

Zero to Knowing

BUILDING APPS

IN PYTHON

WITH PYQT

WHAT IS PYQT?

A module that connects the Qt C++ framework and Python

Allows us to **create graphical user interfaces** (GUIs). It has a **wide range of functionalities** such as thread management, support for SQL databases, an embedded web browser, and an extensive collection of GUI widgets. There is so **much more!**

These features make **Qt** a comprehensive framework for building a wide range of applications beyond just GUIs.



PyQt5 vs PyQt6

No Major Difference Between the Two!

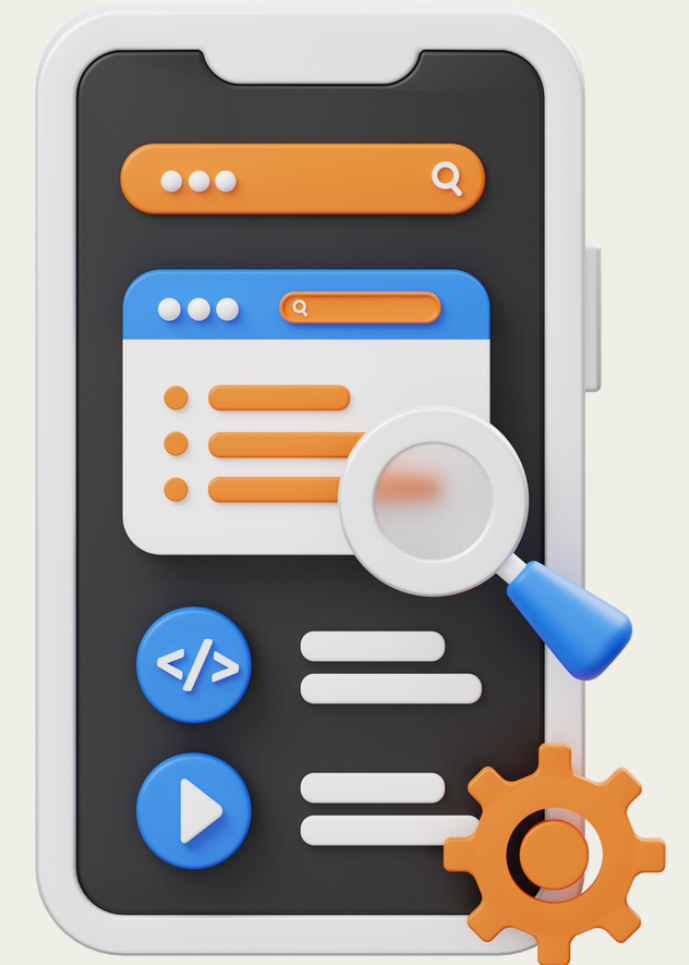
We focus on PyQt5 as these two versions of the Framework are so **smiliar** and there are easy work arounds

By learning and understanding PyQt5, you'll be able to **work with older PyQt Apps as well as new PyQt Apps**



Why do we use PyQt?

- Cross-platform: PyQt allows your programs to run on different operating systems
- Ready-made GUI widgets: Provides pre-built **graphical user interface** (GUI) elements. (buttons, menus, etc)
- Extensive functionality: A wide range of features beyond GUI components, including networking, databases, multimedia, and graphics.
- Visual design: Integrates with, enabling you to visually design your user interface by dragging and dropping elements.
- Language simplicity: PyQt is based on Python, which has a straightforward syntax and is known for being beginner-friendly.

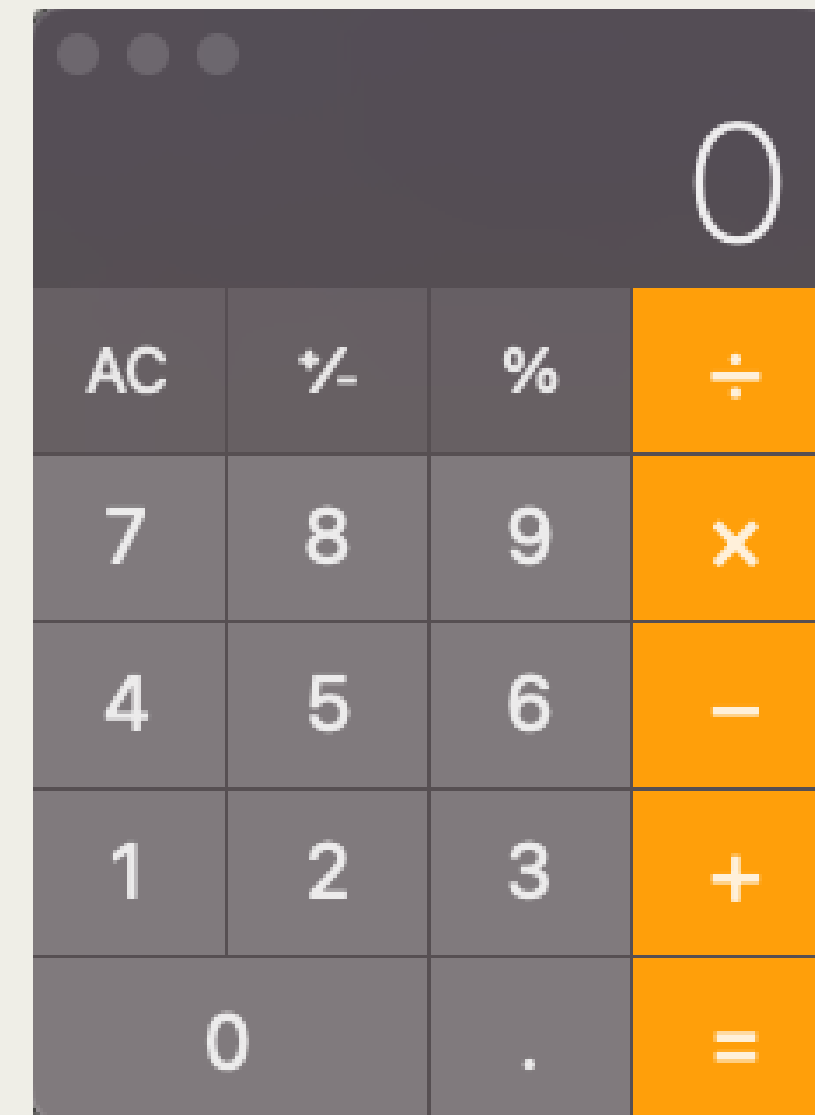
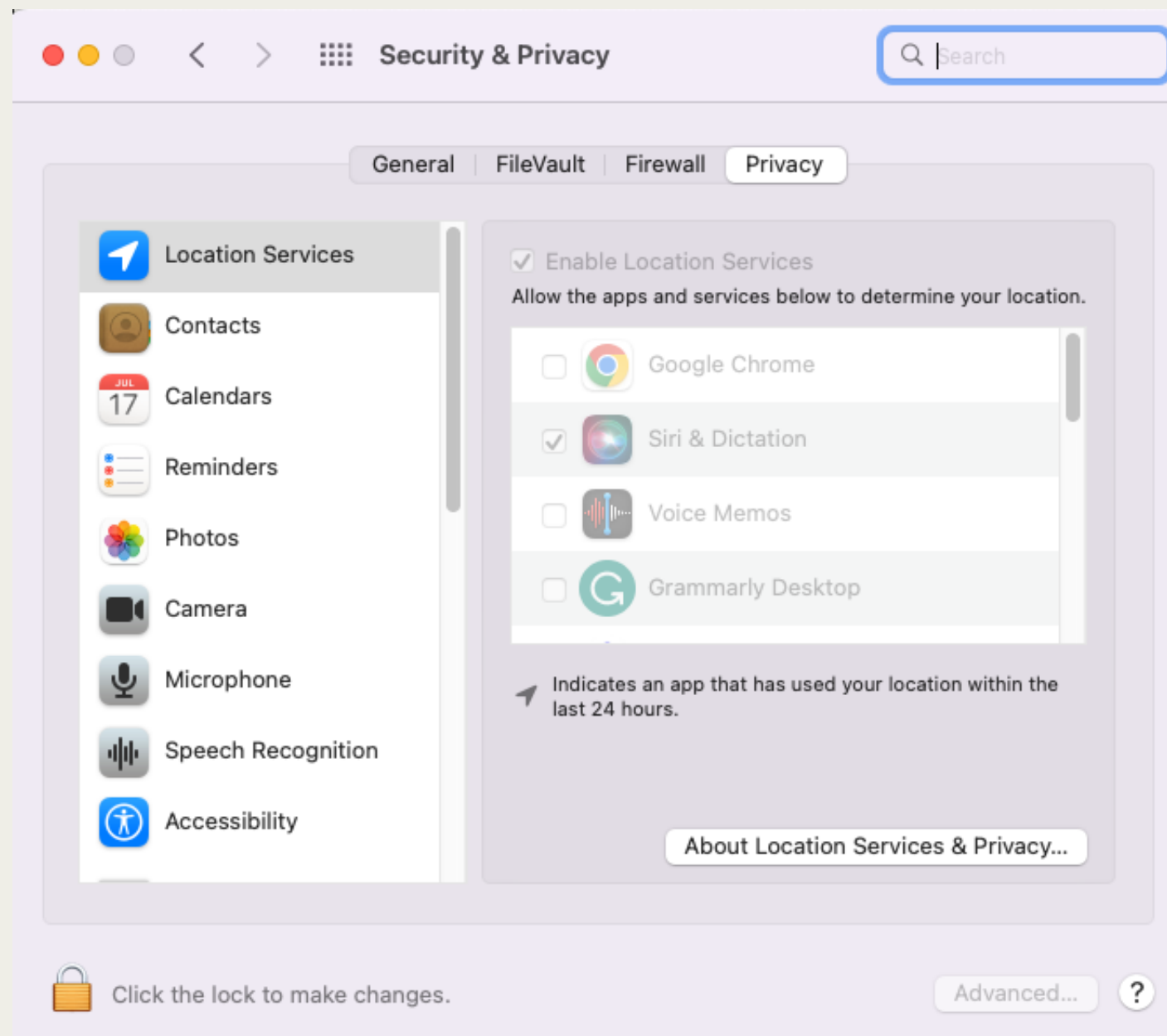


