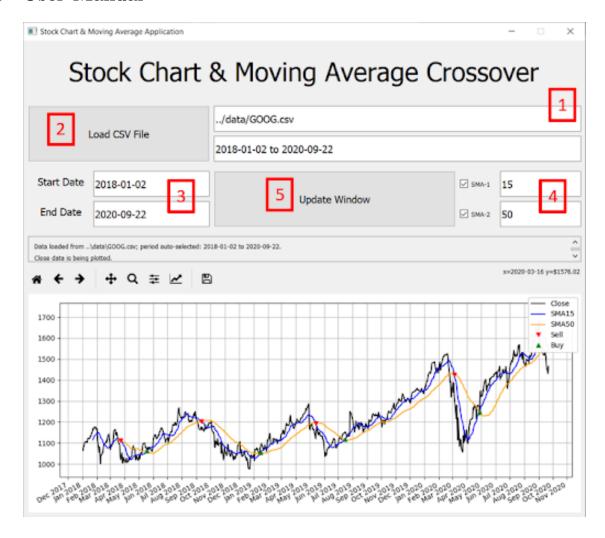
Python Programming and Its Applications in Stock Chart & Moving Average (MA) Crossover

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1 User Manual

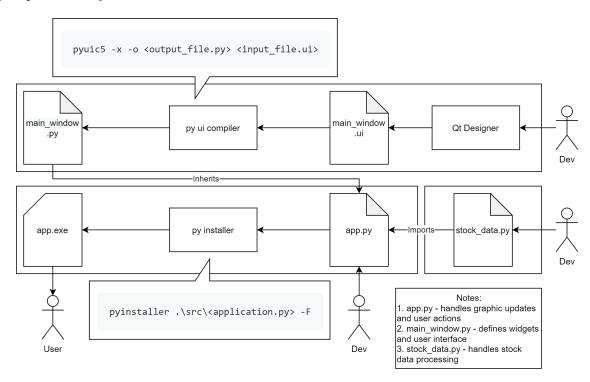


1: Input the location of the stock data file here. In this case we have a relative path that directs to the "data" folder in StockChartApplication, where our sample data file, GOOG.csv is located.

Alternate: an absolute path can also be inputted using the exact directory address of the file.

2: Loads the information in the stock data file into the application

- 3: The date range to be analysed can be changed here.
- 4: The number of days used to compute the simple moving averages can be changed and toggled here.
- 5: Updates the graph to plot the stock price, the two SMAs, the location of crossovers, and the signal presented by the crossover.



The user interface was developed using Qt Designer and saved into main_window.ui. This graphical user interface (GUI) file is then converted to main_window.py using a py ui compiler. main_window.py thus defines the widgets and the user interface for the application.

stock_data.py processes the stock data file provided by the user. This data file can be downloaded from sites such as yahoo finance by searching for a company and date range of the user's choice. Thestock_data.py handles the stock data processing for the application and calculates the simple moving averages as well as identifying the locations of crossovers, before adding them to the stock data file.

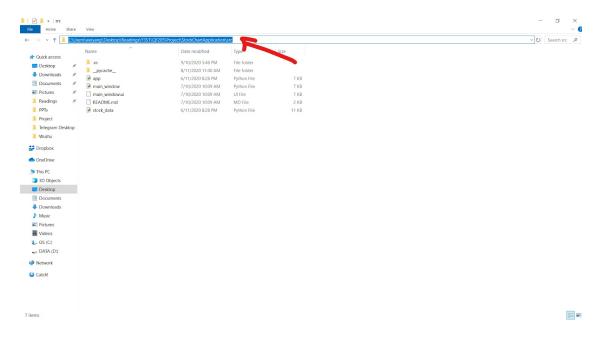
app.py inherits the GUI from main_window.py and imports the data generated by stock_data.py, combining the two and completing the application. Pyinstaller was then used to package app.py into app.exe, which can be easily run by the user. Running app.py through a python shell or just running app.exe will launch the application.

Step 0: Install a python distributor. In our case we will use Anaconda. Anaconda can be downloaded and installed from:

Windows: https://repo.anaconda.com/archive/Anaconda3-2020.07-Windows-x86_64.exe

Mac OS: https://repo.anaconda.com/archive/Anaconda3-2020.07-MacOSX-x86_64.pkg

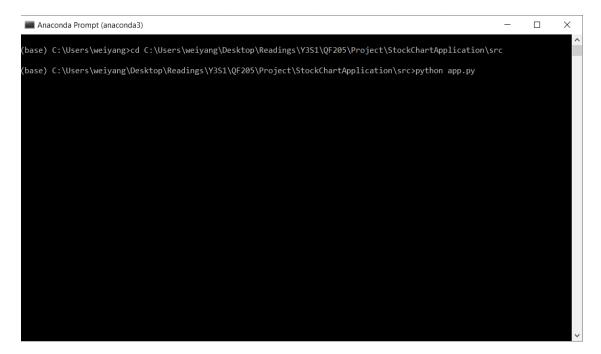
Step 1: go to the src folder in the StockChartApplication, click on the address bar, and copy the directory location



Step 2: search for and run the command line shell of your python distributor. In this case we will search for and run Anaconda Prompt.

Step 3: In the command line shell, type cd and then paste the directory address of the "src" folder then press enter to change the directory

Step 4: type python app.py and press enter to run the Stock Chart Application



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2 Python Basics

2.1 Variables

Variables are containers for storing data values. Unlike other programming languages, a variable is created the moment you first assign a value to it. to assign a value to a variable, use the (=) sign.

Use print() to see the value assigned to the variable

```
[3]: x = 'apple'
Y = 1
_1 = 2
print (x,Y,_1)
```

apple 1 2

Variable names in Python can be any length and can consist of uppercase and lowercase letters (A-Z, a-z), digits (0-9), and the underscore character (_). An additional restriction is that, although a variable name can contain digits, the first character of a variable name cannot be a digit.

```
[4]: 1apple = apple
```

2.2 Data types

Common Data types that are used in the projects includes

```
Text type - String (str)

Numeric type - Integer (int) - Float (float)

Sequence Type - list - range

Using Print(type()) we can see the data type.
```

2.2.1 Text type

```
String(str)
```

Strings literal are denoted by single (' ') or double quotes (" ")

Examples of String

```
[]: x = 'apple'
y = "pear"
print(type(x))
```

We can find the length of the variable by using the in build function len()

```
[]: print(len(x))
print(len(y))
```

2.2.2 Numeric type

Integer (Int)

Int are whole integers which has no decimal points and have unlimited length. Examples of Integers. Underscore are allowed between integer groupings

<class 'int'>

Wrong examples:

Example z gives a invalid token error because leading zero in a non-zero decimal number are not allowed

```
[3]: z = 01
```

```
File "<ipython-input-3-360f18516b30>", line 1 z = 01
```

SyntaxError: invalid token

Float (float)

Float are Floating point numbers that contains one or more decimals

underscore are allowed between float groupings

```
[5]: x = 1.0
y = -3.14_24
print(type(y))
```

<class 'float'>

Int can be converted to float, vice versa.

```
[]: x = 1
    print(type((x)))
    print(x)
    x = float(x)
    print(type((x)))
    print(x)
    x = int(x)
    print(type((x)))
    print(type((x)))
```

Wrong examples:

Example z gives a syntax error because as the underscore is not between digits.

```
[4]: z = 31._3
```

```
File "<ipython-input-4-16e45c8381ba>", line 1 z = 31._3
```

SyntaxError: invalid syntax

2.2.3 Sequence type

List is a collection which is ordered and changeable.

A single list may contain DataTypes like Integers, Strings, as well as Objects. List are mutable, and hence, they can be altered even after their creation.

The elements in a list are indexed according to a definite sequence and the indexing of a list is done with 0 being the first index.

```
[6]: list_example= ['a',1,'c']

print(list_example)
print(list_example[0])
```

```
['a', 1, 'c']
```

We can find the length of the list by using len()

```
[7]: print(len(list_example))
```

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2.2.4 range

The range() function is used to generate a sequence of numbers over time.

We can create a start, stop and step while using the range() function.

The syntax of range function is: range(start, stop, step)

Start is where the range start (inclusive), stop is where the range stops at (exclusive), step determines each increment

```
[8]: print(range(5))
    print(range(2,5))
    print(range(1,10,2))

range(0, 5)
    range(2, 5)
```

2.2.5 Type conversion

range(1, 10, 2)

<class 'float'>

1.0

We can convert one type of data to another with int(), float() and str().

```
[9]: x = 1
    print(type(x))
    x = str(x)
    print(type(x))
    x = float(x)
    print(type(x))
    print(type(x))

<class 'int'>
    <class 'str'>
```

However, converting data type to an invalid literal would give a ValueError.

```
[10]: x = 'apple'
x = int(x)
print(type(x))
```

```
ValueError Traceback (most recent call<sub>□</sub>

→last)

<ipython-input-10-7753f23209e0> in <module>
1 x = 'apple'
```

```
----> 2 x = int(x)
3 print(type(x))
```

ValueError: invalid literal for int() with base 10: 'apple'

2.2.6 Concatenation and Operations

Concatenate by using (+) operator - Multiply using (-) operator - Minus using (-) operator - Divide using (-) operator - Modulus using (-) operator - to find remainder - Exponentiation using (-) operator - Floor division using (-) operator

2.2.7 Operator precedence

Operator have different precedence. It is important to take note of the precedence of the operator in order to accurately represent your equations. We can also use the Brackets to represent the precedence.

This is the operator precedence from Lowest to highest precedence.

```
1. +,-
2. *,/,//,%
3. **
```

Examples of Operator precedence

```
[13]: print(3**2 * 3 +1)

print(2**2**3)

print((20+2*4) / 2)

28
```

256 14.0

2.2.8 Logical operators

A logical operator is a symbol or word used to connect two or more expressions such that the value of the compound expression produced depends only on that of the original expressions and on the meaning of the operator. Common logical operators include AND, OR, and NOT.

and Returns True if all of the statements is true

or Returns True if one of the statements is true

not Reverse the result, returns False if the result is true Examples:

```
[14]: x = 5
y = 5
z = 5
print(x < 3 and x < 10)
print(y > 3 or y < 10)
print (not(z < 4))</pre>
```

False

True

True

2.2.9 Assignment Statement

We can (re)bind names to values and also modify attributes or mutable objects using assignment statements.

When assigning the variable x to a different value, we can see that variable x id is also changed by using the in-build function id().

However, it is possible that two objects with non-overlapping lifetimes can have the same id() value.

```
[16]: x=1
    print(id(x))
    x=3
    print(id(x))
    print(x)
```

```
140734888321424
140734888321488
3
```

2.2.10 Comments

We can use write comments on our code by using the hash character(#).

