

Windows Open Source QT & PyQt Installation

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1. **Install Python2.5.1.** Download [Python 2.5.1](http://www.python.org/download/) from <http://www.python.org/download/> and install it in its default location.

2. **Install Qt.** Qt is a C++ GUI library.

- [Download Qt "mingw.exe" version 4.2.3](http://www.trolltech.com/developer/downloads/qt/windows) of Qt from either http or ftp links at the bottom of the page under the Download header, here:
<http://www.trolltech.com/developer/downloads/qt/windows>
- PyQt4 version 4.2.3 is built for Qt version 4.2.3, it is recommended that you use this older version of Qt instead of the Qt4.3.0 current version.
- <ftp://ftp.trolltech.com/qt/source/>
- Install Qt. (Ignore error messages about the missing header.)

3. **Set some environment variables:**

- Qt provides this script; however, it might not work: double-click qtvars.bat in C:\Qt\4.2.3\bin
- It should set up the following for you, but please check that it was successful.
- Right click on **MyComputer**, choose **Properties**, choose the **Advanced Tab**, click on **Environment Variables**.
- QTDIR = C:\Qt\4.2.3
- QTMAKESPEC = win32-g++
- **Add the following to PATH:**
 - C:\Qt\4.2.3\bin

4. **Install PyQt.** PyQt is a set of Python bindings for Qt.

- Download [PyQt-gpl-4.2-Py2.5-Qt4.2.3.exe](http://www.riverbankcomputing.co.uk/pyqt/download.php) windows binary from here
<http://www.riverbankcomputing.co.uk/pyqt/download.php>
- Install by double clicking on the executable windows installer.
- Install in the default directory, it should find C:/Python25/ by itself.

5. **Test PyQt.**

- You should now be able to run the examples that come with PyQt using the Python 2.5.1 that you have on your system.
- From the Start Menu, Start >Programs > PyQt-win-gpl-4.1.1 > Examples and Demos
- If it opens up and you can navigate around it and look at the demos, then you are installed correctly thus far.

6. Copy SIP and PyQt4 site-packages into Maya cut.

- Copy the SIP and PyQt stuff from the site-packages of Python 2.5.1 into the site-packages of your Maya cut.
- C:\Python25\Lib\site-packages
- C:\Program Files\Autodesk\Maya2008\Python\lib\site-packages
- PyQt4 does not switch back and forth from 32 to 64 bit. This is built in 32 bit Python; therefore, you can use it in 32 bit mayapy, but not in 64 bit mayapy.
- In order to use this in 64bit Maya, you will have to build it in 64bit Python.

7. Use PyQt4 from Maya.

```
import sys

import PyQt4 as qt
```

If this is not working, you may need to edit the Qt.py file in your ...\\maya2008\Python\lib\site-packages\PyQt4\ directory, so that it comments out the last line.

- `#from PyQt4.QtDesigner import *`

We instantiate a QApplication passing the arguments of the script to it:

```
app = qt.QApplication(sys.argv)
```

Add a basic widget to this application:

The first argument is the text we want this QWidget to show, the second
one is the parent widget. Since Our "hello" is the only widget we use ,the
so-called "MainWidget", it does not have a parent.

```
hello = qt.QLabel("Hello world!",None)
```

... and that it should be shown.

```
hello.show()
```

- If the Hello world! widget opens up, then you are installed correctly.