

# Python GUI Programming – I

## PyQt5 Widgets and Layout Management

【110上】嵌入式系統技術實驗課程

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# Python GUI Library

- PyQt
  - Qt GUI Framework is build with and for C++
  - PyQt API make it available for Python
  - <https://doc.qt.io/qt-5.15/>
  - <https://www.riverbankcomputing.com/static/Docs/PyQt5/>
- Kivy
  - <https://kivy.org/>
- Tkinter
  - <https://tkdocs.com/>

# PyQt installation

- Create a venv is optional
  - The path of venv should only contains **ASCII characters**
- Getting PyQt for Windows
  - `pip install pyqt5`
- Getting PyQt for MacOS
  - If you are using system default python interpreter instead of venv
    - `pip3 install pyqt5`
  - Or if you are using Homebrew, then you can use the following line instead
    - `brew install pyqt5`
- Varify if PyQt downloaded properly by opening up the Python 3 interpreter and entering the following command:
  - `import PyQt5.QtWidgets`

# PyQt5 Modules

Module Name	Description
QtWidgets	Provides the widgets and other classes for creating desktop-style UIs.
QtCore	Contains a variety of extra classes, including the essential non-GUI classes, such as ones for Qt's signal and slot system.
QtGui	Contains classes for 2D graphics and imaging, event handling, and window system integration.
QtPrintSupport	Provides cross-platform support for configuring and connecting to printers.
QtNetwork	Provides classes for writing communications protocols using UDP or TCP.
QtMultimedia	Contains the classes for multimedia content, cameras, and radios.
QtMultimediaWidgets	Provides additional classes that increase the functionality of multimedia-related widgets.
QtWebEngineCore	Contains the core classes used by other WebEngine modules.
QtWebEngineWidgets	Classes that can be used to create a Chromium-based web browser.
QtSql	Provides classes for working with SQL databases.

# PyQt Classes

- For a list of all the PyQt classes, check out the following link:
  - <https://riverbankcomputing.com/static/Docs/PyQt5/sip-classes.html>
- Although it is written for C++, the Qt classes' documentation is generally more detailed. If you want more information about Qt classes, you can also check out
  - <https://doc.qt.io/qt-5/classes.html>

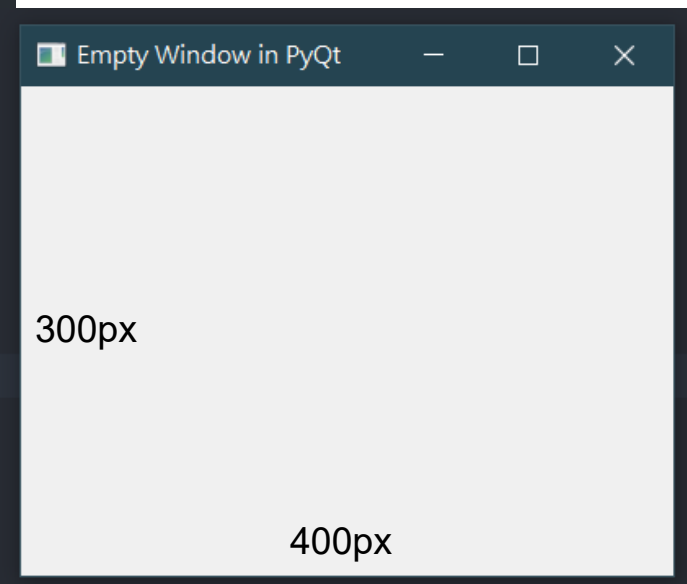
# Classes for Building a GUI Window

- QApplication
  - QApplication is responsible for handling the initialization and finalization of widgets in GUI
- QWidget
  - The QWidget class is the base class for all of PyQt GUI objects

# Classes for Building a GUI Window

- Create an Empty Window (basic\_window.py)

```
1  # basic_window.py
2  # Import necessary modules
3  import sys
4
5  from PyQt5.QtWidgets import QApplication, QWidget
6
7
8  class EmptyWindow(QWidget):
9      def __init__(self):
10         super().__init__() # create default constructor for QWidget
11         self.initializeUI()
12
13     def initializeUI(self):
14         """
15         Initialize the window and display its contents to the screen.
16         """
17         self.setGeometry(100, 100, 400, 300)
18         self.setWindowTitle('Empty Window in PyQt')
19         self.show()
20
21
22     # Run program
23     if __name__ == '__main__':
24         app = QApplication(sys.argv)
25         window = EmptyWindow()
26         sys.exit(app.exec_())
```





