)
```

```
window.mainloop()
```

Output:

Programming Exercise

1. Write a program which will make a scientific calculator.
2. Give proper color to your calculator
3. Design any creative application from the exercises that have been taught to you in this lab. Such as POS systems for any Pharmacy, or any grocery store, or BBQ restaurant, or Pizza Hut or any application which you like.