psidialogs Documentation

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psidialogs

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Contents:

psidialogs (Python Simple Dialogs) is a common API for different standard dialogs like:

- message
- warning
- ask_string
- ...

Backends:

- PyGTK
- Zenity
- easygui
- gMessage
- PyQt
- TkInter
- wxPython
- PythonDialog
- console
- EasyDialogs

Links:

- home: https://github.com/ponty/psidialogs
- documentation: http://ponty.github.com/psidialogs

Some dialogs are too simple, because a common basic implementation is used where implementation is missing.

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CHAPTER

ONE

BASIC USAGE

```
>>> from psidialogs import message
>>> message('Hello!')
```

CHAPTER

TWO

INSTALLATION

2.1 General

- install setuptools or pip
- install the program:

if you have setuptools installed:

```
# as root
easy_install psidialogs
```

if you have pip installed:

```
# as root
pip install psidialogs
```

2.2 Ubuntu

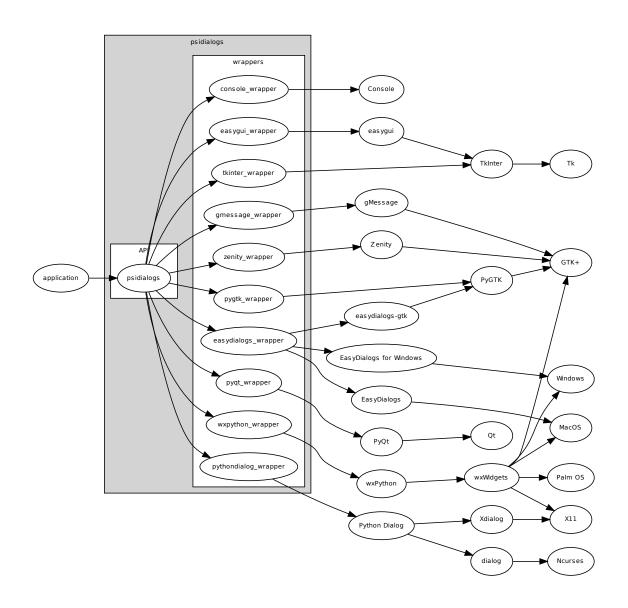
```
sudo apt-get install python-setuptools
sudo easy_install psidialogs
```

2.3 Uninstall

```
# as root
pip uninstall psidialogs
```

THREE

HIERARCHY



CHAPTER

FOUR

API

4.1 ask_file()

```
psidialogs.ask_file (message='Select file for open.', default='', title='', save=False)
A dialog to get a file name. The "default" argument specifies a file path.
```

save=False -> file for loading save=True -> file for saving

Returns the file path that the user entered, or None if he cancels the operation.

Parameters

- message message to be displayed.
- **save** bool 0 -> load , 1 -> save
- title window title
- **default** default file path

Return type None or string

4.2 ask_folder()

```
psidialogs.ask_folder (message='Select folder', default='', title='')
```

A dialog to get a directory name. Returns the name of a directory, or None if user chose to cancel. If the "default" argument specifies a directory name, and that directory exists, then the dialog box will start with that directory.

Parameters

- message message to be displayed.
- title window title
- default default folder path
- ok label of the ok button
- cancel label of the cancel button

Return type None or string

4.3 ask_ok_cancel()

```
psidialogs.ask_ok_cancel (message='', default=0, title='')
Display a message with choices of OK and Cancel.
```

returned value: OK -> True Cancel -> False

screenshots

Parameters

- message message to be displayed.
- title window title
- **default** default button as boolean (OK=True, Cancel=False)

Return type bool

4.4 ask_string()

```
\verb|psidialogs.ask_string| (\textit{message='Enter something.'}, \textit{default=''}, \textit{title=''})|
```

Show a box in which a user can enter some text.

You may optionally specify some default text, which will appear in the entry-box when it is displayed.