Windowed Applications

The Foundations of your first App

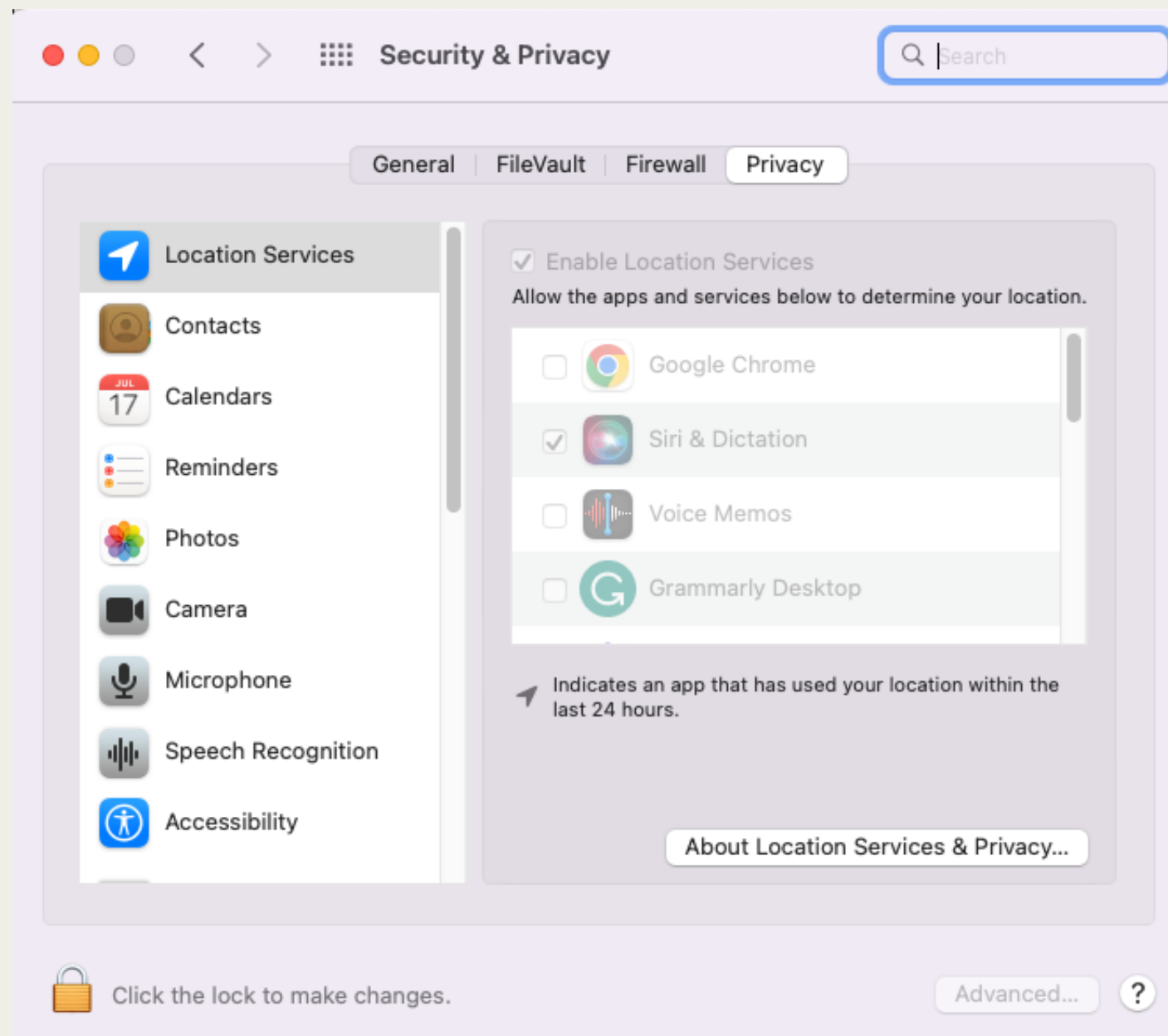
Windowed Applications

Two current and Popular examples of Windowed Applications



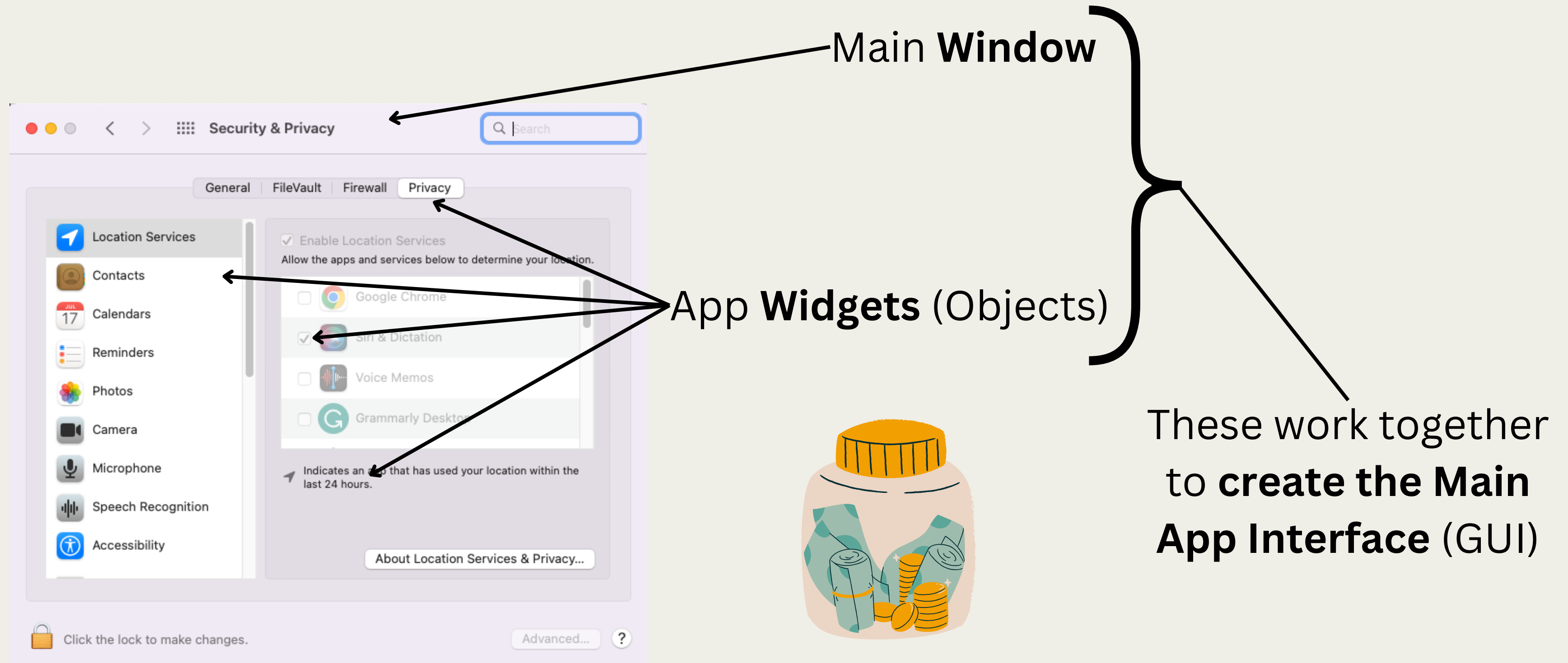
Windowed Applications

Main Window

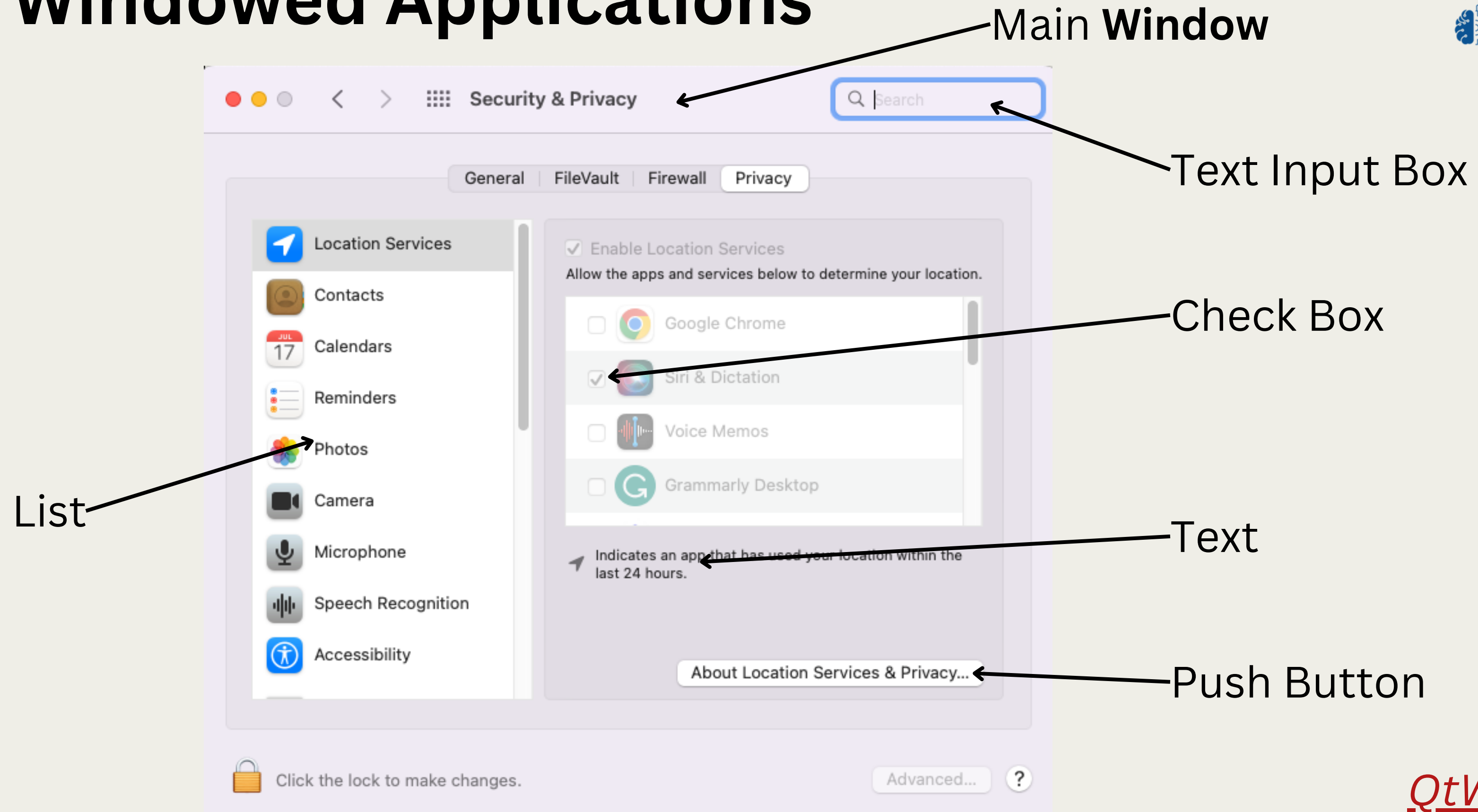


App Widgets (Objects)

