

# **wxWindows 2.1: A portable C++ and Python GUI toolkit**

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## Introduction

### What is wxWindows?

wxWindows is a C++ framework providing GUI (Graphical User Interface) and other facilities on more than one platform. Version 2.0 currently supports MS Windows (16-bit, Windows 95 and Windows NT), Unix with GTK+, and Unix with Motif. A Mac port is in an advanced state, an OS/2 port and a port to the MGL graphics library have been started.

wxWindows was originally developed at the Artificial Intelligence Applications Institute, University of Edinburgh, for internal use. wxWindows has been released into the public domain in the hope that others will also find it useful. Version 2.0 is written and maintained by Julian Smart, Robert Roebling, Vadim Zeitlin and others.

This manual discusses wxWindows in the context of multi-platform development.

Please note that in the following, "MS Windows" often refers to all platforms related to Microsoft Windows, including 16-bit and 32-bit variants, unless otherwise stated. All trademarks are acknowledged.

### Why another cross-platform development tool?

wxWindows was developed to provide a cheap and flexible way to maximize investment in GUI application development. While a number of commercial class libraries already existed for cross-platform development, none met all of the following criteria:

1. low price;
2. source availability;
3. simplicity of programming;
4. support for a wide range of compilers.

Since wxWindows was started, several other free or almost-free GUI frameworks have emerged. However, none has the range of features, flexibility, documentation and the well-established development team that wxWindows has.

As public domain software and a project open to everyone, wxWindows has benefited from comments, ideas, bug fixes, enhancements and the sheer enthusiasm of users, especially via the Internet. This gives wxWindows a certain advantage over its commercial competitors (and over free libraries without an independent development team), plus a robustness against the transience of one individual or company. This openness and availability of source code is especially important when the future of thousands of lines of application code may depend upon the longevity of the underlying class library.

Version 2.0 goes much further than previous versions in terms of generality and features, allowing applications to be produced that are often indistinguishable from those produced using single-platform toolkits such as Motif and MFC.

The importance of using a platform-independent class library cannot be overstated, since GUI application development is very time-consuming, and sustained popularity of

particular GUIs cannot be guaranteed. Code can very quickly become obsolete if it addresses the wrong platform or audience. wxWindows helps to insulate the programmer from these winds of change. Although wxWindows may not be suitable for every application (such as an OLE-intensive program), it provides access to most of the functionality a GUI program normally requires, plus some extras such as network programming and PostScript output, and can of course be extended as needs dictate. As a bonus, it provides a cleaner programming interface than the native APIs. Programmers may find it worthwhile to use wxWindows even if they are developing on only one platform.

It is impossible to sum up the functionality of wxWindows in a few paragraphs, but here are some of the benefits:

- Low cost (free, in fact!)
- You get the source.
- Available on a variety of popular platforms.
- Works with almost all popular C++ compilers.
- Several example programs.
- Over 900 pages of printable and on-line documentation.
- Includes Tex2RTF, to allow you to produce your own documentation in Windows Help, HTML and Word RTF formats.
- Simple-to-use, object-oriented API.
- Flexible event system.
- Graphics calls include lines, rounded rectangles, splines, polylines, etc.
- Constraint-based layout option.
- Print/preview and document/view architectures.
- Toolbar, notebook, tree control, advanced list control classes.
- PostScript generation under Unix, normal MS Windows printing on the PC.
- MDI (Multiple Document Interface) support.
- Can be used to create DLLs under Windows, dynamic libraries on Unix.
- Common dialogs for file browsing, printing, colour selection, etc.
- Under MS Windows, support for creating metafiles and copying them to the clipboard.
- An API for invoking help from applications.
- Dialog Editor for building dialogs.
- Network support via a family of socket and protocol classes.

### **Changes from version 1.xx**

These are a few of the major differences between versions 1.xx and 2.0.

Removals:

- XView is no longer supported;
- all controls (panel items) no longer have labels attached to them;
- wxForm has been removed;
- wxCanvasDC, wxPanelDC removed (replaced by wxClientDC, wxWindowDC, wxPaintDC which can be used for any window);
- wxMultiText, wxTextWindow, wxText removed and replaced by wxTextCtrl;

- classes no longer divided into generic and platform-specific parts, for efficiency.

Additions and changes:

- class hierarchy changed, and restrictions about subwindow nesting lifted;
- header files reorganised to conform to normal C++ standards;
- classes less dependent on each another, to reduce executable size;
- wxString used instead of char\* wherever possible;
- the number of separate but mandatory utilities reduced;
- the event system has been overhauled, with virtual functions and callbacks being replaced with MFC-like event tables;
- new controls, such as wxTreeCtrl, wxListCtrl, wxSpinButton;
- less inconsistency about what events can be handled, so for example mouse clicks or key presses on controls can now be intercepted;
- the status bar is now a separate class, wxStatusBar, and is implemented in generic wxWindows code;
- some renaming of controls for greater consistency;
- wxBitmap has the notion of bitmap handlers to allow for extension to new formats without ifdefing;
- new dialogs: wxPageSetupDialog, wxFileDialog, wxDirDialog, wxMessageDialog, wxSingleChoiceDialog, wxTextEntryDialog;
- GDI objects are reference-counted and are now passed to most functions by reference, making memory management far easier;
- wxSystemSettings class allows querying for various system-wide properties such as dialog font, colours, user interface element sizes, and so on;
- better platform look and feel conformance;
- toolbar functionality now separated out into a family of classes with the same API;
- device contexts are no longer accessed using wxWindow::GetDC - they are created temporarily with the window as an argument;
- events from sliders and scrollbars can be handled more flexibly;
- the handling of window close events has been changed in line with the new event system;
- the concept of *validator* has been added to allow much easier coding of the relationship between controls and application data;
- the documentation has been revised, with more cross-referencing.

Platform-specific changes:

- The Windows header file (windows.h) is no longer included by wxWindows headers;
- wx.dll supported under Visual C++;
- the full range of Windows 95 window decorations are supported, such as modal frame borders;
- MDI classes brought out of wxFrame into separate classes, and made more flexible.

## **wxWindows requirements**

To make use of wxWindows, you currently need one or both of the following setups.

(a) PC:

1. A 486 or higher PC running MS Windows.
2. A Windows compiler: most are supported, but please see `install.txt` for details. Supported compilers include Microsoft Visual C++ 4.0 or higher, Borland C++, Cygwin, Metrowerks CodeWarrior.
3. At least 60 MB of disk space.

(b) Unix:

1. Almost any C++ compiler, including GNU C++ (EGCS 1.1.1 or above).
2. Almost any Unix workstation, and one of: GTK+ 1.0, GTK+ 1.2, Motif 1.2 or higher, Lesstif.
3. At least 60 MB of disk space.

## Availability and location of wxWindows

wxWindows is available by anonymous FTP and World Wide Web:

```
ftp://www.remstar.com/pub/wxwin
http://www.wxwindows.org
```

You can also buy a CD-ROM using the form on the Web site, or by contacting:

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## Multi-platform development with wxWindows

This chapter describes the practical details of using wxWindows. Please see the file `install.txt` for up-to-date installation instructions, and `changes.txt` for differences between versions.

### Include files

The main include file is `"wx/wx.h"`; this includes the most commonly used modules of wxWindows.

To save on compilation time, include only those header files relevant to the source file. If you are using precompiled headers, you should include the following section before any other includes:

```
// For compilers that support precompilation, includes "wx.h".
#include <wx/wxprec.h>

#ifdef __BORLANDC__
#pragma hdrstop
#endif

#ifdef WX_PRECOMP
// Include your minimal set of headers here, or wx.h
#include <wx/wx.h>
#endif

... now your other include files ...
```

The file `"wx/wxprec.h"` includes `"wx/wx.h"`. Although this incantation may seem quirky, it is in fact the end result of a lot of experimentation, and several Windows compilers to use precompilation (those tested are Microsoft Visual C++, Borland C++ and Watcom C++).

Borland precompilation is largely automatic. Visual C++ requires specification of `"wx/wxprec.h"` as the file to use for precompilation. Watcom C++ is automatic apart from the specification of the `.pch` file. Watcom C++ is strange in requiring the precompiled header to be used only for object files compiled in the same directory as that in which the precompiled header was created. Therefore, the wxWindows Watcom C++ makefiles go through hoops deleting and recreating a single precompiled header file for each module, thus preventing an accumulation of many multi-megabyte `.pch` files.

### Libraries

Please see the wxGTK or wxMotif documentation for use of the Unix version of wxWindows. Under Windows, use the library `wx.lib` for stand-alone Windows applications, or `wxdll.lib` for creating DLLs.

### Configuration

Options are configurable in the file `"wx/XXX/setup.h"` where XXX is the required

platform (such as msw, motif, gtk, mac). Some settings are a matter of taste, some help with platform-specific problems, and others can be set to minimize the size of the library. Please see the `setup.h` file and `install.txt` files for details on configuration.

## Makefiles

At the moment there is no attempt to make Unix makefiles and PC makefiles compatible, i.e. one makefile is required for each environment. wxGTK has its own configure system which can also be used with wxMotif, although wxMotif has a simple makefile system of its own.

Sample makefiles for Unix (suffix `.UNX`), MS C++ (suffix `.DOS` and `.NT`), Borland C++ (`.BCC` and `.B32`) and Symantec C++ (`.SC`) are included for the library, demos and utilities.

The controlling makefile for wxWindows is in the platform-specific directory, such as `src/msw` or `src/motif`.

Please see the platform-specific `install.txt` file for further details.

## Windows-specific files

wxWindows application compilation under MS Windows requires at least two extra files, resource and module definition files.

## Resource file

The least that must be defined in the Windows resource file (extension `RC`) is the following statement:

```
rcinclude "wx/msw/wx.rc"
```

which includes essential internal wxWindows definitions. The resource script may also contain references to icons, cursors, etc., for example:

```
wxicon icon wx.ico
```

The icon can then be referenced by name when creating a frame icon. See the MS Windows SDK documentation.

**Note:** include `wx.rc` *after* any `ICON` statements so programs that search your executable for icons (such as the Program Manager) find your application icon first.

## Module definition file

A module definition file (extension `DEF`) is required for 16-bit applications, and looks like the following:

```
NAME           Hello
DESCRIPTION    'Hello'
EXETYPE        WINDOWS
STUB           'WINSTUB.EXE'
CODE           PRELOAD MOVEABLE DISCARDABLE
DATA           PRELOAD MOVEABLE MULTIPLE
HEAPSIZE       1024
STACKSIZE      8192
```

The only lines which will usually have to be changed per application are NAME and DESCRIPTION.

### Allocating and deleting wxWindows objects

In general, classes derived from wxWindow must dynamically allocated with *new* and deleted with *delete*. If you delete a window, all of its children and descendants will be automatically deleted, so you don't need to delete these descendants explicitly.

When deleting a frame or dialog, use **Destroy** rather than **delete** so that the wxWindows delayed deletion can take effect. This waits until idle time (when all messages have been processed) to actually delete the window, to avoid problems associated with the GUI sending events to deleted windows.

Don't create a window on the stack, because this will interfere with delayed deletion.

If you decide to allocate a C++ array of objects (such as wxBitmap) that may be cleaned up by wxWindows, make sure you delete the array explicitly before wxWindows has a chance to do so on exit, since calling *delete* on array members will cause memory problems.

wxColour can be created statically: it is not automatically cleaned up and is unlikely to be shared between other objects; it is lightweight enough for copies to be made.

Beware of deleting objects such as a wxPen or wxBitmap if they are still in use. Windows is particularly sensitive to this: so make sure you make calls like wxDC::SetPen(wxNullPen) or wxDC::SelectObject(wxNullBitmap) before deleting a drawing object that may be in use. Code that doesn't do this will probably work fine on some platforms, and then fail under Windows.

### Architecture dependency

A problem which sometimes arises from writing multi-platform programs is that the basic C types are not defined the same on all platforms. This holds true for both the length in bits of the standard types (such as int and long) as well as their byte order, which might be little endian (typically on Intel computers) or big endian (typically on some Unix workstations). wxWindows defines types and macros that make it easy to write architecture independent code. The types are:

```
wxInt32, wxInt16, wxInt8, wxUInt32, wxUInt16 = wxWord, wxUInt8 = wxByte
```

where wxInt32 stands for a 32-bit signed integer type etc. You can also check which

architecture the program is compiled on using the `wxBYTE_ORDER` define which is either `wxBIG_ENDIAN` or `wxLITTLE_ENDIAN` (in the future maybe `wxPDP_ENDIAN` as well).

The macros handling bit-swapping with respect to the applications endianness are described in the *Macros* (p. 999) section.

### **Conditional compilation**

One of the purposes of `wxWindows` is to reduce the need for conditional compilation in source code, which can be messy and confusing to follow. However, sometimes it is necessary to incorporate platform-specific features (such as metafile use under MS Windows). The symbols listed in the file `symbols.txt` may be used for this purpose, along with any user-supplied ones.

### **C++ issues**

The following documents some miscellaneous C++ issues.

### **Templates**

`wxWindows` does not use templates since it is a notoriously unportable feature.

### **RTTI**

`wxWindows` does not use run-time type information since `wxWindows` provides its own run-time type information system, implemented using macros.

### **Type of NULL**

Some compilers (e.g. the native IRIX cc) define `NULL` to be `0L` so that no conversion to pointers is allowed. Because of that, all these occurrences of `NULL` in the GTK port use an explicit conversion such as

```
wxWindow *my_window = (wxWindow*) NULL;
```

It is recommended to adhere to this in all code using `wxWindows` as this make the code (a bit) more portable.

### **Precompiled headers**

Some compilers, such as Borland C++ and Microsoft C++, support precompiled headers. This can save a great deal of compiling time. The recommended approach is to

precompile "wx.h", using this precompiled header for compiling both wxWindows itself and any wxWindows applications. For Windows compilers, two dummy source files are provided (one for normal applications and one for creating DLLs) to allow initial creation of the precompiled header.

However, there are several downsides to using precompiled headers. One is that to take advantage of the facility, you often need to include more header files than would normally be the case. This means that changing a header file will cause more recompilations (in the case of wxWindows, everything needs to be recompiled since everything includes "wx.h"!).

A related problem is that for compilers that don't have precompiled headers, including a lot of header files slows down compilation considerably. For this reason, you will find (in the common X and Windows parts of the library) conditional compilation that under Unix, includes a minimal set of headers; and when using Visual C++, includes wx.h. This should help provide the optimal compilation for each compiler, although it is biased towards the precompiled headers facility available in Microsoft C++.

## File handling

When building an application which may be used under different environments, one difficulty is coping with documents which may be moved to different directories on other machines. Saving a file which has pointers to full pathnames is going to be inherently unportable. One approach is to store filenames on their own, with no directory information. The application searches through a number of locally defined directories to find the file. To support this, the class **wxPathList** makes adding directories and searching for files easy, and the global function **wxFileNameFromPath** allows the application to strip off the filename from the path if the filename must be stored. This has undesirable ramifications for people who have documents of the same name in different directories.

As regards the limitations of DOS 8+3 single-case filenames versus unrestricted Unix filenames, the best solution is to use DOS filenames for your application, and also for document filenames *if* the user is likely to be switching platforms regularly. Obviously this latter choice is up to the application user to decide. Some programs (such as YACC and LEX) generate filenames incompatible with DOS; the best solution here is to have your Unix makefile rename the generated files to something more compatible before transferring the source to DOS. Transferring DOS files to Unix is no problem, of course, apart from EOL conversion for which there should be a utility available (such as dos2unix).

See also the File Functions section of the reference manual for descriptions of miscellaneous file handling functions.

## **Programming strategies**

This chapter is intended to list strategies that may be useful when writing and debugging wxWindows programs. If you have any good tips, please submit them for inclusion here.

### **Strategies for reducing programming errors**

#### **Use ASSERT**

Although I haven't done this myself within wxWindows, it is good practice to use ASSERT statements liberally, that check for conditions that should or should not hold, and print out appropriate error messages. These can be compiled out of a non-debugging version of wxWindows and your application. Using ASSERT is an example of 'defensive programming': it can alert you to problems later on.

#### **Use wxString in preference to character arrays**

Using wxString can be much safer and more convenient than using char \*. Again, I haven't practised what I'm preaching, but I'm now trying to use wxString wherever possible. You can reduce the possibility of memory leaks substantially, and it's much more convenient to use the overloaded operators than functions such as strcmp. wxString won't add a significant overhead to your program; the overhead is compensated for by easier manipulation (which means less code).

The same goes for other data types: use classes wherever possible.

### **Strategies for portability**

#### **Use relative positioning or constraints**

Don't use absolute panel item positioning if you can avoid it. Different GUIs have very differently sized panel items. Consider using the constraint system, although this can be complex to program.

Alternatively, you could use alternative .wrc (wxWindows resource files) on different platforms, with slightly different dimensions in each. Or space your panel items out to avoid problems.

#### **Use wxWindows resource files**

Use .wrc (wxWindows resource files) where possible, because they can be easily changed independently of source code. Bitmap resources can be set up to load different kinds of bitmap depending on platform (see the section on resource files).

### **Strategies for debugging**

## Positive thinking

It's common to blow up the problem in one's imagination, so that it seems to threaten weeks, months or even years of work. The problem you face may seem insurmountable: but almost never is. Once you have been programming for some time, you will be able to remember similar incidents that threw you into the depths of despair. But remember, you always solved the problem, somehow!

Perseverance is often the key, even though a seemingly trivial problem can take an apparently inordinate amount of time to solve. In the end, you will probably wonder why you worried so much. That's not to say it isn't painful at the time. Try not to worry -- there are many more important things in life.

## Simplify the problem

Reduce the code exhibiting the problem to the smallest program possible that exhibits the problem. If it is not possible to reduce a large and complex program to a very small program, then try to ensure your code doesn't hide the problem (you may have attempted to minimize the problem in some way: but now you want to expose it).

With luck, you can add a small amount of code that causes the program to go from functioning to non-functioning state. This should give a clue to the problem. In some cases though, such as memory leaks or wrong deallocation, this can still give totally spurious results!

## Use a debugger

This sounds like facetious advice, but it's surprising how often people don't use a debugger. Often it's an overhead to install or learn how to use a debugger, but it really is essential for anything but the most trivial programs.

## Use logging functions

There is a variety of logging functions that you can use in your program: see *Logging functions* (p. 1010).

Using tracing statements may be more convenient than using the debugger in some circumstances (such as when your debugger doesn't support a lot of debugging code, or you wish to print a bunch of variables).

## Use the wxWindows debugging facilities

You can use `wxDebugContext` to check for memory leaks and corrupt memory: in fact in debugging mode, wxWindows will automatically check for memory leaks at the end of the program if wxWindows is suitably configured. Depending on the operating system



and compiler, more or less specific information about the problem will be logged.

You should also use *debug macros* (p. 1012) as part of a 'defensive programming' strategy, scattering `wxASSERT`s liberally to test for problems in your code as early as possible. Forward thinking will save a surprising amount of time in the long run.

See the *debugging overview* (p. 1060) for further information.

## **Check Windows debug messages**

Under Windows, it's worth running your program with DBWIN running or some other program that shows Windows-generated debug messages. It's possible it'll show invalid handles being used. You may have fun seeing what commercial programs cause these normally hidden errors! Microsoft recommend using the debugging version of Windows, which shows up even more problems. However, I doubt it's worth the hassle for most applications. `wxWindows` is designed to minimize the possibility of such errors, but they can still happen occasionally, slipping through unnoticed because they are not severe enough to cause a crash.

## **Genetic mutation**

If we had sophisticated genetic algorithm tools that could be applied to programming, we could use them. Until then, a common -- if rather irrational -- technique is to just make arbitrary changes to the code until something different happens. You may have an intuition why a change will make a difference; otherwise, just try altering the order of code, comment lines out, anything to get over an impasse. Obviously, this is usually a last resort.

## Alphabetical class reference

### **wxAcceleratorEntry**

An object used by an application wishing to create an *accelerator table* (p. 2).

#### Derived from

None

#### Include files

<wx/accel.h>

#### See also

*wxAcceleratorTable* (p. 2), *wxWindow::SetAcceleratorTable* (p. 950)

### **wxAcceleratorEntry::wxAcceleratorEntry**

#### **wxAcceleratorEntry()**

Default constructor.

#### **wxAcceleratorEntry(int flags, int keyCode, int cmd)**

Constructor.

#### Parameters

*flags*

One of wxACCEL\_SHIFT, wxACCEL\_CTRL and wxACCEL\_NORMAL. Indicates which modifier key is held down.

*keyCode*

The keycode to be detected. See *Keycodes* (p. 1014) for a full list of keycodes.

*cmd*

The menu or control command identifier.

### **wxAcceleratorEntry::GetCommand**

#### **int GetCommand() const**

Returns the command identifier for the accelerator table entry.

**wxAcceleratorEntry::GetFlags****int GetFlags() const**

Returns the flags for the accelerator table entry.

**wxAcceleratorEntry::GetKeyCode****int GetKeyCode() const**

Returns the keycode for the accelerator table entry.

**wxAcceleratorEntry::Set****void Set(int flags, int keyCode, int cmd)**

Sets the accelerator entry parameters.

**Parameters***flags*

One of wxACCEL\_SHIFT, wxACCEL\_CTRL and wxACCEL\_NORMAL. Indicates which modifier key is held down.

*keyCode*

The keycode to be detected. See *Keycodes* (p. 1014) for a full list of keycodes.

*cmd*

The menu or control command identifier.

**wxAcceleratorTable**

An accelerator table allows the application to specify a table of keyboard shortcuts for menus or other commands. On Windows, menu or button commands are supported; on GTK, only menu commands are supported.

The object **wxNullAcceleratorTable** is defined to be a table with no data, and is the initial accelerator table for a window.

**Derived from**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/accel.h>

### Example

```
wxAcceleratorEntry entries[4];
entries[0].Set(wxACCEL_CTRL, (int) 'N', ID_NEW_WINDOW);
entries[1].Set(wxACCEL_CTRL, (int) 'X', wxID_EXIT);
entries[2].Set(wxACCEL_SHIFT, (int) 'A', ID_ABOUT);
entries[3].Set(wxACCEL_NONE, W XK_DELETE, wxID_CUT);
wxAcceleratorTable accel(4, entries);
frame->SetAcceleratorTable(accel);
```

### Remarks

An accelerator takes precedence over normal processing and can be a convenient way to program some event handling. For example, you can use an accelerator table to enable a dialog with a multi-line text control to accept CTRL-Enter as meaning 'OK' (but not in GTK at present).

### See also

*wxAcceleratorEntry* (p. 1), *wxWindow::SetAcceleratorTable* (p. 950)

## **wxAcceleratorTable::wxAcceleratorTable**

### **wxAcceleratorTable()**

Default constructor.

### **wxAcceleratorTable(const wxAcceleratorTable& *bitmap*)**

Copy constructor.

### **wxAcceleratorTable(int *n*, wxAcceleratorEntry *entries*[])**

Creates from an array of *wxAcceleratorEntry* (p. 1) objects.

### **wxAcceleratorTable(const wxString& *resource*)**

Loads the accelerator table from a Windows resource (Windows only).

### Parameters

*n*

Number of accelerator entries.

*entries*

The array of entries.

*resource*

Name of a Windows accelerator.

**wxPython note:** The wxPython constructor accepts a list of wxAcceleratorEntry objects, or 3-tuples consisting of flags, keyCode, and cmd values like you would construct wxAcceleratorEntry objects with.

## **wxAcceleratorTable::~wxAcceleratorTable**

**~wxAcceleratorTable()**

Destroys the wxAcceleratorTable object.

## **wxAcceleratorTable::Ok**

**bool Ok() const**

Returns TRUE if the accelerator table is valid.

## **wxAcceleratorTable::operator =**

**wxAcceleratorTable& operator =(const wxAcceleratorTable& accel)**

Assignment operator. This operator does not copy any data, but instead passes a pointer to the data in *accel* and increments a reference counter. It is a fast operation.

### **Parameters**

*accel*

Accelerator table to assign.

### **Return value**

Returns 'this' object.

## **wxAcceleratorTable::operator ==**

**bool operator ==(const wxAcceleratorTable& accel)**

Equality operator. This operator tests whether the internal data pointers are equal (a fast test).

### **Parameters**

*accel*

Accelerator table to compare with 'this'

### Return value

Returns TRUE if the accelerator tables were effectively equal, FALSE otherwise.

## **wxAcceleratorTable::operator !=**

**bool operator !=(const wxAcceleratorTable& accel)**

Inequality operator. This operator tests whether the internal data pointers are unequal (a fast test).

### Parameters

*accel*

Accelerator table to compare with 'this'

### Return value

Returns TRUE if the accelerator tables were unequal, FALSE otherwise.

## **wxActivateEvent**

An activate event is sent when a window or application is being activated or deactivated.

### Derived from

*wxEvent* (p. 237)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/event.h>

### Event table macros

To process an activate event, use these event handler macros to direct input to a member function that takes a wxActivateEvent argument.

**EVT\_ACTIVATE(func)**

Process a wxEVT\_ACTIVATE event.

**EVT\_ACTIVATE\_APP(func)**

Process a wxEVT\_ACTIVATE\_APP event.

### Remarks

A top-level window (a dialog or frame) receives an activate event when is being activated or deactivated. This is indicated visually by the title bar changing colour, and a subwindow gaining the keyboard focus.

An application is activated or deactivated when one of its frames becomes activated, or a frame becomes inactive resulting in all application frames being inactive. (Windows only)

### See also

*wxWindow::OnActivate* (p. 934), *wxApp::OnActivate* (p. 10), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

## **wxActivateEvent::wxActivateEvent**

**wxActivateEvent**(WXTYPE *eventType* = 0, **bool** *active* = TRUE, **int** *id* = 0)

Constructor.

## **wxActivateEvent::m\_active**

**bool** *m\_active*

TRUE if the window or application was activated.

## **wxActivateEvent::GetActive**

**bool** *GetActive*() **const**

Returns TRUE if the application or window is being activated, FALSE otherwise.

## **wxApp**

The **wxApp** class represents the application itself. It is used to:

- set and get application-wide properties;
- implement the windowing system message or event loop;
- initiate application processing via *wxApp::OnInit* (p. 12);
- allow default processing of events not handled by other objects in the application.

You should use the macro `IMPLEMENT_APP(appClass)` in your application implementation file to tell wxWindows how to create an instance of your application class.

Use `DECLARE_APP(appClass)` in a header file if you want the `wxGetApp` function (which returns a reference to your application object) to be visible to other files.

### Derived from

*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/app.h>

### See also

*wxApp* overview (p. 1026)

## **wxApp::wxApp**

### **void wxApp()**

Constructor. Called implicitly with a definition of a wxApp object.

The argument is a language identifier; this is an experimental feature and will be expanded and documented in future versions.

## **wxApp::~~wxApp**

### **void ~wxApp()**

Destructor. Will be called implicitly on program exit if the wxApp object is created on the stack.

## **wxApp::argc**

### **int argc**

Number of command line arguments (after environment-specific processing).

## **wxApp::argv**

### **char \*\* argv**

Command line arguments (after environment-specific processing).

## **wxApp::CreateLogTarget**

### **virtual wxLog\* CreateLogTarget()**



Creates a `wxLog` class for the application to use for logging errors. The default implementation returns a new `wxLogGui` class.

[See also](#)

*wxLog* (p. 479)

## **wxApp::Dispatch**

**void Dispatch()**

Dispatches the next event in the windowing system event queue.

This can be used for programming event loops, e.g.

```
while (app.Pending())  
    Dispatch();
```

[See also](#)

*wxApp::Pending* (p. 13)

## **wxApp::GetAppName**

**wxString GetAppName() const**

Returns the application name.

[Remarks](#)

`wxWindows` sets this to a reasonable default before calling *wxApp::OnInit* (p. 12), but the application can reset it at will.

## **wxApp::GetAuto3D**

**bool GetAuto3D() const**

Returns TRUE if 3D control mode is on, FALSE otherwise.

[See also](#)

*wxApp::SetAuto3D* (p. 14)

## **wxApp::GetClassName**

**wxString GetClassName() const**

Gets the class name of the application. The class name may be used in a platform specific manner to refer to the application.

**See also**

*wxApp::SetClassName* (p. 14)

**wxApp::GetExitOnDelete**

**bool GetExitOnDelete() const**

Returns TRUE if the application will exit when the top-level window is deleted, FALSE otherwise.

**See also**

*wxApp::SetExitOnDelete* (p. 15)

**wxApp::GetTopWindow**

**wxWindow \* GetTopWindow() const**

Returns a pointer to the top window.

**Remarks**

If the top window hasn't been set using *wxApp::SetTopWindow* (p. 15), this function will find the first top-level window (frame or dialog) and return that.

**See also**

*wxApp::SetTopWindow* (p. 15)

**wxApp::ExitMainLoop**

**void ExitMainLoop()**

Call this to explicitly exit the main message (event) loop. You should normally exit the main loop (and the application) by deleting the top window.

**wxApp::Initialized**

**bool Initialized()**

Returns TRUE if the application has been initialized (i.e. if *wxApp::OnInit* (p. 12) has

returned successfully). This can be useful for error message routines to determine which method of output is best for the current state of the program (some windowing systems may not like dialogs to pop up before the main loop has been entered).

### **wxApp::MainLoop**

**int MainLoop()**

Called by wxWindows on creation of the application. Override this if you wish to provide your own (environment-dependent) main loop.

#### **Return value**

Returns 0 under X, and the wParam of the WM\_QUIT message under Windows.

### **wxApp::OnActivate**

**void OnActivate(wxActivateEvent& event)**

Provide this member function to know whether the application is being activated or deactivated (Windows only).

#### **See also**

*wxWindow::OnActivate* (p. 934), *wxActivateEvent* (p. 5)

### **wxApp::OnExit**

**int OnExit()**

Provide this member function for any processing which needs to be done as the application is about to exit.

### **wxApp::OnCharHook**

**void OnCharHook(wxKeyEvent& event)**

This event handler function is called (under Windows only) to allow the window to intercept keyboard events before they are processed by child windows.

#### **Parameters**

*event*

The keypress event.

#### **Remarks**

Use the `wxEVT_CHAR_HOOK` macro in your event table.

If you use this member, you can selectively consume keypress events by calling `wxEvent::Skip` (p. 240) for characters the application is not interested in.

### See also

`wxKeyEvent` (p. 438), `wxWindow::OnChar` (p. 934), `wxWindow::OnCharHook` (p. 935), `wxDialog::OnCharHook` (p. 197)

## **wxApp::OnIdle**

**void OnIdle(wxIdleEvent& event)**

Override this member function for any processing which needs to be done when the application is idle. You should call `wxApp::OnIdle` from your own function, since this forwards OnIdle events to windows and also performs garbage collection for windows whose destruction has been delayed.

wxWindows' strategy for OnIdle processing is as follows. After pending user interface events for an application have all been processed, wxWindows sends an OnIdle event to the application object. `wxApp::OnIdle` itself sends an OnIdle event to each application window, allowing windows to do idle processing such as updating their appearance. If either `wxApp::OnIdle` or a window OnIdle function requested more time, by calling `wxIdleEvent::RequestMore` (p. 395), wxWindows will send another OnIdle event to the application object. This will occur in a loop until either a user event is found to be pending, or OnIdle requests no more time. Then all pending user events are processed until the system goes idle again, when OnIdle is called, and so on.

### See also

`wxWindow::OnIdle` (p. 940), `wxIdleEvent` (p. 394), `wxWindow::SendIdleEvents` (p. 13)

## **wxApp::OnEndSession**

**void OnEndSession(wxCloseEvent& event)**

This is an event handler function called when the operating system or GUI session is about to close down. The application has a chance to silently save information, and can optionally close itself.

Use the `EVT_END_SESSION` event table macro to handle query end session events.

The default handler calls `wxWindow::Close` (p. 919) with a `TRUE` argument (forcing the application to close itself silently).

### Remarks

Under X, `OnEndSession` is called in response to the 'die' event.

Under Windows, `OnEndSession` is called in response to the `WM_ENDSESSION` message.

### See also

*wxWindow::Close* (p. 919), *wxWindow::OnCloseWindow* (p. 937), *wxCloseEvent* (p. 89), *wxApp::OnQueryEndSession* (p. 12)

## **wxApp::OnInit**

### **bool OnInit()**

This must be provided by the application, and will usually create the application's main window, optionally calling *wxApp::SetTopWindow* (p. 15).

Return TRUE to continue processing, FALSE to exit the application.

## **wxApp::OnQueryEndSession**

### **void OnQueryEndSession(wxCloseEvent& event)**

This is an event handler function called when the operating system or GUI session is about to close down. Typically, an application will try to save unsaved documents at this point.

If *wxCloseEvent::CanVeto* (p. 90) returns TRUE, the application is allowed to veto the shutdown by calling *wxCloseEvent::Veto* (p. 91). The application might veto the shutdown after prompting for documents to be saved, and the user has cancelled the save.

Use the `EVT_QUERY_END_SESSION` event table macro to handle query end session events.

You should check whether the application is forcing the deletion of the window using *wxCloseEvent::GetForce* (p. 90). If this is TRUE, destroy the window using *wxWindow::Destroy* (p. 922). If not, it is up to you whether you respond by destroying the window.

The default handler calls *wxWindow::Close* (p. 919) on the top-level window, and vetoes the shutdown if `Close` returns FALSE. This will be sufficient for many applications.

### Remarks

Under X, `OnQueryEndSession` is called in response to the 'save session' event.

Under Windows, `OnQueryEndSession` is called in response to the `WM_QUERYENDSESSION` message.

### See also

*wxWindow::Close* (p. 919), *wxWindow::OnCloseWindow* (p. 937), *wxCloseEvent* (p. 89), *wxApp::OnEndSession* (p. 11)

## **wxApp::ProcessMessage**

### **bool ProcessMessage(MSG \*msg)**

Windows-only function for processing a message. This function is called from the main message loop, checking for windows that may wish to process it. The function returns TRUE if the message was processed, FALSE otherwise. If you use wxWindows with another class library with its own message loop, you should make sure that this function is called to allow wxWindows to receive messages. For example, to allow co-existence with the Microsoft Foundation Classes, override the *PreTranslateMessage* function:

```
// Provide wxWindows message loop compatibility
BOOL CTheApp::PreTranslateMessage(MSG *msg)
{
    if (wxTheApp && wxTheApp->ProcessMessage(msg))
        return TRUE;
    else
        return CWinApp::PreTranslateMessage(msg);
}
```

## **wxApp::Pending**

### **bool Pending()**

Returns TRUE if unprocessed events are in the window system event queue (MS Windows and Motif).

### See also

*wxApp::Dispatch* (p. 8)

## **wxApp::SendIdleEvents**

### **bool SendIdleEvents()**

Sends idle events to all top-level windows.

### **bool SendIdleEvents(wxWindow\* win)**

Sends idle events to a window and its children.

### Remarks

These functions poll the top-level windows, and their children, for idle event processing. If TRUE is returned, more OnIdle processing is requested by one or more window.

**See also**

*wxApp::OnIdle* (p. 11), *wxWindow::OnIdle* (p. 940), *wxIdleEvent* (p. 394)

## **wxApp::SetAppName**

**void SetAppName(const wxString& name)**

Sets the name of the application. The name may be used in dialogs (for example by the document/view framework). A default name is set by wxWindows.

**See also**

*wxApp::GetAppName* (p. 8)

## **wxApp::SetAuto3D**

**void SetAuto3D(const bool auto3D)**

Switches automatic 3D controls on or off.

**Parameters**

*auto3D*

If TRUE, all controls will be created with 3D appearances unless overridden for a control or dialog. The default is TRUE

**Remarks**

This has an effect on Windows only.

**See also**

*wxApp::GetAuto3D* (p. 8)

## **wxApp::SetClassName**

**void SetClassName(const wxString& name)**

Sets the class name of the application. This may be used in a platform specific manner to refer to the application.

**See also**

*wxApp::GetClassName* (p. 8)

## **wxApp::SetExitOnDelete**

**void SetExitOnDelete**(bool *flag*)

Allows the programmer to specify whether the application will exit when the top-level frame is deleted.

### **Parameters**

*flag*

If TRUE (the default), the application will exit when the top-level frame is deleted. If FALSE, the application will continue to run.

### **Remarks**

Currently, setting this to FALSE only has an effect under Windows.

## **wxApp::SetTopWindow**

**void SetTopWindow**(wxWindow\* *window*)

Sets the 'top' window. You can call this from within *wxApp::OnInit* (p. 12) to let wxWindows know which is the main window. You don't have to set the top window; it's only a convenience so that (for example) certain dialogs without parents can use a specific window as the top window. If no top window is specified by the application, wxWindows just uses the first frame or dialog in its top-level window list, when it needs to use the top window.

### **Parameters**

*window*

The new top window.

### **See also**

*wxApp::GetTopWindow* (p. 9), *wxApp::OnInit* (p. 12)

## **wxApp::GetStdIcon**

**virtual wxIcon GetStdIcon**(int *which*) const

Returns the icons used by wxWindows internally, e.g. the ones used for message boxes. This function is used internally and can be overridden by the user to change the default icons.



## Parameters

*which*

One of the wxICON\_XXX defines and chooses which icon to return.

## wxArray

This section describes the so called *dynamic arrays*. This is a C array-like data structure i.e. the member access time is constant (and not linear according to the number of container elements as for linked lists). However, these arrays are dynamic in the sense that they will automatically allocate more memory if there is not enough of it for adding a new element. They also perform range checking on the index values but in debug mode only, so please be sure to compile your application in debug mode to use it (see *debugging overview* (p. 1060) for details). So, unlike the arrays in some other languages, attempt to access an element beyond the arrays bound doesn't automatically expand the array but provokes an assertion failure instead in debug build and does nothing (except possibly crashing your program) in the release build.

The array classes were designed to be reasonably efficient, both in terms of run-time speed and memory consumption and the executable size. The speed of array item access is, of course, constant (independent of the number of elements) making them much more efficient than linked lists (*wxList* (p. 446)). Adding items to the arrays is also implemented in more or less constant time - but the price is preallocating the memory in advance. In the *memory management* (p. 19) section you may find some useful hints about optimizing wxArray memory usage. As for executable size, all wxArray functions are inline, so they do not take *any space at all*.

wxWindows has three different kinds of array. All of them derive from wxBaseArray class which works with untyped data and can not be used directly. The standard macros WX\_DEFINE\_ARRAY(), WX\_DEFINE\_SORTED\_ARRAY() and WX\_DEFINE\_OBJARRAY() are used to define a new class deriving from it. The classes declared will be called in this documentation wxArray, wxSortedArray and wxObjArray but you should keep in mind that no classes with such names actually exist, each time you use one of WX\_DEFINE\_XXXARRAY macro you define a class with a new name. In fact, these names are "template" names and each usage of one of the macros mentioned above creates a template specialization for the given element type.

wxArray is suitable for storing integer types and pointers which it does not treat as objects in any way, i.e. the element pointed to by the pointer is not deleted when the element is removed from the array. It should be noted that all of wxArray's functions are inline, so it costs strictly nothing to define as many array types as you want (either in terms of the executable size or the speed) as long as at least one of them is defined and this is always the case because wxArrays are used by wxWindows internally. This class has one serious limitation: it can only be used for storing integral types (bool, char, short, int, long and their unsigned variants) or pointers (of any kind). An attempt to use with objects of sizeof() greater than sizeof(long) will provoke a runtime assertion failure, however declaring a wxArray of floats will not (on the machines where sizeof(float) <= sizeof(long)), yet it will **not** work, please use wxObjArray for storing floats and doubles (NB: a more efficient wxArrayDouble class is scheduled for the next release of wxWindows).

`wxSortedArray` is a `wxArray` variant which should be used when searching in the array is a frequently used operation. It requires you to define an additional function for comparing two elements of the array element type and always stores its items in the sorted order (according to this function). Thus, its `Index()` (p. 24) function execution time is  $O(\log(N))$  instead of  $O(N)$  for the usual arrays but the `Add()` (p. 22) method is slower: it is  $O(\log(N))$  instead of constant time (neglecting time spent in memory allocation routine). However, in a usual situation elements are added to an array much less often than searched inside it, so `wxSortedArray` may lead to huge performance improvements compared to `wxArray`. Finally, it should be noticed that, as `wxArray`, `wxSortedArray` can be only used for storing integral types or pointers.

`wxObjArray` class treats its elements like "objects". It may delete them when they are removed from the array (invoking the correct destructor) and copies them using the objects copy constructor. In order to implement this behaviour the definition of the `wxObjArray` arrays is split in two parts: first, you should declare the new `wxObjArray` class using `WX_DECLARE_OBJARRAY()` macro and then you must include the file defining the implementation of template type: `<wx/arrimpl.cpp>` and define the array class with `WX_DEFINE_OBJARRAY()` macro from a point where the full (as opposed to 'forward') declaration of the array elements class is in scope. As it probably sounds very complicated here is an example:

```
#include <wx/dynarray.h>

// we must forward declare the array because it's used inside the class
// declaration
class MyDirectory;
class MyFile;

// this defines two new types: ArrayOfDirectories and ArrayOfFiles
// which can be
// now used as shown below
WX_DECLARE_OBJARRAY(MyDirectory, ArrayOfDirectories);
WX_DECLARE_OBJARRAY(MyFile, ArrayOfFiles);

class MyDirectory
{
...
    ArrayOfDirectories m_subdirectories; // all subdirectories
    ArrayOfFiles       m_files;       // all files in this directory
};

...

// now that we have MyDirectory declaration in scope we may finish the
// definition of ArrayOfDirectories
#include <wx/arrimpl.cpp> // this is a magic incantation which must be
done!
WX_DEFINE_OBJARRAY(ArrayOfDirectories);

// that's all!
```

It is not as elegant as writing

```
typedef std::vector<MyDirectory> ArrayOfDirectories;
```

but is not that complicated and allows the code to be compiled with any, however dumb, C++ compiler in the world.

Things are much simpler for `wxArray` and `wxSortedArray` however: it is enough just to write

```
WX_DEFINE_ARRAY(MyDirectory *, ArrayOfDirectories);  
WX_DEFINE_SORTED_ARRAY(MyFile *, ArrayOfFiles);
```

### See also:

*Container classes overview* (p. 1031), *wxList* (p. 446)

### Required headers:

`<wx/dynarray.h>` for `wxArray` and `wxSortedArray` and additionally `<wx/arrimpl.cpp>` for `wxObjArray`.

## Macros for template array definition

To use an array you must first define the array class. This is done with the help of the macros in this section. The class of array elements must be (at least) forward declared for `WX_DEFINE_ARRAY`, `WX_DEFINE_SORTED_ARRAY` and `WX_DECLARE_OBJARRAY` macros and must be fully declared before you use `WX_DEFINE_OBJARRAY` macro.

`WX_DEFINE_ARRAY` (p. 20)  
`WX_DEFINE_SORTED_ARRAY` (p. 20)  
`WX_DECLARE_OBJARRAY` (p. 20)  
`WX_DEFINE_OBJARRAY` (p. 21)

## Constructors and destructors

Array classes are 100% C++ objects and as such they have the appropriate copy constructors and assignment operators. Copying `wxArray` just copies the elements but copying `wxObjArray` copies the arrays items. However, for memory-efficiency sake, neither of these classes has virtual destructor. It is not very important for `wxArray` which has trivial destructor anyhow, but it does mean that you should avoid deleting `wxObjArray` through a `wxBaseArray` pointer (as you would never use `wxBaseArray` anyhow it shouldn't be a problem) and that you should not derive your own classes from the array classes.

*wxArray default constructor* (p. 21)  
*wxArray copy constructors and assignment operators* (p. 22)  
*~wxArray* (p. 22)

## Memory management

Automatic array memory management is quite trivial: the array starts by preallocating some minimal amount of memory (defined by `WX_ARRAY_DEFAULT_INITIAL_SIZE`) and when further new items exhaust already allocated memory it reallocates it adding 50% of the currently allocated amount, but no more than some maximal number which is defined by `ARRAY_MAXSIZE_INCREMENT` constant. Of course, this may lead to some memory being wasted (`ARRAY_MAXSIZE_INCREMENT` in the worst case, i.e. 4Kb in the current implementation), so the *Shrink()* (p. 25) function is provided to unallocate the extra memory. The *Alloc()* (p. 23) function can also be quite useful if you know in advance how many items you are going to put in the array and will prevent the array code from reallocating the memory more times than needed.

*Alloc* (p. 23)

*Shrink* (p. 25)

## Number of elements and simple item access

Functions in this section return the total number of array elements and allow to retrieve them - possibly using just the C array indexing `[]` operator which does exactly the same as *Item()* (p. 25) method.

*Count* (p. 23)

*GetCount* (p. 24)

*IsEmpty* (p. 25)

*Item* (p. 25)

*Last* (p. 25)

## Adding items

*Add* (p. 22)

*Insert* (p. 24)

## Removing items

*WX\_CLEAR\_ARRAY* (p. 21)

*Empty* (p. 24)

*Clear* (p. 23)

*Remove* (p. 25)

## Searching and sorting

*Index* (p. 24)

*Sort* (p. 26)

## WX\_DEFINE\_ARRAY

**WX\_DEFINE\_ARRAY**(*T*, *name*)

This macro defines a new array class named *name* and containing the elements of type *T*. Example:

```
WX_DEFINE_ARRAY(int, wxArrayInt);

class MyClass;
WX_DEFINE_ARRAY(MyClass *, wxArrayOfMyClass);
```

Note that wxWindows predefines the following standard array classes: wxArrayInt, wxArrayLong and wxArrayPtrVoid.

## WX\_DEFINE\_SORTED\_ARRAY

**WX\_DEFINE\_SORTED\_ARRAY**(*T*, *name*)

This macro defines a new sorted array class named *name* and containing the elements of type *T*. Example:

```
WX_DEFINE_SORTED_ARRAY(int, wxArrayInt);

class MyClass;
WX_DEFINE_SORTED_ARRAY(MyClass *, wxArrayOfMyClass);
```

You will have to initialize the objects of this class by passing a comparison function to the array object constructor like this:

```
int CompareInts(int n1, int n2)
{
    return n1 - n2;
}

wxArrayInt sorted(CompareInts);

int CompareMyClassObjects(MyClass *item1, MyClass *item2)
{
    // sort the items by their address...
    return Stricmp(item1->GetAddress(), item2->GetAddress());
}

wxArrayOfMyClass another(CompareMyClassObjects);
```

## WX\_DECLARE\_OBJARRAY

**WX\_DECLARE\_OBJARRAY**(*T*, *name*)

This macro declares a new object array class named *name* and containing the elements of type *T*. Example:

```
class MyClass;
WX_DEFINE_OBJARRAY(MyClass, wxArrayOfMyClass); // note: not "MyClass
*" !
```

You must use `WX_DEFINE_OBJARRAY()` (p. 21) macro to define the array class - otherwise you would get link errors.

## **WX\_DEFINE\_OBJARRAY**

### **WX\_DEFINE\_OBJARRAY(*name*)**

This macro defines the methods of the array class *name* not defined by the `WX_DECLARE_OBJARRAY()` (p. 20) macro. You must include the file `<wx/arrimpl.cpp>` before using this macro and you must have the full declaration of the class of array elements in scope! If you forget to do the first, the error will be caught by the compiler, but, unfortunately, many compilers will not give any warnings if you forget to do the second - but the objects of the class will not be copied correctly and their real destructor will not be called.

Example of usage:

```
// first declare the class!
class MyClass
{
public:
    MyClass(const MyClass&);

    ...

    virtual ~MyClass();
};

#include <wx/arrimpl.cpp>
WX_DEFINE_OBJARRAY(wxArrayOfMyClass);
```

## **WX\_CLEAR\_ARRAY**

### **void WX\_CLEAR\_ARRAY(wxArray& array)**

This macro may be used to delete all elements of the array before emptying it. It can not be used with `wxObjArrays` - but they will delete their elements anyhow when you call `Empty()`.

## **Default constructors**

**wxArray()**

**wxObjArray()**

Default constructor initializes an empty array object.

**wxSortedArray(int (\*)(T first, T second)compareFunction)**

There is no default constructor for wxSortedArray classes - you must initialize it with a function to use for item comparison. It is a function which is passed two arguments of type *T* where *T* is the array element type and which should return a negative, zero or positive value according to whether the first element passed to it is less than, equal to or greater than the second one.

### **wxArray copy constructor and assignment operator**

**wxArray(const wxArray& array)**

**wxSortedArray(const wxSortedArray& array)**

**wxObjArray(const wxObjArray& array)**

**wxArray& operator=(const wxArray& array)**

**wxSortedArray& operator=(const wxSortedArray& array)**

**wxObjArray& operator=(const wxObjArray& array)**

The copy constructors and assignment operators perform a shallow array copy (i.e. they don't copy the objects pointed to even if the source array contains the items of pointer type) for wxArray and wxSortedArray and a deep copy (i.e. the array element are copied too) for wxObjArray.

### **wxArray::~~wxArray**

**~wxArray()**

**~wxSortedArray()**

**~wxObjArray()**

The wxObjArray destructor deletes all the items owned by the array. This is not done by wxArray and wxSortedArray versions - you may use *WX\_CLEAR\_ARRAY* (p. 21) macro for this.

### **wxArray::Add**

**void Add(T item)**

**void Add(T \*item)**

**void Add(T &item)**

Appends a new element to the array (where *T* is the type of the array elements.)

The first version is used with `wxArray` and `wxSortedArray`. The second and the third are used with `wxObjArray`. There is an important difference between them: if you give a pointer to the array, it will take ownership of it, i.e. will delete it when the item is deleted from the array. If you give a reference to the array, however, the array will make a copy of the item and will not take ownership of the original item. Once again, it only makes sense for `wxObjArrays` because the other array types never take ownership of their elements.

**wxArray::Alloc**

**void Alloc(size\_t count)**

Preallocates memory for a given number of array elements. It is worth calling when the number of items which are going to be added to the array is known in advance because it will save unneeded memory reallocation. If the array already has enough memory for the given number of items, nothing happens.

**wxArray::Clear**

**void Clear()**

This function does the same as *Empty()* (p. 24) and additionally frees the memory allocated to the array.

**wxArray::Count**

**size\_t Count() const**

Same as *GetCount()* (p. 24). This function is deprecated - it exists only for compatibility.

**wxObjArray::Detach**

**T \* Detach(size\_t index)**

Removes the element from the array, but, unlike,

*Remove()* (p. 25) doesn't delete it. The function returns the pointer to the removed element.



**wxArray::Empty****void Empty()**

Empties the array. For wxObjArray classes, this destroys all of the array elements. For wxArray and wxSortedArray this does nothing except marking the array of being empty - this function does not free the allocated memory, use *Clear()* (p. 23) for this.

**wxArray::GetCount****size\_t GetCount() const**

Return the number of items in the array.

**wxArray::Index****int Index(T& item, bool searchFromEnd = FALSE)****int Index(T& item)**

The first version of the function is for wxArray and wxObjArray, the second is for wxSortedArray only.

Searches the element in the array, starting from either beginning or the end depending on the value of *searchFromEnd* parameter. wxNOT\_FOUND is returned if the element is not found, otherwise the index of the element is returned.

Linear search is used for the wxArray and wxObjArray classes but binary search in the sorted array is used for wxSortedArray (this is why *searchFromEnd* parameter doesn't make sense for it).

**wxArray::Insert****void Insert(T item, size\_t n)****void Insert(T \*item, size\_t n)****void Insert(T &item, size\_t n)**

Insert a new item into the array before the item *n* - thus, *Insert(something, 0u)* will insert an item in such way that it will become the first array element.

Please see *Add()* (p. 22) for explanation of the differences between the overloaded versions of this function.

**wxArray::IsEmpty****bool IsEmpty() const**

Returns TRUE if the array is empty, FALSE otherwise.

**wxArray::Item****T& Item(size\_t index) const**

Returns the item at the given position in the array. If *index* is out of bounds, an assert failure is raised in the debug builds but nothing special is done in the release build.

The returned value is of type "reference to the array element type" for all of the array classes.

**wxArray::Last****T& Last() const**

Returns the last element in the array, i.e. is the same as `Item(GetCount() - 1)`. An assert failure is raised in the debug mode if the array is empty.

The returned value is of type "reference to the array element type" for all of the array classes.

**wxArray::Remove****Remove(size\_t index)****Remove(T item)**

Removes the element from the array either by index or by value. When an element is removed from `wxObjArray` it is deleted by the array - use *Detach()* (p. 23) if you don't want this to happen. On the other hand, when an object is removed from a `wxArray` nothing happens - you should delete it manually if required:

```
T *item = array[n];
delete item;
array.Remove(n)
```

See also `WX_CLEAR_ARRAY` (p. 21) macro which deletes all elements of a `wxArray` (supposed to contain pointers).

**wxArray::Shrink**

**void Shrink()**

Frees all memory unused by the array. If the program knows that no new items will be added to the array it may call `Shrink()` to reduce its memory usage. However, if a new item is added to the array, some extra memory will be allocated again.

**wxArray::Sort****void Sort(CMPFUNC<T> compareFunction)**

The notation `CMPFUNC<T>` should be read as if we had the following declaration:

```
template int CMPFUNC(T *first, T *second);
```

where *T* is the type of the array elements. I.e. it is a function returning *int* which is passed two arguments of type *T* \*.

Sorts the array using the specified compare function: this function should return a negative, zero or positive value according to whether the first element passed to it is less than, equal to or greater than the second one.

`wxSortedArray` doesn't have this function because it is always sorted.

**wxArrayString**

`wxArrayString` is an efficient container for storing `wxString` (p. 762) objects. It has the same features as all `wxArray` (p. 16) classes, i.e. it dynamically expands when new items are added to it (so it is as easy to use as a linked list), but the access time to the elements is constant, instead of being linear in number of elements as in the case of linked lists. It is also very size efficient and doesn't take more space than a C array `wxString[]` type (`wxArrayString` uses its knowledge of internals of `wxString` class to achieve this).

This class is used in the same way as other dynamic *arrays* (p. 16), except that no `WX_DEFINE_ARRAY` declaration is needed for it. When a string is added or inserted in the array, a copy of the string is created, so the original string may be safely deleted (e.g. if it was a `char *` pointer the memory it was using can be freed immediately after this). In general, there is no need to worry about string memory deallocation when using this class - it will always free the memory it uses itself.

The references returned by *Item* (p. 30), *Last* (p. 30) or *operator[]* (p. 28) are not constant, so the array elements may be modified in place like this

```
array.Last().MakeUpper();
```

There is also a variant of `wxArrayString` called `wxSortedArrayString` which has exactly the same methods as `wxArrayString`, but which always keeps the string in it in (alphabetical) order. `wxSortedArrayString` uses binary search in its *Index* (p. 29) function (instead of linear search for `wxArrayString::Index`) which makes it much more efficient if you add strings to the array rarely (because, of course, you have to pay for *Index*()).

efficiency by having `Add()` be slower) but search for them often. Several methods should not be used with sorted array (basically, all which break the order of items) which is mentioned in their description.

Final word: none of the methods of `wxArrayString` is virtual including its destructor, so this class should not be used as a base class.

### Derived from

Although this is not true strictly speaking, this class may be considered as a specialization of `wxArray` (p. 16) class for the `wxString` member data: it is not implemented like this, but it does have all of the `wxArray` functions.

### Include files

`<wx/string.h>`

### See also

*wxArray* (p. 16), *wxString* (p. 762), *wxString overview* (p. 1027)

## **wxArrayString::wxArrayString**

**wxArrayString()**

**wxArrayString(const wxArrayString& array)**

Default and copy constructors.

Note that when an array is assigned to a sorted array, its contents is automatically sorted during construction.

## **wxArrayString::~~wxArrayString**

**~wxArrayString()**

Destructor frees memory occupied by the array strings. For the performance reasons it is not virtual, so this class should not be derived from.

## **wxArrayString::operator=**

**wxArrayString & operator =(const wxArrayString& array)**

Assignment operator.

**wxArrayString::operator[]****wxString& operator[](size\_t nIndex)**

Return the array element at position *nIndex*. An assert failure will result from an attempt to access an element beyond the end of array in debug mode, but no check is done in release mode.

This is the operator version of *Item* (p. 30) method.

**wxArrayString::Add****size\_t Add(const wxString& str)**

Appends a new item to the array and return the index of th new item in the array.

**Warning:** For sorted arrays, the index of the inserted item will not be, in general, equal to *GetCount()* (p. 29) - 1 because the item is inserted at the correct position to keep the array sorted and not appended.

See also: *Insert* (p. 29)

**wxArrayString::Alloc****void Alloc(size\_t nCount)**

Preallocates enough memory to store *nCount* items. This function may be used to improve array class performance before adding a known number of items consecutively.

See also: *Dynamic array memory management* (p. 19)

**wxArrayString::Clear****void Clear()**

Clears the array contents and frees memory.

See also: *Empty* (p. 29)

**wxArrayString::Count****size\_t Count() const**

Returns the number of items in the array. This function is deprecated and is for backwards compatibility only, please use *GetCount* (p. 29) instead.

**wxArrayString::Empty****void Empty()**

Empties the array: after a call to this function *GetCount* (p. 29) will return 0. However, this function does not free the memory used by the array and so should be used when the array is going to be reused for storing other strings. Otherwise, you should use *Clear* (p. 28) to empty the array and free memory.

**wxArrayString::GetCount****size\_t GetCount() const**

Returns the number of items in the array.

**wxArrayString::Index****int Index(const char \* sz, bool bCase = TRUE, bool bFromEnd = FALSE)**

Search the element in the array, starting from the beginning if *bFromEnd* is FALSE or from end otherwise. If *bCase*, comparison is case sensitive (default), otherwise the case is ignored.

This function uses linear search for *wxArrayString* and binary search for *wxSortedArrayString*, but it ignores the *bCase* and *bFromEnd* parameters in the latter case.

Returns index of the first item matched or *wxNOT\_FOUND* if there is no match.

**wxArrayString::Insert****void Insert(const wxString& str, size\_t nIndex)**

Insert a new element in the array before the position *nIndex*. Thus, for example, to insert the string in the beginning of the array you would write

```
Insert("foo", 0);
```

If *nIndex* is equal to *GetCount()* + 1 this function behaves as *Add* (p. 28).

**Warning:** this function should not be used with sorted array because it could break the order of items and, for example, subsequent calls to *Index()* (p. 29) would not work then!

**wxArrayString::IsEmpty**

**IsEmpty()**

Returns TRUE if the array is empty, FALSE otherwise. This function returns the same result as *GetCount() == 0* but is probably easier to read.

**wxArrayString::Item****wxString& Item(size\_t nIndex) const**

Return the array element at position *nIndex*. An assert failure will result from an attempt to access an element beyond the end of array in debug mode, but no check is done in release mode.

See also *operator[]* (p. 28) for the operator version.

**wxArrayString::Last****Last()**

Returns the last element of the array. Attempt to access the last element of an empty array will result in assert failure in debug build, however no checks are done in release mode.

**wxArrayString::Remove (by value)****void Remove(const char \* sz)**

Removes the first item matching this value. An assert failure is provoked by an attempt to remove an element which does not exist in debug build.

See also: *Index* (p. 29), *Remove* (p. 30)

**wxArrayString::Remove (by index)****void Remove(size\_t nIndex)**

Removes the item at given position.

See also: *Remove* (p. 30)

**wxArrayString::Shrink****void Shrink()**

Releases the extra memory allocated by the array. This function is useful to minimize the array memory consumption.

See also: *Alloc* (p. 28), *Dynamic array memory management* (p. 19)

### **wxArrayString::Sort (alphabetically)**

**void Sort**(bool *reverseOrder* = FALSE)

Sorts the array in alphabetical order or in reverse alphabetical order if *reverseOrder* is TRUE.

**Warning:** this function should not be used with sorted array because it could break the order of items and, for example, subsequent calls to *Index()* (p. 29) would not work then!

See also: *Sort* (p. 31)

### **wxArrayString::Sort (user defined)**

**void Sort**(CompareFunction *compareFunction*)

Sorts the array using the specified *compareFunction* for item comparison. *CompareFunction* is defined as a function taking two *const wxString&* parameters and returning *int* value less than, equal to or greater than 0 if the first string is less than, equal to or greater than the second one.

### **Example**

The following example sorts strings by their length.

```
static int CompareStringLen(const wxString& first, const wxString&
second)
{
    return first.length() - second.length();
}

...

wxArrayString array;

array.Add("one");
array.Add("two");
array.Add("three");
array.Add("four");

array.Sort(CompareStringLen);
```

**Warning:** this function should not be used with sorted array because it could break the order of items and, for example, subsequent calls to *Index()* (p. 29) would not work then!



See also: *Sort* (p. 31)

## **wxAutomationObject**

The **wxAutomationObject** class represents an OLE automation object containing a single data member, an IDispatch pointer. It contains a number of functions that make it easy to perform automation operations, and set and get properties. The class makes heavy use of the *wxVariant* (p. 900) class.

The usage of these classes is quite close to OLE automation usage in Visual Basic. The API is high-level, and the application can specify multiple properties in a single string. The following example gets the current Excel instance, and if it exists, makes the active cell bold.

```
wxAutomationObject excelObject;  
if (excelObject.GetInstance("Excel.Application"))  
    excelObject.PutProperty("ActiveCell.Font.Bold", TRUE);
```

Note that this class works under Windows only, and currently only for Visual C++.

### **Derived from**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### **Include files**

<wx/msw/ole/automtn.h>

### **See also**

*wxVariant* (p. 900)

## **wxAutomationObject::wxAutomationObject**

**wxAutomationObject(WXIDISPATCH\* dispatchPtr = NULL)**

Constructor, taking an optional IDispatch pointer which will be released when the object is deleted.

## **wxAutomationObject::~~wxAutomationObject**

**~wxAutomationObject()**

Destructor. If the internal IDispatch pointer is non-null, it will be released.

**wxAutomationObject::CallMethod****wxVariant CallMethod(const wxString& method, int noArgs, wxVariant args[]) const****wxVariant CallMethod(const wxString& method, ...) const**

Calls an automation method for this object. The first form takes a method name, number of arguments, and an array of variants. The second form takes a method name and zero to six constant references to variants. Since the variant class has constructors for the basic data types, and C++ provides temporary objects automatically, both of the following lines are syntactically valid:

```
wxVariant res = obj.CallMethod("Sum", wxVariant(1.2),  
wxVariant(3.4));  
wxVariant res = obj.CallMethod("Sum", 1.2, 3.4);
```

Note that *method* can contain dot-separated property names, to save the application needing to call `GetProperty` several times using several temporary objects. For example:

```
object.CallMethod("ActiveCell.Font.ShowDialog", "My caption");
```

**wxAutomationObject::CreateInstance****bool CreateInstance(const wxString& classId) const**

Creates a new object based on the class id, returning TRUE if the object was successfully created, or FALSE if not.

**wxAutomationObject::GetDispatchPtr****IDispatch\* GetDispatchPtr() const**

Gets the IDispatch pointer.

**wxAutomationObject::GetInstance****bool GetInstance(const wxString& classId) const**

Retrieves the current object associated with a class id, and attaches the IDispatch pointer to this object. Returns TRUE if a pointer was successfully retrieved, FALSE otherwise.

Note that this cannot cope with two instances of a given OLE object being active simultaneously, such as two copies of Excel running. Which object is referenced cannot currently be specified.

### **wxAutomationObject::GetObject**

**bool GetObject(wxAutomationObject&obj const wxString& property, int noArgs = 0, wxVariant args[] = NULL) const**

Retrieves a property from this object, assumed to be a dispatch pointer, and initialises *obj* with it. To avoid having to deal with IDispatch pointers directly, use this function in preference to *wxAutomationObject::GetProperty* (p. 34) when retrieving objects from other objects.

Note that an IDispatch pointer is stored as a void\* pointer in wxVariant objects.

[See also](#)

*wxAutomationObject::GetProperty* (p. 34)

### **wxAutomationObject::GetProperty**

**wxVariant GetProperty(const wxString& property, int noArgs, wxVariant args[]) const**

**wxVariant GetProperty(const wxString& property, ...) const**

Gets a property value from this object. The first form takes a property name, number of arguments, and an array of variants. The second form takes a property name and zero to six constant references to variants. Since the variant class has constructors for the basic data types, and C++ provides temporary objects automatically, both of the following lines are syntactically valid:

```
wxVariant res = obj.GetProperty("Range", wxVariant("A1"));  
wxVariant res = obj.GetProperty("Range", "A1");
```

Note that *property* can contain dot-separated property names, to save the application needing to call *GetProperty* several times using several temporary objects.

### **wxAutomationObject::Invoke**

**bool Invoke(const wxString& member, int action, wxVariant& retValue, int noArgs, wxVariant args[], const wxVariant\* ptrArgs[] = 0) const**

This function is a low-level implementation that allows access to the IDispatch Invoke function. It is not meant to be called directly by the application, but is used by other convenience functions.

### Parameters

*member*

The member function or property name.

*action*

Bitlist: may contain DISPATCH\_PROPERTYPUT, DISPATCH\_PROPERTYPUTREF, DISPATCH\_METHOD.

*retValue*

Return value (ignored if there is no return value)

.

*noArgs*

Number of arguments in *args* or *ptrArgs*.

*args*

If non-null, contains an array of variants.

*ptrArgs*

If non-null, contains an array of constant pointers to variants.

### Return value

TRUE if the operation was successful, FALSE otherwise.

### Remarks

Two types of argument array are provided, so that when possible pointers are used for efficiency.

### **wxAutomationObject::PutProperty**

**bool PutProperty(const wxString& *property*, int *noArgs*, wxVariant *args[]*) const**

**bool PutProperty(const wxString& *property*, ...)**

Puts a property value into this object. The first form takes a property name, number of arguments, and an array of variants. The second form takes a property name and zero to six constant references to variants. Since the variant class has constructors for the basic data types, and C++ provides temporary objects automatically, both of the following lines are syntactically valid:

```
obj.PutProperty("Value", wxVariant(23));  
obj.PutProperty("Value", 23);
```

Note that *property* can contain dot-separated property names, to save the application needing to call `GetProperty` several times using several temporary objects.

### **wxAutomationObject::SetDispatchPtr**

**void SetDispatchPtr(WXIDISPATCH\* *dispatchPtr*)**

Sets the IDispatch pointer. This function does not check if there is already an IDispatch pointer.

You may need to cast from IDispatch\* to WXIDISPATCH\* when calling this function.

### **wxBitmap**

This class encapsulates the concept of a platform-dependent bitmap, either monochrome or colour.

#### **Derived from**

*wxGDIObject* (p. 321)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

#### **Include files**

<wx/bitmap.h>

#### **Predefined objects**

Objects:

### **wxNullBitmap**

#### **See also**

*wxBitmap overview* (p. 1040), *supported bitmap file formats* (p. 1041), *wxDC::Blit* (p. 166), *wxIcon* (p. 395), *wxCursor* (p. 135), *wxBitmap* (p. 36), *wxMemoryDC* (p. 496)

### **wxBitmap::wxBitmap**

**wxBitmap()**

Default constructor.

**wxBitmap(const wxBitmap& *bitmap*)**

Copy constructor.

**wxBitmap(void\* data, int type, int width, int height, int depth = -1)**

Creates a bitmap from the given data, which can be of arbitrary type. Windows only, I think.

**wxBitmap(const char bits[], int width, int height  
int depth = 1)**

Creates a bitmap from an array of bits.

Note that the bit depth is ignored on GTK+ and Motif. If you want to create a bitmap from something else than a 1-bit data array, use the *wxImage* (p. 402) class.

