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Subject: HELPER: Value grouping to ValueArray  
Posted by [kohait00](#) on Thu, 18 Nov 2010 09:10:14 GMT  
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hi all,

here comes a ArrayCtrl like grouper of Values to a ValueArray, returned as Value itself.  
maybe its of help for someone..

since a variable arguments list is suboptimal in c++, this is definitely a better solution in general.  
good work who ever did this for ArrayCtrl..

syntax:

```
Value ToValueArray(const Value& [, const Value& ]...);
```

```
inline Value ToValueArray(const Vector<Value>& v)
{
    return ValueArray(Vector<Value>(v, 0));
}
```

```
inline Value ToValueArray(Vector<Value>& v)
{
    return ValueArray(v);
}
```

```
/$-Value ToValueArray(const Value& [, const Value& ]...);
#define E__ToValueArray(I) Value ToValueArray(__List##I(E__Value));
__Expand(E__ToValueArray)
#undef E__ToValueArray
```

```
#define E__Addv(I) v << p##I
#define E__ToValueArrayF(I) \
Value ToValueArray(__List##I(E__Value)) { \
    Vector<Value> v; \
    __List##I(E__Addv); \
    return ValueArray(v); \
}
__Expand(E__ToValueArrayF)
```

```
CONSOLE_APP_MAIN
{
    Value v = ToValueArray(123, "Hallo", 23.0);
    RLOG(v);
}
```

## File Attachments

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1) [ValueGroup.rar](#), downloaded 246 times

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Subject: Re: HELPER: Value grouping to ValueArray

Posted by [mirek](#) on Sat, 20 Nov 2010 17:28:42 GMT

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kohait00 wrote on Thu, 18 November 2010 04:10hi all,

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Quote:

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That is why Format uses the same technique...

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Thanks

Mirek

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Subject: Re: HELPER: Value grouping to ValueArray

Posted by [kohait00](#) on Sat, 20 Nov 2010 18:48:12 GMT

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What about doing this as constructor overloads? Perhaps starting with 2 parameters to avoid copy variant. Or is it too ambiguous?

as far as got to know the ValueArray code, it does adding values by adding it to internal Vector<Value> anyway.

doing it like in the example above already provides the prepared Vector<Value> to pick, so no copy is done. and it saves the ValueArray interface from growing and remains optional usage.

ambiguity maybe could be a side effect some day in other occassions.. i consider ValueArray(\_pick Vector<Value>&) flexible enough if you ask me..

it'd also be possible to leave it like it is now and simply do

```
Value v = ValueArray(Vector<Value>() << 123 << "Hallo" << 34.9);
```

its not so nice, but neither generates extra code in Upp base to manage

it was just an idea, to increase readability

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Subject: Re: HELPER: Value grouping to ValueArray  
Posted by [kohait00](#) on Thu, 02 Dec 2010 12:44:44 GMT  
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i came to the conclusion that easy is best again

```
#define ASVALUEARRAY(x) ValueArray(Vector<Value>() << x)
```

```
Value v = ASVALUEARRAY(123 << "Hallo" << 34.9);
```

is actually same approach as in concatenating to cout, or in LOG()  
so is almost natural  
maybe this can go to Value.h..

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