# Graphical user interfaces (GUI)

Tkinter

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primitive_calculator.py
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```
accumulator = 0
while True:
   print('Accumulator:', accumulator)
   print('Select:')
   print(' 1: clear')
   print(' 2: add')
   print(' 3: subtract')
   print(' 4: multiply')
   print(' 5: quit')
    choice = int(input('Choice: '))
   match choice:
        case 1: accumulator = 0
        case 2: accumulator += int(input('add: '))
        case 3: accumulator -= int(input('subtract: '))
        case 4: accumulator *= int(input('multiply by: '))
        case 5: break
```

#### Python shell

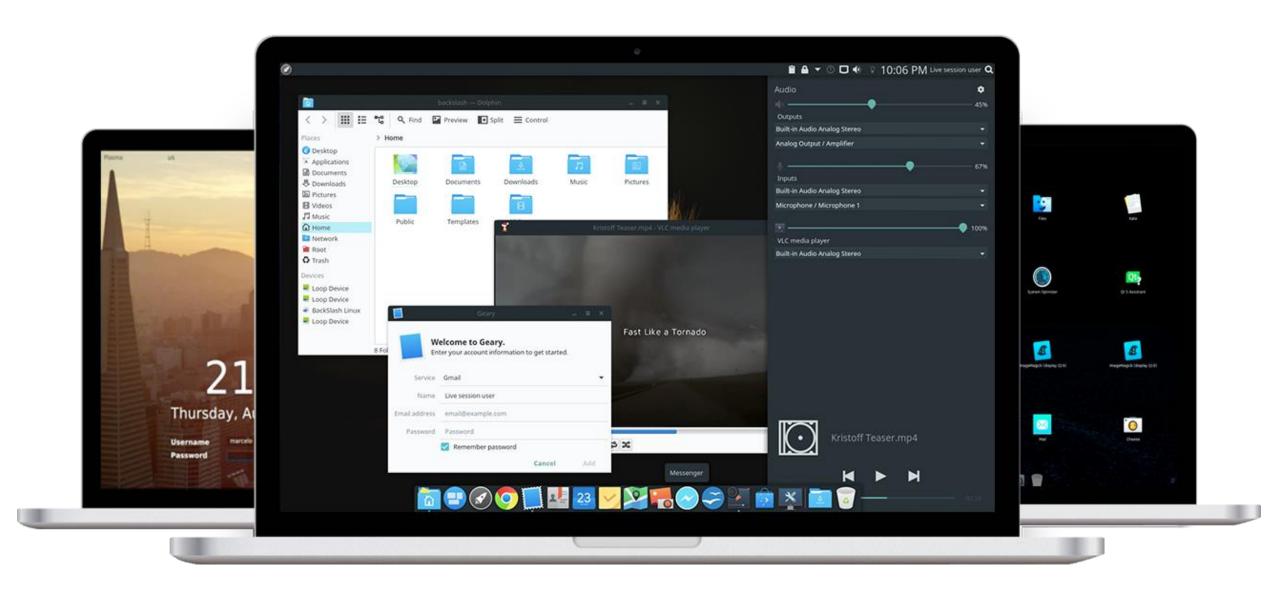
```
Accumulator: 0
Select:
  1: clear
 2: add
  3: subtract
  4: multiply
  5: quit
Choice: 2
add: 10
Accumulator: 10
Select:
  1: clear
 2: add
  3: subtract
  4: multiply
  5: quit
Choice: 2
add: 15
Accumulator: 25
Select:
. . .
```

# Python GUI's (Graphical Users Interfaces)

- There is a long list of GUI frameworks and toolkits, designer tools
  - we will only briefly look at Tkinter
- GUI are, opposed to a text terminal, easier to use, more intuitive and flexible
- Windows, icons, menus, buttons, scrollbars mouse / touch / keyboard interaction etc.
- Operating system (e.g. Windows, maxOS, iOS, Linux, Android) provides basic functionality in particular a window manager
- Writing GUI applications from scratch can be painful – frameworks try to provide all standard functionality