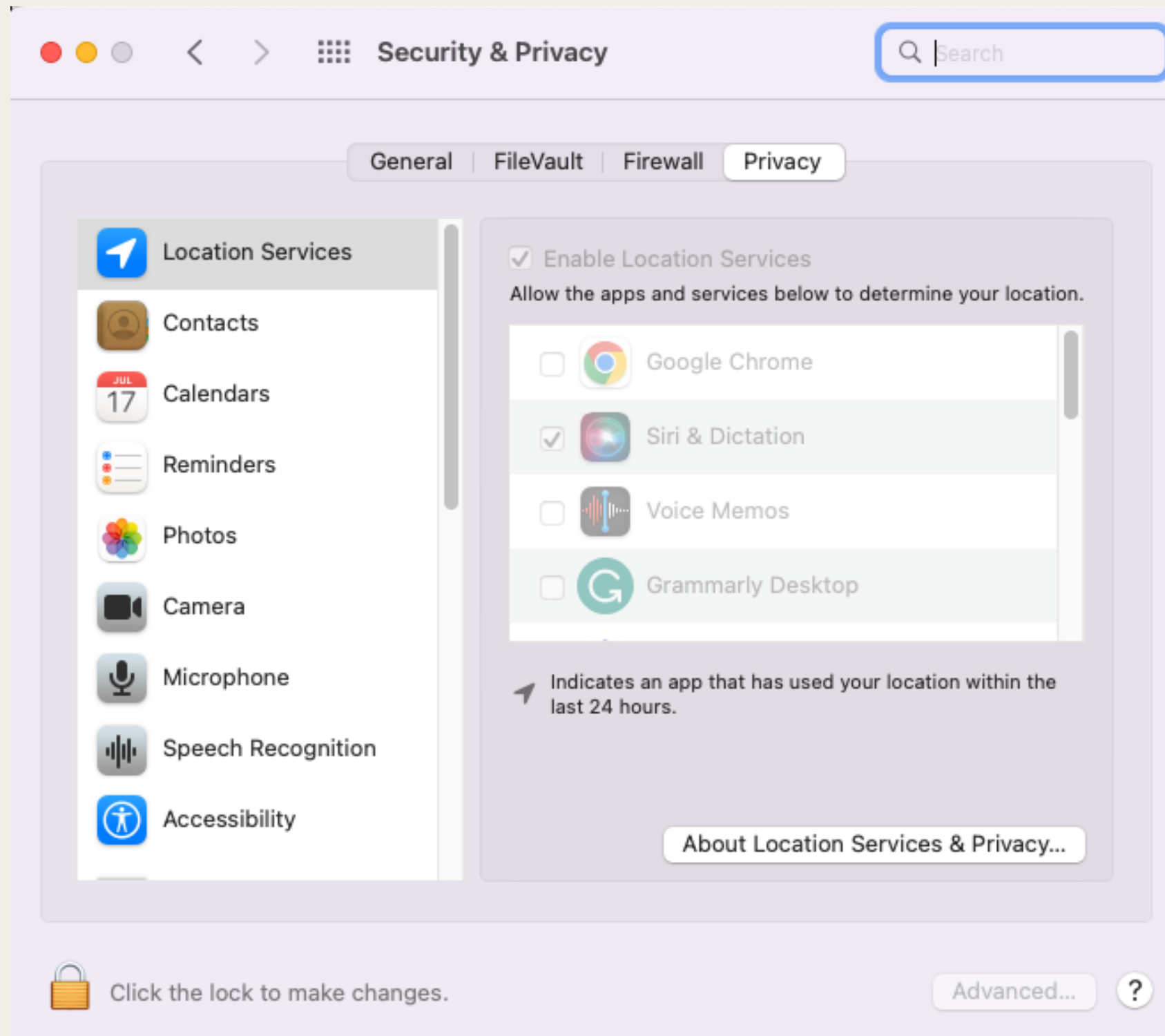
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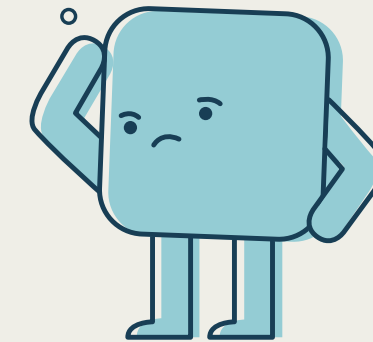
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Designing the Layout

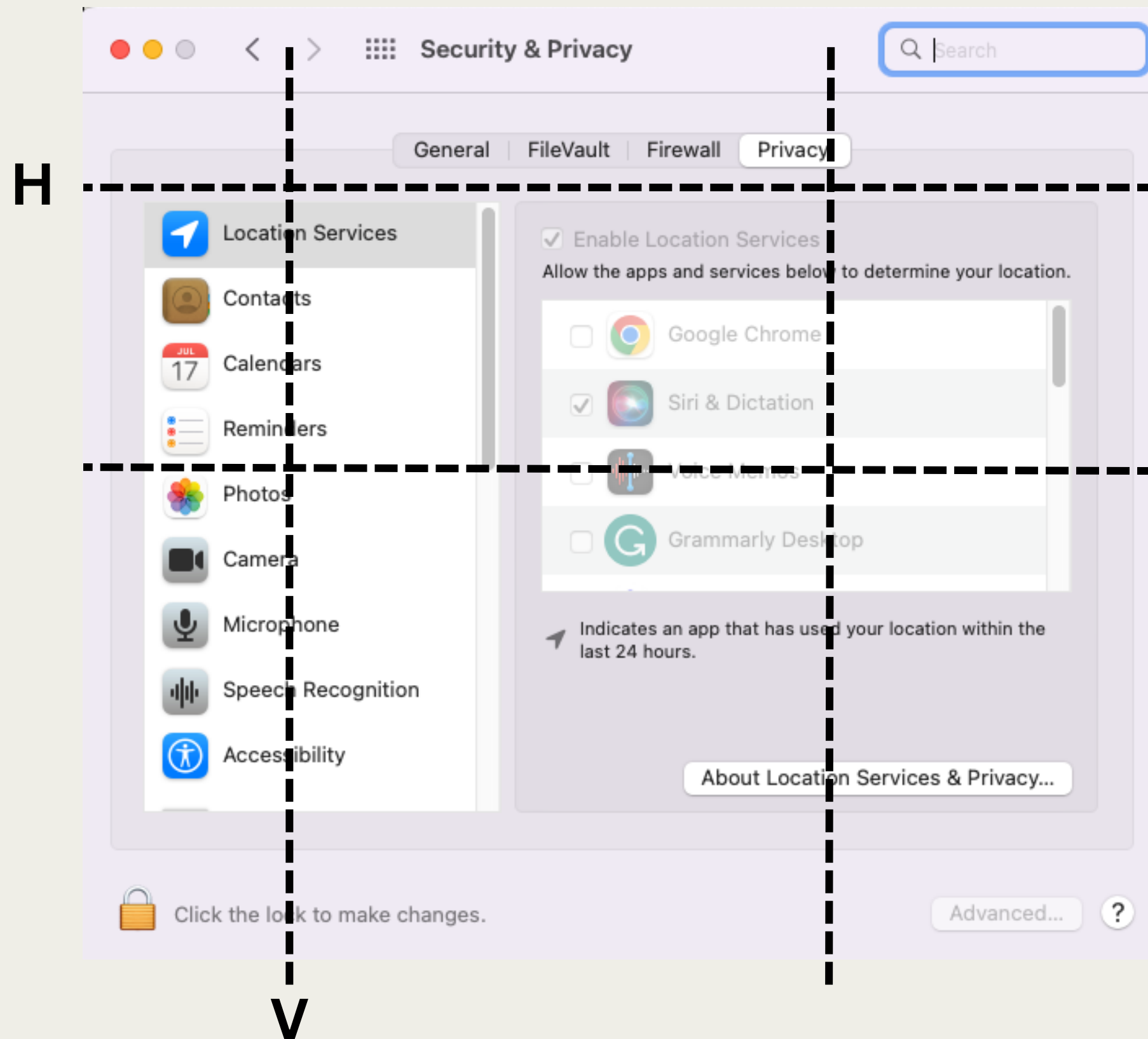


Rows & Columns



How could be design this App so that everything is held in either a Row or a Column?

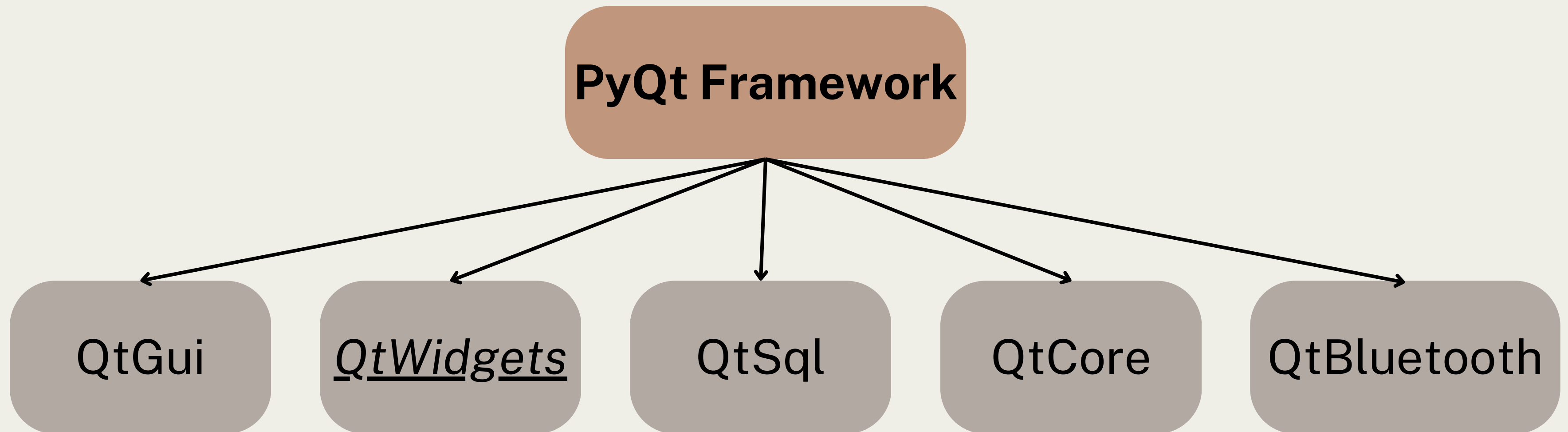
Designing the Layout



We use Layouts in PyQt to build out our design.