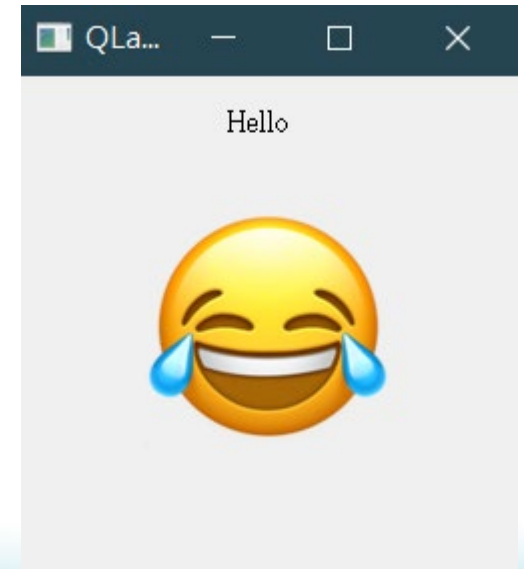
# Classes for Building a GUI Window

- QApplication takes as an **argument** sys.argv
  - You can also pass in an empty list if you know that your program will not be taking any command-line arguments using
    - `app = QApplication([])`
- **EmptyWindow Class inherits from QWidget**, which is the base class for which all other user interface objects are derived.
- Call the **show() method** on the window object to display it to the screen.
- `app.exec_()` starts the **event loop** and will remain here until you quit the application.
- `sys.exit()` ensures a clean exit.



# QLabel Widget

- labels.py
- QLabel object acts as a noneditable placeholder to display text, images, or movies.
- QtGui handles numerous graphical elements. QPixmap is a Qt class that is optimized for showing images on the screen.
- setText / setPixmap can determine QLabel context
- move( x, y ) will move the widget to absolute position



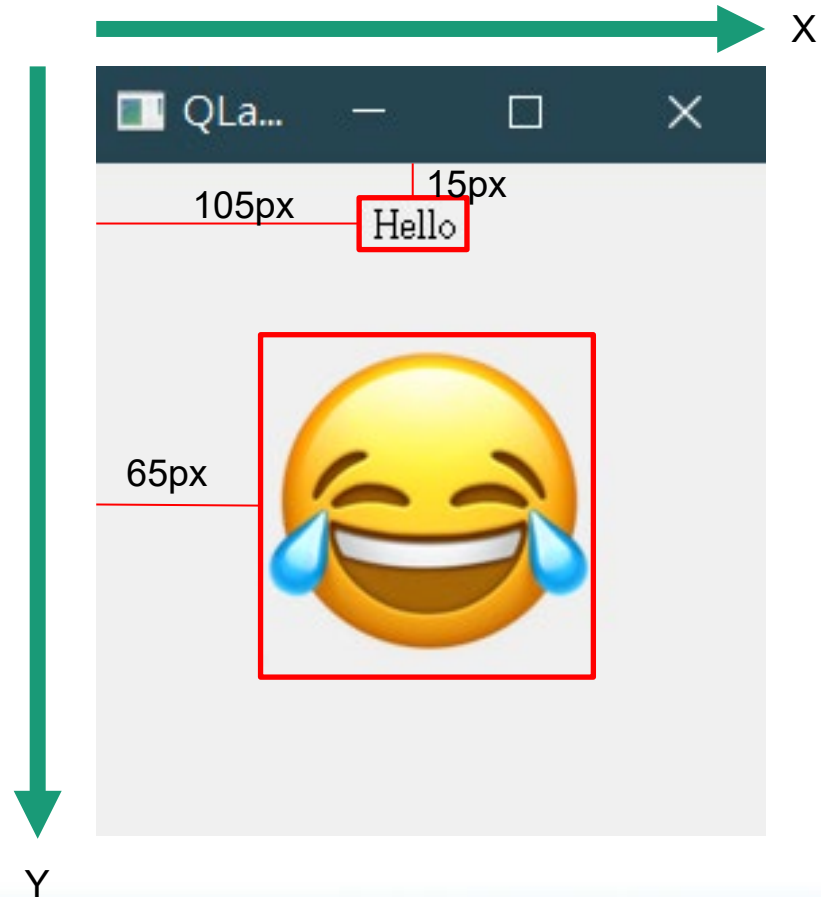
# QLabel Widget

- Move the text "Hello" start at x=105, y=15

```
text = QLabel(self)
text.setText("Hello")
text.move(105, 15)
```

