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Posted by [slashupp](#) on Sat, 03 Mar 2012 09:07:37 GMT

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Sat, 03 Mar 2012 10:29:59 GMT

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Well, it is a correct way.

You are however not required to removechild first and in fact it is better not to do so (U++ can
optimize the process if parent does not change, eventual focus stays).

Also note there is 'insafter' parameter to AddChild and there is also AddChildBefore method.

Anyway, plain simple serie of 'Add' for all child widgets in order you need should work just fine.

Or to bring any widget on top, just Add it again.

Mirek

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Posted by [slashupp](#) on Sat, 03 Mar 2012 10:50:24 GMT

Thanks mirek

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Seems with upp that the moment I start to look for a complex way to do something, I'm doing it wrong

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Sat, 03 Mar 2012 12:59:47 GMT

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slashupp wrote on Sat, 03 March 2012 05:50Thanks mirek

Just to double-check:

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Uhm, depend on how you define "add it". The effect is more or less same as remove/add pair (except details). "myctrl" is just one entity, it cannot be somewhere "twice". Add has inside logic that makes sure it is properly removed from previous location.

Note: You can even Add(myctrl) to other window, effectively moving it from one window to other.