

Programming Foundations in Python

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File Handling and Graphical User Interface

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RECAP: LECTURE 9

- The operator overloading.
- Inheritance and polymorphism.

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LECTURE MAIN POINTS

- The meaning of file handling.
- The file operations.
- The Command-line vs. Graphical-user interfaces.
- The GUI module in python.

FILES

- Since RAM is volatile (which loses its data when the computer is turned off).
- **Files** are named locations on disk to store related information.
- They are used to permanently store data in a non-volatile memory (e.g. hard disk).



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FILE OPENING

- The syntax of opening a file is:
`File_object_name = open(filename, mode)`
- The "filename" is a **string** argument which specify filename along with its path.
- The mode is a **string** argument which used to specify how file will be used.
 - The reading mode represented by "r".
 - The writing mode represented by "w".
 - The appending mode represented by "a".

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FILE CLOSING

- When we are done with performing operations on the file, we need to properly close the file.
- Closing a file will free up the resources that were tied with the file.
- The syntax for closing a file is:

```
File_object_name.close()
```

- If an exception occurs when we are performing some operation with the file, the code exits without closing the file. So, we use **try .. finally** statement.

try:

```
File_object_name = open(filename, mode)
```

finally:

```
File_object_name.close()
```

FILE CLOSING

Cont'd

- The best way to close a file is by using the **with** statement.
- This ensures that the file is closed when the block inside the with statement is exited.
- If an exception occurs before the end of the block, it will close the file before the exception is caught.

```
with open(filename, mode) as f:  
    #file operations
```

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FILE READING DATA

- We must open the file in reading **r** mode.
- To read data back from the file you need one of these methods:
 - **read([number])**: return specified number of characters from the file.
 - If the number is omitted, it will read the entire content.
 - **readline()**: returns the next line of the file.
 - **readlines()**: read all the lines as a list of strings.
- **FileNotFoundError** is the error generated if the file you try to read is not exists.

FILE READING DATA

Cont'd

- Code:

```
f = open("myfile.txt", "r")  # open file in current directory
f = open("/path/to/myfile.txt", "r")  # specifying full path
# return the file name
print( f.name )
# return the file opening mode
print( f.mode )
# check if the file close or not
print( f.closed )
```

FILE READING DATA

Cont'd

- Code:

```
f = open("myfile.txt", "r")  
f = open("/path/to/myfile.txt", "r")  
print( f.read(10) )  
print( f.read() )  
print( f.readline() )  
lines = f.readlines()  
for i in lines:  
    print(i)  
f.close()
```

FILE WRITING DATA

Cont'd

- We need to open it in write w, append a or exclusive creation x mode.
- We need to be careful with the w mode, as it will overwrite into the file if it already exists.
- Code:

```
import os
os.chdir("/path/to/the/folder/")
with open("myfile.txt", "w") as f:
    f.write("My Name: Hamada I.")
    f.write("I'm a teacher at \n" )
```

FILE WRITING DATA

Cont'd

- Code:

```
import os
os.chdir("/path/to/the/folder/")
with open("myfile.txt", "a") as f:
    f.write("Midocean University")
```

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FILE RENAMING AND DELETING

- The os module provides methods that help to perform file-processing operations, such as renaming and deleting.
- To rename an existing file, rename() method is used.
- It takes two arguments, current file name and new file name.
- Syntax:

`os.rename(current_file_name, new_file_name)`

`os.remove(filename)`

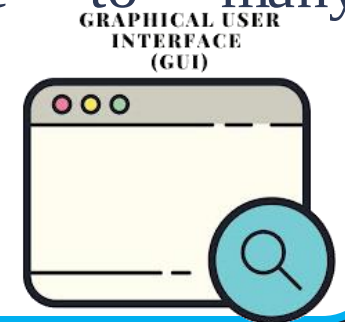
COMMAND LINE INTERFACE

- **The command-line interface (CLI):** takes input from the user via text commands entered in a terminal or console window.
- **CLI features:**
 - Based on commands a user inputs in the terminal.
 - More efficient and faster since it doesn't require much memory or processing power as the entire interaction is performed in a terminal window.
 - Requires memorizing commands, which sometimes have complex syntax and many arguments.
 - Takes input from the keyboard.
 - Users cannot change CLI's appearance.



GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE

- **The graphical-user interface (GUI) version:** based on graphics and visual elements, allowing users to interact with the system using a keyboard and a mouse.
- **GUI features:**
 - Based on visual elements such as icons, buttons, windows, dialog boxes, etc.
 - Requires more memory and processing power due to many graphical components that need to be loaded.
 - Icons method reduces the required knowledge level.
 - Takes input from the mouse and keyboard.
 - Appearance can be modified to suit the users' needs.

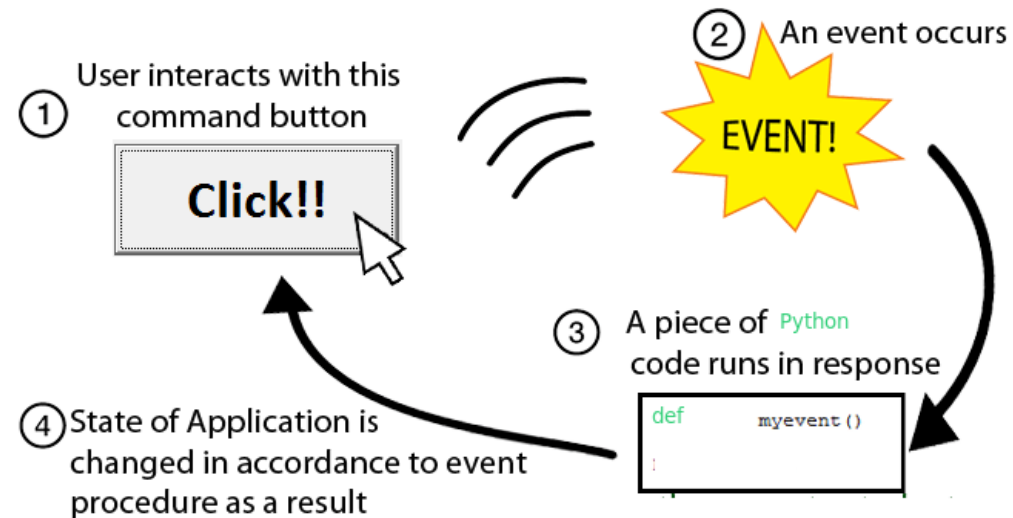


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EVENT-DRIVEN PROGRAMMING

- In GUI, the user-generated events (i.e., mouse clicks, button clicks) trigger operations in the program to respond by pulling in inputs, processing them, and displaying results.



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TKINTER GUI MODULES

- For GUI, there are a number of modules used to create UI:
 - PyGUI.
 - Wax.
 - Pyforms.
 - PySimpleGUI.
 - Tkinter.
 -, and more

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TKINTER MODULE

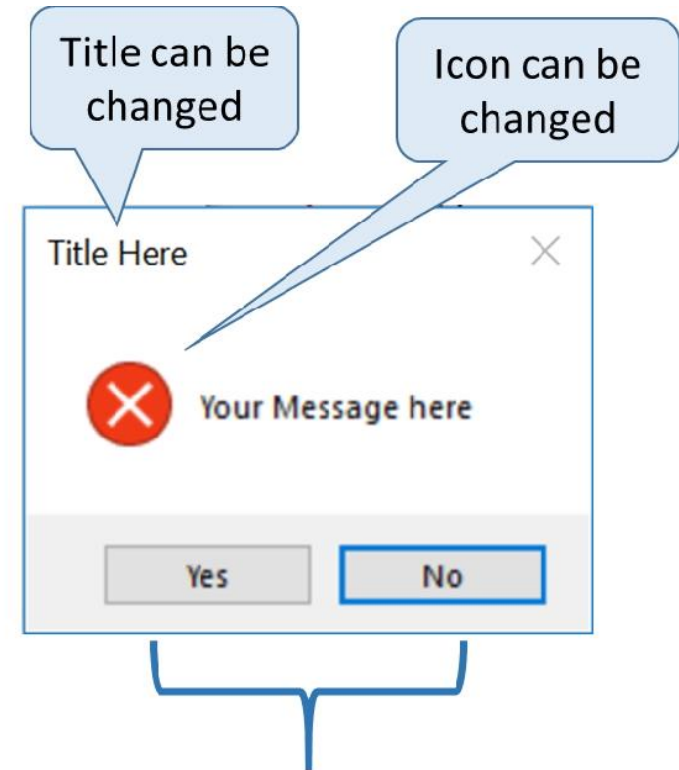
- Tkinter is the standard GUI library for Python.
- Tkinter provides a fast and easy way to create GUI applications.
- Tkinter provides a powerful object-oriented interface to the Tk GUI toolkit.
- Tkinter is included with Python as a library.
- To use it: `from tkinter import *`

