

GUI programs

in python



What is GUI ?

GUI (Graphical User Interface) means using pictures, buttons, and windows to interact with a computer instead of typing commands(CLI).

How do we create GUI ?

We create a GUI using GUI libraries or frameworks like **Tkinter**, **PyQt**, or **Kivy** in Python.
Here we will use tkinter.

Steps

Step1: Install tkinter

Windows: *pip install tk*

Mac: *brew install python-tk*

Linux: *sudo apt install python3-tk*

Step2: import tkinter to your python program

```
import tkinter as tk
```

Step3:

```
root = tk.Tk()      # Creates the main window of the GUI
root.mainloop()     # Keeps the window open and listens for user actions (like clicks)
```

NOTE: you can run this in stage, if you do so, you will get a blank window. We will write the elements inside this 2 lines in most of the cases.

Example Code:

```
import tkinter as tk  # Import the tkinter module

root = tk.Tk()      # Create the main window
root.title("My First GUI") # Set the window title
root.geometry("300x200") # Set window size (width x height)

label = tk.Label(root, text="Hello, Tkinter!") # Create a label
label.pack(pady=20)    # Add the label to the window with some space

button = tk.Button(root, text="Click Me", command=lambda: label.config(text="Button Clicked!"))
button.pack()        # Add the button to the window

root.mainloop()      # Run the GUI loop (keeps the window open)
```

Important properties of tkinter

COMMON WIDGETS

Widget	Purpose	Example
Label	Shows text	<code>tk.Label(root, text="Hello")</code>
Button	Clickable button	<code>tk.Button(root, text="Click", command=func)</code>
Entry	Single-line input	<code>tk.Entry(root)</code>
Text	Multi-line input	<code>tk.Text(root, height=5, width=30)</code>
Checkbutton	Checkbox	<code>tk.Checkbutton(root, text="Agree")</code>
Radiobutton	Choose one option	<code>tk.Radiobutton(root, text="Yes", value=1)</code>
Frame	Groups widgets	<code>tk.Frame(root)</code>
Canvas	Draw shapes or images	<code>tk.Canvas(root, width=200, height=100)</code>
Listbox	Shows a list	<code>tk.Listbox(root)</code>

LAYOUT METHODS

Method	Use
<code>.pack()</code>	Stack widgets vertically or horizontally
<code>.grid(row, column)</code>	Arrange in table form
<code>.place(x, y)</code>	Set position using coordinates

EVENTS / COMMANDS

```
def on_click():
    print("Button clicked")

button = tk.Button(root, text="Click", command=on_click)
button.pack()
```

STYLING WIDGETS

```
label = tk.Label(root, text="Hi",
                 fg="blue",      # text color
                 bg="yellow",    # background color
                 font=("Arial", 14))
```

GETTING / SETTING TEXT

```
entry = tk.Entry(root)
entry.get()          # Get text
entry.insert(0, "Hello") # Insert text
entry.delete(0, tk.END) # Clear text
```

MESSAGE BOXES

```
from tkinter import messagebox
messagebox.showinfo("Title", "Your message here")
```