- Move emoji to x=65, y=65

```
emoji = QLabel(self)
pixmap = QPixmap(image)
emoji.setPixmap(pixmap)
emoji.move(65, 65)
```



# QLineEdit Widget

- login\_form.py
- QLineEdit create an areas where the user can input the text for their data on a **single line**.
- If you need multiple lines to enter text in, use **QTextEdit**
- **setPlaceholderText()** context will be clear after user starts input

```
self.name = QLineEdit(self)
self.surname = QLineEdit(self)
self.name.setPlaceholderText("Enter your name")
self.name.move(150, 50)
self.surname.setPlaceholderText("Enter your surname")
self.surname.move(150, 80)
```



# QCheckBox Widget

- login\_form.py
- QCheckBox widget is a selectable button that generally has two states, on or off.
- The checkboxes in QCheckBox are **not mutually exclusive**, meaning you can select more than one checkbox at a time.
  - To make them mutually exclusive, add the checkboxes to a QButtonGroup object.
- isChecked() will return True if the checkbox is checked

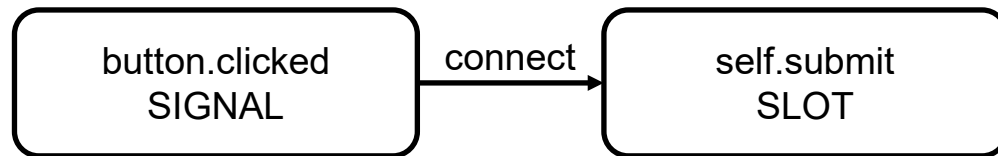
```
self.remember = QCheckBox("Remember me", self)  
self.remember.move(150, 110)
```



A screenshot of a login form. It contains two text input fields: "Enter your name" and "Enter your surname". Below these fields is a checkbox labeled "Remember me". A red arrow points from the code snippet on the left to this checkbox. At the bottom of the form is a "Submit" button.

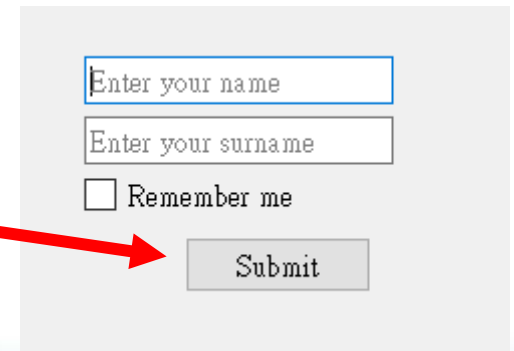
# QPushButton Widget

- login\_form.py
- QPushButton can be used to command the computer to perform some kind of operation or answer a question.
- When clicked, the QPushButton widget will send out a **signal** that can be **connected** to a function.



```
button = QPushButton("Submit", self)
button.move(200, 140)
button.clicked.connect(self.submit)
```

self.submit is a function pointer  
because we do not call it right now



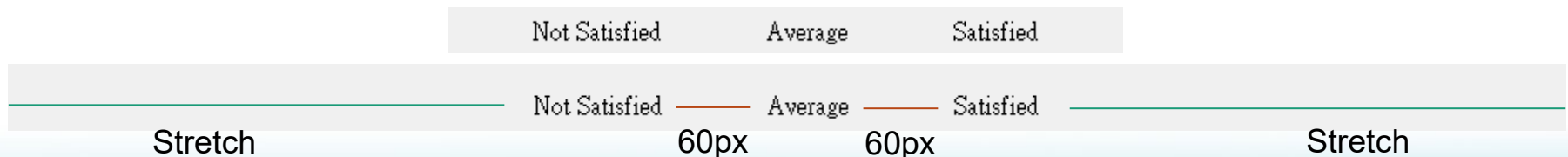
# BoxLayout Widget

- QHBoxLayout – Used to arrange widgets horizontally from left to right in the window
- QVBoxLayout – Used to arrange widgets vertically from top to bottom in the window
- To add widget inside BoxLayout
  - Create widget instance
  - Pass the child widget to `addWidget()` method of parent BoxLayout

