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## PyTree: A Generic Tree Object Viewer

Up to now, this chapter has been command-line-oriented. To wrap up, I want to show you a program that merges the GUI technology we studied earlier in the book with some of the data structure ideas we've met in this chapter.

This program is called PyTree, a generic tree data structure viewer written in Python with the Tkinter GUI library. PyTree sketches out the nodes of a tree on-screen as boxes connected by arrows. It also knows how to route mouse clicks on drawn tree nodes back to the tree, to trigger tree-specific actions. Because PyTree lets you visualize the structure of the tree generated by a set of parameters, it's a fun way to explore tree-based algorithms.

PyTree supports arbitrary tree types by "wrapping" real trees in interface objects. The interface objects implement a standard protocol by communicating with the underlying tree object. For the purposes of this chapter, PyTree is instrumented to display binary search trees; for the next chapter, it's also set up to render expression parse trees. New trees can be viewed by coding wrapper classes to interface to new tree types.

The GUI interfaces PyTree utilizes were covered in depth earlier in this book, so I won't go over this code in much detail here. See Part III for background details and be sure to run this program on your own computer to get a better feel for its operation. Because it is written with Python and Tkinter, it should be portable to Windows, Unix, and Macs.

### Running PyTree

Before we get to the code, let's see what PyTree looks like. You can launch PyTree from the PyDemos launcher bar (see the top level of the examples distribution source tree) or by directly running the `treeview.py` file listed in Example 20-27. Figure 20-2 shows PyTree in action displaying the binary tree created by the "test1" button. Trees are sketched as labels embedded in a canvas and are connected by lines with arrows. The lines reflect parent-to-child relationships in the actual tree; PyTree attempts to lay out the tree to produce a more or less uniform display like this one.



*Figure Error! No text of specified style in document.-1. PyTree viewing a binary search tree (test1)*

PyTree's window consists of a canvas with vertical and horizontal scrolls and a set of controls at the bottom: radio buttons for picking the type of tree you wish to display, a set of buttons that trigger canned tree drawing tests, and an input field for typing text to specify and generate a new tree. The set of test buttons changes if you pick the Parser radio button (you get one less test button); PyTree use widget `pack_forget` and `pack` methods to hide and show tree-specific buttons on the fly.

When you pick one of the canned test buttons, it displays in the input field the string you would type to generate the tree drawn. For binary trees, type a list of values separated by spaces and press the "input" button or the Enter key to generate a new tree; the new tree is the result of inserting the typed values from left to right. For parse trees, input an expression string in the input field instead (more on this later). Figure 20-3 shows the result of typing a set of values into the input field and submitting; the resulting binary tree shows up in the canvas.



*Figure Error! No text of specified style in document.-2. A binary tree typed manually with on-click pop up*

Notice the pop up in this screenshot; left-clicking on a displayed tree node with your mouse runs whatever action a tree wrapper class defines and displays its result in the pop up. Binary trees have no action to run, so we get a default message in the pop up, but parse trees use the mouse click to evaluate the subtree rooted at the clicked node (again, more on parse trees later).

Just for fun, maximize this window and press the “test4” button—it inserts 100 numbers from zero through 99 into a new binary tree at random and displays the result. Figure 20-4 captures one portion of this tree; it’s much too large to fit on one screen (or on one book page), but you can move around the tree with the canvas scroll bars.



*Figure Error! No text of specified style in document.-3. PyTree viewing a large binary search tree (test4)*

PyTree uses an algorithm to connect all parents to their children in this tree without crossing their connecting lines. It does some upfront analysis to try to arrange descendants at each level to be as close to their parents as possible. This analysis step also yields the overall size of a new tree—PyTree uses it to reset the scrollable area size of the canvas for each tree drawn.

## PyTree Source Code

Let’s move on to the code; similar to PyForm in the prior chapter, PyTree is coded as two modules. Here, one module handles the task of sketching trees in the GUI, and another implements wrappers to interface to various tree types and extends the GUI with extra widgets.

### Tree-independent GUI implementation

The module in Example 20-26 does the work of drawing trees in a canvas. It’s coded to be independent of any particular tree structure—its `TreeViewer` class delegates to its `TreeWrapper` class when it needs tree-specific information for the drawing (e.g., node label text and node child links). `TreeWrapper` in turn expects to be subclassed for a specific kind of tree; in fact, it raises assertion errors if you try to use it without subclassing. In design terms, `TreeViewer` embeds a `TreeWrapper`; it’s almost as easy to code `TreeViewer` subclasses per tree type, but that limits a viewer GUI to one particular kind of tree (see [treeview\\_subclasses.py](#) on the book’s examples distribution for a subclassing-based alternative).