Returns the text that the user entered, or None if he cancels the operation

screenshots

Parameters

- message message to be displayed.
- **title** window title
- **default** entry-box default string
- ok label of the ok button
- cancel label of the cancel button

Return type None or string

4.5 ask_yes_no()

```
psidialogs.ask_yes_no (message='', default=0, title='')
Display a message with choices of Yes and No.
```

returned value: Yes -> True No -> False

screenshots

Parameters

- message message to be displayed.
- title window title
- **default** default button as boolean (YES=True, NO=False)

Return type bool

4.6 choice()

```
psidialogs.choice(choices=[], message='Pick something.', default=None, title='')
```

Present the user with a list of choices. return the choice that he selects. return None if he cancels the selection selection.

screenshots

Parameters

- choices a list of the choices to be displayed
- message message to be displayed.
- **title** window title
- **default** default string of choice

Return type None or string

4.7 error()

```
psidialogs.error(message='Error!', title='')
Display a warning message

screenshots
```

Parameters

- message message to be displayed.
- title window title

Return type None

4.8 message()

```
psidialogs.message (message, title='')
Display a message

screenshots
```

Parameters

- message message to be displayed.
- title window title

Return type None

4.9 multi_choice()

```
psidialogs.multi_choice(choices=[], message='Pick as many items as you like.', default=None, ti-tle='')
```

Present the user with a list of choices. allow him to select multiple items and return them in a list. if the user doesn't choose anything from the list, return the empty list. return None if he cancelled selection.

screenshots

Parameters

- **choices** a list of the choices to be displayed
- message message to be displayed.
- **title** window title
- **default** default list of strings

Return type None or list of strings

4.10 text()

```
psidialogs.text(text, message='', title='')
This function is suitable for displaying general text, which can be longer than in message()

screenshots
```

Parameters

- text (long) text to be displayed
- message (short) message to be displayed.
- **title** window title

Return type None

4.11 warning()

```
psidialogs.warning(message='Warning!', title='')
Display an error message

screenshots
```

Parameters

- message message to be displayed.
- **title** window title

Return type None

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FIVE

SCREENSHOTS

5.1 ask_ok_cancel()

API

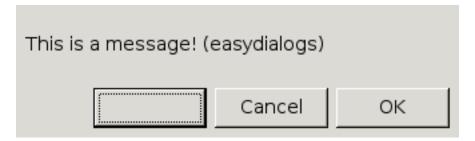
5.1.1 console

\$ xterm -e "python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b console -f ask_ok_cancel"

True This is a message! (console) [Yes/No] [

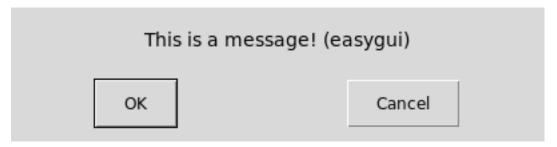
5.1.2 easydialogs

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b easydialogs -f ask_ok_cancel



5.1.3 easygui

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b easygui -f ask_ok_cancel



5.1.4 gmessage

 $\ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b gmessage -f ask_ok_cancel$



5.1.5 pygtk

 $\ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b pygtk -f ask_ok_cancel$



5.1.6 pyqt

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b pyqt -f ask_ok_cancel



5.1.7 pythondialog

\$ xterm -e "python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b pythondialog -f ask_ok_cancel"



5.1.8 tkinter

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b tkinter -f ask_ok_cancel



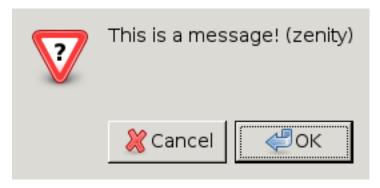
5.1.9 wxpython

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b wxpython -f ask_ok_cancel



5.1.10 zenity

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b zenity -f ask_ok_cancel



5.2 ask_string()

API

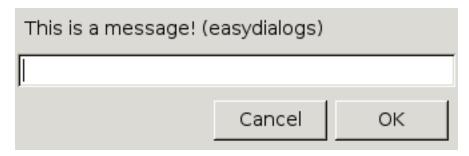
5.2.1 console

\$ xterm -e "python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b console -f ask_string"

```
True
This is a message! (console)[
```

5.2.2 easydialogs

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b easydialogs -f ask_string



5.2.3 easygui

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b easygui -f ask_string



5.2.4 gmessage

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b gmessage -f ask_string



5.2.5 pygtk

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b pygtk -f ask_string



5.2.6 pyqt

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b pyqt -f ask_string



5.2.7 pythondialog

\$ xterm -e "python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b pythondialog -f ask_string"



