
Subject: Zooming layouts and different behaviour windows/linux

Posted by [mdelfede](#) on Wed, 10 Aug 2011 17:18:21 GMT

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Hi,

As some of my customers complained about small fonts in windows version of my app, I started to dig a bit inside.

The worst stuff was a RichTextCtrl with a drawing inside, which got completely different scale.

Resuming, with NO changes in code, here the windows (from a full-screen running virtualizer, resolution 1440x900 as native one) :

You can also notice the picture upper right (a Picture control), this one is made by aid of Painter + Drawing; internal sizes calculations are based on fixed font size, so the windows version get shrunk (font size 15, windows one 11 IIRC).

Adding this couple of lines makes it better :

```
#ifdef PLATFORM_WIN32
    SetStdFont(StdFont(15));
    Ctrl::SetZoomSize(Size(147, 21), Size(99, 13));
    InitRichTextZoom();
#endif
```

But IMHO it's really an ugly hack... but I had to do it because I was in hurry. It's taken from Linux values and code.

Btw, you can notice that tabs are NOT zoomed vertically, so the 2 editfields at top overlap with tab contents when zoomed, so I believe it's a bug.... or not ?

Finally, the nice-looking linux version here; that one has fonts quite bigger than windows version, and I don't know why :

So, some questions :

- 1) Why are font sizes SO different from windows to linux ?
- 2) It's correct that tabs are not zoomed vertically ?
- 3) Applying this :

```
Ctrl::SetZoomSize(GetStdFont().GetSize(), Size(99, 13));
```

Sometimes the "growth" of elements don't match text one, so, for example, for some text sizes the buttons become too small to contain its label. Shouldn't they grow exactly (almost) as the text ?

Ciao

Max

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Pos.-Trave



Posizione Descrizione

Pos. Trave

Dati Risultati



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 H1 : 40 cm
 H2 : 80 cm
 Flessione deviata
 Angolo : 0 Gradi

Sbalzo sinistro

Campata	L (cm)
Sb5x	100
L1	400

Sbalzo destro

Impostazioni relazione

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Proprietà dei materiali

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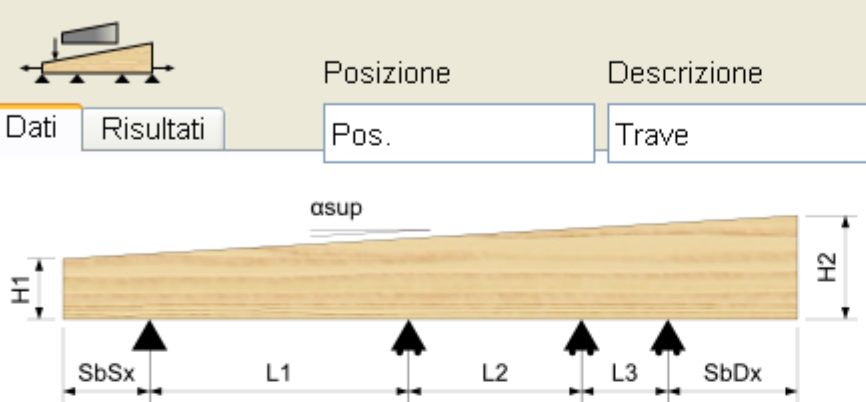
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Posted by [mdelfede](#) on Thu, 11 Aug 2011 08:30:04 GMT

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Fri, 12 Aug 2011 15:09:40 GMT

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Posted by [mdelfede](#) on Fri, 12 Aug 2011 15:23:28 GMT
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Posted by [mirek](#) on Sat, 13 Aug 2011 01:12:31 GMT

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Subject: Re: Zooming layouts and different behaviour windows/linux

Posted by [mdelfede](#) on Sun, 14 Aug 2011 00:13:22 GMT

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mirek wrote on Sat, 13 August 2011 03:12

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ops, I've missed that post.

