



# GTK 3 ⇒ GTK 4

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# Principles



# Delegation over subclassing



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X11 ⇒ Wayland



# Surprises

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`gtk4-builder-tool` can help

## Surprises



```
gtk4-builder-tool simplify --3to4 old.ui > new.ui
```



Drawing  
Layout  
Input  
Actions

Drawing



Widgets → Render nodes → OpenGL / Vulkan

## Drawing



```
gboolean (* draw) (GtkWidget *widget,  
                   cairo_t    *cr)
```



```
void (* snapshot) (GtkWidget    *widget,  
                   GtkSnapshot *snapshot)
```



```
gtk_snapshot_append_texture()  
gtk_snapshot_append_layout()  
gtk_snapshot_append_cairo()
```



# GtkDrawingArea

`gtk_drawing_area_set_draw_func()`



**GtkDrawingArea**

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**GtkGLArea**

Drawing



# Demo

# Drawing



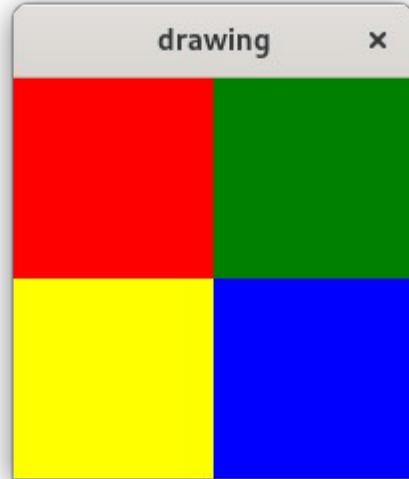
```
static void
demo_widget_snapshot (GtkWidget    *widget,
                      GtkSnapshot *snapshot)
{
    GdkRGBA red, green, yellow, blue;
    float w, h;

    gdk_rgba_parse (&red, "red");
    gdk_rgba_parse (&green, "green");
    gdk_rgba_parse (&yellow, "yellow");
    gdk_rgba_parse (&blue, "blue");

    w = gtk_widget_get_width (widget) / 2.0;
    h = gtk_widget_get_height (widget) / 2.0;

    gtk_snapshot_append_color (snapshot, &red,&GRAPHENE_RECT_INIT(0, 0, w, h));
    gtk_snapshot_append_color (snapshot, &green, &GRAPHENE_RECT_INIT(w, 0, w, h));
    gtk_snapshot_append_color (snapshot, &yellow, &GRAPHENE_RECT_INIT(0, h, w, h));
    gtk_snapshot_append_color (snapshot, &blue, &GRAPHENE_RECT_INIT(w, h, w, h));
}
```

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# Say goodbye to GtkContainer

## Layout



`size_allocate` ⇒ GtkLayoutManager

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size\_allocate ⇒ GtkLayoutManager  
gtk\_widget\_class\_set\_layout\_manager\_type()



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gtk\_widget\_class\_set\_layout\_manager\_type()

gtk\_widget\_set\_parent()

Layout



Demo

# Layout



```
static void
demo_widget_init (DemoWidget *demo)
{
    demo->label1 = gtk_label_new ("Red");
    gtk_widget_set_parent (demo->label1, GTK_WIDGET (demo));

    demo->label2 = gtk_label_new ("Green");
    gtk_widget_set_parent (demo->label2, GTK_WIDGET (demo));

    demo->label3 = gtk_label_new ("Blue");
    gtk_widget_set_parent (demo->label3, GTK_WIDGET (demo));

    demo->label4 = gtk_label_new ("Yellow");
    gtk_widget_set_parent (demo->label4, GTK_WIDGET (demo));
}
```

# Layout



```
static void
demo_widget_dispose (GObject *object)
{
    DemoWidget *demo = DEMO_WIDGET (object);

    g_clear_pointer (&demo->label1, gtk_widget_unparent);
    g_clear_pointer (&demo->label2, gtk_widget_unparent);
    g_clear_pointer (&demo->label3, gtk_widget_unparent);
    g_clear_pointer (&demo->label4, gtk_widget_unparent);

    G_OBJECT_CLASS (demo_widget_parent_class) ->dispose (object);
}
```

# Layout



# Layout



Objects Global CSS Recorder x

GtkLabel

Miscellaneous	Name ▾	Type	Defined At	Value	Properties
Properties	child-widget	GtkWidget	GtkLayoutChild	(construct-only) 0x1d3a160	<button>Properties</button>
Layout	column-span	gint	GtkGridLayoutChild	1	- +
CSS Nodes	layout-manager	GtkLayoutManager	GtkLayoutChild	(construct-only) 0x1c070c0	<button>Properties</button>
Actions	left-attach	gint	GtkGridLayoutChild	1	- +
Controllers	row-span	gint	GtkGridLayoutChild	1	- +
Magnifier	top-attach	gint	GtkGridLayoutChild	0	- +

