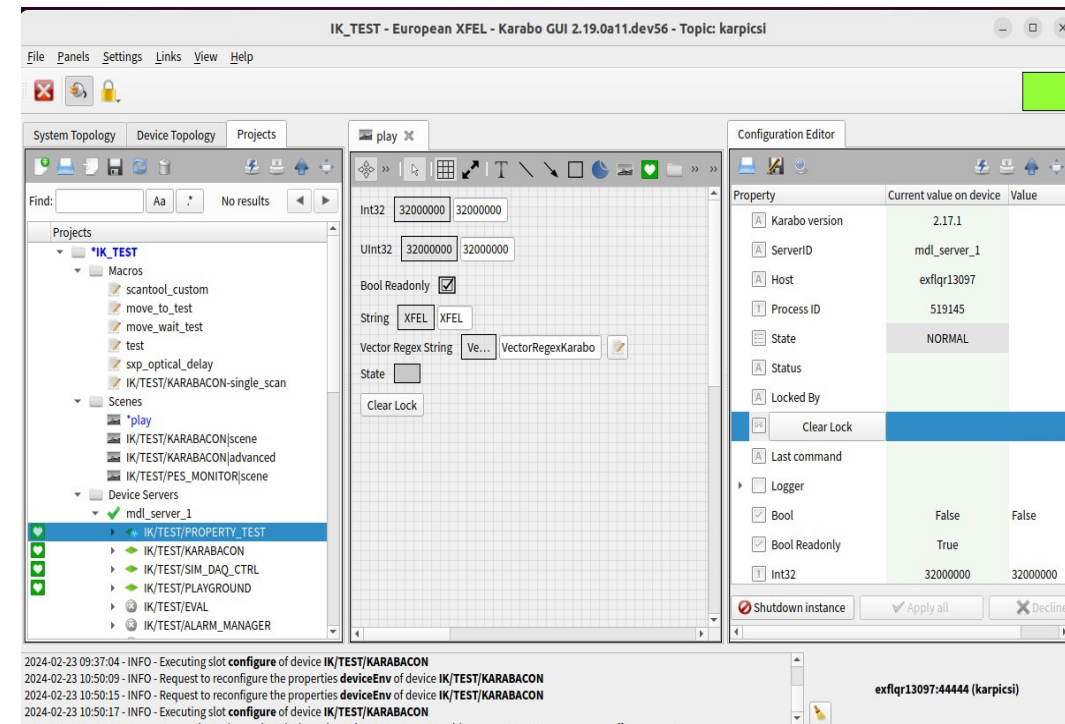


## Session 4 : GUI Extensions

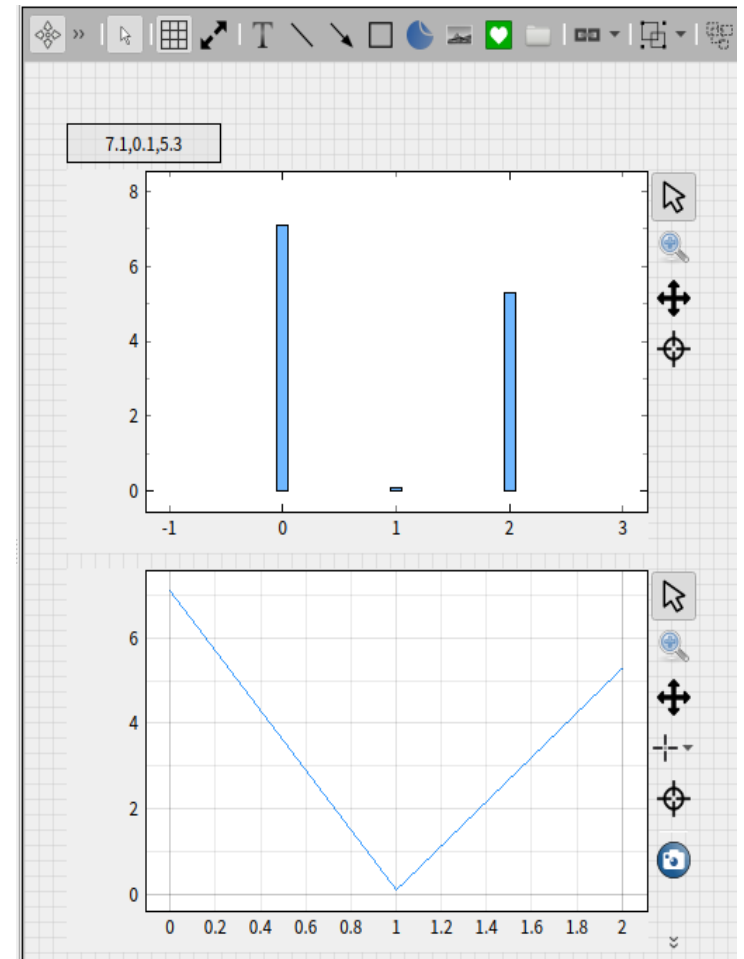
# Karabo GUI

- Control and designer modes.
- In designer mode: drag and drop device properties to the scene.
