

# appJar Study Guide:

*The easiest way to create GUIs in Python.*

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## *Input Widgets:*

*Input widgets are used for capturing user interactions, either by clicking, typing or dragging.*

*They usually provide three functions:*

- *ADD* - this creates the widget
- *GET* - this gets the contents/state of the widget
- *SET* - this changes what's in the widget

*As well as options to change the way they look/act.*

*For each of the above to work, we need to know which widget you are referring to - so every widget gets a **unique title**.*

*If you want your input widget to have a label, there are some auto-label functions*

*If you want to get the contents of all widgets in the GUI as a single dictionary, use:*

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* .getAllInputs(includeEmptyInputs=False)
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*This will return the contents of all input fields as a dictionary.*

*Set `includeEmptyInputs` to True, if you want to include any empty input fields.*

## Study Guide Widgets List:

Entry:

TextArea:

Button:

RadioButton:

CheckBox:

ListBox:

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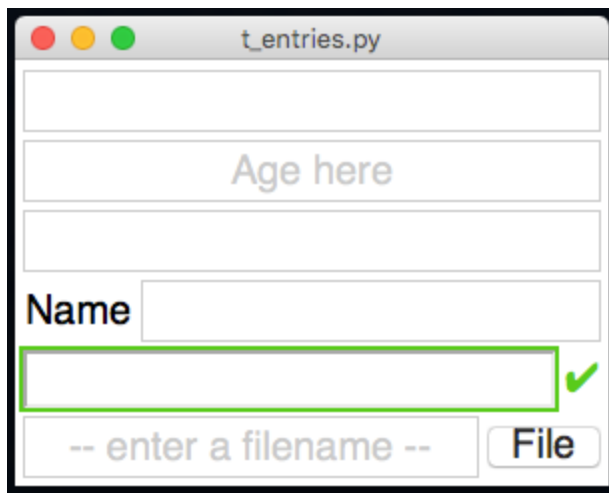
Entry

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Entries are used to capture typed input from the user. They take a single parameter - a title.

There are five special-case Entries:

- **NumericEntry** - this only allows numbers to be typed in - always returns a float (None if empty).
- **SecretEntry** - this will show stars, instead of the letters typed - useful for capturing passwords.
- **AutoEntry** - this takes a list of words to provide auto-completion.
- **ValidationEntry** - can be set to valid/invalid/waiting - will colour the border green/red/black and show a ✓/✗/★
- **OpenEntry/SaveEntry/DirectoryEntry** - provides a button to select a file/directory and auto-populates the Entry



## Add Entries

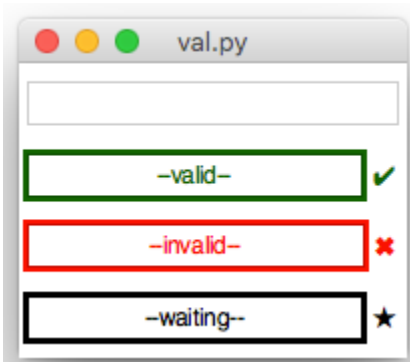
- `.addEntry(title)`
- `.addNumericEntry(title)`
- `.addSecretEntry(title)`
- `.addValidationEntry(title)`
- `.addOpenEntry(title)`
- `.addSaveEntry(title)`
- `.addDirectoryEntry(title)`
- `.addAutoEntry(title, words)`

This also takes a `words` parameter, which must be a list, and is used to populate the dropdown.

Each of these will add the specified type of Entry, using the title provided.

