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Subject: Re: Docking package (plus examples)  
Posted by [mrjt](#) on Mon, 31 Mar 2008 10:32:59 GMT

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cbpporter wrote on Fri, 28 March 2008 19:55 But with this new layout scheme, I can definitely get the ultimate (no pun intended) end user configuration possibility. I certainly think this has nice potential, and could possibly be used to emulate MDI/split screen document structure too.

And now for the bugs:

1. If you undock all windows, none can be docked again.
2. The ability to choose from the interface a position for docking is gone. As far as I can tell, this was dropped because position are no longer that straightforward. But still, a nice left and right at left could be achievable.
3. If I put a window to autohide, then I wait for it to appear and click on it's option button, a menu appears, but the window will automatically hide again. It should stay until the menu is closed.
4. Windows set to autohide can not be dragged away anymore.
5. Let an autohide open and quickly resize the window. You will see the pop-up borderless window stay in place.

Items 3 (only noticed for top position autohide docks) and 5 are also in the old code.

Anyway, thank you for giving my idea a shot .

No problem. As I said it wasn't difficult to do and I agree that it's a nice interface for certain apps.

Item 4 on your list I haven't been able to reproduce. I've tested it on XP, Gnome and KDE and that portion of the code is identical to the original package (and hasn't changed for some time). Can you give more details? All the other items are fixable, though 3 is going to be difficult. The problem is that I'm not sure what to do with the code now.

If you'd like to use it I can fix 1, 2 & 4 and add serialization by the end of the week, which makes it useable in a real-world app. But unless there is interest from other parties I can't really justify maintaining it and adding Animation, which is a real pain. Unfortunately although 90% of the code is the same as the original docking package it's different enough that I can't see how to merge the two.

So let me know if you'd like me to make it useable and I'll have to think about what to do about maintaining it.

James

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