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TKINTER MESSAGE BOXES

- The messagebox module is used to display the message boxes in the python applications.
- There are the various functions which are used to display the relevant messages depending upon the application requirements.



Default selection of button can be changed.

TKINTER MESSAGE BOXES

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- To create a messagebox:

`messagebox.function_name(title, message [, options])`

- **function_name:** It represents an appropriate message box function.
- **title:** It is a string which is shown as a title of a message box.
- **message:** It is the string to be displayed as a message on the message box.
- **options:** There are various options which can be used to configure the message dialog box.

TKINTER MESSAGE BOXES

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- Code:

```
from tkinter import messagebox

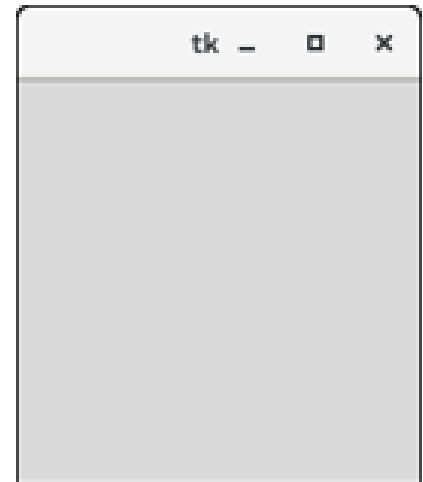
messagebox.showinfo("title","Information")
messagebox.showwarning("title","Warning")
messagebox.showerror("title","Error")
messagebox.askquestion("title", "Do you love GUI?")
response = messagebox.askyesnocancel("title", "Do you love GUI?")
print(response)
```

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TKINTER FRAME

- A frame is a rectangular region on the screen.
- It is used to organize a group of widgets.
- An empty Tkinter top-level window can be created by using the following steps:
 - import the Tkinter module.
 - Create the main application window.
 - Add the widgets like labels, buttons, frames, etc.
 - Call the main event loop so that listening to the events and perform the actions on the frame.



TKINTER FRAME

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- Code:

```
from tkinter import *
```

```
mainFrame = Tk()
```

```
mainFrame.title("The main frame title")
```