A comment signifies the end of the logical line most of the time, unless implicit line joining rules are invoked which would result in an syntax error.

```
[21]: x = 1 # x is being assigned the value 1
[20]: x = 1 \ #explicit line joining
print(x)
```

```
File "<ipython-input-20-bda2e21dbab5>", line 1
x = 1 \ #explicit line joining
```

SyntaxError: unexpected character after line continuation character

2.2.11 Indentation

Indentations begins at the start of the logical line which is used to determine the grouping of the statements.

Indentation are rejected if there are an inconsistent mix of tabs and spaces. This causes a Tab Error.

```
[22]: if 1<4:
          print('yes')
    else:
          print('no')</pre>
```

yes

```
[]: if 1>4:
          print('yes')
    else:
    print('no')
```

2.2.12 Functions

A function is a block of organized, reusable code that is used to perform a single, related action. Functions provide better modularity for your application and a high degree of code reusing.

You can pass data, known as parameters, into a function. A function can return data as a result.

We use def to define a function. def is followed by the function name and a parentheses and a colon punctuation.

This is a basic example of a function that prints a string

```
[23]: def my_function():
    print("Hello from a function")
```

By typing my_function(), this would call the function and run the action it in which is to print

Hello from a function

```
[24]: my_function()
```

Hello from a function

Information can be passed into functions as arguments.

Arguments are specified after the function name, inside the parentheses. You can add as many arguments as you want, just separate them with a comma.

We use the return function to send back an output

Examples of Parameters: Sum(x,y)

A parameter is the variable listed inside the parentheses in the function definition.

Examples of arguments: Sum(1,2)

An argument is the value that is sent to the function when it is called.

Example of how a function with arguments and parameter.

- 1. Create the function
- 2. Define the parameters
- 3. Action in the function
- 4. The desired output

```
[27]: def sum(x,y): return (x+y)
```

5. call the function and input the arguments

```
[28]: total_sum = sum(1,2)
print(total_sum)
```

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It is good practice to make sure you have the same number of arguments and parameter.

If we are missing an argument, there would be a TypeError stating that the function is missing a required positional argument

```
[29]: total_sum = sum(1)
print(total_sum)
```

```
TypeError Traceback (most recent call

→last)

<ipython-input-29-64f0fd9ad24f> in <module>
---> 1 total_sum = sum(1)
        2 print(total_sum)

TypeError: sum() missing 1 required positional argument: 'y'
```

If we input more arguments than the parameter, we would also get a TypeErrorstating the function sum() takes 2 positional arguments but 3 were given.

For Arbitrary Arguments, *args

If you do not know how many arguments that will be passed into your function, add a * before the parameter name in the function definition.

This way the function will receive a tuple of arguments, and can access the items accordingly:

```
[31]: def name(*friend):
    print("The best friend is " + friend[2])
    name("Bob", "Tom", "Eden")
```

The best friend is Eden

Keyword Arguments

You can also send arguments with the key = value syntax.

This way the order of the arguments does not matter.

```
[32]: def fruits(fruit3, fruit2, fruit1):
    print("My favourite fruit is " + fruit2)

fruits(fruit1 = "apple", fruit2 = "pear", fruit3 = "orange")
```

My favourite fruit is pear

Arbitrary Keyword Arguments

**kwargs If you do not know how many keyword arguments that will be passed into your function, add two asterisk: ** before the parameter name in the function definition.

This way the function will receive a dictionary of arguments, and can access the items accordingly:

```
[33]: %reset -f

def fruit_function(**fruit):
    print("My favourite fruit is " + fruit["fruit2"])

fruit_function(fruit1 = "apple", fruit2 = "pear")
```

My favourite fruit is pear

2.2.13 Loops

Loops allow the code to iterate and repeat itself within set parameters. Loops allow you to automate processes within the program using a few lines of code.

Loops typically come in two forms: 1. the For statement 2. the While statement

The for statement iterates over the elements of a sequence, such as a string, list, range, or other iterable objects. With the for loop you can automatically execute the code once for each item in the sequence.

An example of a for loop would be:

```
[35]: dateList = ["01-01-2000", "31-12-2020", "05-06-2018", "04-10-2010"] for date in dateList: print(date)
```

```
01-01-2000
```

31-12-2020

05-06-2018

04-10-2010

The date between for and in in the code is arbitary, and can be replaced by any other letter or string.

In this case date is known as the target_list, while the actual list of dates is known as the expression_list. The target list can also have multiple values matching the number of values within the expression_list such as:

```
[36]: for (i,j) in [(1,2), (3,4), (5,6)]:
    print(i)
    print(j)
```

2 3 4

5 6

the number of values in the target_list not matching the number of values in the expression_list will give an error:

```
[37]: for (i,j,k) in [(1,2), (3,4), (5,6)]:
    print(i)
    print(j)
    print(k)
```

ValueError: not enough values to unpack (expected 3, got 2)

For loops can also be used in conjunction with the range() function such as in:

print(k)

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```
[38]: n = 5
for i in range(n):
    print(i)
```

On the other hand, the while statement repeatedly tests an expression and executes the code for as long as the expression is true.

An example of a while loop would be:

```
[]: i = 1
while i < 6:
    print(i)
    i += 1</pre>
```

as long as i is less than 6, the code will print the current value of i before adding 1 to the value of i. When the value of i reaches 6 the loop will automatically end.

2.2.14 if/elif/else

if...elif...else statement is used for decision making in Python. If statement is represented by if and it will only be executed when the statement is true. Else if statement is represented by elif and it will only execute when the statement is true and if the previous statement was not true. Else statement is represented by else and it will only execute when all previous statement were not true. Note: the statements must have a boolean output and each statement blocks have to be indented.

Example:

a is greater than b

There is also an alternative way to write if/else/elif statements that are one liner.

```
[40]: a = 200
b = 33
if b > a: print("b is greater than a")
else: print("a is greater than b")
```

a is greater than b

More examples:

```
[45]: dateIndex = 5

if dateIndex < 3: #10 is more than 3, therefore this statement is false print(dateIndex, 'less than 3');
elif dateIndex < 8: #since previous statement is false, it will land on elif

→statement. Since 10 is more than 8, therefore it is false print(dateIndex, 'less than 8');
else: #since all previous statements is false, it will execute the else block print(dateIndex);
```

5 less than 8

Indentations are important in if/else/elif conditional statements. If the indentations are not properly used after declaring the if/else/elif statements, there will be an indentation error. dateIndex+1 = 5 statement wont give you an boolean output which will give you an error. The correct statement is dateIndex+1 == 5, which will give you either true or false.

Bad example:

```
[47]: If dateIndex+1 = 5:
    print(dateIndex);
    else:
    print(dateIndex);
```

2.2.15 Tuple

Tuple is one of the basic sequences. It is immutable and usually used to store collections of data. Tuple may be constructed in different number of ways: using a pair parentheses to denote the empty tuple: () Using a trailing comma for singleton tuple: 1, or (1,) Separating items with commas: 1, 2, 3 or (1, 2, 3) Using the tuple() built-in: tuple() or tuple([1,2,3]) #tuple(iterable)

The constructor builds a tuple whose items are the same and in the same order as iterable's items. Iterable may be either a sequence, a container that supports iteration, or an iterator object. If iterable is already a tuple, it is returned unchanged. For example, tuple('haha') returns ('h', 'a', 'h', 'a') and tuple([a, b, c]) returns (a, b, c). If no argument is given, the constructor creates a new empty tuple, (). Note: Comma is what makes a tuple, not the parentheses. Parentheses are only compulsory when constructing an empty tuple or when they are needed to avoid syntactic ambiguity. Example f(z, y, x) #this is a function with 3 arguments f((z, y, x)) #this is a function with a 3-tuple as the only argument

```
[48]: tuple('haha')
[48]: ('h', 'a', 'h', 'a')
[49]: tuple('1')
[49]: ('1',)
```

2.2.16 F-strings

A new string formatting mechanism known as Literal String Interpolation or more commonly as F-strings (because of the leading f character preceding the string literal). The idea behind f-strings is to make string interpolation simpler. We would input variables in {} that will be replaced with their values.

Examples:

```
[50]: name = 'bob'
age = 23
print(f"Hello, My name is {name} and I'm {age} years old.")
```

Hello, My name is bob and I'm 23 years old.

2.2.17 Try Except

The try and except block in Python is used to catch and handle exceptions. The try block lets you test a block for exceptions. The except block lets you catch and handle the exceptions if there are any.

Example:

You cannot divide by 0

2.2.18 Assert Statement

The assert Statement: When it encounters an assert statement, Python evaluates the accompanying expression, which is hopefully true. If the expression is false, Python raises an AssertionError exception. If the assertion fails, Python uses ArgumentExpression as the argument for the AssertionError.

Examples:

We first have to assert a condition

```
[]: assert condition
```

We then set a conditional statement to immediately trigger an error if the condition is false. The AssertionError() is a function that is predetermined by the user and it would run when the if condition is trigger.

```
[]: if not condition: raise AssertionError()
```

2.2.19 Exception

Exceptions are errors that were detected during execution. Exception can arise even if a statement and expression is syntactically correct, the cause is due to python not being able to cope with the code. It comes in different types and the type is printed as part of the error message.

Examples:

```
[]: ValueError # Raised when an operation or function receives an argument that has⊔

the right type but an inappropriate value, and the situation is not⊔

described by a more precise exception such as IndexError.

AssertionError #Raised when an assert statement fails

KeyError # Raised when a mapping (dictionary) key is not found in the set of⊔

existing keys.

ZeroDivisionError # Raised when the second argument of a division or modulo⊔

operation is zero. The associated value is a string indicating the type of⊔

the operands and the operation.
```

Exception error message comes in form of a stack traceback and it shows the context where the exception occurred.

Example

```
[]: #Assertion Stack traceback message
Traceback (most recent call last):
File "/home/bafc2f900d9791144fbf59f477cd4059.py", line 4, in
assert y!=0, "Invalid Operation" # denominator can't be 0

AssertionError: Invalid Operation
# We can tell that this is an AssertionError from the name of this exception
→ and the assertion error occurred in line 4 of the code.
```

Exceptions are not unconditionally fatal as it is possible to write programs that handle selected exceptions. To handle exceptions, Try Except is required. Look at the following example, it assigns two variables num1 and num2 with a value of 1 and 0 respectively. Python will try to execute the try block but num1 is divided by 0 which raises a ZeroDivisionError. The except block will catch the exception ZeroDivisionError and execute the except block.

