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Subject: Docking - Stable?

Posted by [jeremy\\_c](#) on Fri, 20 Aug 2010 13:28:34 GMT

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Thanks,

Jeremy

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Subject: Re: Docking - Stable?

Posted by [jeremy\\_c](#) on Fri, 20 Aug 2010 13:38:21 GMT

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Hm, I just realized there are two docking systems in Bazaar? DockCtrl and Docking ? Is there a preferred one? DockCtrl doesn't seem to have been updated since Nov 2008 while Docking was updated Jul 2010.

Jeremy

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Subject: Re: Docking - Stable?

Posted by [jeremy\\_c](#) on Fri, 20 Aug 2010 17:02:24 GMT

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I've decided to go w/Docking as it seems to be maintained, not sure about DockCtrl.

BTW... It was very easy to go from my previous "TabCtrl" setup to a docking setup. Very nice!

Jeremy

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Subject: Re: Docking - Stable?

Posted by [Novo](#) on Sat, 21 Aug 2010 15:54:55 GMT

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jeremy\_c wrote on Fri, 20 August 2010 09:28 I would like to use the docking code in Bazaar, is it stable (API and relatively bug free)?

Thanks,

Jeremy

Docking has problems on Linux. Windows seems to be fine.

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Subject: Re: Docking - Stable?

Posted by [jeremy\\_c](#) on Sat, 21 Aug 2010 16:00:31 GMT

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Hm, that's too bad. Any road map for fixing it or is it a dead project? I'm really enjoying it but am on Windows right now.

Jeremy

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Subject: Re: Docking - Stable?

Posted by [Novo](#) on Sat, 21 Aug 2010 18:35:36 GMT

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The problem I'm suffering from is that floating windows cannot be docked back. It looks like a some kind of uninitialized variable to me because it seems to disappear when application is dragged to another workspace. This is just a guess.

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Subject: Re: Docking - Stable?

Posted by [mrjt](#) on Mon, 23 Aug 2010 13:50:33 GMT

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The problem with Docking on Linux is to do with the way Window Managers work with X11. Unlike Win32 there is no message from the WM to tell you that the window has moved. Instead I have to watch for a certain series of unrelated events and assume that it's a window move. Unfortunately this is highly dependent on the specifics of the WM implementation. For instance in Ubuntu it will work on the most basic graphics mode but not with any effects enabled, as I cannot find any way of determining a window drag-drop. It's a real pain in the arse.

I'm not sure what problem you are seeing though. I wouldn't expect to see the window disappear, just be undockable.

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Subject: Re: Docking - Stable?

Posted by [Novo](#) on Mon, 23 Aug 2010 15:34:42 GMT

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mrjt wrote on Mon, 23 August 2010 09:50

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It doesn't disappear. It gets undockable.

Another strange situation: I just double-checked DockingExample1/2 on 32 bit Ubuntu 10.04 at work. And they work absolutely perfect. Last week I checked docking with my own application on Ubuntu x64 10.04 at home and it had problems. I will double check that.

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Subject: Re: Docking - Stable?

Posted by [Novo](#) on Tue, 24 Aug 2010 03:53:11 GMT

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I double checked. Docking doesn't work on my home PC. Below are results of an investigation.

Valgrind:

```
==7405== Conditional jump or move depends on uninitialised value(s)
==7405==   at 0x46C11B: Upp::Splitter::SetStyle(Upp::Splitter::Style const&) (Splitter.cpp:245)
==7405==   by 0x46C26F: Upp::Splitter::Splitter() (Splitter.cpp:262)
==7405==   by 0x5D335A: Upp::DockPane::DockPane() (DockPane.cpp:410)
==7405==   by 0x5BFE80: Upp::DockWindow::DockWindow() (DockWindow.cpp:1469)
==7405==   by 0x40B45E: wnb3::wnb3() (main.cpp:32)
==7405==   by 0x40F3BC: GuiMainFn_() (main.cpp:1344)
==7405==   by 0x40F36B: main (main.cpp:1342)
==7405== Uninitialised value was created by a stack allocation
==7405==   at 0x40F398: GuiMainFn_() (main.cpp:1343)
```

Where wnb3 and main.cpp are my class and cpp file.

Uninitialized value: Splitter::Splitter() --> SetStyle(StyleDefault()) --> StyleDefault()

StyleDefault() for some reason returns an uninitialized value. I couldn't track it down more closely. Initialization happens in GUI\_APP\_MAIN.

Did I miss something in initialization?

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Subject: Re: Docking - Stable?

Posted by [mrjt](#) on Thu, 26 Aug 2010 15:29:13 GMT

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That shouldn't have anything to do with it, it's in the CtrlLib code underneath. It's probably this:

```
Splitter& Splitter::SetStyle(const Style& s)
{
    if(chstyle != &s) {
        chstyle = &s;
        RefreshLayout();
        Refresh();
    }
    return *this;
}
```

chstyle is technically uninitialised on object construction but the code is perfectly safe.

The docking problem is to do with window manager events. I haven't tried Ubuntu 10.04 because it wierdly doesn't like my hardware but I woudl guess that at work the GUI effects are turned off, whcih makes it work.

I'd love to know how to determine window movement correctly on Ubuntu with GUI Effects on, but everything I've tried so far has failed.

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Subject: Re: Docking - Stable?

Posted by [mdelfede](#) on Thu, 26 Aug 2010 22:21:57 GMT

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I've got compiz fully enabled and the State() handler gets called correctly on window moves. Ubuntu 10.04 64 bit with all effects enabled.

Ciao

Max

Edit : that **\*MUST\*** have worked in previous ubuntu releases too, is an important part of X11DHCtrl, I use it to keep native windows in sync with upp ones, and the control is working since about 1-2 years.

You can test it easily putting a breakpoint on line 349 od X11DHCtrl.cpp, and run the small

attached test application.

Beware, GICtrl needs a small patch, it got broken on these days.... see the post  
<http://www.ultimatepp.org/forum/index.php?t=msg&th=5460&start=0&>

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## File Attachments

1) [TestGL.zip](#), downloaded 543 times

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Subject: Re: Docking - Stable?

Posted by [Novo](#) on Fri, 27 Aug 2010 02:47:06 GMT

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Two small changes will make valgrind satisfied.

1) Adding "style = NULL;" before "SetStyle(Splitter::StyleDefault());" in  
SplitterFrame::SplitterFrame().

2) Adding "chstyle = NULL;" before "SetStyle(StyleDefault());" in Splitter::Splitter().

Could somebody apply these changes to the Trunk, please?

TIA

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Subject: Re: Docking - Stable?

Posted by [mrjt](#) on Tue, 07 Sep 2010 10:02:48 GMT

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Thanks. I'll check but I think the problem is that the message is only sent after the window has moved, not during the drag operation.

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