

Aim: Building a Basic User-Interactive GUI Application using Kivy in Python

#### IDE:

A comparative analysis of Tkinter and Kivy, two popular Python GUI frameworks:

Criteria	Tkinter	Kivy
Origin/Integration	Built-in standard GUI toolkit for Python	Third-party library, must be installed separately
Platform Support	Cross-platform (Windows, macOS, Linux)	Cross-platform (Windows, macOS, Linux, Android, iOS)
Mobile App Support	Not natively supported	Yes, designed for mobile apps (Android/iOS)
Look and Feel	Native look (uses OS elements; sometimes outdated)	Custom UI (same look on all platforms)
Ease of Use (Beginner Friendly)	Easier for beginners, simple widgets and layout	Slightly steeper learning curve due to different approach
<b>Custom Widgets</b>	Limited custom widgets	Highly customizable, supports multi-touch, gestures
Performance	Lightweight, fast for basic applications	Better for graphics-rich or touch-based applications
Layout Management	Pack, Grid, Place layout managers	Uses relative positioning and advanced layout controls
Graphics and Animation	Basic support	Rich support for OpenGL, animations, and gestures
<b>Community and Support</b>	Long-standing, extensive community	Newer but active open-source community
<b>Event Handling</b>	Traditional event binding using command and bind	Event-driven, uses Clock, on_touch_*, properties
<b>Development Use Case</b>	Desktop apps, simple tools, admin panels	Mobile apps, multimedia apps, dashboards, games



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#### **Use Tkinter:**

You are developing a simple desktop application, teaching basic GUI programming, or need something lightweight and native-looking on desktops.

#### Use Kivy:

You are targeting mobile platforms, want touch support, need consistent UI across devices, or are building multimedia-rich or gesture-based apps.

Library	Purpose / UI Type	Installation	Import Syntax	Best Use Case
Tkinter	Native Desktop GUI	Built-in	import tkinter as tk	Basic desktop apps,
		(python3-tk on		learning GUI concepts
		Linux)		
Kivy	Multi-touch apps for	pip install kivy	from kivy.app import	Mobile-like UIs, gesture
	desktop & mobile		App	support, kiosk apps
Textual	Terminal UI with app-	pip install textual	from textual.app import	Terminal dashboards,
	like look		App	TUI-based dev tools
Remi	Web UI from pure	pip install remi	import remi.gui as gui	Turn Python scripts into
	Python (no HTML)			web apps easily
NiceGUI	Fast web UI with Vue3	pip install	from nicegui import ui	Reactive dashboards,
	+ Python	nicegui		IoT UI, admin panels
Flet	Flutter-style UI in pure	pip install flet	import flet as ft	Mobile/web-style apps,
	Python			no need for Dart
Eel	HTML/JS frontend +	pip install eel	import eel	Convert HTML+JS UI
	Python backend			into desktop apps with
				Python
Dear	GPU-accelerated	pip install	import	High-perf apps,
PyGui	desktop GUI	dearpygui	dearpygui.dearpygui as	dashboards, tools with
			dpg	fast UI
pywebview	Native desktop app	pip install	import webview	Build web UI as desktop
	with embedded web UI	pywebview		apps with native look
Toga	Native UI for	pip install toga	import toga	Native look across
	desktop/mobile			macOS, Windows,
	(BeeWare)			Linux
JustPy	Server-side reactive	pip install justpy	import justpy as jp	Dashboards, education
	web UI (no JS needed)			tools, reactive forms
Gooey	Turn CLI apps into	pip install gooey	from gooey import	Beautify CLI tools,



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GUI instantly	Gooey	Python scripts for non-
		coders

Example Syntax Comparison:

#### **Tkinter Button Example:**

import tkinter as tk

```
def say_hello():
    print("Hello, Tkinter!")
```

root = tk.Tk()

btn = tk.Button(root, text="Click Me", command=say\_hello)

btn.pack()

root.mainloop()