```
[53]: num1 = 1
num2 = 0
try:
    print(num1/num2)
except ZeroDivisionError as e:
    print("You cannot divide by 0")
```

You cannot divide by 0

2.2.20 Lambda Function

A lambda function is a small anonymous function. A lambda function can take any number of arguments, but can only have one expression.

Examples:

```
[54]: x = lambda a : a + 10 # 5 is assigned to a, this would return a value of 15 print(x(5))
```

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```
[55]: x = lambda a, b, c : a + b + c # lamda can take any number of arguments.
print(x(5, 6, 2))
```

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The power of lambda is better shown when you use them as an anonymous function inside another function. Say you have a function definition that takes one argument, and that argument will be multiplied with an unknown number

Examples:

```
[56]: def myfunc(n): # we define a function with parameter (n)
    return lambda a : a * n # this returns a value of 3*11=33

mytripler = myfunc(3)

print(mytripler(11))
```

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2.2.21 Classes, Object

Python is an object oriented programming language. Almost everything in Python is an object, with its properties and methods. A Class is like an object constructor, or a blueprint for creating objects. Classes allow us to bundle data and functionalities together.

To create a class we have to use the keyword class

Example:

```
[57]: class MyClass: x = 5
```

Creating a new class would also create a new type of object. This would create a new instance of that type to be made. Now we can use the class named MyClass to create objects:

Examples:

```
[58]: p1 = MyClass() print(p1.x)
```

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All classes have a function called init(), which is always executed when the class is being initiated. Use the init() function to assign values to object properties, or other operations that are necessary to do when the object is being created.

Create a class named Person, use the init() function to assign values for name and age

Example:

```
[59]: class Person:
    def __init__(self, name, age): #create a function with parameters self, name, u
    →age
        self.name = name
        self.age = age

p1 = Person("John", 36)

print(p1.name) # this would print the
    print(p1.age)
```

John 36

If one more argument is given when creating an object, there would be a TypeError: init() takes 3 positional arguments but 4 were given

Bad Example:

If one less argument is given when creating an object, there would be a TypeError Bad Example:

```
File "<ipython-input-61-e8fbb26d380d>", line 4
self.age = age
```

TabError: inconsistent use of tabs and spaces in indentation

Objects can also contain methods. Methods in objects are functions that belong to the object. Example:

```
[62]: %reset -f
```

```
class Person:
    def __init__(self, name, age):
        self.name = name
        self.age = age

    def myfunc(self):
        print("Hello my name is " + self.name)

p1 = Person("John", 36) # creates a person object with the two argument.
p1.myfunc()#call object methods myfunc(self)
```

Hello my name is John

A TypeError would occur if there is a missing argument.

Bad Example:

```
[63]: %reset -f

class Person:
    def __init__(self, name, age):
        self.name = name
        self.age = age

    def myfunc(self, name):
        print("Hello input name is " + self.name)

p1 = Person("John", 36) # creates a person object with the two argument.
    p1.myfunc()#call object methods myfunc(self) but there is a missing parameter
```

TypeError: myfunc() missing 1 required positional argument: 'name'

2.2.22 Inheritance

Inheritance allows us to define a class that inherits all the methods and properties from another class. The class inheritance mechanism allows multiple base classes. A derived class can override any methods of its base class or classes. A method can call the method of a base class with the same name.

There are 2 main classes, Parent class and Child class. Parent class is the class being inherited from, also called base class. Child class is the class that inherits from another class, also called derived class. We can create a parent class

Example:

JunJie Edwin

We then create child class. This child class will inherit the properties and methods from the Person class

Example:

```
[65]: class Student(Person):

pass # we use pass because we don't want to add any other properties or

→methods to class.
```

We can then create the child class (student) to create an object.

```
[66]: x = Student("Casper", "Calvin")
x.printname() #print out the properties in the class.
```

Casper Calvin

Super() Function

Python has a function called super(). This would make the child class inherit all the methods and properties from its parent. By using super() function, you do not have to use the name of the parent element, it will automatically inherit the methods and properties from its parent.

```
[67]: class Student(Person):
    def __init__(self, fname, lname):
```

```
super().__init__(fname, lname)

x = Student("Michael", "Jackson")
x.printname()
```

Michael Jackson

[]:

3 stock_data.py

3.1 Import for StockData.py

Firstly, we import all the packages that would be used in StockData.py. We used the import statement and created an alias for the packages using the as statement. We import numpy because we would be using some of the in-built functions such as np.nan. pandas package would enable us to read and overwrite our CSV datafiles. matplotlib.pyplot package would be used for plotting the stock data into graphs.

```
[]: import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

Learning points: The programmer can create alias for their imported packages so that it would be easier for them to recognize and use the functions in the packages.

3.2 Class for StockData

We create a class name StockData which will contain the attributes and functions.

```
[]: class StockData():
```

Learning point: Classes are often created because it allows us to bundle data and functionalities together.

3.3 Constructor

We create a constructor using __init__ which requires one string parameter: filepath. The attribute filepath stores the parameter filepath. The attribute data stores the pandas dataframe which is extracted from a CSV file found in the filepath. When constructing a StockData object, it will call and run the check_data() function.

```
def __init__(self, filepath):
    self.filepath = filepath
    self.data = pd.read_csv(filepath).set_index('Date')
    self.check_data()
```

Learning point: If you do not create a Constructor, Python will automatically create a default constructor that does not do anything.

3.4 Check data

We first start by checking for any missing data and then filling in any missing values by interpolation in the csv data. We use the interpolate() function to fill in the estimated values. The interpolate function uses a linear interpolation which takes the average of the value before and after the data point to come out with an estimation. We started with this step so that our dataset would be cleaned and have no missing values.

We define a function name check_data(). This functions checks and handles missing data by filling in missing values by interpolation. The parameter (overwrite = True) takes a boolean value and overwrites the original source stock data .csv file.

```
[ ]: def check_data(self, overwrite=True):
    self.data = self.data.interpolate()
```

Learning point: When creating a function, we would need to make sure there is proper indentation after the colon. All the code that is in the function would need to have the same indentation.

The next part is to overwrite the original stock data.csv file. We would use a pandas inbuilt functionto_csv() with the parameters (self.filepath) as the filepath and (index= overwrite) to overwrite the csv file.

```
[]: self.data.to_csv(self.filepath, index=overwrite)
```

We then use return to send the StockData to any code that calls this function.

```
[]: return self
```

Learning point: return statement is often used at the end of the function to returns the results (values) of the expression to the caller. Statements after the return statement are not executed. If the return statement is without any expression, the value returned would be none.

3.5 Get data

The get_data function to return a subset of the stock data from start_date to end_date inclusive. The parameter start_date and end_date has a type str that is the start date and end_data of stock data range, must be of format YYYY-MM-DD.

```
[]: def get_data(self, start_date, end_date):
```

The variable self.selected_data would store a dataframe indexed from the specified start to end date inclusive.

```
[]: self.selected_data = self.data[str(start_date):str(end_date)]
```

We then use return to send the selected_data that consist of start and end dates to any code that calls this function.

```
[]: return self.selected_data
```

3.6 Get period

The get_period function is used to obtain the earliest and latest date in the data dataframe. Since data have index based on the date, we can obtain a list of date with list(self.data.index). With the list, we can obtain the first and last index in the list and return them in a tuple.

```
def get_period(self):
    index = list(self.data.index)
        (first, last) = (index[0], index[-1])
        return (first, last)
```

Learning point: If you want to return more than one variable, you can return them in heterogeneous containers like tuple or list.

3.7 calculate SMA

In the calculate_SMA function, we take in 1 parameter: n which is the number of days used to calculate the simple moving average (SMA).

With n, we will create a column label named SMA + n.

```
[]: col_head = 'SMA' + str(n) #col_hard will be SMA15 if n is 15
```

Due to the dataframe of the self.data having an index using the date, we use reset_index() to undo the index and reinclude date into one of the columns.

```
[]: df = self.data.reset_index()
```

Learning point: To speed the working progress, we should use in-built functions provided by packages if it fulfil the requirements.

Then we check if the column name col head is found in df by using the following code:

```
[]: if col_head not in df.columns:
```

Learning point: Not is a logical operator commonly used with conditional statements such as if else or while.

If it is found in df, we will return self and leave the dataframe untouched as the SMA of n number of days has already been calculated. Otherwise, we will begin the calculation.

We begin by retrieving the list of date found in the self.data(portion of the full data) and creating returnList which will store the calculated SMA later on by using the following code:

```
[ ]: dateList = self.data.index.values.tolist()
returnList = []
```

With this list of data, we will do a for loop with each of the date in the list and find the index of each specific date in the full dataset. We will then use these dateIndex to see if there are enough datasets to calculate the SMA. For example, we need 15 data set prior to the current day in order to calculate the SMA of 15 days. If there is not enough data prior to the current date, we will append NaN into the returnList to show that we do not have SMA for that current date.

```
[]: for date in dateList:
    dateIndex = df[df["Date"] == date].index.values[0]
    if dateIndex < n:
        returnList.append(np.nan)</pre>
```

If there is enough data, we will do a for loop with n number of iterations to calculate the sum of adjusted close values for n number of days which is the SMA value. At the end of the loop, we will append the SMA into returnList.

After calculating all the SMA for every date in self.data, we insert the returnList containing all the SMA value with a column name stored in col_head. At the end of the function, we save the dataframe with SMA into a CSV file.

```
[ ]: self.data[col_head] = returnList
self.data.to_csv(self.filepath, index=True)
```

3.8 calculate crossover

We first start by creating and defining the shell of the calculate_crossover function:

```
[]: def calculate_crossover(self, SMAa,SMAb):
    return self
```

This function takes in the two SMA values previously calculated in the calculate_sma function as inputs to calculate the crossover locations.

Next we will start to write the code inside the function. We first define the columns we plan to add to the .csv file and extract the all data in the .csv file:

```
[]: col_head3 = "Buy"
col_head4 = "sell"
df = self.data
```

We convert the data into a list which we will use as a reference to ensure our subsequent calculations have the correct number of elements

```
[]: SMAlist = self.data.index.values.tolist()
```

We then use an if, elif, and else statement to assign the lower SMA to SMA1 from the and the higher SMA to SMA2. This is useful later in the calculations to ensure that buy and sell signals are correctly identified.

```
[]: if SMAa < SMAb:
    SMA1 = df[SMAa].tolist()
    SMA2 = df[SMAb].tolist()

elif SMAa > SMAb:
    SMA1 = df[SMAb].tolist()
    SMA2 = df[SMAa].tolist()

else:
    raise valueError(f"Given {SMAa} & {SMAb} are the same. Must be different
    →SMA")
```

learning point: if, elif, and else statements

elif is used here because there are multiple distinct different possibilities with how SMAa and SMAb are related. It is common to list the expected possibilities first in the if and elif statements, and else would normally be reserved for unexpected outcomes or errors

df.[SMAa].tolist() extracts the column SMAa from the dataframe df and converts it to a list. Likewise for df.[SMAb].tolist(). If the two SMA values are equal, the code will raise a value error and the error message.

We create empty lists for the relative position of the two SMAs (stockPosition), the combined list of crossover signals (stockSignal), and finally separate lists for the buy and sell signals (buySignal, sellSignal). These lists will be referenced and used in the next few lines of code.

