

C++, GUI Programming, and You.

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Outline

- GUI Programming in C++
- The Qt Library
- The WxWidgets Library
- Visual C++

Qt

- Developed by TrollTech
- Comes in Open Source and Commercial Flavours
- Adds nifty features to your C++
 - ♦ Garbage Collection!

Qt Event Handling

- QEventLoop
 - ♦ Can be instantiated arbitrarily
- QApplications always have a QEventLoop
 - ♦ This is the main event loop
- Filterable
 - ♦ User input, Socket Notifiers, Defer, X11Timer Events
- Active Event Loop pulls events off of queue
 - ♦ No events? Wait state

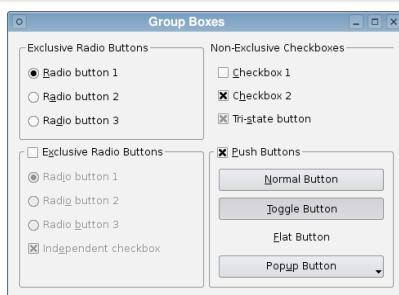
Events

- QEvent is the parent of all events.
 - ♦ Usually sent by Windowing System
 - But can be manually sent
- QEvent uses Types
 - ♦ An Int Enumeration
 - ♦ Over 100 System defined Types
 - ♦ Type IDs 1000–65535 reserved for User Defined Events

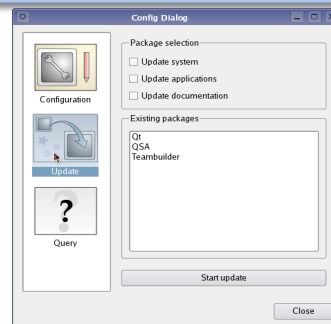
Qt Example Widgets

- Qt has access to a plethora of Widgets
- Here are some nice pictoral examples.

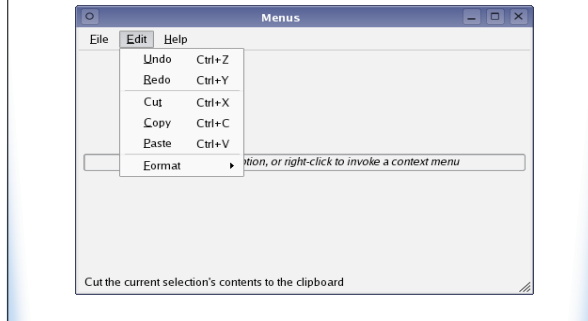
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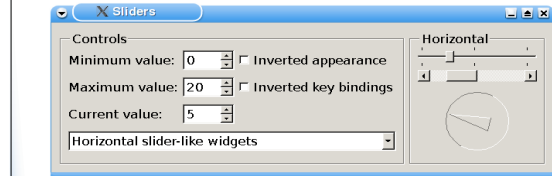
A Configuration Dialog



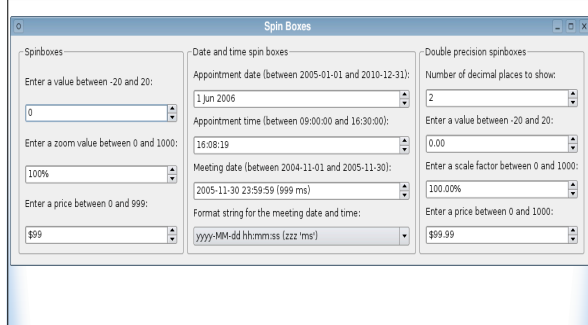
Menus in a Window



Slide Bars!



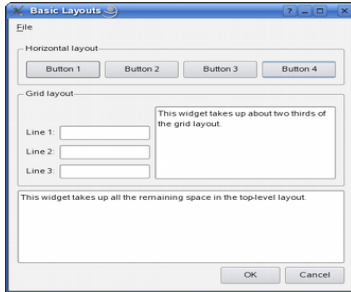
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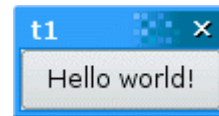
Qt Layout Management

- **Layout Widget**
 - ♦ A widget that organizes the QObjects added to it.
 - QHBoxLayout, QVBoxLayout, QGridLayout
- **QLayout**
 - ♦ Much like Java's layouts
 - QGridLayout == GridBagLayout
 - ♦ More Complicated to use, but freer
 - Possibly to extend QLayout for customization