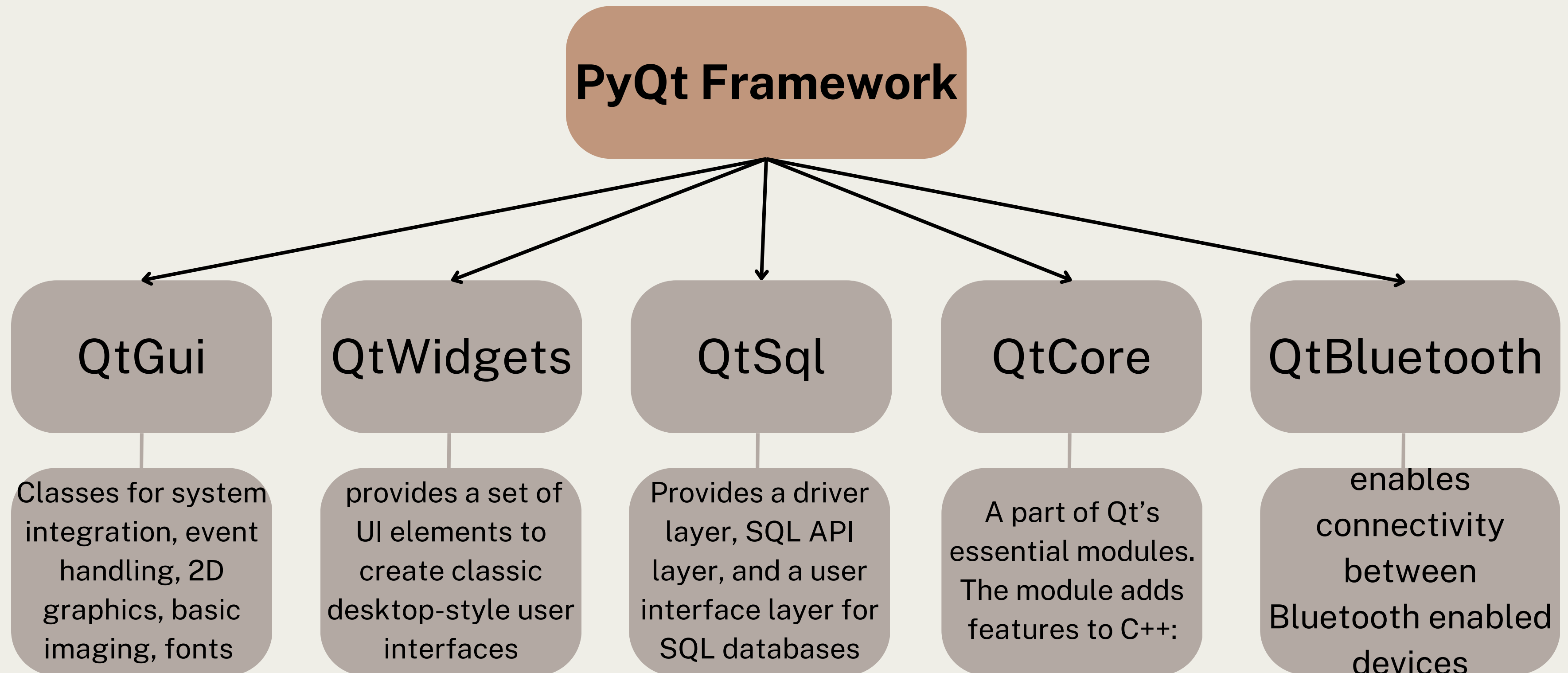
Widgets (objects) are automatically aligned **vertically** and/or **horizontally**

How to use PyQt



PyQt Framework has extensive modules that are all apart of it.
Allowing you to import and use the specific modules you need for
your project

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Class Flashback



```
class App():
    def __init__(self, users, storage, username):
        self.users = users
        self.storage = storage
        self.username = username

    def login(self):
        if self.username == "owner" and self.users >= 1:
            print("Welcome: ", self.username)
        else:
            print("You are not a user!")

    def increase_capacity(self, number):
        self.storage += number
        print("Updated:", self.storage)

admin = App( 100, 256, "owner" )

admin.login()
admin.increase_capacity( 64 )
```

OOP

Pause the Video!

Try to understand what is happening

This should look familiar

Do you remember how to work with Objects and
Classes in Python?

What is a **Method/Property**?

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A Class has properties and methods which relate to that class or an object of that Class

We create an **Object** of the App class

We pass **3 Arguments** to our Class

These **Arguments** are then **given to** our `__init__` method as our **parameters**

We use the **parameters** to the **value of our properties**

We can use these **properties around our class** similar to a normal **variable in a function**

A **Method** is a Function in a Class

A **Property** is a Variable in a Class

A method/property **must be linked** to an Object to work

QApplication, QPushButton, QLabel

Connecting to PyQt

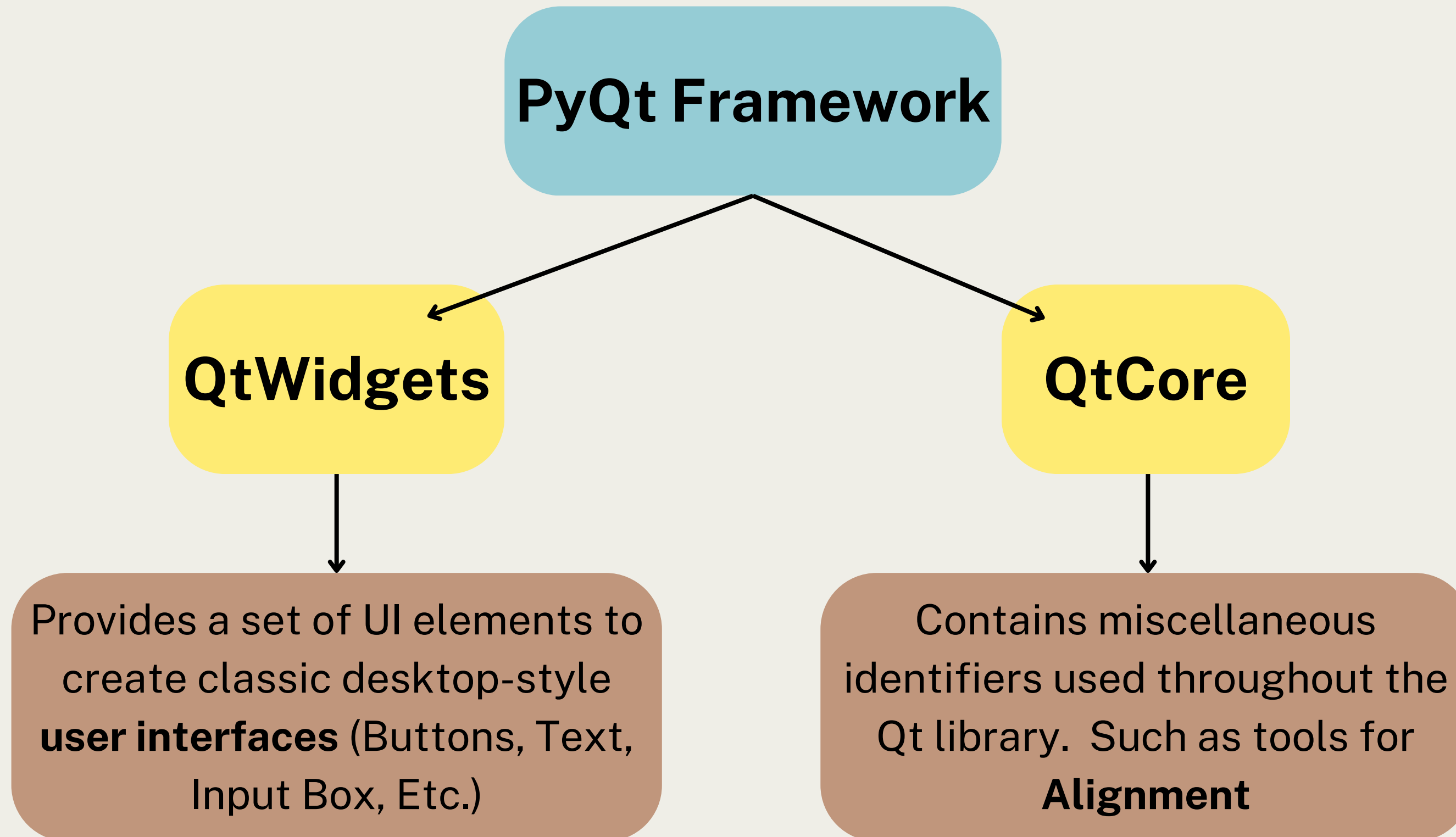


```
from PyQt5.QtCore import Qt
```

```
from PyQt5.QtWidgets import QApplication, QWidget, QLabel, QPushButton, QVBoxLayout
```

PyQt Classes	What it does
QApplication	Important Object - Allows us to create and execute our app
QWidget	Important Object - Allows us to create a Main Window
QLabel	This is simply a Text (string) object
QPushButton	This is a click/submit style button object
QVBoxLayout	This allows us to use Vertical Alignment

PyQt Modules -> QtWidgets and Qt:

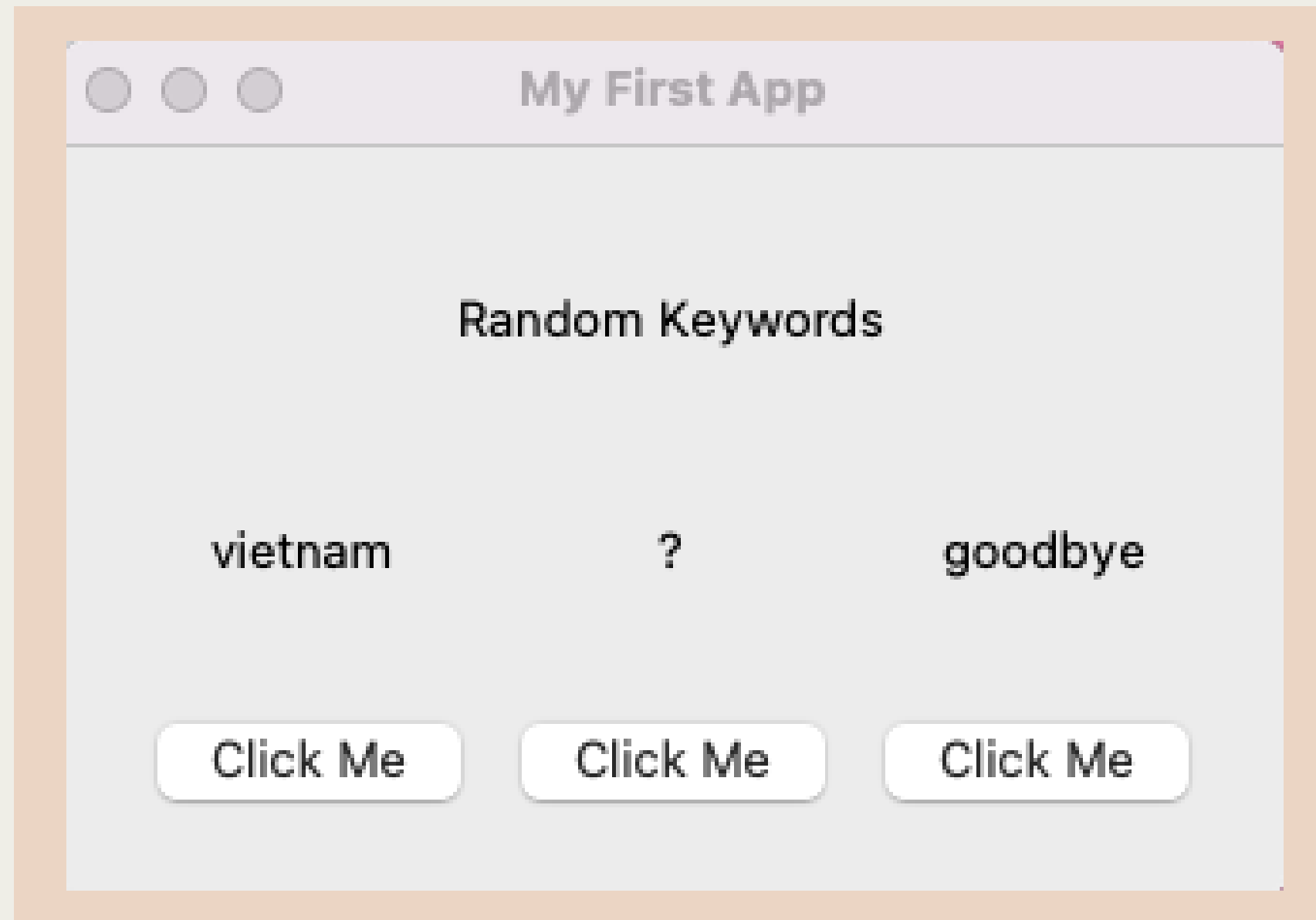


Main PyQt Methods



PyQt Method	What it does
<code>.addWidget()</code>	Allows you to add an object to the layout
<code>.setText()</code>	Change the text of an existing object
<code>.addLayout()</code>	Used to add Layouts together
<code>.setLayout()</code>	Used to set the final design to the main window
<code>.show() / .hide()</code>	Allows you to show or hide an object

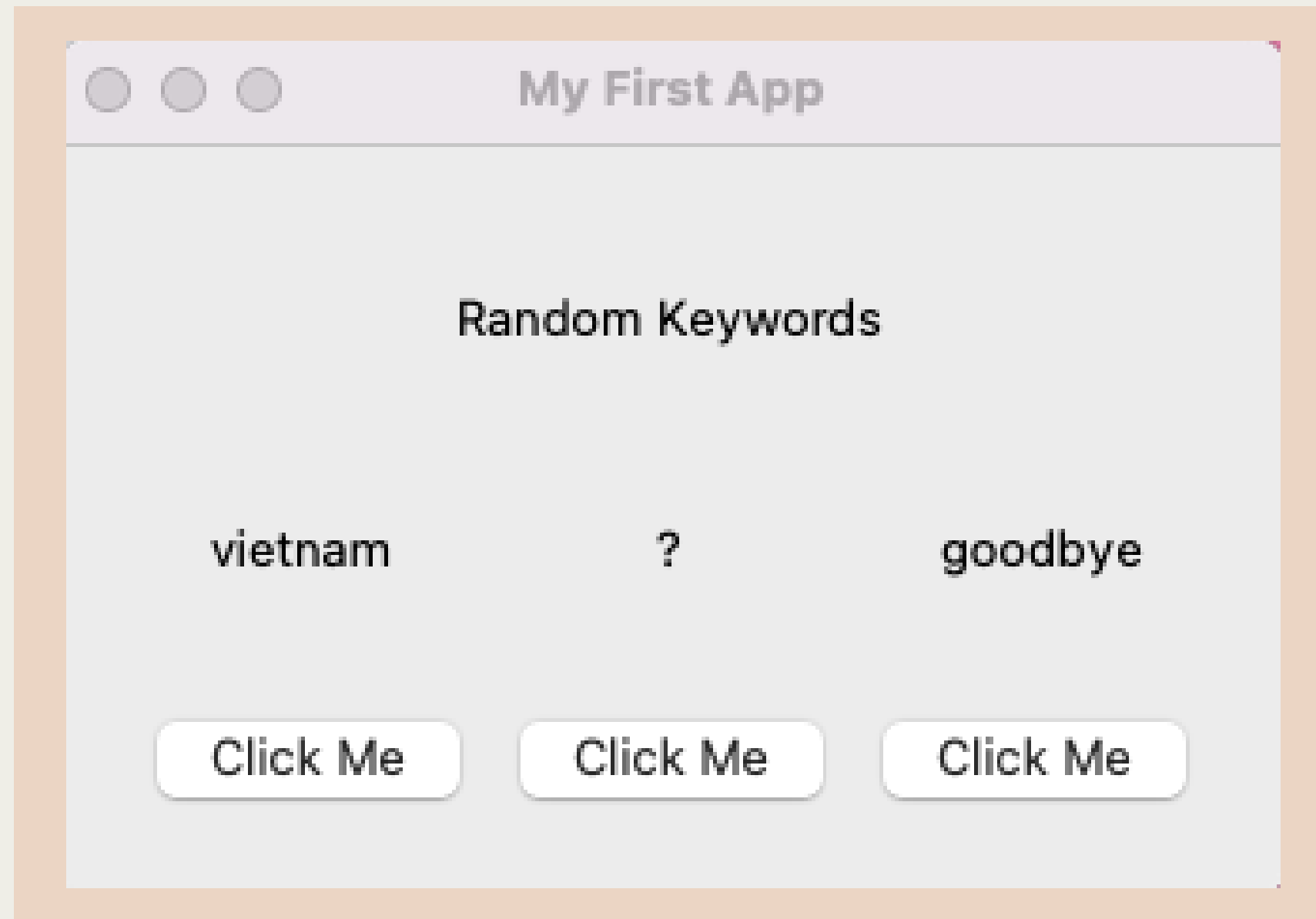
You're first application:



Your first App!

Let's get you comfortable with the
foundations of PyQt and
understanding the **basic concepts**!

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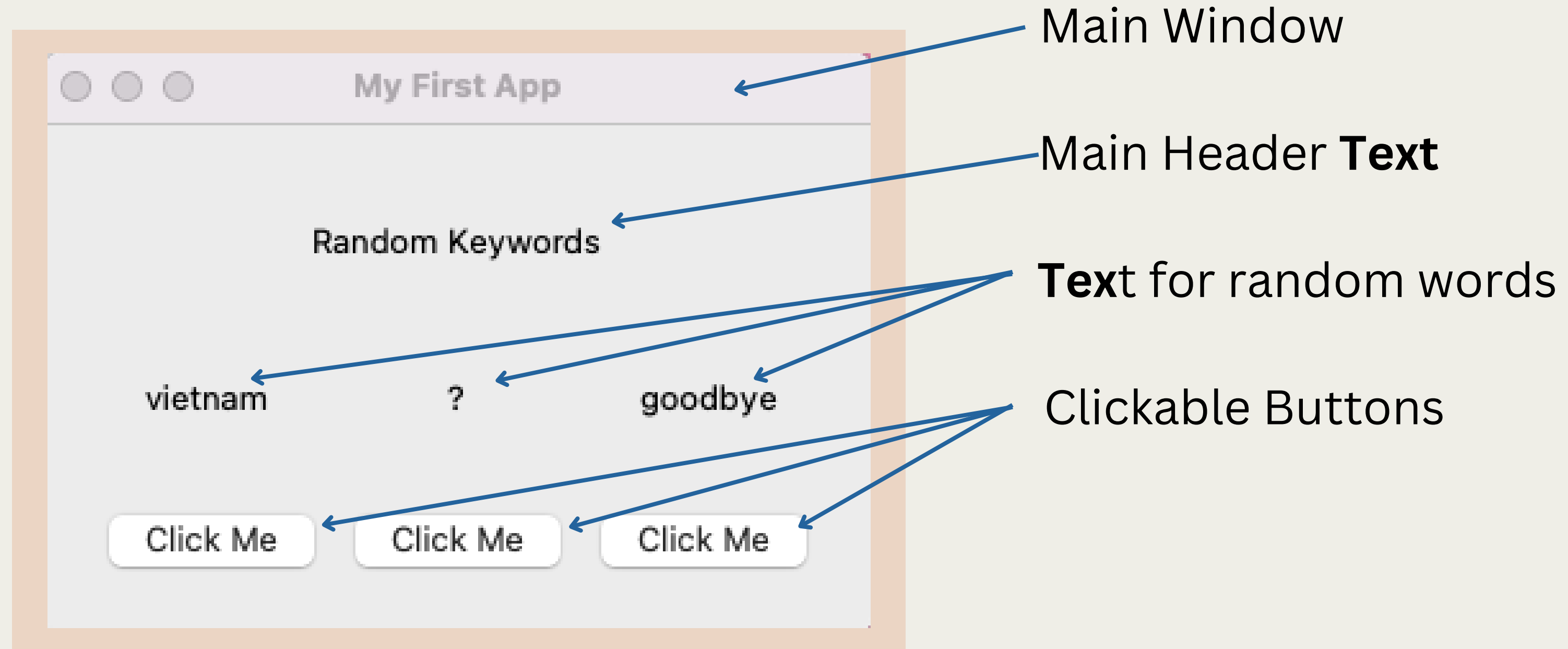
Main Window