**wxBitmap(int width, int height, int depth = -1)**

Creates a new bitmap. A depth of -1 indicates the depth of the current screen or visual. Some platforms only support 1 for monochrome and -1 for the current colour setting.

**wxBitmap(const char\*\* bits)**

Creates a bitmap from XPM data.

**wxBitmap(const wxString& name, long type)**

Loads a bitmap from a file or resource.

### Parameters

*bits*

Specifies an array of pixel values.

*width*

Specifies the width of the bitmap.

*height*

Specifies the height of the bitmap.

*depth*

Specifies the depth of the bitmap. If this is omitted, the display depth of the screen is used.

*name*

This can refer to a resource name under MS Windows, or a filename under MS Windows and X. Its meaning is determined by the *type* parameter.

*type*

May be one of the following:

<b>wxBITMAP_TYPE_BMP</b>	Load a Windows bitmap file.
<b>wxBITMAP_TYPE_BMP_RESOURCE</b>	Load a Windows bitmap from the resource database.
<b>wxBITMAP_TYPE_GIF</b>	Load a GIF bitmap file.
<b>wxBITMAP_TYPE_XBM</b>	Load an X bitmap file.
<b>wxBITMAP_TYPE_XPM</b>	Load an XPM bitmap file.
<b>wxBITMAP_TYPE_RESOURCE</b>	Load a Windows resource name.

The validity of these flags depends on the platform and wxWindows configuration. If all possible wxWindows settings are used, the Windows platform supports BMP file, BMP resource, XPM data, and XPM. Under wxGTK, the available formats are BMP file, XPM data, XPM file, and PNG file. Under wxMotif, the available formats are XBM data, XBM file, XPM data, XPM file.

### Remarks

The first form constructs a bitmap object with no data; an assignment or another member function such as `Create` or `LoadFile` must be called subsequently.

The second and third forms provide copy constructors. Note that these do not copy the bitmap data, but instead a pointer to the data, keeping a reference count. They are therefore very efficient operations.

The fourth form constructs a bitmap from data whose type and value depends on the value of the *type* argument.

The fifth form constructs a (usually monochrome) bitmap from an array of pixel values, under both X and Windows.

The sixth form constructs a new bitmap.

The seventh form constructs a bitmap from pixmap (XPM) data, if wxWindows has been configured to incorporate this feature.

To use this constructor, you must first include an XPM file. For example, assuming that the file `mybitmap.xpm` contains an XPM array of character pointers called `mybitmap`:

```
#include "mybitmap.xpm"

...

wxBitmap *bitmap = new wxBitmap(mybitmap);
```

The eighth form constructs a bitmap from a file or resource. *name* can refer to a resource name under MS Windows, or a filename under MS Windows and X.

Under Windows, *type* defaults to `wxBITMAP_TYPE_BMP_RESOURCE`. Under X, *type* defaults to `wxBITMAP_TYPE_XPM`.

### See also

`wxBitmap::LoadFile` (p. 43)

**wxPython note:** Constructors supported by wxPython are:

- `wxBitmap(name, flag)`** Loads a bitmap from a file
- `wxBitmapFromData(data, type, width, height, depth=1)`** Creates a bitmap from the given data, which can be of arbitrary type.
- `wxNoRefBitmap(name, flag)`** This one won't own the reference, so Python won't call the destructor, this is good for toolbars and such where the parent will manage the bitmap.
- `wxEmptyBitmap(width, height, depth = -1)`** Creates an empty bitmap with the given specifications

### **`wxBitmap::~wxBitmap`**

#### **`~wxBitmap()`**

Destroys the `wxBitmap` object and possibly the underlying bitmap data. Because reference counting is used, the bitmap may not actually be destroyed at this point - only when the reference count is zero will the data be deleted.

If the application omits to delete the bitmap explicitly, the bitmap will be destroyed automatically by `wxWindows` when the application exits.

Do not delete a bitmap that is selected into a memory device context.

### **`wxBitmap::AddHandler`**

**`static void AddHandler(wxBitmapHandler* handler)`**

Adds a handler to the end of the static list of format handlers.

#### *handler*

A new bitmap format handler object. There is usually only one instance of a given handler class in an application session.

### See also



*wxBitmapHandler* (p. 48)

## **wxBitmap::CleanUpHandlers**

**static void CleanUpHandlers()**

Deletes all bitmap handlers.

This function is called by wxWindows on exit.

## **wxBitmap::Create**

**virtual bool Create(int width, int height, int depth = -1)**

Creates a fresh bitmap. If the final argument is omitted, the display depth of the screen is used.

**virtual bool Create(void\* data, int type, int width, int height, int depth = -1)**

Creates a bitmap from the given data, which can be of arbitrary type.

### **Parameters**

*width*

The width of the bitmap in pixels.

*height*

The height of the bitmap in pixels.

*depth*

The depth of the bitmap in pixels. If this is -1, the screen depth is used.

*data*

Data whose type depends on the value of *type*.

*type*

A bitmap type identifier - see *wxBitmap::wxBitmap* (p. 36) for a list of possible values.

### **Return value**

TRUE if the call succeeded, FALSE otherwise.

### **Remarks**

The first form works on all platforms. The portability of the second form depends on the type of data.

### **See also**

*wxBitmap::wxBitmap* (p. 36)

### **wxBitmap::FindHandler**

**static wxBitmapHandler\* FindHandler(const wxString& name)**

Finds the handler with the given name.

**static wxBitmapHandler\* FindHandler(const wxString& extension, long bitmapType)**

Finds the handler associated with the given extension and type.

**static wxBitmapHandler\* FindHandler(long bitmapType)**

Finds the handler associated with the given bitmap type.

*name*

The handler name.

*extension*

The file extension, such as "bmp".

*bitmapType*

The bitmap type, such as wxBITMAP\_TYPE\_BMP.

### **Return value**

A pointer to the handler if found, NULL otherwise.

### **See also**

*wxBitmapHandler* (p. 48)

### **wxBitmap::GetDepth**

**int GetDepth() const**

Gets the colour depth of the bitmap. A value of 1 indicates a monochrome bitmap.

### **wxBitmap::GetHandlers**

**static wxList& GetHandlers()**

Returns the static list of bitmap format handlers.

### **See also**

*wxBitmapHandler* (p. 48)

### **wxBitmap::GetHeight**

**int GetHeight() const**

Gets the height of the bitmap in pixels.

### **wxBitmap::GetPalette**

**wxPalette\* GetPalette() const**

Gets the associated palette (if any) which may have been loaded from a file or set for the bitmap.

[See also](#)

*wxPalette* (p. 568)

### **wxBitmap::GetMask**

**wxMask\* GetMask() const**

Gets the associated mask (if any) which may have been loaded from a file or set for the bitmap.

[See also](#)

*wxBitmap::SetMask* (p. 46), *wxMask* (p. 483)

### **wxBitmap::GetWidth**

**int GetWidth() const**

Gets the width of the bitmap in pixels.

[See also](#)

*wxBitmap::GetHeight* (p. 42)

### **wxBitmap::InitStandardHandlers**

**static void InitStandardHandlers()**

Adds the standard bitmap format handlers, which, depending on wxWindows configuration, can be handlers for Windows bitmap, Windows bitmap resource, and XPM.

This function is called by wxWindows on startup.

### See also

*wxBitmapHandler* (p. 48)

## **wxBitmap::InsertHandler**

**static void InsertHandler(wxBitmapHandler\* handler)**

Adds a handler at the start of the static list of format handlers.

*handler*

A new bitmap format handler object. There is usually only one instance of a given handler class in an application session.

### See also

*wxBitmapHandler* (p. 48)

## **wxBitmap::LoadFile**

**bool LoadFile(const wxString& name, long type)**

Loads a bitmap from a file or resource.

### Parameters

*name*

Either a filename or a Windows resource name. The meaning of *name* is determined by the *type* parameter.

*type*

One of the following values:

**wxBITMAP\_TYPE\_BMP**      Load a Windows bitmap file.

**wxBITMAP\_TYPE\_BMP\_RESOURCE**      Load a Windows bitmap from the resource database.

**wxBITMAP\_TYPE\_GIF**      Load a GIF bitmap file.

**wxBITMAP\_TYPE\_XBM**      Load an X bitmap file.

**wxBITMAP\_TYPE\_XPM**      Load an XPM bitmap file.

The validity of these flags depends on the platform and wxWindows configuration.

### Return value

TRUE if the operation succeeded, FALSE otherwise.

### Remarks

A palette may be associated with the bitmap if one exists (especially for colour Windows bitmaps), and if the code supports it. You can check if one has been created by using the *GetPalette* (p. 42) member.

### See also

*wxBitmap::SaveFile* (p. 44)

## **wxBitmap::Ok**

**bool Ok() const**

Returns TRUE if bitmap data is present.

## **wxBitmap::RemoveHandler**

**static bool RemoveHandler(const wxString& name)**

Finds the handler with the given name, and removes it. The handler is not deleted.

*name*

The handler name.

### Return value

TRUE if the handler was found and removed, FALSE otherwise.

### See also

*wxBitmapHandler* (p. 48)

## **wxBitmap::SaveFile**

**bool SaveFile(const wxString& name, int type, wxPalette\* palette = NULL)**

Saves a bitmap in the named file.

### Parameters

*name*

A filename. The meaning of *name* is determined by the *type* parameter.

*type*

One of the following values:

**wxBITMAP\_TYPE\_BMP**     Save a Windows bitmap file.

**wxBITMAP\_TYPE\_GIF**     Save a GIF bitmap file.

**wxBITMAP\_TYPE\_XBM**     Save an X bitmap file.

**wxBITMAP\_TYPE\_XPM**     Save an XPM bitmap file.

The validity of these flags depends on the platform and wxWindows configuration.

*palette*

An optional palette used for saving the bitmap.

#### **Return value**

TRUE if the operation succeeded, FALSE otherwise.

#### **Remarks**

Depending on how wxWindows has been configured, not all formats may be available.

#### **See also**

*wxBitmap::LoadFile* (p. 43)

### **wxBitmap::SetDepth**

**void SetDepth(int *depth*)**

Sets the depth member (does not affect the bitmap data).

#### **Parameters**

*depth*

Bitmap depth.

### **wxBitmap::SetHeight**

**void SetHeight(int *height*)**

Sets the height member (does not affect the bitmap data).

#### **Parameters**

*height*  
Bitmap height in pixels.

### **wxBitmap::SetMask**

**void SetMask(wxMask\* mask)**

Sets the mask for this bitmap.

#### **Remarks**

The bitmap object owns the mask once this has been called.

#### **See also**

*wxBitmap::GetMask* (p. 42), *wxMask* (p. 483)

### **wxBitmap::SetOk**

**void SetOk(int isOk)**

Sets the validity member (does not affect the bitmap data).

#### **Parameters**

*isOk*  
Validity flag.

### **wxBitmap::SetPalette**

**void SetPalette(wxPalette\* palette)**

Sets the associated palette: it will be deleted in the *wxBitmap* destructor, so if you do not wish it to be deleted automatically, reset the palette to NULL before the bitmap is deleted.

#### **Parameters**

*palette*  
The palette to set.

#### **Remarks**

The bitmap object owns the palette once this has been called.

#### **See also**

*wxPalette* (p. 568)

### **wxBitmap::SetWidth**

**void SetWidth**(int *width*)

Sets the width member (does not affect the bitmap data).

#### **Parameters**

*width*

Bitmap width in pixels.

### **wxBitmap::operator =**

**wxBitmap& operator =(const wxBitmap& *bitmap*)**

Assignment operator. This operator does not copy any data, but instead passes a pointer to the data in *bitmap* and increments a reference counter. It is a fast operation.

#### **Parameters**

*bitmap*

Bitmap to assign.

#### **Return value**

Returns 'this' object.

### **wxBitmap::operator ==**

**bool operator ==(const wxBitmap& *bitmap*)**

Equality operator. This operator tests whether the internal data pointers are equal (a fast test).

#### **Parameters**

*bitmap*

Bitmap to compare with 'this'

#### **Return value**

Returns TRUE if the bitmaps were effectively equal, FALSE otherwise.



**wxBitmap::operator !=****bool operator !=(const wxBitmap& *bitmap*)**

Inequality operator. This operator tests whether the internal data pointers are unequal (a fast test).

**Parameters***bitmap*

Bitmap to compare with 'this'

**Return value**

Returns TRUE if the bitmaps were unequal, FALSE otherwise.

**wxBitmapHandler***Overview* (p. 1040)

This is the base class for implementing bitmap file loading/saving, and bitmap creation from data. It is used within wxBitmap and is not normally seen by the application.

If you wish to extend the capabilities of wxBitmap, derive a class from wxBitmapHandler and add the handler using *wxBitmap::AddHandler* (p. 39) in your application initialisation.

**Derived from***wxObject* (p. 555)**Include files**

&lt;wx/bitmap.h&gt;

**See also***wxBitmap* (p. 36), *wxIcon* (p. 395), *wxCursor* (p. 135)**wxBitmapHandler::wxBitmapHandler****wxBitmapHandler()**

Default constructor. In your own default constructor, initialise the members *m\_name*, *m\_extension* and *m\_type*.

**wxBitmapHandler::~wxBitmapHandler**

**~wxBitmapHandler()**

Destroys the wxBitmapHandler object.

**wxBitmapHandler::Create**

**virtual bool Create**(wxBitmap\* *bitmap*, void\* *data*, int *type*, int *width*, int *height*, int *depth* = -1)

Creates a bitmap from the given data, which can be of arbitrary type. The wxBitmap object *bitmap* is manipulated by this function.

**Parameters**

*bitmap*

The wxBitmap object.

*width*

The width of the bitmap in pixels.

*height*

The height of the bitmap in pixels.

*depth*

The depth of the bitmap in pixels. If this is -1, the screen depth is used.

*data*

Data whose type depends on the value of *type*.

*type*

A bitmap type identifier - see *wxBitmapHandler::wxBitmapHandler* (p. 36) for a list of possible values.

**Return value**

TRUE if the call succeeded, FALSE otherwise (the default).

**wxBitmapHandler::GetName**

**wxString GetName() const**

Gets the name of this handler.

**wxBitmapHandler::GetExtension**

**wxString GetExtension() const**

Gets the file extension associated with this handler.

### **wxBitmapHandler::GetType**

**long GetType() const**

Gets the bitmap type associated with this handler.

### **wxBitmapHandler::LoadFile**

**bool LoadFile(wxBitmap\* bitmap, const wxString& name, long type)**

Loads a bitmap from a file or resource, putting the resulting data into *bitmap*.

#### **Parameters**

*bitmap*

The bitmap object which is to be affected by this operation.

*name*

Either a filename or a Windows resource name. The meaning of *name* is determined by the *type* parameter.

*type*

See *wxBitmap::wxBitmap* (p. 36) for values this can take.

#### **Return value**

TRUE if the operation succeeded, FALSE otherwise.

#### **See also**

*wxBitmap::LoadFile* (p. 43)

*wxBitmap::SaveFile* (p. 44)

*wxBitmapHandler::SaveFile* (p. 50)

### **wxBitmapHandler::SaveFile**

**bool SaveFile(wxBitmap\* bitmap, const wxString& name, int type, wxPalette\* palette = NULL)**

Saves a bitmap in the named file.

#### **Parameters**

*bitmap*

The bitmap object which is to be affected by this operation.

*name*

A filename. The meaning of *name* is determined by the *type* parameter.

*type*

See *wxBitmap::wxBitmap* (p. 36) for values this can take.

*palette*

An optional palette used for saving the bitmap.

### Return value

TRUE if the operation succeeded, FALSE otherwise.

### See also

*wxBitmap::LoadFile* (p. 43)

*wxBitmap::SaveFile* (p. 44)

*wxBitmapHandler::LoadFile* (p. 50)

## **wxBitmapHandler::SetName**

**void SetName(const wxString& *name*)**

Sets the handler name.

### Parameters

*name*

Handler name.

## **wxBitmapHandler::SetExtension**

**void SetExtension(const wxString& *extension*)**

Sets the handler extension.

### Parameters

*extension*

Handler extension.

## **wxBitmapHandler::SetType**

**void SetType(long *type*)**

Sets the handler type.

### Parameters

*name*  
Handler type.

### **wxBitmapButton**

A bitmap button is a control that contains a bitmap. It may be placed on a *dialog box* (p. 193) or *panel* (p. 572), or indeed almost any other window.

### Derived from

*wxButton* (p. 69)  
*wxControl* (p. 130)  
*wxWindow* (p. 915)  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/bmpbuttn.h>

### Remarks

A bitmap button can be supplied with a single bitmap, and wxWindows will draw all button states using this bitmap. If the application needs more control, additional bitmaps for the selected state, unpressed focussed state, and greyed-out state may be supplied.

### Window styles

<b>wxBU_AUTODRAW</b>	If this is specified, the button will be drawn automatically using the label bitmap only, providing a 3D-look border. If this style is not specified, the button will be drawn without borders and using all provided bitmaps.
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See also *window styles overview* (p. 1093).

### Event handling

<b>EVT_BUTTON(id, func)</b>	Process a <code>wxEVT_COMMAND_BUTTON_CLICKED</code> event, when the button is clicked.
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### See also

*wxButton* (p. 69)

## **wxBitmapButton::wxBitmapButton**

### **wxBitmapButton()**

Default constructor.

**wxBitmapButton(wxWindow\* parent, wxWindowID id, const wxBitmap& bitmap, const wxPoint& pos = wxDefaultPosition, const wxSize& size = wxDefaultSize, long style = wxBU\_AUTODRAW, const wxValidator& validator = wxDefaultValidator, const wxString& name = "button")**

Constructor, creating and showing a button.

### **Parameters**

*parent*

Parent window. Must not be NULL.

*id*

Button identifier. A value of -1 indicates a default value.

*bitmap*

Bitmap to be displayed.

*pos*

Button position.

*size*

Button size. If the default size (-1, -1) is specified then the button is sized appropriately for the bitmap.

*style*

Window style. See *wxBitmapButton* (p. 52).

*validator*

Window validator.

*name*

Window name.

### **Remarks**

The *bitmap* parameter is normally the only bitmap you need to provide, and wxWindows will draw the button correctly in its different states. If you want more control, call any of the functions *wxBitmapButton::SetBitmapSelected* (p. 56), *wxBitmapButton::SetBitmapFocus* (p. 56), *wxBitmapButton::SetBitmapDisabled* (p. 55).

Note that the bitmap passed is smaller than the actual button created.

**See also**

*wxBitmapButton::Create* (p. 54), *wxValidator* (p. 897)

**wxBitmapButton::~~wxBitmapButton**

**~wxBitmapButton()**

Destructor, destroying the button.

**wxBitmapButton::Create**

**bool Create(wxWindow\* parent, wxWindowID id, const wxBitmap& bitmap, const wxPoint& pos, const wxSize& size = wxDefaultSize, long style = 0, const wxValidator& validator, const wxString& name = "button")**

Button creation function for two-step creation. For more details, see *wxBitmapButton::wxBitmapButton* (p. 53).

**wxBitmapButton::GetBitmapDisabled**

**wxBitmap& GetBitmapLabel() const**

Returns the bitmap for the disabled state.

**Return value**

A reference to the disabled state bitmap.

**See also**

*wxBitmapButton::SetBitmapDisabled* (p. 55)

**wxBitmapButton::GetBitmapFocus**

**wxBitmap& GetBitmapFocus() const**

Returns the bitmap for the focussed state.

**Return value**

A reference to the focussed state bitmap.

**See also**

*wxBitmapButton::SetBitmapFocus* (p. 56)

### **wxBitmapButton::GetBitmapLabel**

**wxBitmap& GetBitmapLabel() const**

Returns the label bitmap (the one passed to the constructor).

#### **Return value**

A reference to the button's label bitmap.

#### **See also**

*wxBitmapButton::SetBitmapLabel* (p. 56)

### **wxBitmapButton::GetBitmapSelected**

**wxBitmap& GetBitmapSelected() const**

Returns the bitmap for the selected state.

#### **Return value**

A reference to the selected state bitmap.

#### **See also**

*wxBitmapButton::SetBitmapSelected* (p. 56)

### **wxBitmapButton::SetBitmapDisabled**

**void SetBitmapDisabled(const wxBitmap& *bitmap*)**

Sets the bitmap for the disabled button appearance.

#### **Parameters**

*bitmap*

The bitmap to set.

#### **See also**

*wxBitmapButton::GetBitmapDisabled* (p. 54), *wxBitmapButton::SetBitmapLabel* (p. 56), *wxBitmapButton::SetBitmapSelected* (p. 56), *wxBitmapButton::SetBitmapFocus* (p. 56)



**wxBitmapButton::SetBitmapFocus****void SetBitmapFocus(const wxBitmap& *bitmap*)**

Sets the bitmap for the button appearance when it has the keyboard focus.

**Parameters***bitmap*

The bitmap to set.

**See also**

*wxBitmapButton::GetBitmapFocus* (p. 54), *wxBitmapButton::SetBitmapLabel* (p. 56), *wxBitmapButton::SetBitmapSelected* (p. 56), *wxBitmapButton::SetBitmapDisabled* (p. 55)

**wxBitmapButton::SetBitmapLabel****void SetBitmapLabel(const wxBitmap& *bitmap*)**

Sets the bitmap label for the button.

**Parameters***bitmap*

The bitmap label to set.

**Remarks**

This is the bitmap used for the unselected state, and for all other states if no other bitmaps are provided.

**See also**

*wxBitmapButton::GetBitmapLabel* (p. 55)

**wxBitmapButton::SetBitmapSelected****void SetBitmapSelected(const wxBitmap& *bitmap*)**

Sets the bitmap for the selected (depressed) button appearance.

**Parameters***bitmap*

The bitmap to set.

### See also

*wxBitmapButton::GetBitmapSelected* (p. 55), *wxBitmapButton::SetBitmapLabel* (p. 56), *wxBitmapButton::SetBitmapFocus* (p. 56), *wxBitmapButton::SetBitmapDisabled* (p. 55)

## wxBitmapDataObject

*wxBitmapDataObject* is a specialization of *wxDataObject* for bitmap data. It can be used without change to paste data into the *wxClipboard* (p. 87) or a *wxDropSource* (p. 232). A user may wish to derive a new class from this class for providing a bitmap on-demand in order to minimize memory consumption when offering data in several formats, such as a bitmap and GIF.

**wxPython note:** If you wish to create a derived *wxBitmapDataObject* class in wxPython you should derive the class from *wxPyBitmapDataObject* in order to get Python-aware capabilities for the various virtual methods.

### Virtual functions to override

This class may be used as is, but *GetBitmap* (p. 57) may be overridden to increase efficiency.

### Derived from

*wxDataObjectSimple* (p. 152)  
*wxDataObject* (p. 148)

### Include files

<wx/dataobj.h>

### See also

*Clipboard and drag and drop overview* (p. 1038), *wxDataObject* (p. 148), *wxDataObjectSimple* (p. 152), *wxFileDataObject* (p. 263), *wxTextDataObject* (p. 833), *wxDataObject* (p. 148)

**wxBitmapDataObject(const wxBitmap& bitmap = wxNullBitmap)**

Constructor, optionally passing a bitmap (otherwise use *SetBitmap* (p. 58) later)

## wxBitmapDataObject::GetBitmap

### virtual wxBitmap GetBitmap() const

Returns the bitmap associated with the data object. You may wish to override this method when offering data on-demand, but this is not required by wxWindows' internals. Use this method to get data in bitmap form from the *wxClipboard* (p. 87).

## **wxBitmapDataObject::SetBitmap**

**virtual void SetBitmap(const wxBitmap& *bitmap*)**

Sets the bitmap associated with the data object. This method is called when the data object receives data. Usually there will be no reason to override this function.

## **wxBoxSizer**

The basic idea behind a box sizer is that windows will most often be laid out in rather simple basic geomerty, typically in a row or a column or several hierachies of either.

As an exmaple, we will construct a dialog that will contain a text field at the top and two buttons at the bottom. This can be seen as a top-hierarchy column with the text at the top and buttons at the bottom and a low-hierchary row with an OK button to the left and a Cancel button to the right. In many cases (particularly dialogs under Unix and normal frames) the main window will be resizable by the user and this change of size will have to get propagated to its children. In our case, we want the text area to grow with the dialog, whereas the button shall have a fixed size. In addition, there will be a thin border around all controls to make the dialog look nice and - to make matter worse - the buttons shall be centred as the width of the dialog changes.

It is the unique feature of a box sizer, that it can grow in both directions (height and width) but can distribute its growth in the main direction (horizontal for a row) *unevenly* among its children. In our example case, the vertical sizer is supposed to propagate all its height changes to only the text area, not to the button area. This is determined by the *option* parameter when adding a window (or another sizer) to a sizer. It is interpreted as a weight factor, i.e. it can be zero, indicating that the window may not be resized at all, or above zero. If several windows have a value above zero, the value is interpreted relative to the sum of all weight factors of the sizer, so when adding two windows with a value of 1, they will both get resized equally much and each half as much as the sizer owning them. Then what do we do when a column sizer changes its width? This behaviour is controlled by *flags* (the second parameter of the Add() function): Zero or no flag indicates that the window will get aligned at the left (in a column sizer) and the top (row sizer), whereas wxALIGN\_RIGHT and wxALIGN\_BOTTOM will do what they say. The item can also be centered using the wxCENTRE flag (same as wxCENTER) or it can be forced to grow with the sizer (using the wxGROW flag (same as wxEXPAND)).

As mentioned above, any window belonging to a sizer may have border, and it can be specified which of the four sides may have this border, using the wxTOP, wxLEFT, wxRIGHT and wxBOTTOM constants or wxALL for all directions (and you may also use wxNORTH, wxWEST etc instead). These flags can be used in combintaion with the alignment flags above as the second paramter of the Add() method using the binary or operator |. The sizer of the border also must be made known, and it is the third parameter in the Add() method. This means, that the entire behaviour of a sizer and its children can be controlled by the three parameters of the Add() method.

```
// we want to get a dialog that is stretchable because it
// has a text ctrl at the top and two buttons at the bottom
```

---

```

MyDialog::MyDialog(wxFrame *parent, wxWindowID id, const wxString
&title ) :
    wxDialog( parent, id, title, wxDefaultPosition, wxDefaultSize,
wxDIALOG_STYLE | wxRESIZE_BORDER )
{
    wxBoxSizer *topSizer = new wxBoxSizer( wxVERTICAL );

    // create text ctrl with minimal size 100x60
    topSizer->Add(
        new wxTextCtrl( this, -1, "My text.", wxDefaultPosition,
wxSize(100,60), wxTE_MULTILINE),
        1,          // make vertically stretchable
        wxEXPAND |  // make horizontally stretchable
        wxALL,      // and make border all around
        10 );       // set border width to 10

    wxBoxSizer *button_sizer = new wxBoxSizer( wxHORIZONTAL );
    button_sizer->Add(
        new wxButton( this, wxID_OK, "OK" ),
        0,          // make horizontally unstretchable
        wxALL,      // make border all around (implicit top alignment)
        10 );       // set border width to 10
    button_sizer->Add(
        new wxButton( this, wxID_CANCEL, "Cancel" ),
        0,          // make horizontally unstretchable
        wxALL,      // make border all around (implicit top alignment)
        10 );       // set border width to 10

    topSizer->Add(
        button_sizer,
        0,          // make vertically unstretchable
        wxCENTER ); // no border and centre horizontally

    SetAutoLayout( TRUE );      // tell dialog to use sizer
    SetSizer( topSizer );       // actually set the sizer

    topSizer->Fit( this );       // set size to minimum size as
    // calculated by the sizer
    topSizer->SetSizeHints( this ); // set size hints to honour minimum
    // size
}

```

### Derived from

*wxSizer* (p. 692)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

## **wxBoxSizer::wxBoxSizer**

### **wxBoxSizer(int *orient*)**

Constructor for a *wxBoxSizer*. *orient* may be either of *wxVERTICAL* or *wxHORIZONTAL* for creating either a column sizer or a row sizer.

**wxBoxSizer::RecalcSizes****void RecalcSizes()**

Implements the calculation of a box sizer's dimensions and then sets the size of its children (calling *wxWindow::SetSize* (p. 957) if the child is a window). It is used internally only and must not be called by the users. Documented for information.

**wxBoxSizer::CalcMin****wxSize CalcMin()**

Implements the calculation of a box sizer's minimal. It is used internally only and must not be called by the users. Documented for information.

**wxBoxSizer::GetOrientation****int GetOrientation()**

Returns the orientation of the boxsizer, either of *wxVERTICAL* or *wxHORIZONTAL*.

**wxBrush**

A brush is a drawing tool for filling in areas. It is used for painting the background of rectangles, ellipses, etc. It has a colour and a style.

**Derived from**

*wxGDIObject* (p. 321)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/brush.h>

**Predefined objects**

Objects:

**wxNullBrush**

Pointers:

**wxBLUE\_BRUSH**

**wxGREEN\_BRUSH**

**wxWHITE\_BRUSH**

**wxBLACK\_BRUSH**  
**wxGREY\_BRUSH**  
**wxMEDIUM\_GREY\_BRUSH**  
**wxLIGHT\_GREY\_BRUSH**  
**wxTRANSPARENT\_BRUSH**  
**wxCYAN\_BRUSH**  
**wxRED\_BRUSH**

### Remarks

On a monochrome display, wxWindows shows all brushes as white unless the colour is really black.

Do not initialize objects on the stack before the program commences, since other required structures may not have been set up yet. Instead, define global pointers to objects and create them in *wxApp::OnInit* (p. 12) or when required.

An application may wish to create brushes with different characteristics dynamically, and there is the consequent danger that a large number of duplicate brushes will be created. Therefore an application may wish to get a pointer to a brush by using the global list of brushes **wxTheBrushList**, and calling the member function **FindOrCreateBrush**.

wxBrush uses a reference counting system, so assignments between brushes are very cheap. You can therefore use actual wxBrush objects instead of pointers without efficiency problems. Once one wxBrush object changes its data it will create its own brush data internally so that other brushes, which previously shared the data using the reference counting, are not affected.

### See also

*wxBrushList* (p. 66), *wxDC* (p. 165), *wxDC::SetBrush* (p. 178)

## wxBrush::wxBrush

### wxBrush()

Default constructor. The brush will be uninitialised, and *wxBrush::Ok* (p. 64) will return FALSE.

### wxBrush(const wxColour& colour, int style)

Constructs a brush from a colour object and style.

### wxBrush(const wxString& colourName, int style)

Constructs a brush from a colour name and style.

### wxBrush(const wxBitmap& stippleBitmap)

Constructs a stippled brush using a bitmap.

**wxBrush(const wxBrush& brush)**

Copy constructor. This uses reference counting so is a cheap operation.

### Parameters

*colour*

Colour object.

*colourName*

Colour name. The name will be looked up in the colour database.

*style*

One of:

**wxTRANSPARENT**

Transparent (no fill).

**wxSOLID**

Solid.

**wxBDIAGONAL\_HATCH**

Backward diagonal hatch.

**wxCROSSDIAG\_HATCH**

Cross-diagonal hatch.

**wxFDIAGONAL\_HATCH**

Forward diagonal hatch.

**wxCROSS\_HATCH**

Cross hatch.

**wxHORIZONTAL\_HATCH**

Horizontal hatch.

**wxVERTICAL\_HATCH**

Vertical hatch.

*brush*

Pointer or reference to a brush to copy.

*stippleBitmap*

A bitmap to use for stippling.

### Remarks

If a stipple brush is created, the brush style will be set to wxSTIPPLE.

### See also

*wxBrushList* (p. 66), *wxColour* (p. 91), *wxColourDatabase* (p. 96)

**wxBrush::~wxBrush**

**void ~wxBrush()**

Destructor.

### Remarks

The destructor may not delete the underlying brush object of the native windowing system, since `wxBrush` uses a reference counting system for efficiency.

Although all remaining brushes are deleted when the application exits, the application should try to clean up all brushes itself. This is because `wxWindows` cannot know if a pointer to the brush object is stored in an application data structure, and there is a risk of double deletion.

### **`wxBrush::GetColour`**

**`wxColour& GetColour() const`**

Returns a reference to the brush colour.

[See also](#)

*`wxBrush::SetColour`* (p. 64)

### **`wxBrush::GetStipple`**

**`wxBitmap * GetStipple() const`**

Gets a pointer to the stipple bitmap. If the brush does not have a `wxSTIPPLE` style, this bitmap may be non-NULL but uninitialised (*`wxBitmap::Ok`* (p. 44) returns `FALSE`).

[See also](#)

*`wxBrush::SetStipple`* (p. 64)

### **`wxBrush::GetStyle`**

**`int GetStyle() const`**

Returns the brush style, one of:

<b><code>wxTRANSPARENT</code></b>	Transparent (no fill).
<b><code>wxSOLID</code></b>	Solid.
<b><code>wxBDIAGONAL_HATCH</code></b>	Backward diagonal hatch.
<b><code>wxCROSSDIAG_HATCH</code></b>	Cross-diagonal hatch.
<b><code>wxFDIAGONAL_HATCH</code></b>	Forward diagonal hatch.
<b><code>wxCROSS_HATCH</code></b>	Cross hatch.
<b><code>wxHORIZONTAL_HATCH</code></b>	Horizontal hatch.
<b><code>wxVERTICAL_HATCH</code></b>	Vertical hatch.
<b><code>wxSTIPPLE</code></b>	Stippled using a bitmap.

[See also](#)



*wxBrush::SetStyle* (p. 65), *wxBrush::SetColour* (p. 64), *wxBrush::SetStipple* (p. 64)

## **wxBrush::Ok**

### **bool Ok() const**

Returns TRUE if the brush is initialised. It will return FALSE if the default constructor has been used (for example, the brush is a member of a class, or NULL has been assigned to it).

## **wxBrush::SetColour**

### **void SetColour(wxColour& colour)**

Sets the brush colour using a reference to a colour object.

### **void SetColour(const wxString& colourName)**

Sets the brush colour using a colour name from the colour database.

### **void SetColour(const unsigned char red, const unsigned char green, const unsigned char blue)**

Sets the brush colour using red, green and blue values.

### **See also**

*wxBrush::GetColour* (p. 63)

## **wxBrush::SetStipple**

### **void SetStipple(const wxBitmap& bitmap)**

Sets the stipple bitmap.

### **Parameters**

*bitmap*

The bitmap to use for stippling.

### **Remarks**

The style will be set to wxSTIPPLE.

Note that there is a big difference between stippling in X and Windows. On X, the stipple is a mask between the wxBitmap and current colour. On Windows, the current colour is

ignored, and the bitmap colour is used. However, for pre-defined modes like `wxCROSS_HATCH`, the behaviour is the same for both platforms.

[See also](#)

*wxBitmap* (p. 36)

## **wxBrush::SetStyle**

**void SetStyle(int style)**

Sets the brush style.

*style*

One of:

<b>wxTRANSPARENT</b>	Transparent (no fill).
<b>wxSOLID</b>	Solid.
<b>wxBDIAGONAL_HATCH</b>	Backward diagonal hatch.
<b>wxCROSSDIAG_HATCH</b>	Cross-diagonal hatch.
<b>wxFDIAGONAL_HATCH</b>	Forward diagonal hatch.
<b>wxCROSS_HATCH</b>	Cross hatch.
<b>wxHORIZONTAL_HATCH</b>	Horizontal hatch.
<b>wxVERTICAL_HATCH</b>	Vertical hatch.
<b>wxSTIPPLE</b>	Stippled using a bitmap.

[See also](#)

*wxBrush::GetStyle* (p. 63)

## **wxBrush::operator =**

**wxBrush& operator =(const wxBrush& brush)**

Assignment operator, using reference counting. Returns a reference to 'this'.

## **wxBrush::operator ==**

**bool operator ==(const wxBrush& brush)**

Equality operator. Two brushes are equal if they contain pointers to the same underlying brush data. It does not compare each attribute, so two independently-created brushes using the same parameters will fail the test.

## **wxBrush::operator !=**

**bool operator !=(const wxBrush& brush)**

Inequality operator. Two brushes are not equal if they contain pointers to different underlying brush data. It does not compare each attribute.

## **wxBrushList**

A brush list is a list containing all brushes which have been created.

### **Derived from**

*wxList* (p. 446)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### **Include files**

<wx/gdicmn.h>

### **Remarks**

There is only one instance of this class: **wxTheBrushList**. Use this object to search for a previously created brush of the desired type and create it if not already found. In some windowing systems, the brush may be a scarce resource, so it can pay to reuse old resources if possible. When an application finishes, all brushes will be deleted and their resources freed, eliminating the possibility of 'memory leaks'. However, it is best not to rely on this automatic cleanup because it can lead to double deletion in some circumstances.

There are two mechanisms in recent versions of wxWindows which make the brush list less useful than it once was. Under Windows, scarce resources are cleaned up internally if they are not being used. Also, a referencing counting mechanism applied to all GDI objects means that some sharing of underlying resources is possible. You don't have to keep track of pointers, working out when it is safe delete a brush, because the referencing counting does it for you. For example, you can set a brush in a device context, and then immediately delete the brush you passed, because the brush is 'copied'.

So you may find it easier to ignore the brush list, and instead create and copy brushes as you see fit. If your Windows resource meter suggests your application is using too many resources, you can resort to using GDI lists to share objects explicitly.

The only compelling use for the brush list is for wxWindows to keep track of brushes in order to clean them up on exit. It is also kept for backward compatibility with earlier versions of wxWindows.

### **See also**

*wxBrush* (p. 60)

**wxBrushList::wxBrushList****void wxBrushList()**

Constructor. The application should not construct its own brush list: use the object pointer **wxTheBrushList**.

**wxBrushList::AddBrush****void AddBrush(wxBrush \*brush)**

Used internally by wxWindows to add a brush to the list.

**wxBrushList::FindOrCreateBrush****wxBrush \* FindOrCreateBrush(const wxColour& colour, int style)**

Finds a brush with the specified attributes and returns it, else creates a new brush, adds it to the brush list, and returns it.

**wxBrush \* FindOrCreateBrush(const wxString& colourName, int style)**

Finds a brush with the specified attributes and returns it, else creates a new brush, adds it to the brush list, and returns it.

Finds a brush of the given specification, or creates one and adds it to the list.

**Parameters***colour*

Colour object.

*colourName*

Colour name, which should be in the colour database.

*style*

Brush style. See *wxBrush::SetStyle* (p. 65) for a list of styles.

**wxBrushList::RemoveBrush****void RemoveBrush(wxBrush \*brush)**

Used by wxWindows to remove a brush from the list.

**wxBusyCursor**

This class makes it easy to tell your user that the program is temporarily busy. Just create a `wxBusyCursor` object on the stack, and within the current scope, the hourglass will be shown.

For example:

```
wxBusyCursor wait;

for (int i = 0; i < 100000; i++)
    DoACalculation();
```

It works by calling `wxBeginBusyCursor` (p. 984) in the constructor, and `wxEndBusyCursor` (p. 987) in the destructor.

### Derived from

None

### Include files

<wx/utils.h>

### See also

`wxBeginBusyCursor` (p. 984), `wxEndBusyCursor` (p. 987)

## **wxBusyCursor::wxBusyCursor**

**wxBusyCursor**(**wxCursor\*** cursor = `wxHOURLASS_CURSOR`)

Constructs a busy cursor object, calling `wxBeginBusyCursor` (p. 984).

## **wxBusyCursor::~~wxBusyCursor**

**~wxBusyCursor**()

Destroys the busy cursor object, calling `wxEndBusyCursor` (p. 987).

## **wxBusyInfo**

This class makes it easy to tell your user that the program is temporarily busy. Just create a `wxBusyInfo` object on the stack, and within the current scope, a message window will be shown.

For example:

```
wxBusyInfo wait("Please wait, working...");  
  
for (int i = 0; i < 100000; i++)  
    DoACalculation();
```

It works by creating a window in the constructor, and deleting it in the destructor.

### Derived from

None

### Include files

<wx/busyinfo.h>

## wxBusyInfo::wxBusyInfo

**wxBusyInfo(const wxString& msg)**

Constructs a busy info object, displays *msg*.

## wxButton

A button is a control that contains a text string, and is one of the commonest elements of a GUI. It may be placed on a *dialog box* (p. 193) or *panel* (p. 572), or indeed almost any other window.

### Derived from

*wxControl* (p. 130)  
*wxWindow* (p. 915)  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/button.h>

### Window styles

There are no special styles for *wxButton*.

See also *window styles overview* (p. 1093).

### Event handling

**EVT\_BUTTON(id, func)**

Process a  
wxEVT\_COMMAND\_BUTTON\_CLICKED

event, when the button is clicked.

### See also

*wxBitmapButton* (p. 52)

## wxButton::wxButton

### wxButton()

Default constructor.

**wxButton(wxWindow\* parent, wxWindowID id, const wxString& label, const wxPoint& pos, const wxSize& size = wxDefaultSize, long style = 0, const wxValidator& validator, const wxString& name = "button")**

Constructor, creating and showing a button.

### Parameters

*parent*

Parent window. Must not be NULL.

*id*

Button identifier. A value of -1 indicates a default value.

*label*

Text to be displayed on the button.

*pos*

Button position.

*size*

Button size. If the default size (-1, -1) is specified then the button is sized appropriately for the text.

*style*

Window style. See *wxButton* (p. 69).

*validator*

Window validator.

*name*

Window name.

### See also

*wxButton::Create* (p. 71), *wxValidator* (p. 897)

### **wxButton::~~wxButton**

**~wxButton()**

Destructor, destroying the button.

### **wxButton::Create**

**bool Create(wxWindow\* parent, wxWindowID id, const wxString& label, const wxPoint& pos, const wxSize& size = wxDefaultSize, long style = 0, const wxValidator& validator, const wxString& name = "button")**

Button creation function for two-step creation. For more details, see *wxButton::wxButton* (p. 70).

### **wxButton::GetLabel**

**wxString GetLabel() const**

Returns the string label for the button.

#### **Return value**

The button's label.

#### **See also**

*wxButton::SetLabel* (p. 72)

### **wxButton::GetDefaultSize**

**wxSize GetDefaultSize()**

Returns the default size for the buttons. It is advised to make all the dialog buttons of the same size and this function allows to retrieve the (platform and current font dependent size) which should be the best suited for this.

### **wxButton::SetDefault**

**void SetDefault()**

This sets the button to be the default item for the panel or dialog box.



## Remarks

Under Windows, only dialog box buttons respond to this function. As normal under Windows and Motif, pressing return causes the default button to be depressed when the return key is pressed. See also *wxWindow::SetFocus* (p. 953) which sets the keyboard focus for windows and text panel items, and *wxWindow::GetDefaultItem* (p. 925).

Note that under Motif, calling this function immediately after creation of a button and before the creation of other buttons will cause misalignment of the row of buttons, since default buttons are larger. To get around this, call *SetDefault* after you have created a row of buttons: wxWindows will then set the size of all buttons currently on the panel to the same size.

## **wxButton::SetLabel**

**void SetLabel(const wxString& label)**

Sets the string label for the button.

## Parameters

*label*

The label to set.

## See also

*wxButton::GetLabel* (p. 71)

## **wxBufferedInputStream**

This stream acts as a cache. It caches the bytes read from the specified input stream (See *wxFilterInputStream* (p. 283)). It uses *wxStreamBuffer* and sets the default in-buffer size to 1024 bytes.

## Derived from

*wxFilterInputStream* (p. 283)

## Include files

<wx/stream.h>

## See also

*wxStreamBuffer* (p. 755), *wxInputStream* (p. 425)

## **wxBufferedOutputStream**

This stream acts as a cache. It caches the bytes to be written to the specified output

stream (See *wxFilterOutputStream* (p. 284)). The datas are only written when the cache is full or when the buffered stream is destroyed.

#### Derived from

*wxFilterOutputStream* (p. 284)

#### Include files

<wx/stream.h>

#### See also

*wxStreamBuffer* (p. 755), *wxOutputStream* (p. 559)

### **wxCalculateLayoutEvent**

This event is sent by *wxLayoutAlgorithm* (p. 441) to calculate the amount of the remaining client area that the window should occupy.

#### Derived from

*wxEvent* (p. 237)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

#### Include files

<wx/laywin.h>

#### Event table macros

<b>EVT_CALCULATE_LAYOUT(func)</b>	Process a <code>wxEVT_CALCULATE_LAYOUT</code> event, which asks the window to take a 'bite' out of a rectangle provided by the algorithm.
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#### See also

*wxQueryLayoutInfoEvent* (p. 626), *wxSashLayoutWindow* (p. 662), *wxLayoutAlgorithm* (p. 441).

### **wxCalculateLayoutEvent::wxCalculateLayoutEvent**

**wxCalculateLayoutEvent(wxWindowID *id* = 0)**

Constructor.

**wxCalculateLayoutEvent::GetFlags****int GetFlags() const**

Returns the flags associated with this event. Not currently used.

**wxCalculateLayoutEvent::GetRect****wxRect GetRect() const**

Before the event handler is entered, returns the remaining parent client area that the window could occupy. When the event handler returns, this should contain the remaining parent client rectangle, after the event handler has subtracted the area that its window occupies.

**wxCalculateLayoutEvent::SetFlags****void SetFlags(int flags)**

Sets the flags associated with this event. Not currently used.

**wxCalculateLayoutEvent::SetRect****void SetRect(const wxRect& rect)**

Call this to specify the new remaining parent client area, after the space occupied by the window has been subtracted.

**wxCheckBox**

A checkbox is a labelled box which is either on (checkmark is visible) or off (no checkmark).

**Derived from**

*wxControl* (p. 130)  
*wxWindow* (p. 915)  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/checkbox.h>

**Window styles**

There are no special styles for wxCheckBox.

See also *window styles overview* (p. 1093).

### Event handling

**EVT\_CHECKBOX(id, func)** Process a `wxEVT_COMMAND_CHECKBOX_CLICKED` event, when the checkbox is clicked.

### See also

*wxRadioButton* (p. 634), *wxCommandEvent* (p. 108)

## **wxCheckBox::wxCheckBox**

### **wxCheckBox()**

Default constructor.

**wxCheckBox(wxWindow\* parent, wxWindowID id, const wxString& label, const wxPoint& pos = wxDefaultPosition, const wxSize& size = wxDefaultSize, long style = 0, const wxValidator& val, const wxString& name = "checkBox")**

Constructor, creating and showing a checkbox.

### Parameters

*parent*

Parent window. Must not be NULL.

*id*

Checkbox identifier. A value of -1 indicates a default value.

*label*

Text to be displayed next to the checkbox.

*pos*

Checkbox position. If the position (-1, -1) is specified then a default position is chosen.

*size*

Checkbox size. If the default size (-1, -1) is specified then a default size is chosen.

*style*

Window style. See *wxCheckBox* (p. 74).

*validator*

Window validator.

*name*

Window name.

### See also

*wxCheckBox::Create* (p. 76), *wxValidator* (p. 897)

## **wxCheckBox::~~wxCheckBox**

**~wxCheckBox()**

Destructor, destroying the checkbox.

## **wxCheckBox::Create**

**bool Create**(*wxWindow\* parent*, **wxWindowID** *id*, **const wxString&** *label*, **const wxPoint&** *pos* = *wxDefaultPosition*, **const wxSize&** *size* = *wxDefaultSize*, **long** *style* = 0, **const wxValidator&** *val*, **const wxString&** *name* = "checkBox")

Creates the checkbox for two-step construction. See *wxCheckBox::wxCheckBox* (p. 75) for details.

## **wxCheckBox::GetValue**

**bool GetValue()** **const**

Gets the state of the checkbox.

### Return value

Returns TRUE if it is checked, FALSE otherwise.

## **wxCheckBox::SetValue**

**void SetValue**(**const bool** *state*)

Sets the checkbox to the given state. This does not cause a `wxEVT_COMMAND_CHECKBOX_CLICKED` event to get emitted.

### Parameters

*state*

If TRUE, the check is on, otherwise it is off.

## **wxCheckListBox**

A checkListBox is like a listBox, but allows items to be checked or unchecked.

This class is currently implemented under Windows and GTK. When using this class under Windows wxWindows must be compiled with `USE_OWNER_DRAWN` set to 1.

Only the new functions for this class are documented; see also *wxListBox* (p. 452).

### **Derived from**

*wxListBox* (p. 452)  
*wxControl* (p. 130)  
*wxWindow* (p. 915)  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

### **Include files**

<wx/checklst.h>

### **Window styles**

See *wxListBox* (p. 452).

### **Event handling**

<b>EVT_CHECKLISTBOX(id, func)</b>	Process a <code>wxEVT_COMMAND_CHECKLISTBOX_TOGGLE</code> event, when an item in the check list box is checked or unchecked.
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### **See also**

*wxListBox* (p. 452), *wxChoice* (p. 79), *wxComboBox* (p. 99), *wxListCtrl* (p. 461), *wxCommandEvent* (p. 108)

## **wxCheckListBox::wxCheckListBox**

**wxCheckListBox()**

Default constructor.

**wxCheckListBox(wxWindow\* parent, wxWindowID id, const wxPoint& pos = wxDefaultPosition, const wxSize& size = wxDefaultSize, int n, const wxString choices[] = NULL, long style = 0, const wxValidator& validator = wxDefaultValidator, const wxString& name = "listBox")**

Constructor, creating and showing a list box.

### Parameters

*parent*

Parent window. Must not be NULL.

*id*

Window identifier. A value of -1 indicates a default value.

*pos*

Window position.

*size*

Window size. If the default size (-1, -1) is specified then the window is sized appropriately.

*n*

Number of strings with which to initialise the control.

*choices*

An array of strings with which to initialise the control.

*style*

Window style. See *wxCheckListBox* (p. 77).

*validator*

Window validator.

*name*

Window name.

**wxPython note:** The *wxCheckListBox* constructor in wxPython reduces the *n* and *choices* arguments to a single argument, which is a list of strings.

### **wxCheckListBox::~~wxCheckListBox**

**void ~wxCheckListBox()**

Destructor, destroying the list box.

### **wxCheckListBox::Check**

**void Check(int item, bool check = TRUE)**

Checks the given item.

## Parameters

*item*

Index of item to check.

*check*

TRUE if the item is to be checked, FALSE otherwise.

## **wxCheckListBox::IsChecked**

**bool IsChecked(int *item*) const**

Returns TRUE if the given item is checked, FALSE otherwise.

## Parameters

*item*

Index of item whose check status is to be returned.

## **wxChoice**

A choice item is used to select one of a list of strings. Unlike a listbox, only the selection is visible until the user pulls down the menu of choices.

## Derived from

*wxControl* (p. 130)

*wxWindow* (p. 915)

*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

## Include files

<wx/choice.h>

## Window styles

There are no special styles for *wxChoice*.

See also *window styles overview* (p. 1093).

## Event handling

**EVT\_CHOICE(id, func)**

Process a  
`wxEVT_COMMAND_CHOICE_SELECTED`  
event, when an item on the list is selected.

## See also



*wxListBox* (p. 452), *wxComboBox* (p. 99), *wxCommandEvent* (p. 108)

## **wxChoice::wxChoice**

### **wxChoice()**

Default constructor.

**wxChoice(wxWindow \*parent, wxWindowID id, const wxPoint& pos, const wxSize& size, int n, const wxString choices[], long style = 0, const wxValidator& validator = wxDefaultValidator, const wxString& name = "choice")**

Constructor, creating and showing a choice.

### **Parameters**

*parent*

Parent window. Must not be NULL.

*id*

Window identifier. A value of -1 indicates a default value.

*pos*

Window position.

*size*

Window size. If the default size (-1, -1) is specified then the choice is sized appropriately.

*n*

Number of strings with which to initialise the choice control.

*choices*

An array of strings with which to initialise the choice control.

*style*

Window style. See *wxChoice* (p. 79).

*validator*

Window validator.

*name*

Window name.

### **See also**

*wxChoice::Create* (p. 81), *wxValidator* (p. 897)

**wxPython note:** The `wxChoice` constructor in `wxPython` reduces the `nand choices` arguments are to a single argument, which is a list of strings.

### **wxChoice::~wxChoice**

**~wxChoice()**

Destructor, destroying the choice item.

### **wxChoice::Append**

**void Append(const wxString& item)**

Adds the item to the end of the choice control.

**void Append(const wxString& item, void\* clientData)**

Adds the item to the end of the combobox, associating the given data with the item.

### **Parameters**

*item*

String to add.

*clientData*

Client data to associate with the item.

### **wxChoice::Clear**

**void Clear()**

Clears the strings from the choice item.

### **wxChoice::Create**

**bool Create(wxWindow \*parent, wxWindowID id, const wxPoint& pos, const wxSize& size, int n, const wxString choices[], long style = 0, const wxString& name = "choice")**

Creates the choice for two-step construction. See `wxChoice::wxChoice` (p. 80).

### **wxChoice::FindString**

**int FindString(const wxString& string) const**

Finds a choice matching the given string.

### Parameters

*string*  
String to find.

### Return value

Returns the position if found, or -1 if not found.

## **wxChoice::GetColumns**

**int GetColumns() const**

Gets the number of columns in this choice item.

### Remarks

This is implemented for Motif only.

## **wxChoice::GetClientData**

**void\* GetClientData(int *n*) const**

Returns a pointer to the client data associated with the given item (if any).

### Parameters

*n*  
An item, starting from zero.

### Return value

A pointer to the client data, or NULL if the item was not found.

## **wxChoice::GetSelection**

**int GetSelection() const**

Gets the id (position) of the selected string, or -1 if there is no selection.

## **wxChoice::GetString**

**wxString GetString(int *n*) const**

Returns the string at the given position.

#### Parameters

*n*  
The zero-based position.

#### Return value

The string at the given position, or the empty string if *n* is invalid.

### **wxChoice::GetStringSelection**

**wxString GetStringSelection() const**

Gets the selected string, or the empty string if no string is selected.

### **wxChoice::Number**

**int Number() const**

Returns the number of strings in the choice control.

### **wxChoice::SetClientData**

**void SetClientData(int *n*, void\* *data*)**

Associates the given client data pointer with the given item.

#### Parameters

*n*  
The zero-based item.

*data*  
The client data.

### **wxChoice::SetColumns**

**void SetColumns(int *n* = 1)**

Sets the number of columns in this choice item.

#### Parameters

*n*

Number of columns.

### Remarks

This is implemented for Motif only.

### **wxChoice::SetSelection**

**void SetSelection(int *n*)**

Sets the choice by passing the desired string position. This does not cause a `wxEVT_COMMAND_CHOICE_SELECTED` event to get emitted.

### Parameters

*n*  
The string position to select, starting from zero.

### See also

*wxChoice::SetStringSelection* (p. 84)

### **wxChoice::SetStringSelection**

**void SetStringSelection(const wxString& *string*)**

Sets the choice by passing the desired string. This does not cause a `wxEVT_COMMAND_CHOICE_SELECTED` event to get emitted.

### Parameters

*string*  
The string to select.

### See also

*wxChoice::SetSelection* (p. 84)

### **wxClassInfo**

This class stores meta-information about classes. Instances of this class are not generally defined directly by an application, but indirectly through use of macros such as **DECLARE\_DYNAMIC\_CLASS** and **IMPLEMENT\_DYNAMIC\_CLASS**.

### Derived from

No parent class.

**Include files**

<wx/object.h>

**See also**

*Overview* (p. 1092), *wxObject* (p. 555)

**wxClassInfo::wxClassInfo**

**wxClassInfo**(char\* *className*, char\* *baseClass1*, char\* *baseClass2*, int *size*, wxObjectConstructorFn *fn*)

Constructs a wxClassInfo object. The supplied macros implicitly construct objects of this class, so there is no need to create such objects explicitly in an application.

**wxClassInfo::CreateObject**

**wxObject\*** CreateObject()

Creates an object of the appropriate kind. Returns NULL if the class has not been declared dynamically createable (typically, it's an abstract class).

**wxClassInfo::FindClass**

**static wxClassInfo \*** FindClass(char\* *name*)

Finds the wxClassInfo object for a class of the given string name.

**wxClassInfo::GetBaseClassName1**

**char\*** GetBaseClassName1() **const**

Returns the name of the first base class (NULL if none).

**wxClassInfo::GetBaseClassName2**

**char\*** GetBaseClassName2() **const**

Returns the name of the second base class (NULL if none).

**wxClassInfo::GetClassName**

**char \* GetClassName() const**

Returns the string form of the class name.

**wxClassInfo::GetSize**

**int GetSize() const**

Returns the size of the class.

**wxClassInfo::InitializeClasses**

**static void InitializeClasses()**

Initializes pointers in the wxClassInfo objects for fast execution of IsKindOf. Called in base wxWindows library initialization.

**wxClassInfo::IsKindOf**

**bool IsKindOf(wxClassInfo\* info)**

Returns TRUE if this class is a kind of (inherits from) the given class.

**wxClientDC**

A wxClientDC must be constructed if an application wishes to paint on the client area of a window from outside an **OnPaint** event. This should normally be constructed as a temporary stack object; don't store a wxClientDC object.

To draw on a window from within **OnPaint**, construct a *wxPaintDC* (p. 567) object.

To draw on the whole window including decorations, construct a *wxWindowDC* (p. 961) object (Windows only).

#### Derived from

*wxWindowDC* (p. 961)

*wxDC* (p. 165)

#### Include files

<wx/dcclient.h>

#### See also

*wxDC* (p. 165), *wxMemoryDC* (p. 496), *wxPaintDC* (p. 567), *wxWindowDC* (p. 961),

*wxScreenDC* (p. 670)

## **wxClientDC::wxClientDC**

**wxClientDC**(*wxWindow\** window)

Constructor. Pass a pointer to the window on which you wish to paint.

## **wxClipboard**

A class for manipulating the clipboard. Note that this is not compatible with the clipboard class from *wxWindows 1.xx*, which has the same name but a different implementation.

To use the clipboard, you call member functions of the global **wxTheClipboard** object.

Call *wxClipboard::Open* (p. 89) to get ownership of the clipboard. If this operation returns TRUE, you now own the clipboard. Call *wxClipboard::SetData* (p. 89) to put data on the clipboard, or *wxClipboard::GetData* (p. 88) to retrieve data from the clipboard. Call *wxClipboard::Close* (p. 88) to close the clipboard and relinquish ownership. You should keep the clipboard open only momentarily.

For example:

```
// Write some text to the clipboard
if (wxTheClipboard->Open())
{
    // This data objects are held by the clipboard,
    // so do not delete them in the app.
    wxTheClipboard->SetData( new wxTextDataObject("Some text") );
    wxTheClipboard->Close();
}

// Read some text
if (wxTheClipboard->Open())
{
    if (wxTheClipboard->IsSupported( wxDF_TEXT ))
    {
        wxTextDataObject data;
        wxTheClipboard->GetData( data );
        wxMessageBox( data.GetText() );
    }
    wxTheClipboard->Close();
}
```

## **Derived from**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

## **Include files**



<wx/clipbrd.h>

**See also**

*Drag and drop overview* (p. 1038), *wxDataObject* (p. 148)

**wxClipboard::wxClipboard**

**wxClipboard()**

Constructor.

**wxClipboard::~~wxClipboard**

**~wxClipboard()**

Destructor.

**wxClipboard::Clear**

**void Clear()**

Clears the global clipboard object and the system's clipboard if possible.

**wxClipboard::Close**

**bool Close()**

Call this function to close the clipboard, having opened it with *wxClipboard::Open* (p. 89).

**wxClipboard::GetData**

**bool GetData(wxDataObject& data)**

Call this function to fill *data* with data on the clipboard, if available in the required format. Returns TRUE on success.

**wxClipboard::IsSupported**

**bool IsSupported(const wxDataFormat& format)**

Returns TRUE if the format of the given data object is available on the clipboard.

## **wxClipboard::Open**

### **bool Open()**

Call this function to open the clipboard before calling *wxClipboard::SetData* (p. 89) and *wxClipboard::GetData* (p. 88).

Call *wxClipboard::Close* (p. 88) when you have finished with the clipboard. You should keep the clipboard open for only a very short time.

Returns TRUE on success. This should be tested (as in the sample shown above).

## **wxClipboard::SetData**

### **bool SetData(wxDataObject\* data)**

Call this function to set the data object to the clipboard. This function will clear all previous contents in the clipboard, so calling it several times does not make any sense.

## **wxClipboard::UsePrimarySelection**

### **void UsePrimarySelection(bool primary = TRUE)**

On platforms supporting it (currently only GTK), selects the so called PRIMARY SELECTION as the clipboard as opposed to the normal clipboard, if *primary* is TRUE.

## **wxCloseEvent**

This event class contains information about window and session close events.

### **Derived from**

*wxEvent* (p. 237)

### **Include files**

<wx/event.h>

### **Event table macros**

To process a close event, use these event handler macros to direct input to member functions that take a *wxCloseEvent* argument.

### **EVT\_CLOSE(func)**

Process a close event, supplying the member function. This event applies to *wxFrame* and *wxDialog* classes.

<b>EVT_QUERY_END_SESSION(func)</b>	Process a query end session event, supplying the member function. This event applies to wxApp only.
<b>EVT_END_SESSION(func)</b>	Process an end session event, supplying the member function. This event applies to wxApp only.

### See also

*wxWindow::OnCloseWindow* (p. 937), *wxWindow::Close* (p. 919), *wxApp::OnQueryEndSession* (p. 12), *wxApp::OnEndSession* (p. 11), *Window deletion overview* (p. 1062)

## **wxCloseEvent::wxCloseEvent**

**wxCloseEvent(WXTYPE *commandEventType* = 0, int *id* = 0)**

Constructor.

## **wxCloseEvent::CanVeto**

**bool CanVeto()**

Returns TRUE if you can veto a system shutdown or a window close event. Vetoing a window close event is not possible if the calling code wishes to force the application to exit, and so this function must be called to check this.

## **wxCloseEvent::GetLoggingOff**

**bool GetLoggingOff() const**

Returns TRUE if the user is logging off.

## **wxCloseEvent::GetSessionEnding**

**bool GetSessionEnding() const**

Returns TRUE if the session is ending.

## **wxCloseEvent::GetForce**

**bool GetForce() const**

Returns TRUE if the application wishes to force the window to close. This will shortly be obsolete, replaced by `CanVeto`.

### **`wxCloseEvent::SetCanVeto`**

**`void SetCanVeto(bool canVeto)`**

Sets the 'can veto' flag.

### **`wxCloseEvent::SetForce`**

**`void SetForce(bool force) const`**

Sets the 'force' flag.

### **`wxCloseEvent::SetLoggingOff`**

**`void SetLoggingOff(bool loggingOff) const`**

Sets the 'logging off' flag.

### **`wxCloseEvent::Veto`**

**`void Veto(bool veto = TRUE)`**

Call this from your event handler to veto a system shutdown or to signal to the calling application that a window close did not happen.

You can only veto a shutdown if `wxCloseEvent::CanVeto` (p. 90) returns TRUE.

## **`wxColour`**

A colour is an object representing a combination of Red, Green, and Blue (RGB) intensity values, and is used to determine drawing colours. See the entry for `wxColourDatabase` (p. 96) for how a pointer to a predefined, named colour may be returned instead of creating a new colour.

Valid RGB values are in the range 0 to 255.

### **Derived from**

`wxObject` (p. 555)

### **Include files**

<wx/colour.h>

### Predefined objects

Objects:

**wxNullColour**

Pointers:

**wxBLACK**

**wxWHITE**

**wxRED**

**wxBLUE**

**wxGREEN**

**wxCYAN**

**wxLIGHT\_GREY**

### See also

*wxColourDatabase* (p. 96), *wxPen* (p. 578), *wxBrush* (p. 60), *wxColourDialog* (p. 98)

## **wxColour::wxColour**

**wxColour()**

Default constructor.

**wxColour(const unsigned char *red*, const unsigned char *green*, const unsigned char *blue*)**

Constructs a colour from red, green and blue values.

**wxColour(const wxString& *colourName*)**

Constructs a colour object using a colour name listed in **wxTheColourDatabase**.

**wxColour(const wxColour& *colour*)**

Copy constructor.

### Parameters

*red*

The red value.

*green*

The green value.

*blue*

The blue value.

*colourName*

The colour name.

*colour*

The colour to copy.

### See also

*wxColourDatabase* (p. 96)

**wxPython note:** Constructors supported by wxPython are:

```
wxColour(red=0, green=0, blue=0)
wxNamedColour(name)
```

### **wxColour::Blue**

**unsigned char Blue() const**

Returns the blue intensity.

### **wxColour::GetPixel**

**long GetPixel() const**

Returns a pixel value which is platform-dependent. On Windows, a COLORREF is returned. On X, an allocated pixel value is returned.

-1 is returned if the pixel is invalid (on X, unallocated).

### **wxColour::Green**

**unsigned char Green() const**

Returns the green intensity.

### **wxColour::Ok**

**bool Ok() const**

Returns TRUE if the colour object is valid (the colour has been initialised with RGB

values).

### **wxColour::Red**

**unsigned char Red() const**

Returns the red intensity.

### **wxColour::Set**

**void Set(const unsigned char *red*, const unsigned char *green*, const unsigned char *blue*)**

Sets the RGB intensity values.

### **wxColour::operator =**

**wxColour& operator =(const wxColour& *colour*)**

Assignment operator, taking another colour object.

**wxColour& operator =(const wxString& *colourName*)**

Assignment operator, using a colour name to be found in the colour database.

[See also](#)

*wxColourDatabase* (p. 96)

### **wxColour::operator ==**

**bool operator ==(const wxColour& *colour*)**

Tests the equality of two colours by comparing individual red, green blue colours.

### **wxColour::operator !=**

**bool operator !=(const wxColour& *colour*)**

Tests the inequality of two colours by comparing individual red, green blue colours.

### **wxColourData**

This class holds a variety of information related to colour dialogs.

**Derived from**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/cmndata.h>

**See also**

*wxColour* (p. 91), *wxColourDialog* (p. 98), *wxColourDialog overview* (p. 1048)

**wxColourData::wxColourData**

**wxColourData()**

Constructor. Initializes the custom colours to white, the *data colour* setting to black, and the *choose full* setting to TRUE.

**wxColourData::~~wxColourData**

**~wxColourData()**

Destructor.

**wxColourData::GetChooseFull**

**bool GetChooseFull() const**

Under Windows, determines whether the Windows colour dialog will display the full dialog with custom colour selection controls. Has no meaning under other platforms.

The default value is TRUE.

**wxColourData::GetColour**

**wxColour& GetColour() const**

Gets the current colour associated with the colour dialog.

The default colour is black.

**wxColourData::GetCustomColour**



**wxColour& GetCustomColour(int i) const**

Gets the *i*th custom colour associated with the colour dialog. *i* should be an integer between 0 and 15.

The default custom colours are all white.

**wxColourData::SetChooseFull****void SetChooseFull(const bool flag)**

Under Windows, tells the Windows colour dialog to display the full dialog with custom colour selection controls. Under other platforms, has no effect.

The default value is TRUE.

**wxColourData::SetColour****void SetColour(const wxColour& colour)**

Sets the default colour for the colour dialog.

The default colour is black.

**wxColourData::SetCustomColour****void SetColour(int i, const wxColour& colour)**

Sets the *i*th custom colour for the colour dialog. *i* should be an integer between 0 and 15.

The default custom colours are all white.

**wxColourData::operator =****void operator =(const wxColourData& data)**

Assignment operator for the colour data.