- Default widgets based on the data type are displayed.
- Contains 3 items: property name, display and edit widgets.
- Scenes are stored in project or provided by devices.



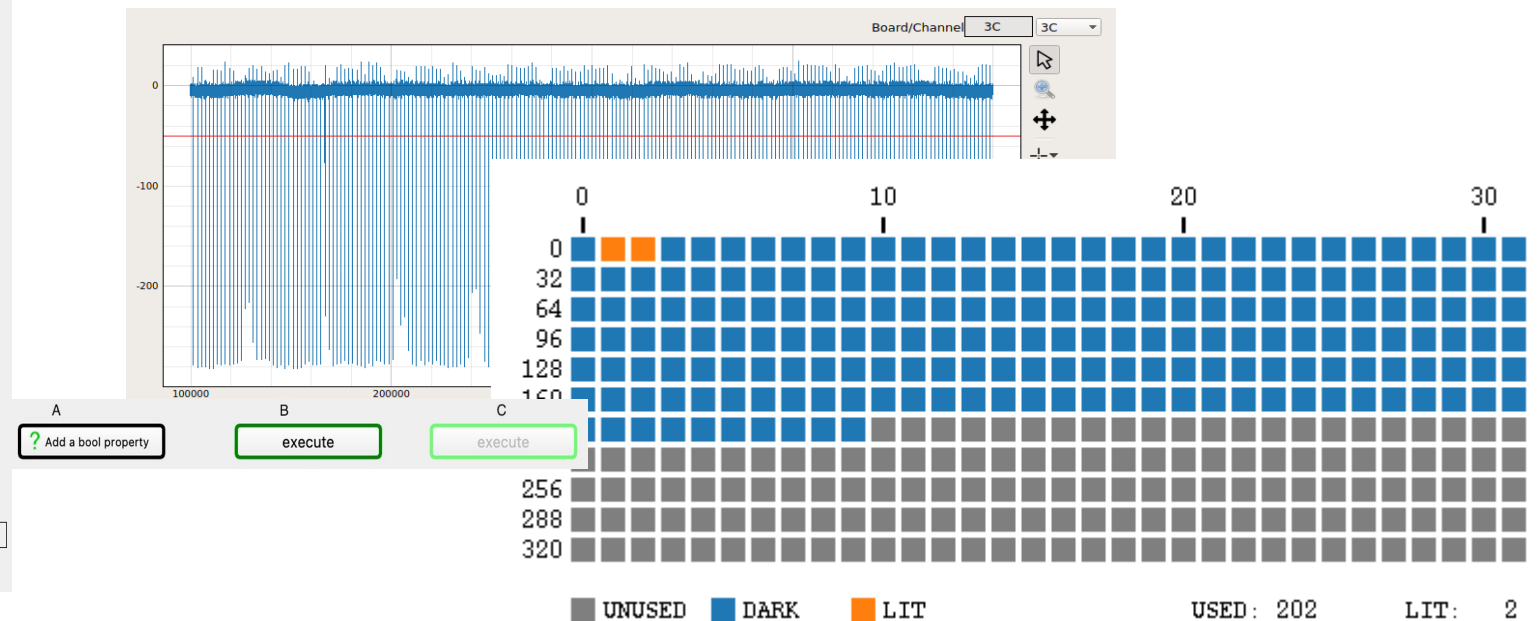
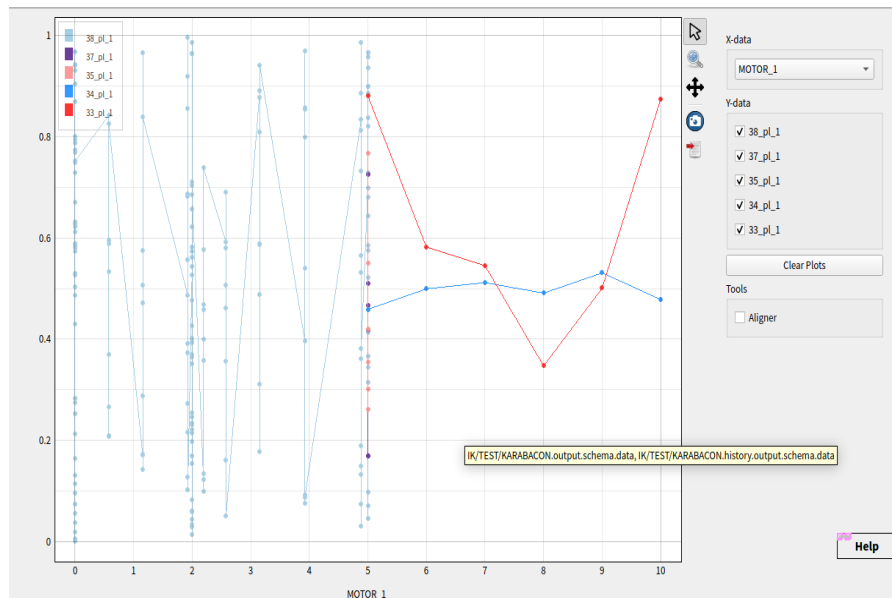
## Karabo GUI