Main Header Text

Text for random words

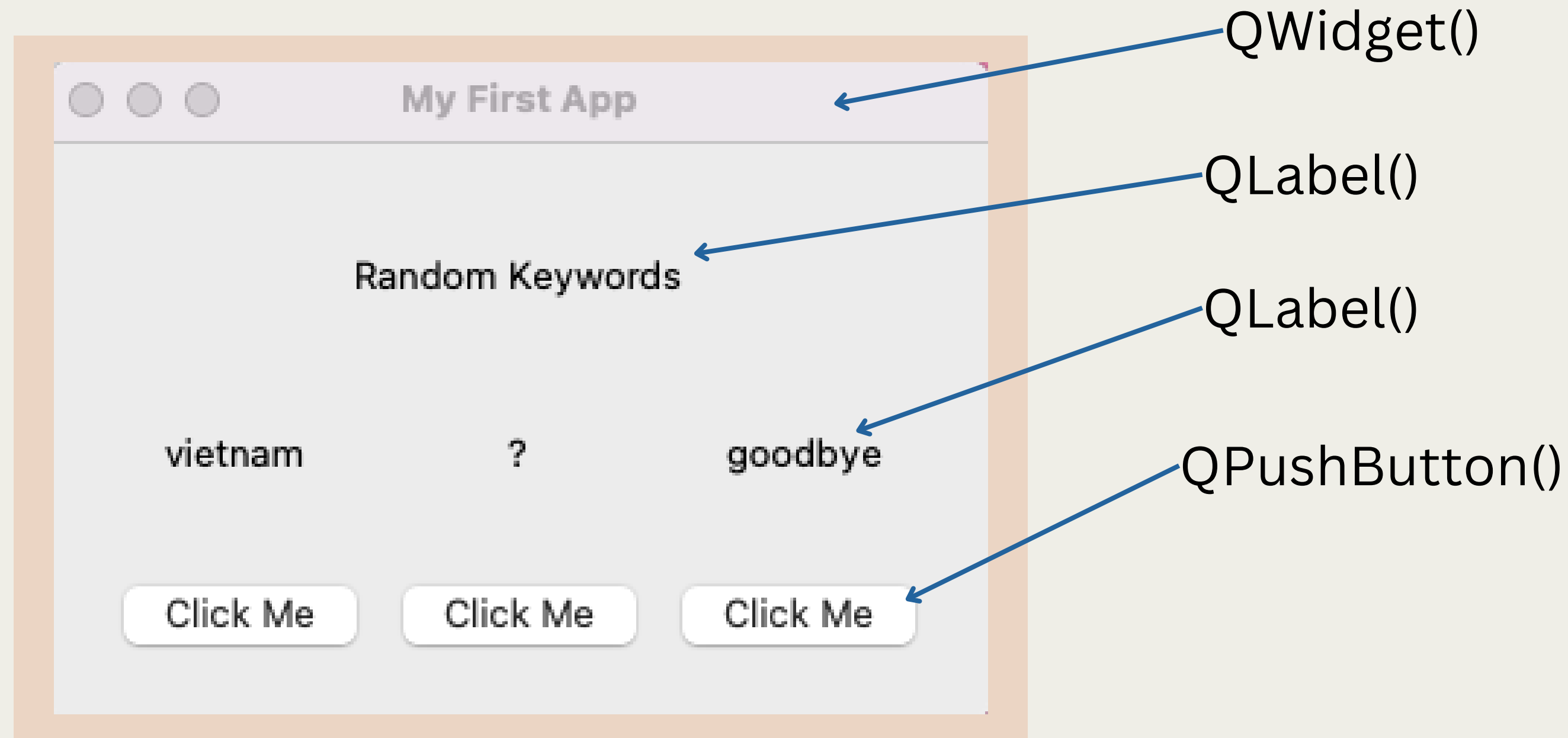
Clickable Buttons

You're first application:



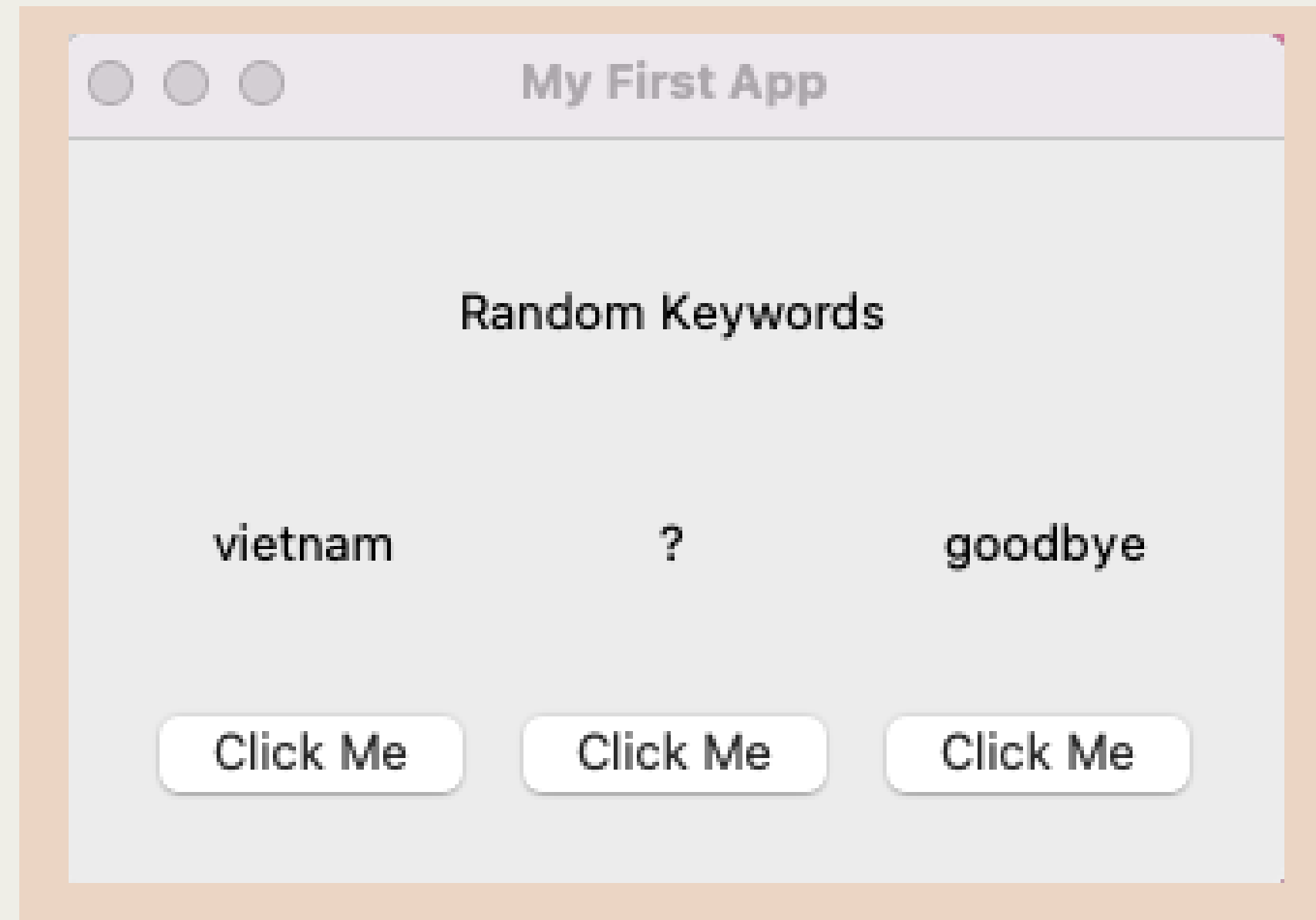
Can you name all the Classes we will need?

You're first application:



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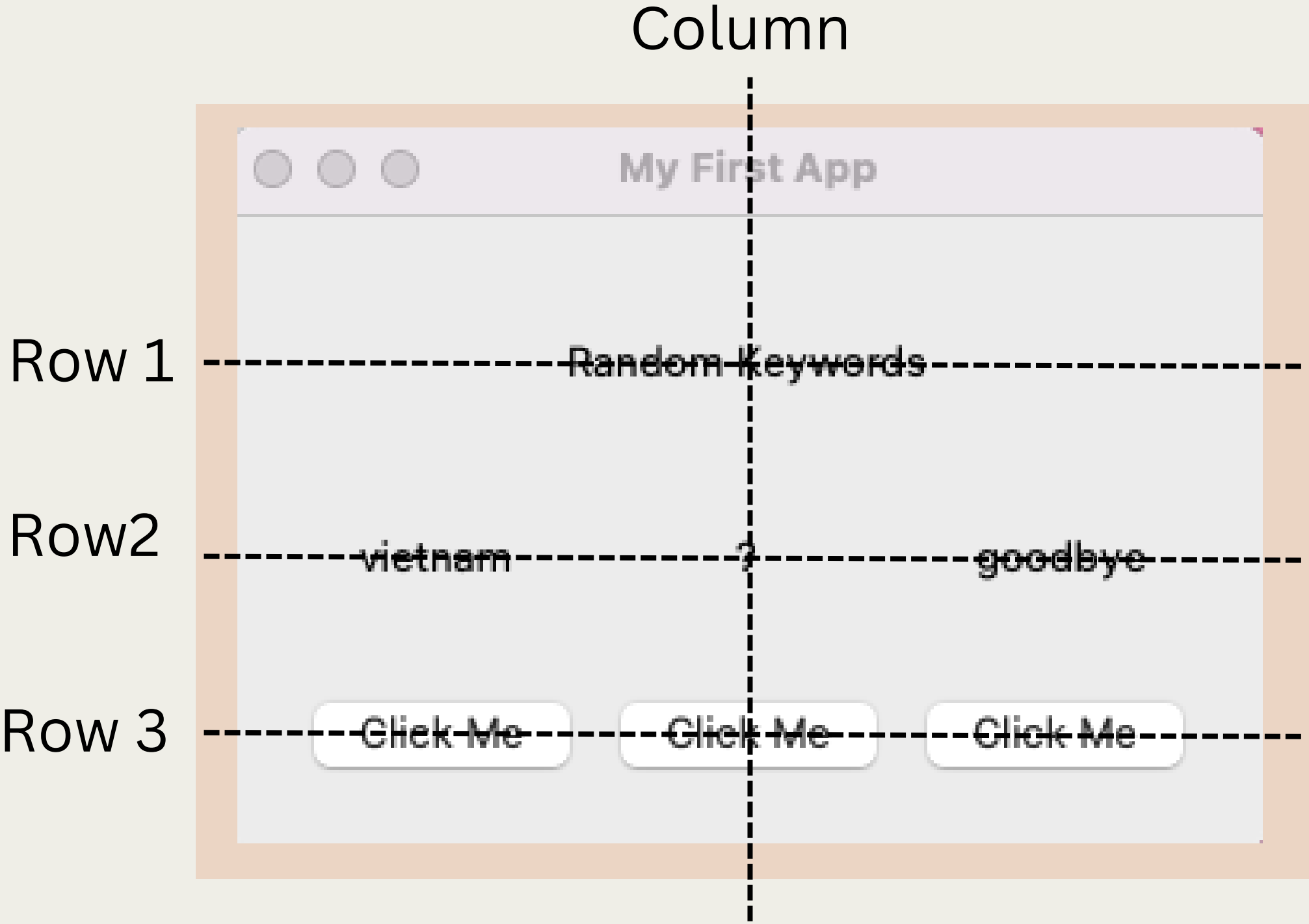
Application Design



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Application Design



The app **starts with 3 Rows** (Base layers). These 3 layers are **stacked like a cake** into our **column** which is used as our **final design**

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Initial Code Setup:



```
from PyQt5.QtCore import Qt
from PyQt5.QtWidgets import QApplication, QWidget, QLabel, QPushButton,
QVBoxLayout, QHBoxLayout
```

```
#App Settings
```

```
app = QApplication([])
```

```
main_window = QWidget()
```

