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Subject: How to get an "OnParentOpen" in a control  
Posted by [koldo](#) on Sat, 26 Dec 2009 15:56:16 GMT  
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Best regards  
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Posted by [mirek](#) on Sat, 26 Dec 2009 16:38:10 GMT  
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Posted by [koldo](#) on Sat, 26 Dec 2009 20:42:55 GMT  
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luzr wrote on Sat, 26 December 2009 17:38koldo wrote on Sat, 26 December 2009 10:56Hello all

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Hello Mirek

I mean, I put a control in the layout designer and I would like it to resize and relocate to fill the background. There are two solutions:

- To resize it by hand in the layout designer to fill all the background
- To put in the parent window constructor a:

```
control.SizePos();
```

However, I would like the control to itself do the SizePos, but I do not know how to do it right. If it is used the Paint to do the SizePos(), it has to be called in every Paint call, not only in the first.

Best regards  
Koldo

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Subject: Re: How to get an "OnParentOpen" in a control  
Posted by [dolik.rce](#) on Sat, 26 Dec 2009 22:42:41 GMT  
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Hi Koldo

I believe that Mirek meant virtual function Ctrl::Layout() which is called everytime when layout is computed, i.e. when resizing or when ctrl is created. If you overwrite it and put in your code it will be called once everytime you need it At least I believe that is what you need...

Best regards,  
Honza

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Posted by [koldo](#) on Sun, 27 Dec 2009 15:25:34 GMT  
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Thank you Honza

It works, but not perfectly... see:

This is to put a control as the first child

```
bool SetFirstChild(Ctrl *ctrl) {  
    if (Ctrl *p = ctrl->GetParent()) {  
        if (p->GetFirstChild() != ctrl) {  
            p->RemoveChild(ctrl);  
            p->AddChildBefore(ctrl, p->GetFirstChild());  
        }  
        return true;  
    } else  
        return false;  
}
```

The goal is to set the control as the first child (to be the window background) and to fill all the window size:

This works:

```
void StaticImage::Paint(Draw& w) {  
    ...  
    SetFirstChild(this);  
    SizePos();  
}
```

This fills the background but the control is not the first child:

```
void StaticImage::Layout() {  
    static bool resized = false;  
  
    if (!resized)  
        resized = SetFirstChild((Ctrl *)this);  
    SizePos();  
    Ctrl::Layout();  
}
```

With this the program gets hanged:

```
void StaticImage::Layout() {  
    SetFirstChild((Ctrl *)this);  
    SizePos();  
    Ctrl::Layout();  
}
```

Best regards  
Koldo

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Subject: Re: How to get an "OnParentOpen" in a control  
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Maybe a little bit more actual description of the problem would allow me to provide a better advice.

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Subject: Re: How to get an "OnParentOpen" in a control  
Posted by [koldo](#) on Sun, 27 Dec 2009 21:05:11 GMT

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Hello Mirek

In StaticImage there is an option that lets an image to be the window background.

For this it is necessary that:

- the image control has to be "SizePos-ted()", so it fills all the parent canvas
- the image control has to be the first child to avoid to cover any other control

This can be made by hand:

- doing a control.SizePos() in the parent control constructor
- putting this control as the first one in the layout designer

What I was looking for is that the same child image control does it all without the need of any code

in the parent.

Thank you  
Koldo

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Subject: Re: How to get an "OnParentOpen" in a control  
Posted by [dolik.rce](#) on Mon, 28 Dec 2009 18:46:36 GMT  
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Hi Koldo,

I've tried to code what I think you are doing. Your approach seems OK to me, I'm not sure why it doesn't work. I attached diffs of files I changed in Controls4U to add StaticImage::SetAsBackground() function. Diff of Controls4U\_Demo is also attached so you can test it easily. Let me know if this is what you wanted...

Best regards,  
Honza

#### File Attachments

- 1) [Controls4U.diff](#), downloaded 333 times
  - 2) [Controls4U\\_Demo.diff](#), downloaded 578 times
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Subject: Re: How to get an "OnParentOpen" in a control  
Posted by [koldo](#) on Tue, 29 Dec 2009 07:43:58 GMT  
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Hello Honza

Thank you for insisting. I have had a mistake in the latter post:

Quote:With this the program gets hanged:

```
void StaticImage::Layout() {  
    SetFirstChild((Ctrl *)this);  
    SizePos();  
    Ctrl::Layout();  
}
```

This was wrong. THIS is right:

```
void StaticImage::Layout() {  
    if (fit == Background) {  
        SetFirstChild((Ctrl *)this);  
        SizePos();  
    }
```

```
}  
Ctrl::Layout();  
}
```

I have not added a `SetAsBackground()` function as there is already a `SetFit()` with Background option. This way the class public side has not changed.

Thank you Honza and Mirek.

Best regards  
Koldo

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Subject: Re: How to get an "OnParentOpen" in a control  
Posted by [dolik.rce](#) on Tue, 29 Dec 2009 10:31:46 GMT  
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Hi Koldo,

I'm still not sure where's the problem The code you posted just works for me. See the attached diffs. I just added `BackgroundFill` and `BackgroundFit` options.

By the way: Why don't you use `Painter` for this? It would give user much more possibilities if `SetFit` took as an argument `FILL_[H|V](PAD|REPEAT|REFLECT)` and actually it would simplify the code a lot (e.g. that switch in `Paint()` would be unnecessary).

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Posted by [koldo](#) on Tue, 29 Dec 2009 11:04:42 GMT  
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Hello Honza

Quote:I'm still not sure where's the problem The code you posted just works for me.

Look at this:

```
void StaticImage::Layout() {  
    SetFirstChild((Ctrl *)this);  
}
```

```
SizePos();
Ctrl::Layout();
}
```

The code was wrong because it tried to set every child in the window as the first child... so the program hangs.

Simply doing this the program goes well:

```
void StaticImage::Layout() {
    if (fit == Background) {
        SetFirstChild((Ctrl *)this);
        SizePos();
    }
    Ctrl::Layout();
}
```

Perhaps I should have to add some code to avoid to have more than one Background StaticImage in a window.

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Yes, it could be. In fact Painter is used in all Controls4U classes with overridden Paint(), but StaticImage as antialiasing and other Painter technology is not necessary.

Best regards  
Koldo

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Thank you  
Koldo

I suggest this clean solution:

```
TopWindow& TopWindow::Background(const PaintRect& prect);
```

Either you can do actually two `StaticImage` classes (`StaticImage` widget and `WindowBackgroundImage` as `Display` with `PaintRect` operator), perhaps with some common code or ancestor, or you can even mix both, only sometimes `StaticImage` will act as `display` (again, via operator `PaintRect`) and sometimes as widget.

In fact, it even could act as both. Not that it would have any practical use, but technically it is simple.

Is not it nice:

```
StaticImage myimage;
```

```
....
```

```
TopWindow win;  
win.Background(myimage);
```

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Mirek

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Subject: Re: How to get an "OnParentOpen" in a control

Posted by [koldo](#) on Tue, 29 Dec 2009 17:11:50 GMT

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Hello Mirek

Thank you. Yes, perhaps the better solution is to modify the window, or the `StaticRect` where the child `StaticImage` belongs.

As I did not want to change `StaticRect`, I think the `StaticImage::Layout` option is enough clean and



does not force to change CtrlLib code.

Of course no problem if StaticRect is changed to add a Background(Image) method. Please care that perhaps the background image can have different fit options (as Honza has indicated).

Best regards  
Koldo

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