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Subject: How to set the \*\*\*initial\*\*\* focus to an option?  
Posted by [Werner](#) on Sat, 18 Nov 2006 13:29:36 GMT  
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I have a ParentCtrl and on it, at the top position, an Option. Below that is a Label and an EditField.

When the application starts, the EditField has the focus.

I would like the Option to have the focus, but I don't know how. "SetFocus()" doesn't work in the constructor.

Surprisingly, "SetFocus()" works well, when I move the focus later on ("OnKey()").

How can I set the focus to the (topmost) option, when the application starts?

Werner

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Sat, 18 Nov 2006 14:01:59 GMT  
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Only widgets visible on the screen can have focus (therefore setting it in the constructor cannot work).

However, each TopWindow remembers the "focused child" and when it gets activated, places (restores) actual focus to it. Note that the main purpose of this is to maintain the expected user experience.

You can change this "focused child" by calling TopWindow's ActiveFocus with child as parameter. If TopWindows is active ("foreground"), child gets focus immediately, otherwise it gets in once TopWindow gets active.

Short answer: Use ActiveFocus

Mirek

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Posted by [Werner](#) on Sat, 18 Nov 2006 14:18:21 GMT  
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luzr wrote on Sat, 18 November 2006 15:01...

Short answer: Use ActiveFocus

Mirek

My "work paradigm" forces me, at first to dig instead of to ask.

I shouldn't ...

Thank you.

Werner

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Subject: Re: How to set the \*\*\*initial\*\*\* focus to an option?

Posted by [fallingdutch](#) on Sun, 19 Nov 2006 09:06:40 GMT

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Hello Werner,

if you use the Layout Editor just change the order of the Ctrl's - the topmost Control with the value want's focus gets it at first and the next in the list is selected when pressing tab

Bas

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Subject: Re: How to set the \*\*\*initial\*\*\* focus to an option?

Posted by [Werner](#) on Sun, 19 Nov 2006 10:36:42 GMT

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Thanks.

I'm working on quite a complicated UPT where using the layout editor is not appropriate. But Mirek's answer "Use ActiveFocus" already solved the problem (refer to message #6562).

Werner