# BoxLayout Widget

- survey.py
- You can use **for loop** to push widget into BoxLayout
- setSpacing will create fixed space between child widgets
- addStretch will create dynamic space

```
ratings = ["Not Satisfied", "Average", "Satisfied"]
ratings_h_box = QHBoxLayout()
ratings_h_box.setSpacing(60) # Set spacing between
in widgets in horizontal layout
ratings_h_box.addStretch()
for rating in ratings:
    rate_label = QLabel(rating, self)
    ratings_h_box.addWidget(rate_label)
ratings_h_box.addStretch()
```





# BoxLayout Widget

- survey.py
- The application consists of three separate QHBoxLayout objects – `title_h_box`, `ratings_h_box`, and `cb_h_box` – and a single QVBoxLayout layout, `v_box`.
- For this GUI, `v_box` will act as the container for all of the other widgets and layouts, arranged vertically from top to bottom.

```
v_box = QVBoxLayout()
v_box.addLayout(title_h_box)
v_box.addWidget(question)
v_box.addStretch(1)
v_box.addLayout(ratings_h_box)
v_box.addLayout(cb_h_box)
v_box.addStretch(2)
v_box.addWidget(close_button)
```

The screenshot shows a GUI window with a light gray background. At the top, there is a text input field labeled "Restaurant Name" with a green border. Below it is the text "How would you rate your service today?". Underneath this text is a horizontal layout containing three labels: "Not Satisfied", "Average", and "Satisfied". Below these labels are three radio buttons, each followed by a number: ☐ 0, ☐ 1, and ☐ 2. At the bottom of the window is a "Close" button. Red arrows point from the code in the previous block to the GUI elements: one arrow points from `v_box.addLayout(title_h_box)` to the "Restaurant Name" field, another from `v_box.addLayout(ratings_h_box)` to the row of radio buttons, and a third from `v_box.addLayout(cb_h_box)` to the "Close" button.

# BoxLayout Widget

- survey.py
- Not only nesting BoxLayout, you can just add widget inside boxlayout

```
v_box = QVBoxLayout()
v_box.addLayout(title_h_box)
v_box.addWidget(question)
v_box.addStretch(1)
v_box.addLayout(ratings_h_box)
v_box.addLayout(cb_h_box)
v_box.addStretch(2)
v_box.addWidget(close_button)
```

Restaurant Name

How would you rate your service today?

Not Satisfied      Average      Satisfied

☐ 0      ☐ 1      ☐ 2

Close

# BoxLayout Widget

- survey.py
- addStretch will add space based on given proportion
  - Remaining space will be adjusted dynamically
  - If not specified, is addStretch(1)

```
v_box = QVBoxLayout()  
v_box.addLayout(title_h_box)  
v_box.addWidget(question)  
v_box.addStretch(1)  
v_box.addLayout(ratings_h_box)  
v_box.addLayout(cb_h_box)  
v_box.addStretch(2)  
v_box.addWidget(close_button)
```

Restaurant Name

How would you rate your service today?

1

Not Satisfied      Average      Satisfied

☐ 0      ☐ 1      ☐ 2

2

Close

Restaurant Name

How would you rate your service today?