Layout Widget Example



Qt Example



Qt Example Source

```
#include <QApplication>
#include <QPushButton>

int main (int argc, char *argv[])
{
    QApplication app(argc, argv);
    QPushButton hello("Hello world!");
    hello.resize(100, 30);
    hello.show();
    return app.exec();
}
```

Qt Example that Wayne Wrote

```
#include <QT>
#include <QApplication>
#include <QLabel>
#include <QWidget>

int main (int argc, char *argv[])
{
    QApplication app(argc, argv);
    QWidget window;
    window.resize(800, 600);
    QLabel first("I'm the first label!", &window);
    QLabel second("I'm the second label!", &window);
    QLabel third("I'm not actually here.", &window);
    first.setGeometry(0,0,800,200);
    second.setGeometry(0,200,800,200);
    third.setGeometry(0,400,800,200);
    window.show();
    return app.exec();
}
```

WxWidgets

- Yet another C++ GUI Library!
- Released by the Artificial Intelligence Applications Institute at the University of Edinburgh in 1992
 - ♦ Originally an in house tool

WxWidgets Event Handling

- wxEvtHandler
 - ♦ Takes events from the event queue
 - ♦ Invokes method in the event table on itself
- Why is WxWidgets different?
 - ♦ wxWindow is an ancestor of wxEvtHandler
 - Everything that's a window is an event handler
 - In WxWidgets, everything that's visible is a window!

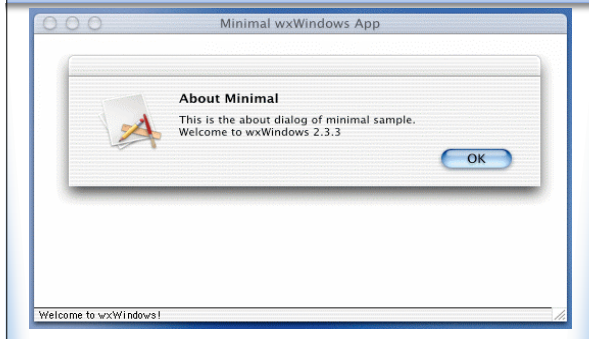
WxWidgets Main Event Loop

- Every WxWidget application must inherit from the class wxApp
 - ♦ wxApp inherits from wxWindow
 - ♦ Forces the wxApp ancestor to be the main event loop

Events in WxWidgets

- Descendents of wxEvent class
 - ♦ Also uses int Type enumeration
 - Ints are dynamically assigned at run time
- Command Events vs. Non-Command
 - ♦ Command events are passed recursively up to a window's parents
 - ♦ Non-Command events are not.
- Command events are almost always user generated.

WxWidgets Example Widgets



wxGLCanvas



wxDialog Example



WxWidgets Layout Management

- wxSizer is the parent Layout class
- Functions by adding wxWindow instances directly to an instance of a wxSizer
- 5 implementing ancestors
 - ♦ wxBoxSizer, wxStaticBoxSizer, wxGridSizer, wxFlexGridSizer, CreateButtonSizer

WxWidgets Example

WxWidgets Example Source

```
/*  
 * hworld.cpp  
 * Hello world sample by Robert Roebing  
 */  
  
#include "wx/wx.h"  
  
class MyApp: public wxApp  
{  
    virtual bool OnInit();  
};  
  
class MyFrame: public wxFrame  
{  
public:  
    MyFrame(const wxString& title, const wxPoint& pos, const wxSize& size);  
  
    void OnQuit(wxCommandEvent& event);  
    void OnAbout(wxCommandEvent& event);  
  
    DECLARE_EVENT_TABLE()  
};
```

It Continues!

```
enum  
{  
    ID_Quit = 1,  
    ID_About,  
};  
  
BEGIN_EVENT_TABLE(MyFrame, wxFrame)  
    EVT_MENU(ID_Quit, MyFrame::OnQuit)  
    EVT_MENU(ID_About, MyFrame::OnAbout)  
END_EVENT_TABLE()  
  
IMPLEMENT_APP(MyApp)  
  
bool MyApp::OnInit()  
{  
    MyFrame *frame = new MyFrame("Hello World", wxPoint(50,50), wxSize(450,340));  
    frame->Show(TRUE);  
    SetTopWindow(frame);  
    return TRUE;  
}
```

