

File Genx – Design Documentation

The purpose of this document is to describe each component in the software design.

Component	Description
MainWidget	<p>An instance of this class is the starting point of the application.</p> <p>Attributes:</p> <p>GLADEPATH: a static constant str object that holds the path to the GUI .glade file used to build the GUI using the Gtk.Builder class;</p> <p>builder: an instance of the Builder class, used to build the Glade GUI layout. Created with the object.</p> <p>handler: an instance of the Handler class, used to connect signals to the layout. Created with the object.</p> <p>res: an instance of the Res class, used to bind resources (strings, images, etc) to the GUI layout. Created with the object.</p> <p>Methods:</p> <p>bindRes(): bind the resources to the layout using res. This method accesses res.resources dictionary and makes calls to builder.get_object() to set the resources.</p> <p>bindHandler(): connect the event listeners to the GUI layout.</p> <p>launch(): get the main window from builder and display it.</p> <p>getBuilder(): returns builder.</p>
Builder	<p>Subclass of Gtk.Builder class.</p> <p>Methods:</p> <p>getInputs(): read the inputs in the GUI and return a dictionary. The dictionary has template: { "option-name", "value" }</p>
Gtk.Builder	<p>Gtk.Builder is a class form the Gtk library. For more information about it, please refer to Gtk documentation.</p>
Handler	<p>Handler is a singleton class, whose methods are signal listeners. These methods are not declared in the UML diagram because it is not possible to know the exact number and names of event listeners since that is something GUI layout dependent. However, Handler will always have a static method that will construct it called getInstance(). Thus Handler instances should be created using Handler.getInstance().</p> <p>Attributes:</p>

	<p>uniqueInstance: static variable that holds the unique instance</p> <p>builder: Builder instance passed as argument to the constructor.</p>
Res	<p>Res is a singleton class. Thus, just like Handler, this class have a static getInstance() method.</p> <p>Attributes:</p> <p>uniqueInstance: static variable that holds the unique instance.</p> <p>PATH: str object that holds the path to the resources JSON file.</p> <p>Strings: dictionary that holds str type resources. The template is: { "object-name": ["method-name", "string-value"] }. Where object-name is the name of the object in the GUI layout, method-name is the Gtk.Widget method that changes the text of that widget.</p> <p>Methods:</p> <p>loadResources(): get the JSON resources file and populate the attributes.</p>
Generator	<p>An instance of this class is created when the user clicks the generate button on the GUI. Thus an event listener from a Handler instance creates an object of Generator class.</p> <p>Attributes:</p> <p>options: a dictionary passed as argument to the constructor. It holds the options for generation that the user have input. The dictionary has template: { "option-name", "value" }</p> <p>contentGenerator: an instance of the ContentGenerator class that is created when the Generator object is created.</p> <p>Methods:</p> <p>generate(): instantiate File object and call its write() method using contentGenerator. This repeats according to options.</p> <p>setContentGenerator(): set up the contentGenerator according to options.</p>
File	<p>An instance of this class is used as interface to create and persist files.</p> <p>Attributes:</p> <p>suffix: a static int that starts with value 0 and is incremented every time a call to write() occurs. This variable is used to control the generate file name.</p>

	<p>Methods:</p> <p>write(str prefix, str content): try to create and persist file with name prefix-suffix.extension populated with content.</p>
ContentGenerator	<p>Factory class.</p> <p>Methods:</p> <p>factory(str type): instantiate and return a ContentGenerator object using a subclass constructor. Parameter type can be “web” for WebContentGenerator object or “rand” for RandomContentGenerator object.</p>
WebContentGenerator	<p>Subclass of ContentGenerator. Used to get web content from some source.</p> <p>Attributes:</p> <p>source: a str object that is the web source URL.</p> <p>SOURCES: a dictionary that holds source name as key and source URL as value: { “source-name”, “source-URL” }.</p> <p>n: an int that describes how much of mode must be generated.</p> <p>mode: an str that describes how to count: “char” per character, “par” per paragraph, “line” per line.</p> <p>Methods:</p> <p>generate(): try to connect to web source and get content. Return a str object.</p> <p>configure(int n, str mode, sourceName): set n, mode and source.</p>
RandomContentGenerator	<p>Subclass of ContentGenerator. Used to generate random content.</p> <p>Attributes:</p> <p>n: an int that describes how much of mode must be generated.</p> <p>mode: an str that describes how to count: “char” per character, “par” per paragraph, “line” per line.</p> <p>Methods:</p> <p>generate(): generates random content. Return a str object.</p> <p>configure(int n, str mode): set n and mode.</p>