5.2.8 tkinter

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b tkinter -f ask_string



5.2.9 wxpython

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b wxpython -f ask_string



5.2.10 zenity

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b zenity -f ask_string



5.3 ask_yes_no()

API

5.3.1 console

\$ xterm -e "python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b console -f ask_yes_no"

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```
True
This is a message! (console) [Yes/No] [
```

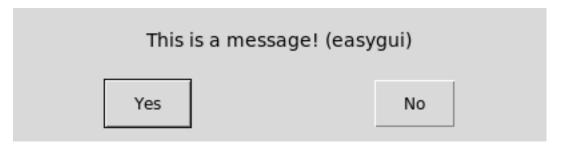
5.3.2 easydialogs

 $\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b easydialogs -f ask_yes_no



5.3.3 easygui

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b easygui -f ask_yes_no



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5.3.4 gmessage

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b gmessage -f ask_yes_no



5.3.5 pygtk

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b pygtk -f ask_yes_no



5.3.6 pyqt

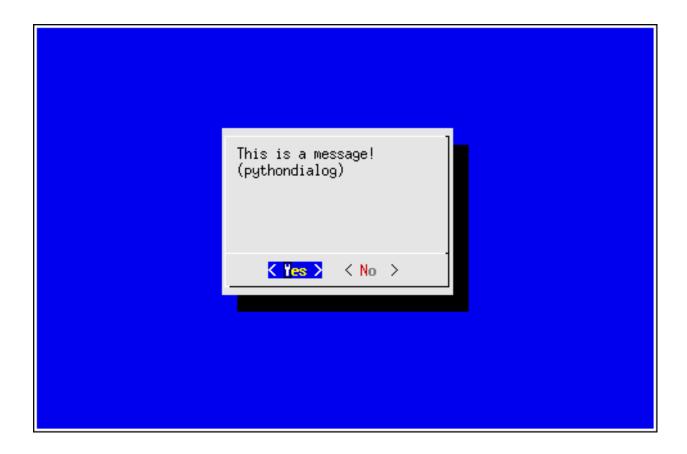
\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b pyqt -f ask_yes_no



5.3.7 pythondialog

 $\$ xterm -e "python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b pythondialog -f ask_yes_no"

5.3. ask_yes_no() 18



5.3.8 tkinter



5.3.9 wxpython

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b wxpython -f ask_yes_no

5.3. ask_yes_no() 19



5.3.10 zenity

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b zenity -f ask_yes_no



5.4 choice()

API

5.4.1 console

\$ xterm -e "python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b console -f choice"

```
True
This is a message! (console)
[0] One
[1] Two
[2] Three
Select:
```

5.4.2 easydialogs

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b easydialogs -f choice

```
This is a message! (easydialogs)
[0] One
[1] Two
[2] Three
Select:

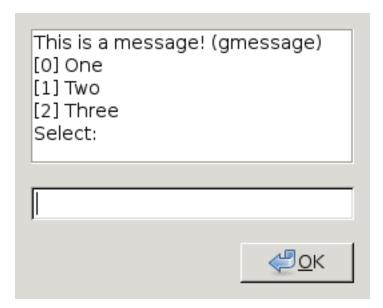
Cancel
OK
```

5.4.3 easygui



5.4.4 gmessage

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b gmessage -f choice



5.4.5 pygtk

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b pygtk -f choice



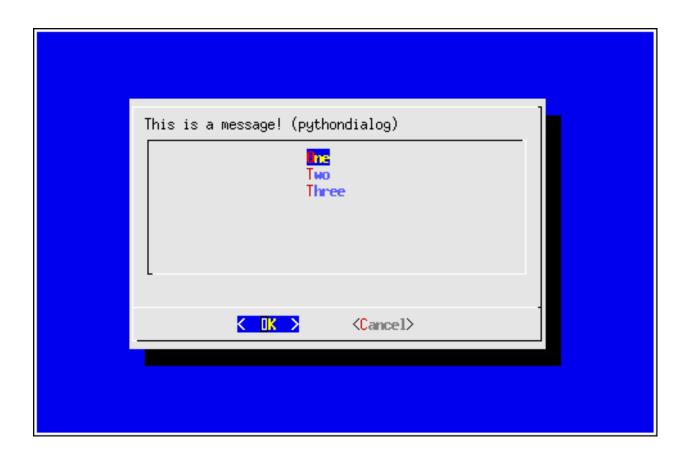
5.4.6 pyqt

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b pyqt -f choice



5.4.7 pythondialog

\$ xterm -e "python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b pythondialog -f choice"



5.4.8 tkinter

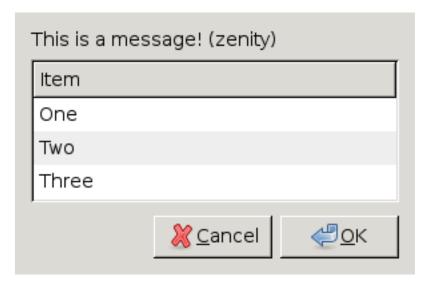


5.4.9 wxpython



5.4.10 zenity

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b zenity -f choice



5.5 error()

API

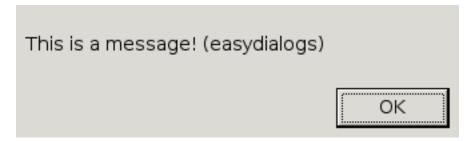
5.5.1 console

\$ xterm -e "python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b console -f error"