1

Not Satisfied      Average      Satisfied

☐ 0      ☐ 1      ☐ 2

2

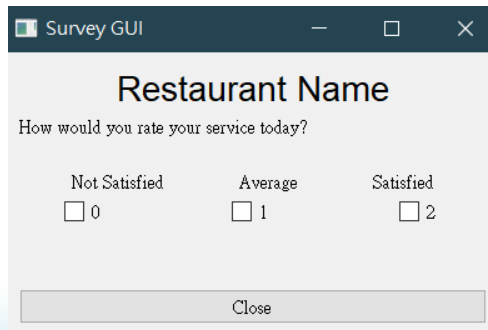
Close

# QFont Widget

- survey.py
- Import from **QtGui** library
- **QLabel** has a **setFont** method, accept QFont object
  - QFont( <font name>, <font size> )
- UTF-8 supported

```
from PyQt5.QtGui import QFont
...

title = QLabel("Restaurant Name")
title.setFont(QFont('Arial', 17))
```



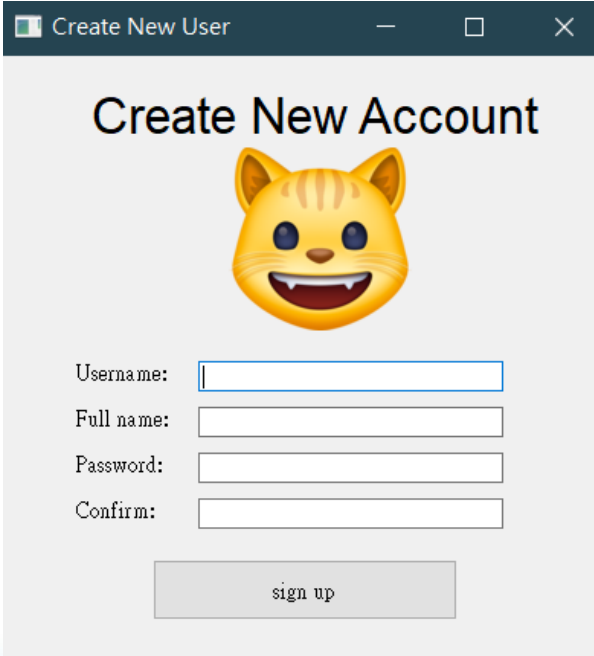
```
from PyQt5.QtGui import QFont
...

title = QLabel("餐廳名稱")
title.setFont(QFont('標楷體', 30))
```




# Lab1-1 Registration GUI

- lab1\_registration.py
- Recreate this GUI
  - You should be able to edit all input field
  - Put whatever user image you like on top of inputs
  - The password field should be censored



Create New User

## Create New Account



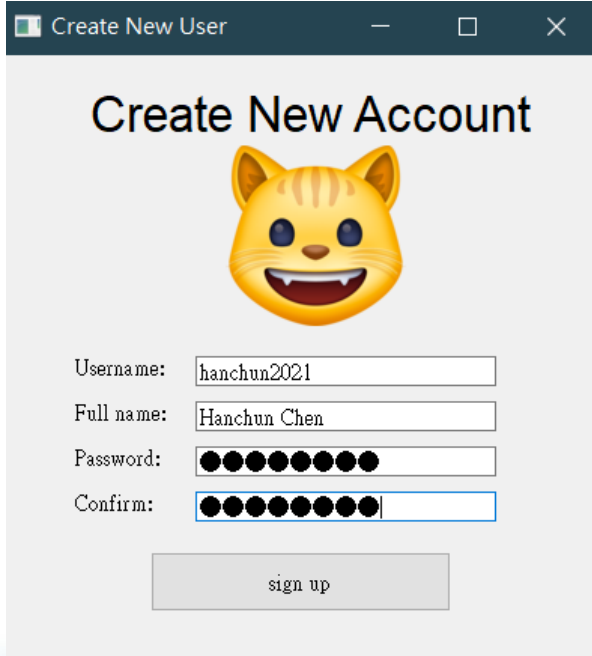
Username:

Full name:

Password:


Confirm:

sign up



Create New User

## Create New Account



Username:

Full name:

Password:

Confirm:

sign up

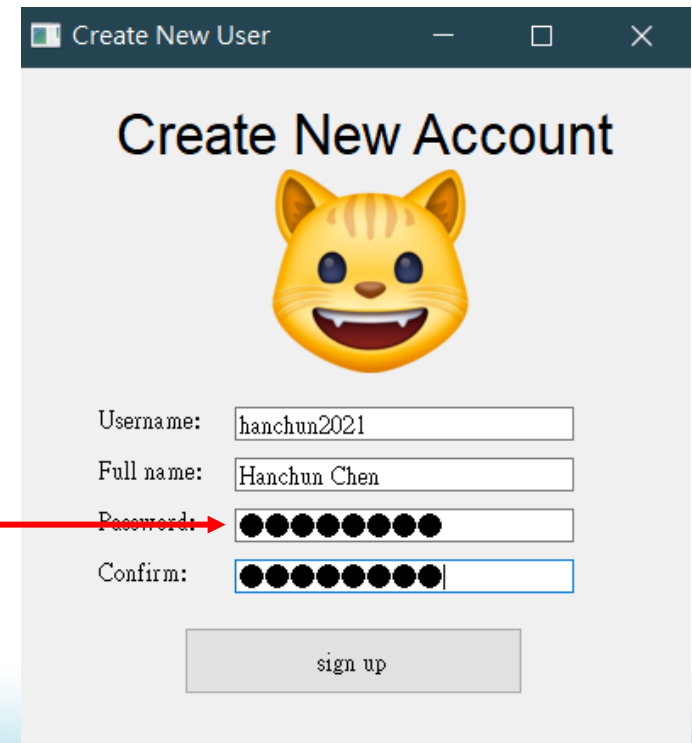
# Lab1-1 Registration GUI

- Hint:
  - No restriction using absolute layout or BoxLayout
  - You can resize QLineEdit using `resize()` method

```
self.name_entry = QLineEdit(self)  
self.name_entry.resize(200, 20)
```

- To make QLineEdit as password field, do this:

```
self.pswd_entry = QLineEdit(self)  
self.pswd_entry.setEchoMode(QLineEdit.Password)
```



# Lab1-2 ToDo List

- lab1\_todolist.py
- Recreate this GUI
  - You should be able to edit all input field and checkbox
  - Be careful not to use the same object multiple times

ToDo List GUI

### To Do List

Must Dos	Appointments
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/>	Morning
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/>	Noon
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/>	Evening
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/>	
<input type="button" value="Close"/>	



ToDo List GUI

### To Do List

Must Dos	Appointments
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Run 3 km	Morning
<input type="checkbox"/> Walk the dog	0900 Weekly meeting
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pick up package	
<input type="checkbox"/> Buy some milk	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/>	Noon
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/>	1230 Have lunch with friends
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/>	Evening
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/>	2100 Netflix and chill
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/>	
<input type="button" value="Close"/>	



# Lab1-2 ToDo List

- Hint:
  - Use `setAlignment` and `Qt.AlignCenter` to quickly align title at center

```
from PyQt5.QtCore import Qt
...

todo_title = QLabel("To Do List")
todo_title.setFont(QFont('Arial', 24))
todo_title.setAlignment(Qt.AlignCenter)
```

- Use `QTextEdit()` for **multiline input box**

# Lab1-2 ToDo List

- Hint:
  - You can use `setContentsMargins( <left>, <top>, <right>, <bottom> )`, to create **buffer zone** around the BoxLayout

```
appt_v_box = QVBoxLayout()  
appt_v_box.setContentsMargins(5, 5, 5, 5)
```

The screenshot shows a 'To Do List' window with a light gray background. It contains two columns: 'Must Dos' and 'Appointments'. The 'Must Dos' column has 12 empty text input fields, each preceded by a small square checkbox. The 'Appointments' column has three sections: 'Morning', 'Noon', and 'Evening', each with a large empty text area. A 'Close' button is at the bottom right. The window has a thin border, indicating a small buffer zone.

```
appt_v_box = QVBoxLayout()  
appt_v_box.setContentsMargins(50, 50, 50, 50)
```

The screenshot shows the same 'To Do List' window as the previous one, but with a larger buffer zone. The window is noticeably larger, and the 'Must Dos' and 'Appointments' sections are more spread out, indicating a 50-pixel buffer zone.

# Lab1-3 Application Form (Challenge)

- lab1\_application.py
- Recreate this GUI
  - No need to reach pixel perfect.
  - But all widgets and their relative location should be the same.

