

Python Programming

Unit 04 – Lecture 02: Layout Managers, Menus, Dialogs, Message Boxes

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Example: Simple grid Form

```
tk.Label(root, text="Name").grid(row=0, column=0)
tk.Entry(root).grid(row=0, column=1)

tk.Label(root, text="Age").grid(row=1, column=0)
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menubar = tk.Menu(root)
file_menu = tk.Menu(menubar, tearoff=0)
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- File dialogs: open/save file selection

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- Uses file dialog to select a file

Checkpoint 1

Question: Why should you not mix pack and grid in the same container?

Checkpoint 2

Question: What is the purpose of a Frame in Tkinter?

Think-Pair-Share

You are building a Student Registration form. Discuss:

- Which layout manager is better: pack or grid?
- How would you use Frames to structure the UI?

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Exit Question

Write the code line that shows an information message box with title "Saved" and message "Done".