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#### Output:

```
Hello, Tkinter!
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```

#### **Kivy Button Example:**

from kivy.app import App from kivy.uix.button import Button

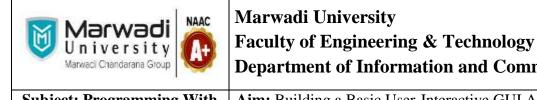
```
class MyApp(App):
  def build(self):
```

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return Button(text='Click Me', on\_press=lambda x: print("Hello, Kivy!"))

### MyApp().run()

```
from kivy.app import App
     from kivy.uix.button import Button
     class MyApp(App):
         def build(self):
             return Button(text='Click Me', on_press=lambda x: print("Hello, Kivy!"))
     MyApp().run()
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```
In [2]: %runfile C:/Users/devah/Documents/PWP/untitled1.py --wdir
                      ] Successfully imported "kivy_deps.angle" 0.4.0
[INFO
        ] [deps
        ] [deps
                       Successfully imported "kivy_deps.glew" 0.3.1
[INFO
[INFO
         [deps
                      ] Successfully imported "kivy deps.sdl2" 0.8.0
[INFO
         [Kivy
                      1 v2.3.1
[INFO
                      ] Installed at "C:\Users\devah\anaconda3\Lib\site-packages\kivy\__init__.py"
        ] [Kivy
       ] [Python
[INFO
                      ] v3.13.5 | packaged by Anaconda, Inc. | (main, Jun 12 2025, 16:37:03) [MSC v.
1929 64 bit (AMD64)]
                      Interpreter at "C:\Users\devah\anaconda3\python.exe"
[INFO
       ] [Python
[INFO
                      ] Purge log fired. Processing...
        ] [Logger
                       Purge finished!
[INFO
        ] [Logger
                       195 symbols loaded
[INFO
        ] [Factory
[INFO
                       Providers: img_tex, img_dds, img_sdl2, img_pil (img_ffpyplayer ignored)
        ] [Image
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        ] [Text
                       Provider: sdl2
[INFO
        ] [Window
                      ] Provider: sdl2
                      ] Using the "OpenGL" graphics system
[INFO
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                      ] GLEW initialization succeeded
[INFO
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                      ] Backend used <glew>
                       OpenGL version <b'4.6.0 - Build 32.0.101.6129'>
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                       OpenGL vendor <b'Intel'>
         [GL
                           ] OpenGL renderer <b'Intel(R) Iris(R) Xe Graphics'>
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         ] [GL
                           ] OpenGL parsed version: 4, 6
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[INFO
         ] [GL
                           | Texture max units <32>
[INFO
         ] [GL
[INFO
         ] [Window
                           ] auto add sdl2 input provider
[INFO
         ] [Window
                           ] virtual keyboard not allowed, single mode, not docked
[INFO
         ] [Base
                          ] Start application main loop
                           NPOT texture support is available
[INFO
         ] [GL
Hello, Kivy!
Hello, Kivy!
```

Kivy was first released in early 2011. This cross-platform Python framework can be deployed to Windows, Mac, Linux, and Raspberry Pi. It supports multitouch events in addition to regular keyboard and mouse inputs. Kivy even supports GPU acceleration of its graphics, since they're built using OpenGL ES2.

Before using Kivy, you need to install it. You can install it using pip: pip install kivy



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Let's start by building a basic app with a label and a button.