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It doesn't, at least, on my app if I change font size just after GUI_APP_MAIN i does resize fonts, but not layout.

As you can see in my second posted picture, I've got to resize "manually" the layout with the ugly SetZoomSize(), but tabs don't get resized because Chamaleon calculates its size before. I had to change manually "tabheigh" to make it better.

I'll do some check on next days and I'll report you.

Ciao

Max

Subject: Re: Zooming layouts and different behaviour windows/linux

Posted by [mdelfede](#) on Sun, 14 Aug 2011 15:50:49 GMT

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mhhh... I tried in Linux, putting a breakpoint here :

```
CH_STYLE(TabCtrl, Style, StyleDefault)
{
    font = StdFont();
    tabheight = font.Info().GetHeight() + 8;
    margin = 2;
    sel = Rect(2, 2, 2, 2);
}
```

and one just at the beginning of GUI_APP_MAIN.

The CH_STYLE is hit BEFORE, so tabs get wrong height.

Here the backtrace after debug hit :

```
Upp::TabCtrl__Style__StyleDefault::Init (this=0x222b2c0) at
/home/massimo/sources/upp-svn/uppsrc/CtrlLib/TabCtrl.cpp:7
Upp::TabCtrl::StyleDefault () at /home/massimo/sources/upp-svn/uppsrc/CtrlLib/TabCtrl.cpp:5
Upp::ChHostSkin () at /home/massimo/sources/upp-svn/uppsrc/CtrlLib/ChGtk.cpp:483
Upp::Ctrl::ChSync () at /home/massimo/sources/upp-svn/uppsrc/CtrlCore/Ctrl.cpp:908
Upp::Ctrl::InitX11 (display=0x0) at
/home/massimo/sources/upp-svn/uppsrc/CtrlCore/X11App.cpp:412
main (argc=1, argv=0x7ffffffe698, envptr=0x7ffffffe6a8) at
```

/home/massimo/sources/upp-svn/TimberStruct/TimberStruct/TimberStruct.cpp:727

ciao

Max

p.s.: my ide hangs on windows when I run under debugger with breakpoint set. Is my problem or a but ? Using MSC9 and related sdk.

Subject: Re: Zooming layouts and different behaviour windows/linux
Posted by [mirek](#) on Mon, 15 Aug 2011 13:28:38 GMT

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OK, I have tried to make chameleon detect changes made to the font later, so perhaps it will now work...

Subject: Re: Zooming layouts and different behaviour windows/linux
Posted by [mdelfede](#) on Wed, 17 Aug 2011 11:43:58 GMT

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Yep it works now... it's enough to change font height on GUI_APP_MAIN and all layouts gets resized.

Thank you Mirek !

Max

Subject: Re: Zooming layouts and different behaviour windows/linux
Posted by [Sender Ghost](#) on Wed, 17 Aug 2011 17:12:02 GMT

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Hello, Mirek and Massimo.

mirek wrote on Mon, 15 August 2011 15:28

OK, I have tried to make chameleon detect changes made to the font later, so perhaps it will now work...

It is not necessary, in my opinion, at least for this case. What it really adds is some overhead to check font of each Ctrl in constructor, which noticable for applications with manyCtrls, even for TheIDE.

mdelfede wrote on Wed, 17 August 2011 13:43

Yep it works now... it's enough to change font height on GUI_APP_MAIN and all layouts gets resized.

