<https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/python_gui_programming.htm>

Python - GUI Programming (Tkinter)

Python provides various options for developing graphical user interfaces (GUIs). Most important are listed below.

* **Tkinter** − Tkinter is the Python interface to the Tk GUI toolkit shipped with Python. We would look this option in this chapter.
* **wxPython** − This is an open-source Python interface for wxWindows [http://wxpython.org](http://wxpython.org/).
* **JPython** − JPython is a Python port for Java which gives Python scripts seamless access to Java class libraries on the local machine [http://www.jython.org](http://www.jython.org/).

There are many other interfaces available, which you can find them on the net.

## **Tkinter Programming**

Tkinter is the standard GUI library for Python. Python when combined with Tkinter provides a fast and easy way to create GUI applications. Tkinter provides a powerful object-oriented interface to the Tk GUI toolkit.

Creating a GUI application using Tkinter is an easy task. All you need to do is perform the following steps −

* Import the *Tkinter* module.
* Create the GUI application main window.
* Add one or more of the above-mentioned widgets to the GUI application.
* Enter the main event loop to take action against each event triggered by the user.

## **Example**

#!/usr/bin/python

import Tkinter

top = Tkinter.Tk()

# Code to add widgets will go here...

top.mainloop()

This would create a following window −



## **Tkinter Widgets**

Tkinter provides various controls, such as buttons, labels and text boxes used in a GUI application. These controls are commonly called widgets.

There are currently 15 types of widgets in Tkinter. We present these widgets as well as a brief description in the following table −

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| **Sr.No.** | **Operator & Description** |
| 1 | [Button](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/tk_button.htm)  The Button widget is used to display buttons in your application. |
| 2 | [Canvas](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/tk_canvas.htm)  The Canvas widget is used to draw shapes, such as lines, ovals, polygons and rectangles, in your application. |
| 3 | [Checkbutton](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/tk_checkbutton.htm)  The Checkbutton widget is used to display a number of options as checkboxes. The user can select multiple options at a time. |
| 4 | [Entry](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/tk_entry.htm)  The Entry widget is used to display a single-line text field for accepting values from a user. |
| 5 | [Frame](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/tk_frame.htm)  The Frame widget is used as a container widget to organize other widgets. |
| 6 | [Label](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/tk_label.htm)  The Label widget is used to provide a single-line caption for other widgets. It can also contain images. |
| 7 | [Listbox](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/tk_listbox.htm)  The Listbox widget is used to provide a list of options to a user. |
| 8 | [Menubutton](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/tk_menubutton.htm)  The Menubutton widget is used to display menus in your application. |
| 9 | [Menu](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/tk_menu.htm)  The Menu widget is used to provide various commands to a user. These commands are contained inside Menubutton. |
| 10 | [Message](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/tk_message.htm)  The Message widget is used to display multiline text fields for accepting values from a user. |
| 11 | [Radiobutton](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/tk_radiobutton.htm)  The Radiobutton widget is used to display a number of options as radio buttons. The user can select only one option at a time. |
| 12 | [Scale](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/tk_scale.htm)  The Scale widget is used to provide a slider widget. |
| 13 | [Scrollbar](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/tk_scrollbar.htm)  The Scrollbar widget is used to add scrolling capability to various widgets, such as list boxes. |
| 14 | [Text](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/tk_text.htm)  The Text widget is used to display text in multiple lines. |
| 15 | [Toplevel](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/tk_toplevel.htm)  The Toplevel widget is used to provide a separate window container. |
| 16 | [Spinbox](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/tk_spinbox.htm)  The Spinbox widget is a variant of the standard Tkinter Entry widget, which can be used to select from a fixed number of values. |
| 17 | [PanedWindow](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/tk_panedwindow.htm)  A PanedWindow is a container widget that may contain any number of panes, arranged horizontally or vertically. |
| 18 | [LabelFrame](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/tk_labelframe.htm)  A labelframe is a simple container widget. Its primary purpose is to act as a spacer or container for complex window layouts. |
| 19 | [tkMessageBox](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/tk_messagebox.htm)  This module is used to display message boxes in your applications. |

Let us study these widgets in detail −

## **Standard attributes**

Let us take a look at how some of their common attributes.such as sizes, colors and fonts are specified.

* [Dimensions](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/tk_dimensions.htm)
* [Colors](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/tk_colors.htm)
* [Fonts](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/tk_fonts.htm)
* [Anchors](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/tk_anchors.htm)
* [Relief styles](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/tk_relief.htm)
* [Bitmaps](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/tk_bitmaps.htm)
* [Cursors](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/tk_cursors.htm)

Let us study them briefly −

## **Geometry Management**

All Tkinter widgets have access to specific geometry management methods, which have the purpose of organizing widgets throughout the parent widget area. Tkinter exposes the following geometry manager classes: pack, grid, and place.

* [The *pack()* Method](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/tk_pack.htm) − This geometry manager organizes widgets in blocks before placing them in the parent widget.
* [The *grid()* Method](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/tk_grid.htm) − This geometry manager organizes widgets in a table-like structure in the parent widget.
* [The *place()* Method](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/tk_place.htm) − This geometry manager organizes widgets by placing them in a specific position in the parent widget.

Let us study the geometry management methods briefly −