**wxColourDatabase**

wxWindows maintains a database of standard RGB colours for a predefined set of named colours (such as "BLACK", "LIGHT GREY"). The application may add to this set if desired by using *Append*. There is only one instance of this class:

**wxTheColourDatabase.**

**Derived from**

*wxList* (p. 446)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/gdicmn.h>

**Remarks**

The colours in the standard database are as follows:

AQUAMARINE, BLACK, BLUE, BLUE VIOLET, BROWN, CADET BLUE, CORAL, CORNFLOWER BLUE, CYAN, DARK GREY, DARK GREEN, DARK OLIVE GREEN, DARK ORCHID, DARK SLATE BLUE, DARK SLATE GREY, DARK TURQUOISE, DIM GREY, FIREBRICK, FOREST GREEN, GOLD, GOLDENROD, GREY, GREEN, GREEN YELLOW, INDIAN RED, KHAKI, LIGHT BLUE, LIGHT GREY, LIGHT STEEL BLUE, LIME GREEN, MAGENTA, MAROON, MEDIUM AQUAMARINE, MEDIUM BLUE, MEDIUM FOREST GREEN, MEDIUM GOLDENROD, MEDIUM ORCHID, MEDIUM SEA GREEN, MEDIUM SLATE BLUE, MEDIUM SPRING GREEN, MEDIUM TURQUOISE, MEDIUM VIOLET RED, MIDNIGHT BLUE, NAVY, ORANGE, ORANGE RED, ORCHID, PALE GREEN, PINK, PLUM, PURPLE, RED, SALMON, SEA GREEN, SIENNA, SKY BLUE, SLATE BLUE, SPRING GREEN, STEEL BLUE, TAN, THISTLE, TURQUOISE, VIOLET, VIOLET RED, WHEAT, WHITE, YELLOW, YELLOW GREEN.

**See also**

*wxColour* (p. 91)

**wxColourDatabase::wxColourDatabase**

**wxColourDatabase()**

Constructs the colour database.

**wxColourDatabase::FindColour**

**wxColour\* FindColour(const wxString& colourName)**

Finds a colour given the name. Returns NULL if not found.

**wxColourDatabase::FindName**

**wxString FindName(const wxColour& colour) const**

Finds a colour name given the colour. Returns NULL if not found.

### **wxColourDatabase::Initialize**

**void Initialize()**

Initializes the database with a number of stock colours. Called by wxWindows on start-up.

### **wxColourDialog**

This class represents the colour chooser dialog.

#### **Derived from**

*wxDialog* (p. 193)  
*wxWindow* (p. 915)  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

#### **Include files**

<wx/colordlg.h>

#### **See also**

*wxColourDialog Overview* (p. 1048), *wxColour* (p. 91), *wxColourData* (p. 94)

### **wxColourDialog::wxColourDialog**

**wxColourDialog(wxWindow\* parent, wxColourData\* data = NULL)**

Constructor. Pass a parent window, and optionally a pointer to a block of colour data, which will be copied to the colour dialog's colour data.

#### **See also**

*wxColourData* (p. 94)

### **wxColourDialog::~~wxColourDialog**

**~wxColourDialog()**

Destructor.

**wxColourDialog::GetColourData****wxColourData& GetColourData()**

Returns the *colour data* (p. 94) associated with the colour dialog.

**wxColourDialog::ShowModal****int ShowModal()**

Shows the dialog, returning wxID\_OK if the user pressed OK, and wxOK\_CANCEL otherwise.

**wxComboBox**

A combobox is like a combination of an edit control and a listbox. It can be displayed as static list with editable or read-only text field; or a drop-down list with text field; or a drop-down list without a text field.

A combobox permits a single selection only. Combobox items are numbered from zero.

**Derived from**

*wxChoice* (p. 79)  
*wxControl* (p. 130)  
*wxWindow* (p. 915)  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/combo.h>

**Window styles****wxCB\_SIMPLE**

Creates a combobox with a permanently displayed list. Windows only.

**wxCB\_DROPDOWN**

Creates a combobox with a drop-down list.

**wxCB\_READONLY**

Creates a combo box consisting of a drop-down list and static text item displaying the current selection.

**wxCB\_SORT**

Sorts the entries in the list alphabetically.

See also *window styles overview* (p. 1093).

**Event handling**

<b>EVT_COMBOBOX(id, func)</b>	Process a <code>wxEVT_COMMAND_COMBOBOX_SELECTED</code> event, when an item on the list is selected.
<b>EVT_TEXT(id, func)</b>	Process a <code>wxEVT_COMMAND_TEXT_UPDATED</code> event, when the combobox text changes.

### See also

`wxListBox` (p. 452), `wxTextCtrl` (p. 820), `wxChoice` (p. 79), `wxCommandEvent` (p. 108)

## **wxComboBox::wxComboBox**

### **wxComboBox()**

Default constructor.

**wxComboBox(wxWindow\* parent, wxWindowID id, const wxString& value = "", const wxPoint& pos = wxDefaultPosition, const wxSize& size = wxDefaultSize, int n, const wxString choices[], long style = 0, const wxValidator& validator = wxDefaultValidator, const wxString& name = "comboBox")**

Constructor, creating and showing a combobox.

### Parameters

*parent*

Parent window. Must not be NULL.

*id*

Window identifier. A value of -1 indicates a default value.

*pos*

Window position.

*size*

Window size. If the default size (-1, -1) is specified then the window is sized appropriately.

*n*

Number of strings with which to initialise the control.

*choices*

An array of strings with which to initialise the control.

*style*

Window style. See *wxComboBox* (p. 99).

*validator*

Window validator.

*name*

Window name.

### See also

*wxComboBox::Create* (p. 101), *wxValidator* (p. 897)

**wxPython note:** The *wxComboBox* constructor in wxPython reduces the `name` and `choices` arguments to a single argument, which is a list of strings.

## **wxComboBox::~~wxComboBox**

**~wxComboBox()**

Destructor, destroying the combobox.

## **wxComboBox::Append**

**void Append(const wxString& item)**

Adds the item to the end of the combobox.

**void Append(const wxString& item, void\* clientData)**

Adds the item to the end of the combobox, associating the given data with the item.

### Parameters

*item*

The string to add.

*clientData*

Client data to associate with the item.

## **wxComboBox::Clear**

**void Clear()**

Clears all strings from the combobox.

## **wxComboBox::Create**

```
bool Create(wxWindow* parent, wxWindowID id, const wxString& value = "", const
wxPoint& pos = wxDefaultPosition, const wxSize& size = wxDefaultSize, int n, const
wxString choices[], long style = 0, const wxValidator& validator = wxDefaultValidator,
const wxString& name = "comboBox")
```

Creates the combobox for two-step construction. Derived classes should call or replace this function. See `wxComboBox::wxComboBox` (p. 100) for further details.

### **wxComboBox::Copy**

```
void Copy()
```

Copies the selected text to the clipboard.

### **wxComboBox::Cut**

```
void Cut()
```

Copies the selected text to the clipboard and removes the selection.

### **wxComboBox::Delete**

```
void Delete(int n)
```

Deletes an item from the combobox.

#### **Parameters**

*n*  
The item to delete, starting from zero.

### **wxComboBox::FindString**

```
int FindString(const wxString& string)
```

Finds a choice matching the given string.

#### **Parameters**

*string*  
The item to find.

#### **Return value**

The position if found, or -1 if not found.

**wxComboBox::GetClientData****void\* GetClientData(int *n*) const**

Returns a pointer to the client data associated with the given item (if any).

**Parameters***n*

An item, starting from zero.

**Return value**

A pointer to the client data, or NULL if the item was not found.

**wxComboBox::GetInsertionPoint****long GetInsertionPoint() const**

Returns the insertion point for the combobox's text field.

**wxComboBox::GetLastPosition****long GetLastPosition() const**

Returns the last position in the combobox text field.

**wxComboBox::GetSelection****int GetSelection() const**

Gets the position of the selected string, or -1 if there is no selection.

**wxComboBox::GetString****wxString GetString(int *n*) const**

Returns the string at position *n*.

**Parameters***n*

The item position, starting from zero.



### Return value

The string if the item is found, otherwise the empty string.

### **wxComboBox::GetStringSelection**

**wxString GetStringSelection() const**

Gets the selected string.

### **wxComboBox::GetValue**

**wxString GetValue() const**

Returns the current value in the combobox text field.

### **wxComboBox::Number**

**int Number() const**

Returns the number of items in the combobox list.

### **wxComboBox::Paste**

**void Paste()**

Pastes text from the clipboard to the text field.

### **wxComboBox::Replace**

**void Replace(long *from*, long *to*, const wxString& *text*)**

Replaces the text between two positions with the given text, in the combobox text field.

### Parameters

*from*

The first position.

*to*

The second position.

*text*

The text to insert.

### **wxComboBox::Remove**

**void Remove(long *from*, long *to*)**

Removes the text between the two positions in the combobox text field.

**Parameters**

*from*  
The first position.

*to*  
The last position.

**wxComboBox::SetClientData**

**void SetClientData(int *n*, void\* *data*)**

Associates the given client data pointer with the given item.

**Parameters**

*n*  
The zero-based item.

*data*  
The client data.

**wxComboBox::SetInsertionPoint**

**void SetInsertionPoint(long *pos*)**

Sets the insertion point in the combobox text field.

**Parameters**

*pos*  
The new insertion point.

**wxComboBox::SetInsertionPointEnd**

**void SetInsertionPointEnd()**

Sets the insertion point at the end of the combobox text field.

**wxComboBox::SetSelection**

**void SetSelection(int *n*)**

Selects the given item in the combobox list. This does not cause a `wxEVT_COMMAND_COMBOBOX_SELECTED` event to get emitted.

**void SetSelection(long *from*, long *to*)**

Selects the text between the two positions, in the combobox text field.

**Parameters**

*n*

The zero-based item to select.

*from*

The first position.

*to*

The second position.

**wxPython note:** The second form of this method is called `SetMark` in wxPython.

**wxComboBox::SetValue****void SetValue(const wxString& *text*)**

Sets the text for the combobox text field.

**Parameters**

*text*

The text to set.

**wxCommand**

`wxCommand` is a base class for modelling an application command, which is an action usually performed by selecting a menu item, pressing a toolbar button or any other means provided by the application to change the data or view.

**Derived from**

`wxObject` (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/docview.h>

**See also**

Overview (p. 1070)

### **wxCommand::wxCommand**

**wxCommand**(**bool** *canUndo* = *FALSE*, **const wxString&** *name* = *NULL*)

Constructor. `wxCommand` is an abstract class, so you will need to derive a new class and call this constructor from your own constructor.

*canUndo* tells the command processor whether this command is undo-able. You can achieve the same functionality by overriding the `CanUndo` member function (if for example the criteria for undoability is context-dependant).

*name* must be supplied for the command processor to display the command name in the application's edit menu.

### **wxCommand::~~wxCommand**

**~wxCommand**()

Destructor.

### **wxCommand::CanUndo**

**bool** `CanUndo`()

Returns `TRUE` if the command can be undone, `FALSE` otherwise.

### **wxCommand::Do**

**bool** `Do`()

Override this member function to execute the appropriate action when called. Return `TRUE` to indicate that the action has taken place, `FALSE` otherwise. Returning `FALSE` will indicate to the command processor that the action is not undoable and should not be added to the command history.

### **wxCommand::GetName**

**wxString** `GetName`()

Returns the command name.

## **wxCommand::Undo**

### **bool Undo()**

Override this member function to un-execute a previous Do. Return TRUE to indicate that the action has taken place, FALSE otherwise. Returning FALSE will indicate to the command processor that the action is not redoable and no change should be made to the command history.

How you implement this command is totally application dependent, but typical strategies include:

- Perform an inverse operation on the last modified piece of data in the document. When redone, a copy of data stored in command is pasted back or some operation reapplied. This relies on the fact that you know the ordering of Undos; the user can never Undo at an arbitrary position in the command history.
- Restore the entire document state (perhaps using document transactioning). Potentially very inefficient, but possibly easier to code if the user interface and data are complex, and an 'inverse execute' operation is hard to write.

The docview sample uses the first method, to remove or restore segments in the drawing.

## **wxCommandEvent**

This event class contains information about command events, which originate from a variety of simple controls. More complex controls, such as *wxTreeCtrl* (p. 875), have separate command event classes.

### **Derived from**

*wxEvent* (p. 237)

### **Include files**

<wx/event.h>

### **Event table macros**

To process a menu command event, use these event handler macros to direct input to member functions that take a *wxCommandEvent* argument.

- |                                                 |                                                                                                                                                           |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>EVT_COMMAND(id, event, func)</b>             | Process a command, supplying the window identifier, command event identifier, and member function.                                                        |
| <b>EVT_COMMAND_RANGE(id1, id2, event, func)</b> | Process a command for a range of window identifiers, supplying the minimum and maximum window identifiers, command event identifier, and member function. |

<b>EVT_BUTTON(id, func)</b>	Process a wxEVT_COMMAND_BUTTON_CLICKED command, which is generated by a wxButton control.
<b>EVT_CHECKBOX(id, func)</b>	Process a wxEVT_COMMAND_CHECKBOX_CLICKED command, which is generated by a wxCheckBox control.
<b>EVT_CHOICE(id, func)</b>	Process a wxEVT_COMMAND_CHOICE_SELECTED command, which is generated by a wxChoice control.
<b>EVT_LISTBOX(id, func)</b>	Process a wxEVT_COMMAND_LISTBOX_SELECTED command, which is generated by a wxListBox control.
<b>EVT_LISTBOX_DCLICK(id, func)</b>	Process a wxEVT_COMMAND_LISTBOX_DOUBLECLICKED command, which is generated by a wxListBox control.
<b>EVT_TEXT(id, func)</b>	Process a wxEVT_COMMAND_TEXT_UPDATED command, which is generated by a wxTextCtrl control.
<b>EVT_TEXT_ENTER(id, func)</b>	Process a wxEVT_COMMAND_TEXT_ENTER command, which is generated by a wxTextCtrl control.
<b>EVT_MENU(id, func)</b>	Process a wxEVT_COMMAND_MENU_SELECTED command, which is generated by a menu item.
<b>EVT_MENU_RANGE(id1, id2, func)</b>	Process a wxEVT_COMMAND_MENU_RANGE command, which is generated by a range of menu items.
<b>EVT_SLIDER(id, func)</b>	Process a wxEVT_COMMAND_SLIDER_UPDATED command, which is generated by a wxSlider control.
<b>EVT_RADIOBOX(id, func)</b>	Process a wxEVT_COMMAND_RADIOBOX_SELECTED command, which is generated by a wxRadioBox control.
<b>EVT_RADIOBUTTON(id, func)</b>	Process a wxEVT_COMMAND_RADIOBUTTON_SELECTED command, which is generated by a wxRadioButton control.
<b>EVT_SCROLLBAR(id, func)</b>	Process a wxEVT_COMMAND_SCROLLBAR_UPDATED command, which is generated by a wxScrollBar control. This is provided for compatibility only; more specific scrollbar event macros should be

<b>EVT_COMBOBOX(id, func)</b>	used instead (see <i>wxScrollEvent</i> (p. 678)). Process a <i>wxEVT_COMMAND_COMBOBOX_SELECTED</i> command, which is generated by a <i>wxComboBox</i> control.
<b>EVT_TOOL(id, func)</b>	Process a <i>wxEVT_COMMAND_TOOL_CLICKED</i> event (a synonym for <i>wxEVT_COMMAND_MENU_SELECTED</i> ). Pass the id of the tool.
<b>EVT_TOOL_RANGE(id1, id2, func)</b>	Process a <i>wxEVT_COMMAND_TOOL_CLICKED</i> event for a range id identifiers. Pass the ids of the tools.
<b>EVT_TOOL_RCLICKED(id, func)</b>	Process a <i>wxEVT_COMMAND_TOOL_RCLICKED</i> event. Pass the id of the tool.
<b>EVT_TOOL_RCLICKED_RANGE(id1, id2, func)</b>	Process a <i>wxEVT_COMMAND_TOOL_RCLICKED</i> event for a range of ids. Pass the ids of the tools.
<b>EVT_TOOL_ENTER(id, func)</b>	Process a <i>wxEVT_COMMAND_TOOL_ENTER</i> event. Pass the id of the toolbar itself. The value of <i>wxCommandEvent::GetSelection</i> is the tool id, or -1 if the mouse cursor has moved off a tool.
<b>EVT_COMMAND_LEFT_CLICK(id, func)</b>	Process a <i>wxEVT_COMMAND_LEFT_CLICK</i> command, which is generated by a control (Windows 95 and NT only).
<b>EVT_COMMAND_LEFT_DCLICK(id, func)</b>	Process a <i>wxEVT_COMMAND_LEFT_DCLICK</i> command, which is generated by a control (Windows 95 and NT only).
<b>EVT_COMMAND_RIGHT_CLICK(id, func)</b>	Process a <i>wxEVT_COMMAND_RIGHT_CLICK</i> command, which is generated by a control (Windows 95 and NT only).
<b>EVT_COMMAND_SET_FOCUS(id, func)</b>	Process a <i>wxEVT_COMMAND_SET_FOCUS</i> command, which is generated by a control (Windows 95 and NT only).
<b>EVT_COMMAND_KILL_FOCUS(id, func)</b>	Process a <i>wxEVT_COMMAND_KILL_FOCUS</i> command, which is generated by a control (Windows 95 and NT only).
<b>EVT_COMMAND_ENTER(id, func)</b>	Process a <i>wxEVT_COMMAND_ENTER</i> command, which is generated by a control.

**wxCommandEvent::m\_clientData****void\* m\_clientData**

Contains a pointer to client data for listboxes and choices, if the event was a selection. Beware, this is not implemented anyway...

**wxCommandEvent::m\_commandInt****int m\_commandInt**

Contains an integer identifier corresponding to a listbox, choice or radiobox selection (only if the event was a selection, not a deselection), or a boolean value representing the value of a checkbox.

**wxCommandEvent::m\_commandString****char\* m\_commandString**

Contains a string corresponding to a listbox or choice selection.

**wxCommandEvent::m\_extraLong****long m\_extraLong**

Extra information. If the event comes from a listbox selection, it is a boolean determining whether the event was a selection (TRUE) or a deselection (FALSE). A listbox deselection only occurs for multiple-selection boxes, and in this case the index and string values are indeterminate and the listbox must be examined by the application.

**wxCommandEvent::wxCommandEvent****wxCommandEvent(WXTYPE *commandEventType* = 0, int *id* = 0)**

Constructor.

**wxCommandEvent::Checked****bool Checked()**

Returns TRUE or FALSE for a checkbox selection event.

**wxCommandEvent::GetClientData**



**void\* GetClientData()**

Returns client data pointer for a listbox or choice selection event (not valid for a deselection). Beware, this is not implemented anywhere...

**wxCommandEvent::GetExtraLong****long GetExtraLong()**

Returns the **m\_extraLong** member.

**wxCommandEvent::GetInt****int GetInt()**

Returns the **m\_commandInt** member.

**wxCommandEvent::GetSelection****int GetSelection()**

Returns item index for a listbox or choice selection event (not valid for a deselection).

**wxCommandEvent::GetString****char\* GetString()**

Returns item string for a listbox or choice selection event (not valid for a deselection).

**wxCommandEvent::IsSelection****bool IsSelection()**

For a listbox or choice event, returns TRUE if it is a selection, FALSE if it is a deselection.

**wxCommandEvent::SetClientData****void SetClientData(void\* *clientData*)**

Sets the client data for this event.

**wxCommandEvent::SetExtraLong****void SetExtraLong**(int *extraLong*)

Sets the **m\_extraLong** member.

**wxCommandEvent::SetInt****void SetInt**(int *intCommand*)

Sets the **m\_commandInt** member.

**wxCommandEvent::SetString****void SetString**(char\* *string*)

Sets the **m\_commandString** member.

**wxCommandProcessor**

**wxCommandProcessor** is a class that maintains a history of **wxCommands**, with undo/redo functionality built-in. Derive a new class from this if you want different behaviour.

**Derived from**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/docview.h>

**See also**

*wxCommandProcessor overview* (p. 1071), *wxCommand* (p. 106)

**wxCommandProcessor::wxCommandProcessor****wxCommandProcessor**(int *maxCommands* = 100)

Constructor.

*maxCommands* defaults to a rather arbitrary 100, but can be set from 1 to any integer. If your **wxCommand** classes store a lot of data, you may wish to limit the number of commands stored to a smaller number.

**wxCommandProcessor::~wxCommandProcessor****~wxCommandProcessor()**

Destructor.

**wxCommandProcessor::CanUndo****virtual bool CanUndo()**

Returns TRUE if the currently-active command can be undone, FALSE otherwise.

**wxCommandProcessor::ClearCommands****virtual void ClearCommands()**

Deletes all the commands in the list and sets the current command pointer to NULL.

**wxCommandProcessor::Do****virtual bool Do()**

Executes (redoes) the current command (the command that has just been undone if any).

**wxCommandProcessor::GetCommands****wxList& GetCommands() const**

Returns the list of commands.

**wxCommandProcessor::GetMaxCommands****int GetMaxCommands() const**

Returns the maximum number of commands that the command processor stores.

**wxCommandProcessor::GetEditMenu****wxMenu\* GetEditMenu() const**

Returns the edit menu associated with the command processor.

**wxCommandProcessor::Initialize****virtual void Initialize()**

Initializes the command processor, setting the current command to the last in the list (if any), and updating the edit menu (if one has been specified).

**wxCommandProcessor::SetEditMenu****void SetEditMenu(wxMenu\* menu)**

Tells the command processor to update the Undo and Redo items on this menu as appropriate. Set this to NULL if the menu is about to be destroyed and command operations may still be performed, or the command processor may try to access an invalid pointer.

**wxCommandProcessor::Submit****virtual bool Submit(wxCommand \*command, bool storeIt = TRUE)**

Submits a new command to the command processor. The command processor calls `wxCommand::Do` to execute the command; if it succeeds, the command is stored in the history list, and the associated edit menu (if any) updated appropriately. If it fails, the command is deleted immediately. Once `Submit` has been called, the passed command should not be deleted directly by the application.

*storeIt* indicates whether the successful command should be stored in the history list.

**wxCommandProcessor::Undo****virtual bool Undo()**

Undoes the command just executed.

**wxCondition**

Condition class for code protection in multithreaded applications.

**Derived from**

None.

**Include files**

<wx/thread.h>

**See also**

*wxThread* (p. 849), *wxMutex* (p. 541)

**wxCondition::wxCondition**

**wxCondition()**

Default constructor.

**wxCondition::~~wxCondition**

**~wxCondition()**

Destroys the wxCondition object.

**wxCondition::Broadcast**

**void Broadcast()**

Broadcasts to all waiting objects.

**wxCondition::Signal**

**void Signal()**

Signals the object.

**wxCondition::Wait**

**void Wait(wxMutex& *mutex*)**

Waits indefinitely.

**bool Wait(wxMutex& *mutex*, unsigned long *sec*, unsigned long *nsec*)**

Waits until a signal is raised or the timeout has elapsed.

**Parameters**

*mutex*  
wxMutex object.

*sec*

Timeout in seconds

*nsec*

Timeout nanoseconds component (added to *sec*).

### Return value

The second form returns if the signal was raised, or FALSE if there was a timeout.

## wxConfigBase

wxConfigBase class defines the basic interface of all config classes. It can not be used by itself (it's an abstract base class) and you'll always use one of its derivations: wxIniConfig, wxFileConfig, wxRegConfig or any other.

However, usually you don't even need to know the precise nature of the class you're working with but you would just use the wxConfigBase methods. This allows you to write the same code regardless of whether you're working with the registry under Win32 or text-based config files under Unix (or even Windows 3.1 .INI files if you're really unlucky). To make writing the portable code even easier, wxWindows provides a typedef wxConfig which is mapped onto the native wxConfigBase implementation on the given platform: i.e. wxRegConfig under Win32, wxIniConfig under Win16 and wxFileConfig otherwise.

See *config overview* (p. 1035) for the descriptions of all features of this class.

### Derived from

No base class

### Include files

<wx/config.h> (to let wxWindows choose a wxConfig class for your platform)  
<wx/confbase.h> (base config class)  
<wx/fileconf.h> (wxFileconfig class)  
<wx/msw/regconf.h> (wxRegConfig class)  
<wx/msw/iniconf.h> (wxIniConfig class)

### Example

Here is how you would typically use this class:

```
// using wxConfig instead of writing wxFileConfig or wxRegConfig
enhances
// portability of the code
wxConfig *config = new wxConfig("MyAppName");

wxString str;
if ( config->Read("LastPrompt", &str) ) {
```

```
        // last prompt was found in the config file/registry and its value
is now
        // in str
        ...
    }
    else {
        // no last prompt...
    }

    // another example: using default values and the full path instead of
just
    // key name: if the key is not found , the value 17 is returned
    long value = config->Read("/LastRun/CalculatedValues/MaxValue", -1);
    ...
    ...
    ...
    // at the end of the program we would save everything back
    config->Write("LastPrompt", str);
    config->Write("/LastRun/CalculatedValues/MaxValue", value);

    // the changes will be written back automatically
    delete config;
```

This basic example, of course, doesn't show all wxConfig features, such as enumerating, testing for existence and deleting the entries and groups of entries in the config file, its abilities to automatically store the default values or expand the environment variables on the fly. However, the main idea is that using this class is easy and that it should normally do what you expect it to.

NB: in the documentation of this class, the words "config file" also mean "registry hive" for wxRegConfig and, generally speaking, might mean any physical storage where a wxConfigBase-derived class stores its data.

## Static functions

These functions deal with the "default" config object. Although its usage is not at all mandatory it may be convenient to use a global config object instead of creating and deleting the local config objects each time you need one (especially because creating a wxFileConfig object might be a time consuming operation). In this case, you may create this global config object in the very start of the program and *Set()* it as the default. Then, from anywhere in your program, you may access it using the *Get()* function. Of course, you should delete it on the program termination (otherwise, not only a memory leak will result, but even more importantly the changes won't be written back!).

As it happens, you may even further simplify the procedure described above: you may forget about calling *Set()*. When *Get()* is called and there is no current object, it will create one using *Create()* function. To disable this behaviour *DontCreateOnDemand()* is provided.

*Set* (p. 129)

*Get* (p. 125)

*Create* (p. 124)

*DontCreateOnDemand* (p. 124)

## Constructor and destructor

*wxConfigBase* (p. 123)

*~wxConfigBase* (p. 124)

## Path management

As explained in *config overview* (p. 1035), the config classes support a file system-like hierarchy of keys (files) and groups (directories). As in the file system case, to specify a key in the config class you must use a path to it. Config classes also support the notion of the current group, which makes it possible to use the relative paths. To clarify all this, here is an example (it's only for the sake of demonstration, it doesn't do anything sensible!):

```
wxConfig *config = new wxConfig("FooBarApp");

// right now the current path is '/'
conf->Write("RootEntry", 1);

// go to some other place: if the group(s) don't exist, they will be
created
conf->SetPath("/Group/Subgroup");

// create an entry in subgroup
conf->Write("SubgroupEntry", 3);

// '..' is understood
conf->Write("../GroupEntry", 2);
conf->SetPath("..");

wxASSERT( conf->Read("Subgroup/SubgroupEntry", 0l) == 3 );

// use absolute path: it's allowed, too
wxASSERT( conf->Read("/RootEntry", 0l) == 1 );
```

**Warning:** it's probably a good idea to always restore the path to its old value on function exit:

```
void foo(wxConfigBase *config)
{
    wxString strOldPath = config->GetPath();

    config->SetPath("/Foo/Data");
    ...

    config->SetPath(strOldPath);
}
```



because otherwise the assert in the following example will surely fail (we suppose here that *foo()* function is the same as above except that it doesn't save and restore the path):

```
void bar(wxConfigBase *config)
{
    config->Write("Test", 17);

    foo(config);

    // we're reading "/Foo/Data/Test" here! -1 will probably be
    returned...
    wxASSERT( config->Read("Test", -1) == 17 );
}
```

Finally, the path separator in *wxConfigBase* and derived classes is always '/', regardless of the platform (i.e. it's **not** '\\' under Windows).

*SetPath* (p. 130)

*GetPath* (p. 127)

## Enumeration

The functions in this section allow to enumerate all entries and groups in the config file. All functions here return FALSE when there are no more items.

You must pass the same index to *GetNext* and *GetFirst* (don't modify it). Please note that it's **not** the index of the current item (you will have some great surprises with *wxRegConfig* if you assume this) and you shouldn't even look at it: it's just a "cookie" which stores the state of the enumeration. It can't be stored inside the class because it would prevent you from running several enumerations simultaneously, that's why you must pass it explicitly.

Having said all this, enumerating the config entries/groups is very simple:

```
wxArrayString aNames;

// enumeration variables
wxString str;
long dummy;

// first enum all entries
bool bCont = config->GetFirstEntry(str, dummy);
while ( bCont ) {
    aNames.Add(str);

    bCont = GetConfig()->GetNextEntry(str, dummy);
}

... we have all entry names in aNames...

// now all groups...
bCont = GetConfig()->GetFirstGroup(str, dummy);
while ( bCont ) {
```

```
aNames.Add(str);

bCont = GetConfig()->GetNextGroup(str, dummy);
}

... we have all group (and entry) names in aNames...
```

There are also functions to get the number of entries/subgroups without actually enumerating them, but you will probably never need them.

*GetFirstGroup* (p. 126)  
*GetNextGroup* (p. 126)  
*GetFirstEntry* (p. 126)  
*GetNextEntry* (p. 126)  
*GetNumberOfEntries* (p. 126)  
*GetNumberOfGroups* (p. 126)

### Tests of existence

*HasGroup* (p. 127)  
*HasEntry* (p. 127)  
*Exists* (p. 125)  
*GetEntryType* (p. 125)

### Miscellaneous accessors

*GetAppName* (p. 125)  
*GetVendorName* (p. 127)

### Key access

These function are the core of `wxConfigBase` class: they allow you to read and write config file data. All *Read* function take a default value which will be returned if the specified key is not found in the config file.

Currently, only two types of data are supported: string and long (but it might change in the near future). To work with other types: for *int* or *bool* you can work with function taking/returning *long* and just use the casts. Better yet, just use *long* for all variables which you're going to save in the config file: chances are that `sizeof(bool) == sizeof(int) == sizeof(long)` anyhow on your system. For *float*, *double* and, in general, any other type you'd have to translate them to/from string representation and use string functions.

Try not to read long values into string variables and vice versa: although it just might work with `wxFileConfig`, you will get a system error with `wxRegConfig` because in the Windows registry the different types of entries are indeed used.

Final remark: the *szKey* parameter for all these functions can contain an arbitrary path (either relative or absolute), not just the key name.

*Read* (p. 127)

*Write* (p. 130)

*Flush* (p. 125)

## Rename entries/groups

The functions in this section allow to rename entries or subgroups of the current group. They will return `FALSE` on error. typically because either the entry/group with the original name doesn't exist, because the entry/group with the new name already exists or because the function is not supported in this `wxConfig` implementation.

*RenameEntry* (p. 129)

*RenameGroup* (p. 129)

## Delete entries/groups

The functions in this section delete entries and/or groups of entries from the config file. *DeleteAll()* is especially useful if you want to erase all traces of your program presence: for example, when you uninstall it.

*DeleteEntry* (p. 124)

*DeleteGroup* (p. 124)

*DeleteAll* (p. 124)

## Options

Some aspects of `wxConfigBase` behaviour can be changed during run-time. The first of them is the expansion of environment variables in the string values read from the config file: for example, if you have the following in your config file:

```
# config file for my program
UserData = $HOME/data

# the following syntax is valid only under Windows
UserData = %windir%\data.dat
```

the call to `config->Read("UserData")` will return something like `"/home/zeitlin/data"` if you're lucky enough to run a Linux system ;-)

Although this feature is very useful, it may be annoying if you read a value which contains '\$' or '%' symbols (% is used for environment variables expansion under Windows) which are not used for environment variable expansion. In this situation you may call `SetExpandEnvVars(FALSE)` just before reading this value and `SetExpandEnvVars(TRUE)` just after. Another solution would be to prefix the offending symbols with a backslash.

The following functions control this option:

*IsExpandingEnvVars* (p. 127)

*SetExpandingEnvVars* (p. 129)

*SetRecordDefaults* (p. 130)

*IsRecordingDefaults* (p. 127)

## **wxConfigBase::wxConfigBase**

**wxConfigBase(const wxString& appName = wxEmptyString, const wxString& vendorName = wxEmptyString, const wxString& localFilename = wxEmptyString, const wxString& globalFilename = wxEmptyString, long style = 0)**

This is the default and only constructor of the wxConfigBase class, and derived classes.

### **Parameters**

#### *appName*

The application name. If this is empty, the class will normally use *wxApp::GetAppName* (p. 8) to set it. The application name is used in the registry key on Windows, and can be used to deduce the local filename parameter if that is missing.

#### *vendorName*

The vendor name. If this is empty, it is assumed that no vendor name is wanted, if this is optional for the current config class. The vendor name is appended to the application name for wxRegConfig.

#### *localFilename*

Some config classes require a local filename. If this is not present, but required, the application name will be used instead.

#### *globalFilename*

Some config classes require a global filename. If this is not present, but required, the application name will be used instead.

#### *style*

Can be one of wxCONFIG\_USE\_LOCAL\_FILE and wxCONFIG\_USE\_GLOBAL\_FILE. The style interpretation depends on the config class and is ignored by some. For wxFileConfig, these styles determine whether a local or global config file is created or used. If the flag is present but the parameter is empty, the parameter will be set to a default. If the parameter is present but the style flag not, the relevant flag will be added to the style. For wxFileConfig you can also add wxCONFIG\_USE\_RELATIVE\_PATH by logically or'ing it to either of the \_FILE options to tell wxFileConfig to use relative instead of absolute paths.

### **Remarks**

By default, environment variable expansion is on and recording defaults is off.

### **wxConfigBase::~~wxConfigBase**

**~wxConfigBase()**

Empty but ensures that dtor of all derived classes is virtual.

### **wxConfigBase::Create**

**static wxConfigBase \* Create()**

Create a new config object: this function will create the "best" implementation of wxConfig available for the current platform, see comments near the definition of wxCONFIG\_WIN32\_NATIVE for details. It returns the created object and also sets it as the current one.

### **wxConfigBase::DontCreateOnDemand**

**void DontCreateOnDemand()**

Calling this function will prevent *Get()* from automatically creating a new config object if the current one is NULL. It might be useful to call it near the program end to prevent new config object "accidental" creation.

### **wxConfigBase::DeleteAll**

**bool DeleteAll()**

Delete the whole underlying object (disk file, registry key, ...). Primarily for use by desinstallation routine.

### **wxConfigBase::DeleteEntry**

**bool DeleteEntry(const wxString& key, bool bDeleteGroupIfEmpty = TRUE)**

Deletes the specified entry and the group it belongs to if it was the last key in it and the second parameter is true.

### **wxConfigBase::DeleteGroup**

**bool DeleteGroup(const wxString& key)**

Delete the group (with all subgroups)

### **wxConfigBase::Exists**

**bool Exists(wxString& strName) const**

returns TRUE if either a group or an entry with a given name exists

### **wxConfigBase::Flush**

**bool Flush(bool bCurrentOnly = FALSE)**

permanently writes all changes (otherwise, they're only written from object's destructor)

### **wxConfigBase::Get**

**wxConfigBase \* Get()**

Get the current config object. If there is no current object, creates one (using *Create*) unless *DontCreateOnDemand* was called previously.

### **wxConfigBase::GetAppName**

**wxString GetAppName() const**

Returns the application name.

### **wxConfigBase::GetEntryType**

**enum wxConfigBase::EntryType GetEntryType(const wxString& name) const**

Returns the type of the given entry or *Unknown* if the entry doesn't exist. This function should be used to decide which version of *Read()* should be used because some of *wxConfig* implementations will complain about type mismatch otherwise: e.g., an attempt to read a string value from an integer key with *wxRegConfig* will fail.

The result is an element of enum *EntryType*:

```
enum EntryType
{
    Unknown,
    String,
    Boolean,
    Integer,
    Float
};
```

**wxConfigBase::GetFirstGroup****bool GetFirstGroup(wxString& str, long&index) const**

Gets the first group.

**wxPython note:** The wxPython version of this method returns a 3-tuple consisting of the continue flag, the value string, and the index for the next call.

**wxConfigBase::GetFirstEntry****bool GetFirstEntry(wxString& str, long&index) const**

Gets the first entry.

**wxPython note:** The wxPython version of this method returns a 3-tuple consisting of the continue flag, the value string, and the index for the next call.

**wxConfigBase::GetNextGroup****bool GetNextGroup(wxString& str, long&index) const**

Gets the next group.

**wxPython note:** The wxPython version of this method returns a 3-tuple consisting of the continue flag, the value string, and the index for the next call.

**wxConfigBase::GetNextEntry****bool GetNextEntry(wxString& str, long&index) const**

Gets the next entry.

**wxPython note:** The wxPython version of this method returns a 3-tuple consisting of the continue flag, the value string, and the index for the next call.

**wxConfigBase::GetNumberOfEntries****uint GetNumberOfEntries(bool bRecursive = FALSE) const****wxConfigBase::GetNumberOfGroups****uint GetNumberOfGroups(bool bRecursive = FALSE) const**

Get number of entries/subgroups in the current group, with or without its subgroups.

### **wxConfigBase::GetPath**

**const wxString& GetPath() const**

Retrieve the current path (always as absolute path).

### **wxConfigBase::GetVendorName**

**wxString GetVendorName() const**

Returns the vendor name.

### **wxConfigBase::HasEntry**

**bool HasEntry(wxString& strName) const**

returns TRUE if the entry by this name exists

### **wxConfigBase::HasGroup**

**bool HasGroup(const wxString& strName) const**

returns TRUE if the group by this name exists

### **wxConfigBase::IsExpandingEnvVars**

**bool IsExpandingEnvVars() const**

Returns TRUE if we are expanding environment variables in key values.

### **wxConfigBase::IsRecordingDefaults**

**bool IsRecordingDefaults() const**

Returns TRUE if we are writing defaults back to the config file.

### **wxConfigBase::Read**

**bool Read(const wxString& key, wxString\*str) const**



Read a string from the key, returning TRUE if the value was read. If the key was not found, *str* is not changed.

**bool Read(const wxString& key, wxString\*str, const wxString& defaultVal) const**

Read a string from the key. The default value is returned if the key was not found.

Returns TRUE if value was really read, FALSE if the default was used.

**wxString Read(const wxString& key, const wxString& defaultVal) const**

Another version of *Read()*, returning the string value directly.

**bool Read(const wxString& key, long\* l) const**

Reads a long value, returning TRUE if the value was found. If the value was not found, *l* is not changed.

**bool Read(const wxString& key, long\* l, long defaultVal) const**

Reads a long value, returning TRUE if the value was found. If the value was not found, *defaultVal* is used instead.

**long Read(const wxString& key, long defaultVal) const**

Reads a long value from the key and returns it. *defaultVal* is returned if the key is not found.

NB: writing

```
conf->Read("key", 0);
```

won't work because the call is ambiguous: compiler can not choose between two *Read* functions. Instead, write:

```
conf->Read("key", 0l);
```

**bool Read(const wxString& key, double\* d) const**

Reads a double value, returning TRUE if the value was found. If the value was not found, *d* is not changed.

**bool Read(const wxString& key, double\* d, double defaultVal) const**

Reads a double value, returning TRUE if the value was found. If the value was not found, *defaultVal* is used instead.

**bool Read(const wxString& key, bool\* b) const**

Reads a bool value, returning TRUE if the value was found. If the value was not found, *b* is not changed.

**bool Read(const wxString& key, bool\* d, bool defaultVal) const**

Reads a bool value, returning TRUE if the value was found. If the value was not found, *defaultVal* is used instead.

**wxPython note:** In place of a single overloaded method name, wxPython implements the following methods:

<b>Read(key, default="")</b>	Returns a string.
<b>ReadInt(key, default=0)</b>	Returns an int.
<b>ReadFloat(key, default=0.0)</b>	Returns a floating point number.

### **wxConfigBase::RenameEntry**

**bool RenameEntry(const wxString& oldName, const wxString& newName)**

Renames an entry in the current group. The entries names (both the old and the new one) shouldn't contain backslashes, i.e. only simple names and not arbitrary paths are accepted by this function.

Returns FALSE if the *oldName* doesn't exist or if *newName* already exists.

### **wxConfigBase::RenameGroup**

**bool RenameGroup(const wxString& oldName, const wxString& newName)**

Renames a subgroup of the current group. The subgroup names (both the old and the new one) shouldn't contain backslashes, i.e. only simple names and not arbitrary paths are accepted by this function.

Returns FALSE if the *oldName* doesn't exist or if *newName* already exists.

### **wxConfigBase::Set**

**wxConfigBase \* Set(wxConfigBase \*pConfig)**

Sets the config object as the current one, returns the pointer to the previous current object (both the parameter and returned value may be NULL)

### **wxConfigBase::SetExpandingEnvVars**

**void SetExpandEnvVars (bool bDoIt = TRUE)**

Determine whether we wish to expand environment variables in key values.

### **wxConfigBase::SetPath**

**void SetPath(const wxString& strPath)**

Set current path: if the first character is '/', it's the absolute path, otherwise it's a relative path. '..' is supported. If the strPath doesn't exist it is created.

### **wxConfigBase::SetRecordDefaults**

**void SetRecordDefaults(bool bDoIt = TRUE)**

Sets whether defaults are written back to the config file.

If on (default is off) all default values are written back to the config file. This allows the user to see what config options may be changed and is probably useful only for wxFileConfig.

### **wxConfigBase::Write**

**bool Write(const wxString& key, const wxString& value)**

**bool Write(const wxString& key, long value)**

**bool Write(const wxString& key, double value)**

**bool Write(const wxString& key, bool value)**

These functions write the specified value to the config file and return TRUE on success.

**wxPython note:** In place of a single overloaded method name, wxPython implements the following methods:

<b>Write(key, value)</b>	Writes a string.
<b>WriteInt(key, value)</b>	Writes an int.
<b>WriteFloat(key, value)</b>	Writes a floating point number.

### **wxControl**

This is the base class for a control or 'widget'.

A control is generally a small window which processes user input and/or displays one or more item of data.

**Derived from**

*wxWindow* (p. 915)  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/control.h>

**See also**

*wxValidator* (p. 897)

**wxControl::Command**

**void Command(wxCommandEvent& event)**

Simulates the effect of the user issuing a command to the item. See *wxCommandEvent* (p. 108).

**wxControl::GetLabel**

**wxString& GetLabel()**

Returns the control's text.

**wxControl::SetLabel**

**void SetLabel(const wxString& label)**

Sets the item's text.

**wxCriticalSection**

A critical section object is used for the same exactly purpose as *mutexes* (p. 541). The only difference is that under Windows platform critical sections are only visible inside one process, while mutexes may be shared between processes, so using critical sections is slightly more efficient. The terminology is also slightly different: mutex may be locked (or acquired) and unlocked (or released) while critical section is entered and left by the program.

Finally, you should try to use *wxCriticalSectionLocker* (p. 132) class whenever possible instead of directly using *wxCriticalSection* for the same reasons *wxMutexLocker* (p. 544) is preferable to *wxMutex* (p. 541) - please see *wxMutex* for an example.

**Derived from**

None.

**Include files**

<wx/thread.h>

**See also**

*wxThread* (p. 849), *wxCondition* (p. 115), *wxMutexLocker* (p. 544), *wxCriticalSection* (p. 131)

**wxCriticalSection::wxCriticalSection**

**wxCriticalSection()**

Default constructor initializes critical section object.

**wxCriticalSection::~~wxCriticalSection**

**~wxCriticalSection()**

Destructor frees the resources.

**wxCriticalSection::Enter**

**void Enter()**

Enter the critical section (same as locking a mutex). There is no error return for this function. After entering the critical section protecting some global data the thread running in critical section may safely use/modify it.

**wxCriticalSection::Leave**

**void Leave()**

Leave the critical section allowing other threads use the global data protected by it. There is no error return for this function.

**wxCriticalSectionLocker**

This is a small helper class to be used with *wxCriticalSection* (p. 131) objects. A

`wxCriticalSectionLocker` enters the critical section in the constructor and leaves it in the destructor making it much more difficult to forget to leave a critical section (which, in general, will lead to serious and difficult to debug problems).

### Derived from

None.

### Include files

`<wx/thread.h>`

### See also

*wxCriticalSection* (p. 131), *wxMutexLocker* (p. 544)

## **wxCriticalSectionLocker::wxCriticalSectionLocker**

**wxCriticalSectionLocker(wxCriticalSection \*criticalsection)**

Constructs a `wxCriticalSectionLocker` object associated with given `criticalsection` which must be non NULL and enters it.

## **wxCriticalSectionLocker::~~wxCriticalSectionLocker**

**~wxCriticalSectionLocker()**

Destuctor leaves the `criticalsection`.

## **wxCustomDataObject**

`wxCustomDataObject` is a specialization of *wxDataObjectSimple* (p. 152) for some application-specific data in arbitrary (either custom or one of the standard ones). The only restriction is that it is supposed that this data can be copied bitwise (i.e. with `memcpy()`), so it would be a bad idea to make it contain a C++ object (though C struct is fine).

By default, `wxCustomDataObject` stores the data inside in a buffer. To put the data into the buffer you may use either *SetData* (p. 135) or *TakeData* (p. 135) depending on whether you want the object to make a copy of data or not.

If you already store the data in another place, it may be more convenient and efficient to provide the data on-demand which is possible too if you override the virtual functions mentioned below.

### Virtual functions to override

This class may be used as is, but if you don't want store the data inside the object but provide it on demand instead, you should override `GetSize` (p. 135), `GetData` (p. 135) and `SetData` (p. 135) (or may be only the first two or only the last one if you only allow reading/writing the data)

### Derived from

`wxDataObjectSimple` (p. 152)

`wxDataObject` (p. 148)

### Include files

`<wx/dataobj.h>`

### See also

`wxDataObject` (p. 148)

## **wxCustomDataObject::wxCustomDataObject**

**wxCustomDataObject**(const wxDataFormat& *format* = wxFormatInvalid)

The constructor accepts a *format* argument which specifies the (single) format supported by this object. If it isn't set here, `SetFormat` (p. 153) should be used.

## **wxCustomDataObject::~~wxCustomDataObject**

**~wxCustomDataObject**()

The destructor will free the data hold by the object. Notice that although it calls a virtual `Free()` (p. 134) function, the base class version will always be called (C++ doesn't allow calling virtual functions from constructors or destructors), so if you override `Free()`, you should override the destructor in your class as well (which would probably just call the derived class' version of `Free()`).

## **wxCustomDataObject::Alloc**

**virtual void \* Alloc**(size\_t *size*)

This function is called to allocate *size* bytes of memory from `SetData()`. The default version just uses the operator `new`.

## **wxCustomDataObject::Free**

**wxPython note:** This method expects a string in wxPython. You can pass nearly any object by pickling it first.

### **virtual void Free()**

This function is called when the data is freed, you may override it to anything you want (or may be nothing at all). The default version calls operator delete[] on the data.

### **wxCustomDataObject::GetSize**

#### **virtual size\_t GetSize() const**

Returns the data size in bytes.

### **wxCustomDataObject::GetData**

#### **virtual void \* GetData() const**

Returns a pointer to the data.

### **wxCustomDataObject::SetData**

#### **virtual void SetData( size\_t size, const void \*data)**

Set the data. The data object will make an internal copy.

### **wxCustomDataObject::TakeData**

#### **virtual void TakeData( size\_t size, const void \*data)**

Like *SetData* (p. 135), but doesn't copy the data - instead the object takes ownership of the pointer.

## **wxCursor**

A cursor is a small bitmap usually used for denoting where the mouse pointer is, with a picture that might indicate the interpretation of a mouse click. As with icons, cursors in X and MS Windows are created in a different manner. Therefore, separate cursors will be created for the different environments. Platform-specific methods for creating a **wxCursor** object are catered for, and this is an occasion where conditional compilation will probably be required (see *wx/con* (p. 395) for an example).

A single cursor object may be used in many windows (any subwindow type). The wxWindows convention is to set the cursor for a window, as in X, rather than to set it globally as in MS Windows, although a global *::wxSetCursor* (p. 978) is also available for



MS Windows use.

### Derived from

*wxBitmap* (p. 36)

*wxGDIObject* (p. 321)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/cursor.h>

### Predefined objects

Objects:

**wxNullCursor**

Pointers:

**wxSTANDARD\_CURSOR**

**wxHOURLASS\_CURSOR**

**wxCROSS\_CURSOR**

### See also

*wxBitmap* (p. 36), *wxIcon* (p. 395), *wxWindow::SetCursor* (p. 952), *::wxSetCursor* (p. 978)

## **wxCursor::wxCursor**

**wxCursor()**

Default constructor.

**wxCursor(const char bits[], int width, int height, int hotSpotX=-1, int hotSpotY=-1, const char maskBits[]=NULL)**

Constructs a cursor by passing an array of bits (Motif and Xt only). *maskBits* is used only under Motif.

If either *hotSpotX* or *hotSpotY* is -1, the hotspot will be the centre of the cursor image (Motif only).

**wxCursor(const wxString& cursorName, long type, int hotSpotX=0, int hotSpotY=0)**

Constructs a cursor by passing a string resource name or filename.

*hotSpotX* and *hotSpotY* are currently only used under Windows when loading from an icon file, to specify the cursor hotspot relative to the top left of the image.

**wxCursor**(int *cursorId*)

Constructs a cursor using a cursor identifier.

**wxCursor**(const **wxCursor**& *cursor*)

Copy constructor. This uses reference counting so is a cheap operation.

### Parameters

*bits*

An array of bits.

*maskBits*

Bits for a mask bitmap.

*width*

Cursor width.

*height*

Cursor height.

*hotSpotX*

Hotspot x coordinate.

*hotSpotY*

Hotspot y coordinate.

*type*

Icon type to load. Under Motif, *type* defaults to **wxBITMAP\_TYPE\_XBM**. Under Windows, it defaults to **wxBITMAP\_TYPE\_CUR\_RESOURCE**.

Under X, the permitted cursor types are:

**wxBITMAP\_TYPE\_XBM**                      Load an X bitmap file.

Under Windows, the permitted types are:

**wxBITMAP\_TYPE\_CUR**                      Load a cursor from a .cur cursor file (only if **USE\_RESOURCE\_LOADING\_IN\_MSW** is enabled in *setup.h*).

**wxBITMAP\_TYPE\_CUR\_RESOURCE**                      Load a Windows resource (as specified in the .rc file).

**wxBITMAP\_TYPE\_ICO**                      Load a cursor from a .ico icon file (only if **USE\_RESOURCE\_LOADING\_IN\_MSW** is enabled in *setup.h*). Specify *hotSpotX* and *hotSpotY*.

*cursorId*

A stock cursor identifier. May be one of:

<b>wxCURSOR_ARROW</b>	A standard arrow cursor.
<b>wxCURSOR_BULLSEYE</b>	Bullseye cursor.
<b>wxCURSOR_CHAR</b>	Rectangular character cursor.
<b>wxCURSOR_CROSS</b>	A cross cursor.
<b>wxCURSOR_HAND</b>	A hand cursor.
<b>wxCURSOR_IBEAM</b>	An I-beam cursor (vertical line).
<b>wxCURSOR_LEFT_BUTTON</b>	Represents a mouse with the left button depressed.
<b>wxCURSOR_MAGNIFIER</b>	A magnifier icon.
<b>wxCURSOR_MIDDLE_BUTTON</b>	Represents a mouse with the middle button depressed.
<b>wxCURSOR_NO_ENTRY</b>	A no-entry sign cursor.
<b>wxCURSOR_PAINT_BRUSH</b>	A paintbrush cursor.
<b>wxCURSOR_PENCIL</b>	A pencil cursor.
<b>wxCURSOR_POINT_LEFT</b>	A cursor that points left.
<b>wxCURSOR_POINT_RIGHT</b>	A cursor that points right.
<b>wxCURSOR_QUESTION_ARROW</b>	An arrow and question mark.
<b>wxCURSOR_RIGHT_BUTTON</b>	Represents a mouse with the right button depressed.
<b>wxCURSOR_SIZENESW</b>	A sizing cursor pointing NE-SW.
<b>wxCURSOR_SIZENS</b>	A sizing cursor pointing N-S.
<b>wxCURSOR_SIZENWSE</b>	A sizing cursor pointing NW-SE.
<b>wxCURSOR_SIZEWE</b>	A sizing cursor pointing W-E.
<b>wxCURSOR_SIZING</b>	A general sizing cursor.
<b>wxCURSOR_SPRAYCAN</b>	A spraycan cursor.
<b>wxCURSOR_WAIT</b>	A wait cursor.
<b>wxCURSOR_WATCH</b>	A watch cursor.

Note that not all cursors are available on all platforms.

*cursor*

Pointer or reference to a cursor to copy.

**wxPython note:** Constructors supported by wxPython are:

<b>wxCursor(name, flags, hotSpotX=0, hotSpotY=0)</b>	Constructs a cursor from a filename
<b>wxStockCursor(id)</b>	Constructs a stock cursor

**wxCursor::~~wxCursor****~wxCursor()**

Destroys the cursor. A cursor can be reused for more than one window, and does not

get destroyed when the window is destroyed. `wxWindows` destroys all cursors on application exit, although it's best to clean them up explicitly.

### **`wxCursor::Ok`**

#### **`bool Ok() const`**

Returns TRUE if cursor data is present.

### **`wxCursor::operator =`**

#### **`wxCursor& operator =(const wxCursor& cursor)`**

Assignment operator, using reference counting. Returns a reference to 'this'.

### **`wxCursor::operator ==`**

#### **`bool operator ==(const wxCursor& cursor)`**

Equality operator. Two cursors are equal if they contain pointers to the same underlying cursor data. It does not compare each attribute, so two independently-created cursors using the same parameters will fail the test.

### **`wxCursor::operator !=`**

#### **`bool operator !=(const wxCursor& cursor)`**

Inequality operator. Two cursors are not equal if they contain pointers to different underlying cursor data. It does not compare each attribute.

## **`wxDatabase`**

Every database object represents an ODBC connection. The connection may be closed and reopened.

### **Derived from**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### **Include files**

<wx/odbc.h>

### **See also**

*wxDatabase overview* (p. 1056), *wxRecordSet* (p. 641)

**wxDatabase::wxDatabase****wxDatabase()**

Constructor. The constructor of the first wxDatabase instance of an application initializes the ODBC manager.

**wxDatabase::~~wxDatabase****~wxDatabase()**

Destructor. Resets and destroys any associated wxRecordSet instances.

The destructor of the last wxDatabase instance will deinitialize the ODBC manager.

**wxDatabase::BeginTrans****bool BeginTrans()**

Not implemented.

**wxDatabase::Cancel****void Cancel()**

Not implemented.

**wxDatabase::CanTransact****bool CanTransact()**

Not implemented.

**wxDatabase::CanUpdate****bool CanUpdate()**

Not implemented.

**wxDatabase::Close**

**bool Close()**

Resets the statement handles of any associated wxRecordSet objects, and disconnects from the current data source.

**wxDatabase::CommitTrans****bool CommitTrans()**

Commits previous transactions. Not implemented.

**wxDatabase::ErrorOccured****bool ErrorOccured()**

Returns TRUE if the last action caused an error.

**wxDatabase::ErrorSnapshot****void ErrorSnapshot(HSTMT *statement* = SQL\_NULL\_HSTMT)**

This function will be called whenever an ODBC error occurred. It stores the error related information returned by ODBC. If a statement handle of the concerning ODBC action is available it should be passed to the function.

**wxDatabase::GetDatabaseName****wxString GetDatabaseName()**

Returns the name of the database associated with the current connection.

**wxDatabase::GetDataSource****wxString GetDataSource()**

Returns the name of the connected data source.

**wxDatabase::GetErrorClass****wxString GetErrorClass()**

Returns the error class of the last error. The error class consists of five characters where the first two characters contain the class and the other three characters contain the

subclass of the ODBC error. See ODBC documentation for further details.

### **wxDatabase::GetErrorCode**

#### **wxRETCODE GetErrorCode()**

Returns the error code of the last ODBC function call. This will be one of:

SQL_ERROR	General error.
SQL_INVALID_HANDLE	An invalid handle was passed to an ODBC function.
SQL_NEED_DATA	ODBC expected some data.
SQL_NO_DATA_FOUND	No data was found by this ODBC call.
SQL_SUCCESS	The call was successful.
SQL_SUCCESS_WITH_INFO	The call was successful, but further information can be obtained from the ODBC manager.

### **wxDatabase::GetErrorMessage**

#### **wxString GetErrorMessage()**

Returns the last error message returned by the ODBC manager.

### **wxDatabase::GetErrorNumber**

#### **long GetErrorNumber()**

Returns the last native error. A native error is an ODBC driver dependent error number.

### **wxDatabase::GetHDBC**

#### **HDBC GetHDBC()**

Returns the current ODBC database handle.

### **wxDatabase::GetHENV**

#### **HENV GetHENV()**

Returns the ODBC environment handle.

### **wxDatabase::GetInfo**

#### **bool GetInfo(long infoType, long \*buf)**

**bool GetInfo(long *infoType*, const wxString& *buf*, int *bufSize*=-1)**

Returns requested information. The return value is TRUE if successful, FALSE otherwise.

*infoType* is an ODBC identifier specifying the type of information to be returned.

*buf* is a character or long integer pointer to storage which must be allocated by the application, and which will contain the information if the function is successful.

*bufSize* is the size of the character buffer. A value of -1 indicates that the size should be computed by the GetInfo function.

**wxDatabase::GetPassword**

**wxString GetPassword()**

Returns the password of the current user.

**wxDatabase::GetUsername**

**wxString GetUsername()**

Returns the current username.

**wxDatabase::GetODBCVersionFloat**

**float GetODBCVersionFloat(bool *implementation*=TRUE)**

Returns the version of ODBC in floating point format, e.g. 2.50.

*implementation* should be TRUE to get the DLL version, or FALSE to get the version defined in the `sql.h` header file.

This function can return the value 0.0 if the header version number is not defined (for early versions of ODBC).

**wxDatabase::GetODBCVersionString**

**wxString GetODBCVersionString(bool *implementation*=TRUE)**

Returns the version of ODBC in string format, e.g. "02.50".

*implementation* should be TRUE to get the DLL version, or FALSE to get the version defined in the `sql.h` header file.



This function can return the value "00.00" if the header version number is not defined (for early versions of ODBC).

### **wxDatabase::InWaitForDataSource**

**bool InWaitForDataSource()**

Not implemented.

### **wxDatabase::IsOpen**

**bool IsOpen()**

Returns TRUE if a connection is open.

### **wxDatabase::Open**

**bool Open(const wxString& datasource, bool exclusive = FALSE, bool readOnly = TRUE, const wxString& username = "ODBC", const wxString& password = "")**

Connect to a data source. *datasource* contains the name of the ODBC data source. The parameters *exclusive* and *readOnly* are not used.

### **wxDatabase::OnSetOptions**

**void OnSetOptions(wxRecordSet \*recordSet)**

Not implemented.

### **wxDatabase::OnWaitForDataSource**

**void OnWaitForDataSource(bool stillExecuting)**

Not implemented.

### **wxDatabase::RollbackTrans**

**bool RollbackTrans()**

Sends a rollback to the ODBC driver. Not implemented.

### **wxDatabase::SetDataSource**

**void SetDataSource(const wxString& s)**

Sets the name of the data source. Not implemented.

**wxDatabase::SetLoginTimeout**

**void SetLoginTimeout(long seconds)**

Sets the time to wait for an user login. Not implemented.

**wxDatabase::SetPassword**

**void SetPassword(const wxString& s)**

Sets the password of the current user. Not implemented.

**wxDatabase::SetSynchronousMode**

**void SetSynchronousMode(bool synchronous)**

Toggles between synchronous and asynchronous mode. Currently only synchronous mode is supported, so this function has no effect.

**wxDatabase::SetQueryTimeout**

**void SetQueryTimeout(long seconds)**

Sets the time to wait for a response to a query. Not implemented.

**wxDatabase::SetUsername**

**void SetUsername(const wxString& s)**

Sets the name of the current user. Not implemented.

**wxDataFormat**

A wxDataFormat is an encapsulation of a platform-specific format handle which is used by the system for the clipboard and drag and drop operations. The applications are usually only interested in, for example, pasting data from the clipboard only if the data is in a format the program understands and a data format is something which uniquely identifies this format.

On the system level, a data format is usually just a number (`CLIPFORMAT` under

Windows or `Atom` under X11, for example) and the standard formats are, indeed, just numbers which can be implicitly converted to `wxDataFormat`. The standard formats are:

<code>wxDF_INVALID</code>	An invalid format - used as default argument for functions taking a <code>wxDataFormat</code> argument sometimes
<code>wxDF_TEXT</code>	Text format ( <code>wxString</code> )
<code>wxDF_BITMAP</code>	A bitmap ( <code>wxBitmap</code> )
<code>wxDF_METAFILE</code>	A metafile ( <code>wxMetafile</code> , Windows only)
<code>wxDF_FILENAME</code>	A list of filenames

As mentioned above, these standard formats may be passed to any function taking `wxDataFormat` argument because `wxDataFormat` has an implicit conversion from them (or, to be precise from the type `wxDataFormat::NativeFormat` which is the type used by the underlying platform for data formats).

Aside the standard formats, the application may also use custom formats which are identified by their names (strings) and not numeric identifiers. Although internally custom format must be created (or *registered*) first, you shouldn't care about it because it is done automatically the first time the `wxDataFormat` object corresponding to a given format name is created. The only implication of this is that you should avoid having global `wxDataFormat` objects with non-default constructor because their constructors are executed before the program has time to perform all necessary initialisations and so an attempt to do clipboard format registration at this time will usually lead to a crash!

### Virtual functions to override

None, this class doesn't have any.

### Derived from

None

### See also

*Clipboard and drag and drop overview* (p. 1038), *DnD sample* (p. 1025), *wxDataObject* (p. 148)

## **wxDataFormat::wxDataFormat**

**wxDataFormat(NativeFormat format = wxDF\_INVALID)**

Constructs a data format object for one of the standard data formats or an empty data

object (use *SetType* (p. 147) or *SetId* (p. 147) later in this case)

### **wxDDataFormat::wxDDataFormat**

**wxDDataFormat(const wxChar \*format)**

Constructs a data format object for a custom format identified by its name *format*.

### **wxDDataFormat::operator ==**

**bool operator ==(const wxDataFormat& format) const**

Returns TRUE if the formats are equal.

### **wxDDataFormat::operator !=**

**bool operator !=(const wxDataFormat& format) const**

Returns TRUE if the formats are different.

### **wxDDataFormat::GetId**

**wxString GetId() const**

Returns the name of a custom format (this function will fail for a standard format).

### **wxDDataFormat::GetType**

**NativeFormat GetType() const**

Returns the platform-specific number identifying the format.

### **wxDDataFormat::SetId**

**void SetId(const wxChar \*format)**

Sets the format to be the custom format identified by the given name.

### **wxDDataFormat::SetType**

**void SetType(NativeFormat format)**

Sets the format to the given value, which should be one of wxDF\_XXX constants.

## wxDataObject

A `wxDataObject` represents data that can be copied to or from the clipboard, or dragged and dropped. The important thing about `wxDataObject` is that this is a 'smart' piece of data unlike usual 'dumb' data containers such as memory buffers or files. Being 'smart' here means that the data object itself should know what data formats it supports and how to render itself in each of supported formats.

A supported format, incidentally, is exactly the format in which the data can be requested from a data object or from which the data object may be set. In the general case, an object may support different formats on 'input' and 'output', i.e. it may be able to render itself in a given format but not be created from data on this format or vice versa. `wxDataObject` defines an enumeration type

```
enum Direction
{
    Get    = 0x01,    // format is supported by GetDataHere()
    Set    = 0x02     // format is supported by SetData()
};
```

which allows to distinguish between them. See *wxDataFormat* (p. 145) documentation for more about formats.

Not surprisingly, being 'smart' comes at a price of added complexity. This is reasonable for the situations when you really need to support multiple formats, but may be annoying if you only want to do something simple like cut and paste text.

To provide a solution for both cases, `wxWindows` has two predefined classes which derive from `wxDataObject`: *wxDataObjectSimple* (p. 152) and *wxDataObjectComposite* (p. 151). *wxDataObjectSimple* (p. 152) is the simplest `wxDataObject` possible and only holds data in a single format (such as HTML or text) and *wxDataObjectComposite* (p. 151) is the simplest way to implement `wxDataObject` which does support multiple formats because it achieves this by simply holding several *wxDataObjectSimple* objects.

So, you have several solutions when you need a `wxDataObject` class (and you need one as soon as you want to transfer data via the clipboard or drag and drop):

- 0. Use one of built-in classes**      You may use `wxTextDataObject`, `wxBitmapDataObject` or `wxFileDataObject` in the simplest cases when you only need to support one format and your data is either text, bitmap or list of files.
- 1. Use `wxDataObjectSimple`**      Deriving from `wxDataObjectSimple` is the simplest solution for custom data - you will only support one format and so probably won't be able to communicate with other programs, but data transfer will work in your program (or between different copies of it).
- 2. Use `wxDataObjectComposite`**      This is a simple but powerful solution which allows you to support any number of formats (either standard or

custom if you combine it with the previous solution).

### 3. Use `wxDataObject` directly

This is the solution for maximal flexibility and efficiency, but it also is the most difficult to implement.

Please note that the easiest way to use drag and drop and the clipboard with multiple formats is by using `wxDataObjectComposite`, but it is not the most efficient one as each `wxDataObjectSimple` would contain the whole data in its respective formats. Now imagine that you want to paste 200 pages of text in your proprietary format, as well as Word, RTF, HTML, Unicode and plain text to the clipboard and even today's computers are in trouble. For this case, you will have to derive from `wxDataObject` directly and make it enumerate its formats and provide the data in the requested format on demand.

Note that neither the GTK data transfer mechanisms for the clipboard and drag and drop, neither does the OLE data transfer copy any data until another application actually requests the data. This is in contrast to the 'feel' offered to the user of a program who would normally think that the data resides in the clipboard after having pressed 'Copy' - in reality it is only declared to be available.

There are several predefined data object classes derived from `wxDataObjectSimple`: `wxFileDataObject` (p. 263), `wxTextDataObject` (p. 833) and `wxBitmapDataObject` (p. 57) which can be used without change.

You may also derive your own data object classes from `wxCustomDataObject` (p. 133) for user-defined types. The format of user-defined data is given as mime-type string literal, such as "application/word" or "image/png". These strings are used as they are under Unix (so far only GTK) to identify a format and are translated into their Windows equivalent under Win32 (using the OLE `IDataObject` for data exchange to and from the clipboard and for drag and drop). Note that the format string translation under Windows is not yet finished.

**wxPython note:** At this time this class is directly usable from wxPython. Derive a class from `wxPyDataObjectSimple` (p. 152) instead.

### Virtual functions to override

Each class derived directly from `wxDataObject` must override and implement all of its functions which are pure virtual in the base class.

The data objects which only render their data or only set it (i.e. work in only one direction), should return 0 from `GetFormatCount` (p. 150).

### Derived from

None

### Include files

<wx/dataobj.h>

**See also**

*Clipboard and drag and drop overview* (p. 1038), *DnD sample* (p. 1025), *wxFileDataObject* (p. 263), *wxTextDataObject* (p. 833), *wxBitmapDataObject* (p. 57), *wxCustomDataObject* (p. 133), *wxDropTarget* (p. 234), *wxDropSource* (p. 232), *wxTextDropTarget* (p. 839), *wxFileDropTarget* (p. 268)

**wxDataObject::wxDataObject****wxDataObject()**

Constructor.

**wxDataObject::~~wxDataObject****~wxDataObject()**

Destructor.