- Large set of built-in widgets.
- Widgets can be changed by right clicking on the widget and selecting **Change Widget**.
- Based on the data type, display types changes.
- Switching between widgets is always possible.



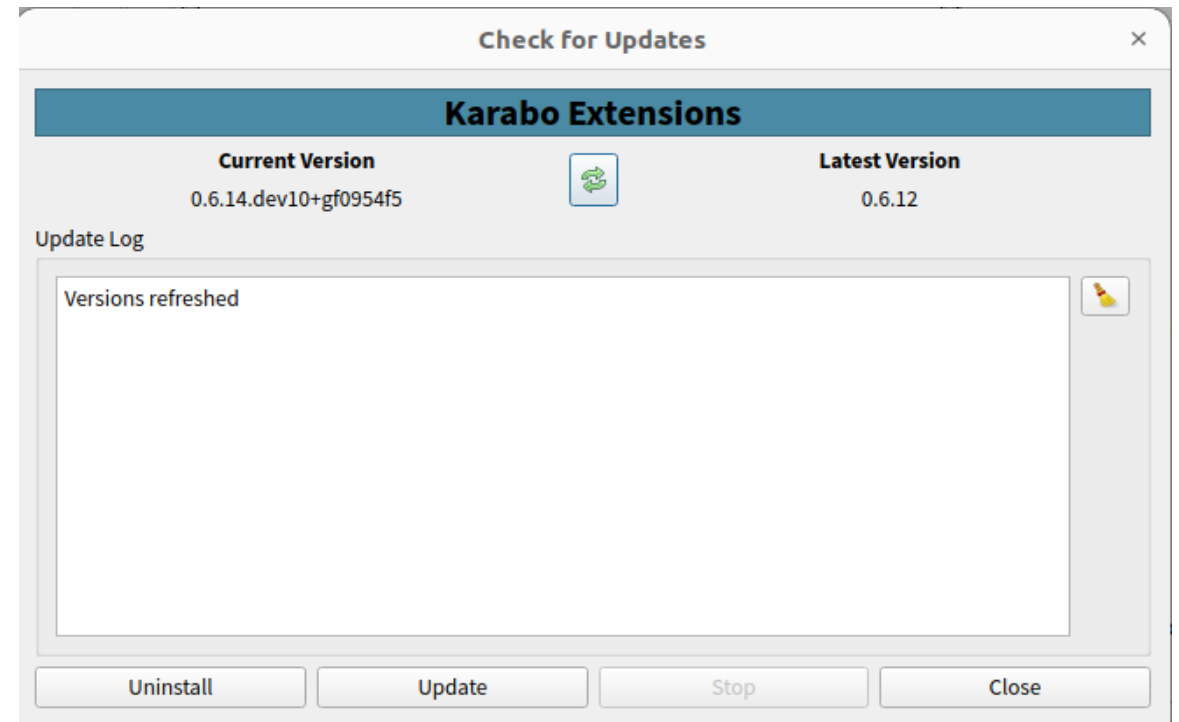
## GUI Extensions

- Karabo GUI Extensions (further extensions) is a python package that compliments Karabo GUI by adding custom tailor made widgets.
- It is **not** part of Karabo framework and does not follow karabo release/deployment cycle and can be updated at any point.
- Gitlab link: <https://git.xfel.eu/karaboDevices/guiextensions>



## Solution: Update gui extensions

- As the extensions are frequently updated one might miss the latest widgets.
- Use **Help** → **Check for Updates** to update extensions.
- Close and open karabo gui to reload extensions.



## Karabo GUI development environment

- Karabo GUI is installed via conda package manager and dependency tool.
- It is written in Python by using PyQt and pyqtgraph libraries.
- To prepare the development environment of gui extensions:
  1. Clone guiextensions repository
  2. Activate conda environment of the Karabo GUI.
  3. Install guiextensions python package.

## Hands on #1 : prepare developer environment

- Open terminal
- `source /opt/miniconda/bin/activate`
- `conda activate karabogui`
- `cd`
- `cd karabo/devices/guiextensions`
- `git checkout workshop`
- `pip install -e .`
- `karabo-gui` (might take few sec.)

## Hands on #2: Change widget to gui extension

- Open karabo from terminal and connect with **admin** rights.
- Open project **SESSION\_4**.
- Instantiate the middlelayer device **KARABO\_TEST/MDL/PROPERTY\_TEST**.
- Create a scene **SESSION\_4\_SCENE**.
- Drag and drop a **Float (Min / Max)** property on the scene.