Trees are drawn in two steps: a planning traversal that builds a layout data structure that links parents and children, and a drawing step that uses the generated plan to draw and link node labels on the canvas. The two-step approach simplifies some of the logic required to lay out trees uniformly. Study Example 20-26 for more details.

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#####
# PyTree: sketch arbitrary tree data structures in a scrolled canvas;
# this version uses tree wrapper classes embedded in the viewer GUI
# to support arbitrary trees (i.e., composition, not viewer subclassing);
# also adds tree node label click callbacks--run tree specific actions;
# see treeview_subclasses.py for subclass-based alternative structure;
# subclassing limits one tree viewer to one tree type, wrappers do not;
# see treeview_left.py for an alternative way to draw the tree object;
# see and run treeview.py for binary and parse tree wrapper test cases;
#####

from Tkinter import *
from tkMessageBox import showinfo

Width, Height = 350, 350           # start canvas size (reset per tree)
Rowsz = 100                       # pixels per tree row
Colsz = 100                       # pixels per tree col
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#####
# interface to tree object's nodes
#####

class TreeWrapper:
    # subclass for a tree type
    def children(self, treenode):
        assert 0, 'children method must be specialized for tree type'
    def label(self, treenode):
        assert 0, 'label method must be specialized for tree type'
    def value(self, treenode):
        return ''
    def onClick(self, treenode):
        # node label click callback
        return ''
    def onInputLine(self, line, viewer):
        # input line sent callback
        pass

#####$#####
# tree view GUI, tree independent
#####

class TreeViewer(Frame):
    def __init__(self, wrapper, parent=None, tree=None, bg='brown', fg='beige'):
        Frame.__init__(self, parent)
        self.pack(expand=YES, fill=BOTH)
        self.makeWidgets(bg)
        self.master.title('PyTree 1.0')
        self.wrapper = wrapper
        self.fg = fg
        if tree:
            self.drawTree(tree)

    def makeWidgets(self, bg):
        self.title = Label(self, text='PyTree 1.0')
        self.canvas = Canvas(self, bg=bg, borderwidth=0)
        vbar = Scrollbar(self)
        hbar = Scrollbar(self, orient='horizontal')

        self.title.pack(side=TOP, fill=X)
        vbar.pack(side=RIGHT, fill=Y)
        hbar.pack(side=BOTTOM, fill=X)
        self.canvas.pack(side=TOP, fill=BOTH, expand=YES)

        vbar.config(command=self.canvas.yview)
        hbar.config(command=self.canvas.xview)
        self.canvas.config(yscrollcommand=vbar.set)
        self.canvas.config(xscrollcommand=hbar.set)
        self.canvas.config(height=Height, width=Width)

    def clearTree(self):
        mylabel = 'PyTree 1.0 - ' + self.wrapper.__class__.__name__
        self.title.config(text=mylabel)
        self.unbind_all('<Button-1>')
        self.canvas.delete('all')

    def drawTree(self, tree):
        self.clearTree()
        wrapper = self.wrapper
        levels, maxrow = self.planLevels(tree, wrapper)
        self.canvas.config(scrollregion=(
            0, 0, (Colsz * maxrow), (Rowsz * len(levels)) ))
        self.drawLevels(levels, maxrow, wrapper)

    def planLevels(self, root, wrap):

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levels = []
maxrow = 0 # traverse tree to
currlevel = [(root, None)] # lay out rows, cols
while currlevel:
    levels.append(currlevel)
    size = len(currlevel)
    if size > maxrow: maxrow = size
    nextlevel = []
    for (node, parent) in currlevel:
        if node != None:
            children = wrap.children(node) # list of nodes
            if not children:
                nextlevel.append((None, None)) # leave a hole
            else:
                for child in children:
                    nextlevel.append((child, node)) # parent link
    currlevel = nextlevel
return levels, maxrow