With changes, which Mirek added, it is possible to change default font size forCtrls inside GUI_APP_MAIN, as you said. You could achieve the same with INITBLOCK, without such changes before:

```
#include <CtrlLib/CtrlLib.h>

using namespace Upp;

INITBLOCK {
  SetStdFont(StdFont(20));
}

class App : public TopWindow {
public:
  typedef App CLASSNAME;
  App();

  TabCtrl tabs;
  EditString text;
};

App::App()
{
  Title("TabCtrl size test");
  CenterScreen().Sizeable().MinimizeBox().MaximizeBox();
  SetRect(Size(640, 480));

  Add(tabs.VSizePosZ(4, 4).HSizePosZ(4, 4));
  Add(text.RightPosZ(4, 100).TopPosZ(4, 19));

  tabs.Add("First"); tabs.Add("Second"); tabs.Add("Third");
  text.SetData("Some text");
}

GUI_APP_MAIN
{
  App app;
  app.Run();
}
```

I suggest you, Massimo, to provide full testcase with your problem, not just screenshots. I see from screenshots, that different fonts and font sizes used for Windows and Linux environments, which configurable.

Subject: Re: Zooming layouts and different behaviour windows/linux

Posted by [mdelfede](#) on Wed, 17 Aug 2011 23:34:02 GMT

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Well, I've not seen how much overhead is added, but I guess that a check on a boolean before control creation (which I guess it's all needed to do the job...) is no noticeable overhead.

Your solution, with INITBLOCK, could work too.... but how do you know that INITBLOCK comes *before* chamaleon init ? And, worse, how do you know your INITBLOCK comes *after* gui init, X11 in particular, without which we could have a crash, I guess ?

I already had bad experiences with INITBLOCKS expecting something already initialized which it wasn't.....

Ciao

Max

edit : about the testcase, IMHO is not needed.

I know we've got different font sizes in windows and linux, and every gui app can show it. What I see is that it seems to me that fonts in Linux are quite big, it seems to me even bigger than default gui fonts, but it's maybe just an illusion....

What I've seen is that my app got too different layout sizes between linux and windows, and I needed a more uniform aspect; that's more important than keeping default gui font size in this case, so I needed a way to change it at startup.

Subject: Re: Zooming layouts and different behaviour windows/linux

Posted by [Sender Ghost](#) on Thu, 18 Aug 2011 06:24:27 GMT

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Well, may be on Linux it is not very noticable (Ctrl constructor -> SyncCh -> GetStdFont -> InitStdFont).

At first it just felt differently, after starting TheIDE, compiled with new changes. Then I created some (unrealistic) testing application:

```
#include <CtrlLib/CtrlLib.h>
```

```
using namespace Upp;
```

```

GUI_APP_MAIN
{
Array<EditString> list;
TimeStop e;

const int n = 1000000;
for (int i=0; i < n; ++i)
list.Add();

PromptOK(AsString(e.Elapsed()));
}

```

The results for changed source code:

4406

For not changed:

4266

Agree, not much, just 3% difference.

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As about INITBLOCK:

"Upp provides a nice solution to do init / deinit work of your package's static or global stuff (i.e. if it's not Plain Ol' Data and needs some function calls).

If your INITBLOCK / EXITBLOCK resides in a .cpp file and the file contains code that is actually referenced (used) somewhere else, everything works as expected, no precautions need to be taken. If not, the linker will drop the file, your init code won't be invoked.

This is because the INITBLOCK / EXITBLOCK actually registers itself in an init facility from upper Upp code. So no code ref downwards is added."

Briefly, it depends from building order, where other INITBLOCKs (residing inside *.icpp files) linked before main code.

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I think, this is because different DPI used for Linux and Windows environments by default. For

example, I already increased DPI value on Windows for TFT monitor, but it feels much bigger for CRT monitor. Also the font sizes by default: 8 for Windows, 10 for Linux environment, such as GNOME.

Subject: Re: Zooming layouts and different behaviour windows/linux

Posted by [mdelfede](#) on Thu, 18 Aug 2011 12:59:40 GMT

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Sender Ghost wrote on Thu, 18 August 2011 08:24

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Inded.... and the advantage is much bigger....