- Ungroup widgets and change the second widget to **Workshop Example 1**.
- Save project.



## GUI Extensions: Building blocks

- Extension is defined as an entry point in the **setup.py**
- It has to have a **data model**
- And representation **widget**.

## Hands on #3: explore gui extension

- Open visual code.
- Open folder **karabo/devices/guiextensions**
- Open file **src/extensions/workshop/display\_example\_one.py**

## GUI Extensions: Building blocks

```

from qtpy.QtWidgets import QLabel, QWidget, QHBoxLayout
from traits.api import Instance, WeakRef

from karabogui.api import (
    FloatBinding, BaseBindingController, get_binding_value,
    register_binding_controller)

from ..models.api import WorkshopExampleOneModel

@register_binding_controller(ui_name="Workshop Example One",
                           klassname="WorkshopExampleOne",
                           binding_type=FloatBinding)
class DisplayWorkshopExampleOne(BaseBindingController):
    # The scene model class for this controller
    model = Instance(WorkshopExampleOneModel, args=())
    # Internal traits
    _value_label = WeakRef(QLabel)

    def create_widget(self, parent):
        # Method has to return an object of Qt Widget class
        widget = QWidget(parent=parent)

        # Adds a label
        self._value_label = QLabel("Not updated!!!", parent=widget)
        # Assign horizontal layout and adds label to the layout
        hlayout = QHBoxLayout(widget)
        hlayout.addWidget(self._value_label)
        return widget

    def value_update(self, proxy):
        """Calls when the property value changes"""
        value = get_binding_value(proxy)
        if value:
            self._value_label.setText(f"Total amount: {value} $")

```

■ Class is decorated with **register\_binding\_controller**.