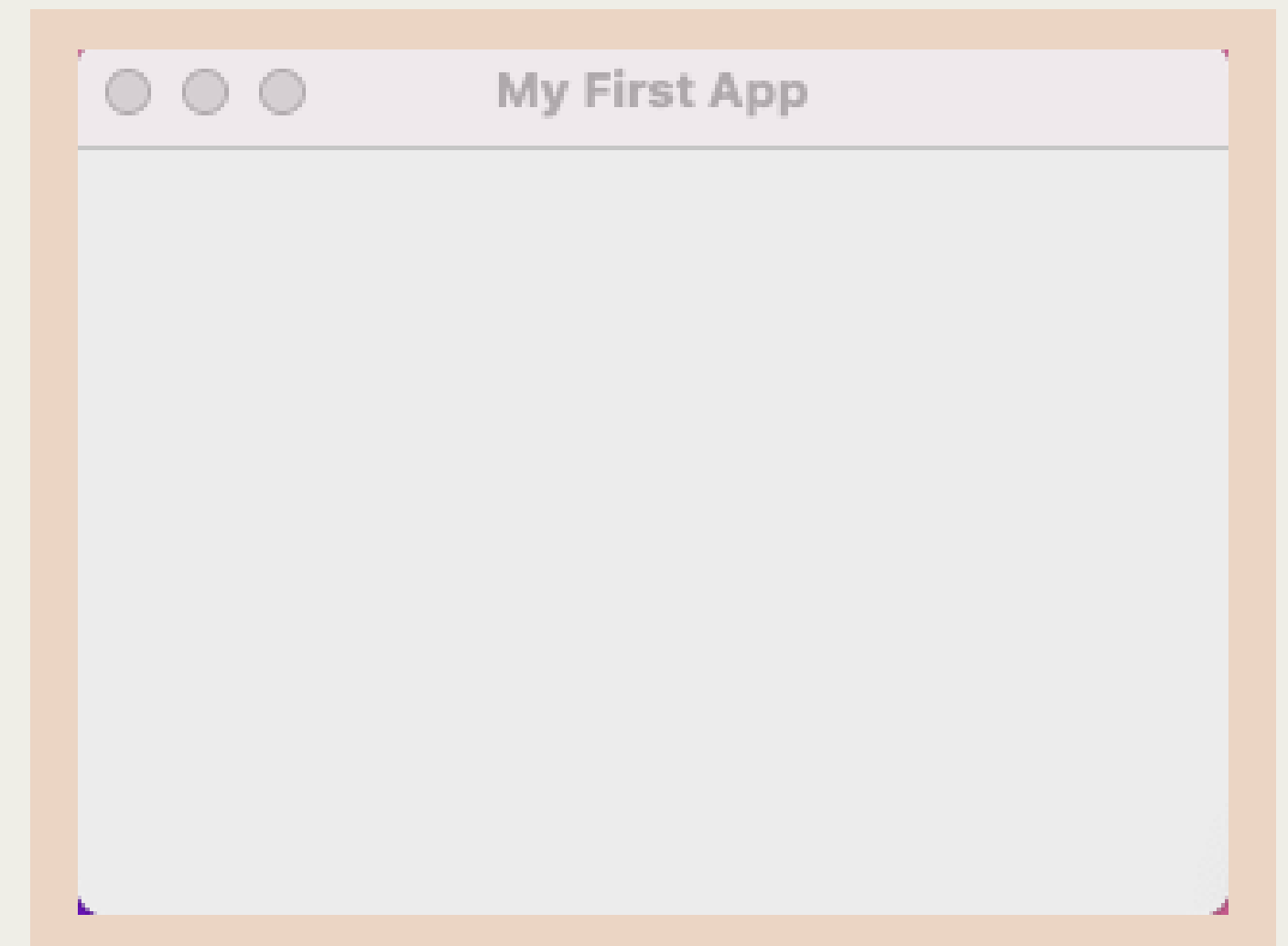
```
main_window.setWindowTitle("My First App")
```

```
main_window.resize(300,200)
```

```
#Create all Object/Widgets below here
```

```
main_window.show()
```

```
app.exec_()
```



Designing our App

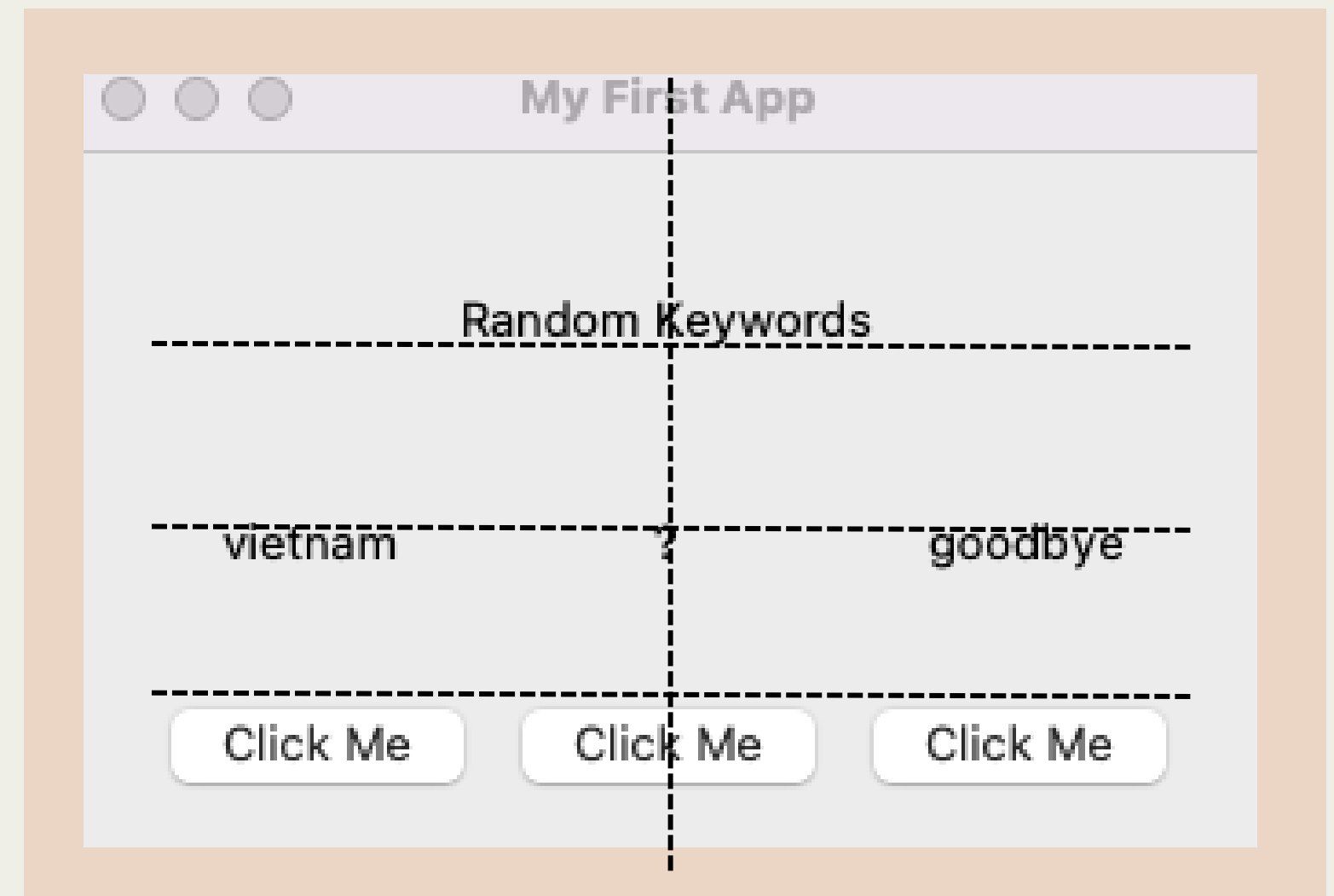
Learning how to set the layout and design the app

DESIGNING OUR APP

How can we achieve this look?

PyQt Layout Tools:

- QVBoxLayout()
- QHBoxLayout()



DESIGNING OUR APP



#Create all Object/Widgets below here

```
title_text = QLabel("Random Keywords")
```

```
text1 = QLabel("?")
```

```
text2 ...
```

```
text3 ...
```

```
button1 = QPushButton("Click Me")
```

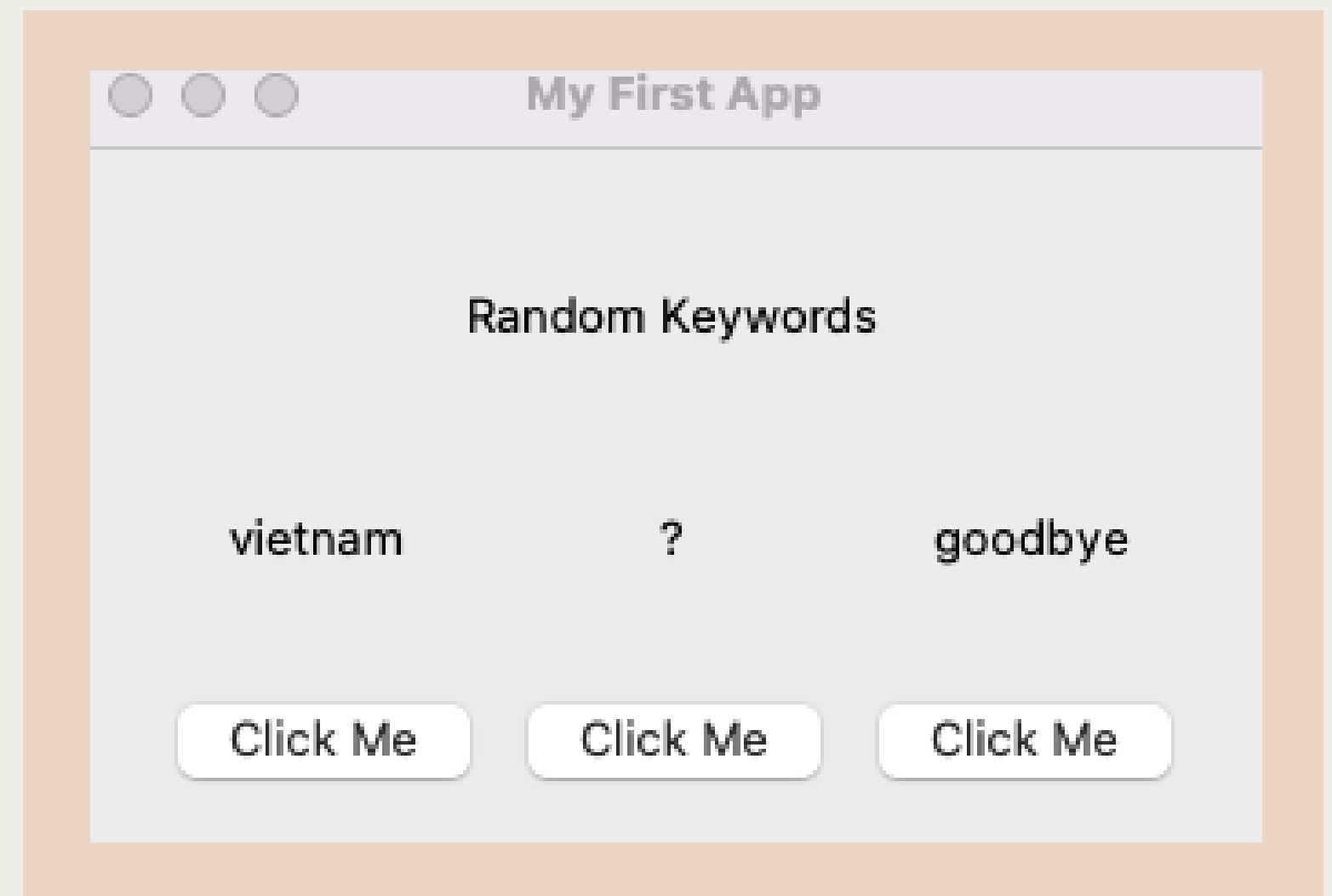
```
button2 ...
```

```
button3...
```

#Design our app

```
master_layout = QVBoxLayout()
```

```
row1 = QHBoxLayout()
```



