Subject: Allegro5 - Scope addon
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There are some ALLEGRO_* types, which require resource management, such as ALLEGRO_BITMAP, ALLEGRO_DISPLAY, ALLEGRO_EVENT_QUEUE with al_destroy_bitmap, al_destroy_display, al_destroy_event_queue function respectively, etc.

For such cases I created allegro5/scope C++ addon. It consist of:
- al_destroy template function, which invokes appropriate al_destroy_* function, based on argument type:
Toggle example#include <allegro5/allegro.h>

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#include <allegro5/allegro_scope.h>

int main(int argc, const char *argv[]) {
 if (!al_init()) return 1;
 ALLEGRO_EVENT_QUEUE *queue = al_create_event_queue();
 ALLEGRO_DISPLAY *display = al_create_display(640, 480);
 ALLEGRO_BITMAP *bitmap = al_create_bitmap(32, 32);

 al_register_event_source(queue, al_get_display_event_source(display));

 al_destroy(queue);
 al_destroy(bitmap);
 al_destroy(display);

 return 0;
}
```

- Scope template class, which uses al_destroy template function on scope completion:
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```
#include <allegro5/allegro.h>
#include <allegro5/allegro_scope.h>

int main(int argc, const char *argv[]) {
 if (!al_init()) return 1;
 Scope<ALLEGRO_EVENT_QUEUE> queue = al_create_event_queue();
 Scope<ALLEGRO_DISPLAY> display = al_create_display(640, 480);
 Scope<ALLEGRO_BITMAP> bitmap(al_create_bitmap(32, 32));

 al_register_event_source(~queue, al_get_display_event_source(~display));

 return 0;
}
```

- ScopeList class, which has container to store ALLEGRO_* types (actually, as void *) and invoke approriate al_destroy_* function (in some predefined order, e.g. al_destroy_display function used last) on scope completion:

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```
#include <allegro5/allegro.h>
#include <allegro5/allegro_scope.h>

int main(int argc, const char *argv[]) {
 if (!al_init()) return 1;
 ScopeList sl;
 ALLEGRO_EVENT_QUEUE *queue = al_create_event_queue(); sl.Add(queue);
 ALLEGRO_DISPLAY *display = sl << al_create_display(640, 480);
 ALLEGRO_BITMAP *bitmap = sl << al_create_bitmap(32, 32);

 al_register_event_source(queue, al_get_display_event_source(display));

 return 0;
}
```

Some notes:
The allegro5/allegro_scope.h header file is context sensitive, which means, that you need to include it after other allegro* header files (including addons). This is because of preprocessor, which checks used header files (by already defined header guards, e.g. __al_included_allegro5_allegro_h) to associate their ALLEGRO_* types and al_destroy_* functions (where associations created manually).

How to install:
The allegro5/scope is header-only addon, at the moment, with some defined directory structure for Allegro5 addons. I created allegro5/scope/scope.cpp file as a stub for compatibility with TheIDE, but not required to compile. Therefore, either:
- include the path to base folder with allegro5/scope addon
or
- in terms of TheIDE, create new assembly with following package nests:
AllegroDev;Allegro;Libraries;upp\uppsrc
where AllegroDev is path to base folder with allegro/scope addon; other paths explained above.
And add allegro5/scope package to your applcation package.

In the attachments archive you could find allegro5/scope addon and some example.

File Attachments
1) Allegro_v5_scope_addon.zip, downloaded 443 times