```
[]: stockPosition = []
  stockSignal = []
  buySignal = []
  sellSignal = []
```

To create a list of relative SMA positions, we use a for loop:

```
[]: for i in range(len(SMAlist)):
    if SMA1[i] > SMA2[i]: stockPosition.append(1)
    elif SMA1[i] < SMA2[i]: stockPosition.append(0)
    elif SMA1[i] == SMA2[i]: stockPosition.append(stockPosition[i-1])
    else: stockPosition.append(np.nan)</pre>
```

By setting the range of the for loop to be the length of SMAlist, we ensure that the loop iterates over every single element in the dataframe.

Any day that SMA1 (the smaller one) is higher than SMA2 will add a 1 to the stockPosition list. Days where SMA2 is higher than SMA1 will add a 0 to the stockPosition list. The end result will be a list of 1s and 0s showing which SMA is higher on any given day.

In the unlikely case that the two SMA vaues are equal in a day, the number added will be a repeat of the previous day, as no crossover has occured yet.

On days where either SMA is missing data, such as in the first few days when there is not enough data to compute the SMA, we will add np.nan to the list as a filler.

After getting the full stockPosition list, we need to identify the days where crossover occurs. For this, another for loop is used:

```
[]: for j in range(len(stockPosition)):
    if j == 0: stockSignal.append(np.nan)
    else: stockSignal.append(stockPosition[j] - stockPosition[j-1])
```

Again we set the range for the loop to be the length of **stockPosition** to ensure the code iterates over every element.

The stockSignal list 'lags' behind the stockPosition list by one day, hence we add a np.nan as the very first value in the list to align the stockSignal list with the stockPosition list and ensure that both lists have the same number of elements.

Following that we take the difference between the stockPosition that day and the stockPosition the previous day to identify the locations of crossovers. Crossovers show up in the list as 1 for a buy signal, and a -1 for sell signals. 0 indicates that there has been no crossover that day.

```
learning point: indexing
```

remember that in python, sequences start with 0, not 1! Hence, j == 0 just refers to the first element in the range

learning point: np.nan

remember that any arithmetic operation on NaN will result in NaN. This allows us to append the list with null values without generating a value error

The next step would be to filter out the buy and sell signals, which will be processed separately by the application:

```
for k in range(len(stockSignal)):
    if stockSignal[k] == 1:
        value = self.data[SMAa].tolist()[k]
        buySignal.append(value)
    else: buySignal.append(np.nan)

for k in range(len(stockSignal)):
    if stockSignal[k] == -1:
        value = self.data[SMAa].tolist()[k]
        sellSignal.append(value)
    else: sellSignal.append(np.nan)
```

Using yet another set of for loops, we identify the crossover locations in the **stockSignal** list. At the crossover locations, we append the average SMA values of that particular day to the appropriate buy or sell list. This value will then be used as the y-axis value that the application uses to plot the crossover signals on the graph.

The else condition appends np.nan to the list on days that do not contain the respective crossover signals, and ensures that the signals are correctly aligned to the dates where the crossover occurred.

Finally, with the locations of buy and sell crossover signals, the function will append the buy and sell signals to the .csv file as new columns while also printing the results in the application:

```
[]: self.data[col_head3] = buySignal
    self.data[col_head4] = sellSignal

print(self.data)
    self.data.to_csv(self.filepath, index=True)
```

learning point: testing

the reason why the function prints the results is so we can independently test whether the function works even before the rest of the app is completed. Splitting work up in such a complex application is crucial so you can identify exactly which part of the app is causing errors!

[]:

4 main_window.py

As mentioned, main_window.py's main responsibility is to define the graphic user interface (GUI) itself. It does so by:

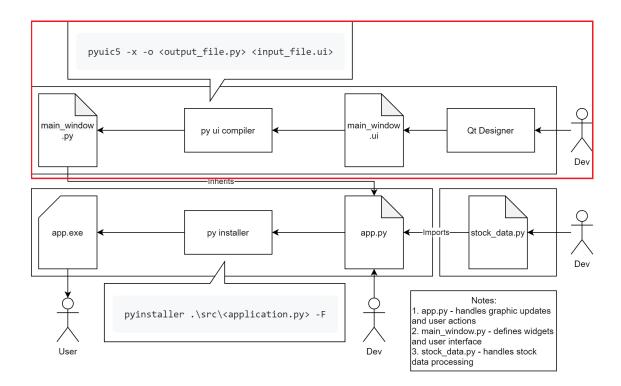
- 1. Defining each Widget objects' and their names within the GUI
- 2. Defining the location, size and other physical attributes of each Widgets

It does **NOT** define the functionalities of the Widgets found in the GUI. That is the job of app.py.

While it is possible to create main_window.py by manually writing a python script file from scratch, it is cumbersome. Instead, the following method was used develop the Stock Chart Application:

- 1. Install Qt Designer application
- 2. Use Qt Designer to build the GUI file called: main_window.ui
- 3. Pip install PyQt5 for python
- 4. Use pyuic5 (a utility script that comes with PyQt5) to compile main_window.ui into main_window.py

The above-mentioned main_window.py's development process is summarized in the graphics below:



This method is **recommended** because it is user-friendly and changes made can be seen visually on the Qt Designer itself before it is applied. Thus, not requiring the developer to run the python file after every changes or even knowing how do so at all.

This section of the report will now go through the 4 steps of developing main_window.py mentioned.

4.1 Installing Qt Designer

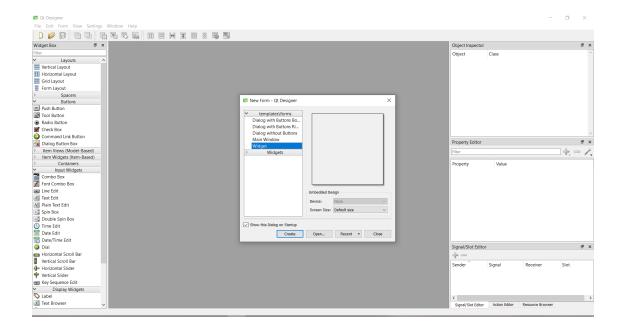
The installation process of Qt Designer is similar to any other application.

- 1. Go to: https://build-system.fman.io/qt-designer-download
- 2. Click either the Windows or Mac option. Depending on your computer's Operating System
- 3. Select a location for the Qt Setup Application .exe to be downloaded
- 4. Double click on the Qt Setup Application .exe and follow its installation procedure
- 5. Check that you have Qt Designer installed after the installation has completed

4.2 Building main_window.ui with Qt Designer

4.2.1 Defining the GUI

First, open Qt Designer. The following window and prompts will appear:



Choose Widget under the template\forms prompt and press the Create Button to begin designing main_window.ui.

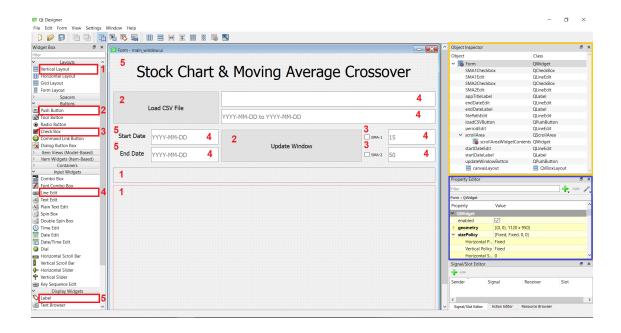
This is simply a starting template of our GUI, but it is important as the Widget option will later be used to inform app.py of the type of GUI being inherited.

Learning Point: Qt Designer + PyQt5 Template

The information about the template is specified when the .ui file is started. The information is important because it specifies they type of GUI being inherited later. In this case, the Widget called UI_Form is going to be inherited by app.py

4.2.2 Defining the Widgets inside the GUI

Second, start designing the main_window.ui GUI as shown in the image below:



To 'design' the GUI, simply drag and drop the appropriate type of Widget from the left side-bar called Widget Box into the GUI Widget.

This does imply that our GUI is a Widget (because we specify it as such in the template\forms option) containing Widgets.

For convenience, the **type** of the Widget used to make the GUI shown above has ben annotated with red boxes and numbers to show where to find each **type** of Widgets used to build the GUI.

Learning Point: Qt Designer + PyQt5 Widget Types

- 1. Vertical Layout: a layout to mark certain area
- 2. Push Button: an interactive button
- 3. Check Box: an interactive checkbox
- 4. Line Edit: a place to enter a line of text
- 5. Label: a non-interactive label to display texts

For each Widget being dragged and dropped into the GUI, remember to name them accordingly by editing the value of the objectName in the Property Editor (blue box). There are also other attributes values to play with!

For instance, this Stock Chart Application has its window fixed to a specific size. This can be done by specifying the following properties in the Property Editor of the UI Form (found in the Object Inspector):

- 1. Set geometry to: $[(0, 0), 1120 \times 950]$
- 2. Set sizePolicy to: [Fixed, Fixed, 0, 0]

Tips: To preview the GUI inside Qt Designer, press Ctrl + R (for Windows users only).

Learning Point: Qt Designer + PyQt5 Widget Attributes

Different Widget will have different attributes. They can be found in the Property Editor. Some important attributes include: objectName, geometry, sizePolicy, font, etc...

Also, do refer to the Object Inspector (yellow box) in the main_window.ui image for a list of the names of the widget and their associated Widget type.

For example: name (Object): SMA1CheckBox, class (type): QCheckBox.

In short, these 2 actions: dragging and dropping Widgets and editing values in Property Editor correspond to what were initially meant by:

- 1. Defining each Widget objects' and their names within the GUI
- 2. Defining the location, size and other physical attributes of each Widgets

Finally, to save the main_window.ui file, press: File > Save As option on the top left hand corner of the window.

4.3 Installing PyQt5

Installing PyQt5 is similar to installing any other python packages using PIP. Simply run the following command from the computer's terminal:

pip install PyQt5

PyQt5 is a package comprising a comprehensive set of Python bindings for Qt Designer v5. As part of its package, it comes with a utility script called pyuic5 which will be used to compile .ui files created using Qt Designer into a .py python module file.

4.4 Compiling main window.ui into main window.py

To compile the main_window.ui file into main_window.py, simply run the following command from the computer's terminal:

pyuic5 -x -o .\src\main_window.py .\src\main_window.ui

- The two flags -x -o are **required** for the program to work.
- The two arguments passed are also **required** as they are the **output** file path and the **input** file path.

Note: the two file paths assume that the command is run from the root directory and the main_window.ui file is saved in a directory called src.

5 app.py

While main_window.py's responsibility is to define the graphics user interface, app.py's responsibility is to define the functionalities of the GUI. This is achieved by doing 2 things:

- 1. Defining functions to accomplish certain actions
- 2. Connecting Widget actions to these functions

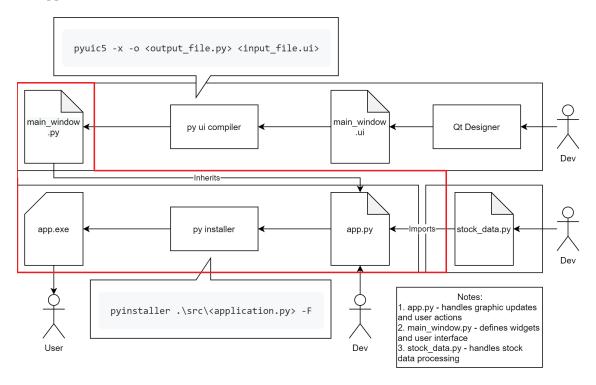
For example, if we want the Update Window Button to plot the stock prices in the GUI's canvas. We will have to create a function that plots the graph into the canvas and then connect the Update Window Button to this function.

However, before doing so, app.py must first know the Widget names defined in main_window.py.

For example, the Update Window Button is actually named: updateWindowButton. This name is defined on the previous section, when main_window.ui was designed using Qt Designer and the objectName is specified inside the Property Editor!

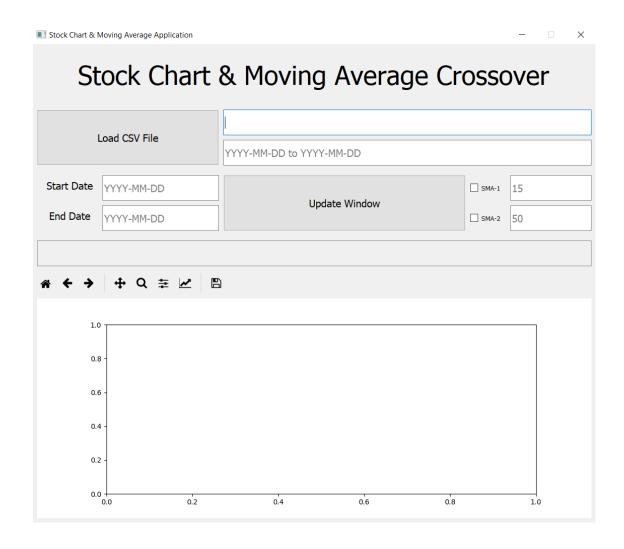
This is why, on the previous step, it is recommended to name the Widgets accordingly!

This section of the report will go through the 3 steps of developing app.py + 1 optional step to compile app.exe, as summarized in the graphics below.



5.1 Inheriting Widgets from main_window.py

The goal of this section is to ensure that app.py is runnable without any error and shows the exact same GUI as if previewing main_window.ui.



This result shows that app.py has successfully inherited all the properties of main_window.py, which includes all the Widgets defined when main_window.ui was created! These Widgets include updateWindowButton, SMA1Checkbox, filePathEdit, etc...

To achieve this, simply start from the generic starter code for all PyQt5 application and then add the following:

- 1. Import matplotlib, PyQt5 and the GUI's Widget class called UI_Form from main_window
- 2. Pass QWidget and UI_Form as argument to Main class to specify inheritance from QWidget and UI_Form class
- 3. Call the superclass' (UI_Form) initializing function and setup function
- 4. Finally, after the inherited GUI has been initialized, it is still possible to add other Widgets programmatically as well

This is exactly shown in the code below, running them should result in the image shown above:

