GUIs

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Overview

Event driven

You're programs so far have followed a procedural pattern.

- Program is a series of steps.
- Moves through those steps in a predetermined pattern.
- Expects user input in a very specific order.

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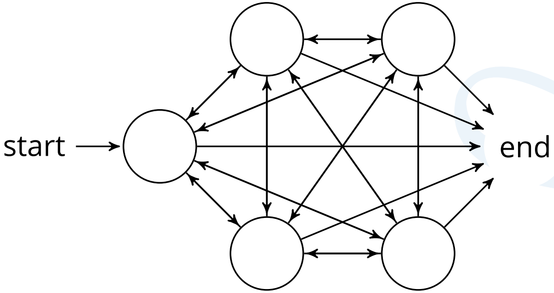
\text{start} \arrow[r] & \text{Step 1} \arrow[r] & \text{Step 2} \arrow[r] & \text{Step 3} \arrow[r] & \text{end}
\end{tikzcd}$$

Event driven II

Going to look at event driven programming.

- Program reacts to events.
- Events have actions associated with them.
- Order and frequency of events is unpredictable.
- Does not have a predefined sequence of actions to perform.
- Does not have a predefined end.



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- GUIs
- Control systems
- Embedded systems

GUI events would include...

- Button presses
- Text entry
- Keyboard events
  - Pressing a key
  - Releasing a key
- Mouse events
  - Pressing a button
  - Releasing a button
  - Moving
  - Scrolling

How to create a GUI.

- Wide range of different libraries available.
    - Depends on language and platform.
- Tkinter is the built-in Python default.

Terminology

- Window
- Component/widget/element

Hello World!

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import sys
from tkinter import *

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    label = Label(root, text='Hello World!')
    label.pack()

    root.mainloop()

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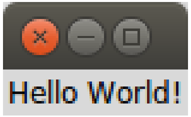

Classes

GUI code should be structured as a class.

- Become clear later.

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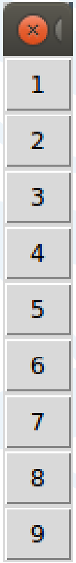

Layout II

Can use the `side` parameter for `.pack()`.

- `TOP` (default).
- Also `LEFT`, `RIGHT` and `BOTTOM`.

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        for i in range(1,10):
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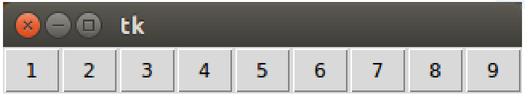

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```
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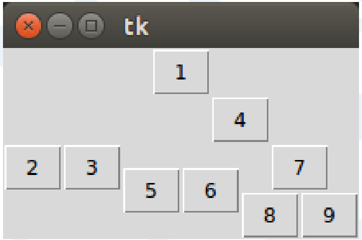

Containers

Need to learn about containers.

- Windows are containers.
  - Elements are 'contained' inside.
- Tkinter also has frames.
  - Special type of element.
  - Contains other elements.
- Group elements together using frames.
  - Can be visible/invisible.

Frames

```
class Gui:
  def __init__(self, root):
    self.root = root

    self.frame1 = Frame(self.root)
    self.frame1.pack()

    self.frame2 = Frame(self.root)
    self.frame2.pack()
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    Button(self.frame1, text=1).pack(side=LEFT)
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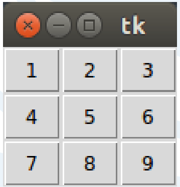

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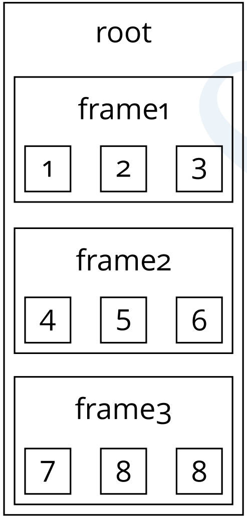
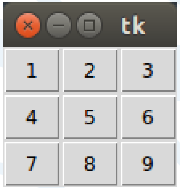
Nesting

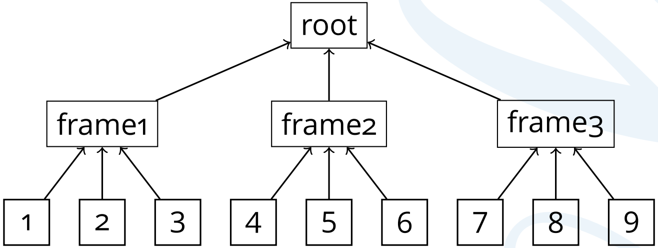
So what's happening?

- Elements are nested in containers.
- Containers are nested in other containers.





Hierarchical structure



Events

How do we get our code to actually DO stuff?

- Using Python/Tkinter.
- Other languages/frameworks == different syntax.
  - Same concepts.
- Event handling.
  - Bind events to elements.

Events II