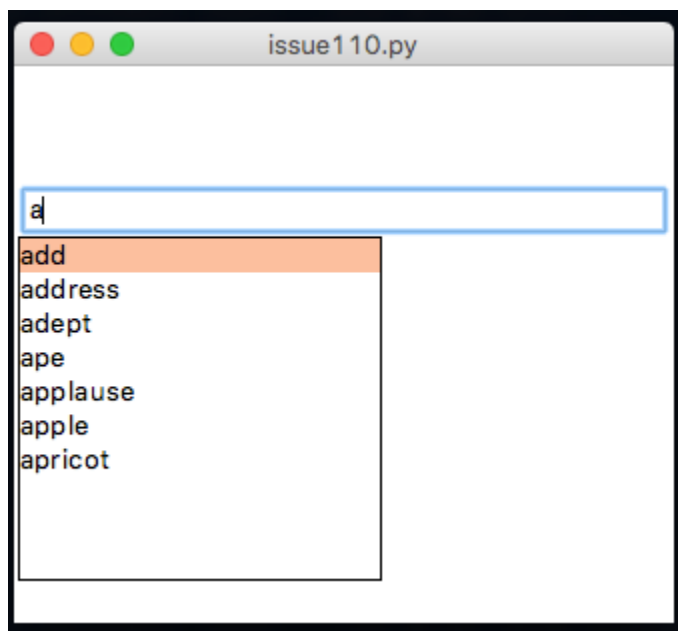
## Set Entries

- `.setEntry(title, text, callFunction=True)`
- `.setEntryDefault(title, text)`
- `.setEntryUpperCase(title)` & `.setEntryLowerCase(title)`
- `.setEntryMaxLength(title, maxLength)`
- `.setEntryValid(title)` & `.setEntryInvalid(title)` & `.setEntryWaitingValidation(title)`



- `.setValidationEntry(title, state="valid")`
- `.setValidationEntryLabelBg(title, bg)`
- `.setAutoEntryNumRows(title, rows)`

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- `.appendAutoEntry(title, value)`

- `.removeAutoEntry(title, value)`
- `.changeAutoEntry(title, value)`
- `.clearEntry(title, callFunction=True)`
- `.clearAllEntries(callFunction=False)`
- `.setFocus(title)`

## Get Entries

- `.getEntry(title)`
- `.getAllEntries()`



- `.highlightTextArea(title, start, end=END)`

## Get TextAreas

- `.getTextArea(title)`
- `.getAllTextAreas()`

## Search TextAreas

- `.searchTextArea(title, pattern, start=None, stop=None, nocase=True, backwards=False)`

## TextArea Fonts

Fonts are tricky on TextAreas, it's currently not possible to have different font sizes & families on different parts of a TextArea.

However, it is possible to make parts of the TextArea **bold**, **italic** or **underlined**.

- `.setTextAreaFont(title, **kwargs)`
- `.textAreaApplyFontRange(title, tag, start, end=END)`
- `.textAreaApplyFontSelected(title, tag)`
- `.textAreaToggleFontRange(title, tag, start, end=END)`
- `.textAreaToggleFontSelected(title, tag)`

## Tag TextAreas

- `.textAreaCreateTag(title, **kwargs)`
- `.textAreaChangeTag(title, **kwargs)`
- `.textAreaDeleteTag(title, *tags)`
- `.textAreaTagPattern(title, tag, pattern, regexp=False)`
- `.textAreaTagRange(title, tag, start, end)`
- `.textAreaTagSelected(title, tag)`
- `.textAreaUntagRange(title, tag, start, end)`
- `.textAreaUntagSelected(title, tag)`
- `.textAreaToggleTagRange(title, tag, start, end)`

- `.textAreaToggleTagSelected(title, tag)`
- `.getTextAreaTags(title)`
- `.getTextAreaTag(title)`

## Button

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A clickable button, that will call a function.

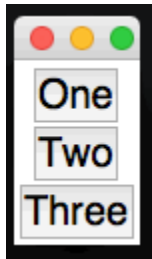
These are the key to starting an interactive application.

The GUI is looping, waiting for something to happen.

A button click is the classic way to start interacting with a GUI.

Whenever any function is called by the GUI, the title of the widget that called it is passed as a parameter.

That way, multiple widgets can use the same function, but different actions can be performed, depending on the name passed as a parameter.