def drawLevels(self, levels, maxrow, wrap):
    rowpos = 0 # draw tree per plan
    for level in levels: # set click handlers
        colinc = (maxrow * Colsz) / (len(level) + 1) # levels is treenodes
        colpos = 0
        for (node, parent) in level:
            colpos = colpos + colinc
            if node != None:
                text = wrap.label(node)
                more = wrap.value(node)
                if more: text = text + '=' + more
                win = Label(self.canvas, text=text,
                            bg=self.fg, bd=3, relief=RAISED)
                win.pack()
                win.bind('<Button-1>',
                        (lambda evt, node=node: self.onClick(evt, node)))
                self.canvas.create_window(colpos, rowpos, anchor=NW,
                                         window=win, width=Colsz*.5, height=Rowsz*.5)
            if parent != None:
                self.canvas.create_line(
                    parent.__colpos + Colsz*.25, # from x-y, to x-y
                    parent.__rowpos + Rowsz*.5,
                    colpos + Colsz*.25, rowpos, arrow='last', width=1)
                node.__rowpos = rowpos
                node.__colpos = colpos # mark node, private attrs
            rowpos = rowpos + Rowsz

def onClick(self, event, node):
    label = event.widget
    wrap = self.wrapper
    text = 'Label = ' + wrap.label(node) # on label click
    value = wrap.value(node)
    if value:
        text = text + '\nValue = ' + value # add tree text if any
    result = wrap.onClick(node) # run tree action if any
    if result:
        text = text + '\n' + result # add action result
    showinfo('PyTree', text) # pop up std dialog

def onInputLine(self, line):
    self.wrapper.onInputLine(line, self) # feed text to tree wrapper
    # ex: parse and redraw tree

def setTreeType(self, newTreeWrapper):
    # change tree type drawn
    if self.wrapper != newTreeWrapper:
        # effective on next draw

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        self.wrapper = newTreeWrapper
        self.clearTree()                               # else old node, new wrapper

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### Tree wrappers and test widgets

The other half of PyTree consists of a module that defines `TreeWrapper` subclasses that interface to binary and parser trees, implements canned test case buttons, and adds the control widgets to the bottom of the PyTree window.<sup>5</sup> These control widgets were split off into this separate module (in Example 20-27) on purpose, because the PyTree canvas might be useful as a viewer component in other GUI applications.

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# PyTree launcher script
# wrappers for viewing tree types in the book, plus test cases/GUI

from Tkinter import *
from treeview_wrappers import TreeWrapper, TreeViewer
from PP3E.Dstruct.Classics import btree
from PP3E.Lang.Parser import parser2

#####
# binary tree wrapper
#####

class BinaryTreeWrapper(TreeWrapper):
    # embed binary tree in viewer
    def children(self, node):
        # adds viewer protocols
        # to interface with tree
        try:
            return [node.left, node.right]
        except:
            return None
    def label(self, node):
        try:
            return str(node.data)
        except:
            return str(node)
    def onInputLine(self, line, viewer):
        # on test entry at bottom
        # make tree from text input
        # draw resulting btree
        # no onClick handler here
        items = line.split()
        t = btree.BinaryTree()
        for x in items: t.insert(x)
        viewer.drawTree(t.tree)

#####
# binary tree extension
#####

class BinaryTree(btree.BinaryTree):
    def __init__(self, viewer):
        # embed viewer in tree
        # but viewer has a wrapper
        btree.BinaryTree.__init__(self)
        self.viewer = viewer
    def view(self):
        self.viewer.drawTree(self.tree)

#####
# parse tree wrapper
#####

class ParseTreeWrapper(TreeWrapper):