```
True
[ERROR] This is a message! (console)[ENTER][]
```

5.5.2 easydialogs

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b easydialogs -f error



5.5.3 easygui



5.5.4 gmessage

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b gmessage -f error



5.5.5 pygtk

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b pygtk -f error



5.5.6 pyqt



5.5.7 pythondialog

\$ xterm -e "python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b pythondialog -f error"



5.5.8 tkinter



5.5.9 wxpython

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b wxpython -f error



5.5.10 zenity

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b zenity -f error



5.6 message()

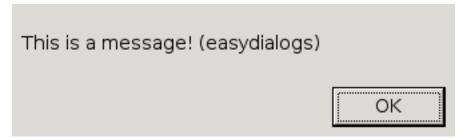
API

5.6.1 console

 $\$ xterm -e "python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b console -f message"

```
True
This is a message! (console)[ENTER][]
```

5.6.2 easydialogs



5.6.3 easygui

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b easygui -f message



5.6.4 gmessage

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b gmessage -f message



5.6.5 pygtk

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b pygtk -f message



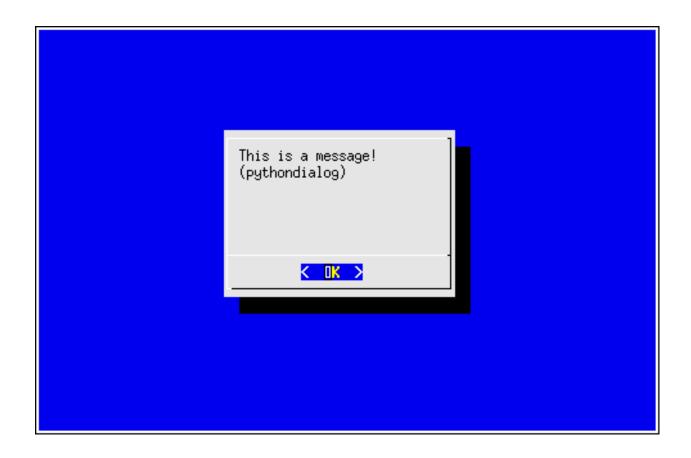
5.6.6 pyqt

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b pyqt -f message



5.6.7 pythondialog

\$ xterm -e "python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b pythondialog -f message"



5.6.8 tkinter



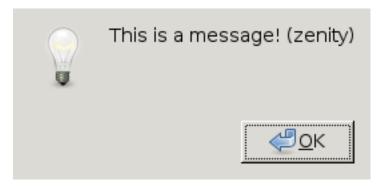
5.6.9 wxpython

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b wxpython -f message



5.6.10 zenity

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b zenity -f message



5.7 multi_choice()

API

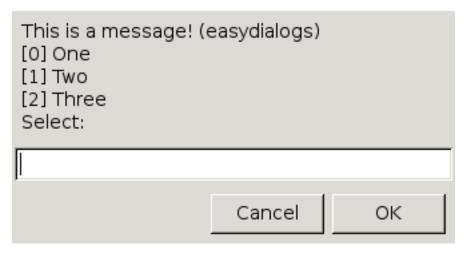
5.7.1 console

\$ xterm -e "python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b console -f multi_choice"

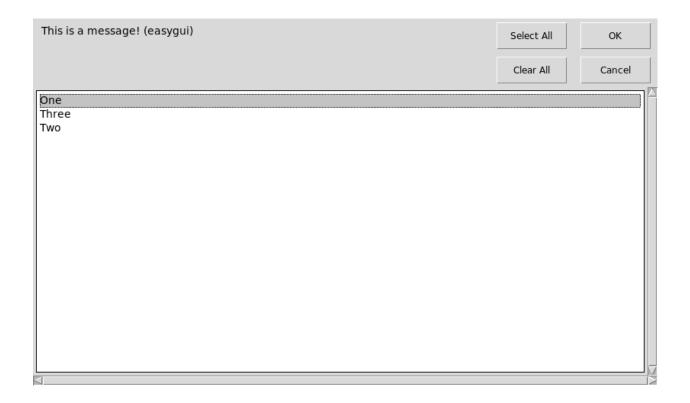
5.7. multi_choice() 33