### Add Buttons

- `.addButton(title, function)`
- `.addButtons(titles, functions)`
- `.addImageButton(title, function, imgFile, align=None)`
- `.addIconButton(title, function, iconName, align=None)`
- `.addNamedButton(name, title, function)`

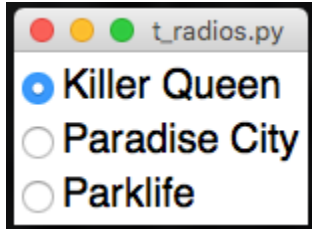
### Set Buttons

- `.setButton(name, text)`
- `.setButtonImage(title, image, align=None)`

# RadioButton

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A group of round boxes, only one of which can be selected.  
These are great for getting a single value, for a multiple choice question.



## Add RadioButtons

- `.addRadioButton(title, name)`

## Set RadioButtons

- `.setRadioButton(title, value, callFunction=True)`
- `.setRadioSquare(title, square=True)`
- `.clearAllRadioButtons(callFunction=False)`

## Get RadioButtons

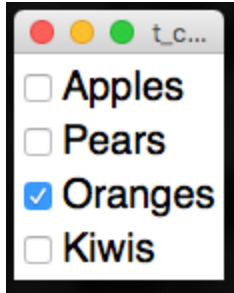
- `.getRadioButton(title)`

# CheckBox

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A simple tick-box, with a label, that can be either ON or OFF.





## Add CheckBoxes

- `.addCheckBox(title)`
- `.addNamedCheckBox(name, title)`

## Set CheckBoxes

- `.setCheckBox(title, ticked=True, callFunction=True)`
- `.clearAllCheckBoxes(callFunction=False)`
- `.setCheckBoxText(title, text)`

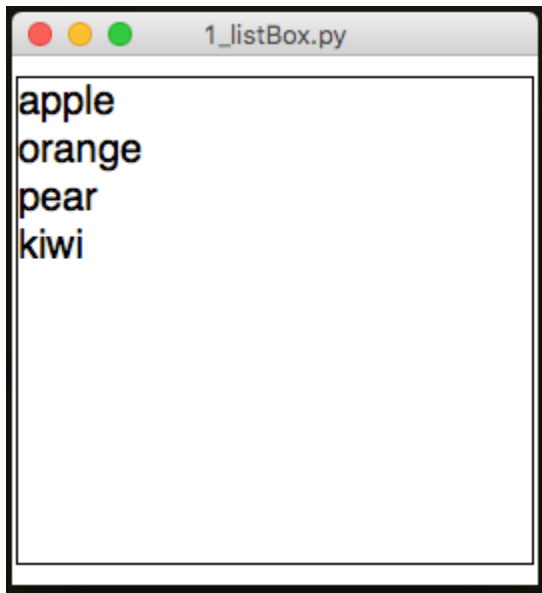
## Get CheckBoxes

- `.getCheckBox(title)`
- `.getAllCheckBoxes()`

# ListBox

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A box containing a list of items, single or multi-select



## Add ListBoxes

- `.addListBox(title, values).`
- `.addListItem(title, item)`
- `.addListItems(title, items)`

## Set ListBoxes

- `.setListItem(title, item, newVal, first=False)`  
`.setListItemAtPos(title, pos, newVal)`
- `.removeListItem(title, item)`  
`.removeListItemAtPos(title, pos)`
- `.clearListBox(title, callFunction=True)`
- `.clearAllListBoxes(callFunction=False)`

- `.updateListBox(title, items, select=False, callFunction=True)`
- `.selectListItem(title, item, callFunction=True)`  
`.selectListItemAtPos(title, pos, callFunction=False)`
- `.deselectListItemAtPos(title, pos, callFunction=False)`
- `.deselectAllListItems(title, callFunction=False)`
- `.setListBoxRows(title, rows)`
- `.setListBoxMulti(list, multi=True)`
- `.setListBoxGroup(list, group=True)`
- `.setListItemBg(title, item, colour)` & `.setListItemFg(title, item, colour)`  
`.setListItemAtPosBg(title, item, colour)` & `.setListItemAtPosFg(title, item, colour)`

## Get ListBoxes

- `.getListBox(title)`
- `.getAllListBoxes()`
- `.getAllListItems(title)`