

# PyQT\_Primitive\_1\_App\_V03

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## 0.1 Purpose: Use primitive PyQt-App with QtAgg-backend for Matplotlib

Basic idea: Box with a row for buttons, a central panel for some action, and a row with two areas for print output

A red “laser beam” will shoot at the corners of the panel or at the mouse pointer

### 0.1.1 Imports

```
[1]: import time
      # import gc # garbage collection
      import sys # for PyQt5
      import numpy as np
      import queue

      import matplotlib.backends
      import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
      from matplotlib.figure import Figure

      from PyQt5 import QtWidgets, QtCore
      from PyQt5.QtCore import QSize, Qt, QLine, QPoint
      from PyQt5.QtGui import QPainter, QPen, QBrush, QFont, QColor
      from PyQt5.QtGui import QTextCursor
      from PyQt5.QtWidgets import QMainWindow, QWidget, QGridLayout
      from PyQt5.QtWidgets import QPushButton, QLabel, QGroupBox
      from PyQt5.QtWidgets import QVBoxLayout, QHBoxLayout
      from PyQt5.QtWidgets import QFrame, QSizePolicy, QTextEdit

      # redirects of stdout to QTextEdit
      # from contextlib import redirect_stdout
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### 0.1.2 Activate QtAgg-backend !!! Do NOT forget !!!

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[2]: matplotlib.use('QtAgg')
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## 0.2 Code for nested widgets

### 0.2.1 Code for innermost widget: Defines a Panel for action

This panel will be framed and raised above background

This is where the “shooting” takes place

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[3]: class PanelArea(QWidget):

    def __init__(self, parentW
                , beam_time_interval
                , num_shoot_iterations
                , plus_iterations):

        super(PanelArea, self).__init__()

        self.parentW = parentW
        self.beam_time_interval = beam_time_interval

        self.shoot_corners = False
        self.j_target = 0
        self.shooting_active = False
        self.num_shoot_iterations = num_shoot_iterations
        self.initial_num_shoot_iterations = num_shoot_iterations
        self.plus_iterations = plus_iterations

        # Track Mouse Movement
        self.setMouseTracking(True)
        self.mouse_x = 0
        self.mouse_y = 0

        # control changes of window size
        self.width_old = self.width()
        self.height_old = self.height()
        self.x_leaving = 0
        self.y_leaving = 0
        self.myheight = self.height()
        self.mywidth = self.width()

        # Parameters for central ellipse
        self.b_draw_ell = True
        self.ell_axis1 = 75
        self.ell_axis2 = 35

        # Laser beam
        self.b_plot_line = False
        self.b_rupt_line = False
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self.line = QLine()

# Pens, brushes for drawing elements
# ~~~~~
# line drawing
self.pen_line = QPen(Qt.red, 3)
# ellipse border
# filling the ellipse
self.pen_ell = QPen(Qt.black, 5)
darkred = QColor(120, 0, 0)
self.brush_ell = QBrush(darkred)

# Draw the ellipse 1st time
# ~~~~~
self.update()

# Function to trigger beam to panel corners
# ~~~~~
def draw_line_to_corners(self):
    self.shoot_corners = True
    self.b_rupt_line = False

    if self.shooting_active:
        self.num_shoot_iterations += self.plus_iterations
        self.parentW.parentW.print_addedShots()
    else:
        self.draw_line()

# Function to trigger beam to mouse position
# ~~~~~
def draw_line_to_mouse(self):
    self.shoot_corners = False
    self.b_rupt_line = True
    if self.shooting_active:
        self.num_shoot_iterations += self.plus_iterations
        self.parentW.parentW.print_addedShots()
    else:
        self.draw_line()

# Control frequency of laser beam + number of "shots"
# ~~~~~
def draw_line(self):
    self.shooting_active = True

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# Loop for "shooting"
# ~~~~~
# Need while loop because we will
# change "num_shoot_iterations" dynamically
i = 0
while i < self.num_shoot_iterations:
    # We have to drop painting periodically
    # for blinking effect
    if i%2 == 0:
        self.b_plot_line = True
    else:
        self.b_plot_line = False

    # Trigger a paintEvent and direct painting
    # ~~~~~
    self.update()
    QtWidgets.QApplication.processEvents()