- **ui\_name** appears in the gui.
- **klassname** should be the same as in setup.py
- **binding\_type** defines data type that the controller will accept.

■ Class has to be inherited from **BaseBindingController**.

■ Has a model (for storing attributes in project) and internal objects.

■ Mandatory methods that needs to be implemented:

- **create\_widget** returns PyQt widget object,
- **value\_update** callback when value proxy changes.

## GUI Extensions: Building blocks

- **Model** can be used to store a gui related configuration in the Karabo project.

```
class WorkshopExampleOneModel(BaseWidgetObjectData):  
    """ A model for the Workshop example widget """
```

- **Setup.py** contains all entry points:

```
'WorkshopExampleOne = extensions.workshop.display_example_one',  
'WorkshopExampleTwo = extensions.workshop.display_example_two',
```

- **pip install -e .** to links the package. Necessary if the entry points in the setup.py change. No need to do pip install if the extension code changes.

## Note about libraries: Qt, PyQt, qtpy and traits

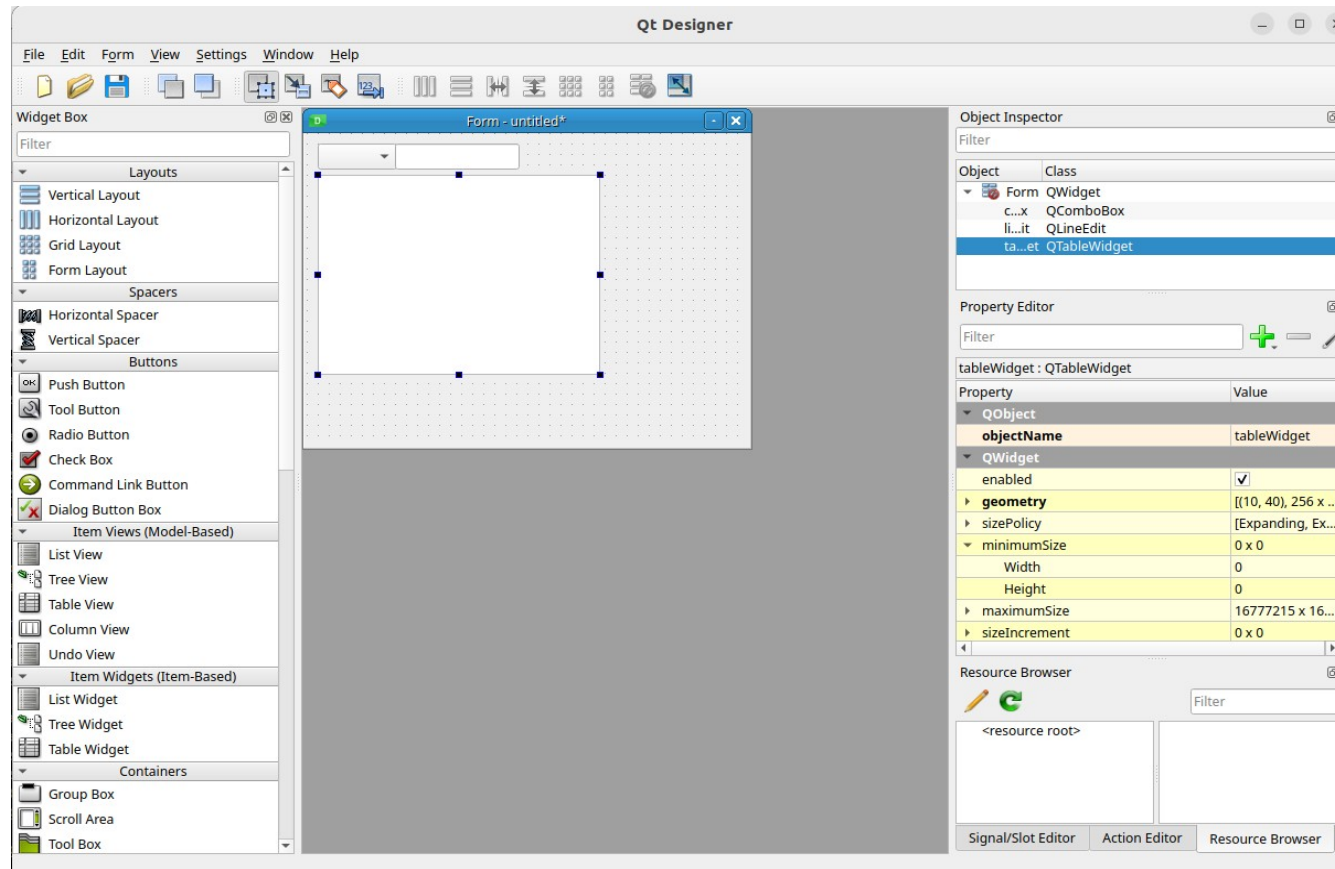
- Qt is graphical library written in c++, PyQt is wrapper of Qt and qtpy handles various PyQt versions.
- QWidget is a base class of all user interface objects (QLabel, QLineEdit, QPushButton, etc.).
- Widgets are grouped in layout(s) (QHBoxLayout, QVBoxLayout, QGridLayout).
- Traits package is used to ensure data validation.