```
[]: import sys
from pathlib import Path
from datetime import datetime
```

```
# Step 1
# standard matplotlib import statements
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import matplotlib.dates as mdates
# import matplotlib backend for Qt5
from matplotlib.backends.backend_qt5agg import FigureCanvasQTAgg as FigureCanvas
from matplotlib.backends.backend_qt5agg import NavigationToolbar2QT as_
→NavigationToolbar
# standard PyQt5 import statements
from PyQt5 import QtCore as qtc
from PyQt5 import QtWidgets as qtw
# importing the class to be inherited from
from main_window import Ui_Form
# importing StockData processing module
from stock_data import StockData
class Main(qtw.QWidget, Ui Form): # Step 2
   def __init__(self):
        # Step 3
        # calling Ui_Form's initializing and setup function
       super().__init__()
       self.setupUi(self)
        self.setWindowTitle("Stock Chart & Moving Average Application")
        # sets up figure to plot on, instantiates canvas and toolbar
        self.figure, self.ax = plt.subplots()
        self.canvas = FigureCanvas(self.figure)
        self.toolbar = NavigationToolbar(self.canvas, self)
        # attaches the toolbar and canvas to the canvas layout
       self.canvasLayout.addWidget(self.toolbar)
        self.canvasLayout.addWidget(self.canvas)
        # sets up a scroll area to display GUI statuses
        self.scrollWidget = qtw.QWidget()
        self.scrollLayout = qtw.QVBoxLayout()
        self.scrollWidget.setLayout(self.scrollLayout)
        self.scrollArea.setWidget(self.scrollWidget)
   def function(self):
        # define new functions to do each new actions this way
        pass
```

```
if __name__ == "__main__":
    app = qtw.QApplication([])
    main = Main()
    main.show()
    sys.exit(app.exec_())
```

Learning Point: Inheriting Widgets from main_window.py

When main_window.ui is converted into main_window.py using pyuic5, the Widget class called Ui_Form is created. This Ui_Form class has access to all the Widgets previously defined inside main_window.ui using Qt Designer! They're accessible to Ui_Form as regular python Attributes. e.g: self.updateWindowButton, etc... Thus, by inheriting from Ui_Form, app.py's Main class can also access these Widgets through its Attributes. LIkewise, functions defined in Ui_Form are also inherited and accessible to Main.

Learning Point: Defining & Adding Widgets programmatically

Sometimes, it is more convenient to define Widgets programmatically then through Qt Designer. As shown from the code snippet above, this is also possible and uses the exact same core principles as in main_window.py 1. Defining each Widget objects' and their names within the GUI. Exemplified with lines such as: self.canvas = FigureCanvas(self.figure) or similar instantiation line: button = QPushButton('Button Name', self) 2. Defining the location, size and other physical attributes of each Widgets. Exemplified with lines such as: self.canvasLayout.addWidget(self.canvas)

Now that app.py is able to access the Widgets defined in main_window.py by means of Python inheritance. It is now possible to implement app.py's main responsibility:

- 1. Defining functions to accomplish certain actions
- 2. Connecting Widget actions to these functions

5.2 Defining functions in app.py

Before defining the functions in app.py, it is important to first be aware of the scope of each functions needed to execute the app's entire process. By referring to the User Manual's 5-step guide, it is possible to breakdown the entire app's functionalities into 3 major functions + 2 minor functions:

- 1. load_data(self): invoked when Load CSV File Button is pressed
 - loads stock data .csv from inputted filepath string on the GUI as StockData object, also autocompletes all inputs using information provided by the csv. (Handles the actions from Step 1-2 of User Manual).
- 2. update_canvas(self): invoked when Load Update Window Button is pressed creates a datetime object from the inputted date string of format YYYY-MM-DD. uses it to slice a copy of loaded stock_data to be used to update graphics. checks

checkboxes first to see if SMA1, SMA2, Buy and Sell plots need to be drawn. finally, updates graphic accordingly. (Handles the actions from Step 3-5 of User Manual).

3. plot_graph(self, column_headers, formats): invoked when update_canvas function is called

plots graphs specified under column_headers using the formats specified (Helps to handle the action from Step 5 of User Manual).

- 4. report(self, string): invoked when any of the 3 major functions are called given a report (string), update the scroll area with this report
- 5. center(self): invoked when __init__(self) is called (i.e. during the startup of app) centers the fixed main window size according to user screen size

The following part of the report will attempt to explain each of these 5 functions in detail. However, due to space limitation and the need for conciseness, only parts of the code with its line number will be referenced! We highly recommend that readers refer to the full code in the Appendix or the python file itself should it become necessary.

5.2.1 load data(self)

First, this function attempts to parse the text specified by user in the Line Edit Widget called filePathEditfor a filepath.

```
102 filepath = Path(self.filePathEdit.text())
```

Learning Point: Getting Line Edit Widget Value

To extract the string value from Line Edit Widget, use: .text() method

The parsing of this filepath is outsourced to Python's pathlib library.

Learning Point: Using Path from pathlib to parse filepath

To parse the filepath from string, simply use the standard python pathlib. Instantiate a Path object by passing the string as follows: Path(string). This guarantees that the resultant filepath follows the proper format that the computer OS uses.

Next, it will attempt to instantiate a StockData data object using this filepath. However, to prevent crashes due to invalid filepath or .csv file, it is important to wrap the previous instantiation line with a try... except....

```
104 try:
105    self.stock_data = StockData(filepath)
...
121 except IOError as e:
122    self.report(f"Filepath provided is invalid or fail to open .csv file. {e}")
123
124 except TypeError as e:
125    self.report(f"The return tuple is probably (nan, nan) because .csv is empty")
```

Each of this except corresponds to the the errors mentioned in the function's docstring line 96 to 100 (see Appendix).

Learning Point: Preventing Crashes with try... except...

To prevent crashes, simply encapsulate the line inside a try... except.... Each type of error can then be handled individually.

Once StockData has been initialized, the function attempts to get the start_date and end_date of the stock_data by StockData's method called get_period().

```
start_date, end_date = self.stock_data.get_period()
period = f"{start_date} to {end_date}"
```

Finally, the function will attempt to 'auto-complete' the various Widgets using information such as the start_date and end_date.

