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Subject: How to Draw without overriding Paint?

Posted by [lectus](#) on Sat, 19 Jan 2013 23:01:31 GMT

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Thanks

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Subject: Re: How to Draw without overriding Paint?

Posted by [dolik.rce](#) on Sun, 20 Jan 2013 09:25:10 GMT

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Thanks

Hi lectus,

Simplest way to do this is to have Image member in your class and draw in it using ImageDraw on the user action. Then, when Painting, just paint the image on the screen. Simple example for this: `#include <CtrlLib/CtrlLib.h>`

using namespace Upp;

```
struct App : TopWindow {  
    Image img;
```

```
    virtual void Paint(Draw& w) {  
        w.DrawImage(0, 0, img);  
    }
```

```
    virtual void LeftDown(Point p, dword keyflags){  
        //draw a circle on mouse click  
        int r = Random(200);  
        RGBA c = Color(Random(255),Random(255),Random(255));  
        ImageDraw w(GetSize());  
        w.DrawRect(GetSize(), SBlack());  
        w.DrawEllipse(p.x-r/2, p.y-r/2, r, r, c);  
        img = w;  
        Refresh();  
    }
```

```

App() {
    Size sz(400,400);
    SetRect(0,0,sz.cx,sz.cy);
    ImageDraw w(sz);
    w.DrawRect(sz, SBlack());
    img = w;
}
};

GUI_APP_MAIN
{
    App().Run();
}

```

Another way to do this is to store the info of the user action and then paint do the drawing i Paint based on this info. For example of this have a look a examples/Scribble.

Best regards,  
Honza

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Thank you!  
It works!

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- Yes, just like that
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