    # raise iterator variable + printing
    # ~~~~~
    # --- if shooting is not interrupted
    if not self.b_rupt_line:
        #print("i = ", i)
        i += 1
        # print shot reserve sometimes
        if i%100 == 0:
            sr = self.num_shoot_iterations - (i+1)
            self.parentW.parentW.print_shotReserve(sr, b_clear=False)

    # set frequency
    time.sleep(self.beam_time_interval)

# Reset parameters
# ~~~~~
self.b_plot_line = False
self.shooting_active = False
self.parentW.parentW.print_shoot_stop()
self.num_shoot_iterations = self.initial_num_shoot_iterations
sr = self.num_shoot_iterations
self.parentW.parentW.print_shotReserve(sr, b_clear=True)
# comment the next two statements
# if you want to see the last beam intentionally
self.update()
QtWidgets.QApplication.processEvents()

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# Function to react to mouse movements
# ~~~~~
def mouseMoveEvent(self, event):
    ##if event.type() == QtCore.QEvent.MouseMove:
    self.mouse_x = event.x()
    self.mouse_y = event.y()
    self.parentW.parentW.mouse_label.setText(
        'Mouse coords: ( %d : %d )' % (self.mouse_x, self.mouse_y))
    self.b_rupt_line = False

# Function to interrupt shooting
# when action panel area is left
# ~~~~~
def leaveEvent(self, event):
    ##print("leave event")
    if not self.shoot_corners:
        self.b_rupt_line = True

# Function to react to update-requests
# ~~~~~
def paintEvent(self, event):

    # Short lived painter - see docu
    painter = QPainter(self)

    # !!!!!
    # Width/height are only calculated
    # within paintEvents during window resizing
    width = self.width()
    height = self.height()

    # Handle intermediate resizing
    # by interrupting beam display
    b_plot_line2 = True

    xc = int(width/2)
    yc = int(height/2)

    # standard target coordinates
    # - can be overwritten below
    xt = self.mouse_x
    yt = self.mouse_y

    if width != self.width_old or \

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    height != self.height_old:
        b_plot_line2 = False
        xt = xc
        yt = yc

    #print("x,y:", y, x)
    self.center = QPoint(xc, yc)

    # Paint the laser beam (= line)
    # ~~~~~
    # Setting painter properties
    painter.setPen(self.pen_line)

    if self.b_plot_line and b_plot_line2 \
    and not self.b_rupt_line :

        if self.shoot_corners:
            # set new target coordinates
            if self.j_target == 0:
                xt = 0; yt = 0
            elif self.j_target == 1:
                xt = self.width(); yt = 0
            elif self.j_target == 2:
                xt = self.width(); yt = self.height()
            elif self.j_target == 3:
                xt = 0; yt = self.height()

            if self.j_target == 3:
                self.j_target = 0
            else:
                self.j_target += 1

        self.target = QPoint(xt, yt)
        self.line = QLine(self.target, self.center)
        painter.drawLine(self.line)

    # Paint the central ellipse
    # ~~~~~
    # (brush needed to fill out area)
    painter.setPen(self.pen_ell)
    painter.setBrush(self.brush_ell)

    if self.b_draw_ell:
        painter.drawEllipse(QPoint(self.center)
                           , self.ell_axis1
                           , self.ell_axis2)

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self.width_old = width
self.height_old = height
self.mywidth = width
self.myheight = height

# Function to stop loop before closing
# ~~~~~
def closeEvent(self, event):
    self.num_shoot_iterations = 0
    time.sleep(0.05)
    event.accept()

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## 0.2.2 Code for a widget that draws a frame around the innermost panel area

This widget becomes a parent of the innermost widget

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[4]: class PanelFrame(QFrame):

    def __init__(self, parentW, beam_timeinterval=0.05
                , num_shoot_iterations=401
                , plus_iterations=200):

        super(PanelFrame, self).__init__()

        self.parentW = parentW

        # Content: An instance of class Panel
        # ~~~~~
        # Area gets "self" as parentW
        self.inner_area_widget = PanelArea(self
                                           , beam_timeinterval
                                           , num_shoot_iterations