Lab 1-3 Application Form GUI

## Appointment Submission Form

Full Name

Address

Mobile Number

Age  Height  Weight

Gender

Past Surgeries

Blood Type

Desired Time  :

Submit Appointment

# Lab1-3 Application Form (Challenge)

- Hint:
- This is **QSpinBox**
  - Try to figure it out by yourself
- This is **QComboBox**
  - Just Google it
- You can preformat QLineEdit

```
mobile_num = QLineEdit()  
mobile_num.setInputMask("0000-000000;")
```

Mobile Number 0912-345678

Lab 1-3 Application Form GUI

## Appointment Submission Form

Full Name

Address

Mobile Number

Age  Height  Weight

Gender

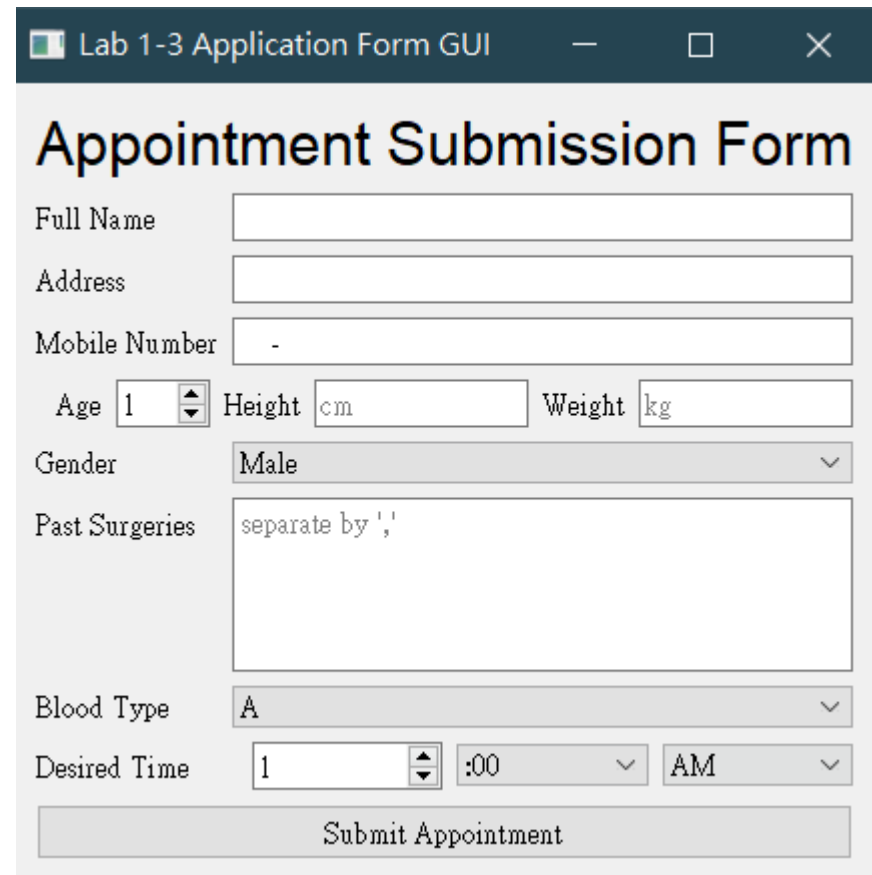
Past Surgeries

Blood Type

Desired Time  :00

# Lab1-3 Application Form (Challenge)

- Hint:
- You may want to checkout **QFormLayout**
  - It can save you a lot of time to build this



The screenshot displays a window titled "Lab 1-3 Application Form GUI" containing an "Appointment Submission Form". The form includes the following fields and controls:

- Full Name:
- Address:
- Mobile Number:
- Age:  (with up/down arrows)
- Height:  (with up/down arrows)
- Weight:  (with up/down arrows)
- Gender:  (with a dropdown arrow)
- Past Surgeries:
- Blood Type:  (with a dropdown arrow)
- Desired Time:  (with up/down arrows),  (with up/down arrows), and  (with a dropdown arrow)
- Submit Appointment:

# Demo

- 本次Lab以個人為單位
- 配分
  - Lab1-1: 40%
  - Lab1-2: 40%
  - Lab1-3: 20%
- Demo
  - 完成Lab後，舉手呼叫助教們demo
  - 多個小題可以分次demo
  - 呈現程式執行結果
- 最後登記時間：21:20