**wxDataObject::GetAllFormats****virtual void GetAllFormats( wxDataFormat \*formats, Direction dir = Get) const**

Copy all supported formats in the given direction to the array pointed to by *formats*. There is enough space for `GetFormatCount(dir)` formats in it.

**wxDataObject::GetDataHere****virtual bool GetDataHere(const wxDataFormat& format, void \*buf) const**

The method will write the data of the format *format* in the buffer *buf* and return TRUE on success, FALSE on failure.

**wxDataObject::GetDataSize****virtual size\_t GetDataSize(const wxDataFormat& format) const**

Returns the data size of the given format *format*.

**wxDataObject::GetFormatCount****virtual size\_t GetFormatCount(Direction dir = Get) const**

Returns the number of available formats for rendering or setting the data.

### **wxDataObject::GetPreferredFormat**

**virtual wxDataFormat GetPreferredFormat(Direction *dir* = *Get*) const**

Returns the preferred format for either rendering the data (if *dir* is *Get*, its default value) or for setting it. Usually this will be the native format of the wxDataObject.

### **wxDataObject::SetData**

**virtual bool SetData( const wxDataFormat& *format*, size\_t *len*, const void \**buf* )**

Set the data in the format *format* of the length *len* provided in the buffer *buf*.

Returns TRUE on success, FALSE on failure.

### **wxDataObjectComposite**

wxDataObjectComposite is the simplest wxDataObject (p. 148) derivation which may be sued to support multiple formats. It contains several wxDataObjectSimple (p. 152) objects and supports any format supported by at least one of them. Only one of these data objects is *preferred* (the first one if not explicitly changed by using the second parameter of *Add* (p. 152)) and its format determines the preferred format of the composite data object as well.

See wxDataObject (p. 148) documentation for the reasons why you might prefer to use wxDataObject directly instead of wxDataObjectComposite for efficiency reasons.

### **Virtual functions to override**

None, this class should be used directly.

### **Derived from**

wxDataObject (p. 148)

### **Include files**

<wx/dataobj.h>

### **See also**

Clipboard and drag and drop overview (p. 1038), wxDataObject (p. 148), wxDataObjectSimple (p. 152), wxFileDataObject (p. 263), wxTextDataObject (p. 833), wxBitmapDataObject (p. 57)



**wxDataObjectComposite::wxDataObjectComposite****wxDataObjectComposite()**

The default constructor.

**wxDataObjectComposite::Add**

**void Add( wxDataObjectSimple \*dataObject, bool preferred = FALSE)**

Adds the *dataObject* to the list of supported objects and it becomes the preferred object if *preferred* is TRUE.

**wxDataObjectSimple**

This is the simplest possible implementation of *wxDataObject* (p. 148) class. The data object of (a class derived from) this class only supports one format, so the number of virtual functions to be implemented is reduced.

Notice that this is still an abstract base class and cannot be used but should be derived from.

**wxPython note:** If you wish to create a derived *wxDataObjectSimple* class in wxPython you should derive the class from *wxPyDataObjectSimple* in order to get Python-aware capabilities for the various virtual methods.

**Virtual functions to override**

The objects supporting rendering the data must override *GetDataSize* (p. 153) and *GetDataHere* (p. 153) while the objects which may be set must override *SetData* (p. 153). Of course, the objects supporting both operations must override all three methods.

**Derived from**

*wxDataObject* (p. 148)

**Include files**

<wx/dataobj.h>

**See also**

*Clipboard and drag and drop overview* (p. 1038), *DnD sample* (p. 1025), *wxFileDataObject* (p. 263), *wxTextDataObject* (p. 833), *wxBitmapDataObject* (p. 57)

**wxDataObjectSimple::wxDataObjectSimple****wxDataObjectSimple(const wxDataFormat& *format* = wxFormatInvalid)**

Constructor accepts the supported format (none by default) which may also be set later with *SetFormat* (p. 153).

**wxDataObjectSimple::GetFormat****const wxDataFormat& GetFormat() const**

Returns the (one and only one) format supported by this object. It is supposed that the format is supported in both directions.

**wxDataObjectSimple::SetFormat****void SetFormat(const wxDataFormat& *format*)**

Sets the supported format.

**wxDataObjectSimple::GetDataSize****virtual size\_t GetDataSize() const**

Gets the size of our data. Must be implemented in the derived class if the object supports rendering its data.

**wxDataObjectSimple::GetDataHere****virtual bool GetDataHere(void \**buf*) const**

Copy the data to the buffer, return TRUE on success. Must be implemented in the derived class if the object supports rendering its data.

**wxPython note:** When implementing this method in wxPython, no additional parameters are required and the data should be returned from the method as a string.

**wxDataObjectSimple::SetData****virtual bool SetData(size\_t *len*, const void \**buf*)**

Copy the data from the buffer, return TRUE on success. Must be implemented in the derived class if the object supports setting its data.

**wxPython note:** When implementing this method in wxPython, the data comes as a single string parameter rather than the two shown here.

## **wxDataInputStream**

This class provides functions that read binary data types in a portable way. Data can be read in either big-endian or little-endian format, little-endian being the default on all architectures.

If you want to read data from text files (or streams) use *wxTextInputStream* (p. 835) instead.

The >> operator is overloaded and you can use this class like a standard C++ iostream. Note, however, that the arguments are the fixed size types wxUInt32, wxInt32 etc and on a typical 32-bit computer, none of these match to the "long" type (wxInt32 is defined as signed int on 32-bit architectures) so that you cannot use long. To avoid problems (here and elsewhere), make use of the wxInt32, wxUInt32, etc types.

For example:

```
wxFileInputStream input( "mytext.dat" );
wxDataInputStream store( input );
wxUInt8 i1;
float f2;
wxString line;

store >> i1;           // read a 8 bit integer.
store >> i1 >> f2;     // read a 8 bit integer followed by float.
store >> line;         // read a text line
```

See also *wxDataOutputStream* (p. 156).

### **Derived from**

None

### **Include files**

<wx/datstrm.h>

## **wxDataInputStream::wxDataInputStream**

**wxDataInputStream(wxInputStream& stream)**

Constructs a datastream object from an input stream. Only read methods will be available.

## Parameters

*stream*

The input stream.

## **wxDataInputStream::~~wxDataInputStream**

**~wxDataInputStream()**

Destroys the wxDataInputStream object.

## **wxDataInputStream::BigEndianOrdered**

**void BigEndianOrdered(bool *be\_order*)**

If *be\_order* is TRUE, all data will be read in big-endian order, such as written by programs on a big endian architecture (e.g. Sparc) or written by Java-Streams (which always use big-endian order).

## **wxDataInputStream::Read8**

**wxUInt8 Read8()**

Reads a single byte from the stream.

## **wxDataInputStream::Read16**

**wxUInt16 Read16()**

Reads a 16 bit integer from the stream.

## **wxDataInputStream::Read32**

**wxUInt32 Read32()**

Reads a 32 bit integer from the stream.

## **wxDataInputStream::ReadDouble**

**double ReadDouble()**

Reads a double (IEEE encoded) from the stream.

## **wxDataInputStream::ReadString**

**wxString wxDataInputStream::ReadString()**

Reads a string from a stream. Actually, this function first reads a long integer specifying the length of the string (without the last null character) and then reads the string.

**wxDataOutputStream**

This class provides functions that write binary data types in a portable way. Data can be written in either big-endian or little-endian format, little-endian being the default on all architectures.

If you want to write data to text files (or streams) use *wxTextOutputStream* (p. 836) instead.

The << operator is overloaded and you can use this class like a standard C++ iostream. See *wxDataInputStream* (p. 154) for its usage and caveats.

See also *wxDataInputStream* (p. 154).

**Derived from**

None

**wxDataOutputStream::wxDataOutputStream**

**wxDataOutputStream(wxOutputStream& stream)**

Constructs a datastream object from an output stream. Only write methods will be available.

**Parameters**

*stream*

The output stream.

**wxDataOutputStream::~~wxDataOutputStream**

**~wxDataOutputStream()**

Destroys the wxDataOutputStream object.

**wxDataOutputStream::BigEndianOrdered**

**void BigEndianOrdered(bool be\_order)**

If *be\_order* is TRUE, all data will be written in big-endian order, e.g. for reading on a Sparc or from Java-Streams (which always use big-endian order), otherwise data will be written in little-endian order.

### **wxDataOutputStream::Write8**

**void wxDataOutputStream::Write8(wxUint8 i8)**

Writes the single byte *i8* to the stream.

### **wxDataOutputStream::Write16**

**void wxDataOutputStream::Write16(wxUint16 i16)**

Writes the 16 bit integer *i16* to the stream.

### **wxDataOutputStream::Write32**

**void wxDataOutputStream::Write32(wxUint32 i32)**

Writes the 32 bit integer *i32* to the stream.

### **wxDataOutputStream::WriteDouble**

**void wxDataOutputStream::WriteDouble(double f)**

Writes the double *f* to the stream using the IEEE format.

### **wxDataOutputStream::WriteString**

**void wxDataOutputStream::WriteString(const wxString& string)**

Writes *string* to the stream. Actually, this method writes the size of the string before writing *string* itself.

### **wxDate**

A class for manipulating dates.

**NOTE:** this class should be used with caution, since it is not fully tested. It will be replaced with a new wxDateTime class in the near future.

### **Derived from**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

## Include files

<wx/date.h>

## See also

*wxTime* (p. 853)

## wxDate::wxDate

### wxDate()

Default constructor.

### wxDate(const wxDate& date)

Copy constructor.

### wxDate(int month, int day, int year)

Constructor taking month, day and year.

### wxDate(long julian)

Constructor taking an integer representing the Julian date. This is the number of days since 1st January 4713 B.C., so to convert from the number of days since 1st January 1901, construct a date for 1/1/1901, and add the number of days.

### wxDate(const wxString& dateString)

Constructor taking a string representing a date. This must be either the string TODAY, or of the form MM/DD/YYYY or MM-DD-YYYY. For example:

```
wxDate date("11/26/1966");
```

## Parameters

*date*

Date to copy.

*month*

Month: a number between 1 and 12.

*day*

Day: a number between 1 and 31.

*year*

Year, such as 1995, 2005.

**wxDate::~~wxDate****void ~wxDate()**

Destructor.

**wxDate::AddMonths****wxDate& AddMonths(int months=1)**

Adds the given number of months to the date, returning a reference to 'this'.

**wxDate::AddWeeks****wxDate& AddWeeks(int weeks=1)**

Adds the given number of weeks to the date, returning a reference to 'this'.

**wxDate::AddYears****wxDate& AddYears(int years=1)**

Adds the given number of months to the date, returning a reference to 'this'.

**wxDate::FormatDate****wxString FormatDate(int type=-1) const**Formats the date according to *type* if not -1, or according to the current display type if -1.**Parameters***type*

-1 or one of:

wxDAY	Format day only.
wxMONTH	Format month only.
wxMDY	Format MONTH, DAY, YEAR.
wxFULL	Format day, month and year in US style: DAYOFWEEK, MONTH, DAY, YEAR.
wxEUROPEAN	Format day, month and year in European style: DAY, MONTH, YEAR.



**wxDate::GetDay****int GetDay() const**

Returns the numeric day (in the range 1 to 31).

**wxDate::GetDayOfWeek****int GetDayOfWeek() const**

Returns the integer day of the week (in the range 1 to 7).

**wxDate::GetDayOfWeekName****wxString GetDayOfWeekName() const**

Returns the name of the day of week.

**wxDate::GetDayOfYear****long GetDayOfYear() const**

Returns the day of the year (from 1 to 365).

**wxDate::GetDaysInMonth****int GetDaysInMonth() const**

Returns the number of days in the month (in the range 1 to 31).

**wxDate::GetFirstDayOfMonth****int GetFirstDayOfMonth() const**

Returns the day of week that is first in the month (in the range 1 to 7).

**wxDate::GetJulianDate****long GetJulianDate() const**

Returns the Julian date.

**wxDatE::GetMonth****int GetMonth() const**

Returns the month number (in the range 1 to 12).

**wxDatE::GetMonthEnd****wxDatE GetMonthEnd()**

Returns the date representing the last day of the month.

**wxDatE::GetMonthName****wxString GetMonthName() const**

Returns the name of the month. Do not delete the returned storage.

**wxDatE::GetMonthStart****wxDatE GetMonthStart() const**

Returns the date representing the first day of the month.

**wxDatE::GetWeekOfMonth****int GetWeekOfMonth() const**

Returns the week of month (in the range 1 to 6).

**wxDatE::GetWeekOfYear****int GetWeekOfYear() const**

Returns the week of year (in the range 1 to 52).

**wxDatE::GetYear****int GetYear() const**

Returns the year as an integer (such as '1995').

**wxDatE::GetYearEnd**

**wxDate GetYearEnd() const**

Returns the date representing the last day of the year.

**wxDate::GetYearStart****wxDate GetYearStart() const**

Returns the date representing the first day of the year.

**wxDate::IsLeapYear****bool IsLeapYear() const**

Returns TRUE if the year of this date is a leap year.

**wxDate::Set****wxDate& Set()**

Sets the date to current system date, returning a reference to 'this'.

**wxDate& Set(long *julian*)**

Sets the date to the given Julian date, returning a reference to 'this'.

**wxDate& Set(int *month*, int *day*, int *year*)**

Sets the date to the given date, returning a reference to 'this'.

*month* is a number from 1 to 12.

*day* is a number from 1 to 31.

*year* is a year, such as 1995, 2005.

**wxDate::SetFormat****void SetFormat(int *format*)**

Sets the current format type.

**Parameters**

*format*

-1 or one of:

<b>wxDAY</b>	Format day only.
<b>wxMONTH</b>	Format month only.
<b>wxMDY</b>	Format MONTH, DAY, YEAR.
<b>wxFULL</b>	Format day, month and year in US style: DAYOFWEEK, MONTH, DAY, YEAR.
<b>wxEUROPEAN</b>	Format day, month and year in European style: DAY, MONTH, YEAR.

### **wxDate::SetOption**

**int SetOption(int option, const bool enable=TRUE)**

Enables or disables an option for formatting.

#### **Parameters**

*option*

May be one of:

<b>wxNO_CENTURY</b>	The century is not formatted.
<b>wxDATE_ABBR</b>	Month and day names are abbreviated to 3 characters when formatting.

### **wxDate::operator wxString**

**operator wxString()**

Conversion operator, to convert wxDate to wxString by calling FormatDate.

### **wxDate::operator +**

**wxDate operator +(long i)**

**wxDate operator +(int i)**

Adds an integer number of days to the date, returning a date.

### **wxDate::operator -**

**wxDate operator -(long i)**

**wxDate operator -(int i)**

Subtracts an integer number of days from the date, returning a date.

**long operator -(const wxDate& date)**

Subtracts one date from another, return the number of intervening days.

**wxDate::operator +=**

**wxDate& operator +=(long i)**

Postfix operator: adds an integer number of days to the date, returning a reference to 'this' date.

**wxDate::operator -=**

**wxDate& operator -=(long i)**

Postfix operator: subtracts an integer number of days from the date, returning a reference to 'this' date.

**wxDate::operator ++**

**wxDate& operator ++()**

Increments the date (postfix or prefix).

**wxDate::operator --**

**wxDate& operator --()**

Decrements the date (postfix or prefix).

**wxDate::operator <**

**friend bool operator <(const wxDate& date1, const wxDate& date2)**

Function to compare two dates, returning TRUE if *date1* is earlier than *date2*.

**wxDate::operator <=**

**friend bool operator <=(const wxDate& date1, const wxDate& date2)**

Function to compare two dates, returning TRUE if *date1* is earlier than or equal to *date2*.

**wxDate::operator >****friend bool operator >(const wxDate& date1, const wxDate& date2)**

Function to compare two dates, returning TRUE if *date1* is later than *date2*.

**wxDate::operator >=****friend bool operator >=(const wxDate& date1, const wxDate& date2)**

Function to compare two dates, returning TRUE if *date1* is later than or equal to *date2*.

**wxDate::operator ==****friend bool operator ==(const wxDate& date1, const wxDate& date2)**

Function to compare two dates, returning TRUE if *date1* is equal to *date2*.

**wxDate::operator !=****friend bool operator !=(const wxDate& date1, const wxDate& date2)**

Function to compare two dates, returning TRUE if *date1* is not equal to *date2*.

**wxDate::operator <<****friend ostream& operator <<(ostream& os, const wxDate& date)**

Function to output a wxDate to an ostream.

**wxDC**

A wxDC is a *device context* onto which graphics and text can be drawn. It is intended to represent a number of output devices in a generic way, so a window can have a device context associated with it, and a printer also has a device context. In this way, the same piece of code may write to a number of different devices, if the device context is used as a parameter.

Derived types of wxDC have documentation for specific features only, so refer to this section for most device context information.

**Derived from**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/dc.h>

**See also**

Overview (p. 1059)

**wxDC::wxDC**

**wxDC()**

Constructor.

**wxDC::~~wxDC**

**~wxDC()**

Destructor.

**wxDC::BeginDrawing**

**void BeginDrawing()**

Allows optimization of drawing code under MS Windows. Enclose drawing primitives between **BeginDrawing** and **EndDrawing** calls.

Drawing to a wxDialog panel device context outside of a system-generated OnPaint event *requires* this pair of calls to enclose drawing code. This is because a Windows dialog box does not have a retained device context associated with it, and selections such as pen and brush settings would be lost if the device context were obtained and released for each drawing operation.

**wxDC::Blit**

**bool Blit(long xdest, long ydest, long width, long height, wxDC\* source, long xsrc, long ysrc, int logicalFunc = wxCOPY, bool useMask = FALSE)**

Copy from a source DC to this DC, specifying the destination coordinates, size of area to copy, source DC, source coordinates, and logical function.

**Parameters**

*xdest*

Destination device context x position.

*ydest*

Destination device context y position.

*width*

Width of source area to be copied.

*height*

Height of source area to be copied.

*source*

Source device context.

*xsrc*

Source device context x position.

*ysrc*

Source device context y position.

*logicalFunc*

Logical function to use: see *wxDC::SetLogicalFunction* (p. 178).

*useMask*

If TRUE, Blit does a transparent blit using the mask that is associated with the bitmap selected into the source device context. The Windows implementation does the following:

1. Creates a temporary bitmap and copies the destination area into it.
2. Copies the source area into the temporary bitmap using the specified logical function.
3. Sets the masked area in the temporary bitmap to BLACK by ANDing the mask bitmap with the temp bitmap with the foreground colour set to WHITE and the bg colour set to BLACK.
4. Sets the unmasked area in the destination area to BLACK by ANDing the mask bitmap with the destination area with the foreground colour set to BLACK and the background colour set to WHITE.
5. ORs the temporary bitmap with the destination area.
6. Deletes the temporary bitmap.

This sequence of operations ensures that the source's transparent area need not be black, and logical functions are supported.

## Remarks

There is partial support for Blit in *wxPostScriptDC*, under X.

See *wxMemoryDC* (p. 496) for typical usage.

## See also



*wxMemoryDC* (p. 496), *wxBitmap* (p. 36), *wxMask* (p. 483)

### **wxDC::Clear**

**void Clear()**

Clears the device context using the current background brush.

### **wxDC::CrossHair**

**void CrossHair(long x, long y)**

Displays a cross hair using the current pen. This is a vertical and horizontal line the height and width of the window, centred on the given point.

### **wxDC::DestroyClippingRegion**

**void DestroyClippingRegion()**

Destroys the current clipping region so that none of the DC is clipped. See also *wxDC::SetClippingRegion* (p. 177).

### **wxDC::DeviceToLogicalX**

**long DeviceToLogicalX(long x)**

Convert device X coordinate to logical coordinate, using the current mapping mode.

### **wxDC::DeviceToLogicalXRel**

**long DeviceToLogicalXRel(long x)**

Convert device X coordinate to relative logical coordinate, using the current mapping mode. Use this function for converting a width, for example.

### **wxDC::DeviceToLogicalY**

**long DeviceToLogicalY(long y)**

Converts device Y coordinate to logical coordinate, using the current mapping mode.

### **wxDC::DeviceToLogicalYRel**

**long DeviceToLogicalYRel(long y)**

Convert device Y coordinate to relative logical coordinate, using the current mapping mode. Use this function for converting a height, for example.

**wxDC::DrawArc****void DrawArc(long x1, long y1, long x2, long y2, double xc, double yc)**

Draws an arc of a circle, centred on (xc, yc), with starting point (x1, y1) and ending at (x2, y2). The current pen is used for the outline and the current brush for filling the shape.

The arc is drawn in an anticlockwise direction from the start point to the end point.

**wxDC::DrawBitmap****void DrawBitmap(const wxBitmap& bitmap, long x, long y, bool transparent)**

Draw a bitmap on the device context at the specified point. If *transparent* is TRUE and the bitmap has a transparency mask, the bitmap will be drawn transparently.

**wxDC::DrawEllipse****void DrawEllipse(long x, long y, long width, long height)**

Draws an ellipse contained in the rectangle with the given top left corner, and with the given size. The current pen is used for the outline and the current brush for filling the shape.

**wxDC::DrawEllipticArc****void DrawEllipticArc(long x, long y, long width, long height, double start, double end)**

Draws an arc of an ellipse. The current pen is used for drawing the arc and the current brush is used for drawing the pie. This function is currently only available for X window and PostScript device contexts.

*x* and *y* specify the x and y coordinates of the upper-left corner of the rectangle that contains the ellipse.

*width* and *height* specify the width and height of the rectangle that contains the ellipse.

*start* and *end* specify the start and end of the arc relative to the three-o'clock position

from the center of the rectangle. Angles are specified in degrees (360 is a complete circle). Positive values mean counter-clockwise motion. If *start* is equal to *end*, a complete ellipse will be drawn.

### **wxDC::DrawIcon**

**void DrawIcon(const wxIcon& icon, long x, long y)**

Draw an icon on the display (does nothing if the device context is PostScript). This can be the simplest way of drawing bitmaps on a window.

### **wxDC::DrawLine**

**void DrawLine(long x1, long y1, long x2, long y2)**

Draws a line from the first point to the second. The current pen is used for drawing the line.

### **wxDC::DrawLines**

**void DrawLines(int n, wxPoint points[], long xoffset = 0, long yoffset = 0)**

**void DrawLines(wxList \*points, long xoffset = 0, long yoffset = 0)**

Draws lines using an array of *points* of size *n*, or list of pointers to points, adding the optional offset coordinate. The current pen is used for drawing the lines. The programmer is responsible for deleting the list of points.

**wxPython note:** The wxPython version of this method accepts a Python list of wxPoint objects.

### **wxDC::DrawPolygon**

**void DrawPolygon(int n, wxPoint points[], long xoffset = 0, long yoffset = 0,  
int fill\_style = wxODDEVEN\_RULE)**

**void DrawPolygon(wxList \*points, long xoffset = 0, long yoffset = 0,  
int fill\_style = wxODDEVEN\_RULE)**

Draws a filled polygon using an array of *points* of size *n*, or list of pointers to points, adding the optional offset coordinate.

The last argument specifies the fill rule: **wxODDEVEN\_RULE** (the default) or **wxWINDING\_RULE**.

The current pen is used for drawing the outline, and the current brush for filling the

shape. Using a transparent brush suppresses filling. The programmer is responsible for deleting the list of points.

Note that wxWindows automatically closes the first and last points.

**wxPython note:** The wxPython version of this method accepts a Python list of wxPoint objects.

### **wxDC::DrawPoint**

**void DrawPoint(long x, long y)**

Draws a point using the current pen.

### **wxDC::DrawRectangle**

**void DrawRectangle(long x, long y, long width, long height)**

Draws a rectangle with the given top left corner, and with the given size. The current pen is used for the outline and the current brush for filling the shape.

### **wxDC::DrawRoundedRectangle**

**void DrawRoundedRectangle(long x, long y, long width, long height, double radius = 20)**

Draws a rectangle with the given top left corner, and with the given size. The corners are quarter-circles using the given radius. The current pen is used for the outline and the current brush for filling the shape.

If *radius* is positive, the value is assumed to be the radius of the rounded corner. If *radius* is negative, the absolute value is assumed to be the *proportion* of the smallest dimension of the rectangle. This means that the corner can be a sensible size relative to the size of the rectangle, and also avoids the strange effects X produces when the corners are too big for the rectangle.

### **wxDC::DrawSpline**

**void DrawSpline(wxList \*points)**

Draws a spline between all given control points, using the current pen. Doesn't delete the wxList and contents. The spline is drawn using a series of lines, using an algorithm taken from the X drawing program 'XFIG'.

**void DrawSpline(long x1, long y1, long x2, long y2, long x3, long y3)**

Draws a three-point spline using the current pen.

**wxPython note:** The wxPython version of this method accepts a Python list of wxPoint objects.

### **wxDC::DrawText**

**void DrawText(const wxString& text, long x, long y)**

Draws a text string at the specified point, using the current text font, and the current text foreground and background colours.

The coordinates refer to the top-left corner of the rectangle bounding the string. See *wxDC::GetTextExtent* (p. 175) for how to get the dimensions of a text string, which can be used to position the text more precisely.

### **wxDC::EndDoc**

**void EndDoc()**

Ends a document (only relevant when outputting to a printer).

### **wxDC::EndDrawing**

**void EndDrawing()**

Allows optimization of drawing code under MS Windows. Enclose drawing primitives between **BeginDrawing** and **EndDrawing** calls.

### **wxDC::EndPage**

**void EndPage()**

Ends a document page (only relevant when outputting to a printer).

### **wxDC::FloodFill**

**void FloodFill(long x, long y, wxColour \*colour, int style=wxFLOOD\_SURFACE)**

Flood fills the device context starting from the given point, in the given colour, and using a style:

- **wxFLOOD\_SURFACE:** the flooding occurs until a colour other than the given colour is encountered.
- **wxFLOOD\_BORDER:** the area to be flooded is bounded by the given colour.

*Note:* this function is available in MS Windows only.

### **wxDC::GetBackground**

**wxBrush& GetBackground()**

Gets the brush used for painting the background (see *wxDC::SetBackground* (p. 177)).

### **wxDC::GetBrush**

**wxBrush& GetBrush()**

Gets the current brush (see *wxDC::SetBrush* (p. 178)).

### **wxDC::GetCharHeight**

**long GetCharHeight()**

Gets the character height of the currently set font.

### **wxDC::GetCharWidth**

**long GetCharWidth()**

Gets the average character width of the currently set font.

### **wxDC::GetClippingBox**

**void GetClippingBox(long \*x, long \*y, long \*width, long \*height)**

Gets the rectangle surrounding the current clipping region.

**wxPython note:** No arguments are required and the four values defining the rectangle are returned as a tuple.

### **wxDC::GetFont**

**wxFont& GetFont()**

Gets the current font (see *wxDC::SetFont* (p. 178)).

### **wxDC::GetLogicalFunction**

**int GetLogicalFunction()**

Gets the current logical function (see *wxDC::SetLogicalFunction* (p. 178)).

**wxDC::GetMapMode****int GetMapMode()**

Gets the *mapping mode* for the device context (see *wxDC::SetMapMode* (p. 179)).

**wxDC::GetOptimization****bool GetOptimization()**

Returns TRUE if device context optimization is on. See *wxDC::SetOptimization* (p. 180) for details.

**wxDC::GetPen****wxPen& GetPen()**

Gets the current pen (see *wxDC::SetPen* (p. 180)).

**wxDC::GetPixel****bool GetPixel(long x, long y, wxColour \*colour)**

Sets *colour* to the colour at the specified location. Windows only; an X implementation is being worked on. Not available for *wxPostScriptDC* or *wxMetafileDC*.

**wxPython note:** For wxPython the *wxColour* value is returned and is not required as a parameter.

**wxDC::GetSize****void GetSize(long \*width, long \*height)**

For a PostScript device context, this gets the maximum size of graphics drawn so far on the device context.

For a Windows printer device context, this gets the horizontal and vertical resolution. It can be used to scale graphics to fit the page when using a Windows printer device context. For example, if *maxX* and *maxY* represent the maximum horizontal and vertical 'pixel' values used in your application, the following code will scale the graphic to fit on

the printer page:

```
long w, h;  
dc.GetSize(&w, &h);  
double scaleX=(double)(maxX/w);  
double scaleY=(double)(maxY/h);  
dc.SetUserScale(min(scaleX,scaleY),min(scaleX,scaleY));
```

**wxPython note:** In place of a single overloaded method name, wxPython implements the following methods:

<b>GetSize()</b>	Returns a wxSize
<b>GetSizeTuple()</b>	Returns a 2-tuple (width, height)

### **wxDC::GetTextBackground**

#### **wxColour& GetTextBackground()**

Gets the current text background colour (see *wxDC::SetTextBackground* (p. 180)).

### **wxDC::GetTextExtent**

**void GetTextExtent(const wxString& string, long \*w, long \*h,  
long \*descent = NULL, long \*externalLeading = NULL, wxFont \*font = NULL)**

Gets the dimensions of the string using the currently selected font. *string* is the text string to measure, *w* and *h* are the total width and height respectively, *descent* is the dimension from the baseline of the font to the bottom of the descender, and *externalLeading* is any extra vertical space added to the font by the font designer (usually is zero).

The optional parameter *font* specifies an alternative to the currently selected font: but note that this does not yet work under Windows, so you need to set a font for the device context first.

See also *wxFont* (p. 285), *wxDC::SetFont* (p. 178).

**wxPython note:** The following methods are implemented in wxPython:

<b>GetTextExtent(string)</b>	Returns a 2-tuple, (width, height)
<b>GetFullTextExtent(string, font=NULL)</b>	Returns a 4-tuple, (width, height, descent, externalLeading)

### **wxDC::GetTextForeground**



**wxColour& GetTextForeground()**

Gets the current text foreground colour (see *wxDC::SetTextForeground* (p. 180)).

**wxDC::LogicalToDeviceX****long LogicalToDeviceX(long x)**

Converts logical X coordinate to device coordinate, using the current mapping mode.

**wxDC::LogicalToDeviceXRel****long LogicalToDeviceXRel(long x)**

Converts logical X coordinate to relative device coordinate, using the current mapping mode. Use this for converting a width, for example.

**wxDC::LogicalToDeviceY****long LogicalToDeviceY(long y)**

Converts logical Y coordinate to device coordinate, using the current mapping mode.

**wxDC::LogicalToDeviceYRel****long LogicalToDeviceYRel(long y)**

Converts logical Y coordinate to relative device coordinate, using the current mapping mode. Use this for converting a height, for example.

**wxDC::MaxX****long MaxX()**

Gets the maximum horizontal extent used in drawing commands so far.

**wxDC::MaxY****long MaxY()**

Gets the maximum vertical extent used in drawing commands so far.

**wxDC::MinX****long MinX()**

Gets the minimum horizontal extent used in drawing commands so far.

**wxDC::MinY****long MinY()**

Gets the minimum vertical extent used in drawing commands so far.

**wxDC::Ok****bool Ok()**

Returns TRUE if the DC is ok to use.

**wxDC::SetDeviceOrigin****void SetDeviceOrigin(long x, long y)**

Sets the device origin (i.e., the origin in pixels after scaling has been applied).

This function may be useful in Windows printing operations for placing a graphic on a page.

**wxDC::SetBackground****void SetBackground(const wxBrush& brush)**

Sets the current background brush for the DC.

**wxDC::SetBackgroundMode****void SetBackgroundMode(int mode)**

*mode* may be one of wxSOLID and wxTRANSPARENT. This setting determines whether text will be drawn with a background colour or not.

**wxDC::SetClippingRegion****void SetClippingRegion(long x, long y, long width, long height)**

**void SetClippingRegion(const wxRegion& *region*)**

Sets the clipping region for the DC. The clipping region is an area to which drawing is restricted. Possible uses for the clipping region are for clipping text or for speeding up window redraws when only a known area of the screen is damaged.

**See also**

*wxDC::DestroyClippingRegion* (p. 168), *wxRegion* (p. 653)

**wxDC::SetPalette****void SetPalette(const wxPalette& *palette*)**

If this is a window DC or memory DC, assigns the given palette to the window or bitmap associated with the DC. If the argument is *wxNullPalette*, the current palette is selected out of the device context, and the original palette restored.

See *wxPalette* (p. 568) for further details.

**wxDC::SetBrush****void SetBrush(const wxBrush& *brush*)**

Sets the current brush for the DC.

If the argument is *wxNullBrush*, the current brush is selected out of the device context, and the original brush restored, allowing the current brush to be destroyed safely.

See also *wxBrush* (p. 60).

**wxDC::SetFont****void SetFont(const wxFont& *font*)**

Sets the current font for the DC.

If the argument is *wxNullFont*, the current font is selected out of the device context, and the original font restored, allowing the current font to be destroyed safely.

See also *wxFont* (p. 285).

**wxDC::SetLogicalFunction****void SetLogicalFunction(int *function*)**

Sets the current logical function for the device context. This determines how a source pixel (from a pen or brush colour, or source device context if using `wxDC::Blit` (p. 166)) combines with a destination pixel in the current device context.

The possible values and their meaning in terms of source and destination pixel values are as follows:

<code>wxAND</code>	<code>src AND dst</code>
<code>wxAND_INVERT</code>	<code>(NOT src) AND dst</code>
<code>wxAND_REVERSE</code>	<code>src AND (NOT dst)</code>
<code>wxCLEAR</code>	<code>0</code>
<code>wxCOPY</code>	<code>src</code>
<code>wxEQUIV</code>	<code>(NOT src) XOR dst</code>
<code>wxINVERT</code>	<code>NOT dst</code>
<code>wxNAND</code>	<code>(NOT src) OR (NOT dst)</code>
<code>wxNOR</code>	<code>(NOT src) AND (NOT dst)</code>
<code>wxNO_OP</code>	<code>dst</code>
<code>wxOR</code>	<code>src OR dst</code>
<code>wxOR_INVERT</code>	<code>(NOT src) OR dst</code>
<code>wxOR_REVERSE</code>	<code>src OR (NOT dst)</code>
<code>wxSET</code>	<code>1</code>
<code>wxSRC_INVERT</code>	<code>NOT src</code>
<code>wxXOR</code>	<code>src XOR dst</code>

The default is `wxCOPY`, which simply draws with the current colour. The others combine the current colour and the background using a logical operation. `wxINVERT` is commonly used for drawing rubber bands or moving outlines, since drawing twice reverts to the original colour.

## **`wxDC::SetMapMode`**

### **`void SetMapMode(int int)`**

The *mapping mode* of the device context defines the unit of measurement used to convert logical units to device units. Note that in X, text drawing isn't handled consistently with the mapping mode; a font is always specified in point size. However, setting the *user scale* (see `wxDC::SetUserScale` (p. 180)) scales the text appropriately. In Windows, scaleable TrueType fonts are always used; in X, results depend on availability of fonts, but usually a reasonable match is found.

Note that the coordinate origin should ideally be selectable, but for now is always at the top left of the screen/printer.

Drawing to a Windows printer device context under UNIX uses the current mapping mode, but mapping mode is currently ignored for PostScript output.

The mapping mode can be one of the following:

<code>wxMM_TWIPS</code>	Each logical unit is 1/20 of a point, or 1/1440 of an inch.
<code>wxMM_POINTS</code>	Each logical unit is a point, or 1/72 of an inch.
<code>wxMM_METRIC</code>	Each logical unit is 1 mm.

<code>wxMM_LOMETRIC</code>	Each logical unit is 1/10 of a mm.
<code>wxMM_TEXT</code>	Each logical unit is 1 pixel.

### **wxDC::SetOptimization**

**void SetOptimization**(bool *optimize*)

If *optimize* is TRUE (the default), this function sets optimization mode on. This currently means that under X, the device context will not try to set a pen or brush property if it is known to be set already. This approach can fall down if non-wxWindows code is using the same device context or window, for example when the window is a panel on which the windowing system draws panel items. The wxWindows device context 'memory' will now be out of step with reality.

Setting optimization off, drawing, then setting it back on again, is a trick that must occasionally be employed.

### **wxDC::SetPen**

**void SetPen**(const wxPen& *pen*)

Sets the current pen for the DC.

If the argument is wxNullPen, the current pen is selected out of the device context, and the original pen restored.

### **wxDC::SetTextBackground**

**void SetTextBackground**(const wxColour& *colour*)

Sets the current text background colour for the DC.

### **wxDC::SetTextForeground**

**void SetTextForeground**(const wxColour& *colour*)

Sets the current text foreground colour for the DC.

### **wxDC::SetUserScale**

**void SetUserScale**(double *xScale*, double *yScale*)

Sets the user scaling factor, useful for applications which require 'zooming'.

**wxDC::StartDoc****bool StartDoc(const wxString& message)**

Starts a document (only relevant when outputting to a printer). Message is a message to show whilst printing.

**wxDC::StartPage****bool StartPage()**

Starts a document page (only relevant when outputting to a printer).

**wxDDEClient**

A wxDDEClient object represents the client part of a client-server DDE (Dynamic Data Exchange) conversation.

To create a client which can communicate with a suitable server, you need to derive a class from wxDDEConnection and another from wxDDEClient. The custom wxDDEConnection class will intercept communications in a 'conversation' with a server, and the custom wxDDEServer is required so that a user-overridden *wxDDEClient::OnMakeConnection* (p. 182) member can return a wxDDEConnection of the required class, when a connection is made.

This DDE-based implementation is available on Windows only, but a platform-independent, socket-based version of this API is available using *wxTCPClient* (p. 812).

**Derived from**

wxClientBase  
wxObject (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/dde.h>

**See also**

*wxDDEServer* (p. 186), *wxDDEConnection* (p. 182), *Interprocess communications overview* (p. 1080)

**wxDDEClient::wxDDEClient****wxDDEClient()**

Constructs a client object.

### **wxDDEClient::MakeConnection**

**wxConnectionBase \* MakeConnection(const wxString& host, const wxString& service, const wxString& topic)**

Tries to make a connection with a server specified by the host (machine name under UNIX, ignored under Windows), service name (must contain an integer port number under UNIX), and topic string. If the server allows a connection, a **wxDDEConnection** object will be returned. The type of **wxDDEConnection** returned can be altered by overriding the *wxDDEClient::OnMakeConnection* (p. 182) member to return your own derived connection object.

### **wxDDEClient::OnMakeConnection**

**wxConnectionBase \* OnMakeConnection()**

The type of *wxDDEConnection* (p. 182) returned from a *wxDDEClient::MakeConnection* (p. 182) call can be altered by deriving the **OnMakeConnection** member to return your own derived connection object. By default, a **wxDDEConnection** object is returned.

The advantage of deriving your own connection class is that it will enable you to intercept messages initiated by the server, such as *wxDDEConnection::OnAdvise* (p. 184). You may also want to store application-specific data in instances of the new class.

### **wxDDEClient::ValidHost**

**bool ValidHost(const wxString& host)**

Returns TRUE if this is a valid host name, FALSE otherwise. This always returns TRUE under MS Windows.

### **wxDDEConnection**

A **wxDDEConnection** object represents the connection between a client and a server. It can be created by making a connection using a *wxDDEClient* (p. 181) object, or by the acceptance of a connection by a *wxDDEServer* (p. 186) object. The bulk of a DDE (Dynamic Data Exchange) conversation is controlled by calling members in a **wxDDEConnection** object or by overriding its members.

An application should normally derive a new connection class from **wxDDEConnection**, in order to override the communication event handlers to do something interesting.

This DDE-based implementation is available on Windows only, but a platform-independent, socket-based version of this API is available using *wxTCPConnection* (p.

813).

### Derived from

`wxConnectionBase`  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

`<wx/dde.h>`

### Types

`wxIPCFormat` is defined as follows:

```
enum wxIPCFormat
{
    wxIPC_INVALID =          0,
    wxIPC_TEXT =             1, /* CF_TEXT */
    wxIPC_BITMAP =           2, /* CF_BITMAP */
    wxIPC_METAFILE =         3, /* CF_METAFILEPICT */
    wxIPC_SYLK =              4,
    wxIPC_DIF =               5,
    wxIPC_TIFF =              6,
    wxIPC_OEMTEXT =           7, /* CF_OEMTEXT */
    wxIPC_DIB =               8, /* CF_DIB */
    wxIPC_PALETTE =           9,
    wxIPC_PENDATA =           10,
    wxIPC_RIFF =              11,
    wxIPC_WAVE =              12,
    wxIPC_UNICODETEXT =       13,
    wxIPC_ENHMETAFILE =       14,
    wxIPC_FILENAME =          15, /* CF_HDROP */
    wxIPC_LOCALE =            16,
    wxIPC_PRIVATE =           20
};
```

### See also

*wxDDEClient* (p. 181), *wxDDEServer* (p. 186), *Interprocess communications overview* (p. 1080)

## wxDDEConnection::wxDDEConnection

**wxDDEConnection()**

**wxDDEConnection(char\* buffer, int size)**

Constructs a connection object. If no user-defined connection object is to be derived from `wxDDEConnection`, then the constructor should not be called directly, since the



default connection object will be provided on requesting (or accepting) a connection. However, if the user defines his or her own derived connection object, the *wxDDEServer::OnAcceptConnection* (p. 187) and/or *wxDDEClient::OnMakeConnection* (p. 182) members should be replaced by functions which construct the new connection object. If the arguments of the *wxDDEConnection* constructor are void, then a default buffer is associated with the connection. Otherwise, the programmer must provide a a buffer and size of the buffer for the connection object to use in transactions.

### **wxDDEConnection::Advise**

**bool Advise**(const wxString& *item*, char\* *data*, int *size* = -1, wxIPCFormat *format* = wxCF\_TEXT)

Called by the server application to advise the client of a change in the data associated with the given item. Causes the client connection's *wxDDEConnection::OnAdvise* (p. 184) member to be called. Returns TRUE if successful.

### **wxDDEConnection::Execute**

**bool Execute**(char\* *data*, int *size* = -1, wxIPCFormat *format* = wxCF\_TEXT)

Called by the client application to execute a command on the server. Can also be used to transfer arbitrary data to the server (similar to *wxDDEConnection::Poke* (p. 186) in that respect). Causes the server connection's *wxDDEConnection::OnExecute* (p. 185) member to be called. Returns TRUE if successful.

### **wxDDEConnection::Disconnect**

**bool Disconnect**()

Called by the client or server application to disconnect from the other program; it causes the *wxDDEConnection::OnDisconnect* (p. 184) message to be sent to the corresponding connection object in the other program. The default behaviour of **OnDisconnect** is to delete the connection, but the calling application must explicitly delete its side of the connection having called **Disconnect**. Returns TRUE if successful.

### **wxDDEConnection::OnAdvise**

**virtual bool OnAdvise**(const wxString& *topic*, const wxString& *item*, char\* *data*, int *size*, wxIPCFormat *format*)

Message sent to the client application when the server notifies it of a change in the data associated with the given item.

### **wxDDEConnection::OnDisconnect**

**virtual bool OnDisconnect()**

Message sent to the client or server application when the other application notifies it to delete the connection. Default behaviour is to delete the connection object.

**wxDDEConnection::OnExecute**

**virtual bool OnExecute(const wxString& topic, char\* data, int size, wxIPCFormat format)**

Message sent to the server application when the client notifies it to execute the given data. Note that there is no item associated with this message.

**wxDDEConnection::OnPoke**

**virtual bool OnPoke(const wxString& topic, const wxString& item, char\* data, int size, wxIPCFormat format)**

Message sent to the server application when the client notifies it to accept the given data.

**wxDDEConnection::OnRequest**

**virtual char\* OnRequest(const wxString& topic, const wxString& item, int \*size, wxIPCFormat format)**

Message sent to the server application when the client calls *wxDDEConnection::Request* (p. 186). The server should respond by returning a character string from **OnRequest**, or NULL to indicate no data.

**wxDDEConnection::OnStartAdvise**

**virtual bool OnStartAdvise(const wxString& topic, const wxString& item)**

Message sent to the server application by the client, when the client wishes to start an 'advise loop' for the given topic and item. The server can refuse to participate by returning FALSE.

**wxDDEConnection::OnStopAdvise**

**virtual bool OnStopAdvise(const wxString& topic, const wxString& item)**

Message sent to the server application by the client, when the client wishes to stop an 'advise loop' for the given topic and item. The server can refuse to stop the advise loop

by returning FALSE, although this doesn't have much meaning in practice.

### **wxDDEConnection::Poke**

**bool Poke(const wxString& item, char\* data, int size = -1, wxIPCFormat format = wxCF\_TEXT)**

Called by the client application to poke data into the server. Can be used to transfer arbitrary data to the server. Causes the server connection's *wxDDEConnection::OnPoke* (p. 185) member to be called. Returns TRUE if successful.

### **wxDDEConnection::Request**

**char\* Request(const wxString& item, int \*size, wxIPCFormat format = wxIPC\_TEXT)**

Called by the client application to request data from the server. Causes the server connection's *wxDDEConnection::OnRequest* (p. 185) member to be called. Returns a character string (actually a pointer to the connection's buffer) if successful, NULL otherwise.

### **wxDDEConnection::StartAdvise**

**bool StartAdvise(const wxString& item)**

Called by the client application to ask if an advise loop can be started with the server. Causes the server connection's *wxDDEConnection::OnStartAdvise* (p. 185) member to be called. Returns TRUE if the server okays it, FALSE otherwise.

### **wxDDEConnection::StopAdvise**

**bool StopAdvise(const wxString& item)**

Called by the client application to ask if an advise loop can be stopped. Causes the server connection's *wxDDEConnection::OnStopAdvise* (p. 185) member to be called. Returns TRUE if the server okays it, FALSE otherwise.

### **wxDDEServer**

A *wxDDEServer* object represents the server part of a client-server DDE (Dynamic Data Exchange) conversation.

This DDE-based implementation is available on Windows only, but a platform-independent, socket-based version of this API is available using *wxTCPServer* (p. 817).

**Derived from**

`wxServerBase`

### Include files

`<wx/dde.h>`

### See also

*wxDDEClient* (p. 181), *wxDDEConnection* (p. 182), *IPC overview* (p. 1080)

## **wxDDEServer::wxDDEServer**

**wxDDEServer()**

Constructs a server object.

## **wxDDEServer::Create**

**bool Create(const wxString& service)**

Registers the server using the given service name. Under UNIX, the string must contain an integer id which is used as an Internet port number. FALSE is returned if the call failed (for example, the port number is already in use).

## **wxDDEServer::OnAcceptConnection**

**virtual wxConnectionBase \* OnAcceptConnection(const wxString& topic)**

When a client calls **MakeConnection**, the server receives the message and this member is called. The application should derive a member to intercept this message and return a connection object of either the standard `wxDDEConnection` type, or of a user-derived type. If the topic is "STDIO", the application may wish to refuse the connection. Under UNIX, when a server is created the `OnAcceptConnection` message is always sent for standard input and output, but in the context of DDE messages it doesn't make a lot of sense.

## **wxDebugContext**

A class for performing various debugging and memory tracing operations. Full functionality (such as printing out objects currently allocated) is only present in a debugging build of `wxWindows`, i.e. if the `__WXDEBUG__` symbol is defined. `wxDebugContext` and related functions and macros can be compiled out by setting `wxUSE_DEBUG_CONTEXT` to 0 in `setup.h`

### Derived from

No parent class.

#### **Include files**

<wx/memory.h>

#### **See also**

*Overview* (p. 1061)

### **wxDebugContext::Check**

**int Check()**

Checks the memory blocks for errors, starting from the currently set checkpoint.

#### **Return value**

Returns the number of errors, so a value of zero represents success. Returns -1 if an error was detected that prevents further checking.

### **wxDebugContext::Dump**

**bool Dump()**

Performs a memory dump from the currently set checkpoint, writing to the current debug stream. Calls the **Dump** member function for each wxObject derived instance.

#### **Return value**

TRUE if the function succeeded, FALSE otherwise.

### **wxDebugContext::GetCheckPrevious**

**bool GetCheckPrevious()**

Returns TRUE if the memory allocator checks all previous memory blocks for errors. By default, this is FALSE since it slows down execution considerably.

#### **See also**

*wxDebugContext::SetCheckPrevious* (p. 191)

**wxDebugContext::GetDebugMode****bool GetDebugMode()**

Returns TRUE if debug mode is on. If debug mode is on, the wxObject new and delete operators store or use information about memory allocation. Otherwise, a straight malloc and free will be performed by these operators.

[See also](#)

*wxDebugContext::SetDebugMode* (p. 191)

**wxDebugContext::GetLevel****int GetLevel()**

Gets the debug level (default 1). The debug level is used by the wxTraceLevel function and the WXTRACELEVEL macro to specify how detailed the trace information is; setting a different level will only have an effect if trace statements in the application specify a value other than one.

This is obsolete, replaced by *wxLog* (p. 479) functionality.

[See also](#)

*wxDebugContext::SetLevel* (p. 192)

**wxDebugContext::GetStream****ostream& GetStream()**

Returns the output stream associated with the debug context.

This is obsolete, replaced by *wxLog* (p. 479) functionality.

[See also](#)

*wxDebugContext::SetStream* (p. 192)

**wxDebugContext::GetStreamBuf****streambuf\* GetStreamBuf()**

Returns a pointer to the output stream buffer associated with the debug context. There may not necessarily be a stream buffer if the stream has been set by the user.

This is obsolete, replaced by *wxLog* (p. 479) functionality.

**wxDebugContext::HasStream****bool HasStream()**

Returns TRUE if there is a stream currently associated with the debug context.

This is obsolete, replaced by *wxLog* (p. 479) functionality.

**See also**

*wxDebugContext::SetStream* (p. 192), *wxDebugContext::GetStream* (p. 189)

**wxDebugContext::PrintClasses****bool PrintClasses()**

Prints a list of the classes declared in this application, giving derivation and whether instances of this class can be dynamically created.

**See also**

*wxDebugContext::PrintStatistics* (p. 190)

**wxDebugContext::PrintStatistics****bool PrintStatistics(bool detailed = TRUE)**

Performs a statistics analysis from the currently set checkpoint, writing to the current debug stream. The number of object and non-object allocations is printed, together with the total size.

**Parameters***detailed*

If TRUE, the function will also print how many objects of each class have been allocated, and the space taken by these class instances.

**See also**

*wxDebugContext::PrintStatistics* (p. 190)

**wxDebugContext::SetCheckpoint****void SetCheckpoint(bool all = FALSE)**

Sets the current checkpoint: Dump and PrintStatistics operations will be performed from this point on. This allows you to ignore allocations that have been performed up to this point.

### Parameters

*all*

If TRUE, the checkpoint is reset to include all memory allocations since the program started.

## **wxDebugContext::SetCheckPrevious**

**void SetCheckPrevious(bool check)**

Tells the memory allocator to check all previous memory blocks for errors. By default, this is FALSE since it slows down execution considerably.

### See also

*wxDebugContext::GetCheckPrevious* (p. 188)

## **wxDebugContext::SetDebugMode**

**void SetDebugMode(bool debug)**

Sets the debug mode on or off. If debug mode is on, the wxObject new and delete operators store or use information about memory allocation. Otherwise, a straight malloc and free will be performed by these operators.

By default, debug mode is on if `__WXDEBUG__` is defined. If the application uses this function, it should make sure that all object memory allocated is deallocated with the same value of debug mode. Otherwise, the delete operator might try to look for memory information that does not exist.

### See also

*wxDebugContext::GetDebugMode* (p. 189)

## **wxDebugContext::SetFile**

**bool SetFile(const wxString& filename)**

Sets the current debug file and creates a stream. This will delete any existing stream and stream buffer. By default, the debug context stream outputs to the debugger (Windows) or standard error (other platforms).



**wxDebugContext::SetLevel****void SetLevel(int level)**

Sets the debug level (default 1). The debug level is used by the `wxTraceLevel` function and the `WXTRACELEVEL` macro to specify how detailed the trace information is; setting a different level will only have an effect if trace statements in the application specify a value other than one.

This is obsolete, replaced by `wxLog` (p. 479) functionality.

[See also](#)

`wxDebugContext::GetLevel` (p. 189)

**wxDebugContext::SetStandardError****bool SetStandardError()**

Sets the debugging stream to be the debugger (Windows) or standard error (other platforms). This is the default setting. The existing stream will be flushed and deleted.

This is obsolete, replaced by `wxLog` (p. 479) functionality.

**wxDebugContext::SetStream****void SetStream(ostream\* stream, streambuf\* streamBuf = NULL)**

Sets the stream and optionally, stream buffer associated with the debug context. This operation flushes and deletes the existing stream (and stream buffer if any).

This is obsolete, replaced by `wxLog` (p. 479) functionality.

**Parameters***stream*

Stream to associate with the debug context. Do not set this to NULL.

*streamBuf*

Stream buffer to associate with the debug context.

[See also](#)

`wxDebugContext::GetStream` (p. 189), `wxDebugContext::HasStream` (p. 190)

**wxDebugStreamBuf**

This class allows you to treat debugging output in a similar (stream-based) fashion on

different platforms. Under Windows, an ostream constructed with this buffer outputs to the debugger, or other program that intercepts debugging output. On other platforms, the output goes to standard error (cerr).

This is soon to be obsolete, replaced by *wxLog* (p. 479) functionality.

### Derived from

streambuf

### Include files

<wx/memory.h>

### Example

```
wxDebugStreamBuf streamBuf;  
ostream stream(&streamBuf);  
  
stream << "Hello world!" << endl;
```

### See also

*Overview* (p. 1061)

## wxDialog

A dialog box is a window with a title bar and sometimes a system menu, which can be moved around the screen. It can contain controls and other windows.

### Derived from

*wxPanel* (p. 572)  
*wxWindow* (p. 915)  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/dialog.h>

### Remarks

There are two kinds of dialog - *modal* and *modeless*. A modal dialog blocks program flow and user input on other windows until it is dismissed, whereas a modeless dialog behaves more like a frame in that program flow continues, and input on other windows is still possible. You specify the type of dialog with the **wxDIALOG\_MODAL** and **wxDIALOG\_MODELESS** window styles.

A dialog may be loaded from a wxWindows resource file (extension *wxr*).

An application can define an *OnCloseWindow* (p. 937) handler for the dialog to respond to system close events.

### Window styles

<b>wxCAPTION</b>	Puts a caption on the dialog box (Motif only).
<b>wxDEFAULT_DIALOG_STYLE</b>	Equivalent to a combination of <b>wxCAPTION</b> , <b>wxSYSTEM_MENU</b> and <b>wxTHICK_FRAME</b>
<b>wxRESIZE_BORDER</b>	Display a resizable frame around the window (Unix only).
<b>wxSYSTEM_MENU</b>	Display a system menu.
<b>wxTHICK_FRAME</b>	Display a thick frame around the window.
<b>wxSTAY_ON_TOP</b>	The dialog stays on top of all other windows (Windows only).
<b>wxNO_3D</b>	Under Windows, specifies that the child controls should not have 3D borders unless specified in the control.

Under Unix or Linux, MWM (the Motif Window Manager) or other window managers recognizing the MHM hints should be running for any of these styles to have an effect.

See also *Generic window styles* (p. 1093).

### See also

*wxDialog* overview (p. 1043), *wxFrame* (p. 299), *Resources* (p. 7), *Validator* overview (p. 1103)

## wxDialog::wxDialog

### wxDialog()

Default constructor.

**wxDialog(wxWindow\* parent, wxWindowID id, const wxString& title, const wxPoint& pos = wxDefaultPosition, const wxSize& size = wxDefaultSize, long style = wxDEFAULT\_DIALOG\_STYLE, const wxString& name = "dialogBox")**

Constructor.

### Parameters

*parent*

Can be NULL, a frame or another dialog box.

*id*

An identifier for the dialog. A value of -1 is taken to mean a default.

*title*

The title of the dialog.

*pos*

The dialog position. A value of (-1, -1) indicates a default position, chosen by either the windowing system or `wxWindows`, depending on platform.

*size*

The dialog size. A value of (-1, -1) indicates a default size, chosen by either the windowing system or `wxWindows`, depending on platform.

*style*

The window style. See `wxDialog` (p. 193).

*name*

Used to associate a name with the window, allowing the application user to set Motif resource values for individual dialog boxes.

### See also

`wxDialog::Create` (p. 195)

## **wxDialog::~~wxDialog**

**~wxDialog()**

Destructor. Deletes any child windows before deleting the physical window.

## **wxDialog::Centre**

**void Centre(int direction = wxBOTH)**

Centres the dialog box on the display.

### Parameters

*direction*

May be `wxHORIZONTAL`, `wxVERTICAL` or `wxBOTH`.

## **wxDialog::Create**

**bool Create(wxWindow\* parent, wxWindowID id, const wxString& title, const wxPoint& pos = wxDefaultPosition, const wxSize& size = wxDefaultSize, long style = wxDEFAULT\_DIALOG\_STYLE, const wxString& name = "dialogBox")**

Used for two-step dialog box construction. See `wxDialog::wxDialog` (p. 194) for details.

**wxDialog::EndModal****void EndModal(int *retCode*)**

Ends a modal dialog, passing a value to be returned from the *wxDialog::ShowModal* (p. 200) invocation.

**Parameters***retCode*

The value that should be returned by **ShowModal**.

**See also**

*wxDialog::ShowModal* (p. 200), *wxDialog::GetReturnCode* (p. 196),  
*wxDialog::SetReturnCode* (p. 199)

**wxDialog::GetReturnCode****int GetReturnCode()**

Gets the return code for this window.

**Remarks**

A return code is normally associated with a modal dialog, where *wxDialog::ShowModal* (p. 200) returns a code to the application.

**See also**

*wxDialog::SetReturnCode* (p. 199), *wxDialog::ShowModal* (p. 200), *wxDialog::EndModal* (p. 196)

**wxDialog::GetTitle****wxString GetTitle() const**

Returns the title of the dialog box.

**wxDialog::Iconize****void Iconize(const bool *iconize*)**

Iconizes or restores the dialog. Windows only.

**Parameters**

*iconize*

If TRUE, iconizes the dialog box; if FALSE, shows and restores it.

**Remarks**

Note that in Windows, iconization has no effect since dialog boxes cannot be iconized. However, applications may need to explicitly restore dialog boxes under Motif which have user-iconizable frames, and under Windows calling `Iconize(FALSE)` will bring the window to the front, as does `Show(TRUE)`.

**wxDialog::IsIconized**

**bool IsIconized() const**

Returns TRUE if the dialog box is iconized. Windows only.

**Remarks**

Always returns FALSE under Windows since dialogs cannot be iconized.

**wxDialog::IsModal**

**bool IsModal() const**

Returns TRUE if the dialog box is modal, FALSE otherwise.

**wxDialog::OnCharHook**

**void OnCharHook(wxKeyEvent& event)**

This member is called to allow the window to intercept keyboard events before they are processed by child windows.

For more information, see *wxWindow::OnCharHook* (p. 935)

**Remarks**

wxDialog implements this handler to fake a cancel command if the escape key has been pressed. This will dismiss the dialog.

**wxDialog::OnApply**

**void OnApply(wxCommandEvent& event)**

The default handler for the `wxID_APPLY` identifier.

### Remarks

This function calls *wxWindow::Validate* (p. 961) and *wxWindow::TransferDataToWindow* (p. 960).

### See also

*wxDialog::OnOK* (p. 198), *wxDialog::OnCancel* (p. 198)

## **wxDialog::OnCancel**

**void OnCancel(wxCommandEvent& event)**

The default handler for the wxID\_CANCEL identifier.

### Remarks

The function either calls **EndModal(wxID\_CANCEL)** if the dialog is modal, or sets the return value to wxID\_CANCEL and calls **Show(FALSE)** if the dialog is modeless.

### See also

*wxDialog::OnOK* (p. 198), *wxDialog::OnApply* (p. 197)

## **wxDialog::OnOK**

**void OnOK(wxCommandEvent& event)**

The default handler for the wxID\_OK identifier.

### Remarks

The function calls *wxWindow::Validate* (p. 961), then *wxWindow::TransferDataFromWindow* (p. 960). If this returns TRUE, the function either calls **EndModal(wxID\_OK)** if the dialog is modal, or sets the return value to wxID\_OK and calls **Show(FALSE)** if the dialog is modeless.

### See also

*wxDialog::OnCancel* (p. 198), *wxDialog::OnApply* (p. 197)

## **wxDialog::OnSysColourChanged**

**void OnSysColourChanged(wxSysColourChangedEvent& event)**

The default handler for wxEVT\_SYS\_COLOUR\_CHANGED.

## Parameters

*event*

The colour change event.

## Remarks

Changes the dialog's colour to conform to the current settings (Windows only). Add an event table entry for your dialog class if you wish the behaviour to be different (such as keeping a user-defined background colour). If you do override this function, call *wxWindow::OnSysColourChanged* (p. 946) to propagate the notification to child windows and controls.

## See also

*wxSysColourChangedEvent* (p. 786)

## **wxDialog::SetModal**

**void SetModal(const bool *flag*)**

Allows the programmer to specify whether the dialog box is modal (*wxDialog::Show* blocks control until the dialog is hidden) or modeless (control returns immediately).

## Parameters

*flag*

If TRUE, the dialog will be modal, otherwise it will be modeless.

## **wxDialog::SetReturnCode**

**void SetReturnCode(int *retCode*)**

Sets the return code for this window.

## Parameters

*retCode*

The integer return code, usually a control identifier.

## Remarks

A return code is normally associated with a modal dialog, where *wxDialog::ShowModal* (p. 200) returns a code to the application. The function *wxDialog::EndModal* (p. 196) calls **SetReturnCode**.

## See also

*wxDialog::GetReturnCode* (p. 196), *wxDialog::ShowModal* (p. 200), *wxDialog::EndModal*



(p. 196)

### **wxDialog::SetTitle**

**void SetTitle(const wxString& title)**

Sets the title of the dialog box.

#### **Parameters**

*title*

The dialog box title.

### **wxDialog::Show**

**bool Show(const bool show)**

Hides or shows the dialog.

#### **Parameters**

*show*

If TRUE, the dialog box is shown and brought to the front; otherwise the box is hidden. If FALSE and the dialog is modal, control is returned to the calling program.

#### **Remarks**

The preferred way of dismissing a modal dialog is to use *wxDialog::EndModal* (p. 196).

### **wxDialog::ShowModal**

**int ShowModal()**

Shows a modal dialog. Program flow does not return until the dialog has been dismissed with *wxDialog::EndModal* (p. 196).

#### **Return value**

The return value is the value set with *wxDialog::SetReturnCode* (p. 199).

#### **See also**

*wxDialog::EndModal* (p. 196), *wxDialog::GetReturnCode* (p. 196),  
*wxDialog::SetReturnCode* (p. 199)

### **wxDirDialog**

This class represents the directory chooser dialog.

### Derived from

*wxDialog* (p. 193)  
*wxWindow* (p. 915)  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/dirdlg.h>

### See also

*wxDirDialog* overview (p. 1050), *wxFileDialog* (p. 264)

## **wxDirDialog::wxDirDialog**

**wxDirDialog(wxWindow\* parent, const wxString& message = "Choose a directory",  
const wxString& defaultPath = "", long style = 0, const wxPoint& pos =  
wxDefaultPosition)**

Constructor. Use *wxDirDialog::ShowModal* (p. 202) to show the dialog.

### Parameters

*parent*

Parent window.

*message*

Message to show on the dialog.

*defaultPath*

The default path, or the empty string.

*style*

A dialog style, currently unused.

*pos*

Dialog position. Not implemented.

## **wxDirDialog::~wxDirDialog**

**~wxDirDialog()**

Destructor.

**wxDirDialog::GetPath****wxString GetPath() const**

Returns the default or user-selected path.

**wxDirDialog::GetMessage****wxString GetMessage() const**

Returns the message that will be displayed on the dialog.

**wxDirDialog::GetStyle****long GetStyle() const**

Returns the dialog style.

**wxDirDialog::SetMessage****void SetMessage(const wxString& message)**

Sets the message that will be displayed on the dialog.

**wxDirDialog::SetPath****void SetPath(const wxString& path)**

Sets the default path.

**wxDirDialog::SetStyle****void SetStyle(long style)**

Sets the dialog style. This is currently unused.

**wxDirDialog::ShowModal****int ShowModal()**

Shows the dialog, returning wxID\_OK if the user pressed OK, and wxOK\_CANCEL

otherwise.

## **wxDocChildFrame**

The `wxDocChildFrame` class provides a default frame for displaying documents on separate windows. This class can only be used for SDI (not MDI) child frames.

The class is part of the document/view framework supported by `wxWindows`, and cooperates with the `wxView` (p. 909), `wxDocument` (p. 223), `wxDocManager` (p. 205) and `wxDocTemplate` (p. 218) classes.

See the example application in `samples/docview`.

### **Derived from**

`wxFrame` (p. 299)  
`wxWindow` (p. 915)  
`wxEvtHandler` (p. 240)  
`wxObject` (p. 555)

### **Include files**

`<wx/docview.h>`

### **See also**

*Document/view overview* (p. 1066), `wxFrame` (p. 299)

## **wxDocChildFrame::m\_childDocument**

**wxDocument\* m\_childDocument**

The document associated with the frame.

## **wxDocChildFrame::m\_childView**

**wxView\* m\_childView**

The view associated with the frame.

## **wxDocChildFrame::wxDocChildFrame**

**wxDocChildFrame(wxDocument\* doc, wxView\* view, wxFrame\* parent, wxWindowID id, const wxString& title, const wxPoint& pos = wxDefaultPosition, const wxSize& size = wxDefaultSize, long style = wxDEFAULT\_FRAME\_STYLE, const wxString& name = "frame")**

Constructor.

### **wxDocChildFrame::~wxDocChildFrame**

**~wxDocChildFrame()**

Destructor.

### **wxDocChildFrame::GetDocument**

**wxDocument\* GetDocument() const**

Returns the document associated with this frame.

### **wxDocChildFrame::GetView**

**wxView\* GetView() const**

Returns the view associated with this frame.

### **wxDocChildFrame::OnActivate**

**void OnActivate(wxActivateEvent event)**

Sets the currently active view to be the frame's view. You may need to override (but still call) this function in order to set the keyboard focus for your subwindow.

### **wxDocChildFrame::OnCloseWindow**

**void OnCloseWindow(wxCloseEvent& event)**

Closes and deletes the current view and document.

### **wxDocChildFrame::SetDocument**

**void SetDocument(wxDocument \*doc)**

Sets the document for this frame.

### **wxDocChildFrame::SetView**

**void SetView(wxView \*view)**

Sets the view for this frame.

## **wxDocManager**

The *wxDocManager* class is part of the document/view framework supported by *wxWindows*, and cooperates with the *wxView* (p. 909), *wxDocument* (p. 223) and *wxDocTemplate* (p. 218) classes.

### **Derived from**

*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

### **Include files**

<wx/docview.h>

### **See also**

*wxDocManager* overview (p. 1070), *wxDocument* (p. 223), *wxView* (p. 909), *wxDocTemplate* (p. 218), *wxFileHistory* (p. 269)

## **wxDocManager::m\_currentView**

**wxView\* m\_currentView**

The currently active view.

## **wxDocManager::m\_defaultDocumentNameCounter**

**int m\_defaultDocumentNameCounter**

Stores the integer to be used for the next default document name.

## **wxDocManager::m\_fileHistory**

**wxFileHistory\* m\_fileHistory**

A pointer to an instance of *wxFileHistory* (p. 269), which manages the history of recently-visited files on the File menu.

## **wxDocManager::m\_maxDocsOpen**

**int m\_maxDocsOpen**

Stores the maximum number of documents that can be opened before existing documents are closed. By default, this is 10,000.

### **wxDocManager::m\_docs**

**wxList m\_docs**

A list of all documents.

### **wxDocManager::m\_flags**

**long m\_flags**

Stores the flags passed to the constructor.

