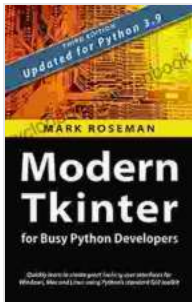


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If you want to create great looking user interfaces for Windows, Mac, and Linux, you need to use a cross-platform application framework. A cross-platform application framework allows you to develop applications that look and feel native on all three platforms, without having to write separate code for each platform.

One of the most popular cross-platform application frameworks is Qt. Qt is a free and open source framework that has been used to develop a wide range of applications, including the KDE desktop environment and the VLC media player.



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## ## Getting Started

To get started, you will need to install the Qt framework. You can download the Qt installer from the Qt website. Once you have installed Qt, you can create a new Qt project by opening the Qt Creator application.

In the Qt Creator window, click on the "New Project" button. In the "New Project" dialog box, select the "Application" template and click on the "Choose" button. In the "Choose Application Template" dialog box, select the "Qt Widgets Application" template and click on the "Next" button.

In the "Configure Project" dialog box, enter a name and location for your project. You can also select the target platforms for your application. In this example, we will select the "Windows", "Mac", and "Linux" platforms.

Once you have configured your project, click on the "Finish" button. Qt Creator will now create a new project for you.

## ## Creating the User Interface

The next step is to create the user interface for your application. In Qt, you create user interfaces using widgets. Widgets are objects that represent the different elements of a user interface, such as buttons, labels, and text fields.

To create a widget, you can drag and drop it from the Qt Creator toolbox onto your application's main window. You can also create widgets programmatically by calling the appropriate constructor function.

In this example, we will create a simple user interface with a label, a text field, and a button.

```
QLabel *label = new QLabel("Enter your name:"); QLineEdit *lineEdit = new  
QLineEdit; QPushButton *button = new QPushButton("OK");
```

Once you have created your widgets, you can add them to your application's main window by calling the `addWidget()` function.

```
mainWidget->addWidget(label); mainWidget->addWidget(lineEdit);  
mainWidget->addWidget(button);
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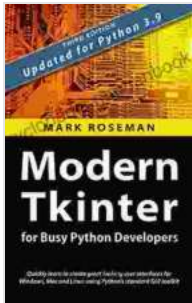
You can also use Qt's layout manager to position your widgets within the main window. In this example, we will use a `QVBoxLayout` to arrange the widgets vertically.

```
QVBoxLayout *layout = new QVBoxLayout; layout->addWidget(label);  
layout->addWidget(lineEdit); layout->addWidget(button); mainWidget-  
>setLayout(layout);
```

Your user interface is now complete. You can run your application by clicking on the "Run" button in the Qt Creator toolbar.

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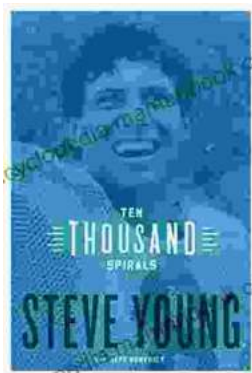
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