

# How to embed a Matplotlib graph to your Tkinter GUI

How to add a Matplotlib Graph to Tkinter Window in Python 3 - Tkinter...





Since we are creating a bitcoin trading application, it only makes sense that we're going to have to incorporate some price data. Not only do we want to just plot the prices, but many people will want to see prices in the form of OHLC candlesticks, and then others will also want to see various indicators like EMA/SMA crossovers and things like RSI or MACD.

To do this, we first need to know how to actually embed a Matplotlib graph into a Tkinter application. Here's how!

First, we're going to be using Matplotlib, so, if you do not have it, you will need to get it. There are many ways to get Matplotlib, head over to [Matplotlib.org](https://matplotlib.org) to download.

You can also use pip to install using: `pip install matplotlib` in cmd.exe / bash.

If you need help with pip, check out the

[Pip Tutorial](#)

Now we're going to need to add the following imports to our Tkinter application:

```
import matplotlib
matplotlib.use("TkAgg")
from matplotlib.backends.backend_tkagg import FigureCanvasTkAgg, NavigationToolbar2TkAgg
from matplotlib.figure import Figure
```

The first just imports the Matplotlib module. Next, we specify the backend, "TkAgg" that we wish to use with Matplotlib. Normally, using the default is perfectly fine, but we need to change this for our uses here.

Next, we import the FigureCanvasTkAgg as well as the navigation bar that is used with Matplotlib.

Finally, we import Figure. We will just be temporarily using this Figure, but that's okay.

Now let's go ahead and add a new page. This will be our "graph" page.

```
class PageThree(tk.Frame):

    def __init__(self, parent, controller):
        tk.Frame.__init__(self, parent)
        label = tk.Label(self, text="Graph Page!", font=LARGE_FONT)
        label.pack(pady=10, padx=10)

        button1 = ttk.Button(self, text="Back to Home",
                             command=lambda: controller.show_frame(StartPage))
        button1.pack()
```



```
f = Figure(figsize=(5,5), dpi=100)
a = f.add_subplot(111)
a.plot([1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8],[5,6,1,3,8,9,3,5])

canvas = FigureCanvasTkAgg(f, self)
canvas.show()
canvas.get_tk_widget().pack(side=tk.BOTTOM, fill=tk.BOTH, expand=True)

toolbar = NavigationToolbar2TkAgg(canvas, self)
toolbar.update()
canvas._tkcanvas.pack(side=tk.TOP, fill=tk.BOTH, expand=True)
```

Here's where our embedding code begins.

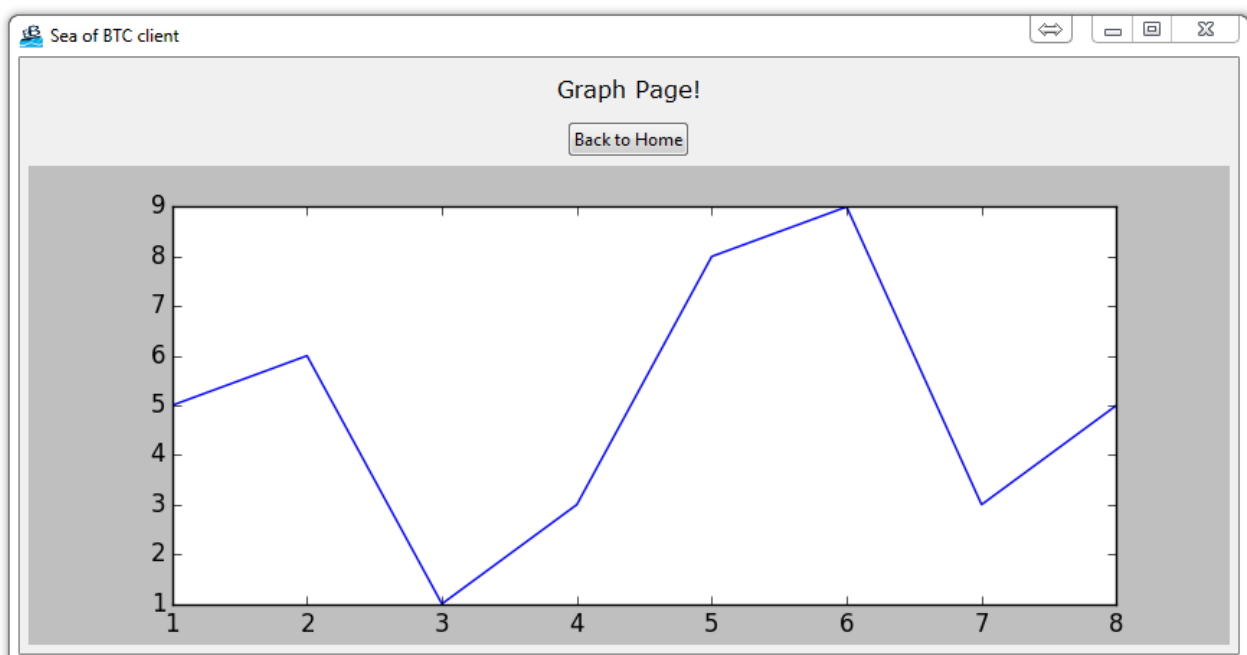
First we are defining our figure, then adding a subplot. From there, we plot as usual some x coordinates and some y.