### **wxDocManager::m\_lastDirectory**

The directory last selected by the user when opening a file.

**wxFileHistory\* m\_fileHistory**

### **wxDocManager::m\_templates**

**wxList mnTemplates**

A list of all document templates.

### **wxDocManager::wxDocManager**

**void wxDocManager(long flags = wxDEFAULT\_DOCMAN\_FLAGS, bool initialize = TRUE)**

Constructor. Create a document manager instance dynamically near the start of your application before doing any document or view operations.

*flags* is currently unused.

If *initialize* is TRUE, the *Initialize* (p. 210) function will be called to create a default history list object. If you derive from *wxDocManager*, you may wish to call the base constructor with FALSE, and then call *Initialize* in your own constructor, to allow your own *Initialize* or *OnCreateFileHistory* functions to be called.

### **wxDocManager::~wxDocManager**

**void ~wxDocManager()**

Destructor.

**wxDocManager::ActivateView****void ActivateView**(wxView\* *doc*, **bool** *activate*, **bool** *deleting*)

Sets the current view.

**wxDocManager::AddDocument****void AddDocument**(wxDocument \**doc*)

Adds the document to the list of documents.

**wxDocManager::AddFileToHistory****void AddFileToHistory**(const wxString& *filename*)

Adds a file to the file history list, if we have a pointer to an appropriate file menu.

**wxDocManager::AssociateTemplate****void AssociateTemplate**(wxDocTemplate \**temp*)

Adds the template to the document manager's template list.

**wxDocManager::CreateDocument****wxDocument\*** **CreateDocument**(const wxString& *path*, **long** *flags*)

Creates a new document in a manner determined by the *flags* parameter, which can be:

- wxDOC\_NEW Creates a fresh document.
- wxDOC\_SILENT Silently loads the given document file.

If wxDOC\_NEW is present, a new document will be created and returned, possibly after asking the user for a template to use if there is more than one document template. If wxDOC\_SILENT is present, a new document will be created and the given file loaded into it. If neither of these flags is present, the user will be presented with a file selector for the file to load, and the template to use will be determined by the extension (Windows) or by popping up a template choice list (other platforms).



If the maximum number of documents has been reached, this function will delete the oldest currently loaded document before creating a new one.

### **wxDocManager::CreateView**

**wxView\*** CreateView(**wxDocument\*** *doc*, **long** *flags*)

Creates a new view for the given document. If more than one view is allowed for the document (by virtue of multiple templates mentioning the same document type), a choice of view is presented to the user.

### **wxDocManager::DisassociateTemplate**

**void** DisassociateTemplate(**wxDocTemplate** \**temp*)

Removes the template from the list of templates.

### **wxDocManager::FileHistoryAddFilesToMenu**

**void** FileHistoryAddFilesToMenu()

Appends the files in the history list, to all menus managed by the file history object.

**void** FileHistoryAddFilesToMenu(**wxMenu\*** *menu*)

Appends the files in the history list, to the given menu only.

### **wxDocManager::FileHistoryLoad**

**void** FileHistoryLoad(**wxConfigBase&** *config*)

Loads the file history from a config object.

[See also](#)

*wxConfig* (p. 117)

### **wxDocManager::FileHistoryRemoveMenu**

**void** FileHistoryRemoveMenu(**wxMenu\*** *menu*)

Removes the given menu from the list of menus managed by the file history object.

### **wxDocManager::FileHistorySave**

**void FileHistorySave(wxConfigBase& resourceFile)**

Saves the file history into a config object. This must be called explicitly by the application.

[See also](#)

*wxConfig* (p. 117)

**wxDocManager::FileHistoryUseMenu**

**void FileHistoryUseMenu(wxMenu\* menu)**

Use this menu for appending recently-visited document filenames, for convenient access. Calling this function with a valid menu pointer enables the history list functionality.

Note that you can add multiple menus using this function, to be managed by the file history object.

**wxDocManager::FindTemplateForPath**

**wxDocTemplate \* FindTemplateForPath(const wxString& path)**

Given a path, try to find template that matches the extension. This is only an approximate method of finding a template for creating a document.

**wxDocManager::GetCurrentDocument**

**wxDocument \* GetCurrentDocument()**

Returns the document associated with the currently active view (if any).

**wxDocManager::GetCurrentView**

**wxView \* GetCurrentView()**

Returns the currently active view

**wxDocManager::GetDocuments**

**wxList& GetDocuments()**

Returns a reference to the list of documents.

**wxDocManager::GetFileHistory****wxFileHistory \* GetFileHistory()**

Returns a pointer to file history.

**wxDocManager::GetLastDirectory****wxString GetLastDirectory() const**

Returns the directory last selected by the user when opening a file. Initially empty.

**wxDocManager::GetMaxDocsOpen****int GetMaxDocsOpen()**

Returns the number of documents that can be open simultaneously.

**wxDocManager::GetNoHistoryFiles****int GetNoHistoryFiles()**

Returns the number of files currently stored in the file history.

**wxDocManager::Initialize****bool Initialize()**

Initializes data; currently just calls `OnCreateFileHistory`. Some data cannot always be initialized in the constructor because the programmer must be given the opportunity to override functionality. If `OnCreateFileHistory` was called from the constructor, an overridden virtual `OnCreateFileHistory` would not be called due to C++'s 'interesting' constructor semantics. In fact `Initialize` *is* called from the `wxDocManager` constructor, but this can be vetoed by passing `FALSE` to the second argument, allowing the derived class's constructor to call `Initialize`, possibly calling a different `OnCreateFileHistory` from the default.

The bottom line: if you're not deriving from `Initialize`, forget it and construct `wxDocManager` with no arguments.

**wxDocManager::MakeDefaultName****bool MakeDefaultName(const wxString& buf)**

Copies a suitable default name into *buf*. This is implemented by appending an integer counter to the string **unnamed** and incrementing the counter.

### **wxDocManager::OnCreateFileHistory**

**wxFileHistory \* OnCreateFileHistory()**

A hook to allow a derived class to create a different type of file history. Called from *Initialize* (p. 210).

### **wxDocManager::OnFileClose**

**void OnFileClose()**

Closes and deletes the currently active document.

### **wxDocManager::OnFileNew**

**void OnFileNew()**

Creates a document from a list of templates (if more than one template).

### **wxDocManager::OnFileOpen**

**void OnFileOpen()**

Creates a new document and reads in the selected file.

### **wxDocManager::OnFileSave**

**void OnFileSave()**

Saves the current document by calling `wxDocument::Save` for the current document.

### **wxDocManager::OnFileSaveAs**

**void OnFileSaveAs()**

Calls `wxDocument::SaveAs` for the current document.

### **wxDocManager::OnMenuCommand**

**void OnMenuCommand(int cmd)**

Processes menu commands routed from child or parent frames. This deals with the following predefined menu item identifiers:

- wxID\_OPEN Creates a new document and opens a file into it.
- wxID\_CLOSE Closes the current document.
- wxID\_NEW Creates a new document.
- wxID\_SAVE Saves the document.
- wxID\_SAVE\_AS Saves the document into a specified filename.

Unrecognized commands are routed to the currently active wxView's OnMenuCommand.

**wxDocManager::RemoveDocument****void RemoveDocument(wxDocument \*doc)**

Removes the document from the list of documents.

**wxDocManager::SelectDocumentPath**

**wxDocTemplate \* SelectDocumentPath(wxDocTemplate \*\*templates, int noTemplates, const wxString& path, const wxString& bufSize, long flags, bool save)**

Under Windows, pops up a file selector with a list of filters corresponding to document templates. The wxDocTemplate corresponding to the selected file's extension is returned.

On other platforms, if there is more than one document template a choice list is popped up, followed by a file selector.

This function is used in wxDocManager::CreateDocument.

**wxDocManager::SelectDocumentType**

**wxDocTemplate \* SelectDocumentType(wxDocTemplate \*\*templates, int noTemplates)**

Returns a document template by asking the user (if there is more than one template). This function is used in wxDocManager::CreateDocument.

**wxDocManager::SelectViewType**

**wxDocTemplate \* SelectViewType(wxDocTemplate \*\*templates, int noTemplates)**

Returns a document template by asking the user (if there is more than one template), displaying a list of valid views. This function is used in `wxDocManager::CreateView`. The dialog normally won't appear because the array of templates only contains those relevant to the document in question, and often there will only be one such.

### **wxDocManager::SetLastDirectory**

**void SetLastDirectory(const wxString& dir)**

Sets the directory to be displayed to the user when opening a file. Initially this is empty.

### **wxDocManager::SetMaxDocsOpen**

**void SetMaxDocsOpen(int n)**

Sets the maximum number of documents that can be open at a time. By default, this is 10,000. If you set it to 1, existing documents will be saved and deleted when the user tries to open or create a new one (similar to the behaviour of Windows Write, for example). Allowing multiple documents gives behaviour more akin to MS Word and other Multiple Document Interface applications.

### **wxDocMDIChildFrame**

The `wxDocMDIChildFrame` class provides a default frame for displaying documents on separate windows. This class can only be used for MDI child frames.

The class is part of the document/view framework supported by `wxWindows`, and cooperates with the `wxView` (p. 909), `wxDocument` (p. 223), `wxDocManager` (p. 205) and `wxDocTemplate` (p. 218) classes.

See the example application in `samples/docview`.

#### **Derived from**

`wxMDIChildFrame` (p. 485)  
`wxFrame` (p. 299)  
`wxWindow` (p. 915)  
`wxEvtHandler` (p. 240)  
`wxObject` (p. 555)

#### **Include files**

`<wx/docmdi.h>`

#### **See also**

*Document/view overview* (p. 1066), `wxMDIChildFrame` (p. 485)

**wxDocMDIChildFrame::m\_childDocument****wxDocument\* m\_childDocument**

The document associated with the frame.

**wxDocMDIChildFrame::m\_childView****wxView\* m\_childView**

The view associated with the frame.

**wxDocMDIChildFrame::wxDocMDIChildFrame****wxDocMDIChildFrame(wxDocument\* doc, wxView\* view, wxFrame\* parent, wxWindowID id, const wxString& title, const wxPoint& pos = wxDefaultPosition, const wxSize& size = wxDefaultSize, long style = wxDEFAULT\_FRAME\_STYLE, const wxString& name = "frame")**

Constructor.

**wxDocMDIChildFrame::~~wxDocMDIChildFrame****~wxDocMDIChildFrame()**

Destructor.

**wxDocMDIChildFrame::GetDocument****wxDocument\* GetDocument() const**

Returns the document associated with this frame.

**wxDocMDIChildFrame::GetView****wxView\* GetView() const**

Returns the view associated with this frame.

**wxDocMDIChildFrame::OnActivate****void OnActivate(wxActivateEvent event)**

Sets the currently active view to be the frame's view. You may need to override (but still call) this function in order to set the keyboard focus for your subwindow.

### **wxDocMDIChildFrame::OnCloseWindow**

**void OnCloseWindow(wxCloseEvent& event)**

Closes and deletes the current view and document.

### **wxDocMDIChildFrame::SetDocument**

**void SetDocument(wxDocument \*doc)**

Sets the document for this frame.

### **wxDocMDIChildFrame::SetView**

**void SetView(wxView \*view)**

Sets the view for this frame.

### **wxDocMDIParentFrame**

The `wxDocMDIParentFrame` class provides a default top-level frame for applications using the document/view framework. This class can only be used for MDI parent frames.

It cooperates with the `wxView` (p. 909), `wxDocument` (p. 223), `wxDocManager` (p. 205) and `wxDocTemplates` (p. 218) classes.

See the example application in `samples/docview`.

#### **Derived from**

`wxMDIParentFrame` (p. 490)

`wxFrame` (p. 299)

`wxWindow` (p. 915)

`wxEvtHandler` (p. 240)

`wxObject` (p. 555)

#### **Include files**

<wx/docmdi.h>

#### **See also**

*Document/view overview* (p. 1066), `wxMDIParentFrame` (p. 490)



**wxDocMDIParentFrame::wxDocMDIParentFrame**

**wxDocParentFrame**(**wxDocManager\*** *manager*, **wxFrame\*** *parent*, **wxWindowID** *id*, **const wxString&** *title*, **const wxPoint&** *pos* = *wxDefaultPosition*, **const wxSize&** *size* = *wxDefaultSize*, **long** *style* = *wxDEFAULT\_FRAME\_STYLE*, **const wxString&** *name* = *"frame"*)

Constructor.

**wxDocMDIParentFrame::~~wxDocMDIParentFrame**

**~wxDocMDIParentFrame**()

Destructor.

**wxDocMDIParentFrame::OnCloseWindow**

**void OnCloseWindow**(**wxCloseEvent&** *event*)

Deletes all views and documents. If no user input cancelled the operation, the frame will be destroyed and the application will exit.

Since understanding how document/view clean-up takes place can be difficult, the implementation of this function is shown below.

```
void wxDocParentFrame::OnCloseWindow(wxCloseEvent& event)
{
    if (m_docManager->Clear(!event.CanVeto()))
    {
        this->Destroy();
    }
    else
        event.Veto();
}
```

**wxDocParentFrame**

The `wxDocParentFrame` class provides a default top-level frame for applications using the document/view framework. This class can only be used for SDI (not MDI) parent frames.

It cooperates with the `wxView` (p. 909), `wxDocument` (p. 223), `wxDocManager` (p. 205) and `wxDocTemplates` (p. 218) classes.

See the example application in `samples/docview`.

**Derived from**

*wxFrame* (p. 299)  
*wxWindow* (p. 915)  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/docview.h>

**See also**

*Document/view overview* (p. 1066), *wxFrame* (p. 299)

**wxDocParentFrame::wxDocParentFrame**

**wxDocParentFrame**(*wxDocManager\** manager, *wxFrame\** parent, *wxWindowID* id, **const wxString&** title, **const wxPoint&** pos = *wxDefaultPosition*, **const wxSize&** size = *wxDefaultSize*, **long** style = *wxDEFAULT\_FRAME\_STYLE*, **const wxString&** name = "frame")

Constructor.

**wxDocParentFrame::~~wxDocParentFrame**

**~wxDocParentFrame**()

Destructor.

**wxDocParentFrame::OnCloseWindow**

**void OnCloseWindow**(*wxCloseEvent&* event)

Deletes all views and documents. If no user input cancelled the operation, the frame will be destroyed and the application will exit.

Since understanding how document/view clean-up takes place can be difficult, the implementation of this function is shown below.

```
void wxDocParentFrame::OnCloseWindow(wxCloseEvent& event)
{
    if (m_docManager->Clear(!event.CanVeto()))
    {
        this->Destroy();
    }
}
```

```
    else  
        event.Veto();  
}
```

## **wxDocTemplate**

The `wxDocTemplate` class is used to model the relationship between a document class and a view class.

### **Derived from**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### **Include files**

<wx/docview.h>

### **See also**

*wxDocTemplate overview* (p. 1069), *wxDocument* (p. 223), *wxView* (p. 909)

## **wxDocTemplate::m\_defaultExt**

### **wxString m\_defaultExt**

The default extension for files of this type.

## **wxDocTemplate::m\_description**

### **wxString m\_description**

A short description of this template.

## **wxDocTemplate::m\_directory**

### **wxString m\_directory**

The default directory for files of this type.

## **wxDocTemplate::m\_docClassInfo**

### **wxClassInfo\* m\_docClassInfo**

Run-time class information that allows document instances to be constructed dynamically.

**wxDocTemplate::m\_docTypeName****wxString m\_docTypeName**

The named type of the document associated with this template.

**wxDocTemplate::m\_documentManager****wxDocTemplate\* m\_documentManager**

A pointer to the document manager for which this template was created.

**wxDocTemplate::m\_fileFilter****wxString m\_fileFilter**

The file filter (such as \*.txt) to be used in file selector dialogs.

**wxDocTemplate::m\_flags****long m\_flags**

The flags passed to the constructor.

**wxDocTemplate::m\_viewClassInfo****wxClassInfo\* m\_viewClassInfo**

Run-time class information that allows view instances to be constructed dynamically.

**wxDocTemplate::m\_viewTypeName****wxString m\_viewTypeName**

The named type of the view associated with this template.

**wxDocTemplate::wxDocTemplate**

**wxDocTemplate(wxDocManager\* manager, const wxString& descr, const wxString& filter, const wxString& dir, const wxString& ext, const wxString& docTypeName, const wxString& viewTypeName, wxClassInfo\* docClassInfo = NULL, wxClassInfo\* viewClassInfo = NULL, long flags = wxDEFAULT\_TEMPLATE\_FLAGS)**

Constructor. Create instances dynamically near the start of your application after creating a `wxDocManager` instance, and before doing any document or view operations.

*manager* is the document manager object which manages this template.

*descr* is a short description of what the template is for. This string will be displayed in the file filter list of Windows file selectors.

*filter* is an appropriate file filter such as `*.txt`.

*dir* is the default directory to use for file selectors.

*ext* is the default file extension (such as `txt`).

*docTypeName* is a name that should be unique for a given type of document, used for gathering a list of views relevant to a particular document.

*viewTypeName* is a name that should be unique for a given view.

*docClassInfo* is a pointer to the run-time document class information as returned by the `CLASSINFO` macro, e.g. `CLASSINFO(MyDocumentClass)`. If this is not supplied, you will need to derive a new `wxDocTemplate` class and override the `CreateDocument` member to return a new document instance on demand.

*viewClassInfo* is a pointer to the run-time view class information as returned by the `CLASSINFO` macro, e.g. `CLASSINFO(MyViewClass)`. If this is not supplied, you will need to derive a new `wxDocTemplate` class and override the `CreateView` member to return a new view instance on demand.

*flags* is a bit list of the following:

- `wxTEMPLATE_VISIBLE` The template may be displayed to the user in dialogs.
- `wxTEMPLATE_INVISIBLE` The template may not be displayed to the user in dialogs.
- `wxDEFAULT_TEMPLATE_FLAGS` Defined as `wxTEMPLATE_VISIBLE`.

## **`wxDocTemplate::~wxDocTemplate`**

### **`void ~wxDocTemplate()`**

Destructor.

## **`wxDocTemplate::CreateDocument`**

### **`wxDocument * CreateDocument(const wxString& path, long flags = 0)`**

Creates a new instance of the associated document class. If you have not supplied a

`wxClassInfo` parameter to the template constructor, you will need to override this function to return an appropriate document instance.

### **`wxDocTemplate::CreateView`**

**`wxView * CreateView(wxDocument *doc, long flags = 0)`**

Creates a new instance of the associated view class. If you have not supplied a `wxClassInfo` parameter to the template constructor, you will need to override this function to return an appropriate view instance.

### **`wxDocTemplate::GetDefaultExtension`**

**`wxString GetDefaultExtension()`**

Returns the default file extension for the document data, as passed to the document template constructor.

### **`wxDocTemplate::GetDescription`**

**`wxString GetDescription()`**

Returns the text description of this template, as passed to the document template constructor.

### **`wxDocTemplate::GetDirectory`**

**`wxString GetDirectory()`**

Returns the default directory, as passed to the document template constructor.

### **`wxDocTemplate::GetDocumentManager`**

**`wxDocManager * GetDocumentManager()`**

Returns a pointer to the document manager instance for which this template was created.

### **`wxDocTemplate::GetDocumentName`**

**`wxString GetDocumentName()`**

Returns the document type name, as passed to the document template constructor.

**wxDocTemplate::GetFileFilter****wxString GetFileFilter()**

Returns the file filter, as passed to the document template constructor.

**wxDocTemplate::GetFlags****long GetFlags()**

Returns the flags, as passed to the document template constructor.

**wxDocTemplate::GetViewName****wxString GetViewName()**

Returns the view type name, as passed to the document template constructor.

**wxDocTemplate::IsVisible****bool IsVisible()**

Returns TRUE if the document template can be shown in user dialogs, FALSE otherwise.

**wxDocTemplate::SetDefaultExtension****void SetDefaultExtension(const wxString& ext)**

Sets the default file extension.

**wxDocTemplate::SetDescription****void SetDescription(const wxString& descr)**

Sets the template description.

**wxDocTemplate::SetDirectory****void SetDirectory(const wxString& dir)**

Sets the default directory.

**wxDocTemplate::SetDocumentManager****void SetDocumentManager**(**wxDocManager** \**manager*)

Sets the pointer to the document manager instance for which this template was created. Should not be called by the application.

**wxDocTemplate::SetFileFilter****void SetFileFilter**(const **wxString**& *filter*)

Sets the file filter.

**wxDocTemplate::SetFlags****void SetFlags**(long *flags*)

Sets the internal document template flags (see the constructor description for more details).

**wxDocument**

The document class can be used to model an application's file-based data. It is part of the document/view framework supported by **wxWindows**, and cooperates with the **wxView** (p. 909), **wxDocTemplate** (p. 218) and **wxDocManager** (p. 205) classes.

**Derived from**

**wxEvtHandler** (p. 240)

**wxObject** (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/docview.h>

**See also**

**wxDocument** overview (p. 1068), **wxView** (p. 909), **wxDocTemplate** (p. 218), **wxDocManager** (p. 205)

**wxDocument::m\_commandProcessor****wxCommandProcessor\*** **m\_commandProcessor**



A pointer to the command processor associated with this document.

**wxDocument::m\_documentFile****wxString m\_documentFile**

Filename associated with this document ("" if none).

**wxDocument::m\_documentModified****bool m\_documentModified**

TRUE if the document has been modified, FALSE otherwise.

**wxDocument::m\_documentTemplate****wxDocTemplate \* m\_documentTemplate**

A pointer to the template from which this document was created.

**wxDocument::m\_documentTitle****wxString m\_documentTitle**

Document title. The document title is used for an associated frame (if any), and is usually constructed by the framework from the filename.

**wxDocument::m\_documentTypeName****wxString m\_documentTypeName**

The document type name given to the wxDocTemplate constructor, copied to this variable when the document is created. If several document templates are created that use the same document type, this variable is used in wxDocManager::CreateView to collate a list of alternative view types that can be used on this kind of document. Do not change the value of this variable.

**wxDocument::m\_documentViews****wxList m\_documentViews**

List of wxView instances associated with this document.

**wxDocument::wxDocument****wxDocument()**

Constructor. Define your own default constructor to initialize application-specific data.

**wxDocument::~~wxDocument****~wxDocument()**

Destructor. Removes itself from the document manager.

**wxDocument::AddView****virtual bool AddView(wxView \*view)**

If the view is not already in the list of views, adds the view and calls OnChangedViewList.

**wxDocument::Close****virtual bool Close()**

Closes the document, by calling OnSaveModified and then (if this returned TRUE) OnCloseDocument. This does not normally delete the document object: use DeleteAllViews to do this implicitly.

**wxDocument::DeleteAllViews****virtual bool DeleteAllViews()**

Calls wxView::Close and deletes each view. Deleting the final view will implicitly delete the document itself, because the wxView destructor calls RemoveView. This in turns calls wxDocument::OnChangedViewList, whose default implementation is to save and delete the document if no views exist.

**wxDocument::GetCommandProcessor****wxCommandProcessor\* GetCommandProcessor() const**

Returns a pointer to the command processor associated with this document.

See *wxCommandProcessor* (p. 113).

**wxDocument::GetDocumentTemplate****wxDocTemplate\* GetDocumentTemplate() const**

Gets a pointer to the template that created the document.

**wxDocument::GetDocumentManager****wxDocManager\* GetDocumentManager() const**

Gets a pointer to the associated document manager.

**wxDocument::GetDocumentName****wxString GetDocumentName() const**

Gets the document type name for this document. See the comment for *documentTypeName* (p. 224).

**wxDocument::GetDocumentWindow****wxWindow\* GetDocumentWindow() const**

Intended to return a suitable window for using as a parent for document-related dialog boxes. By default, uses the frame associated with the first view.

**wxDocument::GetFilename****wxString GetFilename() const**

Gets the filename associated with this document, or "" if none is associated.

**wxDocument::GetFirstView****wxView \* GetFirstView() const**

A convenience function to get the first view for a document, because in many cases a document will only have a single view.

See also: *GetViews* (p. 227)

**wxDocument::GetPrintableName****virtual void GetPrintableName(wxString& name) const**

Copies a suitable document name into the supplied *name* buffer. The default function uses the title, or if there is no title, uses the filename; or if no filename, the string **unnamed**.

### **wxDocument::GetTitle**

#### **wxString GetTitle() const**

Gets the title for this document. The document title is used for an associated frame (if any), and is usually constructed by the framework from the filename.

### **wxDocument::GetViews**

#### **wxList & GetViews() const**

Returns the list whose elements are the views on the document.

See also: *GetFirstView* (p. 226)

### **wxDocument::IsModified**

#### **virtual bool IsModified() const**

Returns TRUE if the document has been modified since the last save, FALSE otherwise. You may need to override this if your document view maintains its own record of being modified (for example if using `wxTextWindow` to view and edit the document).

See also *Modify* (p. 227).

### **wxDocument::LoadObject**

#### **virtual istream& LoadObject(istream& stream)**

Override this function and call it from your own `LoadObject` before streaming your own data. `LoadObject` is called by the framework automatically when the document contents need to be loaded.

### **wxDocument::Modify**

#### **virtual void Modify(bool modify)**

Call with TRUE to mark the document as modified since the last save, FALSE otherwise. You may need to override this if your document view maintains its own record of being modified (for example if using `wxTextWindow` to view and edit the document).

See also *IsModified* (p. 227).

### **wxDocument::OnChangedViewList**

**virtual void OnChangedViewList()**

Called when a view is added to or deleted from this document. The default implementation saves and deletes the document if no views exist (the last one has just been removed).

### **wxDocument::OnCloseDocument**

**virtual bool OnCloseDocument()**

The default implementation calls `DeleteContents` (an empty implementation) sets the modified flag to `FALSE`. Override this to supply additional behaviour when the document is closed with `Close`.

### **wxDocument::OnCreate**

**virtual bool OnCreate(const wxString& path, long flags)**

Called just after the document object is created to give it a chance to initialize itself. The default implementation uses the template associated with the document to create an initial view. If this function returns `FALSE`, the document is deleted.

### **wxDocument::OnCreateCommandProcessor**

**virtual wxCommandProcessor\* OnCreateCommandProcessor()**

Override this function if you want a different (or no) command processor to be created when the document is created. By default, it returns an instance of `wxCommandProcessor`.

See *wxCommandProcessor* (p. 113).

### **wxDocument::OnNewDocument**

**virtual bool OnNewDocument()**

The default implementation calls `OnSaveModified` and `DeleteContents`, makes a default title for the document, and notifies the views that the filename (in fact, the title) has changed.

**wxDocument::OnOpenDocument****virtual bool OnOpenDocument(const wxString& filename)**

Constructs an input file stream for the given filename (which must not be empty), and calls LoadObject. If LoadObject returns TRUE, the document is set to unmodified; otherwise, an error message box is displayed. The document's views are notified that the filename has changed, to give windows an opportunity to update their titles. All of the document's views are then updated.

**wxDocument::OnSaveDocument****virtual bool OnSaveDocument(const wxString& filename)**

Constructs an output file stream for the given filename (which must not be empty), and calls SaveObject. If SaveObject returns TRUE, the document is set to unmodified; otherwise, an error message box is displayed.

**wxDocument::OnSaveModified****virtual bool OnSaveModified()**

If the document has been modified, prompts the user to ask if the changes should be changed. If the user replies Yes, the Save function is called. If No, the document is marked as unmodified and the function succeeds. If Cancel, the function fails.

**wxDocument::RemoveView****virtual bool RemoveView(wxView\* view)**

Removes the view from the document's list of views, and calls OnChangedViewList.

**wxDocument::Save****virtual bool Save()**

Saves the document by calling OnSaveDocument if there is an associated filename, or SaveAs if there is no filename.

**wxDocument::SaveAs****virtual bool SaveAs()**

Prompts the user for a file to save to, and then calls OnSaveDocument.

**wxDocument::SaveObject****virtual ostream& SaveObject(ostream& *stream*)**

Override this function and call it from your own SaveObject before streaming your own data. SaveObject is called by the framework automatically when the document contents need to be saved.

**wxDocument::SetCommandProcessor****virtual void SetCommandProcessor(wxCommandProcessor\* *processor*)**

Sets the command processor to be used for this document. The document will then be responsible for its deletion. Normally you should not call this; override OnCreateCommandProcessor instead.

See *wxCommandProcessor* (p. 113).

**wxDocument::SetDocumentName****void SetDocumentName(const wxString& *name*)**

Sets the document type name for this document. See the comment for *documentTypeName* (p. 224).

**wxDocument::SetDocumentTemplate****void SetDocumentTemplate(wxDocTemplate\* *templ*)**

Sets the pointer to the template that created the document. Should only be called by the framework.

**wxDocument::SetFilename****void SetFilename(const wxString& *filename*)**

Sets the filename for this document. Usually called by the framework.

**wxDocument::SetTitle****void SetTitle(const wxString& *title*)**

Sets the title for this document. The document title is used for an associated frame (if

any), and is usually constructed by the framework from the filename.

### **wxDocument::UpdateAllViews**

**void UpdateAllViews(wxView\* sender = NULL)**

Updates all views. If *sender* is non-NULL, does not update this view.

### **wxDropFilesEvent**

This class is used for drop files events, that is, when files have been dropped onto the window. This functionality is currently only available under Windows.

Important note: this is a separate implementation to the more general drag and drop implementation documented *here* (p. 1038). It uses the older, Windows message-based approach of dropping files.

#### **Derived from**

*wxEvent* (p. 237)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

#### **Include files**

<wx/event.h>

#### **Event table macros**

To process a drop files event, use these event handler macros to direct input to a member function that takes a *wxDropFilesEvent* argument.

**EVT\_DROP\_FILES(func)**                      Process a *wxEVT\_DROP\_FILES* event.

#### **See also**

*wxWindow::OnDropFiles* (p. 937), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

### **wxDropFilesEvent::wxDropFilesEvent**

**wxDropFilesEvent(WXTYPE id = 0, int noFiles = 0, wxString\* files = NULL)**

Constructor.

### **wxDropFilesEvent::m\_files**



**wxString\* m\_files**

An array of filenames.

**wxDropFilesEvent::m\_noFiles**

**int m\_noFiles**

The number of files dropped.

**wxDropFilesEvent::m\_pos**

**wxPoint m\_pos**

The point at which the drop took place.

**wxDropFilesEvent::GetFiles**

**wxString\* GetFiles() const**

Returns an array of filenames.

**wxDropFilesEvent::GetNumberOfFiles**

**int GetNumberOfFiles() const**

Returns the number of files dropped.

**wxDropFilesEvent::GetPosition**

**wxPoint GetPosition() const**

Returns the position at which the files were dropped.

Returns an array of filenames.

**wxDropSource**

*Overview* (p. 1038)

This class represents a source for a drag and drop operation.

**Derived from**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/dnd.h>

### Types

`wxDragResult` is defined as follows:

```
enum wxDragResult
{
    wxDragError,      // error prevented the d&d operation from
completing
    wxDragNone,       // drag target didn't accept the data
    wxDragCopy,       // the data was successfully copied
    wxDragMove,       // the data was successfully moved
    wxDragCancel      // the operation was cancelled by user (not an
error)
};
```

### See also

*Drag and drop overview* (p. 1038), *wxDropTarget* (p. 234), *wxTextDropTarget* (p. 839), *wxFileDropTarget* (p. 268)

## **wxDropSource::wxDropSource**

**wxDropSource(wxWindow\* win = NULL)**

Default/wxGTK-specific constructor. If you use the default constructor you must call *wxDropSource::SetData* (p. 233) later.

*win* is required by wxGTK and therefore should always be set.

## **wxDropSource::~wxDropSource**

**virtual ~wxDropSource()**

## **wxDropSource::SetData**

**void SetData(wxDataObject& data)**

Sets the data *data object* (p. 148) associated with the drop source.

## **wxDropSource::DoDragDrop**

**virtual wxDragResult DoDragDrop**(**bool** *allowMove* = *FALSE*)

Do it (call this in response to a mouse button press, for example).

If **allowMove** is *FALSE*, data can only be copied.

## **wxDropSource::GiveFeedback**

**virtual bool GiveFeedback**(**wxDragResult** *effect*, **bool** *scrolling*)

Overridable: you may give some custom UI feedback during the drag and drop operation in this function. It is called on each mouse move, so your implementation must not be too slow.

### **Parameters**

*effect*

The effect to implement. One of *wxDragCopy*, *wxDragMove* and *wxDragNone*.

*scrolling*

TRUE if the window is scrolling. MSW only.

### **Return value**

Return *FALSE* if you want default feedback, or *TRUE* if you implement your own feedback. The return value is ignored under GTK.

## **wxDropTarget**

*Overview* (p. 1038)

This class represents a target for a drag and drop operation.

### **Derived from**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### **Include files**

<wx/dnd.h>

### **See also**

*Drag and drop overview* (p. 1038), *wxDropSource* (p. 232), *wxTextDropTarget* (p. 839), *wxFileDropTarget* (p. 268)

**wxDropTarget::wxDropTarget****wxDropTarget()**

Constructor.

**wxDropTarget::~~wxDropTarget****~wxDropTarget()**

Destructor.

**wxDropTarget::GetFormatCount****virtual size\_t GetFormatCount() const**

Override this to indicate how many formats you support.

**wxDropTarget::GetFormat****virtual wxDataFormat GetFormat(size\_t n) const**

Override this to indicate what kind of data you support.

**wxDropTarget::OnData****virtual wxDragResult OnData(wxCoord x, wxCoord y, wxDragResult def)**

Called after OnDrop() returns TRUE: you will usually just call GetData() from here and, probably, also refresh something to update the new data and, finally, return the code indicating how did the operation complete (returning default value in case of success and wxDragError on failure is usually ok).

**wxDropTarget::OnDrop****virtual bool OnDrop(long x, long y, const void\* data, size\_t size)**

Called when the user drops a data object on the target. Return FALSE to veto the operation.

**Parameters**

*x*  
The x coordinate of the mouse.

*y*  
The y coordinate of the mouse.

*data*  
The data being dropped.

*size*  
The size of the data being dropped.

### Return value

Return TRUE to accept the data, FALSE to veto the operation.

### **wxDropTarget::OnEnter**

**virtual void OnEnter()**

Called when the mouse enters the drop target.

### **wxDropTarget::OnLeave**

**virtual void OnLeave()**

Called when the mouse leaves the drop target.

### **wxEraseEvent**

An erase event is sent when a window's background needs to be repainted.

### Derived from

*wxEvent* (p. 237)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/event.h>

### Event table macros

To process an erase event, use this event handler macro to direct input to a member function that takes a `wxEraseEvent` argument.

**EVT\_ERASE\_BACKGROUND(func)**    Process a `wxEVT_ERASE_BACKGROUND`

event.

### Remarks

If the **m\_DC** member is non-NULL, draw into this device context.

### See also

*wxWindow::OnEraseBackground* (p. 938), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

## **wxEraseEvent::wxEraseEvent**

**wxEraseEvent**(int *id* = 0, wxDC\* *dc* = NULL)

Constructor.

## **wxEraseEvent::m\_dc**

wxDC\* **m\_dc**

The device context associated with the erase event (may be NULL).

## **wxEraseEvent::GetDC**

wxDC\* **GetDC**() const

Returns the device context to draw into. If this is non-NULL, you should draw into it to perform the erase operation.

## **wxEvent**

An event is a structure holding information about an event passed to a callback or member function. **wxEvent** used to be a multipurpose event object, and is an abstract base class for other event classes (see below).

### Derived from

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/event.h>

### See also

*wxCommandEvent* (p. 108), *wxMouseEvent* (p. 532)

### **wxEvent::wxEvent**

**wxEvent**(int *id* = 0)

Constructor. Should not need to be used directly by an application.

### **wxEvent::m\_eventHandle**

**char\*** m\_eventHandle

Handle of an underlying windowing system event handle, such as XEvent. Not guaranteed to be instantiated.

### **wxEvent::m\_eventObject**

**wxObject\*** m\_eventObject

The object (usually a window) that the event was generated from, or should be sent to.

### **wxEvent::m\_eventType**

**WXTYPE** m\_eventType

The type of the event, such as `wxEVENT_TYPE_BUTTON_COMMAND`.

### **wxEvent::m\_id**

**int** m\_id

Identifier for the window.

### **wxEvent::m\_skipped**

**bool** m\_skipped

Set to TRUE by **Skip** if this event should be skipped.

### **wxEvent::m\_timeStamp**

**long m\_timeStamp**

Timestamp for this event.

**wxEvt::GetEventClass****WXTYPE GetEventClass()**

Returns the identifier of the given event class, such as wxTYPE\_MOUSE\_EVENT.

**wxEvt::GetEventObject****wxObject\* GetEventObject()**

Returns the object associated with the event, if any.

**wxEvt::GetEventType****WXTYPE GetEventType()**

Returns the identifier of the given event type, such as wxEVENT\_TYPE\_BUTTON\_COMMAND.

**wxEvt::GetId****int GetId()**

Returns the identifier associated with this event, such as a button command id.

**wxEvt::GetObjectType****WXTYPE GetObjectType()**

Returns the type of the object associated with the event, such as wxTYPE\_BUTTON.

**wxEvt::GetSkipped****bool GetSkipped()**

Returns TRUE if the event handler should be skipped, FALSE otherwise.

**wxEvt::GetTimestamp**



**long GetTimestamp()**

Gets the timestamp for the event.

**wxEvtObj::SetEventObject****void SetEventObject(wXObject\* *object*)**

Sets the originating object.

**wxEvtObj::SetEventType****void SetEventType(WXTYPE *typ*)**

Sets the event type.

**wxEvtObj::SetId****void SetId(int *id*)**

Sets the identifier associated with this event, such as a button command id.

**wxEvtObj::SetTimestamp****void SetTimestamp(long *timeStamp*)**

Sets the timestamp for the event.

Sets the originating object.

**wxEvtObj::Skip****void Skip(bool *skip* = TRUE)**

Called by an event handler to tell the event system that the event handler should be skipped, and the next valid handler used instead.

**wxEvtHandler**

A class that can handle events from the windowing system. wxWindow (and therefore all window classes) are derived from this class.

**Derived from**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/event.h>

### See also

*Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

## **wxEvtHandler::wxEvtHandler**

**wxEvtHandler()**

Constructor.

## **wxEvtHandler::~wxEvtHandler**

**~wxEvtHandler()**

Destructor. If the handler is part of a chain, the destructor will unlink itself and restore the previous and next handlers so that they point to each other.

## **wxEvtHandler::Connect**

**void Connect**(int *id*, wxEventType *eventType*, wxObjectEventFunction *function*, wxObject\* *userData* = NULL)

**void Connect**(int *id*, int *lastId*, wxEventType *eventType*, wxObjectEventFunction *function*, wxObject\* *userData* = NULL)

Connects the given function dynamically with the event handler, *id* and event type. This is an alternative to the use of static event tables. See the 'dynamic' sample for usage.

### Parameters

*id*

The identifier (or first of the identifier range) to be associated with the event handler function.

*lastId*

The second part of the identifier range to be associated with the event handler function.

*eventType*

The event type to be associated with this event handler.

*function*

The event handler function.

*userData*

Data to be associated with the event table entry.

### Example

```
frame->Connect( wxID_EXIT,
               wxEVT_COMMAND_MENU_SELECTED,
               (wxObjectEventFunction) (wxCommandEventFunction)
               MyFrame::OnQuit );
```

### **wxEvtHandler::Default**

#### **virtual long Default()**

Invokes default processing if this event handler is a window.

#### Return value

System dependent.

#### Remarks

A generic way of delegating processing to the default system behaviour. It calls a platform-dependent default function, with parameters dependent on the event or message parameters originally sent from the windowing system.

Normally the application should call a base member, such as *wxWindow::OnChar* (p. 934), which itself may call **Default**.

### **wxEvtHandler::GetClientData**

#### **char\* GetClientData()**

Gets user-supplied client data.

#### Remarks

Normally, any extra data the programmer wishes to associate with the object should be made available by deriving a new class with new data members.

#### See also

*wxEvtHandler::SetClientData* (p. 245)

**wxEvtHandler::GetEvtHandlerEnabled****bool GetEvtHandlerEnabled()**

Returns TRUE if the event handler is enabled, FALSE otherwise.

**See also**

*wxEvtHandler::SetEvtHandlerEnabled* (p. 246)

**wxEvtHandler::GetNextHandler****wxEvtHandler\* GetNextHandler()**

Gets the pointer to the next handler in the chain.

**See also**

*wxEvtHandler::SetNextHandler* (p. 246), *wxEvtHandler::GetPreviousHandler* (p. 243), *wxEvtHandler::SetPreviousHandler* (p. 246), *wxWindow::PushEventHandler* (p. 947), *wxWindow::PopEventHandler* (p. 946)

**wxEvtHandler::GetPreviousHandler****wxEvtHandler\* GetPreviousHandler()**

Gets the pointer to the previous handler in the chain.

**See also**

*wxEvtHandler::SetPreviousHandler* (p. 246), *wxEvtHandler::GetNextHandler* (p. 243), *wxEvtHandler::SetNextHandler* (p. 246), *wxWindow::PushEventHandler* (p. 947), *wxWindow::PopEventHandler* (p. 946)

**wxEvtHandler::ProcessEvent****virtual bool ProcessEvent(wxEvent& event)**

Processes an event, searching event tables and calling zero or more suitable event handler function(s).

**Parameters**

*event*

Event to process.

### Return value

TRUE if a suitable event handler function was found and executed, and the function did not call *wxEvtHandler::Skip* (p. 240).

### Remarks

Normally, your application would not call this function: it is called in the *wxWindows* implementation to dispatch incoming user interface events to the framework (and application).

However, you might need to call it if implementing new functionality (such as a new control) where you define new event types, as opposed to allowing the user to override virtual functions.

An instance where you might actually override the **ProcessEvent** function is where you want to direct event processing to event handlers not normally noticed by *wxWindows*. For example, in the document/view architecture, documents and views are potential event handlers. When an event reaches a frame, **ProcessEvent** will need to be called on the associated document and view in case event handler functions are associated with these objects. The property classes library (*wxProperty*) also overrides **ProcessEvent** for similar reasons.

The normal order of event table searching is as follows:

1. If the object is disabled (via a call to *wxEvtHandler::SetEvtHandlerEnabled* (p. 246)) the function skips to step (6).
2. If the object is a *wxWindow*, **ProcessEvent** is recursively called on the window's *wxValidator* (p. 897). If this returns TRUE, the function exits.
3. **SearchEventTable** is called for this event handler. If this fails, the base class table is tried, and so on until no more tables exist or an appropriate function was found, in which case the function exits.
4. The search is applied down the entire chain of event handlers (usually the chain has a length of one). If this succeeds, the function exits.
5. If the object is a *wxWindow* and the event is a *wxCommandEvent*, **ProcessEvent** is recursively applied to the parent window's event handler. If this returns TRUE, the function exits.
6. Finally, **ProcessEvent** is called on the *wxApp* object.

### See also

*wxEvtHandler::SearchEventTable* (p. 244)

### **wxEvtHandler::SearchEventTable**

**bool SearchEventTable(wxEvtTable& table, wxEvent& event)**

Searches the event table, executing an event handler function if an appropriate one is found.

### Parameters

*table*

Event table to be searched.

*event*

Event to be matched against an event table entry.

### Return value

TRUE if a suitable event handler function was found and executed, and the function did not call *wxEvtHandler::Skip* (p. 240).

### Remarks

This function looks through the object's event table and tries to find an entry that will match the event.

An entry will match if:

1. The event type matches, and
2. the identifier or identifier range matches, or the event table entry's identifier is zero.

If a suitable function is called but calls *wxEvtHandler::Skip* (p. 240), this function will fail, and searching will continue.

### See also

*wxEvtHandler::ProcessEvent* (p. 243)

### **wxEvtHandler::SetClientData**

**void SetClientData(char\* data)**

Sets user-supplied client data.

### Parameters

*data*

Data to be associated with the event handler.

### Remarks

Normally, any extra data the programmer wishes to associate with the object should be made available by deriving a new class with new data members. [See also](#)

*wxEvtHandler::GetClientData* (p. 242)

**wxEvtHandler::SetEvtHandlerEnabled****void SetEvtHandlerEnabled**(bool *enabled*)

Enables or disables the event handler.

**Parameters***enabled*

TRUE if the event handler is to be enabled, FALSE if it is to be disabled.

**Remarks**

You can use this function to avoid having to remove the event handler from the chain, for example when implementing a dialog editor and changing from edit to test mode.

**See also**

*wxEvtHandler::GetEvtHandlerEnabled* (p. 243)

**wxEvtHandler::SetNextHandler****void SetNextHandler**(wxEvtHandler\* *handler*)

Sets the pointer to the next handler.

**Parameters***handler*

Event handler to be set as the next handler.

**See also**

*wxEvtHandler::GetNextHandler* (p. 243), *wxEvtHandler::SetPreviousHandler* (p. 246), *wxEvtHandler::GetPreviousHandler* (p. 243), *wxWindow::PushEventHandler* (p. 947), *wxWindow::PopEventHandler* (p. 946)

**wxEvtHandler::SetPreviousHandler****void SetPreviousHandler**(wxEvtHandler\* *handler*)

Sets the pointer to the previous handler.

**Parameters***handler*

Event handler to be set as the previous handler.

### See also

*wxEvtHandler::GetPreviousHandler* (p. 243), *wxEvtHandler::SetNextHandler* (p. 246), *wxEvtHandler::GetNextHandler* (p. 243), *wxWindow::PushEventHandler* (p. 947), *wxWindow::PopEventHandler* (p. 946)

## wxExpr

The **wxExpr** class is the building brick of expressions similar to Prolog clauses, or objects. It can represent an expression of type long integer, float, string, word, or list, and lists can be nested.

### Derived from

None

### Include files

<wx/wxexpr.h>

### See also

*wxExpr* overview (p. 1105), *wxExprDatabase* (p. 253)

## wxExpr::wxExpr

**wxExpr(const wxString&functor)**

Construct a new clause with this form, supplying the functor name. A clause is an object that will appear in the data file, with a list of attribute/value pairs.

**wxExpr(wxExprType type, const wxString& wordOrString = "")**

Construct a new empty list, or a word (will be output with no quotes), or a string, depending on the value of *type*.

*type* can be **wxExprList**, **wxExprWord**, or **wxExprString**. If *type* is **wxExprList**, the value of *wordOrString* will be ignored.

**wxExpr(long value)**

Construct an integer expression.

**wxExpr(float value)**

Construct a floating point expression.

**wxExpr(wxList\* value)**



Construct a list expression. The list's nodes' data should themselves be **wxExprs**.

The current version of this library no longer uses the **wxList** internally, so this constructor turns the list into its internal format (assuming a non-nested list) and then deletes the supplied list.

### **wxExpr::~~wxExpr**

**~wxExpr()**

Destructor.

### **wxExpr::AddAttributeValue**

Use these on clauses ONLY. Note that the functions for adding strings and words must be differentiated by function name which is why they are missing from this group (see *wxExpr::AddAttributeValueString* (p. 248) and *wxExpr::AddAttributeValueWord* (p. 249)).

**void AddAttributeValue(const wxString& attribute, float value)**

Adds an attribute and floating point value pair to the clause.

**void AddAttributeValue(const wxString& attribute, long value)**

Adds an attribute and long integer value pair to the clause.

**void AddAttributeValue(const wxString& attribute, wxList\* value)**

Adds an attribute and list value pair to the clause, converting the list into internal form and then deleting **value**. Note that the list should not contain nested lists (except if in internal **wxExpr** form.)

**void AddAttributeValue(const wxString& attribute, wxExpr\* value)**

Adds an attribute and wxExpr value pair to the clause. Do not delete *value* once this function has been called.

### **wxExpr::AddAttributeValueString**

**void AddAttributeValueString(const wxString& attribute, const wxString& value)**

Adds an attribute and string value pair to the clause.

### **wxExpr::AddAttributeValueStringList**

**void AddAttributeValueStringList(const wxString& attribute, wxList\* value)**

Adds an attribute and string list value pair to the clause.

Note that the list passed to this function is a list of strings, NOT a list of **wxExprs**; it gets turned into a list of **wxExprs** automatically. This is a convenience function, since lists of strings are often manipulated in C++.

**wxExpr::AddAttributeValueWord**

**void AddAttributeValueWord(const wxString& attribute, const wxString& value)**

Adds an attribute and word value pair to the clause.

**wxExpr::Append**

**void Append(wxExpr\* value)**

Append the **value** to the end of the list. 'this' must be a list.

**wxExpr::Arg**

**wxExpr\* Arg(wxExprType type, int n) const**

Get nth arg of the given clause (starting from 1). NULL is returned if the expression is not a clause, or *n* is invalid, or the given type does not match the actual type. See also *wxExpr::Nth* (p. 252).

**wxExpr::Insert**

**void Insert(wxExpr\* value)**

Insert the **value** at the start of the list. 'this' must be a list.

**wxExpr::GetAttributeValue**

These functions are the easiest way to retrieve attribute values, by passing a pointer to variable. If the attribute is present, the variable will be filled with the appropriate value. If not, the existing value is left alone. This style of retrieving attributes makes it easy to set variables to default values before calling these functions; no code is necessary to check whether the attribute is present or not.

**bool GetAttributeValue(const wxString& attribute, wxString& value) const**

Retrieve a string (or word) value.

**bool GetAttributeValue(const wxString& *attribute*, float& *value*) const**

Retrieve a floating point value.

**bool GetAttributeValue(const wxString& *attribute*, int& *value*) const**

Retrieve an integer value.

**bool GetAttributeValue(const wxString& *attribute*, long& *value*) const**

Retrieve a long integer value.

**bool GetAttributeValue(const wxString& *attribute*, wxExpr\*\* *value*) const**

Retrieve a wxExpr pointer.

### **wxExpr::GetAttributeValueStringList**

**void GetAttributeValueStringList(const wxString& *attribute*, wxList\* *value*) const**

Use this on clauses ONLY. See above for comments on this style of attribute value retrieval. This function expects to receive a pointer to a new list (created by the calling application); it will append strings to the list if the attribute is present in the clause.

### **wxExpr::AttributeValue**

**wxExpr\* AttributeValue(const wxString& *word*) const**

Use this on clauses ONLY. Searches the clause for an attribute matching *word*, and returns the value associated with it.

### **wxExpr::Copy**

**wxExpr\* Copy() const**

Recursively copies the expression, allocating new storage space.

### **wxExpr::DeleteAttributeValue**

**void DeleteAttributeValue(const wxString& *attribute*)**

Use this on clauses only. Deletes the attribute and its value (if any) from the clause.

### **wxExpr::Functor**

**wxString Functor() const**

Use this on clauses only. Returns the clause's functor (object name).

**wxExpr::GetClientData****wxObject\* GetClientData() const**

Retrieve arbitrary data stored with this clause. This can be useful when reading in data for storing a pointer to the C++ object, so when another clause makes a reference to this clause, its C++ object can be retrieved. See *wxExpr::SetClientData* (p. 252).

**wxExpr::GetFirst****wxExpr\* GetFirst() const**

If this is a list expression (or clause), gets the first element in the list.

See also *wxExpr::GetLast* (p. 251), *wxExpr::GetNext* (p. 251), *wxExpr::Nth* (p. 252).

**wxExpr::GetLast****wxExpr\* GetLast() const**

If this is a list expression (or clause), gets the last element in the list.

See also *wxExpr::GetFirst* (p. 251), *wxExpr::GetNext* (p. 251), *wxExpr::Nth* (p. 252).

**wxExpr::GetNext****wxExpr\* GetNext() const**

If this is a node in a list (any *wxExpr* may be a node in a list), gets the next element in the list.

See also *wxExpr::GetFirst* (p. 251), *wxExpr::GetLast* (p. 251), *wxExpr::Nth* (p. 252).

**wxExpr::IntegerValue****long IntegerValue() const**

Returns the integer value of the expression.

**wxExpr::Nth****wxExpr\* Nth(int *n*) const**

Get *n*th arg of the given list expression (starting from 0). NULL is returned if the expression is not a list expression, or *n* is invalid. See also *wxExpr::Arg* (p. 249).

Normally, you would use attribute-value pairs to add and retrieve data from objects (clauses) in a data file. However, if the data gets complex, you may need to store attribute values as lists, and pick them apart yourself.

**wxExpr::RealValue****float RealValue() const**

Returns the floating point value of the expression.

**wxExpr::SetClientData****void SetClientData(wxObject \**data*)**

Associate arbitrary data with this clause. This can be useful when reading in data for storing a pointer to the C++ object, so when another clause makes a reference to this clause, its C++ object can be retrieved. See *wxExpr::GetClientData* (p. 251).

**wxExpr::StringValue****wxString StringValue() const**

Returns the string value of the expression.

**wxExpr::Type****wxExprType Type() const**

Returns the type of the expression. **wxExprType** is defined as follows:

```
typedef enum {  
    wxExprNull,  
    wxExprInteger,  
    wxExprReal,  
    wxExprWord,  
    wxExprString,  
    wxExprList  
} wxExprType;
```

**wxExpr::WordValue****wxString WordValue() const**

Returns the word value of the expression.

**wxExpr::WriteClause****void WriteClause(FILE \* stream)**

Writes the clause to the given stream in Prolog format. Not normally needed, since the whole **wxExprDatabase** will usually be written at once. The format is: functor, open parenthesis, list of comma-separated expressions, close parenthesis, full stop.

**wxExpr::WriteExpr****void WriteExpr(FILE \* stream)**

Writes the expression (not clause) to the given stream in Prolog format. Not normally needed, since the whole **wxExprDatabase** will usually be written at once. Lists are written in square bracketed, comma-delimited format.

**Functions and macros**

Below are miscellaneous functions and macros associated with wxExpr objects.

**bool wxExprIsFunctor(wxExpr \*expr, const wxString& functor)**

Checks that the functor of *expr* is *functor*.

**void wxExprCleanUp()**

Cleans up the wxExpr system (YACC/LEX buffers) to avoid memory-checking warnings as the program exits.

```
#define wxMakeInteger(x) (new wxExpr((long)x))
#define wxMakeReal(x)   (new wxExpr((float)x))
#define wxMakeString(x) (new wxExpr(PrologString, x))
#define wxMakeWord(x)   (new wxExpr(PrologWord, x))
#define wxMake(x)       (new wxExpr(x))
```

Macros to help make wxExpr objects.

**wxExprDatabase**

The **wxExprDatabase** class represents a database, or list, of Prolog-like expressions. Instances of this class are used for reading, writing and creating data files.

### Derived from

*wxList* (p. 446)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

### See also

*wxExpr overview* (p. 1105), *wxExpr* (p. 247)

## **wxExprDatabase::wxExprDatabase**

**void wxExprDatabase(*proioErrorHandler handler* = 0)**

Construct a new, unhashed database, with an optional error handler. The error handler must be a function returning a bool and taking an integer and a string argument. When an error occurs when reading or writing a database, this function is called. The error is given as the first argument (currently one of `WXEXPR_ERROR_GENERAL`, `WXEXPR_ERROR_SYNTAX`) and an error message is given as the second argument. If `FALSE` is returned by the error handler, processing of the *wxExpr* operation stops.

Another way of handling errors is simply to call *wxExprDatabase::GetErrorCount* (p. 256) after the operation, to check whether errors have occurred, instead of installing an error handler. If the error count is more than zero, *wxExprDatabase::Write* (p. 257) and *wxExprDatabase::Read* (p. 256) will return `FALSE` to the application.

For example:

```
bool myErrorHandler(int err, char *msg)
{
    if (err == WXEXPR_ERROR_SYNTAX)
    {
        wxMessageBox(msg, "Syntax error");
    }
    return FALSE;
}
```

```
wxExprDatabase database(myErrorHandler);
```

**wxExprDatabase(*wxExprType type*, *const wxString&attribute*, *int size* = 500,  
*proioErrorHandler handler* = 0)**

Construct a new database hashed on a combination of the clause functor and a named attribute (often an integer identification).

See above for an explanation of the error handler.

## **wxExprDatabase::~~wxExprDatabase**

**~wxExprDatabase()**

Delete the database and contents.

**wxExprDatabase::Append****void Append(wxExpr\* clause)**

Append a clause to the end of the database. If the database is hashing, the functor and a user-specified attribute will be hashed upon, giving the option of random access in addition to linear traversal of the database.

**wxExprDatabase::BeginFind****void BeginFind()**

Reset the current position to the start of the database. Subsequent *wxExprDatabase::FindClause* (p. 255) calls will move the pointer.

**wxExprDatabase::ClearDatabase****void ClearDatabase()**

Clears the contents of the database.

**wxExprDatabase::FindClause**

Various ways of retrieving clauses from the database. A return value of NULL indicates no (more) clauses matching the given criteria. Calling the functions repeatedly retrieves more matching clauses, if any.

**wxExpr\* FindClause(long id)**

Find a clause based on the special "id" attribute.

**wxExpr\* FindClause(const wxString& attribute, const wxString& value)**

Find a clause which has the given attribute set to the given string or word value.

**wxExpr\* FindClause(const wxString& attribute, long value)**

Find a clause which has the given attribute set to the given integer value.

**wxExpr\* FindClause(const wxString& attribute, float value)**

Find a clause which has the given attribute set to the given floating point value.



**wxExprDatabase::FindClauseByFunctor****wxExpr\* FindClauseByFunctor(const wxString& functor)**

Find the next clause with the specified functor.

**wxExprDatabase::GetErrorCount****int GetErrorCount() const**

Returns the number of errors encountered during the last read or write operation.

**wxExprDatabase::HashFind****wxExpr\* HashFind(const wxString& functor, long value) const**

Finds the clause with the given functor and with the attribute specified in the database constructor having the given integer value.

For example,

```
// Hash on a combination of functor and integer "id" attribute when
reading in
wxExprDatabase db(wxExprInteger, "id");

// Read it in
db.ReadProlog("data");

// Retrieve a clause with specified functor and id
wxExpr *clause = db.HashFind("node", 24);
```

This would retrieve a clause which is written: `node(id = 24, ..., )`.

**wxExpr\* HashFind(const wxString& functor, const wxString& value)**

Finds the clause with the given functor and with the attribute specified in the database constructor having the given string value.

**wxExprDatabase::Read****bool Read(const wxString& filename)**

Reads in the given file, returning TRUE if successful.

**wxExprDatabase::ReadFromString**

**bool ReadFromString(const wxString& *buffer*)**

Reads a Prolog database from the given string buffer, returning TRUE if successful.

**wxExprDatabase::Write**

**bool Write(FILE \**stream*)**

**bool Write(const wxString& *filename*)**

Writes the database as a Prolog-format file.

**wxFile**

A wxFile performs raw file I/O. This is a very small class designed to minimize the overhead of using it - in fact, there is hardly any overhead at all, but using it brings you automatic error checking and hides differences between platforms and compilers.

**Derived from**

None.

**Include files**

<wx/file.h>

**Constants**

wx/file.h defines the following constants:

```
#define wxS_IRUSR 00400
#define wxS_IWUSR 00200
#define wxS_IXUSR 00100

#define wxS_IRGRP 00040
#define wxS_IWGRP 00020
#define wxS_IXGRP 00010

#define wxS_IROTH 00004
#define wxS_IWOTH 00002
#define wxS_IXOTH 00001

// default mode for the new files: corresponds to umask 022
#define wxS_DEFAULT (wxS_IRUSR | wxS_IWUSR | wxS_IRGRP | wxS_IWGRP |
wxS_IROTH | wxS_IWOTH)
```

These constants define the file access rights and are used with *wxFile::Create* (p. 259)

and `wxFile::Open` (p. 261).

The `OpenMode` enumeration defines the different modes for opening a file, it's defined inside `wxFile` class so its members should be specified with `wxFile::` scope resolution prefix. It is also used with `wxFile::Access` (p. 259) function.

<b><code>wxFile::read</code></b>	Open file for reading or test if it can be opened for reading with <code>Access()</code>
<b><code>wxFile::write</code></b>	Open file for writing deleting the contents of the file if it already exists or test if it can be opened for writing with <code>Access()</code>
<b><code>wxFile::read_write</code></b>	Open file for reading and writing; can not be used with <code>Access()</code>
<b><code>wxFile::write_append</code></b>	Open file for appending: the file is opened for writing, but the old contents of the file is not erased and the file pointer is initially placed at the end of the file; can not be used with <code>Access()</code>

Other constants defined elsewhere but used by `wxFile` functions are `wxInvalidOffset` which represents an invalid value of type `off_t` and is returned by functions returning `off_t` on error and the seek mode constants used with `Seek()` (p. 261):

<b><code>wxFromStart</code></b>	Count offset from the start of the file
<b><code>wxFromCurrent</code></b>	Count offset from the current position of the file pointer
<b><code>wxFromEnd</code></b>	Count offset from the end of the file (backwards)

## **`wxFile::wxFile`**

### **`wxFile()`**

Default constructor.

**`wxFile(const char* filename, wxFile::OpenMode mode = wxFile::read)`**

Opens a file with the given mode. As there is no way to return whether the operation was successful or not from the constructor you should test the return value of `IsOpened` (p. 260) to check that it didn't fail.

### **`wxFile(int fd)`**

Opens a file with the given file descriptor, which has already been opened.

## **Parameters**

*filename*

The filename.

*mode*

The mode in which to open the file. May be one of **wxFile::read**, **wxFile::write** and **wxFile::read\_write**.

*fd*

An existing file descriptor (see *Attach()* (p. 259) for the list of predefined descriptors)

## **wxFile::~~wxFile**

**~wxFile()**

Destructor will close the file.

NB: it is not virtual so you should *not* derive from wxFile!

## **wxFile::Access**

**static bool Access(const char \* name, OpenMode mode)**

This function verifies if we may access the given file in specified mode. Only values of wxFile::read or wxFile::write really make sense here.

## **wxFile::Attach**

**void Attach(int fd)**

Attaches an existing file descriptor to the wxFile object. Example of predefined file descriptors are 0, 1 and 2 which correspond to stdin, stdout and stderr (and have symbolic names of wxFile::fd\_stdin, wxFile::fd\_stdout and wxFile::fd\_stderr).

The descriptor should be already opened and it will be closed by wxFile object.

## **wxFile::Close**

**void Close()**

Closes the file.

## **wxFile::Create**

**bool Create(const char\* filename, bool overwrite = FALSE, int access = wxS\_DEFAULT)**

Creates a file for writing. If the file already exists, setting **overwrite** to TRUE will ensure it is overwritten.

### **wxFile::Detach**

**void Detach()**

Get back a file descriptor from wxFile object - the caller is responsible for closing the file if this descriptor is opened. *IsOpened()* (p. 260) will return FALSE after call to Detach().

### **wxFile::fd**

**int fd() const**

Returns the file descriptor associated with the file.

### **wxFile::Eof**

**bool Eof() const**

Returns TRUE if the end of the file has been reached.

### **wxFile::Exists**

**static bool Exists(const char\* filename)**

Returns TRUE if the given name specifies an existing regular file.

### **wxFile::Flush**

**bool Flush()**

Flushes the file descriptor.

Note that wxFile::Flush is not implemented on some Windows compilers due to a missing fsync function, which reduces the usefulness of this function (it can still be called but it will do nothing on unsupported compilers).

### **wxFile::IsOpened**

**bool IsOpened() const**

Returns TRUE if the file has been opened.

### **wxFile::Length**

**off\_t Length() const**

Returns the length of the file.

### **wxFile::Open**

**bool Open(const char\* filename, wxFile::OpenMode mode = wxFile::read)**

Opens the file, returning TRUE if successful.

#### **Parameters**

*filename*

The filename.

*mode*

The mode in which to open the file. May be one of **wxFile::read**, **wxFile::write** and **wxFile::read\_write**.

### **wxFile::Read**

**off\_t Read(void\* buffer, off\_t count)**

Reads the specified number of bytes into a buffer, returning the actual number read.

#### **Parameters**

*buffer*

A buffer to receive the data.

*count*

The number of bytes to read.

#### **Return value**

The number of bytes read, or the symbol **wxInvalidOffset** (-1) if there was an error.

### **wxFile::Seek**

**off\_t Seek(off\_t ofs, wxFile::SeekMode mode = wxFile::FromStart)**

Seeks to the specified position.

### Parameters

*ofs*

Offset to seek to.

*mode*

One of **wxFile::FromStart**, **wxFile::FromEnd**, **wxFile::FromCurrent**.

### Return value

The actual offset position achieved, or **wxInvalidOffset** on failure.

## **wxFile::SeekEnd**

**off\_t SeekEnd(off\_t ofs = 0)**

Moves the file pointer to the specified number of bytes before the end of the file.

### Parameters

*ofs*

Number of bytes before the end of the file.

### Return value

The actual offset position achieved, or **wxInvalidOffset** on failure.

## **wxFile::Tell**

**off\_t Tell() const**

Returns the current position or **wxInvalidOffset** if file is not opened or if another error occurred.

## **wxFile::Write**

**bool Write(const void\* buffer, off\_t count)**

Writes the specified number of bytes from a buffer.

### Parameters

*buffer*

A buffer containing the data.

*count*

The number of bytes to write.

### Return value

TRUE if the operation was successful.

## **wxFile::Write**

**bool Write(const wxString& s)**

Writes the contents of the string to the file, returns TRUE on success.

## **wxFileDataObject**

*wxFileDataObject* is a specialization of *wxDataObject* (p. 148) for file names. The program works with it just as if it were a list of file names (absolute paths always), but internally it uses the same format as Explorer and other compatible programs under Windows or GNOME/KDE filemanager under Unix which makes it possible to receive files from them using this class.

**Warning:** Under all non-Windows platforms this class is currently "input-only", i.e. you can receive the files from another application, but copying (or dragging) file(s) from a *wxWindows* application is not currently supported.

### Virtual functions to override

None.

### Derived from

*wxDataObjectSimple* (p. 152)

*wxDataObject* (p. 148)

### Include files

<wx/dataobj.h>

### See also

*wxDataObject* (p. 148), *wxDataObjectSimple* (p. 152), *wxTextDataObject* (p. 833), *wxBitmapDataObject* (p. 57) *wxDataObject* (p. 148)

## **wxFileDataObject**

**wxFileDataObject()**



Constructor.

### **wxFileDataObject::AddFile**

**virtual void AddFile(const wxString& file)**

**MSW only:** adds a file to the file list represented by this data object.

### **wxFileDataObject::GetFileNames**

**const wxArrayString& GetFileNames() const**

Returns the *array* (p. 26) of file names.

### **wxFileDialog**

This class represents the file chooser dialog.

#### **Derived from**

*wxDialog* (p. 193)  
*wxWindow* (p. 915)  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

#### **Include files**

<wx/filedlg.h>

#### **See also**

*wxFileDialog overview* (p. 1050), *wxFileSelector* (p. 973)

#### **Remarks**

Pops up a file selector box. In Windows, this is the common file selector dialog. In X, this is a file selector box with somewhat less functionality. The path and filename are distinct elements of a full file pathname. If path is "", the current directory will be used. If filename is "", no default filename will be supplied. The wildcard determines what files are displayed in the file selector, and file extension supplies a type extension for the required filename. Flags may be a combination of wxOPEN, wxSAVE, wxOVERWRITE\_PROMPT, wxHIDE\_READONLY, or 0.