Will it end?

```
MyFrame::MyFrame(const wxString& title, const wxPoint& pos, const wxSize& size)  
: wxFrame(wxFrame::NULL, -1, title, pos, size)  
{  
    wxMenu *menuFile = new wxMenu;  
  
    menuFile->Append(ID_About, "&About...");  
    menuFile->AppendSeparator();  
    menuFile->Append(ID_Quit, "E&xit");  
  
    wxMenuBar *menuBar = new wxMenuBar;  
    menuBar->Append(menuFile, "&File");  
  
    SetMenuBar(menuBar);  
  
    CreateStatusBar();  
    SetStatusText("Welcome to wxWindows!");  
}
```

Yeah. Finally.

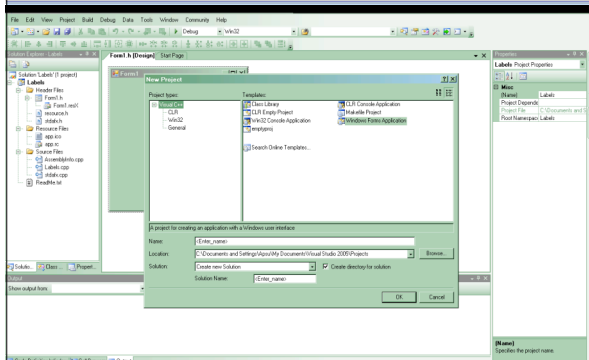
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void MyFrame::OnQuit(wxCommandEvent& WXUNUSED(event))
{
    Close(TRUE);
}

void MyFrame::OnAbout(wxCommandEvent& WXUNUSED(event))
{
    wxMessageBox("This is a wxWindows Hello world sample",
        "About Hello World", wxOK | wxICON_INFORMATION, this);
}
```

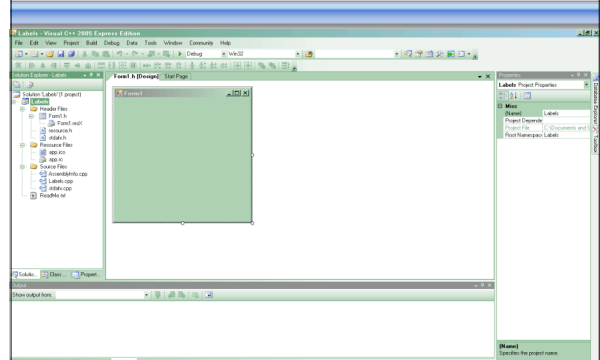
Visual C++

- Microsoft's Implementation of C++
- With a shiny front end of Visual Studio

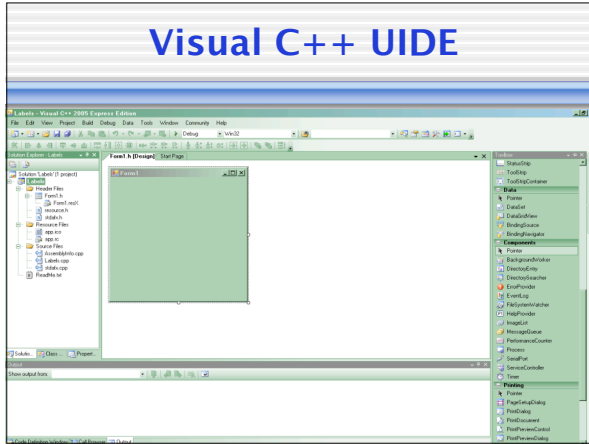
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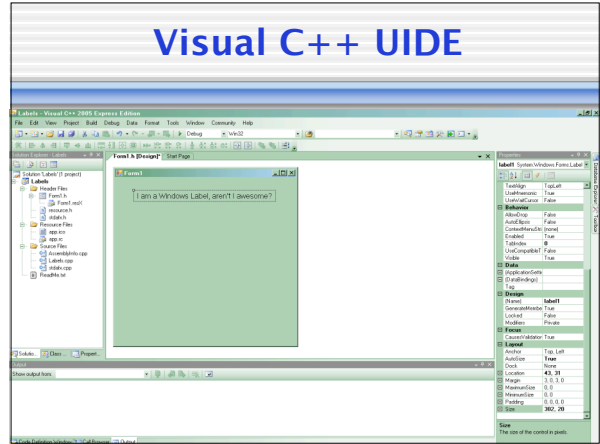
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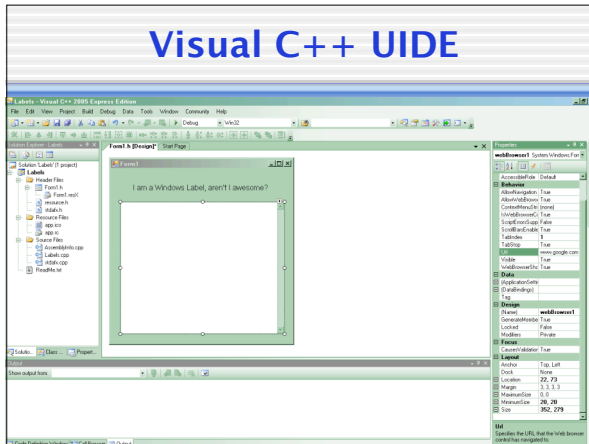
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Visual C++ Sample Code