en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colossal Cave Adventure



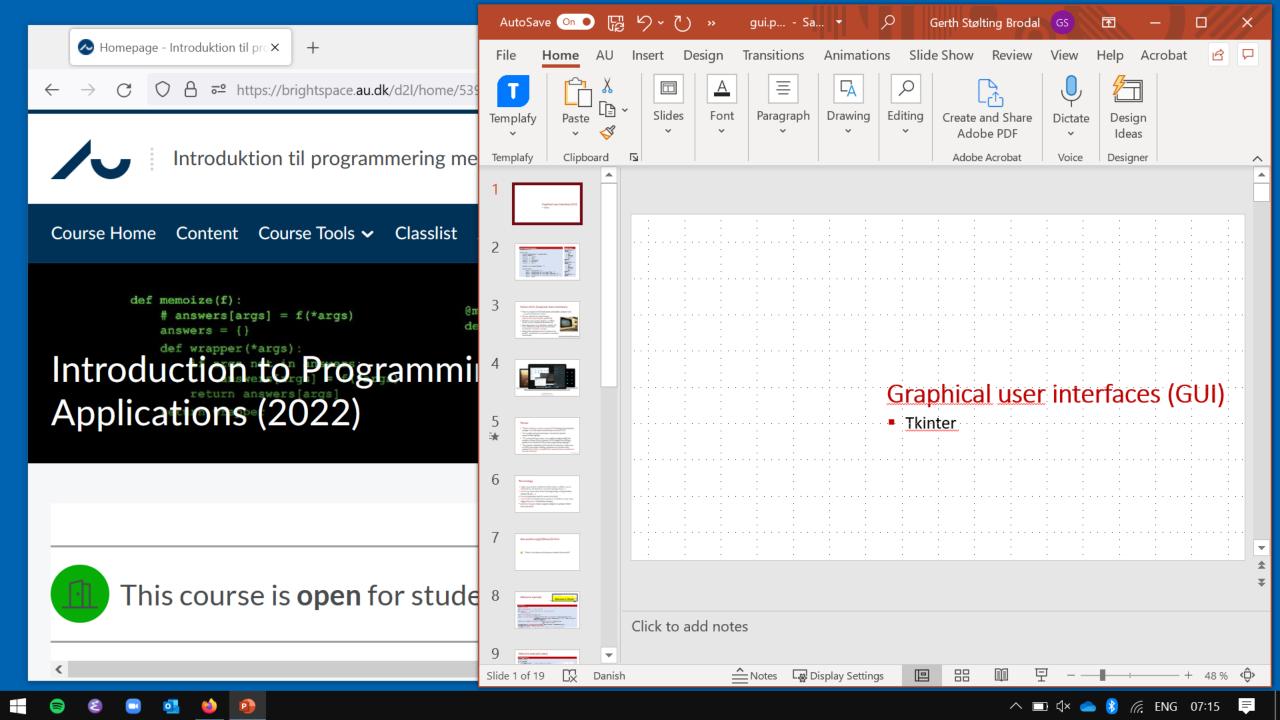
BackSlash Linux GUI www.backslashlinux.com

#### **Tkinter**

- "Tkinter is Python's de-facto standard GUI (Graphical User Interface) package. It is a thin object-oriented layer on top of Tcl/Tk."
- "Tcl is a high-level, general-purpose, interpreted, dynamic programming language."
- "Tk is a free and open-source, cross-platform widget toolkit that provides a library of basic elements of GUI widgets for building a graphical user interface (GUI) in many programming languages."
- "The popular combination of Tcl with the Tk extension is referred to as Tcl/Tk, and enables building a graphical user interface (GUI) natively in Tcl. Tcl/Tk is included in the standard Python installation in the form of Tkinter."

### Terminology

- widgets (e.g. buttons, editable text fields, labels, scrollbars, menus, radio buttons, check buttons, canvas for drawing, frames...)
- events (e.g. key press, mouse click, mouse entering/leaving, resizing windows, redraw requests, ...)
- listening (application waits for events to be fired)
- event handler (a function whose purpose is to handle an event, many triggered by user or OS/Window manager)
- geometry managers (how to organize widgets in a window: Tkinter pack, grid, place)



## docs.python.org/3/library/tk.html



"tkinter is also famous for having an outdated look and feel"

- Comes with Python
- Alternatives PySide, PyQt, Kivy, ...

#### Welcome example



