Subject: Re: DOCU: Ctrl design concepts

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kohait00 wrote on Wed, 17 November 2010 11:27hi mirek,

could you spot some light on the Accept() / Reject() behaviour? i dont quite get it yet. reading the documentation does not clear the questions very well.

The primar motivation is that on many dialogs, once you press OK button, some widgets should "finish" processing. E.g. widget contains some database data, which are edited and they need to be written to DB.

Also, during this processing, it can be impossible to continue, because data are somewhat invalid. That is why there is a 'bool' return value - if first Accept returns false, "OK" is canceled (and typically user stays in dialog).

Then, as we already have this return value, Accept is also used to simply check the content of widget. E.g. if there is invalid date in EditDate, Accept shows error message and returns false.

Default implementation simply calls Accept for all children, returns false as soone as first returns false, if all return true, returns true.

Reject is simply Accept counterpart for Cancel button. As the whole dialog is rejected, it does not need to return any value. Reject is much less often implemented.

When speaking of "OK" and "Cancel", I describe the default (and typical) behaviour/usage. Of course, Accept/Reject can be used outside this scope.

Quote:

and one more: which controls so far do use the ValueArray? i imagine of ArrayCtrl, which probably uses it to insert multiple values as row..

Yes. Anyway, controls do not need to use it explicitly, quite often ValueArray is used in client code as means to 'transport' some data to Convert and/or Display.

Speaking about ArrayCtrl, it actually creates ValueMap (but you can get ValueArray from ValueMap).