```
True
This is a message! (console)
[0] One
[1] Two
[2] Three
Select:
```

5.7.2 easydialogs

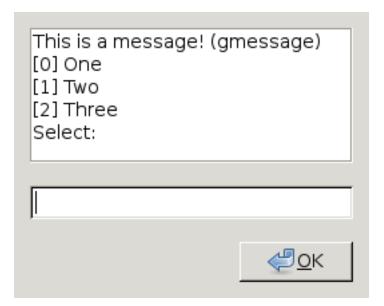


5.7.3 easygui



5.7.4 gmessage

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b gmessage -f multi_choice



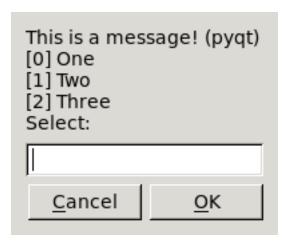
5.7.5 pygtk

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b pygtk -f multi_choice



5.7.6 pyqt

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b pyqt -f multi_choice



5.7.7 pythondialog

\$ xterm -e "python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b pythondialog -f multi_choice"



5.7.8 tkinter

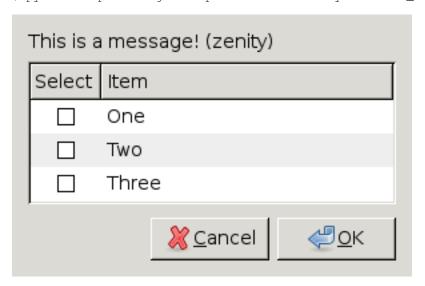


5.7.9 wxpython



5.7.10 zenity

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b zenity -f multi_choice



5.8 text()

API

5.8.1 console

```
$ xterm -e "python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b console -f text"
```

```
while 1:
            #d = dict([(x.backend, x.name) for x in psidialogs.all_backends()])
            #names=sorted(d.keys()
            names=sorted(BackendLoader().all_names)
            b = psidialogs.choice(names, 'Select backend!', title=title)
            if not b:
                break
            BackendLoader().force(b)
            try:
                BackendLoader().selected()
            except Exception, detail:
                BackendLoader().force(None)
                psidialogs.text('Exception:\n' + str(detail))
            #psidialogs.set_backend(force_backend=d[b])
            selectfunc(title, **kwargs)
@entrypoint
def demo(backend=None, function=None, title='');
   print os.isatty(sys.stdout.fileno())
    selectbackend(backend=backend, function=function, title=title)
[ENTER]
```

5.8.2 easydialogs

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b easydialogs -f text

```
This is a message! (easydialogs)
from ent
rypoint2 import entrypoint
from psidialog
s.backendloader import BackendLoader
impo
rt inspect
import logging
import os
impor
t psidialogs
import sys
log = logging.ge
tLogger(__name__)
def testdata():
= open(🛛
                                      OK
```

5.8.3 easygui

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b easygui -f text