```
welcome.py
import tkinter
root = tkinter.Tk() # root window
def do quit(): # event handler for 'Close' button
    root.destroy()
root.title('Tkinter Welcome GUI')
label = tkinter.Label(root, text='Welcome to Tkinter', background='yellow',
                      anchor=tkinter.SE, font=('Helvetica', '24', 'bold italic'),
                      padx=10, pady=10)
label.pack(side=tkinter.LEFT, fill=tkinter.BOTH, expand=True)
                                     # parent window
close button = tkinter.Button(root, text='Close', command=do quit)
close button.pack(side=tkinter.RIGHT)
tkinter.mainloop() # loop until all windows are closed/destroyed
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## Welcome example (class)

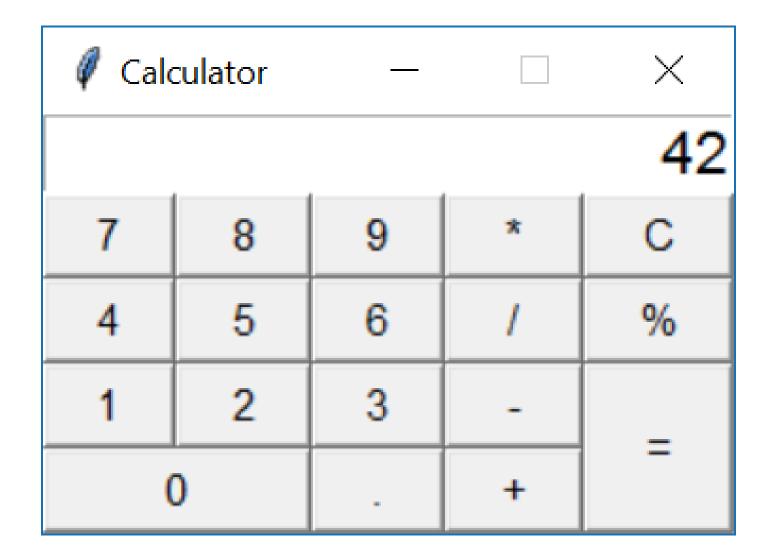
```
welcome class.py
import tkinter
class Welcome:
                                                              My Window
    def do quit(self): # event handler for 'Close'
        self.root.destroy()
                                                             Welcome
                                                                                     Close
    def init (self, window title):
        self.root = tkinter.Tk()
        self.root.title(window title)
        self.label = tkinter.Label(self.root, text='Welcome')
        self.label.pack(side=tkinter.LEFT)
        self.close button = tkinter.Button(self.root, text='Close', command=self.do quit)
        self.close button.pack(side=tkinter.RIGHT)
Welcome('My Window')
tkinter.mainloop()
```

```
increment.py (part I)
import tkinter
                                                                      Counter
class Counter:
    def do quit(self):
                                                                     Counter A
        self.root.destroy()
    def add(self, x):
        self.counter += x
                                                                      Counter
        self.count.set(self.counter)
                                                                     Counter B
    def init (self, message):
        self.counter = 0
        self.root = tkinter.Toplevel() # new window
        self.root.title('Counter')
        self.label = tkinter.Label(self.root, text=message)
        self.label.grid(row=0, columnspan=3)
        self.minus button = tkinter.Button(self.root, text='-', command=lambda: self.add(-1))
        self.minus button.grid(row=1, column=0)
        self.count = tkinter.IntVar()
        self.count label = tkinter.Label(self.root, textvariable=self.count)
        self.count label.grid(row=1, column=1)
        self.plus button = tkinter.Button(self.root, text='+', command=lambda: self.add(+1))
        self.plus button.grid(row=1, column=2)
```

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increment.py (part II)
class Counter app:
    def init (self):
        self.counters = 0
        self.root = tkinter.Tk()
                                                                                Create counter
        self.create = tkinter.Button(self.root, text='Create counter', command=self.new counter)
        self.create.pack()
    def new counter(self):
        Counter('Counter ' + chr(ord('A') + self.counters))
        self.counters += 1
Counter app()
tkinter.mainloop()
```

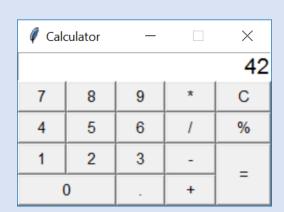
#### Canvas

```
canvas.py
import tkinter
root = tkinter.Tk()
canvas = tkinter.Canvas(root, width=100, height=100)
canvas.pack()
canvas.create line(0, 0, 100, 100)
canvas.create_oval(20, 20, 80, 80, fill='blue')
close = tkinter.Button(root, text='Close', command=root.destroy)
close.pack()
tkinter.mainloop()
```