Next, we add the canvas, which is what we intend to render the graph to.

Finally, we add the toolbar, which is the traditional matplotlib tool bar.

From there, we then pack all of this to our tkinter window.

That's all there is to it, really! Your result should be a window and if you click page 3:





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```

```
import tkinter as tk
from tkinter import ttk
```

```
LARGE_FONT= ("Verdana", 12)
```

```
class SeaofBTCapp(tk.Tk):
```

```
    def __init__(self, *args, **kwargs):
```

```
        tk.Tk.__init__(self, *args, **kwargs)
```

```
        tk.Tk.iconbitmap(self, default="clienticon.ico")
```

```
        tk.Tk.wm_title(self, "Sea of BTC client")
```

```
        container = tk.Frame(self)
```

```
        container.pack(side="top", fill="both", expand = True)
```

```
        container.grid_rowconfigure(0, weight=1)
```

```
        container.grid_columnconfigure(0, weight=1)
```

```
        self.frames = {}
```

```
        for F in (StartPage, PageOne, PageTwo, PageThree):
```

```
            frame = F(container, self)
```

```
            self.frames[F] = frame
```

```
            frame.grid(row=0, column=0, sticky="nsew")
```

```
        self.show_frame(StartPage)
```

```
    def show_frame(self, cont):
```



frame.tkraise()

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```
def __init__(self, parent, controller):
    tk.Frame.__init__(self, parent)
    label = tk.Label(self, text="Start Page", font=LARGE_FONT)
    label.pack(pady=10, padx=10)

    button = ttk.Button(self, text="Visit Page 1",
                        command=lambda: controller.show_frame(PageOne))
    button.pack()

    button2 = ttk.Button(self, text="Visit Page 2",
                        command=lambda: controller.show_frame(PageTwo))
    button2.pack()

    button3 = ttk.Button(self, text="Graph Page",
                        command=lambda: controller.show_frame(PageThree))
    button3.pack()
```

**class PageOne(tk.Frame):**

```
def __init__(self, parent, controller):
    tk.Frame.__init__(self, parent)
    label = tk.Label(self, text="Page One!!!", font=LARGE_FONT)
    label.pack(pady=10, padx=10)

    button1 = ttk.Button(self, text="Back to Home",
                        command=lambda: controller.show_frame(StartPage))
    button1.pack()

    button2 = ttk.Button(self, text="Page Two",
                        command=lambda: controller.show_frame(PageTwo))
    button2.pack()
```

**class PageTwo(tk.Frame):**

```
def __init__(self, parent, controller):
```



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```
label.pack(pady=10, padx=10)

button1 = ttk.Button(self, text="Back to Home",
                     command=lambda: controller.show_frame(StartPage))
button1.pack()

button2 = ttk.Button(self, text="Page One",
                     command=lambda: controller.show_frame(PageOne))
button2.pack()
```

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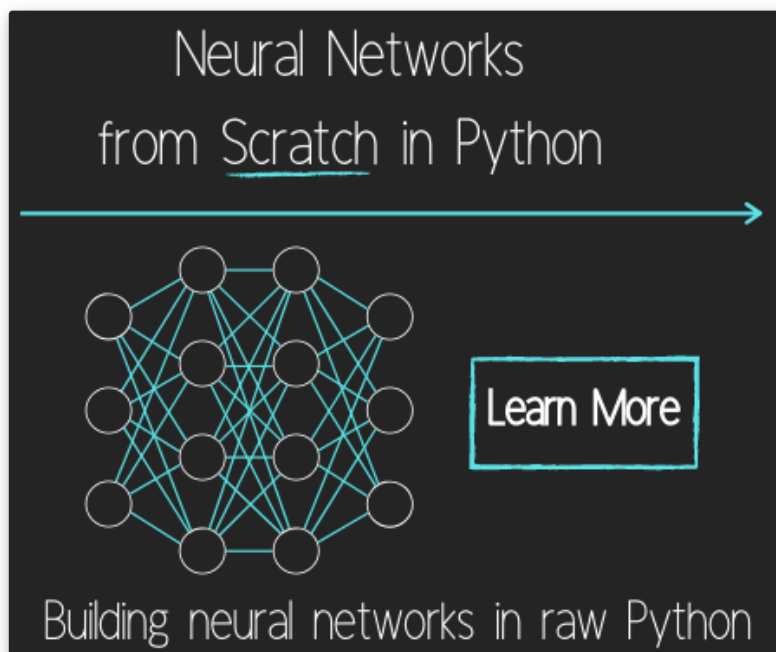
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```

```
app = SeaofBTCapp()
app.mainloop()
```



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