
blnuhr Documentation

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blnuhr: Python & Qt rendition of Berlin's quantity didactics clock

docs <http://blnuhr.readthedocs.org>

git <https://github.com/prjemian/blnuhr/>

<http://www.surveyor.in-berlin.de/berlin/uhr/indexe.html> The Berlin quantity didactics clock

CHAPTER 1

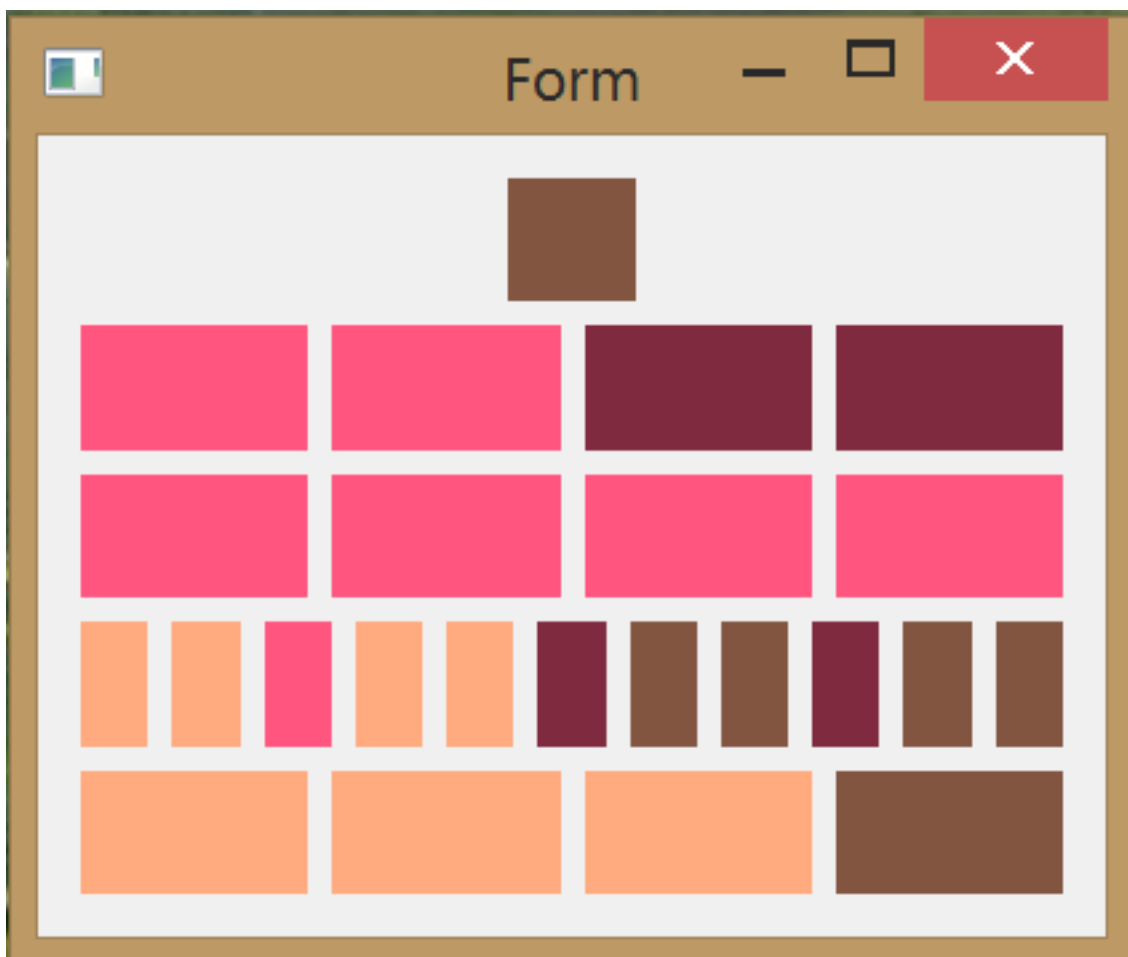
How it shows the time

The time is calculated by adding the lit rectangles. The top rectangle blinks changes every second. In the next row, the each rectangle represents 5 hours. In the third row, every rectangle represents 1 hour. Together, these two rows show the hour of the day. The fourth row rectangles represents 5 minute intervals. (Red rectangles show 15 minute intervals.) In the last row, every rectangle represents 1 minute. Like the hours, these two rows show the minutes after the hour.

CHAPTER 2

Example 14:28 (2:28 pm)

In this example, the time is 14:28.



Here's the explanation:

row 1 seconds are an even number, LED is off

row 2 first two LEDs are on, at least 10 AM

row 3 all LEDs are on, hours = 10 AM + 4 = 14:00

row 4 first 5 LEDs are on, at least 25 after the hour

row 5 first 3 LEDs are on, minutes = 25 + 3 = 14:28

CHAPTER 3

Compare 16:57 (4:57 pm)

Compare with a view of the Berlin Quantity Didactics Clock in 2004 (after it was moved to the Europa center). The time on the clock shown is 16:57 (4:57 pm).



blnuhr Package: Source Code Documentation

Source code documentation for *blnuhr*.

4.1 main Module

```
class blnuhr.main.Clock_blnuhr (**_kwargs)
    Bases: PyQt4.QtGui.QWidget
        create a widget for the clock and start it running

    start ()
        begin the periodic update of the clock

    update (t=None)
        manage a periodic update of the clock
        Show the time as a string on the seconds LED as a tool tip

blnuhr.main.main ()
    entry point to run standalone
```

4.2 resources Module

(internal) support for items in resources folder, such as forms defined in .ui files

```
blnuhr.resources.get_forms_path ()
    identify our resources directory

blnuhr.resources.loadUi (ui_file, baseinstance=None, **kw)
    load a .ui file for use in building a GUI

    Wraps uic.loadUi() with code that finds our program's resources directory.

    See http://nullege.com/codes/search/PyQt4.uic.loadUi
```

See <http://bitesofcode.blogspot.ca/2011/10/comparison-of-loading-techniques.html>

inspired by: <http://stackoverflow.com/questions/14892713/how-do-you-load-ui-files-onto-python-classes-with-pyside?lq=1>

Basic Procedure

1. Use Qt Designer to create a .ui file.
2. Create a python class of the same type as the widget you created in the .ui file.
3. When initializing the python class, use `uic` to dynamically load the .ui file onto the class.

Here is an example from this code:

```
1 from PyQt4 import QtGui
2 import resources
3
4 UI_FILE = 'plainTextEdit.ui'
5
6 class TextWindow(QtGui.QDialog, form_class):
7
8     def __init__(self, title, text):
9         QtGui.QDialog.__init__(self, parent)
10         resources.loadUi(UI_FILE, baseinstance=self)
11         self.setWindowTitle(title)
12         self.plainTextEdit.setPlainText(text)
13
14 import sys
15 app = QtGui.QApplication(sys.argv)
16 win = TextWindow('the title', __doc__)
17 win.show()
18 sys.exit(app.exec_())
```

`blnuhr.resources.resource_file(filename)`
absolute path to file in resources directory

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