### Hint:

- PyQt provides **designer** tool.
- Allows to explore Qt library and create \*.ui files for complex widgets and layouts.

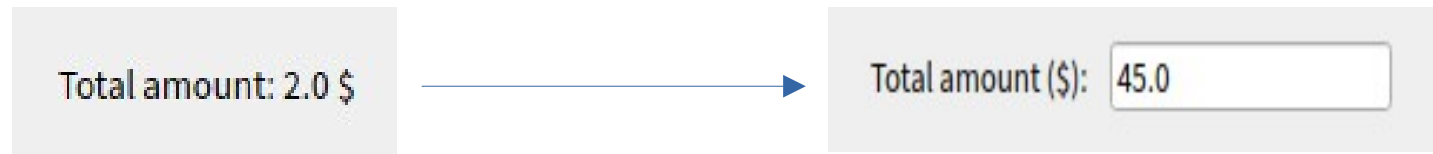
# Designer

- Activate conda karabo environment and launch **designer**.



## Hands on #4

- Currently **display\_example\_one.py** contains one label that displays a text with attribute value.
- Modify widget by adding a value input widget that displays the value.



## Hands on #4 : steps and solution

- Add **QLineEdit** (widget for value input) to the imports (line 1).
- Add **\_value\_ledit = WeakRef(QLineEdit)** to internal objects (After line 18)
- Add line edit to the widget and layout (after line 25 and 28):
  - **self.\_value\_ledit = QLineEdit(parent=widget)**
  - **hlayout.addWidget(self.\_value\_ledit)**
- Set label and value\_ledit text (after line 34):
  - **self.\_value\_ledit.setText(str(value))**
  - Solution: **git checkout workshop\_done** (close/open GUI)
  - **git diff workshop workshop\_done**



## Property proxies

- Property proxy links device attributes with widgets.
- It is not the device proxies used in the middlelayer context.
- All karabo data types are supported. Including nodes.
- Reimplement **add\_proxy** to accept multiple proxies.
- add\_proxy** on success should return True.
- value\_update** will be called if any proxy has been changed.

```
def add_proxy(self, proxy):  
    """Add an additional proxy besides the main  
    | proxy to the controller  
    """  
    if proxy is self.proxy:  
        return False  
    if self.second_proxy is not None:  
        return False  
    self.second_proxy = proxy  
    return True
```

```
def value_update(self, proxy):  
    """Calls when the property value changes"""  
    value = get_binding_value(proxy)  
  
    if proxy is self.proxy:  
        self._value_ledit.setText(str(value))  
    elif proxy is self.second_proxy:  
        self._symbol_label.setText(str(value))
```

## Hands on # 5: Example with two proxies

- Drag and drop **Float** property to the scene.
- Change widget to **Workshop Example 2**.
- Drag and drop a **String** property on top of the widget.
- Text appears in the label. Hovering over the widget shows connected proxies.
- Open **display\_example\_two.py** in visual code.