```
This is a message! (easygui)
                                                                                                       OK
from entrypoint2 import entrypoint
from psidialogs.backendloader import BackendLoader
import inspect
import logging
import os
import psidialogs
import sys
log = logging.getLogger(__name__)
def testdata():
  f = open(__file__)
  text = f.read()
  f.close()
  return dict(
    message="This is a message! (%s)" % BackendLoader().selected().name,
    choices=["One", "Two", "Three"],
    text='%s' % text,
def dialog(func, title=", **kwargs):
  funcs = psidialogs.FUNCTIONS
  log.debug('functions found:')
  log.debug(funcs)
  log.debug('searching for:')
```

5.8.4 gmessage

```
$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b gmessage -f text
```

```
This is a message! (gmessage)
from entrypoint2 import entrypoint
from psidialogs backendloader import BackendLoader
import inspect
import logging
import os
import psidialogs
import sys
log = logging.getLogger( name )
def testdata():
  f = open( file )
  text = f.read()
  f.close()
  return dict(
    message="This is a message! (%s)" % BackendLoader().selected().name,
    choices=["One", "Two", "Three"],
    text='%s' % text.
    )
def dialog(func, title=", **kwargs):
  funcs = psidialogs.FUNCTIONS
  log.debug('functions found:')
  log.debug(funcs)
  log.debug('searching for:')
  log.debug(func)
  f = None
  for x in funcs:
    if x. name == func:
                                                                        <u> Д</u>ОК
```

5.8.5 pygtk

```
$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b pygtk -f text
```



5.8. text()

if recult is not None.

```
This is a message! (pygtk)
from entrypoint2 import entrypoint
from psidialogs.backendloader import BackendLoader
import inspect
import logging
import os
import psidialogs
import sys
log = logging.getLogger( name )
def testdata():
  f = open(__file__)
  text = f.read()
  f.close()
  return dict(
     message="This is a message! (%s)" % BackendLoader
().selected().name,
    choices=["One", "Two", "Three"],
    text='%s' % text,
    )
def dialog(func, title=", **kwargs):
  funcs = psidialogs.FUNCTIONS
  log.debug('functions found:')
  log.debug(funcs)
  log.debug('searching for:')
  log.debug(func)
  f = None
  for x in funcs:
    if x. name == func:
      f = x
  assert f
  argnames, varargs, varkw, defaults = inspect.getargspec(f)
  #argnames = psidialogs.argnames(func)
  args = testdata()
  if title:
     args['title'] = title
  args = dict([(k, v) for (k, v) in args.items() if k in argnames])
  result=None
  exec 'result = psidialogs.%s(**args)' % (func)
  #result = psidialogs. dict [func](**args)
                                                              43
  #print 'result: ', result
  log.debug('result:'+str(result))
```

5.8.6 pyqt

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b pyqt -f text



```
This is a message! (pyqt)
from entrypoint2 import entrypoint
from psidialogs.backendloader import BackendLoader
import inspect
import logging
import os
import psidialogs
import sys
log = logging.getLogger( name )
def testdata():
  f = open( file )
  text = f.read()
  f.close()
  return dict(
    message="This is a message! (%s)" %
BackendLoader().selected().name,
    choices=["One", "Two", "Three"],
    text='%s' % text.
def dialog(func, title=", **kwargs):
  funcs = psidialogs.FUNCTIONS
  log.debug('functions found:')
  log.debug(funcs)
  log.debug('searching for:')
  log.debug(func)
  f = None
  for x in funcs:
    if x. name == func:
      f = x
  assert f
  argnames, varargs, varkw, defaults =
inspect.getargspec(f)
  #argnames = psidialogs.argnames(func)
  args = testdata()
  if title:
    args['title'] = title
  args = dict((k, v) for (k, v) in args.items() if k in
argnames])
  result=None
                                                          45
```

5.8. text() exec 'result = psidialogs.%s(**args)' % (func) #result = psidialogs. dict [func](**args) #nrint 'recult. ' recult

5.8.7 pythondialog

\$ xterm -e "python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b pythondialog -f text"

5.8.8 tkinter

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b tkinter -f text