                                           , plus_iterations)

        self.frame_layout = QVBoxLayout()
        self.setLayout(self.frame_layout)
        self.frame_layout.addWidget(self.inner_area_widget)

        self setFrameShape(QFrame.Panel)
        self setFrameShadow(QFrame.Raised)
        self.setLineWidth(20)
        #self.setStyleSheet("background-color: #302010; ")

        # No mouse-tracking required
        self.setMouseTracking(False)

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### 0.2.3 Code for the outermost Qt-window and a container for the other widgets

A central widget of the Qt-window becomes the parent of all other widgets

We define three rows in a vertical layout

The widget for the central row-layout becomes a container for the frame/panel

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[5]: class MainWindow(QtWidgets.QMainWindow):

    def __init__(self, shoot_interval
                , num_shoot_iterations = 401
                , plus_iterations = 200):
        QtWidgets.QMainWindow.__init__(self)

        self.setWindowTitle("Laser")

        # Parameters (transfer to child objects)
        # ~~~~~
        # timer for "laser beam" blinking
        self.beam_time_interval = shoot_interval
        # num of laser shots
        self.num_shoot_iterations = num_shoot_iterations
        self.plus_iterations = plus_iterations

        # Main inner window = Container (simple QWidget)
        # ~~~~~
        self.inner_win = QtWidgets.QWidget()
        self.setCentralWidget(self.inner_win)

        self.inwin_layout = QtWidgets.QVBoxLayout()
        self.inner_win.setLayout(self.inwin_layout)
        self.inwin_layout.setContentsMargins(0,0,0,0)
        self.inwin_layout.setSpacing(20)

        # Set initial size of the Qt-window
        # ~~~~~
        self.resize(750, 900)

        # Preparations for contents
        # ~~~~~
        # just for admin purposes
        self.d_mywidgets = {}
        # colors
        self.col_red = QColor('red')
        self.col_darkred = QColor(125, 0, 0)
        self.col_darkblue = QColor(0, 0, 125)
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self.col_darkgreen = QColor(0, 125, 0)
self.col_black = QColor(3,3,3)

# Create contents in the central widget
# ~~~~~
self.create_window_contents()

# no mouse-tracking required on this level
self.setMouseTracking(False)

# show() (non-blocking for notebook cells)
# ~~~~~
# (this is not Matplotlib's plt.show)
self.show()

# Fill the central widget with contents
# ~~~~~
def create_window_contents(self):

    # A groupbox for multiple buttons
    # ~~~~~
    self.groupbox1 = QGroupBox(" Main messages")
    self.groupbox1.setStyleSheet('font-weight:bold;')
    self.groupbox1.setFixedHeight(100)
    self.inwin_layout.addWidget(self.groupbox1)
    self.vbox1 = QVBoxLayout()
    self.groupbox1.setLayout(self.vbox1)

    # 1-st button: shoot beam periodically at panel's corners
    self.but_shoot_corners = QPushButton('shoot\ncorners', self)
    #self.but_shoot_corners.setMinimumWidth = 100
    self.but_shoot_corners.setMinimumSize(QSize(100, 50))
    sizePolicy_but = QSizePolicy(QSizePolicy.Maximum, QSizePolicy.Maximum)
    self.but_shoot_corners.setSizePolicy(sizePolicy_but)
    self.vbox1.addWidget(self.but_shoot_corners)

    # 2-nd button: Shoot beam at mouse pointer position
    self.but_shoot_mouse = QPushButton('shoot\nmouse', self)
    #self.but_shoot_corners.setMinimumWidth = 100
    self.but_shoot_mouse.setMinimumSize(QSize(100, 50))
    sizePolicy_but = QSizePolicy(QSizePolicy.Maximum, QSizePolicy.Maximum)
    self.but_shoot_mouse.setSizePolicy(sizePolicy_but)
    self.vbox1.addWidget(self.but_shoot_mouse)

    # 3-rd button: Erase button 2 and ellipse
    self.but_kill_mouse = QPushButton('kill mouse\nshooter', self)

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#self.but_shoot_corners.setMinimumWidth = 100
self.but_kill_mouse.setMinimumSize(QSize(120, 50))
sizePolicy_but = QSizePolicy(QSizePolicy.Maximum, QSizePolicy.Maximum)
self.but_kill_mouse.setSizePolicy(sizePolicy_but)
self.vbox1.addWidget(self.but_kill_mouse)

self.b_1st_click_but_kill = False

# Stretch element
self.vbox1.insertStretch(3)

# Text label to show mouse position inside panel
self.mouse_label = QLabel(self) # provide self to the QFrame
self.mouse_label.setFrameStyle(QFrame.Panel | QFrame.Sunken)
#self.label.setText('Mouse coords: ( %d : %d )' % (event.x(), event.