# Layout



layout		x
Yellow	Red	
Blue	Green	

## Input



::button-press-event ⇒ GtkGestureClick

::focus-in-event ⇒ GtkEventControllerFocus

::motion-notify-event ⇒ GtkEventControllerMotion

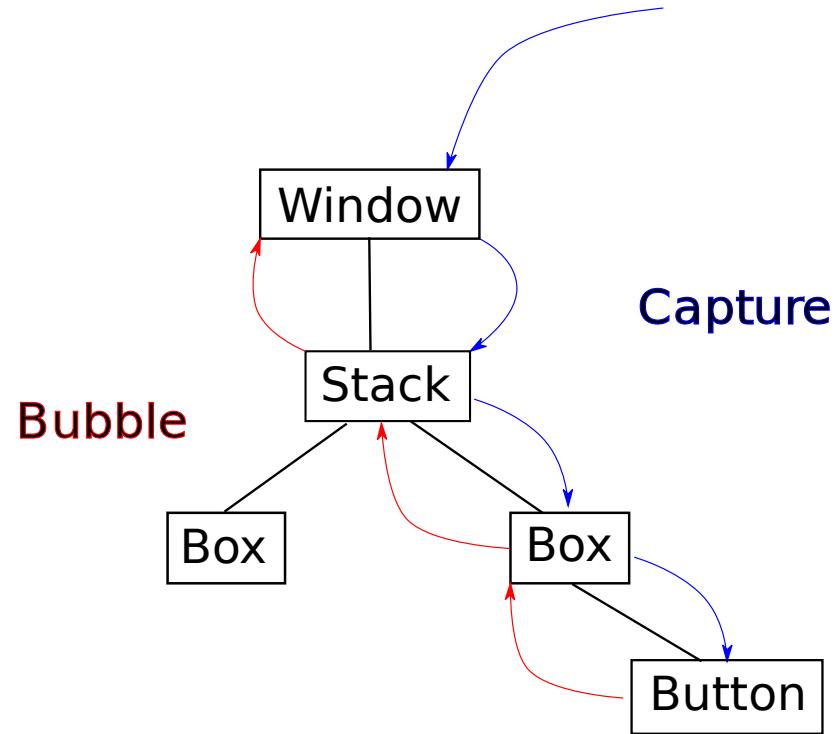
Input



`gtk_drag_source_set()` ⇒ `GtkDragSource`

`gtk_drag_dest_set()` ⇒ `GtkDropTarget`

Input



Input



# Demo

# Input



```
static void
demo_widget_init (DemoWidget *demo)
{
    GtkEventController *controller;

    demo->label1 = gtk_label_new ("Red");
    demo->label2 = gtk_label_new ("Blue");

    controller = gtk_gesture_click_new ();
    g_signal_connect (controller, "pressed",
                      G_CALLBACK (red_clicked_cb), demo);
    gtk_widget_add_controller (demo->label1, controller);

    controller = gtk_gesture_click_new ();
    g_signal_connect (controller, "pressed",
                      G_CALLBACK (blue_clicked_cb), demo);
    gtk_widget_add_controller (demo->label2, controller);
}
```

# Input



```
static void
red_clicked_cb (GtkGestureClick *gesture,
                 int               n_pressed,
                 double            x,
                 double            y,
                 DemoWidget       *demo)
{
    g_print ("Red clicked\n");
}
```

Actions



# GAction, app menus



GAction, app menus

`gtk_widget_insert_action_group()`



## GAction, app menus

`gtk_widget_insert_action_group()`  
`gtk_widget_class_install_action()`



## GAction, app menus

`gtk_widget_insert_action_group()`

`gtk_widget_class_install_action()`

`gtk_widget_class_add_binding_action()`

Actions



# Demo

## Actions



```
static void
demo_widget_class_init (DemoWidgetClass *class)
{
    GtkWidgetClass *widget_class = GTK_WIDGET_CLASS
(class);

    /* ... */

    gtk_widget_class_install_action (widget_class,
                                    "turn-red", NULL,
                                    turn_red);
    gtk_widget_class_install_action (widget_class,
                                    "turn-blue", NULL,
                                    turn_blue);
}
```

## Actions



```
static void
turn_red (GtkWidget *widget,
          const char *actionname,
          GVariant *parameter)
{
    gtk_widget_add_css_class (widget, "red");
}

static void
red_clicked_cb (GtkGestureClick *gesture,
                int                 n_pressed,
                double              x,
                double              y,
                DemoWidget         *demo)
{
    gtk_widget_activate_action (demo, "turn-red", NULL);
}
```



Migration guide <https://developer.gnome.org/gtk4/3.98/migrating.html>

GTK blog

<https://blog.gtk.org/>

Discourse

<https://discourse.gnome.org>

This talk

<https://gitlab.gnome.org/matthiasc/guadec-2020>

New things



Media support

GdkPixbuf  $\Rightarrow$  GdkPaintable

GtkMediaFile, GtkPicture, GtkVideo

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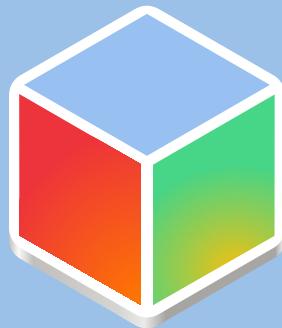
Scalable lists

Widget recycling

`GtkTreeModel` ⇒ `GListModel`

`GtkIconView` ⇒ `GtkGridView`

`GtkTreeView` ⇒ `GtkColumnView`



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