

DESKTOP GUI

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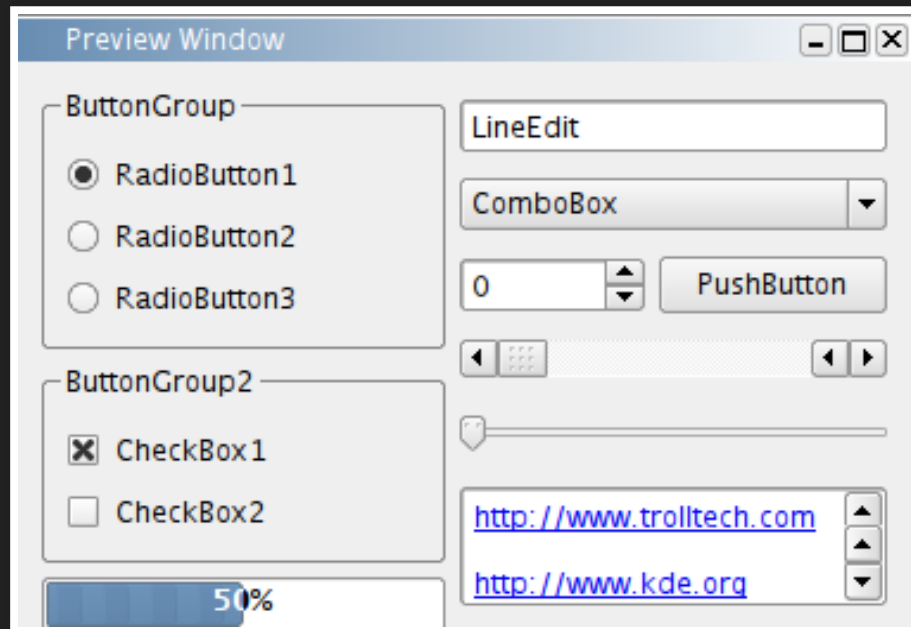
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- Sometimes the hierarchy is specified with XML files or UI designer app

HOW THE HIERARCHY LOOKS IN (PSEUDO)CODE?

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window = Window()  
row = Row()                # widget container  
row.add(Button("Click me!")) # add widgets to container  
row.add(Label("Hello world"))  
window.add(row)
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TYPICAL WIDGETS



- Button
- Label
- TextInput
- Checkbox/Radio
- ComboBox
- ...

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- Qt (C++, Python, cross-platform)
- GTK (C++, Python, cross-platform)
- WxWidgets (C++, Python, cross-platform)
- Tcl/Tk (Python, Perl, Ruby, cross-platform)
- WinForms/WPF (C#, Windows)
- AWT/Swing/SWT/JavaFX (Java, cross-platform)
- Cocoa (Objective C, OS X/iOS)
- ...

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- We will use Qt 5 with Python binding PyQt5

```
$ pip install PyQt5
```

MINIMAL QT APP

```
from PyQt5.QtWidgets import QApplication, QPushButton

app = QApplication()
button = QPushButton("Hi!")
button.show()    # tells the button to be visible
app.exec_()      # start the GUI loop
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counter.add_like() # widget is refreshed automatically
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