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The problem here is **not** if INITBLOCK gets linked; if put in main code, it'll be linked for sure. The problem is INITBLOCK random order; you can't assume **any** stuff being initialized before it. So, you can't assume that X11 initialization has been done

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Posted by [Sender Ghost](#) on Thu, 18 Aug 2011 14:56:44 GMT

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mdelfede wrote on Thu, 18 August 2011 14:59

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The question is: "Do you need this overhead (bigger or smaller), when you didn't change fonts?".

What I really sure, that I will do differently to get normal font sizes in application. It can be problem with RichText, but there is no testcase to fix this for this particular application.

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mirek wrote on Mon, 15 August 2011 15:28OK, I have tried to make chameleon detect changes made to the font later, so perhaps it will now work...

Related to latest changes, I think, there is more flexible way. Even there is example on how to do it, e.g. from Ctrl::InitX11 function. What we need is just public Ctrl::ChSync function, instead of private. Then it will be possible to apply font changes not only for concrete Ctrl, but for all of them:

```
GUI_APP_MAIN
{
  SetStdFont(StdFont(20));
  Ctrl::ChSync();
}
```

and this without unneeded overhead in Ctrl constructor, when you didn't change fonts.

Subject: Re: Zooming layouts and different behaviour windows/linux

Posted by [mirek](#) on Fri, 26 Aug 2011 12:02:56 GMT

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I have tried

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```

```
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```

```
GUI_APP_MAIN
```

```
{  
    Array<EditString> list;  
    RTIMING("chsync");  
    const int n = 1000000;  
    for (int i=0; i < n; ++i)  
        list.Add();  
}
```

and in release optimal mode, I cannot detect any difference at all...

Subject: Re: Zooming layouts and different behaviour windows/linux

Posted by [Sender Ghost](#) on Sat, 27 Aug 2011 08:53:14 GMT

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I have tried your code with RTIMING on Windows XP with different compilers (TDM GCC v4.5.2 and C/C++ compiler from Microsoft Visual Studio 2008 (MSC9)) for Optimal build mode, with following results (for 5 invocations, after and before changes):

TDM GCC v4.5.2:

after changes:

```
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TIMING chsync : 4.44 s - 4.44 s (4.45 s / 1), min: 4.45 s , max: 4.45 s , nesting: 1 - 1

MSC9:

after changes:

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before changes:

TIMING chsync : 2.92 s - 2.92 s (2.92 s / 1), min: 2.92 s , max: 2.92 s , nesting: 1 - 1
TIMING chsync : 2.94 s - 2.94 s (2.94 s / 1), min: 2.94 s , max: 2.94 s , nesting: 1 - 1
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In conclusion, because current approach exists and differences of changes are minor, there is no need "to fix the fix". On the other hand, it was informative.

Subject: Re: Zooming layouts and different behaviour windows/linux

Posted by [mirek](#) on Sun, 28 Aug 2011 07:00:14 GMT

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Sender Ghost wrote on Sat, 27 August 2011 04:53

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Well, before completely dismissing this issue, one possibility would be to place SyncCh somewhere else than Ctrl constructor.

The only problem is that I do not know where.. Promissing place might be TopWindow constructor, but that still is not really complete solution...

Subject: Re: Zooming layouts and different behaviour windows/linux
Posted by [mdelfede](#) on Fri, 02 Sep 2011 13:26:02 GMT
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mhhhh.... what about putting it inside SetStdFont() ?

Max

Subject: Re: Zooming layouts and different behaviour windows/linux
Posted by [mirek](#) on Fri, 02 Sep 2011 15:51:44 GMT
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mdelfede wrote on Fri, 02 September 2011 09:26mhhhh.... what about putting it inside SetStdFont() ?

Max

SetStdFont knows nothing about CtrlCore. And, besides, you might want to alter more parameters than standard font, would not be nice if each of them issued ChSync (or maybe it would, I guess I have to check that, I mean to check how difficult ChSync is..).