```
# Importing necessary modules from kivy
from kivy.app import App
from kivy.uix.button import Button
from kivy.uix.label import Label
from kivy.uix.boxlayout import BoxLayout
# Defining the main application class
class SimpleApp(App):
  def build(self):
    # Creating a layout
    layout = BoxLayout(orientation='vertical')
    # Creating a label and adding it to the layout
    self.label = Label(text="Hello, ICT Department")
    layout.add widget(self.label)
    # Creating a button, binding it to the on button press function, and adding it to the layout
    button = Button(text="Click Me!")
    button.bind(on press=self.on button press)
    layout.add widget(button)
    # Returning the layout to be displayed
    return layout
  # Function to handle button click event
  def on button press(self, instance):
    self.label.text = "Button Clicked!"
# Running the application
if __name__ == '__main___':
  SimpleApp().run()
```



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      from kivy.uix.button import Button
      from kivy.uix.label import Label
      from kivy.uix.boxlayout import BoxLayout
      # Defining the main application class
      class SimpleApp(App):
          def build(self):
              # Creating a layout
              layout = BoxLayout(orientation='horizontal')
              # Creating a label and adding it to the layout
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              self.label = Label(text="Hello, Abhinay Choudhari")
              layout.add_widget(self.label)
              # Creating a label and adding it to the layout
              self.label = Label(text="From 3EK2, ICT Department")
              layout.add_widget(self.label)
              # Creating a button, binding it to the on_button_press function, and adding it to the layout
              button = Button(text="Click Me!")
              button.bind(on_press=self.on_button_press)
              layout.add_widget(button)
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Kivy Login Page Example

from kivy.app import App from kivy.uix.boxlayout import BoxLayout from kivy.uix.label import Label from kivy.uix.textinput import TextInput from kivy.uix.button import Button

# Defining the main application class
class LoginApp(App):
 def build(self):

# Main layout

layout = BoxLayout(orientation='vertical', padding=10, spacing=10)

# Username label and input
self.username\_label = Label(text="Username:")
layout.add\_widget(self.username\_label)



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```
self.username input = TextInput(multiline=False)
  layout.add widget(self.username input)
  # Password label and input
  self.password label = Label(text="Password:")
  layout.add widget(self.password label)
  self.password input = TextInput(password=True, multiline=False)
  layout.add widget(self.password input)
  # Login button
  self.login button = Button(text="Login")
  self.login button.bind(on press=self.check credentials)
  layout.add widget(self.login button)
  # Label to display the login status
  self.status label = Label(text="")
  layout.add widget(self.status label)
  return layout
# Function to check the credentials
def check credentials(self, instance):
  username = self.username input.text
  password = self.password input.text
  # Simple validation (hardcoded username/password for demonstration)
  if username == "admin" and password == "password":
    self.status label.text = "Login Successful"
    self.status_label.color = (0, 1, 0, 1) # Green color for success
  else:
    self.status_label.text = "Invalid Credentials"
    self.status label.color = (1, 0, 0, 1) # Red color for error
```



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```
# Running the application
if __name__ == '__main__':
   LoginApp().run()
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# Defining the main application class
class LoginApp(App):
   def build(self):
        # Main layout
        layout = BoxLayout(orientation='vertical', padding=10, spacing=10)
        # Username label and input
        self.username_label = Label(text="Username:")
        layout.add_widget(self.username_label)
        self.username_input = TextInput(multiline=False)
        layout.add_widget(self.username_input)
        # Password label and input
        self.password_label = Label(text="Password:")
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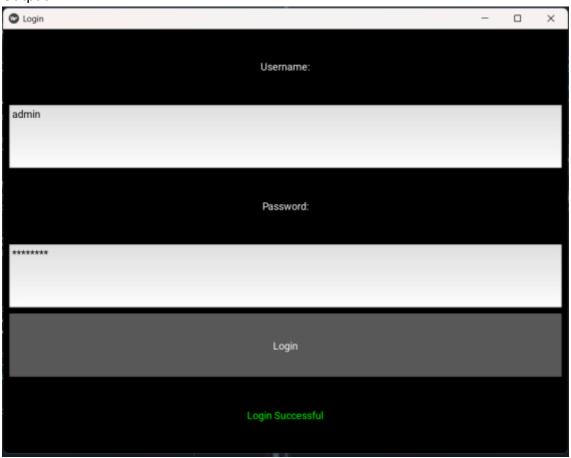
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def check_credentials(self, instance):
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    password = self.password_input.text