## Hands on #6

■ Modify `display_workshop_example_two.py`.

■ Implement basic interactive gui. If the float value is above 100:

- Disable value `self._value_edit` (use **`setEnabled()`**).
- Inform user that manual mode is disabled: Set tool tip of the **`self._value_edit`**.

## Hands on #6 : steps and result

- Add code to the `value_update`:

```
self._value_ledit.setEnabled(value < 100)
```

```
tool_tip = "Manual mode is disabled" if value > 0 else ""
```

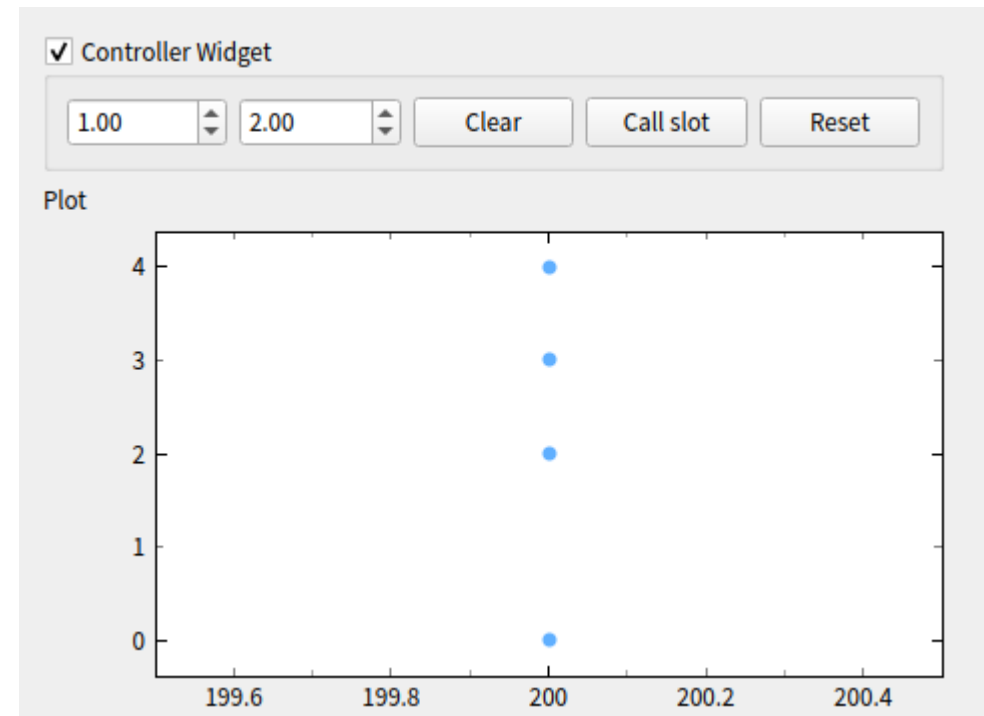
```
self._value_ledit.setToolTip(tool_tip)
```

- Solution: **git checkout workshop\_done** (close/open GUI)

- Difference: **git diff workshop workshop\_done**

## An advanced example

- Workshop example 3
- Nested layouts.
- Usage of model attributes (Traits package).
- Qt signals and slots.
- Setting attributes via proxy.
- Handling `state_update`.
- Calling karabo slots and handling response.
- KaraboPlotView class.