```
# auto-complete feauture
109
        self.startDateEdit.setText(start_date)
110
111
        self.endDateEdit.setText(end_date)
        self.periodEdit.setText(period)
112
        self.SMA1Edit.setText("15")
113
        self.SMA2Edit.setText("50")
114
115
        self.SMA1Checkbox.setChecked(False)
        self.SMA2Checkbox.setChecked(False)
116
```

Learning Point: Setting Widget Values Programmatically.

To set values to Widgets there are various methods specific to each type of Widget. Line Edit Widget uses .setText(string) whereas Checkbox Widget uses .setChecked(bool).

5.2.2 update_canvas(self)

Similar to load_data(self), this function begins by parsing an input. This time, the input is read from startDateEdit and endDateEdit. While load_data(self) attempts to parse filepath, update_canvas(self) is attempting to read datetime. Hence, python's standard datetime library is used:

```
150 try:
151    start_date = str(datetime.strptime(self.startDateEdit.text(), self.date_format).date()
152    end_date = str(datetime.strptime(self.endDateEdit.text(), self.date_format).date())
```

To convert a datetime string into a datetime object, the method datetime.strptime(string, format) can be used. However, it requires that the specified string follows a certain format, the chosen format is: YYYY-MM-DD, represented by:

```
148 self.date_format = '%Y-%m-%d'
```

Similar to load_data(self), these functions are encapsulated inside a try... except... to prevent crashes and catch errors.

More detailed information about this datetime package can be found in the "Python Packages" section.

Learning Point: Parsing date string using datetime

To parse a datetime string into a datetime object, use the datetime.strptime(string, format) method. This method requires that the string specified follows a format. For YYYY-MM-DD, its format is represented as: YY-Y-M. Then finally, to return a datetime object in a certain format, simply use the object's method. In the application, .date() is used to return the datetime object with a YYYY-MM-DD format.

Unlike load_data(self) that attempts to simply process the entire StockData, the goal of update_canvas is to:

- 1. Determine a range of of data to be plotted
- 2. Determine what columns of data to be plotted

The first goal is simple as the function has already parsed the start_date and end_date strings from their respective Line Edit Widgets using datetime package mentioned previously. All that is left is to call the StockData's method that has been written to return a copy of the DataFrame for the specified range of data.

```
self.selected_stock_data = self.stock_data.get_data(start_date, end_date)
```

The second goal is a little more complex. The function needs to build a list of column_headers by checking whether or not the two SMA Checkbox Widgets are 'ticked' using the method Checkbox.isChecked().

There are in total 3 different possibilities:

1. No Checkbox is ticked. Then, only the stock price under the Close header needs to be plotted. This means by default, the Close stock price data will always be plotted. Hence, the column_headers list is always instantiated with this value inside:

```
# builds a list of graphs to plot by checking the tickboxes column_headers = ['Close']
```

2. Only 1 of the SMA Checkbox is ticked. Then, it is only necessary to calculate 1 SMA using the StockData method _calculate_SMA(int), and append 1 column_head string into the column_headers list. Thus, we check for this condition using 2 if clauses, 1 for each SMA Checkbox Widgetresulting in a column_headers list of length 2:

```
if self.SMA1Checkbox.isChecked():
    self.stock_data._calculate_SMA(int(self.SMA1Edit.text()))
    column_headers.append(f"SMA{self.SMA1Edit.text()}")
...
if self.SMA2Checkbox.isChecked():
    self.stock_data._calculate_SMA(int(self.SMA2Edit.text()))
    column_headers.append(f"SMA{self.SMA2Edit.text()}")
```

3. Both of the SMA Checkboxes are ticked. Then, 2 SMAs must be calculated and 2 column_head string must be appended. However, on top of these, SMA crossover data can now be calculated using the 2 SMA data with _calculate_crossover(SMA1, SMA2, value) resulting in 2 additional columns of signal data to be plotted called: Buy and Sell. This results in a column_headers list of length 5. We check for this condition by checking if the length of column_headers list is 3:

```
if len(column_headers) == 3:
```

```
self.stock_data._calculate_crossover(column_headers[1], column_headers[2], column_1

column_headers.append('Sell')

formats.append('rv')

column_headers.append('Buy')

formats.append('g^')
```

Finally, we can then plot these datapoints found in the column headers according to specific formats by calling:

The formats is also a list of string that tells matplotlib of the marker type and color of the different data plots. The process of building the formats list is exactly the same as column_headers list, and therefore, the length of the two lists must always be the same by the time line 176 is called.

Learning Point: Getting Checkbox Widget Value

While Line Edit Widget uses the method .text() to get its string value. Checkbox Widget uses .isChecked() to get its current value which returns boolean: True or False depending whether the it is 'ticked' or not.

Learning Point: matplotlib plot format strings

Format strings inform matplotlib of both color and type of plot. Some common ones include: k-, where k tells matplotlib to color the plot black and the - tells matplotlib to plot the data as line graph. ro tells matplolib to plot the data red and as scatter plot. Finally, g^* tells matplotlib to use the green color and upper triangle for the scatter plot's marker instead of a dot which the previous o command specifies.

5.2.3 plot_graph(self, column_headers, formats)

This function implements the standard matplotlib's method of plotting datapoints into an Axes.

First ensure that the Axes to plot on is cleared before a new plot is drawn by calling:

```
210 self.ax.clear()
```

This is to prevent multiple plots being plotted on the same Axes when the Update Window Button is pressed multiple times.

Next, prevent any crashing due to empty dataframe by using assert statement to raise error when such occasions do happen, for example: the user selects a start and end date containing no data points.

211 assert not self.selected_stock_data.empty

Learning Point: Clearing Axes

Axes is the plot area in which the datapoints are plotted. It is important to clear this area, otherwise multiple plots will be plotted in it. To clear it use the .clear() method.

Learning Point: Preventing Crashes with assert

The assert keyword tests if a condition is true. If it is **NOT**, the program will raise an AssertionError. which can then be handled. This can be used to prevent crashes, in combination with try... except mentioned previously.

Only after doing these checks, do we implement the plotting method which is simply just:

```
self.ax.plot(x_data, y_data, formats[i], label=column_headers[i])
```

This is the standard matplotlib function to use to plot any X-Y datas in an Axes.

For the x_{data} , we have the list containing dates of each prices. However, specifically for a time-series x_{data} , matplotlib does not accept string or datetime objects. Instead it has its own internal way of representing datetime. As such, it is mandatory to convert datetime objects into this internal representation with mdates.date2num(datetime_list).

For the y_data, we can use anything as it is a simple stock price values. In this case, it is just a list. Furthermore, if we want to plot multiple datasets in the same Axes, we can simply call the method in line 223 mutiple times with different y_data. For example, we use loops to call ax.plot() on each y_data dataset of every column_headers:

```
220 for i in range(len(column_headers)):
221    if column_headers[i] in self.selected_stock_data.columns:
222        y_data = list(self.selected_stock_data[column_headers[i]])
223        self.ax.plot(x_data, y_data, formats[i], label=column_headers[i])``
```

Learning Point: The "Standard Way" of Plotting Using matplotlib

The standard method of plotting using matplotlib is to use the method: $ax.plot(x_data, y_data)$.

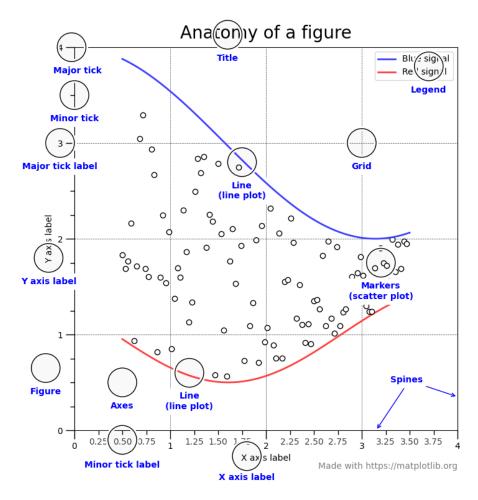
Once the plots are drawn, there may be some formatting that needs to be done on how either the Axes or the Figure looks like:

```
227 # formatting
228 months_locator = mdates.MonthLocator()
229 months_format = mdates.DateFormatter('%b %Y')
230 self.ax.xaxis.set_major_locator(months_locator)
231 self.ax.xaxis.set_major_formatter(months_format)
232 self.ax.format_xdata = mdates.DateFormatter(self.date_format)
233 self.ax.format_ydata = lambda y: '$%1.2f' % y
234 self.ax.grid(True)
235 self.figure.autofmt_xdate()
236 self.figure.legend()
237 self.figure.tight_layout()
238 self.canvas.draw()
```

Line 238 is important as it tells the GUI to redraw the plot itself with the new formatting!

There are many components that are editable to make a plot looks just right! Thus, it is important to know what is in fact editable by understanding the parts of a Figure.

Learning Point: Anatomy matplotlib's Figure



One important thing to note is that, the Figure encompasses the Axes and other things like the legend, layout, title, etc... Whereas the Axes of a Figure is just the area where the data are plotted! There can be multiple Axes to a single Figure but not the reverse!

An alternative to this method is to simply call Dataframe.plot(column_headers, formats) on the Dataframe containing the selected data. However, this method requires that the format of the x_{data} is already in correct (in this case: mdates). Otherwise it will result in an inaccurate/missing x_{data} ticks. As shown here:



Which is why, using the standard method with ax.plot(), is recommended and chosen for this application as it guarantees a correct plot as the data are **explicitly** handled.

5.2.4 report(self, string)

This is a simple function to replicate the act of printing statements to terminal to check on the current progress of the code. It is not necessary to have this statement if the user is running the app using python. However, it is necessary to have it if the user runs the .exe file instead, because there is no terminal to see the progress of the app.

```
248 report_text = qtw.QLabel(string)
249 self.scrollLayout.addWidget(report_text)
250 print(string)
```

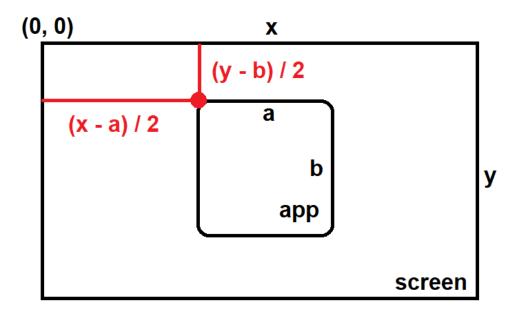
To simulate print statements, simply add new Label Widget with the string statement as its value. This is attached to a Layout that can be scrolled.

5.2.5 center(self)

This method is called to programmatically center the main window of the app according to the screen size of the user's computer. First, the screen and app's main_window geometries are acquired.

```
256 screen = qtw.QDesktopWidget().screenGeometry()
257 main_window = self.geometry()
```

Using the width() and height() methods, the values of the width and height of the two geometries can be acquired, and be used to calculate the center pixel. The following diagram illustrates this:



As such, we have the following x and y coordinates to move towards, using: .move(x, y) method.

```
258 x = (screen.width() - main_window.width()) / 2
259
260 # pulls the window up slightly (arbitrary)
261 y = (screen.height() - main_window.height()) / 2 - 50
262 self.setFixedSize(main_window.width(), main_window.height())
263 self.move(x, y)
```

Note: top-left corner is the zero coordinate. Hence, - 50 pixel will pull the app's window up slightly.

5.3 Connecting Widget actions to functions

Fortunately, connecting Widget actions to functions are much simpler than defining the functions. These are all done inside the __init__(self) function. i.e. The app will attempt to connect these functions when it is first initialized/started by the user.

The method used to connect Widgets to functions is: Widget.connect(function)

Simply add the following code to the starter code given in section: "Inheriting Widgets from main_window.py" to complete app.py.