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```
Calculator App Using Kivy
from kivy.app import App
from kivy.uix.gridlayout import GridLayout
from kivy.uix.button import Button
from kivy.uix.textinput import TextInput
# Defining the calculator layout and logic
class CalculatorGrid(GridLayout):
  def init (self, **kwargs):
    super(CalculatorGrid, self).__init__(**kwargs)
    self.cols = 4 # Grid layout with 4 columns
    # TextInput field to display the calculation results
    self.result = TextInput(font size=32, readonly=True, halign="right", multiline=False)
    self.add widget(self.result)
    # Buttons for numbers and operations
    buttons = [
      '7', '8', '9', '/',
      '4', '5', '6', '*',
      '1', '2', '3', '-',
      '.', '0', '=', '+'
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    # Adding buttons to the layout
    for button in buttons:
      self.add widget(Button(text=button, font size=24, on press=self.on button press))
    # Clear button to reset the calculator
    self.add widget(Button(text="C", font size=24, on press=self.clear result))
  # Function to handle button press events
  def on button press(self, instance):
    current text = self.result.text
```



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```
button text = instance.text
    # If the equals sign is pressed, evaluate the expression
    if button text == "=":
       try:
         self.result.text = str(eval(current text))
       except Exception:
         self.result.text = "Error"
    else:
       # Otherwise, append the pressed button's text to the current expression
       if current text == "Error":
         self.result.text = button text # Reset the result if there's an error
       else:
         self.result.text += button text
  # Function to clear the result field
  def clear_result(self, instance):
    self.result.text = ""
# Main App class
class CalculatorApp(App):
  def build(self):
    return CalculatorGrid()
# Running the application
if __name__ == '__main___':
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```



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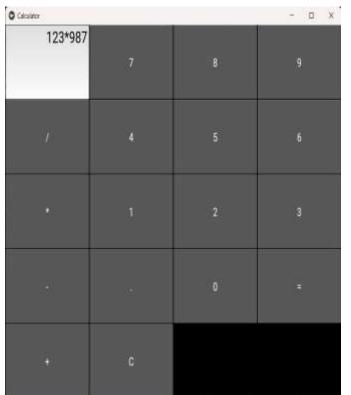
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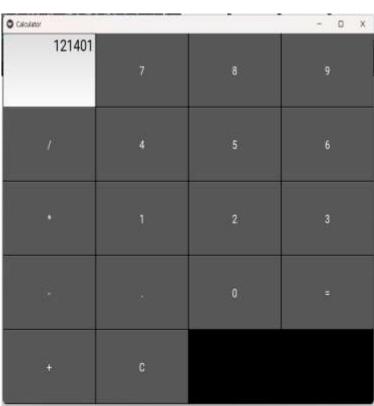
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#### **Post Lab Exercise:**

• Design Counter App (This app has a button that increments a counter displayed on the screen every time the button is clicked)

Code:



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```
import tkinter as tk
     # Initialize main window
     root = tk.Tk()
     root.title("Counter App")
     root.geometry("250x150")
     # Initialize counter variable
     counter = tk.IntVar(value=0)
     # Function to increment the counter
     def increment():
         counter.set(counter.get() + 1)
     # Label to display the counter
     label = tk.Label(root, textvariable=counter, font=("Helvetica", 32))
     label.pack(pady=20)
     # Button to increase counter
     button = tk.Button(root, text="Click Me", command=increment, font=("Helvetica", 14))
     button.pack()
     # Start the Tkinter loop
     root.mainloop()
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```

#### Output:



• Text Input App (This app allows users to type in a text field and display the typed text on the screen when a button is pressed.)

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#### Code:

```
import tkinter as tk
      # Initialize main window
      root = tk.Tk()
      root.title("Text Input App")
      root.geometry("300x200")
      # Function to display the entered text
      def show_text():
          entered_text = entry.get()
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          label_result.config(text="You typed: " + entered_text)
      # Entry widget for text input
      entry = tk.Entry(root, width=30, font=("Arial", 14))
      entry.pack(pady=10)
      # Button to trigger display of text
      button = tk.Button(root, text="Display Text", command=show_text, font=("Arial", 12))
      button.pack(pady=5)
      # Label to show the result
      label_result = tk.Label(root, text="", font=("Arial", 14))
      label_result.pack(pady=10)
      # Start the GUI event loop
      root.mainloop()
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```