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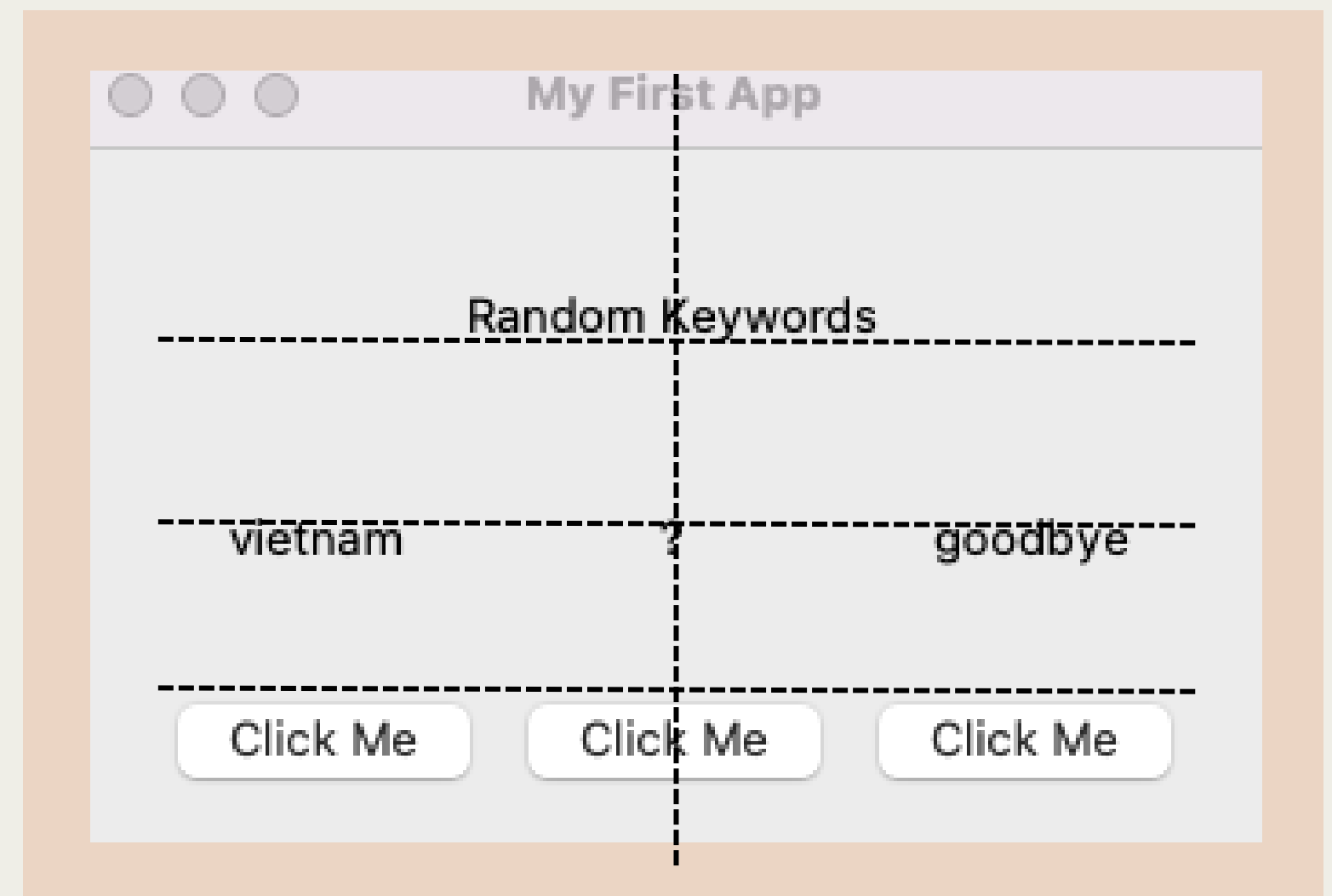
```
row1.addWidget(title_text, alignment=Qt.AlignCenter)
```

```
row2.addWidget(text1, alignment=Qt.AlignCenter)
```

```
row2.addWidget...
```

```
row3.addWidget(button1)
```

```
row3.addWidget...
```



DESIGNING OUR APP



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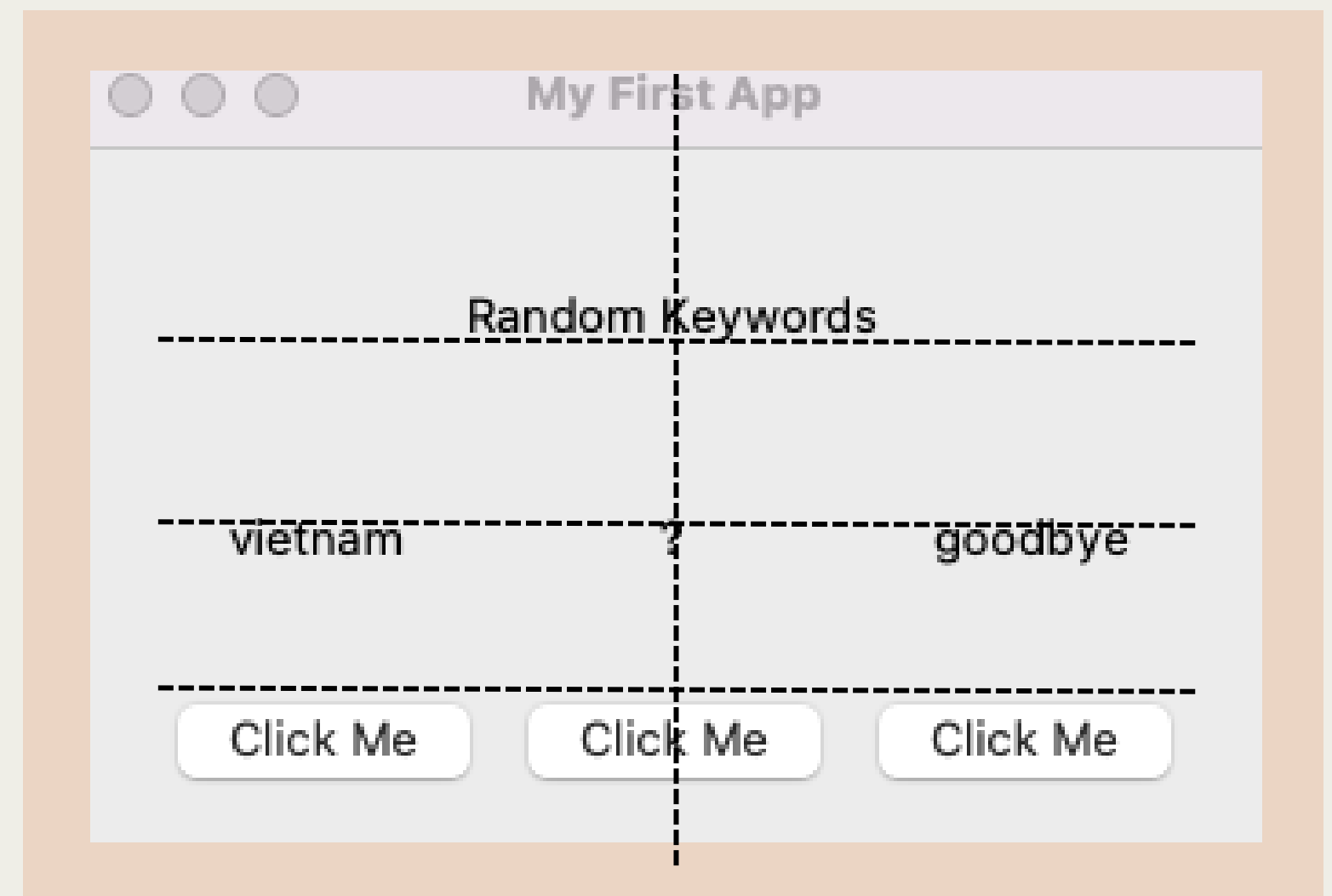
#Previous Code Here

```
master_layout.addWidget(row1)
```

```
master_layout.addWidget(row2)
```

```
master_layout.addWidget(row3)
```

```
main_window.setLayout(master_layout)
```



DESIGNING OUR APP



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```

#Previous Code Here

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master_layout.addLayout(row1)
```

```
master_layout.addLayout(row2)
```

```
master_layout.addLayout(row3)
```

```
main_window.setLayout(master_layout)
```

Creating a **master layout**,
everything is added to this

Creating **3 rows**, we will add our
objects/widgets to each row

Here we **add our rows to our
master layout**, in the order we
want them to appear

We use **.addLayout method** to
add "design layouts" together,
don't use .addWidget

We **take our master layout** and
set it as the final design to our
main_window

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Displaying a Random word



#Getting a Random Word from a List

```
from random import choice
```

```
my_words= ["Hello", "Goodbye", "Test", "Python", "PyQt", "Code"]
```

```
def display_word():
```

```
    word = choice( my_words )
```

```
    text1.setText( word )
```



The **value of** the variable **word** is a **random word** from the list

choice -> This **takes a list** as an argument and **randomly selects one of the elements**

Event Handling in PyQt



#Linking a Button to a Function

```
button = QPushButton("Click Me")
```

```
def test_function():
```

```
    print("This button is working!")
```

```
button.clicked.connect(test_function)
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Event Type -> Click Event

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(Literal Translation)