Mirek

Subject: Re: Zooming layouts and different behaviour windows/linux
Posted by [mirek](#) on Tue, 06 Sep 2011 12:09:37 GMT
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Sender Ghost wrote on Sat, 27 August 2011 04:53I have tried your code with RTIMING on Windows XP with different compilers (TDM GCC v4.5.2 and C/C++ compiler from Microsoft Visual Studio 2008 (MSC9)) for Optimal build mode, with following results (for 5 invocations, 1

I have optimized it a bit, would you find some time to measure again, it would be helpful...

Mirek

Subject: Re: Zooming layouts and different behaviour windows/linux
Posted by [Sender Ghost](#) on Tue, 06 Sep 2011 17:45:22 GMT
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mirek wrote on Tue, 06 September 2011 14:09

I have optimized it a bit, would you find some time to measure again, it would be helpful...

Following results for 3762 and 3829 revisions:

TDM GCC v4.5.2:

after changes:

```
TIMING chsync : 4.47 s - 4.47 s ( 4.47 s / 1 ), min: 4.47 s , max: 4.47 s , nesting: 1 - 1
TIMING chsync : 4.49 s - 4.49 s ( 4.49 s / 1 ), min: 4.49 s , max: 4.49 s , nesting: 1 - 1
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TIMING chsync : 4.47 s - 4.47 s ( 4.47 s / 1 ), min: 4.47 s , max: 4.47 s , nesting: 1 - 1
```

before changes:

```
TIMING chsync : 4.43 s - 4.43 s ( 4.43 s / 1 ), min: 4.43 s , max: 4.43 s , nesting: 1 - 1
TIMING chsync : 4.45 s - 4.45 s ( 4.45 s / 1 ), min: 4.45 s , max: 4.45 s , nesting: 1 - 1
TIMING chsync : 4.44 s - 4.44 s ( 4.44 s / 1 ), min: 4.44 s , max: 4.44 s , nesting: 1 - 1
TIMING chsync : 4.43 s - 4.43 s ( 4.43 s / 1 ), min: 4.43 s , max: 4.43 s , nesting: 1 - 1
TIMING chsync : 4.43 s - 4.43 s ( 4.43 s / 1 ), min: 4.43 s , max: 4.43 s , nesting: 1 - 1
```

MSC9:

after changes:

```
TIMING chsync : 2.96 s - 2.96 s ( 2.96 s / 1 ), min: 2.96 s , max: 2.96 s , nesting: 1 - 1
TIMING chsync : 2.95 s - 2.95 s ( 2.95 s / 1 ), min: 2.95 s , max: 2.95 s , nesting: 1 - 1
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```

before changes:

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TIMING chsync : 2.92 s - 2.92 s ( 2.92 s / 1 ), min: 2.92 s , max: 2.92 s , nesting: 1 - 1
TIMING chsync : 2.90 s - 2.90 s ( 2.90 s / 1 ), min: 2.90 s , max: 2.90 s , nesting: 1 - 1
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```

Subject: Re: Zooming layouts and different behaviour windows/linux

Posted by [mirek](#) on Thu, 08 Sep 2011 07:56:42 GMT

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Thanks. Looks better now; I guess I can live with this...

Subject: Re: Zooming layouts and different behaviour windows/linux

Posted by [mdelfede](#) on Sun, 24 Jun 2012 10:46:47 GMT

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Well... I hate this, but I must revive this thread

I have this in my code :

```
SetStdFont(StdFont(globalSettings().GetGraphicSettings().guiCharSize));  
InitRichTextZoom();
```

which reads the gui std font size from a global variable and sets it. I can't do it on very beginning of GUI_APP_MAIN, but I do it indeed BEFORE creating the application main window. But... the code does nothing. The gui font size don't change at all.

Any hint ? I'd really need a configurable gui font size, many customers asked for it.

Ciao

Max

Subject: Re: Zooming layouts and different behaviour windows/linux
Posted by [mirek](#) on Sun, 24 Jun 2012 11:04:11 GMT
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I have just tried this:

```
GUI_APP_MAIN  
{  
  SetStdFont(StdFont(30));  
  PromptOK("OK");  
}
```

- works as expected... To dig deeper, I would need some more detailed testcase, I am afraid...

Subject: Re: Zooming layouts and different behaviour windows/linux
Posted by [mdelfede](#) on Sun, 24 Jun 2012 11:31:12 GMT
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That's weird... on a simple test case, it works.
I'll look at it deeper...

Max

Subject: Re: Zooming layouts and different behaviour windows/linux

Posted by [mdelfede](#) on Sun, 24 Jun 2012 12:00:56 GMT

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Well.... I'm really out of ideas on WHY, but it started working, at least partially... Maybe it was an old config file which I deleted somewhere.

Well, the 'almost' is because I'd like to do it in real time (I mean, application running), and the layout are not resynced.... Texts change size, but objects positions and sizes don't change up to next app restart.

Is there some function to force layouting ?

I mean, globally.... something like

```
GetTopWindow()->ReLayout();
```

Max

Subject: Re: Zooming layouts and different behaviour windows/linux

Posted by [mdelfede](#) on Sun, 24 Jun 2012 12:36:54 GMT

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Well... here a simple testcase which shows a couple of interesting things :

TestLayoutZoom.lay :

```
LAYOUT(TestLayoutZoomLayout, 200, 100)
ITEM(EditString, test2, LeftPosZ(112, 64).TopPosZ(40, 19))
ITEM(EditIntSpin, charSize, LeftPosZ(112, 64).TopPosZ(16, 19))
ITEM(Label, dv___2, SetLabel(t_("Label2 :")).LeftPosZ(4, 104).TopPosZ(44, 16))
ITEM(Label, dv___3, SetLabel(t_("Label1 :")).LeftPosZ(4, 104).TopPosZ(20, 16))
END_LAYOUT
```

main.cpp :

```
#include <CtrlLib/CtrlLib.h>
```

```
using namespace Upp;
```

```

#define LAYOUTFILE <TestLayoutZoom/TestLayoutZoom.lay>
#include <CtrlCore/lay.h>

class TestLayoutZoom : public WithTestLayoutZoomLayout<TopWindow>
{
void sizeEditCb(void);
public:
typedef TestLayoutZoom CLASSNAME;

TestLayoutZoom();
};

void TestLayoutZoom::sizeEditCb(void)
{
SetStdFont(StdFont(~charSize));
}

TestLayoutZoom::TestLayoutZoom()
{
CtrlLayout(*this, "Window title");
charSize <<= 15;
charSize <<= THISBACK(sizeEditCb);
}

GUI_APP_MAIN
{
TestLayoutZoom().Run();
}

```

On FIRST editspin change, I see just the label sizes which change; on next editspin changes, nothing more happens. The layout is unchanged anyways.

Expected behaviour : layout and its elements should follow edispin value.

Besides of layoyut don't being updated, it seems that calls to SetStdFont() following first one are ignored.

Max

Subject: Re: Zooming layouts and different behaviour windows/linux
Posted by [mirek](#) on Sun, 24 Jun 2012 13:09:18 GMT
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mdelfede wrote on Sun, 24 June 2012 08:00Well.... I'm really out of ideas on WHY, but it started working, at least partially... Maybe it was an old config file which I deleted somewhere.

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No. Standard font is, first of all, considered to be system setting that does not change during the application run. This is similiar to skin changes of host OS.

I am afraid that the only practical way is to somehow restart the application.

Mirek

Subject: Re: Zooming layouts and different behaviour windows/linux

Posted by [mdelfede](#) on Sun, 24 Jun 2012 13:13:34 GMT

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Well... it's a pity, but I guess I can live with it.

I found the reason of former problem, I was calling SetStdFont on app startup once, and it was ignoring following calls.

So, I guess I've to do it just once on app startup.

Thank you for answering

Max
