

Empty Program

Implementing an empty program in wxWidgets

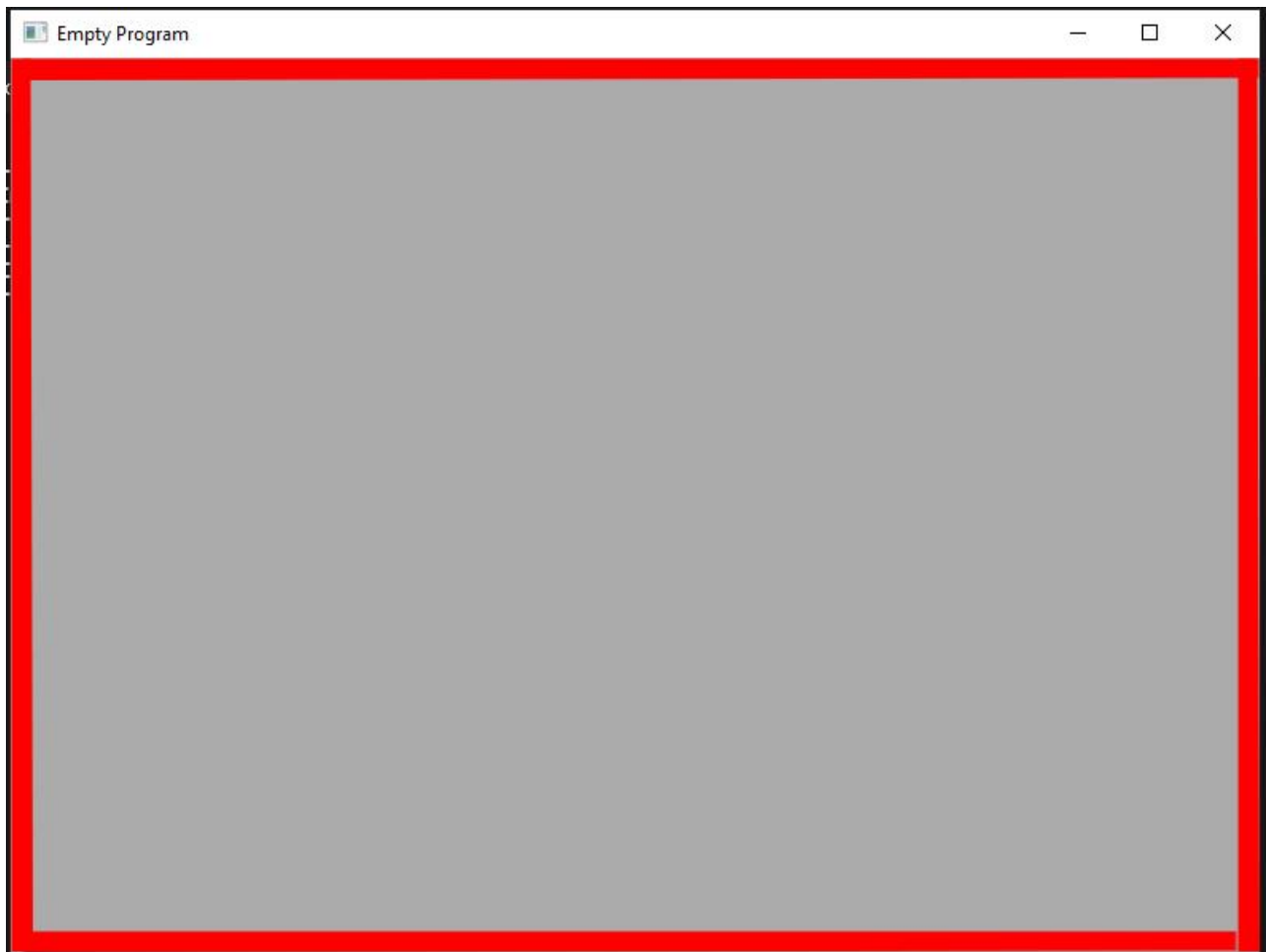
CMakeLists.txt Changes

```
aux_source_directory(./src/ SRC)
include_directories(./include/ INCLUDE)
```

Since we're using folder directories, we must include this in CMakeLists.txt now

Frame.h & Frame.cpp

What is a frame?: A frame is a subspace (and technically our window as well) of our program's window. We may group widgets and objects in a frame compared to a wxApp class in wxWidgets for example.



The red outline shows our main frame portion

```

1  #pragma once
2
3  #include <wx/wx.h>
4
5  class Frame : public wxFrame
6  {
7  public:
8      Frame();
9  };
10

```

Frame.h

Frame.h Contents:

- 1) (Line 5) We'll need to derive our frame from **wxFrame**
- 2) (Line 8) We may use wxFrame's arguments within our constructor in **Frame.cpp**, meaning we don't need to have any arguments within our Frame's constructor
- 3) We'd implement a **private** section as well for objects such as buttons.

```

1  #include "Frame.h"
2
3  Frame::Frame() : wxFrame(nullptr, wxID_ANY, "Empty Program", wxPoint(100, 100), wxSize(800, 600))
4  {
5
6  }

```

Frame.cpp

Frame.cpp Contents:

- Within our constructor, we may use the derived wxFrame's constructor arguments to create our new frame. Within our constructor, we may initialize our objects in the future.
- 1) nullptr ~ **Decides the parent frame**
 - 2) wxID_ANY ~ **Every object needs an ID, since we're not using the ID, we may choose any.**
 - 3) "Empty Program" ~ **Frame title**
 - 4) wxPoint(100, 100) ~ **Sets where the window will be on the screen**
 - 5) wxSize(800, 600) ~ **Sets the size of our window**

App.h & App.cpp

```
1  #pragma once
2
3  #include <wx/wx.h>
4  #include "Frame.h"
5
6  class App : public wxApp
7  {
8  public:
9      virtual bool OnInit();
10
11 private:
12     Frame* mainFrame;
13 };
```

App.h

App.h Contents:

- 1) **(Line 6)** We'll also need to derive our App class from **wxApp**.
- 2) **(Line 9)** This is a virtual function from wxWidgets (probably wxApp) used to initialize our program.
- 3) **(Line 12)** This is where our frames go.

```
1  #include "App.h"
2
3  IMPLEMENT_APP(App);
4
5  bool App::OnInit()
6  {
7      mainFrame = new Frame();
8      mainFrame->Show();
9
10     return true;
11 }
```

App.cpp

App.cpp Contents:

- 1) **(Line 3)** We'll always need to use this command to tell wxWidgets that we're initializing our App class, to start our program.
- 2) **(Lines 7 & 8)** Initializing our frame with the default arguments set in Frame.cpp, and showing our frame with `->Show()`.
- 3) **(Line 10)** Place a return true here, to assert a successful initialization of our program. This technically won't be used however, since every GUI program undergoes a loop while functioning.