```
assert f
  argnames, varargs, varkw, defaults
= inspect.getargspec(f)
  #argnames =
psidialogs.argnames(func)
  args = testdata()
  if title:
     args['title'] = title
  args = dict([(k, v) for (k, v) in
args.items() if k in argnames])
  result=None
  exec 'result =
psidialogs.%s(**args)' % (func)
  #result =
psidialogs. dict [func](**args)
  #print 'result: ', result
  log.debug('result:'+str(result))
  if result is not None:
     psidialogs.text('Return
value="%s" % result)
def selectfunc(title=",
function=None, **kwargs):
  if function:
     dialog(function, title, **kwargs)
  else:
     while 1:
       funcs =
psidialogs.FUNCTION NAMES
       funcs.sort()
       func =
psidialogs.choice(funcs, 'Select
function!', title=title)
       if not func:
          break
       dialog(func, title, **kwargs)
def selectbackend(backend=None,
title=", **kwargs):
```

5.8.9 wxpython

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b wxpython -f text

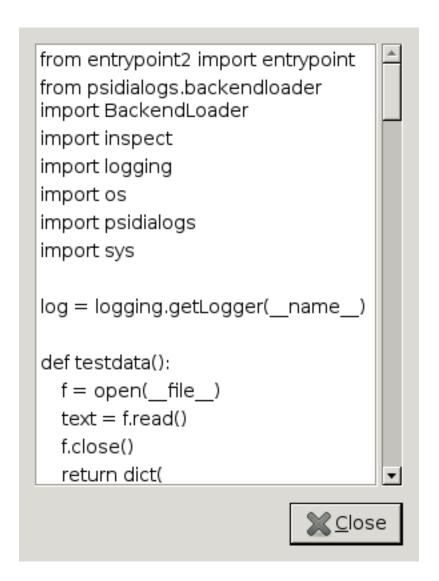
```
from entrypoint2 import entrypoint
from psidialogs.backendloader import BackendLoader
import inspect
import logging
import os
import psidialogs
import sys

log = logging.getLogger(__name__)