```
__ init __(self)
```

```
81 # button & checkbox connections
82 self.loadCSVButton.clicked.connect(self.load_data)
83 self.updateWindowButton.clicked.connect(self.update_canvas)
84 self.SMA1Checkbox.stateChanged.connect(self.update_canvas)
85 self.SMA2Checkbox.stateChanged.connect(self.update_canvas)
86
87 # auto-complete feauture
88 self.filePathEdit.setText("../data/GOOG.csv")
```

Learning Point: Connecting Widgets to functions

To connect Widgets to functions use the following method: Widget.connect(function). This ensures that when users interact with the Widget e.g. by pressing Button, checking Checkbox, etc..., it will trigger the appropriate functions

5.4 (Optional) Compiling app.exe

To compile app.py application into an executable, first install pysinstaller using PIP by running the following command:

pip install pyinstaller

Having installed pyinstaller, then use the following command from root folder:

pyinstaller .\src\app.py -F

The app.exe file can be found inside the dist folder.

Note: the above command assumes that all source code (such as app.py, stock_data.py and main_window.py) are all found inside the src folder!

app.exe is a binary executable file for Windows (not Mac!). It allows users to simply double-click this file to start the application without requiring installation of any python modules at all.

Learning Point: Compiling Python Modules into an .exe

PyInstaller is a standard package to bundle a Python application and all of its dependencies into a single executable. The user can then run the packaged app without installing a Python interpreter or any modules. However, this is only possible for Windows!



6 Appendix

```
6.1 Code Reference
[1]: import sys
     sys.path.insert(1, '../src')
     from app import Main
     from stock_data import StockData
     import inspect # standard library used later to get info about the source code
     def print_code(code): # prints '{line} {code}' with 2 less indent and without ⊔
     → the def header
         codeline = lambda code, start : [(start + 1 + i, code[i]) for i in_
     →range(len(code))]
        print("".join([f"{line} {text[2:]}" if len(text) > 1 else f"{line} {text}"

→for line, text in codeline(code[0][1:], code[1])]))
    6.1.1 app.py
     init (self)
[2]: print_code(inspect.getsourcelines(Main.__init__))
    59 """
    60 initializes and sets up GUI widgets and its connections
    61 """
    62 super().__init__()
    63 self.setupUi(self)
    64 self.setWindowTitle("Stock Chart & Moving Average Application")
    65
    66 # sets up figure to plot on, instantiates canvas and toolbar
    67 self.figure, self.ax = plt.subplots()
    68 self.canvas = FigureCanvas(self.figure)
    69 self.toolbar = NavigationToolbar(self.canvas, self)
```

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68 self.canvas = FigureCanvas(self.figure)
69 self.toolbar = NavigationToolbar(self.canvas, self)
70
71 # attaches the toolbar and canvas to the canvas layout
72 self.canvasLayout.addWidget(self.toolbar)
73 self.canvasLayout.addWidget(self.canvas)
74
75 # sets up a scroll area to display GUI statuses
76 self.scrollWidget = qtw.QWidget()
77 self.scrollLayout = qtw.QVBoxLayout()
78 self.scrollWidget.setLayout(self.scrollLayout)
79 self.scrollArea.setWidget(self.scrollWidget)
80
81 # button & checkbox connections
82 self.loadCSVButton.clicked.connect(self.load_data)
83 self.updateWindowButton.clicked.connect(self.update_canvas)
```

```
84 self.SMA1Checkbox.stateChanged.connect(self.update_canvas)
    85 self.SMA2Checkbox.stateChanged.connect(self.update_canvas)
    86
    87 # auto-complete feauture
    88 self.filePathEdit.setText("../data/GOOG.csv")
    load_data(self)
[3]: print_code(inspect.getsourcelines(Main.load_data))
    91 """
    92 loads stock data .csv from inputted filepath string on the GUI
    93 as StockData object, also autocompletes all inputs
    94 using information provided by the csv.
    95
    96 Error handling
    97
            invalid filepath:
                    empty filepath or file could not be found.
    98
            invalid .csv :
    99
    100
                     .csv file is empty, missing date column, etc.
    101 """
    102 filepath = Path(self.filePathEdit.text())
    103
    104 try:
            self.stock data = StockData(filepath)
    105
    106
            start_date, end_date = self.stock_data.get_period()
    107
            period = f"{start_date} to {end_date}"
    108
    109
            # auto-complete feauture
            self.startDateEdit.setText(start_date)
    110
    111
            self.endDateEdit.setText(end_date)
            self.periodEdit.setText(period)
    112
    113
            self.SMA1Edit.setText("15")
            self.SMA2Edit.setText("50")
    114
            self.SMA1Checkbox.setChecked(False)
    115
            self.SMA2Checkbox.setChecked(False)
    116
    117
    118
            self.report(f"Data loaded from {filepath}; period auto-selected:
    {start_date} to {end_date}.")
            print(self.stock_data.data)
    119
    120
    121 except IOError as e:
            self.report(f"Filepath provided is invalid or fail to open .csv file.
    122
    {e}")
    123
    124 except TypeError as e:
            self.report(f"The return tuple is probably (nan, nan) because .csv is
    125
```

```
empty")
```

update_canvas(self)

```
[4]: print_code(inspect.getsourcelines(Main.update_canvas))
```

```
128 """
129 creates a datetime object from the inputted date string
130 of format YYYY-MM-DD. uses it to slice a copy of loaded
131 stock_data to be used to update graphics. checks
132 checkboxes first to see if SMA1, SMA2, Buy and Sell plots
133 need to be drawn. finally, updates graphic accordingly.
134
135 Error handling
136 invalid date format:
        date format inside the .csv file is not YYYY-MM-DD
138 non-existent stock_data:
        the selected range results in an empty dataframe
        or end date < start date
140
141 non-existent data point :
142
        data of that date does not exist,
        or maybe because it is Out-Of-Bound
143
144 raised exceptions:
        SMA1 and SMA2 values are the same,
145
146
        or other exceptions raised
147 """
148 self.date_format = '%Y-%m-%d'
149
150 try:
151
        start_date = str(datetime.strptime(self.startDateEdit.text(),
self.date_format).date())
        end_date = str(datetime.strptime(self.endDateEdit.text(),
self.date_format).date())
        period = f"{start_date} to {end_date}"
153
        self.periodEdit.setText(period)
154
155
156
        # builds a list of graphs to plot by checking the tickboxes
        column headers = ['Close']
157
        formats = ['k-']
158
159
160
        if self.SMA1Checkbox.isChecked():
                self.stock data. calculate SMA(int(self.SMA1Edit.text()))
161
                column_headers.append(f"SMA{self.SMA1Edit.text()}")
162
                formats.append('b-')
163
        if self.SMA2Checkbox.isChecked():
164
                self.stock_data._calculate_SMA(int(self.SMA2Edit.text()))
165
                column_headers.append(f"SMA{self.SMA2Edit.text()}")
166
```

```
if len(column_headers) == 3:
    168
                    self.stock_data._calculate_crossover(column_headers[1],
    169
    column_headers[2], column_headers[1])
                    column headers.append('Sell')
    170
    171
                    formats.append('rv')
    172
                    column headers.append('Buy')
                    formats.append('g^')
    173
    174
            self.selected_stock_data = self.stock_data.get_data(start_date,
    175
    end_date)
    176
            self.plot_graph(column_headers, formats)
    177
    178
            self.report(f"Plotting {column headers} data from period: {start_date}
    to {end_date}.")
    179
            print(self.selected_stock_data)
    180
    181 except ValueError as e:
            self.report(f"Time period has not been specified or does not match YYYY-
    MM-DD format, {e}.")
    183
    184 except AssertionError as e:
            self.report(f"Selected range is empty, {e}")
    185
    186
    187 except KeyError as e:
            self.report(f"Data for this date does not exist: {e}")
    188
    189
    190 except Exception as e:
            self.report(f"Exception encountered: {e}")
    191
    plot_graph(self, column_headers, formats)
[5]: print_code(inspect.getsourcelines(Main.plot_graph))
    195 plots graphs specified under column_headers using the formats
    196
    197 Parameters
    198 column_headers : [str, str, ...]
            a list containing column header names with data to be plotted
    200 formats : [str, str, ...]
            a list of matplotlib built-in style strings to indicate
    201
    202
            whether to plot line or scatterplot and the colours
            corresponding to each value in col_headers
    203
    204
            (hence, must be same length)
    205
    206 Error handling
```