↪y()))
self.mouse_label.setText('Mouse coords: ( %d : %d )' % (0.0, 0.0))
self.mouse_label.setMinimumSize(QSize(230, 50))
sizePolicy_label = QSizePolicy(QSizePolicy.Maximum, QSizePolicy.Maximum)
self.mouse_label.setSizePolicy(sizePolicy_label)
self.vbox1.addWidget(self.mouse_label)

# self.inwin_layout.setStretchFactor(self.groupbox1, 1)

# A (raised) Panel and Frame for action
# ~~~~~
self.groupbox2 = QGroupBox(" Panel")
self.groupbox2.setStyleSheet('font-weight:bold;')
#self.groupbox2.resize(500,400)
self.inwin_layout.addWidget(self.groupbox2)
self.vbox2 = QVBoxLayout()
self.groupbox2.setLayout(self.vbox2)

# Initialize an Areaframe - self is provided as parameter parentW
# The frame will load and contain a panel
self.frame1 = PanelFrame(self
                        , self.beam_time_interval
                        , num_shoot_iterations
                        , plus_iterations)
self.vbox2.addWidget(self.frame1)
#self.inwin_layout.setStretchFactor(self.groupbox2, 4)

# A groupbox Panel for info prints
# ~~~~~
# Add a QText

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self.groupbox3 = QGroupBox("  Infos")
self.groupbox3.setStyleSheet('font-weight:bold;')
#self.groupbox2.resize(500,400)
self.groupbox3.setFixedHeight(260)
self.inwin_layout.addWidget(self.groupbox3)
self.vbox3 = QVBoxLayout()
self.groupbox3.setLayout(self.vbox3)
self.textedit1 = QTextEdit()
self.vbox3.addWidget(self.textedit1)
self.textedit2 = QTextEdit()
self.vbox3.addWidget(self.textedit2)
self.textedit2.setFontWeight(QFont.Normal)
self.textedit2.setTextColor(self.col_black)

# Set button actions
# ~~~~~
self.bind_buts_to_callbacks()

# Bind user actions
# ~~~~~
def bind_buts_to_callbacks(self):
    self.but_shoot_corners.clicked.connect(self.
↪print_clearStatusChange_Corners)
    self.but_shoot_corners.clicked.connect(self.frame1.inner_area_widget.
↪draw_line_to_corners)
    self.but_shoot_mouse.clicked.connect(self.print_clearStatusChange_Mouse)
    self.but_shoot_mouse.clicked.connect(self.frame1.inner_area_widget.
