

Utilises this as reference:

<https://realpython.com/python-gui-tkinter/#controlling-layout-with-geometry-managers>

It may be best to open this page and go through it alongside this project as parts are directly copied from the page.

## Your First Tkinter GUI

Taken From *Building Your First Python GUI Application with Tkinter*

**Step 1.** Import the Tkinter python module like so:

```
Python >>>
>>> import tkinter as tk
```

**This should be at the top of your Python file and on its own line.**

**What does this do?**

We are taking/copying already written out Python code (stored in another Python File/Module) and are going to use that in our program. As they say, "*Why reinvent the wheel?*" This specific python module is for GUIs (*Graphical User Interfaces*)

**Step 2.** Now we will create a Tk object and instance (it is both) (more importantly pay attention to object) that is assigned the name *window*:

```
Python >>>
>>> window = tk.Tk()
```

**What is an object?**

An object is a way of grouping code such that they have specific characteristics/properties and actions. For example, an object may be a car. We can say that a car is drivable, gets us to point A to point B, has wheels, and etc. Objects are simply a **general** and **broad representation**. The point is that objects are a way for us to program and represent what we see in the world or think in our minds. *I will expand.*

**What is an instance?**

An instance is merely the existence of an object. It's like how we have different types of cars that tend to look different. While it may still be a car, it's a totally **unique** car. The point is that instances have to deal with the **uniqueness** of objects.

**Step 3.** For now, add a Label Widget called *greeting*:

```
Python >>>
>>> greeting = tk.Label(text="Hello, Tkinter")
```

**Step 4.** We need to **pack** (put in) the Label Widget into our **GUI window** like so:

Python

>>>

```
>>> greeting.pack()
```

**Step 5:** Now, we need to write the following line to ensure that the GUI window **runs**:

Python

>>>

```
>>> window.mainloop()
```

**What is this?**

This is called an **event loop**. For now, all you have to understand is that it helps your program run for as long you want it to. It will continue to run unless it either **runs into an error in your code** OR **you close the GUI**.

## The Clicker Counter Project

**Step 1.** Import the Tkinter Python module

**Step 2.** Create the window with the Tk object/instance

**Step 3.** Create a **Label Widget** stored to a variable called *counter* with the text as "0".

**Step 4.** Now **pack** the *counter* into the GUI Window.

**Step 5.** Create a function called *increase\_count*:

```
def [blue box] ([orange circle with green box]):  
    ~~~~~  
    ~~~~~  
    ~~~~~  
    ~~~~~
```

In the **blue box** you will write the name of the function. For now, we can leave the **green box** empty.

The **green box** is where we place our parameters. Look back at *Your First Tkinter GUI* above. Go to **Step 3**. Notice how in between the parentheses () there's *text*. *text* is a **parameter/argument** (there's a difference but meh...) and we can assign to a value as seen.

Where the squiggly line is, we will continue writing our code there. The code is tabbed.

### What is a function?

A function is a piece of code that we can **reuse** by calling it anywhere else in our **Python program**. It will run exactly as written out in the function.

**Step 6.** Inside the function, we will first create a variable called *temp*. It's an abbreviation for temporary. We will assign the *temp* variable to `int(counter['text']) + 1` like so:

```
temp = int(counter['text']) + 1
```

### What does this do?

`counter['text']` gets us the **Label Widget's** text. This will return a **String**. So we want to convert it into an **Integer** by casting.

Once we have converted into an **Integer**, we add one to the number and store into the variable called *temp*.

**Step 7.** On the next line, still inside the function, we will change the counter's text like so:

```
counter.config(text=str(temp))
```

### What does this do?

The `counter.config()` function (also called a **method**) is a way for us to change the text of the **Label Widget**.

Inside the parenthesis we use the text **parameter/argument** and assign it to the now changed **Integer**. We then cast it to a **String** because text is always going to be **String**.

**Step 8.** Now, outside of the function (from now on), we will create a button:

```
btn = tk.Button(text="CLICK ME!", command=increase_count)
```

### What is this?

This is a **button widget**. We have assigned it the text "CLICK ME!".

Notice the **command parameter/argument**. We give it the name of our **function**. We are giving our **function** to the **button's** **EVENT LISTENER**.

Basically, whenever we **CLICK** the button, it will run our **function**.

**Step 9.** Pack the button.

**Step 10.** Run the main **event loop**.

YOU DID IT! YIPPPEEE!! 🎉:>>>>

Now, try messing around by changing the text or changing your function!