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Subject: Re: Widget events - any other than WhenAction ?

Posted by [Oblivion](#) on Sat, 16 Nov 2019 08:46:35 GMT

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Hello Frank,

Quote:

They're actually documented here. Means to me that this is not... say... a Win32-specific feature, or a Borland VCL feature, but actually there is rudimentary systemic support for this in the U++ GUI layer.

They aren't win32 specific. Platform-specific stuff have a notice stating that on their api docs. They work on Linux and MacOS too.

Quote:

I haven't advanced that far yet, maybe I should, but at the same time I'm wondering... how much trouble would it be, instead, to create systemwide WhenGotFocus/WhenLostFocus actions by adding some stuff to `Ctrl::GotFocus()/LostFocus()`

Well, I personally don't see any problem, but Mirek (the main developer of U++) should answer this question anyway, as he knows the rationale behind this decision. :)

Quote:

And obviously I'm wondering... to get the desired "callback on an Edit losing focus", I'd need to inherit from say `EditDouble` and overload its `LostFocus()` - but next, I'd have to embed that in a layout, so first I'd need to create a visual component, along the lines of `MyEditDouble`

Not necessarily. Any `Ctrl`-derived widget can be used in the layout editor. But only the most used components have a complete representation. Only if you need full visual representation you'll need to write a `usc` (layout entry) file. For example, you can add a rudimentary visual representation of your widget. But by default it will just show a blank rectangle area with a tag (name of the class) attached on it. :) You can use it to set its layout on window. This is a two steps process:

- 1 Declare your derived class in header file, just above the layouts file.
- 2 Add it to your layout using the layout editor.

I've attached an example U++ code to the message.

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## File Attachments

- 1) [LayoutTest.zip](#), downloaded 322 times
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