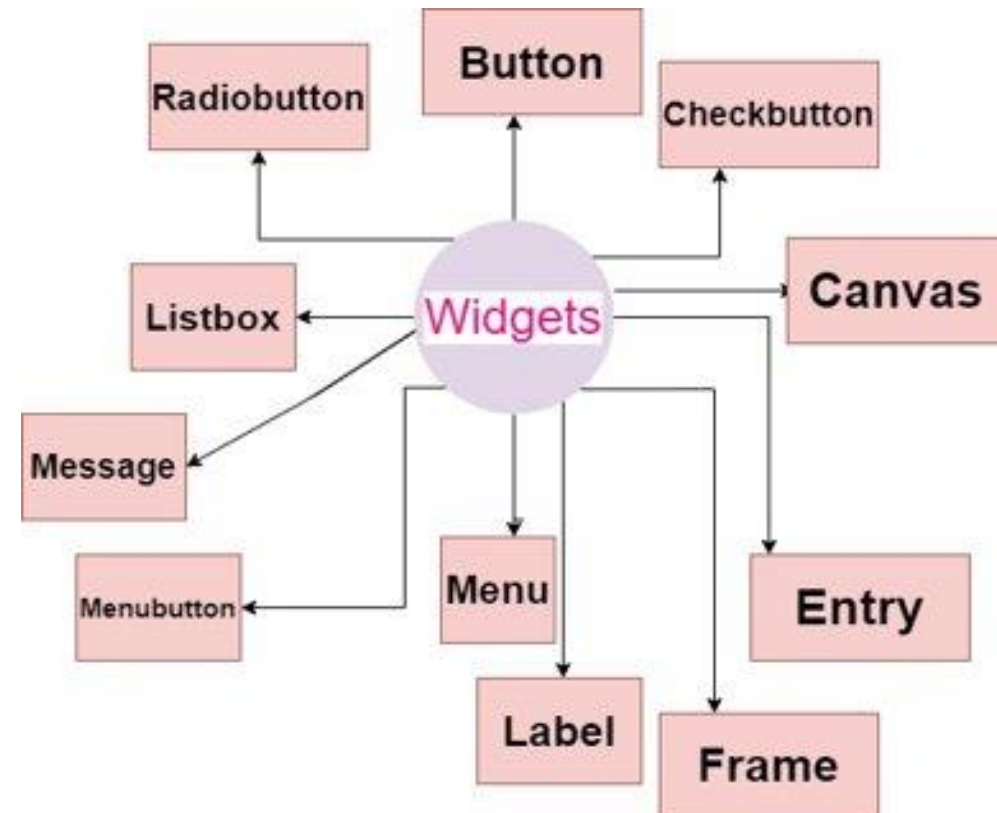
```
mainFrame.geometry("300x300")
```

```
mainFrame.mainloop() #listens for events
```

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TKINTER WIDGETS



TKINTER WIDGETS

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- A widget is a graphical component on the screen.
- Any widget can be added using this syntax:

```
widget_var_name = widgetName(parent, option = placeholder)
```

Where **parent** is the argument for the parent frame while **option** is a placeholder that can have various values differ from widget to the other.

TKINTER WIDGETS

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- **Label widget:**

- Display box where you can place text or images.
- The text displayed by this widget can be updated at any time you want.

```
label = Label(root, text = "Label text" )
```

- **Button widget:**

- Used to perform an action when clicked.
- You can attach a function or a method to a button, which is called automatically when you click the button.

```
btnOk = Button(root, text="Ok", fg="red", bd=2, bg="light blue")
```

TKINTER WIDGETS

Cont'd

- **Entry widget:**

- Used to accept single-line text strings from a user.

```
usName = Entry(root, width=20)
```

- **Checkbox widget:**

- Used to display a number of options to a user as toggle buttons.

```
var1 = IntVar()
```

```
var2 = IntVar()
```

```
CBtn1 = Checkbutton(root, text="Option 1", variable=var1, onvalue=1, offvalue=0)
```

```
CBtn2 = Checkbutton(root, text="Option 2", variable=var2, onvalue=1, offvalue=0)
```

- **Radiobutton widget:**
 - implements a multiple-choice button, which let user choose only one of them.
 - In order to implement this functionality, each group of radiobuttons must be associated to the same variable.

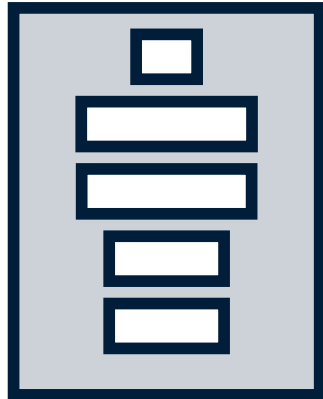
```
var1 = StringVar()
```

```
RBttn1 = Radiobutton(root, text = "Option1", variable = var1, value = 1)
```

```
RBttn2 = Radiobutton(root, text = "Option2", variable = var1, value = 2)
```

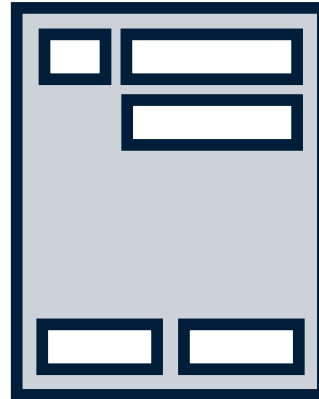
TKINTER GEOMETRY MANAGER

- The geometry measurements allow you to organize the widgets and throughout the parent frames or parent widget area.