```
#pragma once

namespace Labels {

    using namespace System;
    using namespace System::ComponentModel;
    using namespace System::Collections;
    using namespace System::Windows::Forms;
    using namespace System::Data;
    using namespace System::Drawing;

    public ref class Form1 : public System::Windows::Forms::Form
    {
    public:
        Form1(void)
        {
            InitializeComponent();
        }
    };
```

Form 1 Continues

```
protected:
    ~Form1()
    {
        if (components)
        {
            delete components;
        }
    }
private: System::Windows::Forms::Label^ label1;
protected:
private: System::Windows::Forms::WebBrowser^ webBrowser1;

private:
    System::ComponentModel::Container ^components;
```

More Form 1

```
#pragma region Windows Form Designer generated code
void InitializeComponent(void)
{
    this->label1 = (gcnew System::Windows::Forms::Label());
    this->webBrowser1 = (gcnew System::Windows::Forms::WebBrowser());
    this->SuspendLayout();
    this->label1->AutoSize = true;
    this->label1->Font = (gcnew System::Drawing::Font(L"Microsoft Sans Serif", 12,
System::Drawing::FontStyle::Regular,
System::Drawing::GraphicsUnit::Point,
static_cast<System::Byte>(0)));
    this->label1->Location = System::Drawing::Point(43, 31);
    this->label1->Name = L"label1";
    this->label1->Size = System::Drawing::Size(302, 20);
    this->label1->TabIndex = 0;
    this->label1->Text = L"I am a Windows Label, aren't I awesome!";
    this->webBrowser1->Location = System::Drawing::Point(22, 73);
    this->webBrowser1->MinimumSize = System::Drawing::Size(20, 20);
    this->webBrowser1->Name = L"webBrowser1";
}
```

Last of Form 1

```
        this->webBrowser1->Size = System::Drawing::Size(352, 279);
        this->webBrowser1->TabIndex = 1;
        this->webBrowser1->Url = (gcnew
System::Uri(L"http://www.google.com",
System::UriKind::Absolute));
        this->AutoScaleDimensions = System::Drawing::SizeF(6, 13);
        this->AutoScaleMode =
System::Windows::Forms::AutoScaleMode::Font;
        this->ClientSize = System::Drawing::Size(392, 373);
        this->Controls->Add(this->webBrowser1);
        this->Controls->Add(this->label1);
        this->Name = L"Form1";
        this->Text = L"Form1";
        this->ResumeLayout(false);
        this->PerformLayout();
    }
#pragma endregion
};
```

Labels.cpp

```
// Labels.cpp : main project file.

#include "stdafx.h"
#include "Form1.h"

using namespace Labels;

[STAThreadAttribute]
int main(array<System::String ^> ^args)
{
    // Enabling Windows XP visual effects before any controls are created
    Application::EnableVisualStyles();
    Application::SetCompatibleTextRenderingDefault(false);

    // Create the main window and run it
    Application::Run(gcnew Form1());
    return 0;
}
```

Hey, where's GTK+?

- /GTK+/.configure
- Mac: You need Cairo
- /Cairo/.configure
- Mac: You need libpng
- /libpng/.configure;make;make install
 - ♦ Success!
- /Cairo/.configure
- Mac: You need libpng

You Are Now Entering:



`this.destroy();`

- Questions?