```
class Gui:
  def __init__(self, root):
    self.root = root

    self.label = Label(self.root, text='Hello World!')
    self.label.pack()

    self.button = Button(self.root, text='Press me')
    self.button.bind('<Button-1>', self.say_bye)
    self.button.pack()

  def say_bye(self, event):
    self.label.config(text='Bye!')
```

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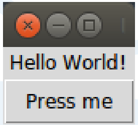

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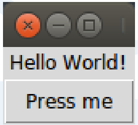

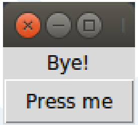

Callbacks

Callbacks are how we respond to events.

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$$\text{User} \longrightarrow \text{Event} \longrightarrow \text{Listener} \longrightarrow \text{Callback}$$

Standard behaviour

User actions can trigger multiple events.

- I.e. clicking on button.
  1. Press LMB whilst pointer over button.
  2. Release LMB whilst pointer over button.
- Standard interaction code included in Tkinter.
  - Use `command` parameter.

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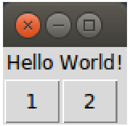
Event arguments



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class Gui:
    def __init__(self, root):
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        Button(self.root, text='1', \
            command=self.pressed_1).pack(side=LEFT)
        Button(self.root, text='2', \
            command=self.pressed_2).pack(side=LEFT)

    def pressed_1(self):
        self.label.config(text='Pressed 1')

    def pressed_2(self):
        self.label.config(text='Pressed 2')
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Event arguments II

Much better to have one function.

- Function takes argument.
- Reuse of each button.

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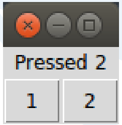
- Doesn't work.
  - Calls function immediately.



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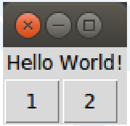
Event arguments III

`lambda` functions.

- Only calls function when button is pressed.



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lec_event_args3.py

Loops

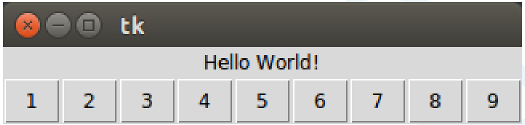
Already seen we can use create elements in loops.

- Create lots of elements easily.
- How can we combine this with callback arguments?

Loop arguments

`lamba` function in loop.

- What happens when any button is pressed?



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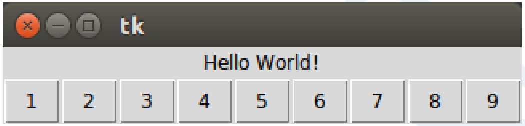

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  - What is the value of `i`?
- It's whatever it was at the end of the loop, i.e. `9`.
  - No matter what button we press, `i` is always `9`.

Loop arguments III

`lamda` arguments.

- The `lambda` function for each button copies the value of `i` right then.
- Uses that value when it runs in the future.

```
class Gui:
  def __init__(self, root):

    for i in range(1,10):
      b = Button(self.root, text=i, \
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      b.pack(side=LEFT)

  def pressed_button(self, number):
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lec_loop_args2.py

Recap

- GUIs are an example of event driven programming.
- GUI elements are arranged in containers.
- Containers can hold other containers.
- User actions generate events.
- Callbacks are functions that are run in response to events.

The End