

# Chapter 14

# widgets

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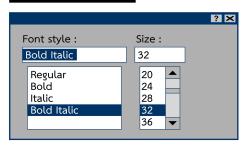
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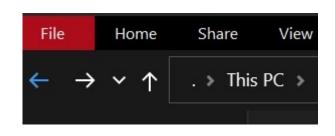


# understanding and choosing widgets

Appearance Behavior Semantic

#### Bold Italic

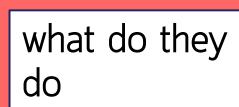








# one-by-one - WIMP elements



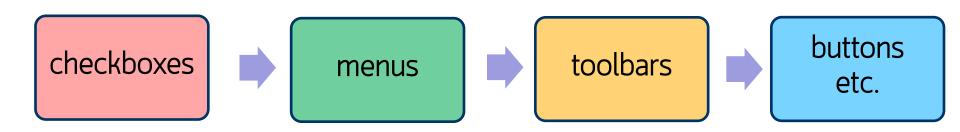
what are they good for

widgets - bits that make the GUI



## widgets?

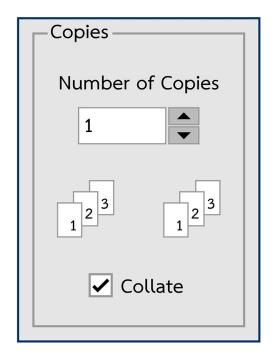
individual items on a GUI screen ...

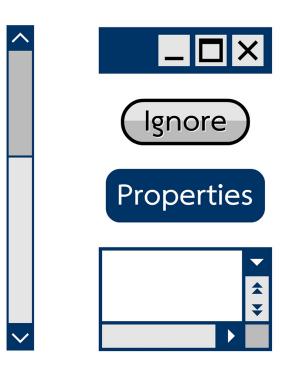


- three aspects:
  - appearance
- what they look like
- interaction
- how they behave
- semantics
- what they mean



## appearance







## appearance includes words

verbs - action words

· quit, exit, embolden, italicise

adjectives description/state words

bold, italic

nouns - usually as a form of description

 Times New Roman, US Letter

beware of mixes

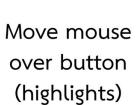
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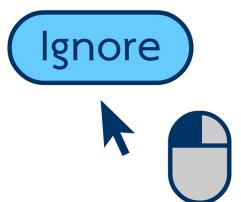
• embolden + italic !!?!



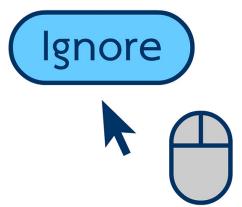
## behaviour







Move mouse off target with button still down (highlights removed)



Release mouse (nothing happens)



## behaviour ... ctd.

but is it right?

some bits the toolkit does for you

some you control

 e.g. drawing, interactions between widgets  e.g. large selections under Windows apps.

beware timing issues



### semantics

menus, buttons,..., etc.

do things ...



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... lets make it *bold italic* 



## YOU say what it means

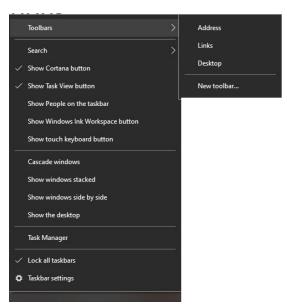
- semantics usually up to you
  - although widgets may link direct to database
  - even then, you say what links
- think separately:
  - meaning first

- what you want it to do
- then appearance
  - how you do it
- choose the widget for the job



## what do you want?

- actions
  - usually menu, buttons, or toolbar
- setting state/options
  - usually checkbox, radio button, combi-box
- but ...
  - menus can be used to set state etc. ...





# how many?

- one of several options
  - radio buttons, selection menu
- zero, one or more options
  - checkbox, multi-choice menu
- free choice
  - offer recent/typical shortcuts
  - one line text boxes often terrible!





### and more ...

#### number

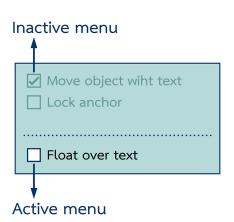
- fixed e.g. bold, italic, underline
- variable e.g. font list
- scolling through telephone list ...

### liveness

- grey out inactive options

## dynamic interactions

- some choices dependent on others







**Questions and Answers**