

Kivy: a sweet new app development framework

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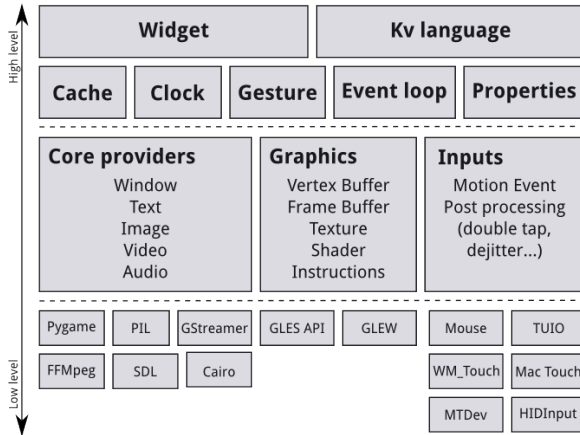
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Kivy Architecture



source: <http://kivy.org/docs/guide/architecture.html>

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hello world

```
from kivy.app import App
from kivy.uix.widget import Widget
from kivy.uix.label import Label

class HelloWorldWidget(Widget):
    def __init__(self, **kwargs):
        super(HelloWidget, self).__init__(**kwargs)
        with self.canvas:
            Label(text='hello world!')

class WorldApp(App):
    def build(self):
        return HelloWorldWidget()

if __name__ == '__main__':
    WorldApp().run()
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from kivy.properties import StringProperty
from kivy.uix.widget import Widget

def some_callback(instance, value):
    print "callback fired: property changed to " + value

class Foo(Widget):
    bar = StringProperty('starting value')

    def __init__(self, **kwargs):
        super(Foo, self).__init__(**kwargs)
        self.bind(bar=some_callback)

if __name__ == '__main__':
    f = Foo()
    f.bar = 'changeit'
    # callback fired: property changed to changeit
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widgets can choose to intercept a touch or pass it along to their underwidgets

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Every widget has a canvas, and it works like this:

```
1     class Foo(Widget):
2         def __init__(self, **kwargs):
3             super(Foo, self).__init__(**kwargs)
4             with self.canvas:
5                 # set color
6                 Color(1., 0., 0.)
7                 # draw stuff with primitives
8                 Rectangle(pos=(20, 30), size=(100, 100))
9                 # nevermind; erase what we just did
10                self.canvas.clear()
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But when building something non-trivial, you end up having to keep track of canvas state yourself (when to clear, when to draw).

kivy language (.kv)

Enter the kivy language.

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        Color:
            rgb: 1., .0, .0
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Now widgets know how to draw themselves.

stop

demo time

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[CITATION NEEDED]

homepage: `http://kivy.org`

on github: `http://github.com/kivy/kivy`

two (wo)men enter one (wo)man leaves

`http://kivy.org/#contest`

- ▶ make a game with Kivy
- ▶ put it on github
- ▶ prizes: android tablets, github subscriptions, t-shirts
- ▶ registration deadline is Jan 25th - contest ends Jan 31st