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Subject: Touchscreen on raspberry: problem with events

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Hi there,

I am porting an application developed with U++ on Windows to a raspberry platform. The raspberry is a Pi 3 Model B, with the latest noobs/raspbian as operating system. The raspberry has attached a EloTouch touch screen, recognized by the kernel as a Amtel maXTouch Digitizer (probably elotouch just rebrand Amtel touchscreen). The driver used is the evdev driver.

The porting of the application was really quick: less than 20 lines of codes changed and the application was up and running on the raspberry. I tested the application with mouse and keyboard and it works as expected. Problems come in with the touch screen.

For some reason, my application does not recognize correctly the "tap". I had this problem both with buttons (more details here) and with Switch control (more details here). I guess that the problem is how upp treats the event (below there are more information on this, that I collected using evtest utility; basically, mouse uses BTN\_LEFT event for the click, while the touch screen uses BTN\_TOUCH for the tap). This is what works and what does not work in my application:

- Tap/click: it works only with WhenPush or WhenAction callbacks, not with the built-in event (e.g. standard Ok and Cancel buttons do not work, but if I explicitly set the WhenPush callback they work as described here)

- Double click/tap: it works (e.g. double clicking/taping on a row of a SqlArray control gets in edit mode)

- Right click emulation: it does not work (keeping pressed should triggers the right click emulation, but if I keep pressing on a SqlArray row it does not show the "Modify record..." pop up, as it happens if I right click with the mouse)

- multi-touch: not tested

On the OS all the above events (click/tap, double click/tap, right click emulation, multi touch) are treated correctly, so I guess that the problem is on U+++ side.

As I said, I guess is a problem related to the events: I tried to have a look to CtrlLib/Switch.cpp and CtrlLib/Switch.cpp, but I am not skilled enough to understand if they can be somehow fixed.

I think I cannot solve by myself those problems, so any help will be appreciated.

Thanks,

Gio

More information on the mouse and touch click event:

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pi@raspberrypi:~ $ sudo evtest /dev/input/event2
Input driver version is 1.0.1
Input device ID: bus 0x3 vendor 0x192f product 0x416 version 0x111
Input device name: "USB Optical Mouse"
Supported events:
  Event type 0 (EV_SYN)
  Event type 1 (EV_KEY)
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Event code 272 (BTN\_LEFT)  
Event code 273 (BTN\_RIGHT)  
Event code 274 (BTN\_MIDDLE)  
Event type 2 (EV\_REL)  
Event code 0 (REL\_X)  
Event code 1 (REL\_Y)  
Event code 6 (REL\_HWHEEL)  
Event code 8 (REL\_WHEEL)  
Event type 4 (EV\_MSC)  
Event code 4 (MSC\_SCAN)

Properties:

Testing ... (interrupt to exit)

Event: time 1502281968.518936, ----- EV\_SYN -----  
Event: time 1502281968.646926, type 4 (EV\_MSC), code 4 (MSC\_SCAN), value 90001  
Event: time 1502281968.646926, type 1 (EV\_KEY), code 272 (BTN\_LEFT), value 0  
Event: time 1502281968.646926, ----- EV\_SYN -----

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pi@raspberrypi:~ $ sudo evtest /dev/input/event3
Input driver version is 1.0.1
Input device ID: bus 0x3 vendor 0x3eb product 0x8a6e version 0x111
Input device name: "Atmel Atmel maXTouch Digitizer"
Supported events:
Event type 0 (EV_SYN)
Event type 1 (EV_KEY)
  Event code 330 (BTN_TOUCH)
Event type 3 (EV_ABS)
  Event code 0 (ABS_X)
    Value 1078
    Min 0
    Max 4095
    Resolution 12
  Event code 1 (ABS_Y)
    Value 3218
    Min 0
    Max 4095
    Resolution 15
  Event code 47 (ABS_MT_SLOT)
    Value 0
    Min 0
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Max 9  
Event code 53 (ABS\_MT\_POSITION\_X)  
Value 0  
Min 0  
Max 4095  
Resolution 12

Event code 54 (ABS\_MT\_POSITION\_Y)  
Value 0  
Min 0  
Max 4095  
Resolution 15

Event code 57 (ABS\_MT\_TRACKING\_ID)  
Value 0  
Min 0  
Max 65535

Properties:

Property type 1 (INPUT\_PROP\_DIRECT)

Testing ... (interrupt to exit)

Event: time 1502282136.626462, ----- EV\_SYN -----

Event: time 1502282136.703407, type 3 (EV\_ABS), code 57 (ABS\_MT\_TRACKING\_ID), value -1

Event: time 1502282136.703407, type 1 (EV\_KEY), code 330 (BTN\_TOUCH), value 0

Event: time 1502282136.703407, ----- EV\_SYN -----