Both the X and Windows versions implement a wildcard filter. Typing a filename containing wildcards (\*, ?) in the filename text item, and clicking on Ok, will result in only those files matching the pattern being displayed. The wildcard may be a specification for multiple types of file with a description for each, such as:

```
"BMP files (*.bmp)|*.bmp|GIF files (*.gif)|*.gif"
```

## **wxFileDialog::wxFileDialog**

**wxFileDialog**(wxWindow\* *parent*, const wxString& *message* = "Choose a file", const wxString& *defaultDir* = "", const wxString& *defaultFile* = "", const wxString& *wildcard* = ".\*", long *style* = 0, const wxPoint& *pos* = wxDefaultPosition)

Constructor. Use *wxFileDialog::ShowModal* (p. 268) to show the dialog.

### **Parameters**

*parent*

Parent window.

*message*

Message to show on the dialog.

*defaultDir*

The default directory, or the empty string.

*defaultFile*

The default filename, or the empty string.

*wildcard*

A wildcard, such as ".\*.\*".

*style*

A dialog style. A bitlist of:

**wxOPEN**

This is an open dialog.

**wxSAVE**

This is a save dialog.

**wxHIDE\_READONLY**

Hide read-only files.

**wxOVERWRITE\_PROMPT**

Prompt for a conformation if a file will be overridden.

*pos*

Dialog position. Not implemented.

## **wxFileDialog::~~wxFileDialog**

**~wxFileDialog()**

Destructor.

**wxFileDialog::GetDirectory****wxString GetDirectory() const**

Returns the default directory.

**wxFileDialog::GetFilename****wxString GetFilename() const**

Returns the default filename.

**wxFileDialog::GetFilterIndex****int GetFilterIndex() const**

Returns the index into the list of filters supplied, optionally, in the wildcard parameter. Before the dialog is shown, this is the index which will be used when the dialog is first displayed. After the dialog is shown, this is the index selected by the user.

**wxFileDialog::GetMessage****wxString GetMessage() const**

Returns the message that will be displayed on the dialog.

**wxFileDialog::GetPath****wxString GetPath() const**

Returns the full path (directory and filename) of the selected file.

**wxFileDialog::GetStyle****long GetStyle() const**

Returns the dialog style.

**wxFileDialog::GetWildcard****wxString GetWildcard() const**

Returns the file dialog wildcard.

**wxFileDialog::SetDirectory****void SetDirectory(const wxString& *directory*)**

Sets the default directory.

**wxFileDialog::SetFilename****void SetFilename(const wxString& *setfilename*)**

Sets the default filename.

**wxFileDialog::SetFilterIndex****void SetFilterIndex(int *filterIndex*)**

Sets the default filter index, starting from zero. Windows only.

**wxFileDialog::SetMessage****void SetMessage(const wxString& *message*)**

Sets the message that will be displayed on the dialog.

**wxFileDialog::SetPath****void SetPath(const wxString& *path*)**

Sets the path (the combined directory and filename that will be returned when the dialog is dismissed).

**wxFileDialog::SetStyle****void SetStyle(long *style*)**

Sets the dialog style. See *wxFileDialog::wxFileDialog* (p. 265) for details.

**wxFileDialog::SetWildcard****void SetWildcard(const wxString& *wildCard*)**

Sets the wildcard, which in Windows can contain multiple file types.

**wxFileDialog::ShowModal****int ShowModal()**

Shows the dialog, returning `wxID_OK` if the user pressed OK, and `wxOK_CANCEL` otherwise.

**wxFileDropTarget**

A drop target which accepts files (dragged from File Manager or Explorer).

**Derived from**

*wxDropTarget* (p. 234)

**Include files**

`<wx/dnd.h>`

**See also**

*Drag and drop overview* (p. 1038), *wxDropSource* (p. 232), *wxDropTarget* (p. 234), *wxTextDropTarget* (p. 839)

**wxFileDropTarget::wxFileDropTarget****wxFileDropTarget()**

Constructor.

**wxFileDropTarget::GetFormatCount****virtual size\_t GetFormatCount()**

See *wxDropTarget::GetFormatCount* (p. 235). This function is implemented appropriately for files.

**wxFileDropTarget::GetFormat****virtual wxDataFormat GetFormat(size\_t n) const**

See *wxDropTarget::GetFormat* (p. 235). This function is implemented appropriately for files.

**wxFileDropTarget::OnDrop****virtual bool OnDrop(long x, long y, const void \*data, size\_t size)**

See *wxDropTarget::OnDrop* (p. 235). This function is implemented appropriately for files, and calls *wxFileDropTarget::OnDropFiles* (p. 269).

**wxFileDropTarget::OnDropFiles****virtual bool OnDropFiles(long x, long y, size\_t nFiles, const char \* constfiles[])**

Override this function to receive dropped files.

**Parameters**

*x*  
The x coordinate of the mouse.

*y*  
The y coordinate of the mouse.

*nFiles*  
The number of files being dropped.

*files*  
An array of filenames.

**Return value**

Return TRUE to accept the data, FALSE to veto the operation.

**wxFileHistory**

The *wxFileHistory* encapsulates a user interface convenience, the list of most recently visited files as shown on a menu (usually the File menu).

*wxFileHistory* can manage one or more file menus. More than one menu may be required in an MDI application, where the file history should appear on each MDI child menu as well as the MDI parent frame.

**Derived from**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/docview.h>

**See also**

*wxFileHistory* overview (p. 1071), *wxDocManager* (p. 205)

**wxFileHistory::m\_fileHistory**

**char\*\* m\_fileHistory**

A character array of strings corresponding to the most recently opened files.

**wxFileHistory::m\_fileHistoryN**

**int m\_fileHistoryN**

The number of files stored in the history array.

**wxFileHistory::m\_fileMaxFiles**

**int m\_fileMaxFiles**

The maximum number of files to be stored and displayed on the menu.

**wxFileHistory::m\_fileMenu**

**wxMenu\* m\_fileMenu**

The file menu used to display the file history list (if enabled).

**wxFileHistory::wxFileHistory**

**wxFileHistory(int maxFiles = 9)**

Constructor. Pass the maximum number of files that should be stored and displayed.

**wxFileHistory::~~wxFileHistory**

**~wxFileHistory()**

Destructor.

**wxFileHistory::AddFileToHistory**

**void AddFileToHistory(const wxString& filename)**

Adds a file to the file history list, if the object has a pointer to an appropriate file menu.

**wxFileHistory::AddFilesToMenu**

**void AddFilesToMenu()**

Appends the files in the history list, to all menus managed by the file history object.

**void AddFilesToMenu(wxMenu\* menu)**

Appends the files in the history list, to the given menu only.

**wxFileHistory::GetHistoryFile**

**wxString GetHistoryFile(int index) const**

Returns the file at this index (zero-based).

**wxFileHistory::GetMaxFiles**

**int GetMaxFiles() const**

Returns the maximum number of files that can be stored.

**wxFileHistory::GetNoHistoryFiles**

**int GetNoHistoryFiles() const**

Returns the number of files currently stored in the file history.

**wxFileHistory::Load**

**void Load(wxConfigBase& config)**

Loads the file history from the given config object. This function should be called explicitly by the application.

[See also](#)

*wxConfig* (p. 117)



**wxFileHistory::RemoveMenu****void RemoveMenu(wxMenu\* menu)**

Removes this menu from the list of those managed by this object.

**wxFileHistory::Save****void Save(wxConfigBase& config)**

Saves the file history into the given config object. This must be called explicitly by the application.

**See also**

*wxConfig* (p. 117)

**wxFileHistory::UseMenu****void UseMenu(wxMenu\* menu)**

Adds this menu to the list of those managed by this object.

**wxFileInputStream**

This class represents data read in from a file. There are actually two such groups of classes: those documented here, and another group called *wxFFFileInputStream*, *wxFFFileOutputStream* and *wxFFFileStream* which are not based on file descriptors (and their *wxWindows* equivalent *wxFile*) but the *FILE\** type (and *wxFFFile*). Apart from the different constructor ("*FILE \*file*" instead if "*int fd*") their interface is identical.

**Derived from**

*wxInputStream* (p. 425)

**Include files**

<wx/wfstream.h>

**See also**

*wxStreamBuffer* (p. 755), *wxFileOutputStream* (p. 273)

**wxFileInputStream::wxFileInputStream**

**wxFileInputStream(const wxString& *fileName*)**

Opens the specified file using its *filename* name in read-only mode.

**wxFileInputStream(wxFile& *file*)**

Initializes a file stream in read-only mode using the file I/O object *file*.

**wxFileInputStream(int *fd*)**

Initializes a file stream in read-only mode using the specified file descriptor.

**wxFileInputStream::~~wxFileInputStream**

**~wxFileInputStream()**

Destructor.

**wxFileInputStream::Ok**

**bool Ok() const**

Returns TRUE if the stream is initialized and ready.

**wxFileOutputStream**

This class represents data written to a file. There are actually two such groups of classes: those documented here, and another group called `wxFileInputStream`, `wxFileOutputStream` and `wxFileStream` which are not based on file descriptors (and their wxWindows equivalent `wxFile`) but the `FILE*` type (and `wxFile`). Apart from the different constructor ("`FILE *file`" instead of "`int fd`") their interface is identical.

#### Derived from

*wxOutputStream* (p. 559)

#### Include files

<wx/wfstream.h>

#### See also

*wxStreamBuffer* (p. 755), *wxFileInputStream* (p. 272)

**wxFileOutputStream::wxFileOutputStream**

**wxFileOutputStream(const wxString& ofileName)**

Creates a new file with *ofilename* name and initializes the stream in write-only mode.

**wxFileOutputStream(wxFile& file)**

Initializes a file stream in write-only mode using the file I/O object *file*.

**wxFileOutputStream(int fd)**

Initializes a file stream in write-only mode using the file descriptor *fd*.

**wxFileOutputStream::~~wxFileOutputStream****~wxFileOutputStream()**

Destructor.

**wxFileOutputStream::Ok****bool Ok() const**

Returns TRUE if the stream is initialized and ready.

**wxFileStream****Derived from**

*wxFileOutputStream* (p. 273), *wxFileInputStream* (p. 272)

**Include files**

<wx/wfstream.h>

**See also**

*wxStreamBuffer* (p. 755)

**wxFileStream::wxFileStream****wxFileStream(const wxString& iofilename)**

Initializes a new file stream in read-write mode using the specified *iofilename* name.

## **wxFileSystem**

This class provides an interface for opening files on different file systems. It can handle absolute and/or local filenames. It uses a system of *handlers* (p. 277) to provide access to user-defined virtual file systems.

### **Derived from**

wxObject

### **See Also**

*wxFileSystemHandler* (p. 277), *wxFSFile* (p. 311), *Overview* (p. 1116)

## **wxFileSystem::wxFileSystem**

### **wxFileSystem()**

Constructor.

## **wxFileSystem::AddHandler**

### **static void AddHandler(wxFileSystemHandler \*handler)**

This static function adds new handler into the list of handlers. The *handlers* (p. 277) provide access to virtual FS.

### **Note**

You can call:

```
wxFileSystem::AddHandler(new My_FS_Handler);
```

This is because (a) AddHandler is a static method, and (b) the handlers are deleted in wxFileSystem's destructor so that you don't have to care about it.

## **wxFileSystem::ChangePathTo**

### **void ChangePathTo(const wxString& location, bool is\_dir = FALSE)**

Sets the current location. *location* parameter passed to *OpenFile* (p. 276) is relative to this path.

**Caution!** Unless *is\_dir* is TRUE the *location* parameter is not directory name but the name of the file in this directory!! All these commands change path to "dir/subdir/" :

```
ChangePathTo("dir/subdir/xh.htm");  
ChangePathTo("dir/subdir", TRUE);  
ChangePathTo("dir/subdir/", TRUE);
```

## Parameters

*location*

the new location. Its meaning depends on value of *is\_dir*

*is\_dir*

if TRUE *location* is new directory. If FALSE (default) *location* is **file** in the new directory.

## Example

```
f = fs -> OpenFile("hello.htm"); // opens file 'hello.htm'  
fs -> ChangePathTo("subdir/folder", TRUE);  
f = fs -> OpenFile("hello.htm"); // opens file  
'subdir/folder/hello.htm' !!
```

## **wxFileSystem::GetPath**

**wxString GetPath()**

Returns actual path (set by *ChangePathTo* (p. 275)).

## **wxFileSystem::FindFirst**

**wxString FindFirst(const wxString& wildcard, int flags = 0)**

Works like *wxFindFirstFile* (p. 964). Returns name of the first filename (withing filesystem's current path) that matches *wildcard*. *flags* may be one of *wxFILE* (only files), *wxDIR* (only directories) or 0 (both).

## **wxFileSystem::FindNext**

**wxString FindNext()**

Returns next filename that matches parameters passed to *FindFirst* (p. 276).

## **wxFileSystem::OpenFile**

**wxFSFile\* OpenFile(const wxString& location)**

Opens file and returns pointer to *wxFSFile* (p. 311) object or NULL if failed. It first tries to open the file in relative scope (based on value passed to *ChangePathTo()* method) and

then as an absolute path.

## **wxFileSystemHandler**

Classes derived from `wxFileSystemHandler` are used to access virtual file systems. Its public interface consists of two methods: *CanOpen* (p. 277) and *OpenFile* (p. 279). It provides additional protected methods to simplify the process of opening the file: *GetProtocol*, *GetLeftLocation*, *GetRightLocation*, *GetAnchor*, *GetMimeTypeFromExt*.

Please have a look at *overview* (p. 1116) if you don't know how locations are constructed.

### **Notes**

- The handlers are shared by all instances of `wxFileSystem`.
- `wxHTML` library provides handlers for local files and HTTP or FTP protocol
- The *location* parameter passed to *OpenFile* or *CanOpen* methods is always an **absolute** path. You don't need to check the FS's current path.

### **Derived from**

`wxObject`

### **See also**

*wxFileSystem* (p. 275), *wxFSFile* (p. 311), *Overview* (p. 1116)

## **wxFileSystemHandler::wxFileSystemHandler**

### **wxFileSystemHandler()**

Constructor.

## **wxFileSystemHandler::CanOpen**

### **virtual bool CanOpen(const wxString& location)**

Returns TRUE if the handler is able to open this file. This function doesn't check whether the file exists or not, it only checks if it knows the protocol. Example:

```
bool MyHand::CanOpen(const wxString& location)
{
    return (GetProtocol(location) == "http");
}
```

Must be overridden in derived handlers.

## **wxFileSystemHandler::GetAnchor**

**wxString GetAnchor(const wxString& location) const**

Returns the anchor if present in the location. See *wxFSFile* (p. 312) for details.

Example: `GetAnchor("index.htm#chapter2") == "chapter2"`

**Note:** the anchor is NOT part of the left location.

**wxFileSystemHandler::GetLeftLocation****wxString GetLeftLocation(const wxString& location) const**

Returns the left location string extracted from *location*.

Example: `GetLeftLocation("file:myzipfile.zip#zip:index.htm") == "file:myzipfile.zip"`

**wxFileSystemHandler::GetMimeTypeFromExt****wxString GetMimeTypeFromExt(const wxString& location)**

Returns the MIME type based on **extension** of *location*. (While *wxFSFile::GetMimeType* returns real MIME type - either extension-based or queried from HTTP.)

Example : `GetMimeTypeFromExt("index.htm") == "text/html"`

**wxFileSystemHandler::GetProtocol****wxString GetProtocol(const wxString& location) const**

Returns the protocol string extracted from *location*.

Example: `GetProtocol("file:myzipfile.zip#zip:index.htm") == "zip"`

**wxFileSystemHandler::GetRightLocation****wxString GetRightLocation(const wxString& location) const**

Returns the right location string extracted from *location*.

Example : `GetRightLocation("file:myzipfile.zip#zip:index.htm") == "index.htm"`

**wxFileSystemHandler::FindFirst****virtual wxString FindFirst(const wxString& wildcard, int flags = 0)**

Works like *wxFindFirstFile* (p. 964). Returns name of the first filename (withing filesystem's current path) that matches *wildcard*. *flags* may be one of *wxFILE* (only files), *wxDIR* (only directories) or 0 (both).

This method is only called if *CanOpen* (p. 277) returns TRUE.

### **wxFileSystemHandler::FindNext**

#### **virtual wxString FindNext()**

Returns next filename that matches parameters passed to *FindFirst* (p. 276).

This method is only called if *CanOpen* (p. 277) returns TRUE and *FindFirst* returned a non-empty string.

### **wxFileSystemHandler::OpenFile**

#### **virtual wxFSFile\* OpenFile(wxFileSystem& fs, const wxString& location)**

Opens the file and returns *wxFSFile* pointer or NULL if failed.

Must be overridden in derived handlers.

#### **Parameters**

*fs*

Parent FS (the FS from that *OpenFile* was called). See ZIP handler for details of how to use it.

*location*

The **absolute** location of file.

### **wxFileType**

This class holds information about a given *file type*. File type is the same as MIME type under Unix, but under Windows it corresponds more to an extension than to MIME type (in fact, several extensions may correspond to a file type). This object may be created in several different ways: the program might know the file extension and wish to find out the corresponding MIME type or, conversely, it might want to find the right extension for the file to which it writes the contents of given MIME type. Depending on how it was created some fields may be unknown so the return value of all the accessors **must** be checked: FALSE will be returned if the corresponding information couldn't be found.

The objects of this class are never created by the application code but are returned by *wxMimeTypeManager::GetFileTypeFromMimeType* (p. 527) and *wxMimeTypeManager::GetFileTypeFromExtension* (p. 526) methods. But it's your responsibility to delete the returned pointer when you're done with it!



A brief reminder about what the MIME types are (see the RFC 1341 for more information): basically, it is just a pair category/type (for example, "text/plain") where the category is a basic indication of what a file is. Examples of categories are "application", "image", "text", "binary", and type is a precise definition of the document format: "plain" in the example above means just ASCII text without any formatting, while "text/html" is the HTML document source.

A MIME type may have one or more associated extensions: "text/plain" will typically correspond to the extension ".txt", but may as well be associated with ".ini" or ".conf".

### Derived from

None

### Include files

<wx/mimetype.h>

### See also

*wxMimeTypeManager* (p. 524)

## MessageParameters class

One of the most common usages of MIME is to encode an e-mail message. The MIME type of the encoded message is an example of a *message parameter*. These parameters are found in the message headers ("Content-XXX"). At the very least, they must specify the MIME type and the version of MIME used, but almost always they provide additional information about the message such as the original file name or the charset (for the text documents).

These parameters may be useful to the program used to open, edit, view or print the message, so, for example, an e-mail client program will have to pass them to this program. Because *wxFileType* itself can not know about these parameters, it uses *MessageParameters* class to query them. The default implementation only requires the caller to provide the file name (always used by the program to be called - it must know which file to open) and the MIME type and supposes that there are no other parameters. If you wish to supply additional parameters, you must derive your own class from *MessageParameters* and override *GetParamValue()* function, for example:

```
// provide the message parameters for the MIME type manager
class MailMessageParameters : public wxFileType::MessageParameters
{
public:
    MailMessageParameters(const wxString& filename,
                          const wxString& mimetype)
        : wxFileType::MessageParameters(filename, mimetype)
```

```
{
}

virtual wxString GetParamValue(const wxString& name) const
{
    // parameter names are not case-sensitive
    if ( name.CmpNoCase("charset") == 0 )
        return "US-ASCII";
    else
        return wxFileType::MessageParameters::GetParamValue(name);
}
};
```

Now you only need to create an object of this class and pass it to, for example, *GetOpenCommand* (p. 282) like this:

```
wxString command;
if ( filetype->GetOpenCommand(&command,
                             MailMessageParamaters("foo.txt",
"text/plain")) )
{
    // the full command for opening the text documents is in 'command'
    // (it might be "notepad foo.txt" under Windows or "cat foo.txt"
under Unix)
}
else
{
    // we don't know how to handle such files...
}
```

**Windows:** As only the file name is used by the program associated with the given extension anyhow (but no other message parameters), there is no need to ever derive from *MessageParameters* class for a Windows-only program.

## **wxFileType::wxFileType**

### **wxFileType()**

The default constructor is private because you should never create objects of this type: they are only returned by *wxMimeTypeManager* (p. 524) methods.

## **wxFileType::~~wxFileType**

### **~wxFileType()**

The destructor of this class is not virtual, so it should not be derived from.

## **wxFileType::GetMimeType**

**bool GetMimeType(wxString\* mimeType)**

If the function returns TRUE, the string pointed to by *mimeType* is filled with full MIME type specification for this file type: for example, "text/plain".

### **wxFileType::GetExtensions**

**bool GetExtensions(wxArrayString& extensions)**

If the function returns TRUE, the array *extensions* is filled with all extensions associated with this file type: for example, it may contain the following two elements for the MIME type "text/html" (notice the absence of the leading dot): "html" and "htm".

**Windows:** This function is currently not implemented: there is no (efficient) way to retrieve associated extensions from the given MIME type on this platform, so it will only return TRUE if the *wxFileType* object was created by *GetFileTypeFromExtension* (p. 526) function in the first place.

### **wxFileType::GetIcon**

**bool GetIcon(wxIcon\* icon)**

If the function returns TRUE, the icon associated with this file type will be created and assigned to the *icon* parameter.

**Unix:** This function always returns FALSE under Unix.

### **wxFileType::GetDescription**

**bool GetDescription(wxString\* desc)**

If the function returns TRUE, the string pointed to by *desc* is filled with a brief description for this file type: for example, "text document" for the "text/plain" MIME type.

### **wxFileType::GetOpenCommand**

**bool GetOpenCommand(wxString\* command, MessageParameters& params)**

If the function returns TRUE, the string pointed to by *command* is filled with the command which must be executed (see *wxExecute* (p. 987)) in order to open the file of the given type. The name of the file is retrieved from *MessageParameters* (p. 280) class.

### **wxFileType::GetPrintCommand**

**bool GetPrintCommand(wxString\* command, MessageParameters& params)**

If the function returns TRUE, the string pointed to by *command* is filled with the command which must be executed (see *wxExecute* (p. 987)) in order to print the file of the given type. The name of the file is retrieved from *MessageParameters* (p. 280) class.

## **wxFileType::ExpandCommand**

**static wxString ExpandCommand(const wxString& *command*,  
MessageParameters& *params*)**

This function is primarily intended for *GetOpenCommand* and *GetPrintCommand* usage but may be also used by the application directly if, for example, you want to use some non default command to open the file.

The function replaces all occurrences of

format specifier	with
%s	the full file name
%t	the MIME type
%{param}	the value of the parameter <i>param</i>

using the *MessageParameters* object you pass to it.

If there is no '%s' in the command string (and the string is not empty), it is assumed that the command reads the data on stdin and so the effect is the same as "< %s" were appended to the string.

Unlike all other functions of this class, there is no error return for this function.

## **wxFilterInputStream**

A filter stream has the capability of a normal stream but it can be placed on top of another stream. So, for example, it can uncompress, decrypt the data which are read from another stream and pass it to the requester.

### **Derived from**

*wxInputStream* (p. 425)  
*wxStreamBase* (p. 754)

### **Include files**

<wx/stream.h>

### **Note**

The use of this class is exactly the same as of *wxInputStream*. Only a constructor differs and it is documented below.

**wxFilterInputStream::wxFilterInputStream****wxFilterInputStream(wxInputStream& stream)**

Initializes a "filter" stream.

**wxFilterOutputStream**

A filter stream has the capability of a normal stream but it can be placed on top of another stream. So, for example, it can compress, encrypt the data which are passed to it and write them to another stream.

**Derived from**

*wxOutputStream* (p. 559)

*wxStreamBase* (p. 754)

**Include files**

<wx/stream.h>

**Note**

The use of this class is exactly the same as of *wxOutputStream*. Only a constructor differs and it is documented below.

**wxFilterOutputStream::wxFilterOutputStream****wxFilterOutputStream(wxOutputStream& stream)**

Initializes a "filter" stream.

**wxFocusEvent**

A focus event is sent when a window's focus changes.

**Derived from**

*wxEvent* (p. 237)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/event.h>

**Event table macros**

To process a focus event, use these event handler macros to direct input to a member function that takes a *wxFocusEvent* argument.

**EVT\_SET\_FOCUS(func)**  
**EVT\_KILL\_FOCUS(func)**

Process a wxEVT\_SET\_FOCUS event.  
Process a wxEVT\_KILL\_FOCUS event.

### See also

*wxWindow::OnSetFocus* (p. 945), *wxWindow::OnKillFocus* (p. 940), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

## **wxFocusEvent::wxFocusEvent**

**wxFocusEvent**(WXTYPE *eventType* = 0, int *id* = 0)

Constructor.

## **wxFont**

A font is an object which determines the appearance of text. Fonts are used for drawing text to a device context, and setting the appearance of a window's text.

### Derived from

*wxGDIObject* (p. 321)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/font.h>

### Predefined objects

Objects:

#### **wxNullFont**

Pointers:

**wxNORMAL\_FONT**  
**wxSMALL\_FONT**  
**wxITALIC\_FONT**  
**wxSWISS\_FONT**

### See also

*wxFont overview* (p. 1043), *wxDC::SetFont* (p. 178), *wxDC::DrawText* (p. 172), *wxDC::GetTextExtent* (p. 175), *wxFontDialog* (p. 295)

**wxFont::wxFont****wxFont()**

Default constructor.

```
wxFont(int pointSize, int family, int style, int weight, const bool underline = FALSE,  
const wxString& faceName = "", wxFontEncoding encoding =  
wxFONTENCODING_DEFAULT)
```

Creates a font object (see *font encoding overview* (p. 1112) for the meaning of the last parameter).

**Parameters***pointSize*

Size in points.

*family*

Font family, a generic way of referring to fonts without specifying actual facename. One of:

<b>wxDEFAULT</b>	Chooses a default font.
<b>wxDECORATIVE</b>	A decorative font.
<b>wxROMAN</b>	A formal, serif font.
<b>wxSCRIPT</b>	A handwriting font.
<b>wxSWISS</b>	A sans-serif font.
<b>wxMODERN</b>	A fixed pitch font.

*style*

One of **wxNORMAL**, **wxSLANT** and **wxITALIC**.

*weight*

One of **wxNORMAL**, **wxLIGHT** and **wxBOLD**.

*underline*

The value can be TRUE or FALSE. At present this has an effect on Windows only.

*faceName*

An optional string specifying the actual typeface to be used. If the empty string, a default typeface will be chosen based on the family.

*encoding*

An encoding which may be one of **wxFONTENCODING\_SYSTEM** Default system encoding.

**wxFONTENCODING\_DEFAULT** Default application encoding: this is the encoding set by calls to *SetDefaultEncoding* (p. 289)

and which may be set to, say, KOI8 to create all fonts by default with KOI8 encoding. Initially, the default application encoding is the same as default system encoding.

**wxFONTENCODING\_ISO8859\_1...15** ISO8859 encodings.

**wxFONTENCODING\_KOI8** The standard russian encoding for Internet.

**wxFONTENCODING\_CP1250...1252** Windows encodings similar to ISO8859 (but not identical).

If the specified encoding isn't available, no font is created.

### Remarks

If the desired font does not exist, the closest match will be chosen. Under Windows, only scaleable TrueType fonts are used.

Underlining only works under Windows at present.

See also *wxDC::SetFont* (p. 178), *wxDC::DrawText* (p. 172) and *wxDC::GetTextExtent* (p. 175).

### **wxFont::~~wxFont**

**~wxFont()**

Destructor.

### Remarks

The destructor may not delete the underlying font object of the native windowing system, since wxFont uses a reference counting system for efficiency.

Although all remaining fonts are deleted when the application exits, the application should try to clean up all fonts itself. This is because wxWindows cannot know if a pointer to the font object is stored in an application data structure, and there is a risk of double deletion.

### **wxFont::GetDefaultEncoding**

**static wxFontEncoding GetDefaultEncoding()**

Returns the current applications default encoding.

### See also

*Font encoding overview* (p. 1112), *SetDefaultEncoding* (p. 289)



**wxFont::GetFaceName****wxString GetFaceName() const**

Returns the typeface name associated with the font, or the empty string if there is no typeface information.

[See also](#)

*wxFont::SetFaceName* (p. 289)

**wxFont::GetFamily****int GetFamily() const**

Gets the font family. See *wxFont::wxFont* (p. 286) for a list of valid family identifiers.

[See also](#)

*wxFont::SetFamily* (p. 290)

**wxFont::GetFontId****int GetFontId() const**

Returns the font id, if the portable font system is in operation. See *Font overview* (p. 1043) for further details.

**wxFont::GetPointSize****int GetPointSize() const**

Gets the point size.

[See also](#)

*wxFont::SetPointSize* (p. 290)

**wxFont::GetStyle****int GetStyle() const**

Gets the font style. See *wxFont::wxFont* (p. 286) for a list of valid styles.

[See also](#)

*wxFont::SetStyle* (p. 290)

### **wxFont::GetUnderlined**

**bool GetUnderlined() const**

Returns TRUE if the font is underlined, FALSE otherwise.

[See also](#)

*wxFont::SetUnderlined* (p. 291)

### **wxFont::GetWeight**

**int GetWeight() const**

Gets the font weight. See *wxFont::wxFont* (p. 286) for a list of valid weight identifiers.

[See also](#)

*wxFont::SetWeight* (p. 291)

### **wxFont::SetDefaultEncoding**

**static void SetDefaultEncoding(wxFontEncoding *encoding*)**

Sets the default font encoding.

[See also](#)

*Font encoding overview* (p. 1112), *GetDefaultEncoding* (p. 287)

### **wxFont::SetFaceName**

**void SetFaceName(const wxString& *faceName*)**

Sets the facename for the font.

#### **Parameters**

*faceName*

A valid facename, which should be on the end-user's system.

#### **Remarks**

To avoid portability problems, don't rely on a specific face, but specify the font family

instead or as well. A suitable font will be found on the end-user's system. If both the family and the facename are specified, `wxWindows` will first search for the specific face, and then for a font belonging to the same family.

### See also

`wxFont::GetFaceName` (p. 288), `wxFont::SetFamily` (p. 290)

## **wxFont::SetFamily**

**void SetFamily(int *family*)**

Sets the font family.

### Parameters

*family*

One of:

<b>wxDEFAULT</b>	Chooses a default font.
<b>wxDECORATIVE</b>	A decorative font.
<b>wxROMAN</b>	A formal, serif font.
<b>wxSCRIPT</b>	A handwriting font.
<b>wxSWISS</b>	A sans-serif font.
<b>wxMODERN</b>	A fixed pitch font.

### See also

`wxFont::GetFamily` (p. 288), `wxFont::SetFaceName` (p. 289)

## **wxFont::SetPointSize**

**void SetPointSize(int *pointSize*)**

Sets the point size.

### Parameters

*pointSize*

Size in points.

### See also

`wxFont::GetPointSize` (p. 288)

## **wxFont::SetStyle**

**void SetStyle(int style)**

Sets the font style.

**Parameters**

*style*

One of **wxNORMAL**, **wxSLANT** and **wxITALIC**.

**See also**

*wxFont::GetStyle* (p. 288)

**wxFont::SetUnderlined**

**void SetUnderlined(const bool underlined)**

Sets underlining.

**Parameters**

*underlining*

TRUE to underline, FALSE otherwise.

**See also**

*wxFont::GetUnderlined* (p. 289)

**wxFont::SetWeight**

**void SetWeight(int weight)**

Sets the font weight.

**Parameters**

*weight*

One of **wxNORMAL**, **wxLIGHT** and **wxBOLD**.

**See also**

*wxFont::GetWeight* (p. 289)

**wxFont::operator =**

**wxFont& operator =(const wxFont& font)**

Assignment operator, using reference counting. Returns a reference to 'this'.

### **wxFont::operator ==**

**bool operator ==(const wxFont& font)**

Equality operator. Two fonts are equal if they contain pointers to the same underlying font data. It does not compare each attribute, so two independently-created fonts using the same parameters will fail the test.

### **wxFont::operator !=**

**bool operator !=(const wxFont& font)**

Inequality operator. Two fonts are not equal if they contain pointers to different underlying font data. It does not compare each attribute.

## **wxFontData**

*wxFontDialog* overview (p. 1049)

This class holds a variety of information related to font dialogs.

### **Derived from**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### **Include files**

<wx/cmndata.h>

### **See also**

*Overview* (p. 1049), *wxFontDialog* (p. 295)

## **wxFontData::wxFontData**

**wxFontData()**

Constructor. Initializes *fontColour* to black, *showHelp* to black, *allowSymbols* to TRUE, *enableEffects* to TRUE, *minSize* to 0 and *maxSize* to 0.

## **wxFontData::~~wxFontData**

**~wxFontData()**

Destructor.

**wxFontData::EnableEffects****void EnableEffects(bool enable)**

Enables or disables 'effects' under MS Windows only. This refers to the controls for manipulating colour, strikeout and underline properties.

The default value is TRUE.

**wxFontData::GetAllowSymbols****bool GetAllowSymbols()**

Under MS Windows, returns a flag determining whether symbol fonts can be selected. Has no effect on other platforms.

The default value is TRUE.

**wxFontData::GetColour****wxColour& GetColour()**

Gets the colour associated with the font dialog.

The default value is black.

**wxFontData::GetChosenFont****wxFont GetChosenFont()**

Gets the font chosen by the user. If the user pressed OK (`wxFontDialog::Show` returned TRUE), this returns a new font which is now 'owned' by the application, and should be deleted if not required. If the user pressed Cancel (`wxFontDialog::Show` returned FALSE) or the colour dialog has not been invoked yet, this will return NULL.

**wxFontData::GetEnableEffects****bool GetEnableEffects()**

Determines whether 'effects' are enabled under Windows. This refers to the controls for

manipulating colour, strikethrough and underline properties.

The default value is TRUE.

### **wxFontData::GetInitialFont**

#### **wxFont GetInitialFont()**

Gets the font that will be initially used by the font dialog. This should have previously been set by the application.

### **wxFontData::GetShowHelp**

#### **bool GetShowHelp()**

Returns TRUE if the Help button will be shown (Windows only).

The default value is FALSE.

### **wxFontData::SetAllowSymbols**

#### **void SetAllowSymbols(bool allowSymbols)**

Under MS Windows, determines whether symbol fonts can be selected. Has no effect on other platforms.

The default value is TRUE.

### **wxFontData::SetChosenFont**

#### **void SetChosenFont(const wxFont& font)**

Sets the font that will be returned to the user (for internal use only).

### **wxFontData::SetColour**

#### **void SetColour(const wxColour& colour)**

Sets the colour that will be used for the font foreground colour.

The default colour is black.

### **wxFontData::SetInitialFont**

**void SetInitialFont(const wxFont& font)**

Sets the font that will be initially used by the font dialog.

**wxFontData::SetRange**

**void SetRange(int min, int max)**

Sets the valid range for the font point size (Windows only).

The default is 0, 0 (unrestricted range).

**wxFontData::SetShowHelp**

**void SetShowHelp(bool showHelp)**

Determines whether the Help button will be displayed in the font dialog (Windows only).

The default value is FALSE.

**wxFontData::operator =**

**void operator =(const wxFontData& data)**

Assignment operator for the font data.

**wxFontDialog**

This class represents the font chooser dialog.

#### Derived from

*wxDialog* (p. 193)

*wxWindow* (p. 915)

*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

#### Include files

<wx/fontdlg.h>

#### See also

*Overview* (p. 1049), *wxFontData* (p. 292)



**wxFontDialog::wxFontDialog****wxFontDialog(wxWindow\* parent, wxFontData\* data = NULL)**

Constructor. Pass a parent window, and optionally a pointer to a block of font data, which will be copied to the font dialog's font data.

**wxFontDialog::~~wxFontDialog****~wxFontDialog()**

Destructor.

**wxFontDialog::GetFontData****wxFontData& GetFontData()**

Returns the *font data* (p. 292) associated with the font dialog.

**wxFontDialog::ShowModal****int ShowModal()**

Shows the dialog, returning wxID\_OK if the user pressed Ok, and wxID\_CANCEL otherwise.

If the user cancels the dialog (ShowModal returns wxID\_CANCEL), no font will be created. If the user presses OK (ShowModal returns wxID\_OK), a new wxFont will be created and stored in the font dialog's wxFontData structure.

**wxFontEnumerator**

wxFontEnumerator enumerates either all available fonts on the system or only the ones with given attributes - either only fixed-width (suited for use in programs such as terminal emulators and the like) or the fonts available in the given *encoding* (p. 1112).

To do this, you just have to call one of EnumerateXXX() functions - either *EnumerateFacenames* (p. 297) or *EnumerateEncodings* (p. 297) and the corresponding callback ( *OnFacename* (p. 298) or *OnFontEncoding* (p. 298)) will be called repeatedly until either all fonts (satisfying the specified criteria) are exhausted or the callback returns FALSE.

**Virtual functions to override**

Either *OnFacename* (p. 298) or *OnFontEncoding* (p. 298) should be overridden depending on whether you plan to call *EnumerateFacenames* (p. 297) or

*EnumerateEncodings* (p. 297). Of course, if you call both of them, you should override both functions.

### Derived from

None

### Include files

<wx/fontenum.h>

### See also

*Font encoding overview* (p. 1112), *Font sample* (p. 1025), *wxFont* (p. 285), *wxFontMapper* (p. 299)

## **wxFontEnumerator::EnumerateFacenames**

**virtual bool EnumerateFacenames( wxFontEncoding encoding = wxFONTENCODING\_SYSTEM, bool fixedWidthOnly = FALSE)**

Call *OnFacename* (p. 298) for each font which supports given encoding (only if it is not wxFONTENCODING\_SYSTEM) and is of fixed width (if *fixedWidthOnly* is TRUE).

Calling this function with default arguments will result in enumerating all fonts available on the system.

## **wxFontEnumerator::EnumerateEncodings**

**virtual bool EnumerateEncodings(const wxString& font = "")**

Call *OnFontEncoding* (p. 298) for each encoding supported by the given font - or for each encoding supported by at least some font if *font* is not specified.

## **wxFontEnumerator::GetEncodings**

**wxArrayString\* GetEncodings()**

Return array of strings containing all encodings found by *EnumerateEncodings* (p. 297). This is convenience function. It is based on default implementation of *OnFontEncoding* (p. 298) so don't expect it to work if you overwrite that method.

## **wxFontEnumerator::GetFacenames**

**wxArrayString\* GetFacenames()**

Return array of strings containing all facenames found by *EnumerateFacenames* (p. 297). This is convenience function. It is based on default implementation of *OnFacename* (p. 298) so don't expect it to work if you overwrite that method.

**wxFontEnumerator::OnFacename****virtual bool OnFacename(const wxString& font)**

Called by *EnumerateFacenames* (p. 297) for each match. Return TRUE to continue enumeration or FALSE to stop it.

**wxFontEnumerator::OnFontEncoding****virtual bool OnFontEncoding( const wxString& font, const wxString& encoding)**

Called by *EnumerateEncodings* (p. 297) for each match. Return TRUE to continue enumeration or FALSE to stop it.

**wxFontList**

A font list is a list containing all fonts which have been created. There is only one instance of this class: **wxTheFontList**. Use this object to search for a previously created font of the desired type and create it if not already found. In some windowing systems, the font may be a scarce resource, so it is best to reuse old resources if possible. When an application finishes, all fonts will be deleted and their resources freed, eliminating the possibility of 'memory leaks'.

**Derived from**

*wxList* (p. 446)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/gdicmn.h>

**See also**

*wxFont* (p. 285)

**wxFontList::wxFontList****wxFontList()**

Constructor. The application should not construct its own font list: use the object pointer **wxTheFontList**.

### **wxFontList::AddFont**

**void AddFont(wxFont \*font)**

Used by wxWindows to add a font to the list, called in the font constructor.

### **wxFontList::FindOrCreateFont**

**wxFont \* FindOrCreateFont(int point\_size, int family, int style, int weight, bool underline = FALSE, const wxString& facename = NULL)**

Finds a font of the given specification, or creates one and adds it to the list. See the *wxFont constructor* (p. 286) for details of the arguments.

### **wxFontList::RemoveFont**

**void RemoveFont(wxFont \*font)**

Used by wxWindows to remove a font from the list.

### **wxFontMapper**

TODO.

### **wxFrame**

A frame is a window whose size and position can (usually) be changed by the user. It usually has thick borders and a title bar, and can optionally contain a menu bar, toolbar and status bar. A frame can contain any window that is not a frame or dialog.

A frame that has a status bar and toolbar created via the *CreateStatusBar/CreateToolBar* functions manages these windows, and adjusts the value returned by *GetClientSize* to reflect the remaining size available to application windows.

#### **Derived from**

*wxWindow* (p. 915)  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

#### **Include files**

<wx/frame.h>

## Window styles

<b>wxICONIZE</b>	Display the frame iconized (minimized). Windows only.
<b>wxCAPTION</b>	Puts a caption on the frame.
<b>wxDEFAULT_FRAME_STYLE</b>	Defined as <b>wxMINIMIZE_BOX   wxMAXIMIZE_BOX   wxTHICK_FRAME   wxSYSTEM_MENU   wxCAPTION</b> .
<b>wxMINIMIZE</b>	Identical to <b>wxICONIZE</b> . Windows only.
<b>wxMINIMIZE_BOX</b>	Displays a minimize box on the frame.
<b>wxMAXIMIZE</b>	Displays the frame maximized. Windows only.
<b>wxMAXIMIZE_BOX</b>	Displays a maximize box on the frame.
<b>wxSTAY_ON_TOP</b>	Stay on top of other windows. Windows only.
<b>wxSYSTEM_MENU</b>	Displays a system menu.
<b>wxTHICK_FRAME</b>	Displays a thick frame around the window. Windows and Motif only.
<b>wxSIMPLE_BORDER</b>	Displays no border or decorations. GTK and Windows only (?).
<b>wxRESIZE_BORDER</b>	Displays a resizable border around the window (Unix only).
<b>wxFRAME_FLOAT_ON_PARENT</b>	Causes the frame to be above the parent window in the z-order and not shown in the taskbar. Without this style, frames are created as top-level windows that may be obscured by the parent window, and frame titles are shown in the taskbar. Windows only.
<b>wxFRAME_TOOL_WINDOW</b>	Causes a frame with a small titlebar to be created; the frame title does not appear in the taskbar. Windows only.

See also *window styles overview* (p. 1093).

## Remarks

An application should normally define an *OnCloseWindow* (p. 937) handler for the frame to respond to system close events, for example so that related data and subwindows can be cleaned up.

## See also

*wxMDIParentFrame* (p. 490), *wxMDIChildFrame* (p. 485), *wxMiniFrame* (p. 528), *wxDialog* (p. 193)

## wxFrame::wxFrame

**wxFrame()**

Default constructor.

**wxFrame**(wxWindow\* *parent*, wxWindowID *id*, const wxString& *title*, const wxPoint& *pos* = wxDefaultPosition, const wxSize& *size* = wxDefaultSize, long *style* = wxDEFAULT\_FRAME\_STYLE, const wxString& *name* = "frame")

Constructor, creating the window.

### Parameters

*parent*

The window parent. This may be NULL. If it is non-NULL, the frame will always be displayed on top of the parent window on Windows.

*id*

The window identifier. It may take a value of -1 to indicate a default value.

*title*

The caption to be displayed on the frame's title bar.

*pos*

The window position. A value of (-1, -1) indicates a default position, chosen by either the windowing system or wxWindows, depending on platform.

*size*

The window size. A value of (-1, -1) indicates a default size, chosen by either the windowing system or wxWindows, depending on platform.

*style*

The window style. See *wxFrame* (p. 299).

*name*

The name of the window. This parameter is used to associate a name with the item, allowing the application user to set Motif resource values for individual windows.

### Remarks

For Motif, MWM (the Motif Window Manager) should be running for any window styles to work (otherwise all styles take effect).

### See also

*wxFrame::Create* (p. 302)

### **wxFrame::~~wxFrame**

**void ~wxFrame()**

Destructor. Destroys all child windows and menu bar if present.

**wxFrame::Centre****void Centre**(int *direction* = *wxBOTH*)

Centres the frame on the display.

**Parameters***direction*

The parameter may be *wxHORIZONTAL*, *wxVERTICAL* or *wxBOTH*.

**wxFrame::Command****void Command**(int *id*)

Simulate a menu command.

**Parameters***id*

The identifier for a menu item.

**wxFrame::Create****bool Create**(wxWindow\* *parent*, wxWindowID *id*, const wxString& *title*, const wxPoint& *pos* = *wxDefaultPosition*, const wxSize& *size* = *wxDefaultSize*, long *style* = *wxDEFAULT\_FRAME\_STYLE*, const wxString& *name* = "frame")

Used in two-step frame construction. See *wxFrame::wxFrame* (p. 300) for further details.

**wxFrame::CreateStatusBar****virtual wxStatusBar\* CreateStatusBar**(int *number* = 1, long *style* = 0, wxWindowID *id* = -1, const wxString& *name* = "statusBar")

Creates a status bar at the bottom of the frame.

**Parameters***number*

The number of fields to create. Specify a value greater than 1 to create a multi-field status bar.

*style*

The status bar style. See *wxStatusBar* (p. 748) for a list of valid styles.

*id*

The status bar window identifier. If -1, an identifier will be chosen by wxWindows.

*name*

The status bar window name.

### Return value

A pointer to the the status bar if it was created successfully, NULL otherwise.

### Remarks

The width of the status bar is the whole width of the frame (adjusted automatically when resizing), and the height and text size are chosen by the host windowing system.

By default, the status bar is an instance of wxStatusBar. To use a different class, override *wxFrame::OnCreateStatusBar* (p. 306).

Note that you can put controls and other windows on the status bar if you wish.

### See also

*wxFrame::SetStatusText* (p. 309), *wxFrame::OnCreateStatusBar* (p. 306),  
*wxFrame::GetStatusBar* (p. 304)

## **wxFrame::CreateToolBar**

**virtual wxToolBar\* CreateToolBar(long style = wxNO\_BORDER | wxTB\_HORIZONTAL, wxWindowID id = -1, const wxString& name = "toolBar")**

Creates a toolbar at the top or left of the frame.

### Parameters

*style*

The toolbar style. See *wxToolBar* (p. 861) for a list of valid styles.

*id*

The toolbar window identifier. If -1, an identifier will be chosen by wxWindows.

*name*

The toolbar window name.

### Return value

A pointer to the the toolbar if it was created successfully, NULL otherwise.

### Remarks



By default, the toolbar is an instance of `wxToolBar` (which is defined to be a suitable toolbar class on each platform, such as `wxToolBar95`). To use a different class, override `wxFrame::OnCreateToolBar` (p. 307).

When a toolbar has been created with this function, or made known to the frame with `wxFrame::SetToolBar` (p. 310), the frame will manage the toolbar position and adjust the return value from `wxWindow::GetClientSize` (p. 924) to reflect the available space for application windows.

#### See also

`wxFrame::CreateStatusBar` (p. 302), `wxFrame::OnCreateToolBar` (p. 307),  
`wxFrame::SetToolBar` (p. 310), `wxFrame::GetToolBar` (p. 304)

### **wxFrame::GetMenuBar**

**wxMenuBar\* GetMenuBar() const**

Returns a pointer to the menubar currently associated with the frame (if any).

#### See also

`wxFrame::SetMenuBar` (p. 309), `wxMenuBar` (p. 508), `wxMenu` (p. 499)

### **wxFrame::GetStatusBar**

**wxStatusBar\* GetStatusBar()**

Returns a pointer to the status bar currently associated with the frame (if any).

#### See also

`wxFrame::CreateStatusBar` (p. 302), `wxStatusBar` (p. 748)

### **wxFrame::GetTitle**

**wxString& GetTitle()**

Gets a temporary pointer to the frame title. See `wxFrame::SetTitle` (p. 310).

### **wxFrame::GetToolBar**

**wxToolBar\* GetToolBar()**

Returns a pointer to the toolbar currently associated with the frame (if any).

**See also**

*wxFrame::CreateToolBar* (p. 303), *wxToolBar* (p. 861), *wxFrame::SetToolBar* (p. 310)

**wxFrame::Iconize**

**void Iconize(const bool *iconize*)**

Iconizes or restores the frame. Windows only.

**Parameters**

*iconize*

If TRUE, iconizes the frame; if FALSE, shows and restores it.

**See also**

*wxFrame::IsIconized* (p. 305), *wxFrame::Maximize* (p. 305).

**wxFrame::IsIconized**

**bool IsIconized() const**

Returns TRUE if the frame is iconized. Windows only.

**wxFrame::IsMaximized**

**bool IsMaximized() const**

Returns TRUE if the frame is maximized.

**wxFrame::Maximize**

**void Maximize(const bool *maximize*)**

Maximizes or restores the frame.

**Parameters**

*maximize*

If TRUE, maximizes the frame, otherwise it restores it

.

**Remarks**

This function only works under Windows.

### See also

*wxFrame::Iconize* (p. 305)

### **wxFrame::OnActivate**

**void OnActivate(*wxActivateEvent*& *event*)**

Called when a window is activated or deactivated (MS Windows only). See also *wxActivateEvent* (p. 5).

### **wxFrame::OnCreateStatusBar**

**virtual *wxStatusBar*\* OnCreateStatusBar(int *number*, long *style*, *wxWindowID* *id*, const *wxString*& *name*)**

Virtual function called when a status bar is requested by *wxFrame::CreateStatusBar* (p. 302).

### Parameters

*number*

The number of fields to create.

*style*

The window style. See *wxStatusBar* (p. 748) for a list of valid styles.

*id*

The window identifier. If -1, an identifier will be chosen by wxWindows.

*name*

The window name.

### Return value

A status bar object.

### Remarks

An application can override this function to return a different kind of status bar. The default implementation returns an instance of *wxStatusBar* (p. 748).

### See also

*wxFrame::CreateStatusBar* (p. 302), *wxStatusBar* (p. 748).

**wxFrame::OnCreateToolBar**

**virtual wxToolBar\* OnCreateToolBar**(long *style*, wxWindowID *id*, const wxString& *name*)

Virtual function called when a toolbar is requested by *wxFrame::CreateToolBar* (p. 303).

**Parameters**

*style*

The toolbar style. See *wxToolBar* (p. 861) for a list of valid styles.

*id*

The toolbar window identifier. If -1, an identifier will be chosen by wxWindows.

*name*

The toolbar window name.

**Return value**

A toolbar object.

**Remarks**

An application can override this function to return a different kind of toolbar. The default implementation returns an instance of *wxToolBar* (p. 861).

**See also**

*wxFrame::CreateToolBar* (p. 303), *wxToolBar* (p. 861).

**wxFrame::OnMenuCommand**

**void OnMenuCommand**(wxCommandEvent& *event*)

See *wxWindow::OnMenuCommand* (p. 941).

**wxFrame::OnMenuHighlight**

**void OnMenuHighlight**(wxMenuEvent& *event*)

See *wxWindow::OnMenuHighlight* (p. 941).

**wxFrame::OnSize**

**void OnSize**(wxSizeEvent& *event*)

See *wxWindow::OnSize* (p. 945).

The default **wxFrame::OnSize** implementation looks for a single subwindow, and if one is found, resizes it to fit inside the frame. Override this member if more complex behaviour is required (for example, if there are several subwindows).

## **wxFrame::SetIcon**

**void SetIcon(const wxIcon& icon)**

Sets the icon for this frame.

### **Parameters**

*icon*

The icon to associate with this frame.

### **Remarks**

The frame takes a 'copy' of *icon*, but since it uses reference counting, the copy is very quick. It is safe to delete *icon* after calling this function.

Under Windows, instead of using **SetIcon**, you can add the following lines to your MS Windows resource file:

```
wxSTD_MDIPARENTFRAME ICON icon1.ico
wxSTD_MDICHILDFRAME  ICON icon2.ico
wxSTD_FRAME          ICON icon3.ico
```

where icon1.ico will be used for the MDI parent frame, icon2.ico will be used for MDI child frames, and icon3.ico will be used for non-MDI frames.

If these icons are not supplied, and **SetIcon** is not called either, then the following defaults apply if you have included wx.rc.

```
wxDEFAULT_FRAME          ICON std.ico
wxDEFAULT_MDIPARENTFRAME ICON mdi.ico
wxDEFAULT_MDICHILDFRAME  ICON child.ico
```

You can replace std.ico, mdi.ico and child.ico with your own defaults for all your wxWindows application. Currently they show the same icon.

*Note:* a wxWindows application linked with subsystem equal to 4.0 (i.e. marked as a Windows 95 application) doesn't respond properly to **wxFrame::SetIcon**. To work around this until a solution is found, mark your program as a 3.5 application. This will also ensure that Windows provides small icons for the application automatically.

See also *wxIcon* (p. 395).

**wxFrame::SetMenuBar****void SetMenuBar**(wxMenuBar\* *menuBar*)

Tells the frame to show the given menu bar.

**Parameters***menuBar*

The menu bar to associate with the frame.

**Remarks**

If the frame is destroyed, the menu bar and its menus will be destroyed also, so do not delete the menu bar explicitly (except by resetting the frame's menu bar to another frame or NULL).

Under Windows, a call to *wxFrame::OnSize* (p. 307) is generated, so be sure to initialize data members properly before calling **SetMenuBar**.

Note that it is not possible to call this function twice for the same frame object.

**See also**

*wxFrame::GetMenuBar* (p. 304), *wxMenuBar* (p. 508), *wxMenu* (p. 499).

**wxFrame::SetStatusBar****void SetStatusBar**(wxStatusBar\* *statusBar*)

Associates a status bar with the frame.

**See also**

*wxFrame::CreateStatusBar* (p. 302), *wxStatusBar* (p. 748), *wxFrame::GetStatusBar* (p. 304)

**wxFrame::SetStatusText****virtual void SetStatusText**(const wxString& *text*, int *number* = 0)

Sets the status bar text and redraws the status bar.

**Parameters***text*

The text for the status field.

*number*

The status field (starting from zero).

### Remarks

Use an empty string to clear the status bar.

### See also

*wxFrame::CreateStatusBar* (p. 302), *wxStatusBar* (p. 748)

## **wxFrame::SetStatusWidths**

**virtual void SetStatusWidths**(int *n*, int \**widths*)

Sets the widths of the fields in the status bar.

### Parameters

**n** The number of fields in the status bar. It must be the same used in *CreateStatusBar* (p. 302).

*widths*

Must contain an array of *n* integers, each of which is a status field width in pixels. A value of -1 indicates that the field is variable width; at least one field must be -1.

You should delete this array after calling **SetStatusWidths**.

### Remarks

The widths of the variable fields are calculated from the total width of all fields, minus the sum of widths of the non-variable fields, divided by the number of variable fields.

## **wxFrame::SetToolBar**

**void SetToolBar**(wxToolBar\* *toolBar*)

Associates a toolbar with the frame.

### See also

*wxFrame::CreateToolBar* (p. 303), *wxToolBar* (p. 861), *wxFrame::GetToolBar* (p. 304)

## **wxFrame::SetTitle**

**virtual void SetTitle**(const wxString& *title*)

Sets the frame title.

### Parameters

*title*

The frame title.

### See also

*wxFrame::GetTitle* (p. 304)

### wxFSFile

This class represents a single file opened by *wxFileSystem* (p. 275). It provides more information than *wxWindow*'s input stream (stream, filename, mime type, anchor).

**Note:** Any pointer returned by *wxFSFile*'s member is valid only as long as *wxFSFile* object exists. For example call to *GetStream()* doesn't *create* the stream but only returns the pointer to it. In other words after 10 calls to *GetStream()* you'll obtain ten identical pointers.

### Derived from

*wxObject*

### See Also

*wxFileSystemHandler* (p. 277), *wxFileSystem* (p. 275), *Overview* (p. 1116)

### wxFSFile::wxFSFile

**wxFSFile(wxInputStream \*stream, const wxString& loc, const wxString& mimetype, const wxString& anchor)**

Constructor. You probably won't use it. See Notes for details.

### Parameters

*stream*

The input stream that will be used to access data

*location*

The full location (aka filename) of the file

*mimetype*

MIME type of this file. Mime type is either extension-based or HTTP Content-Type

*anchor*

Anchor. See *GetAnchor()* (p. 312) for details.



If you aren't sure what do these params mean see description of GetXXXX() functions.

## Notes

It is never used by end user but you'll need it if you're writing own virtual FS. For example you may need something similar to wxMemoryInputStream but because wxMemoryInputStream doesn't free the memory when destroyed and thus passing memory stream pointer into wxFSFile constructor would lead to memory leaks, you can write your own class derived from wxFSFile :

```
class wxMyFSFile : public wxFSFile
{
    private:
        void *m_Mem;
    public:
        wxMyFSFile(.....)
        ~wxMyFSFile() {free(m_Mem);}
        // of course dtor is virtual ;-)
};
```

## wxFSFile::GetAnchor

**const wxString& GetAnchor() const**

Returns anchor (if present). The term of **anchor** can be easily explained using few examples:

```
index.htm#anchor           /* 'anchor' is anchor */
index/wx001.htm           /* NO anchor here!    */
archive/main.zip#zip:index.htm#global /* 'global'      */
archive/main.zip#zip:index.htm /* NO anchor here!    */
```

Usually anchor is presented only if mime type is 'text/html'. But it may have some meaning with other files (for example myanim.avi#200 may refer to position in animation or reality.wrl#MyView may refer to predefined view in VRML)

## wxFSFile::GetLocation

**const wxString& GetLocation() const**

Returns full location of the file, including path and protocol. Examples :

```
http://www.wxwindows.org
http://www.ms.mff.cuni.cz/~vs1a8348/wxhtml/archive.zip#zip:info.txt
file:/home/vasek/index.htm
relative-file.htm
```

## wxFSFile::GetMimeType

**const wxString& GetMimeType() const**

Returns MIME type of the content of this file. It is either extension-based (see `wxMimeTypesManager`) or extracted from HTTP protocol Content-Type header.

**wxFSFile::GetStream****wxInputStream\* GetStream() const**

Returns pointer to the stream. You can use the returned stream to directly access data. You may suppose that the stream provide `Seek` and `GetSize` functionality (even in case of HTTP protocol which doesn't provide this by default. `wxHtml` is using local cache to workaround this and to speed up connection)

**wxFTP****Derived from**

*wxProtocol* (p. 619)

**Include files**

<wx/protocol/ftp.h>

**See also**

*wxSocketBase* (p. 705)

**wxFTP::SendCommand**

**bool SendCommand(const wxString& *command*, char *ret*)**

Send the specified *command* to the FTP server. *ret* specifies the expected result.

**Return value**

TRUE, if the command has been sent successfully, else FALSE.

**wxFTP::GetLastResult**

**const wxString& GetLastResult()**

Returns the last command result.

**wxFTP::ChDir****bool ChDir(const wxString& *dir*)**

Change the current FTP working directory. Returns TRUE if successful.

**wxFTP::MkDir****bool MkDir(const wxString& *dir*)**

Create the specified directory in the current FTP working directory. Returns TRUE if successful.

**wxFTP::Rmdir****bool Rmdir(const wxString& *dir*)**

Remove the specified directory from the current FTP working directory. Returns TRUE if successful.

**wxFTP::Pwd****wxString Pwd()**

Returns the current FTP working directory.

**wxFTP::Rename****bool Rename(const wxString& *src*, const wxString& *dst*)**

Rename the specified *src* element to *dst*. Returns TRUE if successful.

**wxFTP::RmFile****bool RmFile(const wxString& *path*)**

Delete the file specified by *path*. Returns TRUE if successful.

**wxFTP::SetUser****void SetUser(const wxString& *user*)**

Sets the user name to be sent to the FTP server to be allowed to log in.

### Default value

The default value of the user name is "anonymous".

### Remark

This parameter can be included in a URL if you want to use the URL manager. For example, you can use: "ftp://a\_user:a\_password@a.host:service/a\_directory/a\_file" to specify a user and a password.

## wxFTP::SetPassword

**void SetPassword(const wxString& passwd)**

Sets the password to be sent to the FTP server to be allowed to log in.

### Default value

The default value of the user name is your email address. For example, it could be "username@userhost.domain". This password is built by getting the current user name and the host name of the local machine from the system.

### Remark

This parameter can be included in a URL if you want to use the URL manager. For example, you can use: "ftp://a\_user:a\_password@a.host:service/a\_directory/a\_file" to specify a user and a password.

## wxFTP::GetList

**wxList \* GetList(const wxString& wildcard)**

The GetList function is quite low-level. It returns the list of the files in the current directory. The list can be filtered using the *wildcard* string. If *wildcard* is a NULL string, it will return all files in directory.

The form of the list can change from one peer system to another. For example, for a UNIX peer system, it will look like this:

```
-r--r--r--  1 guilhem  lavaux      12738 Jan 16 20:17 cmndata.cpp
-r--r--r--  1 guilhem  lavaux      10866 Jan 24 16:41 config.cpp
-rw-rw-rw-  1 guilhem  lavaux      29967 Dec 21 19:17 cwlex.yy.c
-rw-rw-rw-  1 guilhem  lavaux      14342 Jan 22 19:51 cwy_tab.c
-r--r--r--  1 guilhem  lavaux      13890 Jan 29 19:18 date.cpp
-r--r--r--  1 guilhem  lavaux       3989 Feb  8 19:18 datstrm.cpp
```

But on Windows system, it will look like this:

```
winamp~1 exe      520196 02-25-1999  19:28  winamp204.exe
      1 file(s)                520 196 bytes
```

The list is a string list and one node corresponds to a line sent by the peer.

### **wxFTP::GetOutputStream**

**wxOutputStream \* GetOutputStream(const wxString& file)**

Initializes an output stream to the specified *file*. The returned stream has all but the seek functionality of wxStreams. When the user finishes writing data, he has to delete the stream to close it.

#### **Return value**

An initialized write-only stream.

#### **See also**

*wxOutputStream* (p. 559)

### **wxFTP::GetInputStream**

**wxInputStream \* GetInputStream(const wxString& path)**

Creates a new input stream on the the specified path. You can use all but seek functionality of wxStream. Seek isn't available on all stream. For example, http or ftp streams doesn't deal with it. Other functions like Tell aren't available for the moment for this sort of stream. You will be notified when the EOF is reached by an error.

#### **Return value**

Returns NULL if an error occurred (it could be a network failure or the fact that the file doesn't exist).

Returns the initialized stream. You will have to delete it yourself once you don't use it anymore. The destructor close the DATA stream connection but will leave the COMMAND stream connection opened. It means that you still can send new commands without reconnecting.

#### **Example of a standalone connection (without wxURL)**

```
wxFTP ftp;
wxInputStream *in_stream;
char *data;

ftp.Connect("a.host.domain");
ftp.ChDir("a_directory");
in_stream = ftp.GetInputStream("a_file_to_get");
```

```
data = new char[in\_stream->StreamSize()];

in\_stream->Read(data, in\_stream->StreamSize());
if (in\_stream->LastError() != wxStream\_NOERROR) {
    // Do something.
}

delete in\_stream; /* Close the DATA connection */

ftp.Close(); /* Close the COMMAND connection */
```

### See also

*wxInputStream* (p. 425)

## wxGauge

A gauge is a horizontal or vertical bar which shows a quantity (often time). There are no user commands for the gauge.

### Derived from

*wxControl* (p. 130)  
*wxWindow* (p. 915)  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/gauge.h>

### Window styles

<b>wxGA_HORIZONTAL</b>	Creates a horizontal gauge.
<b>wxGA_VERTICAL</b>	Creates a vertical gauge.
<b>wxGA_PROGRESSBAR</b>	Under Windows 95, creates a horizontal progress bar.

See also *window styles overview* (p. 1093).

### Event handling

wxGauge is read-only so generates no events.

### See also

*wxSlider* (p. 696), *wxScrollBar* (p. 671)

## wxGauge::wxGauge

**wxGauge()**

Default constructor.

**wxGauge(wxWindow\* parent, wxWindowID id, int range, const wxPoint& pos = wxDefaultPosition, const wxSize& size = wxDefaultSize, long style = wxGA\_HORIZONTAL, const wxValidator& validator = wxDefaultValidator, const wxString& name = "gauge")**

Constructor, creating and showing a gauge.

**Parameters**

*parent*

Window parent.

*id*

Window identifier.

*range*

Integer range (maximum value) of the gauge.

*pos*

Window position.

*size*

Window size.

*style*

Gauge style. See *wxGauge* (p. 317).

*name*

Window name.

**Remarks**

Under Windows 95, there are two different styles of gauge: normal gauge, and progress bar (when the **wxGA\_PROGRESSBAR** style is used). A progress bar is always horizontal.

**See also**

*wxGauge::Create* (p. 319)

**wxGauge::~~wxGauge****~wxGauge()**

Destructor, destroying the gauge.

**wxGauge::Create**

**bool Create**(**wxWindow\*** *parent*, **wxWindowID** *id*, **int** *range*, **const wxPoint&** *pos* = *wxDefaultPosition*, **const wxSize&** *size* = *wxDefaultSize*, **long** *style* = *wxGA\_HORIZONTAL*, **const wxValidator&** *validator* = *wxDefaultValidator*, **const wxString&** *name* = "gauge")

Creates the gauge for two-step construction. See *wxGauge::wxGauge* (p. 317) for further details.

**wxGauge::GetBezelFace**

**int GetBezelFace()** **const**

Returns the width of the 3D bezel face.

**Remarks**

Windows only, not for **wxGA\_PROGRESSBAR**.

**See also**

*wxGauge::SetBezelFace* (p. 320)

**wxGauge::GetRange**

**int GetRange()** **const**

Returns the maximum position of the gauge.

**See also**

*wxGauge::SetRange* (p. 320)

**wxGauge::GetShadowWidth**

**int GetShadowWidth()** **const**

Returns the 3D shadow margin width.

**Remarks**

Windows only, not for **wxGA\_PROGRESSBAR**.

**See also**



*wxGauge::SetShadowWidth* (p. 320)

### **wxGauge::GetValue**

**int GetValue() const**

Returns the current position of the gauge.

[See also](#)

*wxGauge::SetValue* (p. 321)

### **wxGauge::SetBezelFace**

**void SetBezelFace(int width)**

Sets the 3D bezel face width.

[Remarks](#)

Windows only, not for **wxGA\_PROGRESSBAR**.

[See also](#)

*wxGauge::GetBezelFace* (p. 319)

### **wxGauge::SetRange**

**void SetRange(int range)**

Sets the range (maximum value) of the gauge.

[See also](#)

*wxGauge::GetRange* (p. 319)

### **wxGauge::SetShadowWidth**

**void SetShadowWidth(int width)**

Sets the 3D shadow width.

[Remarks](#)

Windows only, not for **wxGA\_PROGRESSBAR**.

**wxGauge::SetValue****void SetValue(int pos)**

Sets the position of the gauge.

**Parameters***pos*

Position for the gauge level.

**See also**

*wxGauge::GetValue* (p. 320)

**wxGDIObject**

This class allows platforms to implement functionality to optimise GDI objects, such as *wxPen*, *wxBrush* and *wxFont*. On Windows, the underlying GDI objects are a scarce resource and are cleaned up when a usage count goes to zero. On some platforms this class may not have any special functionality.

Since the functionality of this class is platform-specific, it is not documented here in detail.

**Derived from**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/gdiobj.h>

**See also**

*wxPen* (p. 578), *wxBrush* (p. 60), *wxFont* (p. 285)

**wxGDIObject::wxGDIObject****wxGDIObject()**

Default constructor.

**wxGenericValidator**

`wxGenericValidator` performs data transfer (but not validation or filtering) for the following basic controls: `wxButton`, `wxCheckBox`, `wxListBox`, `wxStaticText`, `wxRadioButton`, `wxRadioBox`, `wxChoice`, `wxComboBox`, `wxGauge`, `wxSlider`, `wxScrollBar`, `wxSpinButton`, `wxTextCtrl`, `wxCheckListBox`.

