



# Conway's Game of Life Documentation

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# 1 Modules

## 1.1 Main Module

This module initializes and starts the game.

## 1.2 Core Module

### Submodules

#### game\_of\_life module

This module defines the core logic for customizable version of Conway's Game of Life. It provides grid state management and rules for updating generations.

Author: Shehabeldin Mohamed Version: 1.0

**class** core.game\_of\_life.**GameOfLife**(width: int, height: int, wrap: bool = False)

Bases: object

Supports wraparound edges and configurable rules as follows: A live cell survives if alive neighbors are within under/overpopulation limits. A dead cell becomes alive if it has exactly *custom\_reproduction\_number* neighbors.

#### Parameters

- **width** (int) – Width of the grid in cells.
- **height** (int) – Height of the grid in cells.
- **wrap** (bool) – Whether the grid wraps around the edges.

#### clear()

Reset the grid to all dead cells and reset generation count.

**count\_alive\_neighbors**(x: int, y: int) → int

Count the number of alive neighbors for the cell at (x, y).

#### Parameters

- **x** (int) – X-coordinate of the cell.
- **y** (int) – Y-coordinate of the cell.

#### Returns

(int) Number of alive neighboring cells.

**get\_generation**() → int

Returns the current generation number.

**next\_generation**()

Advance the simulation by one generation using standard Game of Life rules.

**next\_generation\_custom**()

Advance the simulation by one generation using custom rules.

**reset\_custom\_rules**()

Reset the rules to standard Game of Life rules

**set\_custom\_rules**(overpop: int, underpop: int, repro: int)

Set custom rules for cell survival and reproduction.

#### Parameters

- **overpop** (int) – Maximum neighbors before a cell dies from overpopulation.
- **underpop** (int) – Minimum neighbors for a live cell to survive.

- **repro** (*int*) – Exact number of neighbors required for a dead cell to reproduce.

**toggle\_cell**(*x: int, y: int*)

Toggle the alive/dead state of a cell.

#### Parameters

- **x** (*int*) – X-coordinate of the cell.
- **y** (*int*) – Y-coordinate of the cell.

## infinite\_game module

**class** core.infinite\_game.**InfiniteGameOfLife**

Bases: object

Implementation of Conway's Game of Life with infinite grid. Uses dictionary to store only live cells, allowing for infinite expansion. Coordinates can be any integer (positive or negative).

Author: Darya Sharnevich Version: 1.0

**\_count\_neighbors**(*x: int, y: int*) → int

Count live neighbors for a cell. Returns number of live neighbors

**\_get\_cells\_to\_check**()

Get set of all cells that need to be checked for the next generation.

**\_update\_bounds**()

Update the bounds of the live cells area.

**clear**()

Clear the grid and reset generation counter.

**next\_generation**()

Calculate the next generation of cells.

**set\_custom\_rules**(*underpop: int, overpop: int, repro: int*)

Set custom rules for cell survival and reproduction.

**toggle\_cell**(*x: int, y: int*)

Toggle cell state at given coordinates.

## 1.3 GUI Module

### Main GUI Modules

#### game\_gui module

Game of Life GUI using PyQt5

A zoomable, pannable, interactive GUI for Conway's Game of Life. Integrates both fixed and infinite grid implementations.

Author: Darya Sharnevich Version: 1.1

**class** gui.game\_gui.**GameOfLifeGUI**(*menu\_window=None, speed=10, fixed\_view=False, width=None, height=None, wrap=False*)

Bases: QWidget

GUI for the Game of Life.

#### Parameters

- **menu\_window** (*QWidget*) – Reference to menu window (optional).

- **speed** (*int*) – Initial simulation speed (generations / second).
- **fixed\_view** (*bool*) – If True, grid has fixed width and height, panning/zoom is disabled.
- **width** (*int*, *optional*) – Width of the grid in cells (required for fixed grid mode).
- **height** (*int*, *optional*) – Height of the grid in cells (required for fixed grid mode).
- **wrap** (*bool*, *optional*) – Enable grid wrapping (only for fixed grid mode).

**\_start\_timer\_with\_current\_speed()**

Start timer with current speed setting.

**apply\_dark\_theme()**

Apply dark theme colors and QSS.

**apply\_light\_theme()**

Apply light theme colors and QSS.

**build\_gui()**

Build header, canvas, and controls layout.

**change\_speed()**

Adjust simulation speed from slider.

**clear\_grid()**

Clear grid and reset generation count.

**confirm\_exit\_to\_menu()**

Shows confirmation dialog to return to the game\_window menu.

**next\_generation()**

Update the game\_window state by one generation.

**toggle\_theme()**

Switch between light and dark GUI themes.

**toggle\_timer()**

Start or pause simulation timer.

## start\_menu module

**class** gui.start\_menu.MainMenu

Bases: QWidget

Main menu window for the Game of Life application.

Provides options to start the game\_window, open settings, view game\_window info, or exit. Also handles game\_window configuration including grid size, wrapping, speed, and custom rules.

**\_build\_ui()**

Build and arrange GUI elements in the main menu.

**show\_info()**

Display information about Conway's Game of Life.

**show\_settings()**

Display game\_window settings dialog for configuration.

Allows users to configure: - Grid size (infinite/fixed) - Grid wrapping - Grid dimensions - Game speed - Custom game\_window rules (survival and reproduction conditions)

**start\_game()**

Start the game\_window with the selected settings.

## Game Modules Subpackage

### control\_panel module

```
class gui.game_modules.control_panel.ControlPanel(start_callback, next_callback, clear_callback,  
                                                theme_callback, speed_change_callback,  
                                                initial_speed)
```

Bases: QWidget

Control panel for game\_window controls. Consists of: - Start/Pause button - Next generation button - Clear grid button - Theme toggle button - Speed control slider with labels

```
build_ui()
```

Build and arrange control panel UI elements with proper spacing and layout.

### grid\_canvas module

```
class gui.game_modules.grid_canvas.GridCanvas(game, fixed_view_callable, zoom, offset, colors,  
                                              parent=None)
```

Bases: QWidget

Interactive canvas for displaying and manipulating the Game of Life grid.

Supports: - Cell toggling with left mouse button - Grid panning with right mouse button - Zoom with mouse wheel - Fixed and infinite grid modes - Custom color schemes

```
_draw_line_between_points(x1, y1, x2, y2)
```

Draw a continuous line of live cells between two points using Bresenham's algorithm.

```
_get_cell_coords(pos)
```

Convert screen coordinates to cell grid coordinates.

#### Parameters

**pos** – QPoint with screen coordinates

#### Returns

Tuple (x, y) with grid coordinates or None if outside grid

```
mouseMoveEvent(event: QMouseEvent)
```

Handle panning of the view when dragging and enables drawing between cells.

Right button: Pan the grid view Left button: Draw continuous line of live cells

```
mousePressEvent(event: QMouseEvent)
```

Handle cell toggling and drag start.

Left button: Toggle cell state Right button: Start grid panning

```
mouseReleaseEvent(event)
```

Reset drag state on mouse button release.

```
paintEvent(event)
```

Paint the grid and live cells based on current state.

```
wheelEvent(event: QWheelEvent)
```

Handle zoom in/out using mouse wheel. Maintains the center point during zoom.

## header\_bar module

**class** gui.game\_modules.header\_bar.HeaderBar(*parent=None*)

Bases: QWidget

Header bar widget for displaying game\_window information.

**build\_ui()**

Build and arrange header bar GUI elements.

**set\_generation**(*gen\_number*)

Update the generation counter display.

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