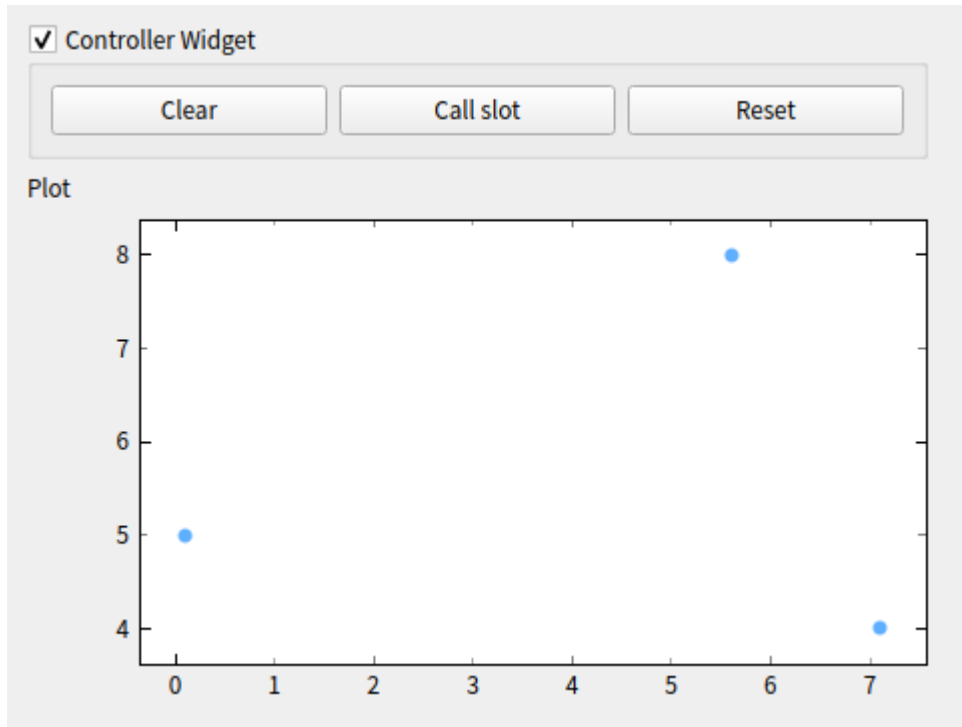
## Hands on #7

- Drag and drop Float attribute on the scene.
- Change widget to Workshop Example 3.
- Drag and drop a second Float attribute on the scene.

## Hands on #8

- Modify Workshop example 3
- Remove spinbox items
- `biding_type` should accept `VectorDouble` and `VectorFloat` attributes.
- `on_value` change verify that vectors have the same length.
- On each value update clean scatter graph and plot new points.

## Hands on #8 : result



```
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@register_binding_controller(ui_name="Workshop Example 3",
                             classname="WorkshopExampleThree",
                             binding_type=(VectorFloatBinding, VectorDoubleBinding))
```

```
def value_updated(self, proxy, value):
    """Calls widget's value_updated method.
    # We need to check for None
    if self.y_proxy is None:
        return
    # Plot points
    x_values = get_binding_value(self.proxy)
    y_values = get_binding_value(self.y_proxy)
    if x_values is not None and y_values is not None:
        self._scatter_plot.clear()
        if x_values.size == y_values.size:
            self._scatter_plot.addPoints(
                [{"pos": [x, y]} for x, y in zip(x_values, y_values)])

(function) def get_binding_value(
    binding: Any,
    default: Any | None = None
) -> (Any | None)
Get the binding value, this function is used to deal with Undefined or None
:param default: return default if value is None or Undefined
```



## Further reading

- Karabo scenes: [https://rtd.xfel.eu/docs/karabo/en/latest/library/gui\\_scene\\_development.html](https://rtd.xfel.eu/docs/karabo/en/latest/library/gui_scene_development.html)
- GUI Extensions: [https://rtd.xfel.eu/docs/gui-extensions/en/latest/install\\_latest\\_version.html](https://rtd.xfel.eu/docs/gui-extensions/en/latest/install_latest_version.html)
- Qt: <https://doc.qt.io/qt-5/qtwidgets-index.html> , <https://doc.qt.io/qt-5/qtwidgets-module.html>
- PyQt graph: <https://www.pyqtgraph.org/>

## Take Away

- Karabo GUI has a rich set of built-in widgets.
- Most of them are adjustable to fit user needs.
- Missing gui appearance and complex widgets might be achieved via gui extensions.
- Use existing set of Karabo GUI widgets, ask for support/feature or develop your gui extensions.