It checks the type of the window and uses an appropriate type for that window. For example, `wxButton` and `wxTextCtrl` transfer data to and from a `wxString` variable; `wxListBox` uses a `wxArrayInt`; `wxCheckBox` uses a `bool`.

For more information, please see *Validator overview* (p. 1103).

### Derived from

`wxValidator` (p. 897)  
`wxEvtHandler` (p. 240)  
`wxObject` (p. 555)

### Include files

`<wx/valgen.h>`

### See also

*Validator overview* (p. 1103), `wxValidator` (p. 897), `wxTextValidator` (p. 841)

## **`wxGenericValidator::wxGenericValidator`**

**`wxGenericValidator(const wxGenericValidator& validator)`**

Copy constructor.

**`wxGenericValidator(bool* valPtr)`**

Constructor taking a `bool` pointer. This will be used for `wxCheckBox` and `wxRadioButton`.

**`wxGenericValidator(wxString* valPtr)`**

Constructor taking a `wxString` pointer. This will be used for `wxButton`, `wxComboBox`, `wxStaticText`, `wxTextCtrl`.

**`wxGenericValidator(int* valPtr)`**

Constructor taking an integer pointer. This will be used for `wxGauge`, `wxScrollBar`, `wxRadioBox`, `wxSpinButton`, `wxChoice`.

**`wxGenericValidator(wxArrayInt* valPtr)`**

Constructor taking a `wxArrayInt` pointer. This will be used for `wxListBox`,

`wxCheckListBox`.

### Parameters

*validator*

Validator to copy.

*valPtr*

A pointer to a variable that contains the value. This variable should have a lifetime equal to or longer than the validator lifetime (which is usually determined by the lifetime of the window).

### **`wxGenericValidator::~~wxGenericValidator`**

**`~wxGenericValidator()`**

Destructor.

### **`wxGenericValidator::Clone`**

**`virtual wxValidator* Clone() const`**

Clones the generic validator using the copy constructor.

### **`wxGenericValidator::TransferFromWindow`**

**`virtual bool TransferToWindow()`**

Transfers the value to the window.

### **`wxGenericValidator::TransferToWindow`**

**`virtual bool TransferToWindow()`**

Transfers the window value to the appropriate data type.

### **`wxGrid`**

`wxGrid` is a class for displaying and editing tabular information.

### Derived from

*wxPanel* (p. 572)

*wxWindow* (p. 915)

*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/grid.h>

### Window styles

There are no specific window styles for this class, but you may use different SetXXX() functions to change the controls behaviour (for example, to enable in-place editing).

See also *window styles overview* (p. 1093).

### See also

*wxGrid classes overview* (p. 1109)

## wxGrid::wxGrid

**void wxGrid(wxWindow\* parent, wxWindowID id, const wxPoint& pos, const wxSize& size, long style=0, const wxString& name="grid")**

Constructor. Before using a wxGrid object, you must call CreateGrid to set up the required rows and columns.

## wxGrid::AdjustScrollbars

**void AdjustScrollbars()**

Call this function whenever a change has been made via the API that might alter the scrollbar characteristics: particularly when adding or deleting rows, or changing row or column dimensions. For example, removing rows might make it unnecessary to show the vertical scrollbar.

## wxGrid::AppendCols

**bool AppendCols(int n=1, bool updateLabels=TRUE)**

Appends *n* columns to the grid. If *updateLabels* is TRUE, the function OnChangeLabels is called to give the application the opportunity to relabel.

## wxGrid::AppendRows

**bool AppendRows(int n=1, bool updateLabels=TRUE)**

Appends *n* rows to the grid. If *updateLabels* is TRUE, the function `OnChangeLabels` is called to give the application the opportunity to relabel.

### **wxGrid::BeginBatch**

#### **void BeginBatch()**

Start a `BeginBatch/EndBatch` pair between which, calls to `SetCellValue` or `SetCellBitmap` will not cause a refresh. This allows you to speed up some operations (for example, setting several hundred cell values). You can nest, but not overlap, these two functions.

See also `wxGrid::EndBatch` (p. 326), `wxGrid::GetBatchCount` (p. 326).

### **wxGrid::CellHitTest**

#### **bool CellHitTest(int x, int y, int \*row, int \*col)**

Returns TRUE if the *x*, *y* panel position coincides with a cell. If so, *row* and *col* are returned.

### **wxGrid::CreateGrid**

#### **bool CreateGrid(int rows, int cols, wxString \*\*cellValues=NULL, short \*widths=NULL, short defaultWidth=wxGRID\_DEFAULT\_CELL\_WIDTH, short defaultHeight=wxGRID\_DEFAULT\_CELL\_HEIGHT)**

Creates a grid *rows* high and *cols* wide. You can optionally specify an array of initial values and widths, and/or default cell width and height.

Call this function after creating the `wxGrid` object.

**wxPython note:** Currently the `cellValues` and `widths` parameters don't exist in the wxPython version of this method. So in other words, the definition of the wxPython version of this method looks like this:

```
CreateGrid(rows, cols,
           defaultWidth = wxGRID_DEFAULT_CELL_WIDTH,
           defaultHeight = wxGRID_DEFAULT_CELL_HEIGHT)
```

### **wxGrid::CurrentCellVisible**

#### **bool CurrentCellVisible()**

Returns TRUE if the currently selected cell is visible, FALSE otherwise.

**wxGrid::DeleteCols****bool DeleteCols**(int *pos*=0, int *n*=1, **bool** *updateLabels*=TRUE)

Deletes *n* columns from the grid at position *pos*. If *updateLabels* is TRUE, the function `OnChangeLabels` is called to give the application the opportunity to relabel.

**wxGrid::DeleteRows****bool DeleteRows**(int *pos*=0, int *n*=1, **bool** *updateLabels*=TRUE)

Deletes *n* rows from the grid at position *pos*. If *updateLabels* is TRUE, the function `OnChangeLabels` is called to give the application the opportunity to relabel.

**wxGrid::EndBatch****void EndBatch**()

End a `BeginBatch/EndBatch` pair between which, calls to `SetCellValue` or `SetCellBitmap` will not cause a refresh. This allows you to speed up some operations (for example, setting several hundred cell values). You can nest, but not overlap, these two functions.

See also `wxGrid::BeginBatch` (p. 325), `wxGrid::GetBatchCount` (p. 326).

**wxGrid::GetBatchCount****int GetBatchCount**() **const**

Return the level of batch nesting. This is initially zero, and will be incremented every time `BeginBatch` is called, and decremented when `EndBatch` is called. When the batch count is more zero, some functions (such as `SetCellValue` and `SetCellBitmap`) will not refresh the cell.

See also `wxGrid::BeginBatch` (p. 325), `wxGrid::EndBatch` (p. 326).

**wxGrid::GetCell****wxGridCell \* GetCell**(int *row*, int *col*) **const**

Returns the grid cell object associated with this position.

`wxGenericGrid` implementation only.

**wxGrid::GetCellAlignment**

**int GetCellAlignment(int row, int col) const**

**int GetCellAlignment() const**

Sets the text alignment for the cell at the given position, or the global alignment value. The return value is wxLEFT, wxRIGHT or wxCENTRE.

**wxPython note:** In place of a single overloaded method name, wxPython implements the following methods:

**GetCellAlignment(row, col)**  
**GetDefCellAlignment()**

**wxGrid::GetCellBackgroundColour**

**wxColour& GetCellBackgroundColour(int row, int col) const**

**wxColour& GetCellBackgroundColour() const**

Gets the background colour for the cell at the given position, or the global background colour.

**wxPython note:** In place of a single overloaded method name, wxPython implements the following methods:

**GetCellBackgroundColour(row, col)**  
**GetDefCellBackgroundColour()**

**wxGrid::GetCells**

**wxGridCell \*\*\* GetCells() const**

Returns the array of grid cell object associated with this wxGrid.

**wxGrid::GetCellTextColour**

**wxColour& GetCellTextColour(int row, int col) const**

**wxColour& GetCellTextColour() const**

Gets the text colour for the cell at the given position, or the global text colour.

**wxPython note:** In place of a single overloaded method name, wxPython implements the following methods:



**GetCellTextColour(row, col)**  
**GetDefCellTextColour()**

### **wxGrid::GetCellTextFont**

**const wxFont& GetCellTextFont(int row, int col) const**

**wxFont& GetCellTextFont() const**

Gets the text font for the cell at the given position, or the global text font.

**wxPython note:** In place of a single overloaded method name, wxPython implements the following methods:

**GetCellTextFont(row, col)**  
**GetDefCellTextFont()**

### **wxGrid::GetCellValue**

**wxString& GetCellValue(int row, int col) const**

Returns the cell value at the given position.

### **wxGrid::GetCols**

**int GetCols() const**

Returns the number of columns in the grid.

### **wxGrid::GetColumnWidth**

**int GetColumnWidth(int col) const**

Gets the width in pixels for column *col*.

### **wxGrid::GetCurrentRect**

**wxRectangle \* GetCurrentRect() const**

Returns a pointer to the rectangle enclosing the currently selected cell. Do not delete this pointer.

**wxGrid::GetCursorColumn****int GetCursorColumn() const**

Returns the column position of the currently selected cell.

**wxGrid::GetCursorRow****int GetCursorRow() const**

Returns the row position of the currently selected cell.

**wxGrid::GetEditable****bool GetEditable() const**

Returns TRUE if the grid cells can be edited.

**wxGrid::GetEditInPlace****bool GetEditInPlace() const**

Returns TRUE if editing in-place is enabled.

**wxGrid::GetHorizScrollBar****wxScrollBar \* GetHorizScrollBar() const**

Returns a pointer to the horizontal scrollbar.

**wxGrid::GetLabelAlignment****int GetLabelAlignment(int *orientation*) const**

Gets the row or column label alignment. *orientation* should be wxHORIZONTAL to specify column label, wxVERTICAL to specify row label. *alignment* should be wxCENTRE, wxLEFT or wxRIGHT.

**wxGrid::GetLabelBackgroundColour****wxColour& GetLabelBackgroundColour() const**

Gets a row and column label text colour.

**wxGrid::GetLabelSize****int GetLabelSize(int *orientation*) const**

Gets the row label height, or column label width, in pixels. *orientation* should be wxHORIZONTAL to specify column label, wxVERTICAL to specify row label.

**wxGrid::GetLabelTextColour****wxColour& GetLabelTextColour() const**

Gets a row and column label text colour.

**wxGrid::GetLabelTextFont****wxFont& GetLabelTextFont() const**

Gets the font to be used for the row and column labels.

**wxGrid::GetLabelValue****wxString& GetLabelValue(int *orientation*, int *pos*) const**

Gets a row or column label value. *orientation* should be wxHORIZONTAL to specify column label, wxVERTICAL to specify row label. *pos* is the label position.

**wxGrid::GetRowHeight****int GetRowHeight(int *row*) const**

Gets the height in pixels for row *row*.

**wxGrid::GetRows****int GetRows() const**

Returns the number of rows in the grid.

**wxGrid::GetScrollPosX****int GetScrollPosX() const**

Returns the column scroll position.

### **wxGrid::GetScrollPosY**

**int GetScrollPosY() const**

Returns the row scroll position.

### **wxGrid::GetTextItem**

**wxText \* GetTextItem() const**

Returns a pointer to the text item used for entering text into a cell.

### **wxGrid::GetVertScrollBar**

**wxScrollBar \* GetVertScrollBar() const**

Returns a pointer to the vertical scrollbar.

### **wxGrid::InsertCols**

**bool InsertCols(int pos=0, int n=1, bool updateLabels=TRUE)**

Inserts *n* number of columns before position *pos*. If *updateLabels* is TRUE, the function *OnChangeLabels* is called to give the application the opportunity to relabel.

### **wxGrid::InsertRows**

**bool InsertRows(int pos=0, int n=1, bool updateLabels=TRUE)**

Inserts *n* number of rows before position *pos*. If *updateLabels* is TRUE, the function *OnChangeLabels* is called to give the application the opportunity to relabel.

### **wxGrid::OnActivate**

**void OnActivate(bool active)**

Sets the text item to have the focus. Call this function when the *wxGrid* window should have the focus, for example from *wxFrame::OnActivate*.

### **wxGrid::OnChangeLabels**

**void OnChangeLabels()**

Called when rows and columns are created or deleted, to allow the application an opportunity to update the labels. By default, columns are labelled alphabetically, and rows numerically.

**wxGrid::OnChangeSelectionLabel****void OnChangeSelectionLabel()**

Called when a cell is selected, to allow the application an opportunity to update the selection label (the label of the wxText item used for entering cell text). By default, the cell column letter and row number are concatenated to form the selection label.

**wxGrid::OnCreateCell****wxGridCell \* OnCreateCell()**

Override this virtual function if you want to replace the normal wxGridCell with a derived class.

**wxGrid::OnCellLeftClick****void OnLeftClick(int row, int col, int x, int y, bool control, bool shift)**

Virtual function called when the left button is depressed within a cell, just after OnSelectCell is called.

**wxGrid::OnCellRightClick****void OnRightClick(int row, int col, int x, int y, bool control, bool shift)**

Virtual function called when the right button is depressed within a cell, just after OnSelectCell is called.

**wxGrid::OnLabelLeftClick****void OnLeftClick(int row, int col, int x, int y, bool control, bool shift)**

Virtual function called when the left button is depressed within a label.

*row* will be -1 if the click is in the top labels.

*col* will be -1 if the click is in the left labels.

*row* and *col* will be -1 if the click is in the upper left corner.

### **wxGrid::OnLabelRightClick**

**void OnRightClick(int row, int col, int x, int y, bool control, bool shift)**

Virtual function called when the right button is depressed within a label.

*row* will be -1 if the click is in the top labels.

*col* will be -1 if the click is in the left labels.

*row* and *col* will be -1 if the click is in the upper left corner.

### **wxGrid::OnSelectCell**

**void OnSelectCell(int row, int col)**

Virtual function called when the user left-clicks on a cell.

### **wxGrid::OnSelectCellImplementation**

**void OnSelectCellImplementation(wxDC \*dc, int row, int col)**

Virtual function called when the user left-clicks on a cell. If you override this function, call `wxGrid::OnSelectCell` to apply the default behaviour.

### **wxGrid::SetCellAlignment**

**void SetCellAlignment(int alignment, int row, int col)**

**void SetCellAlignment(int alignment)**

Sets the text alignment for the cell at the given position, or for the whole grid. *alignment* may be `wxLEFT`, `wxRIGHT` or `wxCENTRE`.

**wxPython note:** In place of a single overloaded method name, wxPython implements the following methods:

**SetCellAlignment(alignment, row, col)**  
**SetDefCellAlignment(alignment)**

### **wxGrid::SetCellBackgroundColour**

**void SetCellBackgroundColour(const wxColour& colour, int row, int col)**

**void SetCellBackgroundColour(const wxColour& colour)**

Sets the background colour for the cell at the given position, or for the whole grid.

**wxPython note:** In place of a single overloaded method name, wxPython implements the following methods:

**SetCellBackgroundColour(colour, row, col)**  
**SetDefCellBackgroundColour(colour)**

**wxGrid::SetCellTextColour**

**void SetCellTextColour(const wxColour& colour, int row, int col)**

**void SetCellTextColour(const wxColour& colour)**

Sets the text colour for the cell at the given position, or for the whole grid.

**wxPython note:** In place of a single overloaded method name, wxPython implements the following methods:

**SetCellTextColour(colour, row, col)**  
**SetDefCellTextColour(colour)**

**wxGrid::SetCellTextFont**

**void SetCellTextFont(const wxFont& font, int row, int col)**

**void SetCellTextFont(const wxFont& font)**

Sets the text font for the cell at the given position, or for the whole grid.

**wxPython note:** In place of a single overloaded method name, wxPython implements the following methods:

**SetCellTextFont(font, row, col)**  
**SetDefCellTextFont(font)**

**wxGrid::SetCellValue**

**void SetCellValue(const wxString& val, int row, int col)**

Sets the cell value at the given position.

### **wxGrid::SetColumnWidth**

**void SetColumnWidth**(int *col*, int *width*)

Sets the width in pixels for column *col*.

### **wxGrid::SetDividerPen**

**void SetDividerPen**(const wxPen& *pen*)

Specifies the pen to be used for drawing the divisions between cells. The default is a light grey. If NULL is specified, the divisions will not be drawn.

### **wxGrid::SetEditable**

**void SetEditable**(bool *editable*)

If *editable* is TRUE (the default), the grid cells will be editable by means of the text edit control. If FALSE, the text edit control will be hidden and the user will not be able to edit the cell contents.

### **wxGrid::SetEditInPlace**

**void SetEditInPlace**(bool *edit* = TRUE)

Enables (if *edit* is TRUE, default value) or disables in-place editing. When it is enabled, the cells contents can be changed by typing text directly in the cell.

### **wxGrid::SetGridCursor**

**void SetGridCursor**(int *row*, int *col*)

Sets the position of the selected cell.

### **wxGrid::SetLabelAlignment**

**void SetLabelAlignment**(int *orientation*, int *alignment*)

Sets the row or column label alignment. *orientation* should be wxHORIZONTAL to specify column label, wxVERTICAL to specify row label. *alignment* should be wxCENTRE, wxLEFT or wxRIGHT.



**wxGrid::SetLabelBackgroundColour****void SetLabelBackgroundColour(const wxColour& *value*)**

Sets a row or column label background colour.

**wxGrid::SetLabelSize****void SetLabelSize(int *orientation*, int *size*)**

Sets the row label height, or column label width, in pixels. *orientation* should be wxHORIZONTAL to specify column label, wxVERTICAL to specify row label.

If a dimension of zero is specified, the row or column labels will not be shown.

**wxGrid::SetLabelTextColour****void SetLabelTextColour(const wxColour& *value*)**

Sets a row and column label text colour.

**wxGrid::SetLabelTextFont****void SetLabelTextFont(const wxFont& *font*)**

Sets the font to be used for the row and column labels.

**wxGrid::SetLabelValue****void SetLabelValue(int *orientation*, const wxString& *value*, int *pos*)**

Sets a row or column label value. *orientation* should be wxHORIZONTAL to specify column label, wxVERTICAL to specify row label. *pos* is the label position.

**wxGrid::SetRowHeight****void SetRowHeight(int *row*, int *height*)**

Sets the height in pixels for row *row*.

**wxGrid::UpdateDimensions****void UpdateDimensions()**

Call this function whenever a change has been made via the API that might alter size characteristics. You may also need to follow it with a call to `AdjustScrollbars`.

## **wxHashTable**

This class provides hash table functionality for `wxWindows`, and for an application if it wishes. Data can be hashed on an integer or string key.

### **Derived from**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### **Include files**

`<wx/hash.h>`

### **Example**

Below is an example of using a hash table.

```
wxHashTable table(KEY_STRING);

wxPoint *point = new wxPoint(100, 200);
table.Put("point 1", point);

....

wxPoint *found_point = (wxPoint *)table.Get("point 1");
```

A hash table is implemented as an array of pointers to lists. When no data has been stored, the hash table takes only a little more space than this array (default size is 1000). When a data item is added, an integer is constructed from the integer or string key that is within the bounds of the array. If the array element is `NULL`, a new (keyed) list is created for the element. Then the data object is appended to the list, storing the key in case other data objects need to be stored in the list also (when a 'collision' occurs).

Retrieval involves recalculating the array index from the key, and searching along the keyed list for the data object whose stored key matches the passed key. Obviously this is quicker when there are fewer collisions, so hashing will become inefficient if the number of items to be stored greatly exceeds the size of the hash table.

### **See also**

*wxList* (p. 446)

## **wxHashTable::wxHashTable**

**wxHashTable(unsigned int *key\_type*, int *size* = 1000)**

Constructor. *key\_type* is one of `wxKEY_INTEGER`, or `wxKEY_STRING`, and indicates what sort of keying is required. *size* is optional.

**wxHashTable::~~wxHashTable**

**~wxHashTable()**

Destroys the hash table.

**wxHashTable::BeginFind**

**void BeginFind()**

The counterpart of *Next*. If the application wishes to iterate through all the data in the hash table, it can call *BeginFind* and then loop on *Next*.

**wxHashTable::Clear**

**void Clear()**

Clears the hash table of all nodes (but as usual, doesn't delete user data).

**wxHashTable::Delete**

**wxObject \* Delete(long *key*)**

**wxObject \* Delete(const wxString& *key*)**

Deletes entry in hash table and returns the user's data (if found).

**wxHashTable::Get**

**wxObject \* Get(long *key*)**

**wxObject \* Get(const wxString& *key*)**

Gets data from the hash table, using an integer or string key (depending on which hash table constructor was used).

**wxHashTable::MakeKey**

**long MakeKey(const wxString& *string*)**

Makes an integer key out of a string. An application may wish to make a key explicitly (for instance when combining two data values to form a key).

### **wxHashTable::Next**

**wxNode \* Next()**

If the application wishes to iterate through all the data in the hash table, it can call *BeginFind* and then loop on *Next*. This function returns a **wxNode** pointer (or NULL if there are no more nodes). See the description for *wxNode* (p. 544). The user will probably only wish to use the **wxNode::Data** function to retrieve the data; the node may also be deleted.

### **wxHashTable::Put**

**void Put(long key, wxObject \*object)**

**void Put(const wxString& key, wxObject \*object)**

Inserts data into the hash table, using an integer or string key (depending on which hash table constructor was used). The key string is copied and stored by the hash table implementation.

### **wxHelpController**

This is a family of classes by which applications may invoke a help viewer to provide on-line help.

A help controller allows an application to display help, at the contents or at a particular topic, and shut the help program down on termination. This avoids proliferation of many instances of the help viewer whenever the user requests a different topic via the application's menus or buttons.

Typically, an application will create a help controller instance when it starts, and immediately call **Initialize** to associate a filename with it. The help viewer will only get run, however, just before the first call to display something.

Most help controller classes actually derive from *wxHelpControllerBase* and have names of the form *wxXXXHelpController* or *wxHelpControllerXXX*. An appropriate class is aliased to the name *wxHelpController* for each platform, as follows:

- On Windows, *wxWinHelpController* is used.
- On all other platforms, *wxHelpControllerHtml* is used if *wxHTML* is compiled into *wxWindows*; otherwise *wxExtHelpController* is used (for invoking an external browser).

The remaining help controller classes need to be named explicitly by an application that

wishes to make use of them.

There are currently the following help controller classes defined:

- `wxWinHelpController`, for controlling Windows Help.
- `wxExtHelpController`, for controlling external browsers under Unix. The default browser is Netscape Navigator. The 'help' sample shows its use.
- `wxHelpControllerHtml`, using `wxHTML` (p. 1) to display help. The API for this class is reasonably close to the `wxWindows` help controller API; see `wx/helpwxht.h` for details of use.
- `wxHtmlHelpController` (p. 361), a more sophisticated help controller using `wxHTML` (p. 1), in a similar style to the Windows HTML Help viewer and using some of the same files. The API is not the same as the standard API, which is why it is documented separately.
- `wxXLPHelpController`, for controlling `wxHelp` (from `wxWindows` 1). Obsolete.

### Derived from

`wxHelpControllerBase`  
`wxObject` (p. 555)

### Include files

`<wx/help.h>` (`wxWindows` chooses the appropriate help controller class)  
`<wx/helpbase.h>` (`wxHelpControllerBase` class)  
`<wx/helpwin.h>` (Windows Help controller)  
`<wx/generic/helpext.h>` (external HTML browser controller) `<wx/generic/helpwxht.h>` (`wxHTML` based help controller) `<wx/generic/helpxlp.h>` (`wxHelp` controller)

### See also

`wxHtmlHelpController` (p. 361), `wxHTML` (p. 1)

## **`wxHelpController::wxHelpController`**

### **`wxHelpController()`**

Constructs a help instance object, but does not invoke the help viewer.

## **`wxHelpController::~~wxHelpController`**

### **`~wxHelpController()`**

Destroys the help instance, closing down the viewer if it is running.

**wxHelpController::Initialize****virtual void Initialize(const wxString& file)****virtual void Initialize(const wxString& file, int server)**

Initializes the help instance with a help filename, and optionally a server (socket) number if using wxHelp. Does not invoke the help viewer. This must be called directly after the help instance object is created and before any attempts to communicate with the viewer.

You may omit the file extension and a suitable one will be chosen.

**wxHelpController::DisplayBlock****virtual bool DisplayBlock(long blockNo)**

If the help viewer is not running, runs it and displays the file at the given block number.

*wxHelp*: this is the wxHelp block number.

*WinHelp*: Refers to the context number.

*External HTML help*: the same as for *wxHelpController::DisplaySection* (p. 341).

**wxHelpController::DisplayContents****virtual bool DisplayContents()**

If the help viewer is not running, runs it and displays the contents.

**wxHelpController::DisplaySection****virtual bool DisplaySection(int sectionNo)**

If the help viewer is not running, runs it and displays the given section.

*wxHelp*: Sections are numbered starting from 1. Section numbers may be viewed by running wxHelp in edit mode.

*WinHelp*: *sectionNo* is a context id.

*External HTML help/wxHTML based help*: wxExtHelpController and wxHelpControllerHtml implement *sectionNo* as an id in a map file, which is of the form:

```
0  wx.html           ; Index
1  wx34.html#classref ; Class reference
2  wx204.html        ; Function reference
```

### **wxHelpController::KeywordSearch**

**virtual bool KeywordSearch(const wxString& keyWord)**

If the help viewer is not running, runs it, and searches for sections matching the given keyword. If one match is found, the file is displayed at this section.

*wxHelp*: If more than one match is found, the Search dialog is displayed with the matches.

*WinHelp*: If more than one match is found, the first topic is displayed.

*External HTML help*: If more than one match is found, a choice of topics is displayed.

### **wxHelpController::LoadFile**

**virtual bool LoadFile(const wxString& file = "")**

If the help viewer is not running, runs it and loads the given file. If the filename is not supplied or is NULL, the file specified in **Initialize** is used. If the viewer is already displaying the specified file, it will not be reloaded. This member function may be used before each display call in case the user has opened another file.

### **wxHelpController::SetViewer**

**virtual void SetViewer(const wxString& viewer, long flags)**

Sets detailed viewer information. So far this is only relevant to wxExtHelpController.

### **wxHelpController::SetFrameParameters**

**virtual void SetFrameParameters(const wxString & title, const wxSize & size, const wxPoint & pos = wxDefaultPosition, bool newFrameEachTime = FALSE)**

For the wxHelpControllerHtml, this allows the application to set the default frame title, size and position for the frame. If the title contains %s, this will be replaced with the page title. If the parameter newFrameEachTime is set, the controller will open a new help frame each time it is called. For all other help controllers this function has no effect.

### **wxHelpController::GetFrameParameters**

**virtual wxFrame \* GetFrameParameters(const wxSize \* size = NULL, const wxPoint \* pos = NULL, bool \*newFrameEachTime = NULL)** This reads the current settings for the help frame in the case of the wxHelpControllerHtml, setting the frame size, position and the newFrameEachTime parameters to the last values used. It also returns the pointer to

the last opened help frame. This can be used for example, to automatically close the help frame on program shutdown. For all other help controllers, this function does nothing and just returns NULL.

### Parameters

*viewer*

This defaults to "netscape" for `wxExtHelpController`.

*flags*

This defaults to `wxHELP_NETSCAPE` for `wxExtHelpController`, indicating that the viewer is a variant of Netscape Navigator.

## **wxHelpController::OnQuit**

**virtual bool OnQuit()**

Overridable member called when this application's viewer is quit by the user.

This does not work for all help controllers.

## **wxHelpController::Quit**

**virtual bool Quit()**

If the viewer is running, quits it by disconnecting.

For Windows Help, the viewer will only close if no other application is using it.

## **wxHtmlCell**

Internal data structure. It represents fragments of parsed HTML page, the so-called **cell** - a word, picture, table, horizontal line and so on. It is used by `wxHtmlWindow` (p. 382) and `wxHtmlWinParser` (p. 387) to represent HTML page in memory.

You can divide cells into two groups : *visible* cells with non-zero width and height and *helper* cells (usually with zero width and height) that perform special actions such as color or font change.

### Derived from

`wxObject`

### See Also

*Cells Overview* (p. 4), `wxHtmlContainerCell` (p. 349)



**wxHtmlCell::wxHtmlCell****wxHtmlCell()**

Constructor.

**wxHtmlCell::AdjustPagebreak****virtual bool AdjustPagebreak(int \* pagebreak)**

This method is used to adjust pagebreak position. The parameter is variable that contains y-coordinate of page break (= horizontal line that should not be crossed by words, images etc.). If this cell cannot be divided into two pieces (each one on another page) then it moves the pagebreak few pixels up.

Returns TRUE if pagebreak was modified, FALSE otherwise

Usage:

```
while (container->AdjustPagebreak(&p)) {}
```

**wxHtmlCell::Draw****virtual void Draw(wxDC& dc, int x, int y, int view\_y1, int view\_y2)**

Renders the cell.

**Parameters**

*dc*

Device context to which the cell is to be drawn

*x,y*

Coordinates of parent's upper left corner (origin). You must add this to m\_PosX,m\_PosY when passing coordinates to dc's methods Example : `dc -> DrawText("hello", x + m_PosX, y + m_PosY)`

*view\_y1*

y-coord of the first line visible in window. This is used to optimize rendering speed

*view\_y2*

y-coord of the last line visible in window. This is used to optimize rendering speed

**wxHtmlCell::DrawInvisible****virtual void DrawInvisible(wxDC& dc, int x, int y)**

This method is called instead of *Draw* (p. 344) when the cell is certainly out of the screen (and thus invisible). This is not nonsense - some tags (like *wxHtmlColourCell* (p. 348) or font setter) must be drawn even if they are invisible!

### Parameters

*dc*

Device context to which the cell is to be drawn

*x,y*

Coordinates of parent's upper left corner. You must add this to *m\_PosX*, *m\_PosY* when passing coordinates to *dc*'s methods Example : *dc -> DrawText("hello", x + m\_PosX, y + m\_PosY)*

### **wxHtmlCell::Find**

**virtual const wxHtmlCell\* Find(int condition, const void\* param)**

Returns pointer to itself if this cell matches condition (or if any of the cells following in the list matches), NULL otherwise. (In other words if you call top-level container's Find it will return pointer to the first cell that matches the condition)

It is recommended way how to obtain pointer to particular cell or to cell of some type (e.g. *wxHtmlAnchorCell* reacts on *HTML\_COND\_ISANCHOR* condition)

### Parameters

*condition*

Unique integer identifier of condition

*param*

Optional parameters

### Defined conditions

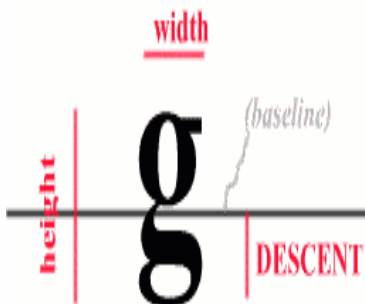
**HTML\_COND\_ISANCHOR** Finds particular anchor. *param* is pointer to *wxString* with name of the anchor.

**HTML\_COND\_USER** User-defined conditions start from this number.

### **wxHtmlCell::GetDescent**

**int GetDescent() const**

Returns descent value of the cell (*m\_Descent* member). See explanation:

**wxHtmlCell::GetHeight****int GetHeight() const**

Returns height of the cell (m\_Height member).

**wxHtmlCell::GetLink****virtual wxString GetLink(int x = 0, int y = 0) const**

Returns hypertext link if associated with this cell or empty string otherwise. (Note: this makes sense only for visible tags).

**Parameters****x,y**

Coordinates of position where the user pressed mouse button. These coordinates are used e.g. by COLORMAP. Values are relative to the upper left corner of THIS cell (i.e. from 0 to m\_Width or m\_Height)

**wxHtmlCell::GetNext****wxHtmlCell\* GetNext() const**

Returns pointer to the next cell in list (see htmlcell.h if you're interested in details).

**wxHtmlCell::GetParent****wxHtmlContainerCell\* GetParent() const**

Returns pointer to parent container.

**wxHtmlCell::GetPosX**

**int GetPosX() const**

Returns X position within parent (the value is relative to parent's upper left corner). The returned value is meaningful only if parent's *Layout* (p. 347) was called before!

**wxHtmlCell::GetPosY****int GetPosY() const**

Returns Y position within parent (the value is relative to parent's upper left corner). The returned value is meaningful only if parent's *Layout* (p. 347) was called before!

**wxHtmlCell::GetWidth****int GetWidth() const**

Returns width of the cell (*m\_Width* member).

**wxHtmlCell::Layout****virtual void Layout(int w)**

This method performs 2 actions:

1. adjusts cell's width according to the fact that maximal possible width is *w*. (this has sense when working with horizontal lines, tables etc.)
2. prepares layout (=fill-in *m\_PosX*, *m\_PosY* (and sometimes *m\_Height*) members) based on actual width *w*

It must be called before displaying cells structure because *m\_PosX* and *m\_PosY* are undefined (or invalid) before calling *Layout*.

**wxHtmlCell::OnMouseClicked****virtual void OnMouseClicked(wxWindow\* parent, int x, int y, bool left, bool middle, bool right)**

This function is simple event handler. Each time user clicks mouse button over a cell within *wxHtmlWindow* (p. 382) this method of that cell is called. Default behavior is that it calls *wxHtmlWindow::LoadPage* (p. 384).

**Note**

If you need more "advanced" behaviour (for example you'd like to catch mouse movement events or key events or whatsoever) you should use *wxHtmlBinderCell* instead.

## Parameters

*parent*

parent window (always wxHtmlWindow!)

*x, y*

coordinates of mouse click (this is relative to cell's origin)

*left, middle, right*

boolean flags for mouse buttons. TRUE if the left/middle/right button is pressed, FALSE otherwise

## **wxHtmlCell::SetLink**

**void SetLink(const wxString& link)**

Sets the hypertext link associated with this cell. (Default value is wxEmptyString (no link))

## **wxHtmlCell::SetNext**

**void SetNext(wxHtmlCell \*cell)**

Sets the next cell in the list. This shouldn't be called by user - it is to be used only by *wxHtmlContainerCell::InsertCell* (p. 350)

## **wxHtmlCell::SetParent**

**void SetParent(wxHtmlContainerCell \*p)**

Sets parent container of this cell. This is called from *wxHtmlContainerCell::InsertCell* (p. 350).

## **wxHtmlCell::SetPos**

**void SetPos(int x, int y)**

Sets the cell's position within parent container.

## **wxHtmlColourCell**

This cell changes color of either background or foreground.

## Derived from

*wxHtmlCell* (p. 343)

### **wxHtmlColourCell::wxHtmlColourCell**

**wxHtmlColourCell**(**wxColour** *clr*, **int** *flags* = *HTML\_CLR\_FOREGROUND*)

Constructor.

#### **Parameters**

*clr*

The color

*flags*

Can be one of following:

**HTML\_CLR\_FOREGROUND** change color of text

**HTML\_CLR\_BACKGROUND** change background color

### **wxHtmlContainerCell**

The `wxHtmlContainerCell` class is an implementation of a cell that may contain more cells in it. It is heavily used in the `wxHTML` layout algorithm.

#### **Derived from**

*wxHtmlCell* (p. 343)

#### **See Also**

*Cells Overview* (p. 4)

### **wxHtmlContainerCell::wxHtmlContainerCell**

**wxHtmlContainerCell**(**wxHtmlContainerCell** \**parent*)

Constructor. *parent* is pointer to parent container or `NULL`.

### **wxHtmlContainerCell::GetAlignHor**

**int** **GetAlignHor**() **const**

Returns container's horizontal alignment.

### **wxHtmlContainerCell::GetAlignVer**

**int GetAlignVer() const**

Returns container's vertical alignment.

### **wxHtmlContainerCell::GetFirstCell**

**wxHtmlCell\* GetFirstCell()**

Returns pointer to the first cell in the list. You can then use wxHtmlCell's `GetNext` method to obtain pointer to the next cell in list.

**Note:** This shouldn't be used by the end user. If you need some way of finding particular cell in the list, try *Find* (p. 345) method instead.

### **wxHtmlContainerCell::GetIndent**

**int GetIndent(int ind) const**

Returns the indentation. *ind* is one of the **HTML\_INDENT\_\*** constants.

**Note:** You must call *GetIndentUnits* (p. 350) with same *ind* parameter in order to correctly interpret the returned integer value. It is NOT always in pixels!

### **wxHtmlContainerCell::GetIndentUnits**

**int GetIndentUnits(int ind) const**

Returns the units of indentation for *ind* where *ind* is one of the **HTML\_INDENT\_\*** constants.

### **wxHtmlContainerCell::GetMaxLineWidth**

**int GetMaxLineWidth() const**

Returns width of widest line (note : this may be more than `GetWidth()`!! E.g. if you have 640x480 image and the wxHtmlWindow is only 100x100...)

Call to this method is valid only after calling *Layout* (p. 347)

### **wxHtmlContainerCell::InsertCell**

**void InsertCell(wxHtmlCell \*cell)**

Inserts new cell into the container.

### **wxHtmlContainerCell::SetAlign**

**void SetAlign(const wxHtmlTag& tag)**

Sets the container's alignment (both horizontal and vertical) according to the values stored in *tag*. (Tags `ALIGN` parameter is extracted.) In fact it is only a front-end to *SetAlignHor* (p. 351) and *SetAlignVer* (p. 351).

### **wxHtmlContainerCell::SetAlignHor**

**void SetAlignHor(int al)**

Sets the container's *horizontal alignment*. During *Layout* (p. 347) each line is aligned according to *al* value.

#### **Parameters**

*al*

new horizontal alignment. May be one of these values:

<code>HTML_ALIGN_LEFT</code>	lines are left-aligned (default)
<code>HTML_ALIGN_CENTER_H</code>	lines are centered
<code>HTML_ALIGN_RIGHT</code>	lines are right-aligned

### **wxHtmlContainerCell::SetAlignVer**

**void SetAlignVer(int al)**

Sets the container's *vertical alignment*. This is per-line alignment!

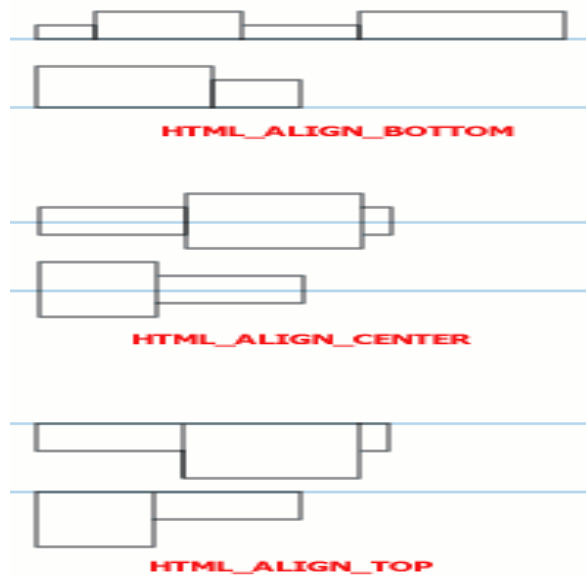
#### **Parameters**

*al*

new vertical alignment. May be one of these values:

<code>HTML_ALIGN_BOTTOM</code>	cells are over the line (default)
<code>HTML_ALIGN_CENTER_V</code>	cells are centered on line
<code>HTML_ALIGN_TOP</code>	cells are under the line





### **wxHtmlContainerCell::SetBackgroundColour**

**void SetBackgroundColour(const wxColour& clr)**

Sets the background color for this container.

### **wxHtmlContainerCell::SetBorder**

**void SetBorder(const wxColour& clr1, const wxColour& clr2)**

Sets the border (frame) colours. Border is rectangle around the container.

#### **Parameters**

*clr1*

Color of top and left lines

*clr2*

Color of bottom and right lines

### **wxHtmlContainerCell::SetIndent**

**void SetIndent(int i, int what, int units = HTML\_UNITS\_PIXELS)**

Sets the indentation (free space between borders of container and subcells).

#### **Parameters**

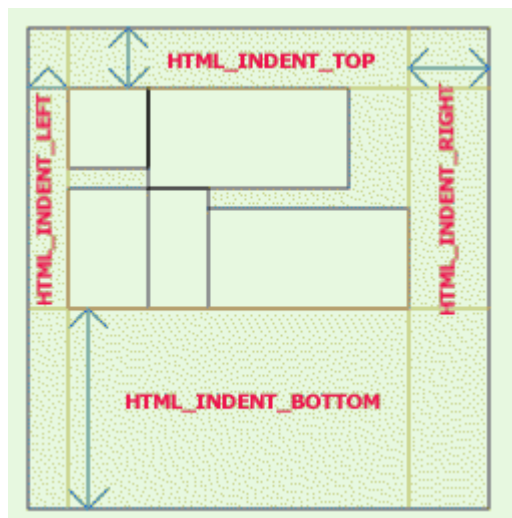
*i*

Indentation value.

*what*

Determines which of the four borders we're setting. It is OR combination of following constants:

<b>HTML_INDENT_TOP</b>	top border
<b>HTML_INDENT_BOTTOM</b>	bottom
<b>HTML_INDENT_LEFT</b>	left
<b>HTML_INDENT_RIGHT</b>	right
<b>HTML_INDENT_HORIZONTAL</b>	left and right
<b>HTML_INDENT_VERTICAL</b>	top and bottom
<b>HTML_INDENT_ALL</b>	all 4 borders



*units*

Units of *i*. This parameter affects interpretation of *i* value.

<b>HTML_UNITS_PIXELS</b>	<i>i</i> is number of pixels
<b>HTML_UNITS_PERCENT</b>	<i>i</i> is interpreted as percents of width of parent container

### **wxHtmlContainerCell::SetMinHeight**

**void SetMinHeight(int *h*, int *align* = HTML\_ALIGN\_TOP)**

Sets minimal height of the container.

When container's *Layout* (p. 347) is called, *m\_Height* is set depending on layout of subcells to the height of area covered by layed-out subcells. Calling this method guarantees you that the height of container is never smaller than *h* - even if the subcells cover much smaller area.

## Parameters

*h*

The minimal height.

*align*

If height of the container is lower than the minimum height, empty space must be inserted somewhere in order to ensure minimal height. This parameter is one of **HTML\_ALIGN\_TOP**, **HTML\_ALIGN\_BOTTOM**, **HTML\_ALIGN\_CENTER** constants. It refers to the *contents*, not to the empty place!

## **wxHtmlContainerCell::SetWidthFloat**

**void SetWidthFloat(int *w*, int *units*)**

**void SetWidthFloat(const wxHtmlTag& *tag*)**

Sets floating width adjustment.

The normal behaviour of container is that its width is the same as the width of parent container (and thus you can have only one sub-container per line). You can change this by setting FWA.

## Parameters

*w*

Width of the container. If the value is negative it means complement to full width of parent container (e.g. `SetWidthFloat(-50, HTML_UNITS_PIXELS)` sets the width of container to parent's width minus 50 pixels. This is useful when creating tables - you can call `SetWidthFloat(50)` and `SetWidthFloat(-50)`

*units*

Units of *w* This parameter affects the interpretation of *value*.

**HTML\_UNITS\_PIXELS**

*w* is number of pixels

**HTML\_UNITS\_PERCENT**

*w* is interpreted as percents of width of parent container

*tag*

In the second version of method, *w* and *units* info is extracted from tag's **WIDTH** parameter.

**wxPython note:** The second form of this method is named `SetWidthFloatFromTag` in wxPython.

## **wxHtmlIDCRenderer**

This class can render HTML document into a specified area of a DC. You can use it in

your own printing code, although use of *wxHtmlEasyPrinting* (p. 357) or *wxHtmlPrintout* (p. 374) is strongly recommended.

### Derived from

*wxObject* (p. 555)

## **wxHtmlDCRenderer::wxHtmlDCRenderer**

**wxHtmlDCRenderer()**

Constructor.

## **wxHtmlDCRenderer::SetDC**

**void SetDC**(*wxDC\* dc*, *int maxwidth*)

Assign DC instance to the renderer.

### Parameters

*maxwidth*

width of the area (on this DC) that is equivalent to screen's width, in pixels (you should set it to page width minus margins).

**Note:** In the current implementation the screen width is always 800 pixels: it gives best results and ensures (almost) same printed outputs across platforms and differently configured desktops.

See also *SetSize* (p. 355).

## **wxHtmlDCRenderer::SetSize**

**void SetSize**(*int width*, *int height*)

Set size of output rectangle, in pixels. Note that you **can't** change width of the rectangle between calls to *Render* (p. 356)! (You can freely change height.) If you set width equal to maxwidth then HTML is rendered as if it were displayed in fullscreen. If you set width = 1/2 maxwidth the it is rendered as if it covered half the screen and so on.

## **wxHtmlDCRenderer::SetHtmlText**

**void SetHtmlText**(*const wxString& html*, *const wxString& basepath* = *wxEmptyString*, *bool isdir* = *TRUE*)

Assign text to the renderer. *Render* (p. 356) then draws the text onto DC.

### Parameters

*html*

HTML text. This is *not* a filename.

*basepath*

base directory (html string would be stored there if it was in file). It is used to determine path for loading images, for example.

*isdir*

FALSE if basepath is filename, TRUE if it is directory name (see *wxFileSystem* (p. 275) for detailed explanation)

### **wxHtmlDCRenderer::Render**

**int Render(int x, int y, int from = 0, int dont\_render = FALSE)**

Renders HTML text to the DC.

### Parameters

*x,y*

position of upper-left corner of printing rectangle (see *SetSize* (p. 355))

*from*

y-coordinate of the very first visible cell

*dont\_render*

if TRUE then this method only returns y coordinate of the next page and does not output anything

Returned value is y coordinate of first cell than didn't fit onto page. Use this value as *from* in next call to *Render* in order to print multipages document.

### Caution!

The Following three methods **must** always be called before any call to *Render* (preferably in this order):

- *SetDC* (p. 355)
- *SetSize* (p. 355)
- *SetHtmlText* (p. 355)

**Render() changes the DC's user scale and does NOT restore it.**

**wxHtmlDCRenderer::GetTotalHeight****int GetTotalHeight()**

Returns the height of the HTML text. This is important if area height (see *SetSize* (p. 355)) is smaller than total height and thus the page cannot fit into it. In that case you're supposed to call *Render* (p. 356) as long as its return value is smaller than *GetTotalHeight*'s.

**wxHtmlEasyPrinting**

This class provides very simple interface to printing architecture. It allows you to print HTML documents using only a few commands.

**Note**

Do not create this class on the stack only. You should create an instance on app startup and use this instance for all printing operations. The reason is that this class stores various settings in it.

**Derived from**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

**wxHtmlEasyPrinting::wxHtmlEasyPrinting****wxHtmlEasyPrinting(const wxString& name = "Printing", wxFrame\* parent\_frame = NULL)**

Constructor.

**Parameters**

*name*

Name of the printing. Used by preview frames and setup dialogs.

*parent\_frame*

pointer to the frame that will own preview frame and setup dialogs. May be NULL.

**wxHtmlEasyPrinting::PreviewFile****void PreviewFile(const wxString& htmlfile)**

Previews HTML file.

**wxHtmlEasyPrinting::PreviewText**

**void PreviewText(const wxString& *htmltext*, const wxString& *basepath* = *wxEmptyString*)**

Previews HTML text (not file!).

**Parameters**

*htmltext*

HTML text.

*basepath*

base directory (html string would be stored there if it was in file). It is used to determine path for loading images, for example.

**wxHtmlEasyPrinting::PrintFile**

**void PrintFile(const wxString& *htmlfile*)**

Prints HTML file.

**wxHtmlEasyPrinting::PrintText**

**void PrintText(const wxString& *htmltext*, const wxString& *basepath* = *wxEmptyString*)**

Prints HTML text (not file!).

**Parameters**

*htmltext*

HTML text.

*basepath*

base directory (html string would be stored there if it was in file). It is used to determine path for loading images, for example.

**wxHtmlEasyPrinting::PrinterSetup**

**void PrinterSetup()**

Displays printer setup dialog and allows the user to modify settings.

**wxHtmlEasyPrinting::PageSetup**

**void PageSetup()**

Displays page setup dialog and allows the user to modify settings.

**wxHtmlEasyPrinting::SetHeader****void SetHeader(const wxString& header, int pg = wxPAGE\_ALL)**

Sets page header.

**Parameters***header*

HTML text to be used as header. You can use macros in it:

- @PAGENUM@ is replaced by page number
- @PAGESCNT@ is replaced by total number of pages

*pg*

one of wxPAGE\_ODD, wxPAGE\_EVEN and wxPAGE\_ALL constants.

**wxHtmlEasyPrinting::SetFooter****void SetFooter(const wxString& footer, int pg = wxPAGE\_ALL)**

Sets page footer.

**Parameters***footer*

HTML text to be used as footer. You can use macros in it:

- @PAGENUM@ is replaced by page number
- @PAGESCNT@ is replaced by total number of pages

*pg*

one of wxPAGE\_ODD, wxPAGE\_EVEN and wxPAGE\_ALL constants.

**wxHtmlEasyPrinting::GetPrintData****wxPrintData\* GetPrintData()**

Returns pointer to *wxPrintData* (p. 592) instance used by this class. You can set its parameters (via SetXXXX methods).

**wxHtmlEasyPrinting::GetPageSetupData**



**wxPageSetupDialogData\* GetPageSetupData()**

Returns a pointer to *wxPageSetupDialogData* (p. 560) instance used by this class. You can set its parameters (via SetXXXX methods).

**wxHtmlFilter**

This class is an input filter for *wxHtmlWindow* (p. 382). It allows you to read and display files of different file formats.

**Derived from**

wxObject

**See Also**

*Overview* (p. 4)

**wxHtmlFilter::wxHtmlFilter****wxHtmlFilter()**

Constructor.

**wxHtmlFilter::CanRead****bool CanRead(const wxFSFile& file)**

Returns TRUE if this filter is capable of reading file *file*.

Example:

```
bool MyFilter::CanRead(const wxFSFile& file)
{
    return (file.GetMimeType() == "application/x-ugh");
}
```

**wxHtmlFilter::ReadFile****wxString ReadFile(const wxFSFile& file)**

Reads the file and returns string with HTML document.

Example:

```
wxString MyImgFilter::ReadFile(const wxFSFile& file)
{
    return "<html><body><img src=\"\" +
        file.GetLocation() +
        \"\"></body></html>";
}
```

## **wxHtmlHelpController**

**WARNING! This help controller has an API incompatible with wxWindows wxHelpController!**

This help controller provides an easy way of displaying HTML help in your application (see *test* sample). The help system is based on **books** (see *AddBook* (p. 362)). A book is a logical section of documentation (for example "User's Guide" or "Programmer's Guide" or "C++ Reference" or "wxWindows Reference"). The help controller can handle as many books as you want.

wxHTML uses Microsoft's HTML Help Workshop project files (.hhp, .hhk, .hhc) as its native format. The file format is described *here* (p. 2). Have a look at docs/html/ directory where sample project files are stored.

You can use Tex2RTF to produce these files when generating HTML, if you set **htmlWorkshopFiles** to **true** in your tex2rtf.ini file.

In order to use the controller in your application under Windows you must have the following line in your .rc file:

```
#include "wx/html/msw/wxhtml.rc"
```

### **Derived from**

wxEvtHandler

## **wxHtmlHelpController::wxHtmlHelpController**

**wxHtmlHelpController**(int *style* = wxHF\_DEFAULTSTYLE)

Constructor.

### **Parameters**

*style* is combination of these flags:

<b>wxHF_TOOLBAR</b>	Help frame has toolbar.
<b>wxHF_CONTENTS</b>	Help frame has contents panel.

<b>wxHF_INDEX</b>	Help frame has index panel.
<b>wxHF_SEARCH</b>	Help frame has search panel.

Default value : everything enabled.

### **wxHtmlHelpController::AddBook**

**bool AddBook(const wxString& book, bool show\_wait\_msg)**

Adds book (*.hhp file* (p. 2) - HTML Help Workshop project file) into the list of loaded books. This must be called at least once before displaying any help.

*book* may be either .hhp file or ZIP archive that contains arbitrary number of .hhp files in top-level directory. This ZIP archive must have .zip or .htb extension (the latter stands for "HTML book"). In other words, `AddBook( "help.zip" )` is possible and, in fact, recommended way.

If *show\_wait\_msg* is TRUE then a decorationless window with progress message is displayed.

### **wxHtmlHelpController::Display**

**void Display(const wxString& x)**

Displays page *x*. This is THE important function - it is used to display the help in application.

You can specify the page in many ways:

- as direct filename of HTML document
- as chapter name (from contents) or as a book name
- as some word from index
- even as any word (will be searched)

Looking for the page runs in these steps:

1. try to locate file named *x* (if *x* is for example "doc/howto.htm")
2. try to open starting page of book named *x*
3. try to find *x* in contents (if *x* is for example "How To ...")
4. try to find *x* in index (if *x* is for example "How To ...")
5. switch to Search panel and start searching

**void Display(const int id)**

This alternative form is used to search help contents by numeric IDs.

**wxPython note:** The second form of this method is named `DisplayId` in wxPython.

### **wxHtmlHelpController::DisplayContents**

**void DisplayContents()**

Displays help window and focuses contents panel.

### **wxHtmlHelpController::DisplayIndex**

**void DisplayIndex()**

Displays help window and focuses index panel.

### **wxHtmlHelpController::KeywordSearch**

**bool KeywordSearch(const wxString& keyword)**

Displays help window, focuses search panel and starts searching. Returns TRUE if the keyword was found.

**Important:** `KeywordSearch` searches only pages listed in `.htc` file(s). You should list all pages in the contents file.

### **wxHtmlHelpController::ReadCustomization**

**void ReadCustomization(wxConfigBase\* cfg, wxString path = wxEmptyString)**

Reads the controller's setting (position of window, etc.)

### **wxHtmlHelpController::SetTempDir**

**void SetTempDir(const wxString& path)**

Sets the path for storing temporary files - cached binary versions of index and contents files. These binary forms are much faster to read. Default value is empty string (empty string means that no cached data are stored). Note that these files are *not* deleted when program exits.

### **wxHtmlHelpController::SetTitleFormat**

**void SetTitleFormat(const wxString& format)**

Sets format of title of the frame. Must contain exactly one "%s" (for title of displayed

HTML page).

### **wxHtmlHelpController::UseConfig**

**void UseConfig**(wxConfigBase\* *config*, const wxString& *rootpath* = wxEmptyString)

Associates *config* object with the controller.

If there is associated config object, wxHtmlHelpController automatically reads and writes settings (including wxHtmlWindow's settings) when needed.

The only thing you must do is create wxConfig object and call UseConfig.

### **wxHtmlHelpController::WriteCustomization**

**void WriteCustomization**(wxConfigBase\* *cfg*, wxString *path* = wxEmptyString)

Stores controllers setting (position of window etc.)

### **wxHtmlHelpData**

This class is used by *wxHtmlHelpController* (p. 361) and *wxHtmlHelpFrame* (p. 366) to access HTML help items. It is internal class and should not be used directly - except for the case you're writing your own HTML help controller.

#### **Derived from**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### **wxHtmlHelpData::wxHtmlHelpData**

**wxHtmlHelpData**()

Constructor.

### **wxHtmlHelpData::AddBook**

**bool AddBook**(const wxString& *book*)

Adds new book. 'book' is location of HTML help project (hhp) or ZIP file that contains arbitrary number of .hhp projects (this zip file can have either .zip or .htb extension, htb stands for "html book"). Returns success.

**wxHtmlHelpData::FindPageById****wxString FindPageById(int id)**

Returns page's URL based on integer ID stored in project.

**wxHtmlHelpData::FindPageByName****wxString FindPageByName(const wxString& page)**

Returns page's URL based on its (file)name.

**wxHtmlHelpData::GetBookRecArray****const wxHtmlBookRecArray& GetBookRecArray()**

Returns array with help books info.

**wxHtmlHelpData::GetContents****wxHtmlContentsItem\* GetContents()**

Returns contents lists pointer.

**wxHtmlHelpData::GetContentsCnt****int GetContentsCnt()**

Returns size of contents list.

**wxHtmlHelpData::GetIndex****wxHtmlContentsItem\* GetIndex()**

Returns pointer to index items list.

**wxHtmlHelpData::GetIndexCnt****int GetIndexCnt()**

Returns size of index list.

**wxHtmlHelpData::LoadCachedBook**

**bool LoadCachedBook(wxHtmlBookRecord\* book, wxInputStream\* f)**

Reads binary cached book.

### **wxHtmlHelpData::LoadMSProject**

**bool LoadMSProject(wxHtmlBookRecord\* book, wxFileSystem& fsys, const wxString& indexfile, const wxString& contentsfile)**

Imports .hhp files (MS HTML Help Workshop).

### **wxHtmlHelpData::SaveCachedBook**

**bool SaveCachedBook(wxHtmlBookRecord\* book, wxOutputStream\* f)**

Saves binary cached book. (Internal - this methods is used automatically if you call SetTempDir!)

### **wxHtmlHelpData::SetTempDir**

**void SetTempDir(const wxString& path)**

Sets temporary directory where binary cached versions of MS HTML Workshop files will be stored. (This is turned off by default and you can enable this feature by setting non-empty temp dir.)

### **wxHtmlHelpFrame**

This class is used by *wxHtmlHelpController* (p. 361) to display help. It is internal class and should not be used directly - except for the case you're writing your own HTML help controller.

#### **Derived from**

*wxFrame* (p. 299)

### **wxHtmlHelpFrame::wxHtmlHelpFrame**

**wxHtmlHelpFrame(wxHtmlHelpData\* data = NULL)**

**wxHtmlHelpFrame(wxWindow\* parent, int wxWindowID, const wxString& title = wxEmptyString, int style = wxHF\_DEFAULTSTYLE, wxHtmlHelpData\* data = NULL)**

Constructor.

*style* is combination of these flags:

<b>wxHF_TOOLBAR</b>	Help frame has toolbar.
<b>wxHF_CONTENTS</b>	Help frame has contents panel.
<b>wxHF_INDEX</b>	Help frame has index panel.
<b>wxHF_SEARCH</b>	Help frame has search panel.

### **wxHtmlHelpFrame::Create**

**bool Create**(wxWindow\* *parent*, wxWindowID *id*, const wxString& *title* = wxEmptyString, int *style* = wxHF\_DEFAULTSTYLE)

Creates the frame.

*style* is combination of these flags:

<b>wxHF_TOOLBAR</b>	Help frame has toolbar.
<b>wxHF_CONTENTS</b>	Help frame has contents panel.
<b>wxHF_INDEX</b>	Help frame has index panel.
<b>wxHF_SEARCH</b>	Help frame has search panel.

### **wxHtmlHelpFrame::CreateContents**

**void CreateContents**(bool *show\_progress* = FALSE)

Creates contents panel. (May take some time.)

### **wxHtmlHelpFrame::CreateIndex**

**void CreateIndex**(bool *show\_progress* = FALSE)

Creates index panel. (May take some time.)

### **wxHtmlHelpFrame::CreateSearch**

**void CreateSearch**()



Creates search panel.

### **wxHtmlHelpFrame::Display**

**bool Display(const wxString& x)**

**bool Display(const int id)**

Displays page x. If not found it will offer the user a choice of searching books. Looking for the page runs in these steps: 1. try to locate file named x (if x is for example "doc/howto.htm") 2. try to open starting page of book x 3. try to find x in contents (if x is for example "How To ...") 4. try to find x in index (if x is for example "How To ...")

The second form takes numeric ID as the parameter. (uses extension to MS format, <param name="ID" value=id>)

**wxPython note:** The second form of this method is named DisplayId in wxPython.

### **wxHtmlHelpFrame::DisplayContents**

**bool DisplayContents()**

Displays contents panel.

### **wxHtmlHelpFrame::DisplayIndex**

**bool DisplayIndex()**

Displays index panel.

### **wxHtmlHelpFrame::GetData**

**wxHtmlHelpData\* GetData()**

Return wxHtmlHelpData object.

### **wxHtmlHelpFrame::KeywordSearch**

**bool KeywordSearch(const wxString& keyword)**

Search for given keyword.

### **wxHtmlHelpFrame::ReadCustomization**

**void ReadCustomization(wxConfigBase\* cfg, const wxString& path = wxEmptyString)**

Reads user's settings for this frame (see *wxHtmlHelpController::ReadCustomization* (p. 363))

### **wxHtmlHelpFrame::RefreshLists**

**void RefreshLists(bool show\_progress = FALSE)**

Refresh all panels. This is necessary if new book was added.

### **wxHtmlHelpFrame::SetTitleFormat**

**void SetTitleFormat(const wxString& format)**

Sets frame's title format. *format* must contain exactly one "%s" (it will be replaced by page's title).

### **wxHtmlHelpFrame::UseConfig**

**void UseConfig(wxConfigBase\* config, const wxString& rootpath = wxEmptyString)**

Add books to search choice panel

### **wxHtmlHelpFrame::WriteCustomization**

**void WriteCustomization(wxConfigBase\* cfg, const wxString& path = wxEmptyString)**

Saves user's settings for this frame (see *wxHtmlHelpController::WriteCustomization* (p. 364))

### **wxHtmlParser**

This class handles the **generic** parsing of HTML document: it scans the document and divide it into blocks of tags (where one block consists of beginning and ending tag and of text between these two tags).

It is independent from *wxHtmlWindow* and can be used as stand-alone parser (Julian Smart's idea of speech-only HTML viewer or wget-like utility - see *InetGet* sample for example).

It uses system of tag handlers to parse the HTML document. Tag handlers are not statically shared by all instances but are created for each *wxHtmlParser* instance. The

reason is that the handler may contain document-specific temporary data used during parsing (e.g. complicated structures like tables).

Typically the user calls only the *Parse* (p. 372) method.

### Derived from

wxObject

### See also

*Cells Overview* (p. 4), *Tag Handlers Overview* (p. 5), *wxHtmlTag* (p. 376)

## wxHtmlParser::wxHtmlParser

### wxHtmlParser()

Constructor.

## wxHtmlParser::AddTag

### void AddTag(const wxHtmlTag& tag)

This may (and may not) be overwritten in derived class.

This method is called each time new tag is about to be added. *tag* contains information about the tag. (See *wxHtmlTag* (p. 376) for details.)

Default (wxHtmlParser) behaviour is this: First it finds a handler capable of handling this tag and then it calls handler's *HandleTag* method.

## wxHtmlParser::AddTagHandler

### virtual void AddTagHandler(wxHtmlTagHandler \*handler)

Adds handler to the internal list (& hash table) of handlers. This method should not be called directly by user but rather by derived class' constructor.

This adds the handler to this **instance** of wxHtmlParser, not to all objects of this class! (Static front-end to AddTagHandler is provided by wxHtmlWinParser).

All handlers are deleted on object deletion.

## wxHtmlParser::AddText

**virtual void AddWord(const char\* txt)**

Must be overwritten in derived class.

This method is called by *DoParsing* (p. 371) each time a part of text is parsed. *txt* is NOT only one word, it is substring of input. It is not formatted or preprocessed (so white spaces are unmodified).

**wxHtmlParser::DoParsing****void DoParsing(int begin\_pos, int end\_pos)****void DoParsing()**

Parses the `m_Source` from `begin_pos` to `end_pos-1`. (in `noparams` version it parses whole `m_Source`)

**wxHtmlParser::DoneParser****virtual void DoneParser()**

This must be called after `DoParsing()`.

**wxHtmlParser::GetFS****wxFileSystem\* GetFS() const**

Returns pointer to the file system. Because each tag handler has reference to it's parent parser it can easily request the file by calling

```
wxFSFile *f = m_Parser -> GetFS() -> OpenFile("image.jpg");
```

**wxHtmlParser::GetProduct****virtual wxObject\* GetProduct()**

Returns product of parsing. Returned value is result of parsing of the document. The type of this result depends on internal representation in derived parser (but it must be derived from `wxObject!`).

See `wxHtmlWinParser` for details.

**wxHtmlParser::GetSource**

**wxString\* GetSource()**

Returns pointer to the source being parsed.

**wxHtmlParser::GetTempData****virtual wxList\* GetTempData()**

This method returns list of wxObjects that represents all data allocated by the parser. These can't be freed by the destructor because they must be valid as long as GetProduct's return value is valid - the caller must explicitly call

```
delete (MyParser -> GetTempData());
```

to free the memory (this method always sets the list to delete its contents).

**Example**

Why is this necessary? Imagine wxHtmlWinParser: when handling a FONT tag it creates some fonts. These fonts are then used by wxHtmlWindow to display the text. But the wxHtmWinParser object is needed only when parsing the document - it may be deleted then. But fonts CAN'T be deleted - they must exist as long as the window is displaying text.

GetTempData() solves the problem.

**wxHtmlParser::InitParser****virtual void InitParser(const wxString& source)**

Setups the parser for parsing the *source* string. (Should be overridden in derived class)

**wxHtmlParser::Parse****wxObject\* Parse(const wxString& source)**

Proceeds parsing of the document. This is end-user method. You can simply call it when you need to obtain parsed output (which is parser-specific)

The method does these things:

1. calls *InitParser(source)* (p. 372)
2. calls *DoParsing* (p. 371)
3. calls *GetProduct* (p. 371)
4. calls *DoneParser* (p. 371)
5. returns value returned by *GetProduct*

You shouldn't use *InitParser*, *DoParsing*, *GetProduct* or *DoneParser* directly.

## **wxHtmlParser::PushTagHandler**

**void PushTagHandler(wxHtmlTagHandler\* *handler*, wxString *tags*)**

Forces the handler to handle additional tags (not returned by *GetSupportedTags* (p. 379)). The handler should already be added to this parser.

### **Parameters**

*handler*

the handler

*tags*

List of tags (in same format as *GetSupportedTags*'s return value). The parser will redirect these tags to *handler* (until call to *PopTagHandler* (p. 373)).

### **Example**

Imagine you want to parse following pseudo-html structure:

```
<myitems>
  <param name="one" value="1">
  <param name="two" value="2">
</myitems>

<execute>
  <param program="text.exe">
</execute>
```

It is obvious that you cannot use only one tag handler for `<param>` tag. Instead you must use context-sensitive handlers for `<param>` inside `<myitems>` and `<param>` inside `<execute>`.

This is the preferred solution:

```
TAG_HANDLER_BEGIN(MYITEM, "MYITEMS")
    TAG_HANDLER_PROC(tag)
    {
        // ...something...

        m_Parser -> PushTagHandler(this, "PARAM");
        ParseInner(tag);
        m_Parser -> PopTagHandler();

        // ...something...
    }
TAG_HANDLER_END(MYITEM)
```

## **wxHtmlParser::PopTagHandler**

**void PopTagHandler()**

Restores parser's state before last call to *PushTagHandler* (p. 373).

### **wxHtmlParser::SetFS**

**void SetFS(wxFileSystem \*fs)**

Sets the virtual file system that will be used to request additional files. (For example <IMG> tag handler requests wxFSFile with the image data.)

### **wxHtmlPrintout**

This class serves as printout class for HTML documents.

#### **Derived from**

*wxPrintout* (p. 606)

### **wxHtmlPrintout::wxHtmlPrintout**

**wxHtmlPrintout(const wxString& title = "Printout")**

Constructor.

### **wxHtmlPrintout::SetFooter**

**void SetFooter(const wxString& footer, int pg = wxPAGE\_ALL)**

Sets page footer.

#### **Parameters**

*footer*

HTML text to be used as footer. You can use macros in it:

- @PAGENUM@ is replaced by page number
- @PAGESCNT@ is replaced by total number of pages

*pg*

one of wxPAGE\_ODD, wxPAGE\_EVEN and wxPAGE\_ALL constants.

### **wxHtmlPrintout::SetHeader**

**void SetHeader(const wxString& header, int pg = wxPAGE\_ALL)**

Sets page header.