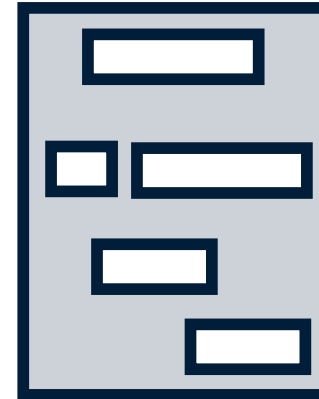
Pack

One after another,
vertically or horizontally



Grid

Assigned to grid cells,
using rows and columns



Place

Put stuff anywhere,
using coordinates

TKINTER GEOMETRY MANAGER

Cont'd

- The geometry allows you to organize the widgets on the parent frames.
 - **pack()**: It organizes the widgets in a block manner, and the complete available width is occupied by it.
`widget.pack(options)`
 - **grid()**: It organizes the widgets in a table-like structure.
`widget.grid(options)`
 - **place()**: Its purpose is to place the widgets at a specific position as instructed by the user in the parent widget.
`widget.place(options)`

TKINTER GEOMETRY MANAGER

Cont'd

- Code:

```
username = Label(root, text="User Name:").pack(side=TOP)
```

```
username = Label(root, text="User Name:").grid(row=0)
```

```
username = Label(root, text="User Name:").place(x = 30, y = 50)
```

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BUTTON EXAMPLE

- Code:

```
import tkinter
from tkinter import messagebox
top = tkinter.Tk()
def helloCallBack():
    messagebox.showinfo( "Hello Python", "Hello World")

B = tkinter.Button(top, text ="Hello", command = helloCallBack)
B.pack()
top.mainloop()
```

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CALCULATOR EXAMPLE

- Code:

```
from tkinter import *  
expression = ""
```

```
def press(num):  
    global expression  
    expression = expression + str(num)  
    equation.set(expression)
```

CALCULATOR EXAMPLE

Cont'd

- Code:

```
def equalpress():  
    global expression  
    total = str(eval(expression))  
    equation.set(total)  
    expression = ""  
  
def clear():  
    global expression  
    expression = ""  
    equation.set("")
```

CALCULATOR EXAMPLE

Cont'd

- Code:

```
gui = Tk()
gui.title("Simple Calculator")
gui.geometry("250x130")
equation = StringVar()
expression_field = Entry(gui, textvariable=equation)
expression_field.grid(columnspan=2)
button1 = Button(gui, text=' 1 ', fg='black', bg='red',
                  command=lambda: press(1), height=1, width=7)
button1.grid(row=2, column=0)
```

CALCULATOR EXAMPLE

Cont'd

- Code:

```
button2 = Button(gui, text=' 2 ', fg='black', bg='red',  
                 command=lambda: press(2), height=1, width=7)  
button2.grid(row=2, column=1)  
plus = Button(gui, text=' + ', fg='black', bg='red',  
              command=lambda: press("+"), height=1, width=7)  
plus.grid(row=3, column=0)  
equal = Button(gui, text=' = ', fg='black', bg='red',  
               command=equalpress, height=1, width=7)  
equal.grid(row=3, column=1)
```

CALCULATOR EXAMPLE

Cont'd

- Code:

```
clear = Button(gui, text='Clear', fg='black', bg='red',  
               command=clear, height=1, width=7)  
clear.grid(row=4, column=0)
```

```
# start the GUI  
gui.mainloop()
```

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QUESTIONS FOR ONLINE DISCUSSION

- Suppose we have this hours.txt data. Compute each worker's total hours and hours/day.

123 Suzy 9.5 8.1 7.6 3.1 3.2

456 Brad 7.0 9.6 6.5 4.9 8.8

789 Jenn 8.0 8.0 8.0 8.0 7.5

- Complete the calculator example with other arithmetic operators.



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