def testdata():
    f = open(__file__)
    text = f.read()
    f.close()
    return dict(
```

5.8.10 zenity

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b zenity -f text

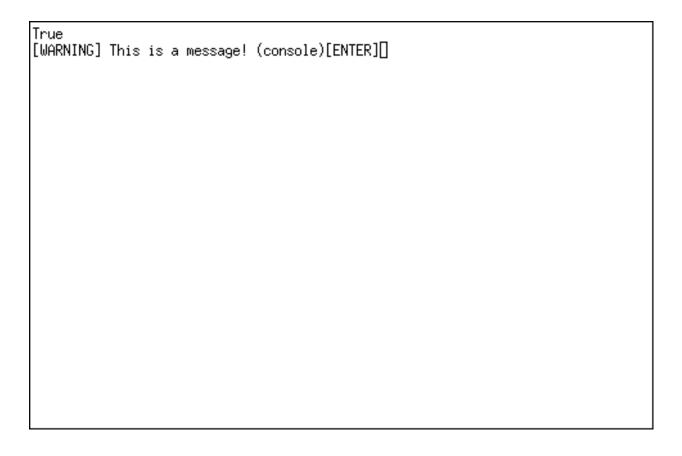


5.9 warning()

API

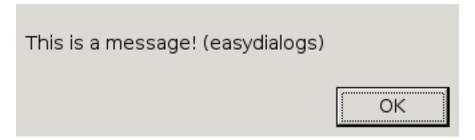
5.9.1 console

 $\$ xterm -e "python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b console -f warning"



5.9.2 easydialogs

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b easydialogs -f warning



5.9.3 easygui

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b easygui -f warning



5.9.4 gmessage

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b gmessage -f warning



5.9.5 pygtk

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b pygtk -f warning



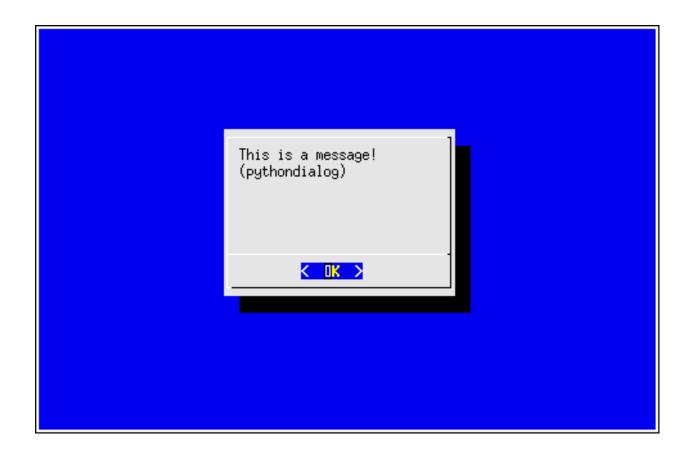
5.9.6 pyqt

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b pyqt -f warning



5.9.7 pythondialog

\$ xterm -e "python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b pythondialog -f warning"



5.9.8 tkinter



5.9.9 wxpython



5.9.10 zenity

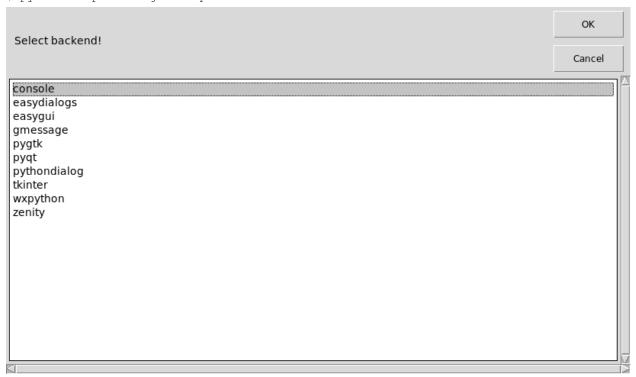
\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo -b zenity -f warning



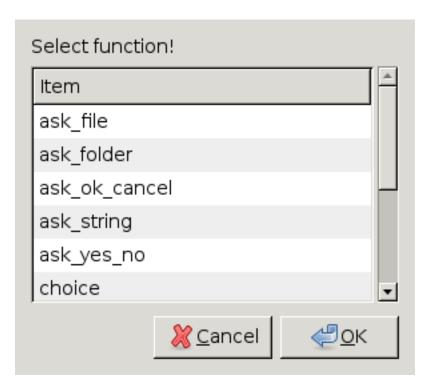
DEMO

Backends and functions can be selected from list or as command line parameter

\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo



\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo --backend zenity



\$ python -m psidialogs.examples.demo --backend zenity --function message



6.1 command line help

SIMILAR PROJECTS

• anygui: multiple backends

• easygui: tk backend

• PyZenity: Zenity backend

• vsgui: Zenity backend

• dlg: dialog/Xdialog/gdialog backend

• python-dialog: dialog/Xdialog/gdialog backend

• easydialogs-gtk: EasyDialogs API, PyGTK backend

• EasyDialogs: EasyDialogs API, Mac backend

• EasyDialogs for Windows: EasyDialogs API, Windows backend

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8.1 Tools

- 1. setuptools
- 2. Paver
- 3. nose
- 4. ghp-import
- 5. pyflakes
- 6. pychecker
- 7. paved fork
- 8. Sphinx
- 9. sphinxcontrib-programscreenshot
- 10. sphinxcontrib-paverutils
- 11. autorun from sphinx-contrib (there is no simple method, you have to download/unpack/setup)

8.2 Install on ubuntu

```
sudo apt-get install python-setuptools
sudo apt-get install python-paver
sudo apt-get install python-nose
sudo apt-get install pyflakes
sudo apt-get install pychecker
sudo apt-get install pychecker
sudo apt-get install scrot
sudo apt-get install scrot
sudo apt-get install xvfb
sudo apt-get install xverer-xephyr
sudo apt-get install python-imaging
sudo apt-get install python-sphinx
sudo apt-get install sphinxcontrib-programscreenshot
sudo easy_install sphinxcontrib-programoutput
sudo easy_install sphinxcontrib-paverutils
```

8.3 Tasks

Paver is used for task management, settings are saved in pavement.py. Sphinx is used to generate documentation.

```
print paver settings:
```

```
paver printoptions
```

clean generated files:

```
paver clean
```

generate documentation under docs/_build/html:

```
paver cog pdf html
```

upload documentation to github:

```
paver ghpages
```

run unit tests:

```
paver nose
#or
nosetests --verbose
```

check python code:

```
paver pyflakes paver pychecker
```

generate python distribution:

paver sdist

upload python distribution to PyPI:

paver upload

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