# Data Processing and Analysis in Python Lecture 9 Graphical User Interfaces



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## **Graphical User Interface (GUI)**

- GUI displays text as well as small images (called icons) that represent objects such as directories, files, command buttons, and drop-down menus
- In addition to entering text at keyboard, the user of a GUI can select an icon with pointing device, such as mouse, and move that icon around on the display
- GUI displays a window that contains various components, called window objects or widgets
- User is not constrained to enter inputs in a particular order
- Running different data sets does not require re-entering all of the data

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#### **Event-Driven Programming**

- User-generated events (e.g., mouse clicks, keystrokes) trigger operations to respond by pulling in inputs, processing them, and displaying results
- Coding phase:
  - Define a new class to represent the main window
  - Instantiate the classes of window objects needed for this application (e.g., labels, command buttons)
  - Position these components in the window
  - Instantiate and provide any default data in the window objects
  - Register and define controller methods with each window object in which a relevant event might occur
  - Define a main that launches the GUI



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#### **GUI Modules**

- There are many libraries and toolkits of GUI components available to the Python programmer
  - tkinter includes classes for windows and numerous types of window objects
  - PyQt is binding as a plug-in
  - **Kivy** is open source with a natural user interface
  - PyGUI is one of the simplest and lightweight libraries
  - wyPython is implemented as a Python extension module

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## Window Layout

- Window components are laid out in the window's twodimensional grid
  - Rows and columns are numbered from the position (0,0) in the upper left corner of the window
  - The programmer can force a horizontal and/or vertical spanning of grid positions

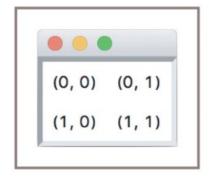


Figure 8-5 Laying out labels in the window's grid



#### **Labels and Buttons**



Figure 8-3 Displaying a label with text in a window



Figure 8-8 Using command buttons



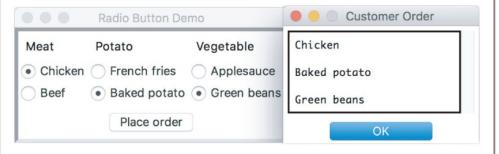


Figure 8-20 Using check buttons

Figure 8-21 Using radio buttons



#### **Text Fields and List Boxes**

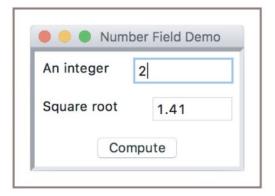


Figure 8-10 Using an integer field and a float field for input and output

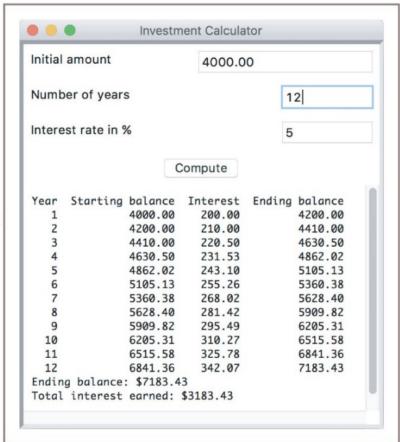


Figure 8-16 Displaying data in a multi-line text area



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## tkinter Example

```
import tkinter as tk
window = tk.Tk() # Create a top-level widget main window
window.title("Terps") # Set window title
txtCount = tk.Label(window, text=counter) # Create a
   text label
txtCount.pack() # Show the text label
btnAdd = tk.Button(window, text="Add 1", command=Add)
   # Create a command button
btnAdd.pack() # Show the command button
btnReset = tk.Button(window, text="Reset to 0",
   command=Reset) # Create another command button
btnReset.pack() # Show the command button
window.mainloop() # Begin waiting for events
                                               Add 1
                                              Reset to 0
```



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