```
calculator.py (Part I)
import tkinter
from tkinter import messagebox
class Calculator:
    def init (self, root):
        self.root = root
        self.display = tkinter.Entry(self.root, font=('Helvetica', 16), justify=tkinter.RIGHT)
        self.display.insert(0, '0')
        self.display.grid(row=0, column=0, columnspan=5) # grid = geometry manager
        self.button(1, 0, '7')
        self.button(1, 1, '8')
        self.button(1, 2, '9')
        self.button(1, 3, '*')
                                                                           \times
        self.button(1, 4, 'C', command=self.clearText) # 'C' button
                                                                                              42
        self.button(2, 0, '4')
                                                                           7
                                                                                8
        self.button(2, 1, '5')
        self.button(2, 2, '6')
                                                                           4
                                                                                5
                                                                                    6
        self.button(2, 3, '/')
        self.button(2, 4, '%')
                                                                             0
        self.button(3, 0, '1')
                                                                                         +
        self.button(3, 1, '2')
        self.button(3, 2, '3')
        self.button(3, 3, '-')
        self.button(3, 4, '=', rowspan=2, command=self.calculateExpression) # '=' button
        self.button(4, 0, '0', columnspan=2)
        self.button(4, 2, '.')
        self.button(4, 3, '+')
```

```
calculator.py (Part II)
    def button(self, row, column, text, command=None, columnspan=1, rowspan=1):
        if command == None:
            command = lambda: self.appendToDisplay(text)
        B = tkinter.Button(self.root, font=('Helvetica', 11), text=text, command=command)
        B.grid(row=row, column=column, rowspan=rowspan, columnspan=columnspan, sticky='NWNESWSE')
    def clearText(self):
        self.replaceText('0')
    def replaceText(self, text):
        self.display.delete(0, tkinter.END)
        self.display.insert(0, text)
    def appendToDisplay(self, text):
        if self.display.get() == '0':
            self.replaceText(text)
        else:
            self.display.insert(tkinter.END, text)
    def calculateExpression(self):
        expression = self.display.get().replace('%', '/ 100')
        try:
            result = eval(expression) # DON'T DO THIS !!!
            self.replaceText(result)
        except:
            messagebox.showwarning('Message', 'Invalid expression')
root = tkinter.Tk()
root.title('Calculator')
root.resizable(0, 0) # disallow resizing and maximizing the window
Calculator (root)
tkinter.mainloop()
```



#### Creating a menu

```
rectangles.py
class Rectangles:
    Colors = ['black', 'red', 'blue', 'green', 'yellow']
    def create menu(self):
        menubar = tkinter.Menu(self.root)
        menubar.add command(label='Quit! (Ctrl-q)', command=self.do quit)
        editmenu = tkinter.Menu (menubar, tearoff=0)
        editmenu.add command(label='Clear', command=self.clear all)
        editmenu.add command(label='Delete last (Ctrl-z)', command=self.delete last rectangle)
        colormenu = tkinter.Menu (menubar, tearoff=0)
        for color in self.Colors: # list of color names
            colormenu.add command(label=color,
                                   foreground=color,
                                    command=self.get color handler(color))
                                                                             Draw Rectangles
        menubar.add cascade(label='Edit', menu=editmenu)
                                                                             Quit! (Ctrl-q) Edit Color
                                                                                    black
        menubar.add cascade(label='Color', menu=colormenu)
                                                                                    red
        self.root.config(menu=menubar) # Show menubar
                                                                                     blue
    def get color handler(self, color):
        return lambda : self.set color(color)
    def set color(self, color):
        self.current color = color
```

### Binding key and mouse events

 Whenever a key is pressed, mouse button is pressed/released, mouse is moved, mouse enters/leaves objects etc. events are triggered that can be bound to call a user defined event handler

## Handling mouse events

```
rectangles.py (continued)
def create rectangle start(self, event):
    radius = 3
    x, y = event.x, event.y
    self.top pos = (x, y)
    self.bottom pos = (x, y)
    self.rectangle = self.canvas.create rectangle(x, y, x, y, # top-left = bottom-right
                                          fill=self.current color, width=1, outline='grey', dash=(3, 5))
    self.corner = self.canvas.create oval(x - radius, y - radius, x + radius, y + radius, fill='white')
def create rectangle mouse move(self, event):
    if self.corner:
        x, y = event.x, event.y
        x , y = self.bottom pos
        self.bottom pos = (x, y)
        self.canvas.coords(self.rectangle, *self.top pos, *self.bottom pos)
                                                                                     Draw Rectangles
        self.canvas.move(self.corner, x - x_, y - y_)
                                                                                     Quit! (Ctrl-q) Edit Color
def create rectangle end(self, event):
    if self.corner:
        self.canvas.delete(self.corner)
        self.corner = None
        if self.bottom pos != self.top pos:
            self.rectangles.append(self.rectangle)
            self.canvas.itemconfig(self.rectangle, width=0)
        else: # empty rectangle, skip
            self.canvas.delete(self.rectangle)
        self.rectangle = None
```

# Exercise 25.1 (convex hull GUI)