167

formats.append('m-')

```
207 empty dataframe:
            selected dataframe is empty
    208
    209 """
    210 self.ax.clear()
    211 assert not self.selected_stock_data.empty
    213 # matplotlib has its own internal representation of datetime
    214 # date2num converts datetime.datetime to this internal representation
    215 x_data = list(mdates.date2num(
    216
                                       [datetime.strptime(dates,
    self.date_format).date()
    217
                                       for dates in
    self.selected_stock_data.index.values]
    218
                                       ))
    219
    220 for i in range(len(column_headers)):
    221
            if column_headers[i] in self.selected_stock_data.columns:
    222
                    y_data = list(self.selected_stock_data[column_headers[i]])
    223
                    self.ax.plot(x_data, y_data, formats[i],
    label=column headers[i])
    224
                    self.report(f"{column_headers[i]} data is being plotted.")
    225
            else: self.report(f"{column headers[i]} data does not exist.")
    226
    227 # formatting
    228 months_locator = mdates.MonthLocator()
    229 months_format = mdates.DateFormatter('%b %Y')
    230 self.ax.xaxis.set_major_locator(months_locator)
    231 self.ax.xaxis.set_major_formatter(months_format)
    232 self.ax.format_xdata = mdates.DateFormatter(self.date_format)
    233 self.ax.format_ydata = lambda y: '$%1.2f' % y
    234 self.ax.grid(True)
    235 self.figure.autofmt_xdate()
    236 self.figure.legend()
    237 self.figure.tight_layout()
    238 self.canvas.draw()
    report(self, string)
[6]: print_code(inspect.getsourcelines(Main.report))
    241 """
    242 given a report (string), update the scroll area with this report
    243
    244 Parameters
    245 string: str
            string of the report, usually the error message itself.
    246
    247 """
```

```
248 report_text = qtw.QLabel(string)
    249 self.scrollLayout.addWidget(report_text)
    250 print(string)
    center(self)
[7]: print_code(inspect.getsourcelines(Main.center))
    253 """
    254 centers the fixed main window size according to user screen size
    255 """
    256 screen = qtw.QDesktopWidget().screenGeometry()
    257 main_window = self.geometry()
    258 x = (screen.width() - main_window.width()) / 2
    259
    260 # pulls the window up slightly (arbitrary)
    261 y = (screen.height() - main_window.height()) / 2 - 50
    262 self.setFixedSize(main_window.width(), main_window.height())
    263 self.move(x, y)
    6.1.2 stock_data.py
    init (self)
[8]: print_code(inspect.getsourcelines(StockData.__init__))
    18 """
    19 initializes StockData object by parsing stock data .csv file into a dataframe
    20 (assumes 'Date' column exists and uses it for index),
    21 also checks and handles missing data
    22
    23 Parameters
    24 filepath: str
    25
            filepath to the stock data .csv file, can be relative or absolute
    26
    27 Raises
    28 IOError :
    29
            failed I/O operation, e.g: invalid filepath, fail to open .csv
    30 """
    31 self.filepath = filepath
    32 self.data = pd.read_csv(filepath).set_index('Date')
    33 self.check_data()
    check_data(self, overwrite=True)
[9]: print_code(inspect.getsourcelines(StockData.check_data))
```

```
36 """
     37 checks and handles missing data by filling in missing values by interpolation
     38
     39 Parameters
     40 overwrite : bool (True)
             if True, overwrites original source stock data .csv file
     42
     43 Returns
     44 self : StockData
     45 """
     46 # function to fill in missing values
     47 # by averaging previous data and after (interpolation)
     48 self.data = self.data.interpolate()
     49 self.data.to_csv(self.filepath, index=overwrite)
     50 return self
     get_data(self, start_date, end_date)
[10]: print_code(inspect.getsourcelines(StockData.get_data))
     53 """
     54 returns a subset of the stock data from start_date to end_date inclusive
     55
     56 Parameters
     57 start_date : str
             start date of stock data range, must be of format YYYY-MM-DD
     59 end_date : str
     60
             end date of stokc data range, must be of format YYYY-MM-DD
     61
     62 Returns:
     63 selected data : DataFrame
             stock data dataframe indexed from specified start to end date inclusive
     65
     66 Raises
     67 KeyError:
             data for this date does not exist
     69 AssertionError:
             selected range is empty
     71 """
     72 self.selected_data = self.data[str(start_date):str(end_date)]
     73 return self.selected_data
     get_period(self)
[11]: print_code(inspect.getsourcelines(StockData.get_period))
     76 """
```

```
77 returns a string tuple of the first and last index
     78 which make up the maximum period of StockData
     79
     80 Returns
     81 period : (str, str)
     83 Raises
     84 TypeError:
             the return tuple is probably (nan, nan) because .csv is empty
     86 """
     87 index = list(self.data.index)
     88 (first, last) = (index[0], index[-1])
     89 return (first, last)
      _{calculate\_SMA(self, n, col='Close')}
[12]: print_code(inspect.getsourcelines(StockData._calculate_SMA))
     92 """
     93 calculates simple moving average (SMA) and augments the stock dataframe
     94 with this SMA(n) data as a new column
     96 Parameters
     97 n : int
             the amount of stock data to use to calculate average
     99 col : str ('Close')
     100
             the column head title of the values to use to calculate average
     101
     102 Returns
     103 self : StockData
     104 """
     105 col_head = f'SMA\{n\}'
     106 if col head not in self.data.columns:
             sma = self.data[col].rolling(n).mean()
     107
             self.data[f'SMA{n}'] = np.round(sma, 4)
     108
             self.data.to_csv(self.filepath, index=True)
     110 return self
      _calculate_crossover(self, SMA1, SMA2, col='Close')
[13]: print_code(inspect.getsourcelines(StockData._calculate_crossover))
     113 """
     114 calculates the crossover positions and values,
     115 augments the stock dataframe with 2 new columns
     116 'Sell' and 'Buy' containing the value at which SMA crossover happens
     117
```

```
119 SMA1 : str
     120
             the first column head title containing the SMA values
     121 SMA2 : str
     122
             the second column head title containing the SMA values
     123 col : str ('Close')
             the column head title whose values will copied into 'Buy' and 'Sell'
     125
             columns to indicate crossovers had happen on that index
     126
     127 Returns
     128 self : StockData
     129
     130 Raises
     131 Exception:
     132
             SMA1 and SMA2 provided are the same, they must be different
     133 """
     134 if SMA1 < SMA2: signal = self.data[SMA1] - self.data[SMA2]
     135 elif SMA1 > SMA2: signal = self.data[SMA2] - self.data[SMA1]
     136 else: raise Exception(f"{SMA1} & {SMA2} provided are the same. They must be
     different SMA.")
     137
     138 \text{ signal}[\text{signal} > 0] = 1
     139 signal[signal <= 0] = 0
     140 diff = signal.diff()
     141
     142 self.data['Sell'] = np.nan
     143 self.data['Buy'] = np.nan
     144 self.data.loc[diff.index[diff < 0], 'Sell'] = self.data.loc[diff.index[diff
     145 self.data.loc[diff.index[diff > 0], 'Buy'] = self.data.loc[diff.index[diff >
     0], col]
     146
     147 self.data.to_csv(self.filepath, index=True)
     148 return self
     plot_graph(self, col_headers, style, ax, show=True)
[14]: print_code(inspect.getsourcelines(StockData.plot_graph))
     151 """
     152 plots columns of selected values as line plot and/or columns of values
     153 as scatter plot as specified by style to an Axes object
     154
     155 Parameters
     156 col_headers : [str, str, ...]
             a list containing column header names whose data are to be plotted
     158 style : [str, str, ...]
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118 Parameters

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line or scatterplot and the colours corresponding to each value in
     160
             col_headers (hence, must be same length)
     161
     162 ax : Axes
             matplotlib axes object on which the plot will be drawn
     164
     165 Raises
     166 AttributeError:
             self.selected_data has not been specified,
     167
             call StockData.get_data(start, end) before plotting
     168
     169 AssertionError:
             self.selected_data is empty, perhaps due to OOB or invalid range
     170
     171 """
     172 assert not self.selected_data.empty
     173 self.selected_data[col_headers].plot(style=style,
                                               ax=ax,
     175
                                               grid=True,
     176
                                               x_compat=True,
     177
                                               linewidth=1)
     178 if show: plt.show()
     calculate_SMA(self, n)
[15]: print_code(inspect.getsourcelines(StockData.calculate_SMA))
     181 """
     182 calculates simple moving average (SMA) and augments the stock dataframe
     183 with this SMA(n) data as a new column
     184
     185 Parameters
     186 n : int
             the amount of stock data to use to calculate average
     188 col : str ('Close')
     189
             the column head title of the values to use to calculate average
     190
     191 Returns
     192 self : StockData
     193 """
     194 \text{ col\_head} = 'SMA' + str(n)
     195 df = self.data.reset_index()
     197 if col_head not in df.columns:
     198
             # Extract full dataframe from the actual data
     199
             # (to check if there is enough data for sma)
             dateList = self.data.index.values.tolist()
     200
             returnList = []
     201
     202
             for date in dateList: # for date in dateList
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a list of matplotlib built-in style strings to indicate whether to plot

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204
                     dateIndex = df[df["Date"] == date].index.values[0]
     205
                     if dateIndex < n: # if date index is less than n: append None
     206
                              returnList.append(np.nan)
     207
                     else:
     208
                              sum = 0
     209
                              for i in range(n):
                                      sum += df.iloc[dateIndex-i]["Close"]
     210
     211
                              # append the SMA for each day to a list
                             returnList.append(sum/n)
     212
     213
     214
             self.data[col_head] = returnList
     215
             print(self.data)
             self.data.to_csv(self.filepath, index=True)
     216
     217
     218 return self
     calculate_crossover(self, SMAa, SMAb)
[16]: print_code(inspect.getsourcelines(StockData.calculate_crossover))
     221 """
     222 calculates the crossover positions and values,
     223 augments the stock dataframe with 2 new columns
     224 'Sell' and 'Buy' containing the value at which SMA crossover happens
     225
     226 Parameters
     227 SMA1 : str
     228
             the first column head title containing the SMA values
     229 SMA2 : str
     230
             the second column head title containing the SMA values
     231 col : str ('Close')
             the column head title whose values will copied into 'Buy' and 'Sell'
             columns to indicate crossovers had happen on that index
     233
     234
     235 Returns
     236 self : StockData
     237
     238 Raises
     239 Exception:
     240
             SMA1 and SMA2 provided are the same, they must be different
     241 """
     242 col_head1 = 'Position'
     243 col_head2 = 'Signal'
     244 col head3 = 'Buy'
     245 col head4 = 'Sell'
     246 df = self.data
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find the index of date in the full data

203

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247
248 # to ensure the correct number of elements in the loop
249 SMAlist = self.data.index.values.tolist()
250 # extracts the SMA from the specific column in self.data
251 if SMAa < SMAb:
252
       SMA1 = df[SMAa].tolist()
253
       SMA2 = df[SMAb].tolist()
254 elif SMAa > SMAb:
       SMA1 = df[SMAb].tolist()
255
       SMA2 = df[SMAa].tolist()
256
257 else: # SMAa == SMAb
       raise ValueError(f"Given {SMAa} & {SMAb} are the same. Must be different
258
SMA.")
259
260 stockPosition = [] # which SMA line is on top
261 stockSignal = [] # the buy/sell signal --> the 1s and -1s
262 buySignal = []
                                # filtered out location of buy signals
263 sellSignal = []
                                # filtered out location of sell signals
264
265 # goes through every element
266 for i in range(len(SMAlist)):
        if SMA1[i] > SMA2[i]: stockPosition.append(1) # SMA1 above SMA2
267
268
       elif SMA1[i] < SMA2[i]: stockPosition.append(0) # SMA2 above SMA1
269
        # if the SMAs are equal, repeat the previous entry
270
       # because no crossover has occured yet
       elif SMA1[i] == SMA2[i]: stockPosition.append(stockPosition[i-1])
271
        else: stockPosition.append(np.nan) # if no data, leave blank
272
273
274 # find the places where crossover occurs
275 for j in range(len(stockPosition)):
276
        # 'shifts' the data one period to the right
277
       # to ensure crossovers are reflected on the correct date
278
       if j == 0: stockSignal.append(np.nan)
279
       # calculation for the crossover signals
        else: stockSignal.append(stockPosition[j] - stockPosition[j-1])
280
281
282
283 for k in range(len(stockSignal)): # finding location of buy signals
        if stockSignal[k] == 1:
284
                value = self.data[SMAa].tolist()[k]
285
286
                buySignal.append(value)
287
        else: buySignal.append(np.nan) # if no signal leave blank
288
289 for k in range(len(stockSignal)): # finding location of sell signals
290
        if stockSignal[k] == -1:
291
                value = self.data[SMAa].tolist()[k]
292
                sellSignal.append(value)
293
        else: sellSignal.append(np.nan) # if no signal leave blank
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294
295 self.data[col_head3] = buySignal
296 self.data[col_head4] = sellSignal
297
298 print(self.data)
299 self.data.to_csv(self.filepath, index=True)
300 return self
```