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<sup>5</sup> If you're looking for a coding exercise, try adding another wrapper class and radio button to view the `KeyedBinaryTree` we wrote earlier in this chapter. You'll probably want to display the key in the GUI and pop up the associated value on-clicks.

```

def __init__(self):
    self.dict = {}
def children(self, node):
    try:
        return [node.left, node.right]
    except:
        try:
            return [node.var, node.val]
        except:
            return None
def label(self, node):
    for attr in ['label', 'num', 'name']:
        if hasattr(node, attr):
            return str(getattr(node, attr))
    return 'set'
def onClick(self, node):
    try:
        result = node.apply(self.dict)
        return 'Value = ' + str(result)
    except:
        return 'Value = <error>'
def onInputLine(self, line, viewer):
    p = parser2.Parser()
    p.lex.newtext(line)
    t = p.analyse()
    if t: viewer.drawTree(t)

#####
# canned test cases (or type new nodelists/exprs in input field)
#####

def shownodes(sequence):
    sequence = map(str, sequence)
    entry.delete(0, END)
    entry.insert(0, ' '.join(sequence))
def test1_binary():
    nodes = [3, 1, 9, 2, 7]
    tree = BinaryTree(viewer)
    for i in nodes: tree.insert(i)
    shownodes(nodes)
    tree.view()
def test2_binary():
    nodes = 'badce'
    tree = btree.BinaryTree()
    for c in nodes: tree.insert(c)
    shownodes(nodes)
    viewer.drawTree(tree.tree)
def test3_binary():
    nodes = 'abcde'
    tree = BinaryTree(viewer)
    for c in nodes: tree.insert(c)
    shownodes(nodes)
    tree.view()
def test4_binary():
    tree = BinaryTree(viewer)
    import random
    nodes = range(100)
    order = []
    while nodes:
        item = random.choice(nodes)

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        nodes.remove(item)
        tree.insert(item)
        order.append(item)
    shownodes(order)
    tree.view()

def test_parser(expr):
    parser = parser2.Parser()           # tree type is parser wrapper
    parser.lex.newtext(expr)           # subtrees evaluate when clicked
    tree = parser.analyse()            # input line parses new expr
    entry.delete(0, END)                # vars set in wrapper dictionary
    entry.insert(0, expr)               # see lang/text chapter for parser
    if tree: viewer.drawTree(tree)

def test1_parser(): test_parser("1 + 3 * (2 * 3 + 4)")
def test2_parser(): test_parser("set temp 1 + 3 * 2 * 3 + 4")
def test3_parser(): test_parser("set result temp + ((1 + 3) * 2) * (3 + 4)")

#####
# build viewer with extra widgets to test tree types
#####

if __name__ == '__main__':
    root = Tk()                         # build a single viewer GUI
    bwrapper = BinaryTreeWrapper()       # add extras: input line, test btns
    pwrapper = ParseTreeWrapper()        # make wrapper objects
    viewer = TreeViewer(bwrapper, root)   # start out in binary mode

    def onRadio():
        if var.get() == 'btree':
            viewer.setTreeType(bwrapper) # change viewer's wrapper
            for btn in p_btns: btn.pack_forget() # erase parser test buttons
            for btn in b_btns: btn.pack(side=LEFT) # unhide binary buttons
        elif var.get() == 'ptree':
            viewer.setTreeType(pwrapper)
            for btn in b_btns: btn.pack_forget()
            for btn in p_btns: btn.pack(side=LEFT)

    var = StringVar()
    var.set('btree')
    Radiobutton(root, text='Binary', command=onRadio,
                 variable=var, value='btree').pack(side=LEFT)
    Radiobutton(root, text='Parser', command=onRadio,
                 variable=var, value='ptree').pack(side=LEFT)

    b_btns = []
    b_btns.append(Button(root, text='test1', command=test1_binary))
    b_btns.append(Button(root, text='test2', command=test2_binary))
    b_btns.append(Button(root, text='test3', command=test3_binary))
    b_btns.append(Button(root, text='test4', command=test4_binary))
    p_btns = []
    p_btns.append(Button(root, text='test1', command=test1_parser))
    p_btns.append(Button(root, text='test2', command=test2_parser))
    p_btns.append(Button(root, text='test3', command=test3_parser))
    onRadio()

    def onInputLine():
        line = entry.get()                # use per current tree wrapper type
        viewer.onInputLine(line)          # type a node list or expression

    Button(root, text='input', command=onInputLine).pack(side=RIGHT)
    entry = Entry(root)
    entry.pack(side=RIGHT, expand=YES, fill=X)
    entry.bind('<Return>', lambda event: onInputLine()) # button or enter key

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```
| root.mainloop() # start up the GUI
```

## PyTree Does Parse Trees Too

Finally, I want to show you what happens when you click the Parser radio button in the PyTree window. The GUI changes over to an expression parse tree viewer by simply using a different tree wrapper class: the label at the top changes, the test buttons change, and input is now entered as an arithmetic expression to be parsed and sketched. Figure 20-5 shows a tree generated for the expression string displayed in the input field.



*Figure Error! No text of specified style in document.-4. PyTree viewing an expression parse tree*

PyTree is designed to be generic—it displays both binary and parse trees, but it is easy to extend for new tree types with new wrapper classes. On the GUI, you can switch between binary and parser tree types at any time by clicking the radio buttons. Input typed into the input field is always evaluated according to the current tree type. When the viewer is in parse tree mode, clicking on a node in the tree evaluates the part of the expression represented by the parse tree rooted at the node you clicked. Figure 20-6 shows the pop up you get when you click the root node of the tree displayed.



*Figure Error! No text of specified style in document.-5. PyTree pop up after clicking a parse tree node*

When viewing parse trees, PyTree becomes a sort of visual calculator—you can generate arbitrary expression trees and evaluate any part of them by clicking on nodes displayed. But at this point, there is not much more I can tell you about these kinds of trees until you move on to Chapter 21.