↪draw_line_to_mouse)
    self.but_kill_mouse.clicked.connect(self.kill_mouse_shooter)

# Function to remove mouse_shooting
# ~~~~~
def kill_mouse_shooter(self):
    if not self.b_1st_click_but_kill:
        self.but_shoot_mouse.hide()
        if not self.frame1.inner_area_widget.shoot_corners:
            self.frame1.inner_area_widget.num_shoot_iterations = False
            self.frame1.inner_area_widget.b_plot_line = False
        self.frame1.inner_area_widget.b_draw_ell = False
        self.b_1st_click_but_kill = True
    else:
        self.but_shoot_mouse.setVisible(True)
        self.frame1.inner_area_widget.b_draw_ell = True
        self.frame1.inner_area_widget.update()
        QtWidgets.QApplication.processEvents()
        self.b_1st_click_but_kill = False

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# Function to write Output when changing to corner-shooting
# ~~~~~
def print_clearStatusChange_Corners(self):
    #print("her")
    font_act = self.textedit1.currentFont()
    text = "Status changed: Shoot at Corners\n"
    self.textedit1.moveCursor(QTextCursor.End)
    #f_act = self.textedit1.currentFont()
    # must be set after Cursor is moved
    self.textedit1.setFontWeight(QFont.Bold)
    self.textedit1.setTextColor(self.col_darkred)
    self.textedit1.insertPlainText(text)
    QtWidgets.QApplication.processEvents()
    #self.textedit1.setCurrentFont(font_act)

# Function to write Output when changing to mouse-shooting
# ~~~~~
def print_clearStatusChange_Mouse(self):
    #print("her")
    font_act = self.textedit1.currentFont()
    text = "Status changed: Shoot at Mouse\n"
    self.textedit1.moveCursor(QTextCursor.End)
    #f_act = self.textedit1.currentFont()
    # must be set after Cursor is moved
    self.textedit1.setFontWeight(QFont.Bold)
    self.textedit1.setTextColor(self.col_darkblue)
    self.textedit1.insertPlainText(text)
    QtWidgets.QApplication.processEvents()

# Function to write Infos about added shots
# ~~~~~
def print_addedShots(self):
    text = "Added shots: " + str(self.plus_iterations) + "\n"
    self.textedit1.moveCursor(QTextCursor.End)
    self.textedit1.setFontWeight(QFont.Normal)
    self.textedit1.setTextColor(self.col_black)
    self.textedit1.insertPlainText(text)
    #self.textedit1.append( text )
    QtWidgets.QApplication.processEvents()

# Function to write Infos about shot reserve replenishing
# ~~~~~

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def print_shotReserve(self, shotReserve, b_clear=False):
    if b_clear:
        self.textedit2.clear()
        text_stop = "Shooting stopped. Reserve replenished" + "\n"
        self.textedit2.moveCursor(QTextCursor.End)
        self.textedit2.setFontWeight(QFont.Normal)
        self.textedit2.setTextColor(self.col_black)
        self.textedit2.insertPlainText(text_stop)

    text = "Shot reserve: " + str(shotReserve) + "\n"
    self.textedit2.moveCursor(QTextCursor.End)
    self.textedit2.setFontWeight(QFont.Normal)
    self.textedit2.setTextColor(self.col_black)
    self.textedit2.insertPlainText(text)
    #self.textedit1.append( text )
    QtWidgets.QApplication.processEvents()

# Function to write Infos about stopped shooting
# ~~~~~
def print_shoot_stop(self):
    text = "Shooting stopped" + "\n"
    self.textedit1.moveCursor(QTextCursor.End)
    self.textedit1.setFontWeight(QFont.Normal)
    self.textedit1.setTextColor(self.col_darkgreen)
    self.textedit1.insertPlainText(text)
    #self.textedit1.append( text )
    QtWidgets.QApplication.processEvents()

# Function to stop loop before killing the app window
# ~~~~~
def closeEvent(self, event):
    self.frame1.inner_area_widget.num_shoot_iterations = 0
    print("User is closing Main Win ")
    # just to be on the safe side
    time.sleep(0.1)
    # required !
    event.accept()

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#### 0.2.4 Start the action

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[6]: shoot_interval = 0.05
    num_shoot_iterations = 401
    plus_iterations = 200
    mainWin = MainWindow(shoot_interval, num_shoot_iterations, plus_iterations)

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User is closing Main Win

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