### Parameters

*header*

HTML text to be used as header. You can use macros in it:

- @PAGENUM@ is replaced by page number
- @PAGESCNT@ is replaced by total number of pages

*pg*

one of wxPAGE\_ODD, wxPAGE\_EVEN and wxPAGE\_ALL constants.

### **wxHtmlPrintout::SetHtmlFile**

**void SetHtmlFile(const wxString& *htmlfile*)**

Prepare the class for printing this HTML **file**. The file may be located on any virtual file system or it may be normal file.

### **wxHtmlPrintout::SetHtmlText**

**void SetHtmlText(const wxString& *html*, const wxString& *basepath* = wxEmptyString, bool *isdir* = TRUE)**

Prepare the class for printing this HTML text.

### Parameters

*html*

HTML text. (NOT file!)

*basepath*

base directory (html string would be stored there if it was in file). It is used to determine path for loading images, for example.

*isdir*

FALSE if basepath is filename, TRUE if it is directory name (see *wxFileSystem* (p. 275) for detailed explanation)

### **wxHtmlPrintout::SetMargins**

**void SetMargins(float *top* = 25.2, float *bottom* = 25.2, float *left* = 25.2, float *right* = 25.2, float *spaces* = 5)**

Sets margins in millimeters. Defaults to 1 inch for margins and 0.5cm for space between



text and header and/or footer

## **wxHtmlTag**

This class represents a single HTML tag. It is used by *tag handlers* (p. 5).

### **Derived from**

wxObject

## **wxHtmlTag::wxHtmlTag**

**wxHtmlTag(const wxString& source, int pos, int end\_pos, wxHtmlTagsCache\* cache)**

Constructor. You'll probably never have to construct a wxHtmlTag object yourself. Feel free to ignore the constructor parameters. Have a look at lib/htmlparser.cpp if you're interested in creating it.

## **wxHtmlTag::GetAllParams**

**const wxString& GetAllParams() const**

Returns string with all params.

Example : tag contains <FONT SIZE=+2 COLOR="#000000">. Call to tag.GetAllParams() would return SIZE=+2 COLOR="#000000".

## **wxHtmlTag::GetBeginPos**

**int GetBeginPos() const**

Returns beginning position of the text *between* this tag and paired ending tag. See explanation (returned position is marked with '^'):

```
bla bla bla <MYTAG> bla bla intenal text</MYTAG> bla bla
                ^
```

## **wxHtmlTag::GetEndPos1**

**int GetEndPos1() const**

Returns ending position of the text *between* this tag and paired ending tag. See explanation (returned position is marked with '^'):

```
bla bla bla <MYTAG> bla bla intenal text</MYTAG> bla bla
                                   ^
```

### **wxHtmlTag::GetEndPos2**

**int GetEndPos2() const**

Returns ending position 2 of the text *between* this tag and paired ending tag. See explanation (returned position is marked with '^'):

```
bla bla bla <MYTAG> bla bla intenal text</MYTAG> bla bla
                                   ^
```

### **wxHtmlTag::GetName**

**wxString GetName() const**

Returns tag's name. The name is always in uppercase and it doesn't contain '<' or '/' characters. (So the name of <FONT SIZE=+2> tag is "FONT" and name of </table> is "TABLE")

### **wxHtmlTag::GetParam**

**wxString GetParam(const wxString& par, bool with\_commas = FALSE) const**

Returns the value of the parameter. You should check whether the param exists or not (use *HasParam* (p. 378)) first.

#### **Parameters**

*par*

The parameter's name in uppercase

*with\_commas*

TRUE if you want to get commas as well. See example.

#### **Example**

```
...
/* you have wxHtmlTag variable tag which is equal to
   HTML tag <FONT SIZE=+2 COLOR="#0000FF"> */
dummy = tag.GetParam("SIZE");
// dummy == "+2"
dummy = tag.GetParam("COLOR");
// dummy == "#0000FF"
dummy = tag.GetParam("COLOR", TRUE);
// dummy == "\"#0000FF\"" -- see the difference!!
```

### **wxHtmlTag::HasEnding**

#### **bool HasEnding() const**

Returns TRUE if this tag is paired with ending tag, FALSE otherwise.

See the example of HTML document:

```
<html><body>
Hello<p>
How are you?
<p align=center>This is centered...</p>
Oops<br>Oooops!
</body></html>
```

In this example tags HTML and BODY have ending tags, first P and BR doesn't have ending tag while the second P has. The third P tag (which is ending itself) of course doesn't have ending tag.

### **wxHtmlTag::HasParam**

#### **bool HasParam(const wxString& par) const**

Returns TRUE if the tag has parameter of the given name. Example : <FONT SIZE=+2 COLOR= "#FF00FF" > has two parameters named "SIZE" and "COLOR".

#### **Parameters**

*par*

the parameter you're looking for. It must *always* be in uppercase!

### **wxHtmlTag::IsEnding**

#### **bool IsEnding() const**

Returns TRUE if this tag is ending one. (</FONT> is ending tag, <FONT> is not)

### **wxHtmlTag::ScanParam**

#### **wxString ScanParam(const wxString& par, const char \*format, fuck) const**

This method scans given parameter. Usage is exactly the same as sscanf's usage except that you don't pass string but param name as the first parameter.

#### **Parameters**

*par*

The name of tag you want to query (in uppercase)

*format*

scanf()-like format string.

### **Cygwin and Mingw32**

If you're using Cygwin beta 20 or Mingw32 compiler please remember that ScanParam() is only partially implemented! The problem is that under Cygnus' GCC vsscanf() function is not implemented. I worked around this in a way which causes that you can use only one parameter in ... (and only one % in *format*).

## **wxHtmlTagHandler**

### **Derived from**

wxObject

### **See Also**

*Overview* (p. 5), *wxHtmlTag* (p. 376)

## **wxHtmlTagHandler::m\_Parser**

### **wxHtmlParser\* m\_Parser**

This attribute is used to access parent parser. It is protected so that it can't be accessed by user but can be accessed from derived classes.

## **wxHtmlTagHandler::wxHtmlTagHandler**

### **wxHtmlTagHandler()**

Constructor.

## **wxHtmlTagHandler::GetSupportedTags**

### **virtual wxString GetSupportedTags()**

Returns list of supported tags. The list is in uppercase and tags are delimited by ','.

Example : " I , B , FONT , P "

## **wxHtmlTagHandler::HandleTag**

**virtual bool HandleTag(const wxHtmlTag& tag)**

This is the core method of each handler. It is called each time one of supported tags is detected. *tag* contains all necessary info (see *wxHtmlTag* (p. 376) for details).

**Return value**

TRUE if *ParseInner* (p. 380) was called, FALSE otherwise.

**Example**

```
bool MyHandler::HandleTag(const wxHtmlTag& tag)
{
    ...
    // change state of parser (e.g. set bold face)
    ParseInner(tag);
    ...
    // restore original state of parser
}
```

You shouldn't call *ParseInner* if the tag is not paired with ending one.

**wxHtmlTagHandler::ParseInner****void ParseInner(const wxHtmlTag& tag)**

This method calls parser's *DoParsing* (p. 371) method for the string between this tag and paired ending tag:

```
...<A HREF="x.htm">Hello, world!</A>...
```

In this example, a call to *ParseInner* (with *tag* pointing to A tag) will parse 'Hello, world!'.

**wxHtmlTagHandler::SetParser****virtual void SetParser(wxHtmlParser \*parser)**

Assigns *parser* to this handler. Each **instance** of handler is guaranteed to be called only from the parser.

**wxHtmlTagsModule**

This class provides easy way of filling *wxHtmlWinParser*'s table of tag handlers. It is used almost exclusively together with set of *TAGS\_MODULE\_\** macros (p. 5)

**Derived from**

wxModule

## See Also

*Tag Handlers* (p. 5), *wxHtmlTagHandler* (p. 379), *wxHtmlWinTagHandler* (p. 392),

## wxHtmlTagsModule::FillHandlersTable

**virtual void FillHandlersTable(wxHtmlWinParser \*parser)**

You must override this method. In most common case it's body consists only of lines of following type:

```
parser -> AddTagHandler(new MyHandler);
```

I recommend using **TAGS\_MODULE\_\*** macros.

## Parameters

*parser*

Pointer to the parser that requested tables filling.

## wxHtmlWidgetCell

wxHtmlWidgetCell is a class that provides a connection between HTML cells and widgets (an object derived from wxWindow). You can use it to display things like forms, input boxes etc. in an HTML window.

wxHtmlWidgetCell takes care of resizing and moving window.

## Derived from

*wxHtmlCell* (p. 343)

## wxHtmlWidgetCell::wxHtmlWidgetCell

**wxHtmlWidgetCell(wxWindow\* wnd, int w = 0)**

Constructor.

## Parameters

*wnd*

Connected window. It's parent window **must** be the wxHtmlWindow object within which it is displayed!

*w*

Floating width. If non-zero width of *wnd* window is adjusted so that it is always *w* percents of parent container's width. (For example *w* = 100 means that the window will always have same width as parent container)

## **wxHtmlWindow**

wxHtmlWindow is probably the only class you will directly use unless you want to do something special (like adding new tag handlers or MIME filters).

The purpose of this class is to display HTML pages (either local file or downloaded via HTTP protocol) in a window. The width of the window is constant - given in the constructor - and virtual height is changed dynamically depending on page size. Once the window is created you can set its content by calling *SetPage(text)* (p. 386) or *LoadPage(filename)* (p. 384).

### **Derived from**

wxScrolledWindow

### **Include files**

<wxhtml/wxhtmlwin.h>

## **wxHtmlWindow::wxHtmlWindow**

### **wxHtmlWindow()**

Default constructor.

**wxHtmlWindow(wxWindow \*parent, wxWindowID id = -1, const wxPoint& pos = wxDefaultPosition, const wxSize& size = wxDefaultSize, long style = wxHW\_SCROLLBAR\_AUTO, const wxString& name = "htmlWindow")**

Constructor. The parameters are the same as for the *wxScrolledWindow* (p. 680) constructor.

### **Parameters**

*style*

wxHW\_SCROLLBAR\_NEVER, or wxHW\_SCROLLBAR\_AUTO. Affects the appearance of vertical scrollbar in the window.

## **wxHtmlWindow::AddFilter**

**static void AddFilter(wxHtmlFilter \*filter)**

Adds *input filter* (p. 4) to the static list of available filters. These filters are present by default:

- `text/html` MIME type
- `image/*` MIME types
- Plain Text filter (this filter is used if no other filter matches)

### **wxHtmlWindow::GetInternalRepresentation**

**wxHtmlContainerCell\* GetInternalRepresentation() const**

Returns pointer to the top-level container.

See also: *Cells Overview* (p. 4), *Printing Overview* (p. 2)

### **wxHtmlWindow::GetOpenedPage**

**wxString GetOpenedPage()**

Returns full location of the opened page. If no page is opened or if the displayed page wasn't produced by call to `LoadPage`, empty string is returned.

### **wxHtmlWindow::GetRelatedFrame**

**wxFrame\* GetRelatedFrame() const**

Returns the related frame.

### **wxHtmlWindow::HistoryBack**

**bool HistoryBack()**

Moves back to the previous page. (each page displayed using *LoadPage* (p. 384) is stored in history list.)

### **wxHtmlWindow::HistoryClear**

**void HistoryClear()**

Clears history.

### **wxHtmlWindow::HistoryForward**

**bool HistoryForward()**

Moves to next page in history.



## **wxHtmlWindow::LoadPage**

**bool LoadPage(const wxString& *location*)**

Unlike SetPage this function first loads HTML page from *location* and then displays it. See example:

```
htmlwin -> SetPage("help/myproject/index.htm");
```

### **Parameters**

*location*

The address of document. See *wxFileSystem* (p. 275) for details on address format and behaviour of "opener".

### **Return value**

FALSE if an error occurred, TRUE otherwise

## **wxHtmlWindow::OnLinkClicked**

**virtual void OnLinkClicked(const wxString& *link*)**

Called when user clicks on hypertext link. Default behaviour is to call *LoadPage* (p. 384) and do nothing else.

## **wxHtmlWindow::ReadCustomization**

**virtual void ReadCustomization(wxConfigBase \**cfg*, wxString *path* = wxEmptyString)**

This reads custom settings from wxConfig. It uses the path 'path' if given, otherwise it saves info into currently selected path. The values are stored in sub-path *wxHtmlWindow*

Read values: all things set by SetFonts, SetBorders.

### **Parameters**

*cfg*

wxConfig from which you want to read the configuration.

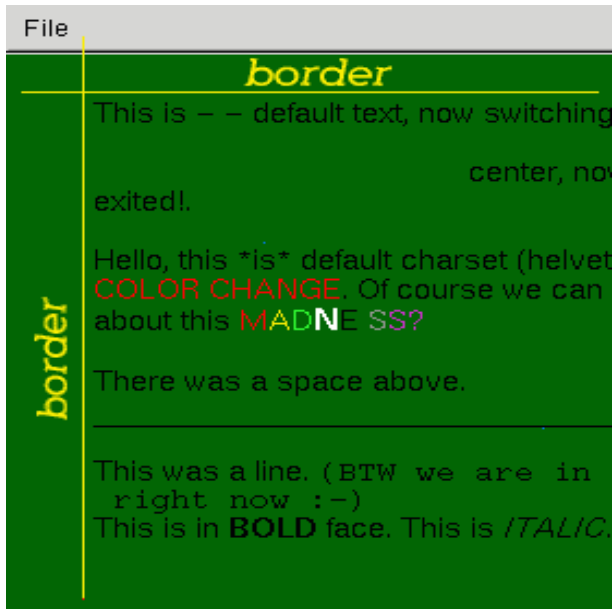
*path*

Optional path in config tree. If not given current path is used.

**wxHtmlWindow::SetBorders**

```
void SetBorders(int b)
```

This function sets the space between border of window and HTML contents. See image:

**Parameters**

*b*

indentation from borders in pixels

**wxHtmlWindow::SetFont**

```
void SetFont(wxString normal_face, int normal_italic_mode, wxString fixed_face, int  
fixed_italic_mode, const int *sizes)
```

This function sets font sizes and faces.

**Parameters**

*normal\_face*

This is face name for normal (i.e. non-fixed) font. It can be either empty string (then the default face is chosen) or platform-specific face name. Examples are "helvetica" under Unix or "Times New Roman" under Windows.

*normal\_italic\_mode*

This is either wxSLANT or wxITALIC. It determines how italic (<I>..</I>) text is handled. See wxFont documentation for details. For example you should use wxSLANT in conjunction with "helvetica" face or wxITALIC with "times" face.

*fixed\_face*

The same thing for fixed face ( `<TT>..</TT>` )

*fixed\_italic\_mode*

The same thing for fixed face.

*sizes*

This is an array of 7 items of *int* type. The values represent size of font with HTML size from -2 to +4 ( `<FONT SIZE=-2>` to `<FONT SIZE=+4>` )

## Defaults

Under wxGTK:

```
SetFont("", wxSLANT, "", wxSLANT, {10, 12, 14, 16, 19, 24, 32});
```

Under Windows:

```
SetFont("", wxSLANT, "", wxSLANT, {7, 8, 10, 12, 16, 22, 30});
```

Although it seems different the fact is that the fonts are of approximately same size under both platforms (due to wxMSW / wxGTK inconsistency)

## wxHtmlWindow::SetPage

**bool SetPage(const wxString& source)**

Sets HTML page and display it. This won't **load** the page!! It will display the *source*. See example:

```
htmlwin -> SetPage("<html><body>Hello, world!</body></html>");
```

If you want to load a document from some location use *LoadPage* (p. 384) instead.

## Parameters

*source*

The HTML document source to be displayed.

## Return value

FALSE if an error occurred, TRUE otherwise.

## wxHtmlWindow::SetRelatedFrame

**void SetRelatedFrame(wxFrame\* frame, const wxString& format)**

Sets the frame in which page title will be displayed. *format* is format of frame title, e.g. "HtmlHelp : %s". It must contain exactly one %s. This %s is substituted with HTML page title.

## **wxHtmlWindow::SetRelatedStatusBar**

**void SetRelatedStatusBar(int bar)**

**After** calling *SetRelatedFrame* (p. 386), this sets statusbar slot where messages will be displayed. (Default is -1 = no messages.)

### **Parameters**

*bar*  
statusbar slot number (0..n)

## **wxHtmlWindow::WriteCustomization**

**virtual void WriteCustomization(wxConfigBase \*cfg, wxString path = wxEmptyString)**

Saves custom settings into wxConfig. It uses the path 'path' if given, otherwise it saves info into currently selected path. Regardless of whether the path is given or not, the function creates sub-path *wxHtmlWindow*.

Saved values: all things set by *SetFont*s, *SetBorders*.

### **Parameters**

*cfg*  
wxConfig to which you want to save the configuration.

*path*  
Optional path in config tree. If not given, the current path is used.

## **wxHtmlWinParser**

This class is derived from *wxHtmlParser* (p. 369) and its main goal is to parse HTML input so that it can be displayed in *wxHtmlWindow* (p. 382). It uses special *wxHtmlWinTagHandler* (p. 392).

### **Notes**

1. Product of parsing is *wxHtmlCell* (resp. *wxHtmlContainer*) object.
2. This parser produces temporary data! You should call *delete GetTempData()* (p. 372)!

### **Derived from**

*wxHtmlParser* (p. 369)

## See Also

*Handlers overview* (p. 5)

### **wxHtmlWinParser::wxHtmlWinParser**

**wxHtmlWinParser()**

**wxHtmlWinParser(wxWindow \*wnd)**

Constructor. Don't use the default one, use constructor with *wnd* parameter (*wnd* is pointer to associated *wxHtmlWindow* (p. 382))

### **wxHtmlWinParser::AddModule**

**static void AddModule(wxHtmlTagsModule \*module)**

Adds *module* (p. 5) to the list of *wxHtmlWinParser* tag handler.

### **wxHtmlWinParser::CloseContainer**

**wxHtmlContainerCell\* CloseContainer()**

Closes the container, sets actual container to the parent one and returns pointer to it (see *Overview* (p. 4)).

### **wxHtmlWinParser::CreateCurrentFont**

**virtual wxFont\* CreateCurrentFont()**

Creates font based on current setting (see *SetFontSize* (p. 392), *SetFontBold* (p. 391), *SetFontItalic* (p. 391), *SetFontFixed* (p. 391), *SetFontUnderlined* (p. 392)) and returns pointer to it. (If the font was already created only a pointer is returned.)

Fonts created during parsing are temporary data and are not freed on *DoneParser*. You must call *delete myparser->GetTempData();* (p. 372) to free the memory!

### **wxHtmlWinParser::GetActualColor**

**const wxColour& GetActualColor() const**

Returns actual text color.

**wxHtmlWinParser::GetAlign****int GetAlign() const**

Returns default horizontal alignment.

**wxHtmlWinParser::GetCharHeight****int GetCharHeight() const**

Returns (average) char height in standard font. It's used as DC-independent metrics.

**Note:** This function doesn't return *actual* height. If you want to know the height of the current font, call `GetDC -> GetCharHeight()`.

**wxHtmlWinParser::GetCharWidth****int GetCharWidth() const**

Returns average char width in standard font. It's used as DC-independent metrics.

**Note:** This function doesn't return *actual* width. If you want to know the height of the current font, call `GetDC -> GetCharWidth()`

**wxHtmlWinParser::GetContainer****wxHtmlContainerCell\* GetContainer() const**

Returns pointer to the currently opened container (see *Overview* (p. 4)). Common use:

```
m_WParser -> GetContainer() -> InsertCell(new ...);
```

**wxHtmlWinParser::GetDC****wxDC\* GetDC()**

Returns pointer to the DC used during parsing.

**wxHtmlWinParser::GetFontBold****int GetFontBold() const**

Returns TRUE if actual font is bold, FALSE otherwise.

**wxHtmlWinParser::GetFontFixed****int GetFontFixed() const**

Returns TRUE if actual font is fixed face, FALSE otherwise.

**wxHtmlWinParser::GetFontItalic****int GetFontItalic() const**

Returns TRUE if actual font is italic, FALSE otherwise.

**wxHtmlWinParser::GetFontSize****int GetFontSize() const**

Returns actual font size (HTML size varies from -2 to +4)

**wxHtmlWinParser::GetFontUnderlined****int GetFontUnderlined() const**

Returns TRUE if actual font is underlined, FALSE otherwise.

**wxHtmlWinParser::GetLink****const wxString& GetLink() const**

Returns actual hypertext link. (This value is non-empty string if the parser is between <A> and </A> tags, wxEmptyString otherwise.

**wxHtmlWinParser::GetLinkColor****const wxColour& GetLinkColor() const**

Returns color of hypertext link text.

**wxHtmlWinParser::GetWindow****wxWindow\* GetWindow()**

Returns associated window (wxHtmlWindow). This may be NULL! (You should always

test if it is non-NULL. For example `TITLE` handler sets window title only if some window is associated, otherwise it does nothing)

### **wxHtmlWinParser::OpenContainer**

**wxHtmlContainerCell\* OpenContainer()**

Opens new container and returns pointer to it (see *Overview* (p. 4)).

### **wxHtmlWinParser::SetActualColor**

**void SetActualColor(const wxColour& clr)**

Sets actual text color. Note: this DOESN'T change the color! You must create *wxHtmlColourCell* (p. 348) yourself.

### **wxHtmlWinParser::SetAlign**

**void SetAlign(int a)**

Sets default horizontal alignment (see *wxHtmlContainerCell::SetAlignHor* (p. 351). Alignment of newly opened container is set to this value.

### **wxHtmlWinParser::SetDC**

**virtual void SetDC(wxDC \*dc)**

Sets the DC. This must be called before *Parse* (p. 372)!

### **wxHtmlWinParser::SetFontBold**

**void SetFontBold(int x)**

Sets bold flag of actualfont. x is either TRUE or FALSE.

### **wxHtmlWinParser::SetFontFixed**

**void SetFontFixed(int x)**

Sets fixed face flag of actualfont. x is either TRUE or FALSE.

### **wxHtmlWinParser::SetFontItalic**



**void SetFontItalic(int x)**

Sets italic flag of actualfont. x is either TRUE of FALSE.

**wxHtmlWinParser::SetFontSize**

**void SetFontSize(int s)**

Sets actual font size (HTML size varies from -2 to +4)

**wxHtmlWinParser::SetFontUnderlined**

**void SetFontUnderlined(int x)**

Sets underlined flag of actualfont. x is either TRUE of FALSE.

**wxHtmlWinParser::SetFonts**

**void SetFonts(wxString normal\_face, int normal\_italic\_mode, wxString fixed\_face, int fixed\_italic\_mode, const int \*sizes)**

Sets fonts. This method is identical to *wxHtmlWindow::SetFonts* (p. 385)

**wxHtmlWinParser::SetLink**

**void SetLink(const wxString& link)**

Sets actual hypertext link. wxEmptyString means no link.

**wxHtmlWinParser::SetLinkColor**

**void SetLinkColor(const wxColour& clr)**

Sets color of hypertext link.

**wxHtmlWinTagHandler**

This is basically wxHtmlTagHandler except that it is extended with protected member m\_WParser pointing to the wxHtmlWinParser object (value of this member is identical to wxHtmlParser's m\_Parser).

**Derived from**

*wxHtmlTagHandler* (p. 379)

**wxHtmlWinTagHandler::m\_WParser****wxHtmlWinParser\* m\_WParser**

Value of this attribute is identical to value of `m_Parser`. The only different is that `m_WParser` points to `wxHtmlWinParser` object while `m_Parser` points to `wxHtmlParser` object. (The same object, but overcast.)

**wxHTTP****Derived from**

*wxProtocol* (p. 619)

**Include files**

<wx/protocol/http.h>

**See also**

*wxSocketBase* (p. 705), *wxURL* (p. 895)

**wxHTTP::GetInputStream****wxInputStream \* GetInputStream(const wxString& path)**

Creates a new input stream on the the specified path. You can use all except the seek functionality of `wxStream`. Seek isn't available on all streams. For example, http or ftp streams doesn't deal with it. Other functions like `Tell` and `SeekI` for this sort of stream. You will be notified when the EOF is reached by an error.

**Note**

You can know the size of the file you are getting using *wxStreamBase::GetSize()* (p. 755). But there is a limitation: as HTTP servers aren't obliged to pass the size of the file, in some case, you will be returned 0xffffffff by `GetSize()`. In these cases, you should use the value returned by *wxInputStream::LastRead()* (p. 426): this value will be 0 when the stream is finished.

**Return value**

Returns the initialized stream. You will have to delete it yourself once you don't use it anymore. The destructor closes the network connection. The next time you will try to get a file the network connection will have to be reestablished: but you don't have to take care of this `wxHTTP` reestablishes it automatically.

### See also

*wxInputStream* (p. 425)

### **wxHTTP::SetHeader**

**void SetHeader(const wxString& header, const wxString& h\_data)**

It sets data of a field to be sent during the next request to the HTTP server. The field name is specified by *header* and the content by *h\_data*. This is a low level function and it assumes that you know what you are doing.

### **wxHTTP::GetHeader**

**wxString GetHeader(const wxString& header)**

Returns the data attached with a field whose name is specified by *header*. If the field doesn't exist, it will return an empty string and not a NULL string.

### Note

The header is not case-sensitive: I mean that "CONTENT-TYPE" and "content-type" represent the same header.

### **wxIdleEvent**

This class is used for idle events, which are generated when the system is idle.

### Derived from

*wxEvent* (p. 237)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/event.h>

### Event table macros

To process an idle event, use this event handler macro to direct input to a member function that takes a *wxIdleEvent* argument.

**EVT\_IDLE(func)**                      Process a *wxEVT\_IDLE* event.

### Remarks

Idle events can be caught by the *wxApp* class, or by top-level window classes.

**See also**

*wxApp::OnIdle* (p. 11), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

**wxIdleEvent::wxIdleEvent****wxIdleEvent()**

Constructor.

**wxIdleEvent::RequestMore****void RequestMore**(bool *needMore* = *TRUE*)

Tells wxWindows that more processing is required. This function can be called by an OnIdle handler for a window or window event handler to indicate that wxApp::OnIdle should forward the OnIdle event once more to the application windows. If no window calls this function during OnIdle, then the application will remain in a passive event loop (not calling OnIdle) until a new event is posted to the application by the windowing system.

**See also**

*wxIdleEvent::MoreRequested* (p. 395), *wxApp::OnIdle* (p. 11)

**wxIdleEvent::MoreRequested****bool MoreRequested()** const

Returns TRUE if the OnIdle function processing this event requested more processing time.

**See also**

*wxIdleEvent::RequestMore* (p. 395), *wxApp::OnIdle* (p. 11)

**wxIcon**

An icon is a small rectangular bitmap usually used for denoting a minimized application. It differs from a wxBitmap in always having a mask associated with it for transparent drawing. On some platforms, icons and bitmaps are implemented identically, since there is no real distinction between a wxBitmap with a mask and an icon; and there is no specific icon format on some platforms (X-based applications usually standardize on XPMs for small bitmaps and icons). However, some platforms (such as Windows) make

the distinction, so a separate class is provided.

### Derived from

*wxBitmap* (p. 36)  
*wxGDIObject* (p. 321)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/icon.h>

### Predefined objects

Objects:

**wxNullIcon**

### Remarks

It is usually desirable to associate a pertinent icon with a frame. Icons can also be used for other purposes, for example with *wxTreeCtrl* (p. 875) and *wxListCtrl* (p. 461).

Icons have different formats on different platforms. Therefore, separate icons will usually be created for the different environments. Platform-specific methods for creating a **wxIcon** structure are catered for, and this is an occasion where conditional compilation will probably be required.

Note that a new icon must be created for every time the icon is to be used for a new window. In Windows, the icon will not be reloaded if it has already been used. An icon allocated to a frame will be deleted when the frame is deleted.

For more information please see *Bitmap and icon overview* (p. 1040).

### See also

*Bitmap and icon overview* (p. 1040), *supported bitmap file formats* (p. 1041),  
*wxDC::DrawIcon* (p. 170), *wxCursor* (p. 135)

### **wxIcon::wxIcon**

**wxIcon()**

Default constructor.

**wxIcon(const wxIcon& icon)**

Copy constructor.

**wxIcon**(*void\** data, *int* type, *int* width, *int* height, *int* depth = -1)

Creates an icon from the given data, which can be of arbitrary type.

**wxIcon**(*const char* bits[], *int* width, *int* height  
*int* depth = 1)

Creates an icon from an array of bits.

**wxIcon**(*int* width, *int* height, *int* depth = -1)

Creates a new icon.

**wxIcon**(*const char\*\** bits)

Creates an icon from XPM data.

**wxIcon**(*const wxString&* name, *long* type, *int* desiredWidth = -1, *int* desiredHeight = -1)

Loads an icon from a file or resource.

### Parameters

*bits*

Specifies an array of pixel values.

*width*

Specifies the width of the icon.

*height*

Specifies the height of the icon.

*desiredWidth*

Specifies the desired width of the icon. This parameter only has an effect in Windows (32-bit) where icon resources can contain several icons of different sizes.

*desiredHeight*

Specifies the desired height of the icon. This parameter only has an effect in Windows (32-bit) where icon resources can contain several icons of different sizes.

*depth*

Specifies the depth of the icon. If this is omitted, the display depth of the screen is used.

*name*

This can refer to a resource name under MS Windows, or a filename under MS Windows and X. Its meaning is determined by the *flags* parameter.

*type*

May be one of the following:

<b>wxBITMAP_TYPE_ICO</b>	Load a Windows icon file.
<b>wxBITMAP_TYPE_ICO_RESOURCE</b>	Load a Windows icon from the resource database.
<b>wxBITMAP_TYPE_GIF</b>	Load a GIF bitmap file.
<b>wxBITMAP_TYPE_XBM</b>	Load an X bitmap file.
<b>wxBITMAP_TYPE_XPM</b>	Load an XPM bitmap file.

The validity of these flags depends on the platform and wxWindows configuration. If all possible wxWindows settings are used, the Windows platform supports ICO file, ICO resource, XPM data, and XPM file. Under wxGTK, the available formats are BMP file, XPM data, XPM file, and PNG file. Under wxMotif, the available formats are XBM data, XBM file, XPM data, XPM file.

### Remarks

The first form constructs an icon object with no data; an assignment or another member function such as `Create` or `LoadFile` must be called subsequently.

The second and third forms provide copy constructors. Note that these do not copy the icon data, but instead a pointer to the data, keeping a reference count. They are therefore very efficient operations.

The fourth form constructs an icon from data whose type and value depends on the value of the *type* argument.

The fifth form constructs a (usually monochrome) icon from an array of pixel values, under both X and Windows.

The sixth form constructs a new icon.

The seventh form constructs an icon from pixmap (XPM) data, if wxWindows has been configured to incorporate this feature.

To use this constructor, you must first include an XPM file. For example, assuming that the file `mybitmap.xpm` contains an XPM array of character pointers called `mybitmap`:

```
#include "mybitmap.xpm"
```

```
...
```

```
wxIcon *icon = new wxIcon(mybitmap);
```

A macro, `wxICON`, is available which creates an icon using an XPM on the appropriate platform, or an icon resource on Windows.

```
wxIcon icon(wxICON(mondrian));
```

```
// Equivalent to:
```

```
#if defined(__WXGTK__) || defined(__WXMOTIF__)
```

```
wxIcon icon(mondrian_xpm);  
#endif  
  
#if defined(__WXMSW__)  
wxIcon icon("mondrian");  
#endif
```

The eighth form constructs an icon from a file or resource. *name* can refer to a resource name under MS Windows, or a filename under MS Windows and X.

Under Windows, *type* defaults to `wxBITMAP_TYPE_ICO_RESOURCE`. Under X, *type* defaults to `wxBITMAP_TYPE_XPM`.

### See also

`wxIcon::LoadFile` (p. 400)

## **wxIcon::~~wxIcon**

### **~wxIcon()**

Destroys the `wxIcon` object and possibly the underlying icon data. Because reference counting is used, the icon may not actually be destroyed at this point - only when the reference count is zero will the data be deleted.

If the application omits to delete the icon explicitly, the icon will be destroyed automatically by `wxWindows` when the application exits.

Do not delete an icon that is selected into a memory device context.

## **wxIcon::GetDepth**

### **int GetDepth() const**

Gets the colour depth of the icon. A value of 1 indicates a monochrome icon.

## **wxIcon::GetHeight**

### **int GetHeight() const**

Gets the height of the icon in pixels.

## **wxIcon::GetWidth**

### **int GetWidth() const**

Gets the width of the icon in pixels.



### See also

*wxIcon::GetHeight* (p. 399)

### **wxIcon::LoadFile**

**bool LoadFile(const wxString& *name*, long *type*)**

Loads an icon from a file or resource.

### Parameters

*name*

Either a filename or a Windows resource name. The meaning of *name* is determined by the *type* parameter.

*type*

One of the following values:

<b>wxBITMAP_TYPE_ICO</b>	Load a Windows icon file.
<b>wxBITMAP_TYPE_ICO_RESOURCE</b>	Load a Windows icon from the resource database.
<b>wxBITMAP_TYPE_GIF</b>	Load a GIF bitmap file.
<b>wxBITMAP_TYPE_XBM</b>	Load an X bitmap file.
<b>wxBITMAP_TYPE_XPM</b>	Load an XPM bitmap file.

The validity of these flags depends on the platform and wxWindows configuration.

### Return value

TRUE if the operation succeeded, FALSE otherwise.

### See also

*wxIcon::wxIcon* (p. 396)

### **wxIcon::Ok**

**bool Ok() const**

Returns TRUE if icon data is present.

### **wxIcon::SetDepth**

**void SetDepth(int *depth*)**

Sets the depth member (does not affect the icon data).

#### Parameters

*depth*  
Icon depth.

#### **wxIcon::SetHeight**

**void SetHeight(int *height*)**

Sets the height member (does not affect the icon data).

#### Parameters

*height*  
Icon height in pixels.

#### **wxIcon::SetOk**

**void SetOk(int *isOk*)**

Sets the validity member (does not affect the icon data).

#### Parameters

*isOk*  
Validity flag.

#### **wxIcon::SetWidth**

**void SetWidth(int *width*)**

Sets the width member (does not affect the icon data).

#### Parameters

*width*  
Icon width in pixels.

#### **wxIcon::operator =**

**wxIcon& operator =(const wxIcon& *icon*)**

Assignment operator. This operator does not copy any data, but instead passes a pointer to the data in *icon* and increments a reference counter. It is a fast operation.

### Parameters

*icon*

Icon to assign.

### Return value

Returns 'this' object.

### **wxIcon::operator ==**

**bool operator ==(const wxIcon& *icon*)**

Equality operator. This operator tests whether the internal data pointers are equal (a fast test).

### Parameters

*icon*

Icon to compare with 'this'

### Return value

Returns TRUE if the icons were effectively equal, FALSE otherwise.

### **wxIcon::operator !=**

**bool operator !=(const wxIcon& *icon*)**

Inequality operator. This operator tests whether the internal data pointers are unequal (a fast test).

### Parameters

*icon*

Icon to compare with 'this'

### Return value

Returns TRUE if the icons were unequal, FALSE otherwise.

### **wxImage**

This class encapsulates a platform-independent image. An image can be created from data, or using the constructor taking a wxBitmap object. An image can be loaded from a file in a variety of formats, and is extensible to new formats via image format handlers. Functions are available to set and get image bits, so it can be used for basic image

manipulation.

A `wxImage` cannot (currently) be drawn directly to a `wxDC`. Instead, a platform-specific `wxBitmap` object must be created from it, and that bitmap drawn on the `wxDC`, using `wxDC::DrawBitmap`.

### Derived from

`wxObject` (p. 555)

### Include files

`<wx/image.h>`

### See also

`wxBitmap` (p. 36) `wxInitAllImageHandlers` (p. 965)

## **wxImage::wxImage**

### **wxImage()**

Default constructor.

### **wxImage(const wxImage& image)**

Copy constructor.

### **wxImage(const wxBitmap& bitmap)**

Constructs an image from a platform-dependent bitmap. This preserves mask information so that bitmaps and images can be converted back and forth without loss in that respect.

### **wxImage(int width, int height)**

Creates an image with the given width and height.

### **wxImage(const wxString& name, long type = wxBITMAP\_TYPE\_PNG)**

### **wxImage(const wxString& name, const wxString& mimetype)**

Loads an image from a file.

### **wxImage(wxInputStream& stream, long type = wxBITMAP\_TYPE\_PNG)**

### **wxImage(wxInputStream& stream, const wxString& mimetype)**

Loads an image from an input stream.

### Parameters

*width*

Specifies the width of the image.

*height*

Specifies the height of the image.

*name*

This refers to an image filename. Its meaning is determined by the *type* parameter.

*stream*

This refers to an input stream. Its meaning is determined by the *type* parameter. It is equal to loading from file except that you provide opened stream (file, HTTP or any other custom class).

*type*

May be one of the following:

<b>wxBITMAP_TYPE_BMP</b>	Load a Windows bitmap file.
<b>wxBITMAP_TYPE_PNG</b>	Load a PNG bitmap file.
<b>wxBITMAP_TYPE_JPEG</b>	Load a JPEG bitmap file.

The validity of these flags depends on the platform and wxWindows configuration. If all possible wxWindows settings are used, the loading a BMP (Windows bitmap) file, a PNG (portable network graphics) file and a JPEG file is supported on all platforms that implement wxImage.

*mimetype*

MIME type string (for example 'image/jpeg')

Note : you must call `wxImage::AddHandler(new wxJPEGHandler)` during application initialization in order to work with JPEGs.

### See also

`wxImage::LoadFile` (p. 409)

**wxPython note:** Constructors supported by wxPython are:

<b>wxImage(name, flag)</b>	Loads an image from a file
<b>wxNullImage()</b>	Create a null image (has no size or image data)
<b>wxEmptyImage(width, height)</b>	Creates an empty image of the given size
<b>wxImageFromMime(name, mimetype)</b>	Creates an image from the given file of the given mimetype
<b>wxImageFromBitmap(bitmap)</b>	Creates an image from a platform-dependent bitmap

**wxImage::~wxImage****~wxImage()**

Destructor.

**wxImage::AddHandler****static void AddHandler(wxImageHandler\* handler)**

Adds a handler to the end of the static list of format handlers.

*handler*

A new image format handler object. There is usually only one instance of a given handler class in an application session.

**See also**

*wxImageHandler* (p. 414)

**wxPython note:** In wxPython this static method is named `wxImage_AddHandler`.

**wxImage::CleanUpHandlers****static void CleanUpHandlers()**

Deletes all image handlers.

This function is called by `wxWindows` on exit.

**wxImage::ConvertToBitmap****wxBitmap ConvertToBitmap() const**

Converts the image to a platform-specific bitmap object. This has to be done to actually display an image as you cannot draw an image directly on a window. The resulting bitmap will use the colour depth of the current system which entails that a (crude) colour reduction has to take place. When in 8-bit mode, this routine will use a color cube created on program start-up to look up colors. Still, the image quality won't be perfect for photo images.

**wxImage::Create****bool Create(int width, int height)**

Creates a fresh image.

## Parameters

*width*

The width of the image in pixels.

*height*

The height of the image in pixels.

## Return value

TRUE if the call succeeded, FALSE otherwise.

## **wxImage::Destroy**

**bool Destroy()**

Destroys the image data.

## **wxImage::FindHandler**

**static wxImageHandler\* FindHandler(const wxString& name)**

Finds the handler with the given name.

**static wxImageHandler\* FindHandler(const wxString& extension, long imageType)**

Finds the handler associated with the given extension and type.

**static wxImageHandler\* FindHandler(long imageType)**

Finds the handler associated with the given image type.

**static wxImageHandler\* FindHandlerMime(const wxString& mimetype)**

Finds the handler associated with the given MIME type.

*name*

The handler name.

*extension*

The file extension, such as "bmp".

*imageType*

The image type, such as wxBITMAP\_TYPE\_BMP.

*mimetype*

MIME type.

## Return value

A pointer to the handler if found, NULL otherwise.

[See also](#)

*wxImageHandler* (p. 414)

### **wxImage::GetBlue**

**unsigned char GetBlue(int x, int y) const**

Returns the blue intensity at the given coordinate.

### **wxImage::GetData**

**unsigned char\* GetData() const**

Returns the image data as an array. This is most often used when doing direct image manipulation. The return value points to an array of characters in RGBGBRGB... format.

### **wxImage::GetGreen**

**unsigned char GetGreen(int x, int y) const**

Returns the green intensity at the given coordinate.

### **wxImage::GetRed**

**unsigned char GetRed(int x, int y) const**

Returns the red intensity at the given coordinate.

### **wxImage::GetHandlers**

**static wxList& GetHandlers()**

Returns the static list of image format handlers.

[See also](#)

*wxImageHandler* (p. 414)

### **wxImage::GetHeight**



**int GetHeight() const**

Gets the height of the image in pixels.

**wxImage::GetMaskBlue****unsigned char GetMaskBlue() const**

Gets the blue value of the mask colour.

**wxImage::GetMaskGreen****unsigned char GetMaskGreen() const**

Gets the green value of the mask colour.

**wxImage::GetMaskRed****unsigned char GetMaskRed() const**

Gets the red value of the mask colour.

**wxImage::GetSubImage****wxImage GetSubImage(const wxRect&rect) const**

Returns a sub image of the current one as long as the rect belongs entirely to the image.

**wxImage::GetWidth****int GetWidth() const**

Gets the width of the image in pixels.

**[See also](#)**

*wxImage::GetHeight* (p. 407)

**wxImage::HasMask****bool HasMask() const**

Returns TRUE if there is a mask active, FALSE otherwise.

## **wxImage::InitStandardHandlers**

### **static void InitStandardHandlers()**

Internal use only. Adds standard image format handlers. It only install BMP for the time being, which is use by wxBitmap.

This function is called by wxWindows on startup, and shouldn't be called by the user.

#### **See also**

*wxImageHandler* (p. 414) *wxInitAllImageHandlers* (p. 965)

## **wxImage::InsertHandler**

### **static void InsertHandler(wxImageHandler\* handler)**

Adds a handler at the start of the static list of format handlers.

#### *handler*

A new image format handler object. There is usually only one instance of a given handler class in an application session.

#### **See also**

*wxImageHandler* (p. 414)

## **wxImage::LoadFile**

### **bool LoadFile(const wxString& name, long type = wxBITMAP\_TYPE\_ANY)**

### **bool LoadFile(const wxString& name, const wxString& mimetype)**

Loads an image from a file. If no handler type is provided, the library will try to use wxBITMAP\_TYPE\_BMP.

### **bool LoadFile(wxInputStream& stream, long type)**

### **bool LoadFile(wxInputStream& stream, const wxString& mimetype)**

Loads an image from an input stream.

#### **Parameters**

##### *name*

A filename. The meaning of *name* is determined by the *type* parameter.

*stream*

An input stream. The meaning of *stream* data is determined by the *type* parameter.

*type*

One of the following values:

<b>wxBITMAP_TYPE_BMP</b>	Load a Windows image file.
<b>wxBITMAP_TYPE_GIF</b>	Load a GIF image file.
<b>wxBITMAP_TYPE_JPEG</b>	Load a JPEG image file.
<b>wxBITMAP_TYPE_PCX</b>	Load a PCX image file.
<b>wxBITMAP_TYPE_PNG</b>	Load a PNG image file.
<b>wxBITMAP_TYPE_PNM</b>	Load a PNM image file.

The validity of these flags depends on the platform and wxWindows configuration.

*mimetype*

MIME type string (for example 'image/jpeg')

### Return value

TRUE if the operation succeeded, FALSE otherwise.

### See also

`wxImage::SaveFile` (p. 411)

**wxPython note:** In place of a single overloaded method name, wxPython implements the following methods:

<b>LoadFile(filename, type)</b>	Loads an image of the given type from a file
<b>LoadMimeFile(filename, mimetype)</b>	Loads an image of the given mimetype from a file

### **wxImage::Ok**

**bool Ok() const**

Returns TRUE if image data is present.

### **wxImage::RemoveHandler**

**static bool RemoveHandler(const wxString& name)**

Finds the handler with the given name, and removes it. The handler is not deleted.

*name*

The handler name.

### Return value

TRUE if the handler was found and removed, FALSE otherwise.

### See also

*wxImageHandler* (p. 414)

## **wxImage::SaveFile**

**bool SaveFile(const wxString& *name*, int *type*)**

**bool SaveFile(const wxString& *name*, const wxString& *mimetype*)**

Saves a image in the named file.

**bool SaveFile(wxOutputStream& *stream*, int *type*)**

**bool SaveFile(wxOutputStream& *stream*, const wxString& *mimetype*)**

Saves a image in the given stream.

### Parameters

*name*

A filename. The meaning of *name* is determined by the *type* parameter.

*stream*

An output stream. The meaning of *stream* is determined by the *type* parameter.

*type*

Currently two types can be used:

**wxBITMAP\_TYPE\_PNG**     Save a PNG image file.

**wxBITMAP\_TYPE\_JPEG**     Save a JPEG image file.

The validity of these flags depends on the platform and wxWindows configuration as well as user-added handlers.

*mimetype*

MIME type.

### Return value

TRUE if the operation succeeded, FALSE otherwise.

### Remarks

Depending on how wxWindows has been configured, not all formats may be available.

### See also

*wxImage::LoadFile* (p. 409)

**wxPython note:** In place of a single overloaded method name, wxPython implements the following methods:

<b>SaveFile(filename, type)</b>	Saves the image using the given type to the named file
<b>SaveMimeFile(filename, mimetype)</b>	Saves the image using the given mimetype to the named file

### **wxImage::Rescale**

**wxImage Rescale(int width, int height)**

Changes the size of the image in-place: after a call to this function, the image will have the given width and height.

### See also

*Scale* (p. 412)

### **wxImage::Scale**

**wxImage Scale(int width, int height) const**

Returns a scaled version of the image. This is also useful for scaling bitmaps in general as the only other way to scale bitmaps is to blit a *wxMemoryDC* into another *wxMemoryDC*.

It may be mentioned that the GTK post uses this function internally to scale bitmaps when using mapping mode in *wxDC*.

Example:

```
// get the bitmap from somewhere
wxBitmap bmp = ...;

// rescale it to have size of 32*32
if ( bmp.GetWidth() != 32 || bmp.GetHeight() != 32 )
{
    wxImage image(bmp);
    bmp = image.Scale(32, 32).ConvertToBitmap();

    // another possibility:
    image.Rescale(32, 32);
    bmp = image;
```

```
}
```

### See also

*Rescale* (p. 412)

### **wxImage::SetData**

**void SetData(unsigned char\* *data*)**

Sets the image data without performing checks. The data given must have the size (width\*height\*3) or results will be unexpected. Don't use this method if you aren't sure you know what you are doing.

### **wxImage::SetMask**

**void SetMask(bool *hasMask* = TRUE)**

Specifies whether there is a mask or not. The area of the mask is determined by the current mask colour.

### **wxImage::SetMaskColour**

**void SetMaskColour(unsigned char *red*, unsigned char *blue*, unsigned char *green*)**

Sets the mask colour for this image (and tells the image to use the mask).

### **wxImage::SetRGB**

**void SetRGB(int *x*, int *y*, unsigned char *red*, unsigned char *blue*, unsigned char *green*)**

Sets the pixel at the given coordinate. This routine performs bounds-checks for the coordinate so it can be considered a safe way to manipulate the data, but in some cases this might be too slow so that the data will have to be set directly. In that case you have to get that data by calling `GetData()`.

### **wxImage::operator =**

**wxImage& operator =(const wxImage& *image*)**

Assignment operator. This operator does not copy any data, but instead passes a pointer to the data in *image* and increments a reference counter. It is a fast operation.

### Parameters

*image*  
Image to assign.

### Return value

Returns 'this' object.

### **wxImage::operator ==**

**bool operator ==(const wxImage& *image*)**

Equality operator. This operator tests whether the internal data pointers are equal (a fast test).

### Parameters

*image*  
Image to compare with 'this'

### Return value

Returns TRUE if the images were effectively equal, FALSE otherwise.

### **wxImage::operator !=**

**bool operator !=(const wxImage& *image*)**

Inequality operator. This operator tests whether the internal data pointers are unequal (a fast test).

### Parameters

*image*  
Image to compare with 'this'

### Return value

Returns TRUE if the images were unequal, FALSE otherwise.

### **wxImageHandler**

This is the base class for implementing image file loading/saving, and image creation from data. It is used within wxImage and is not normally seen by the application.

If you wish to extend the capabilities of wxImage, derive a class from wxImageHandler and add the handler using *wxImage::AddHandler* (p. 405) in your application

initialisation.

### Note (Legal Issue)

This software is based in part on the work of the Independent JPEG Group.

(Applies when wxWindows is linked with JPEG support. wxJPEGHandler uses libjpeg created by IJG.)

### Derived from

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/image.h>

### See also

*wxImage* (p. 402) *wxInitAllImageHandlers* (p. 965)

## **wxImageHandler::wxImageHandler**

### **wxImageHandler()**

Default constructor. In your own default constructor, initialise the members `m_name`, `m_extension` and `m_type`.

## **wxImageHandler::~~wxImageHandler**

### **~wxImageHandler()**

Destroys the `wxImageHandler` object.

## **wxImageHandler::GetName**

### **wxString GetName() const**

Gets the name of this handler.

## **wxImageHandler::GetExtension**

### **wxString GetExtension() const**



Gets the file extension associated with this handler.

### **wxImageHandler::GetType**

**long GetType() const**

Gets the image type associated with this handler.

### **wxImageHandler::GetMimeType**

**wxString GetMimeType() const**

Gets the MIME type associated with this handler.

### **wxImageHandler::LoadFile**

**bool LoadFile(wxImage\* image, wxInputStream& stream)**

Loads a image from a stream, putting the resulting data into *image*.

#### **Parameters**

*image*

The image object which is to be affected by this operation.

*stream*

Opened input stream. The meaning of *stream* is determined by the *type* parameter.

#### **Return value**

TRUE if the operation succeeded, FALSE otherwise.

#### **See also**

*wxImage::LoadFile* (p. 409)

*wxImage::SaveFile* (p. 411)

*wxImageHandler::SaveFile* (p. 416)

### **wxImageHandler::SaveFile**

**bool SaveFile(wxImage\* image, wxOutputStream& stream)**

Saves a image in the output stream.

#### **Parameters**

*image*

The image object which is to be affected by this operation.

*stream*

A stream. The meaning of *stream* is determined by the *type* parameter.

### Return value

TRUE if the operation succeeded, FALSE otherwise.

### See also

*wxImage::LoadFile* (p. 409)

*wxImage::SaveFile* (p. 411)

*wxImageHandler::LoadFile* (p. 416)

## **wxImageHandler::SetName**

**void SetName(const wxString& *name*)**

Sets the handler name.

### Parameters

*name*

Handler name.

## **wxImageHandler::SetExtension**

**void SetExtension(const wxString& *extension*)**

Sets the handler extension.

### Parameters

*extension*

Handler extension.

## **wxImageHandler::SetType**

**void SetType(long *type*)**

Sets the handler type.

### Parameters

*name*

Handler type.

### **wxImageHandler::SetMimeType**

**void SetMimeType(const wxString& *mimetype*)**

Sets the handler MIME type.

#### **Parameters**

*mimename*

Handler MIME type.

### **wxImageList**

A `wxImageList` contains a list of images, which are stored in an unspecified form. Images can have masks for transparent drawing, and can be made from a variety of sources including bitmaps and icons.

`wxImageList` is used principally in conjunction with `wxTreeCtrl` (p. 875) and `wxListCtrl` (p. 461) classes.

#### **Derived from**

`wxObject` (p. 555)

#### **Include files**

`<wx/imaglist.h>`

#### **See also**

`wxTreeCtrl` (p. 875), `wxListCtrl` (p. 461)

### **wxImageList::wxImageList**

**wxImageList()**

Default constructor.

**wxImageList(int *width*, int *height*, const bool *mask* = *TRUE*, int *initialCount* = 1)**

Constructor specifying the image size, whether image masks should be created, and the initial size of the list.

### Parameters

*width*

Width of the images in the list.

*height*

Height of the images in the list.

*mask*

TRUE if masks should be created for all images.

*initialCount*

The initial size of the list.

### See also

*wxImageList::Create* (p. 420)

### **wxImageList::Add**

**int Add(const wxBitmap& *bitmap*, const wxBitmap& *mask* = wxNullBitmap)**

Adds a new image using a bitmap and optional mask bitmap.

**int Add(const wxBitmap& *bitmap*, const wxColour& *maskColour*)**

Adds a new image using a bitmap and mask colour.

**int Add(const wxIcon& *icon*)**

Adds a new image using an icon.

### Parameters

*bitmap*

Bitmap representing the opaque areas of the image.

*mask*

Monochrome mask bitmap, representing the transparent areas of the image.

*maskColour*

Colour indicating which parts of the image are transparent.

*icon*

Icon to use as the image.

### Return value

The new zero-based image index.

## Remarks

The original bitmap or icon is not affected by the **Add** operation, and can be deleted afterwards.

**wxPython note:** In place of a single overloaded method name, wxPython implements the following methods:

```
Add(bitmap, mask=wxNullBitmap)
AddWithColourMask(bitmap, colour)
AddIcon(icon)
```

## wxImageList::Create

```
bool Create(int width, int height, const bool mask = TRUE, int initialCount = 1)
```

Initializes the list. See *wxImageList::wxImageList* (p. 418) for details.

## wxImageList::Draw

```
bool Draw(int index, wxDC& dc, int x, int y, int flags =
wxIMAGELIST_DRAW_NORMAL, const bool solidBackground = FALSE)
```

Draws a specified image onto a device context.

## Parameters

*index*

Image index, starting from zero.

*dc*

Device context to draw on.

*x*

X position on the device context.

*y*

Y position on the device context.

*flags*

How to draw the image. A bitlist of a selection of the following:

```
wxIMAGELIST_DRAW_NORMAL    Draw the image normally.
wxIMAGELIST_DRAW_TRANSPARENT Draw the image with transparency.
wxIMAGELIST_DRAW_SELECTED  Draw the image in selected state.
wxIMAGELIST_DRAW_FOCUSED   Draw the image in a focussed state.
```

*solidBackground*

For optimisation - drawing can be faster if the function is told that the background is solid.

### **wxImageList::GetImageCount**

**int GetImageCount() const**

Returns the number of images in the list.

### **wxImageList::Remove**

**bool Remove(int index)**

Removes the image at the given position.

### **wxImageList::RemoveAll**

**bool RemoveAll()**

Removes all the images in the list.

### **wxImageList::Replace**

**bool Replace(int index, const wxBitmap& bitmap, const wxBitmap& mask = wxNullBitmap)**

Replaces the existing image with the new image.

**bool Replace(int index, const wxIcon& icon)**

Replaces the existing image with the new image.

#### **Parameters**

*bitmap*

Bitmap representing the opaque areas of the image.

*mask*

Monochrome mask bitmap, representing the transparent areas of the image.

*icon*

Icon to use as the image.

#### **Return value**

TRUE if the replacement was successful, FALSE otherwise.

## Remarks

The original bitmap or icon is not affected by the **Replace** operation, and can be deleted afterwards.

**wxPython note:** The second form is called `ReplaceIcon` in wxPython.

## wxIndividualLayoutConstraint

Objects of this class are stored in the `wxIndividualLayoutConstraint` class as one of eight possible constraints that a window can be involved in.

Constraints are initially set to have the relationship `wxUnconstrained`, which means that their values should be calculated by looking at known constraints.

## Derived from

`wxObject` (p. 555)

## Include files

<wx/layout.h>

## See also

*Overview and examples* (p. 1051), *wxLayoutConstraints* (p. 444), *wxWindow::SetConstraints* (p. 953).

## Edges and relationships

The `wxEdge` enumerated type specifies the type of edge or dimension of a window.

<code>wxLeft</code>	The left edge.
<code>wxTop</code>	The top edge.
<code>wxRight</code>	The right edge.
<code>wxBottom</code>	The bottom edge.
<code>wxCentreX</code>	The x-coordinate of the centre of the window.
<code>wxCentreY</code>	The y-coordinate of the centre of the window.

The `wxRelationship` enumerated type specifies the relationship that this edge or dimension has with another specified edge or dimension. Normally, the user doesn't use these directly because functions such as *Below* and *RightOf* are a convenience for using the more general *Set* function.

<code>wxUnconstrained</code>	The edge or dimension is unconstrained (the default for
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	edges.
<code>wxAsIs</code>	The edge or dimension is to be taken from the current window position or size (the default for dimensions).
<code>wxAbove</code>	The edge should be above another edge.
<code>wxBelow</code>	The edge should be below another edge.
<code>wxLeftOf</code>	The edge should be to the left of another edge.
<code>wxRightOf</code>	The edge should be to the right of another edge.
<code>wxSameAs</code>	The edge or dimension should be the same as another edge or dimension.
<code>wxPercentOf</code>	The edge or dimension should be a percentage of another edge or dimension.
<code>wxAbsolute</code>	The edge or dimension should be a given absolute value.

### **`wxIndividualLayoutConstraint::wxIndividualLayoutConstraint`**

#### **`void wxIndividualLayoutConstraint()`**

Constructor. Not used by the end-user.

### **`wxIndividualLayoutConstraint::Above`**

#### **`void Above(wxWindow *otherWin, int margin = 0)`**

Constrains this edge to be above the given window, with an optional margin. Implicitly, this is relative to the top edge of the other window.

### **`wxIndividualLayoutConstraint::Absolute`**

#### **`void Absolute(int value)`**

Constrains this edge or dimension to be the given absolute value.

### **`wxIndividualLayoutConstraint::AsIs`**

#### **`void AsIs()`**

Sets this edge or constraint to be whatever the window's value is at the moment. If either of the width and height constraints are *as is*, the window will not be resized, but moved instead. This is important when considering panel items which are intended to have a default size, such as a button, which may take its size from the size of the button label.

### **`wxIndividualLayoutConstraint::Below`**

#### **`void Below(wxWindow *otherWin, int margin = 0)`**



Constrains this edge to be below the given window, with an optional margin. Implicitly, this is relative to the bottom edge of the other window.

### **wxIndividualLayoutConstraint::Unconstrained**

#### **void Unconstrained()**

Sets this edge or dimension to be unconstrained, that is, dependent on other edges and dimensions from which this value can be deduced.

### **wxIndividualLayoutConstraint::LeftOf**

#### **void LeftOf(wxWindow \*otherWin, int margin = 0)**

Constrains this edge to be to the left of the given window, with an optional margin. Implicitly, this is relative to the left edge of the other window.

### **wxIndividualLayoutConstraint::PercentOf**

#### **void PercentOf(wxWindow \*otherWin, wxEdge edge, int margin = 0)**

Constrains this edge or dimension to be to a percentage of the given window, with an optional margin.

### **wxIndividualLayoutConstraint::RightOf**

#### **void RightOf(wxWindow \*otherWin, int margin = 0)**

Constrains this edge to be to the right of the given window, with an optional margin. Implicitly, this is relative to the right edge of the other window.

### **wxIndividualLayoutConstraint::SameAs**

#### **void SameAs(wxWindow \*otherWin, wxEdge edge, int margin = 0)**

Constrains this edge or dimension to be to the same as the edge of the given window, with an optional margin.

### **wxIndividualLayoutConstraint::Set**

#### **void Set(wxRelationship rel, wxWindow \*otherWin, wxEdge otherEdge, int value = 0, int margin = 0)**

Sets the properties of the constraint. Normally called by one of the convenience functions such as `Above`, `RightOf`, `SameAs`.

## **wxInitDialogEvent**

A `wxInitDialogEvent` is sent as a dialog or panel is being initialised. Handlers for this event can transfer data to the window.

### **Derived from**

*wxEvent* (p. 237)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

### **Include files**

<wx/event.h>

### **Event table macros**

To process an activate event, use these event handler macros to direct input to a member function that takes a `wxInitDialogEvent` argument.

**EVT\_INIT\_DIALOG(func)**                      Process a `wxEVT_INIT_DIALOG` event.

### **See also**

*wxWindow::OnInitDialog* (p. 940), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

## **wxInitDialogEvent::wxInitDialogEvent**

**wxInitDialogEvent(int id = 0)**

Constructor.

## **wxInputStream**

### **Derived from**

*wxStreamBase* (p. 754)

### **Include files**

<wx/stream.h>

## **wxInputStream::wxInputStream**

**wxInputStream()**

Creates a dummy input stream.

**wxInputStream::~~wxInputStream****~wxInputStream()**

Destructor.

**wxInputStream::GetC****char GetC()**

Returns the first character in the input queue and removes it.

**wxInputStream::LastRead****size\_t LastRead() const**

Returns the last number of bytes read.

**wxInputStream::Peek****char Peek()**

Returns the first character in the input queue without removing it.

**wxInputStream::Read****wxInputStream& Read(void \*buffer, size\_t size)**

Reads the specified amount of bytes and stores the data in *buffer*.

**Warning**

The buffer absolutely needs to have at least the specified size.

**Return value**

This function returns a reference on the current object, so the user can test any states of the stream right away.

**wxInputStream& Read(wxOutputStream& stream\_out)**

Reads data from the input queue and stores it in the specified output stream. The data is read until an error is raised by one of the two streams.

### Return value

This function returns a reference on the current object, so the user can test any states of the stream right away.

## **wxInputStream::SeekI**

**off\_t SeekI(off\_t pos, wxSeekMode mode = wxFromStart)**

Changes the stream current position.

## **wxInputStream::TellI**

**off\_t TellI() const**

Returns the current stream position.

## **wxInputStream::Ungetch**

**size\_t Ungetch(const char\* buffer, size\_t size)**

This function is only useful in *read* mode. It is the manager of the "Write-Back" buffer. This buffer acts like a temporary buffer where datas which has to be read during the next read IO call are put. This is useful when you get a big block of data which you didn't want to read: you can replace them at the top of the input queue by this way.

### Return value

Returns the amount of bytes saved in the Write-Back buffer.

**bool Ungetch(char c)**

This function acts like the previous one except that it takes only one character: it is sometimes shorter to use than the generic function.

## **wxIPv4address**

### Derived from

*wxSockAddress* (p. 704)

### Include files

<wx/socket.h>

### **wxIPv4address::Hostname**

**bool** Hostname(const wxString& *hostname*)

Use the specified *hostname* for the address.

#### **Return value**

Returns FALSE if something bad happens (invalid hostname, invalid IP address).

### **wxIPv4address::Hostname**

**wxString** Hostname()

Returns the hostname which matches the IP address.

### **wxIPv4address::Service**

**bool** Service(const wxString& *service*)

Use the specified *service* string for the address.

#### **Return value**

Returns FALSE if something bad happens (invalid service).

### **wxIPv4address::Service**

**bool** Service(unsigned short *service*)

Use the specified *service* for the address.

#### **Return value**

Returns FALSE if something bad happens (invalid service).

### **wxIPv4address::Service**

**unsigned short** Service()

Returns the current service.

**wxIPv4address::LocalHost****bool LocalHost()**

Initialize peer host to local host.

**Return value**

Returns FALSE if something bad happens.

**wxJoystick**

wxJoystick allows an application to control one or more joysticks.

**Derived from**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/joystick.h>

**See also**

*wxJoystickEvent* (p. 436)

**wxJoystick::wxJoystick****wxJoystick(int joystick = wxJOYSTICK1)**

Constructor. *joystick* may be one of wxJOYSTICK1, wxJOYSTICK2, indicating the joystick controller of interest.

**wxJoystick::~~wxJoystick****~wxJoystick()**

Destroys the wxJoystick object.

**wxJoystick::GetButtonState****int GetButtonState() const**

Returns the state of the joystick buttons. A bitlist of wxJOY\_BUTTONn identifiers, where n is 1, 2, 3 or 4.

**wxJoystick::GetManufacturerId****int GetManufacturerId() const**

Returns the manufacturer id.

**wxJoystick::GetMovementThreshold****int GetMovementThreshold() const**

Returns the movement threshold, the number of steps outside which the joystick is deemed to have moved.

**wxJoystick::GetNumberAxes****int GetNumberAxes() const**

Returns the number of axes for this joystick.

**wxJoystick::GetNumberButtons****int GetNumberButtons() const**

Returns the number of buttons for this joystick.

**wxJoystick::GetNumberJoysticks****int GetNumberJoysticks() const**

Returns the number of joysticks currently attached to the computer.

**wxJoystick::GetPollingMax****int GetPollingMax() const**

Returns the maximum polling frequency.

**wxJoystick::GetPollingMin****int GetPollingMin() const**

Returns the minimum polling frequency.

### **wxJoystick::GetProductId**

**int GetProductId() const**

Returns the product id for the joystick.

### **wxJoystick::GetProductName**

**wxString GetProductName() const**

Returns the product name for the joystick.

### **wxJoystick::GetPosition**

**wxPoint GetPosition() const**

Returns the x, y position of the joystick.

### **wxJoystick::GetPOVPosition**

**int GetPOVPosition() const**

Returns the point-of-view position, expressed in discrete units.

### **wxJoystick::GetPOVCTSPosition**

**int GetPOVCTSPosition() const**

Returns the point-of-view position, expressed in continuous, one-hundredth of a degree units.

### **wxJoystick::GetRudderMax**

**int GetRudderMax() const**

Returns the maximum rudder position.

### **wxJoystick::GetRudderMin**

**int GetRudderMin() const**



Returns the minimum rudder position.

### **wxJoystick::GetRudderPosition**

**int GetRudderPosition() const**

Returns the rudder position.

### **wxJoystick::GetUMax**

**int GetUMax() const**

Returns the maximum U position.

### **wxJoystick::GetUMin**

**int GetUMin() const**

Returns the minimum U position.

### **wxJoystick::GetUPosition**

**int GetUPosition() const**

Gets the position of the fifth axis of the joystick, if it exists.

### **wxJoystick::GetVMax**

**int GetVMax() const**

Returns the maximum V position.

### **wxJoystick::GetVMin**

**int GetVMin() const**

Returns the minimum V position.

### **wxJoystick::GetVPosition**

**int GetVPosition() const**

Gets the position of the sixth axis of the joystick, if it exists.

**wxJoystick::GetXMax****int GetXMax() const**

Returns the maximum x position.

**wxJoystick::GetXMin****int GetXMin() const**

Returns the minimum x position.

**wxJoystick::GetYMax****int GetYMax() const**

Returns the maximum y position.

**wxJoystick::GetYMin****int GetYMin() const**

Returns the minimum y position.

**wxJoystick::GetZMax****int GetZMax() const**

Returns the maximum z position.

**wxJoystick::GetZMin****int GetZMin() const**

Returns the minimum z position.

**wxJoystick::GetZPosition****int GetZPosition() const**

Returns the z position of the joystick.

**wxJoystick::HasPOV****bool HasPOV() const**

Returns TRUE if the joystick has a point of view control.

**wxJoystick::HasPOV4Dir****bool HasPOV4Dir() const**

Returns TRUE if the joystick point-of-view supports discrete values (centered, forward, backward, left, and right).

**wxJoystick::HasPOVCTS****bool HasPOVCTS() const**

Returns TRUE if the joystick point-of-view supports continuous degree bearings.

**wxJoystick::HasRudder****bool HasRudder() const**

Returns TRUE if there is a rudder attached to the computer.

**wxJoystick::HasU****bool HasU() const**

Returns TRUE if the joystick has a U axis.

**wxJoystick::HasV****bool HasV() const**

Returns TRUE if the joystick has a V axis.

**wxJoystick::HasZ****bool HasZ() const**

Returns TRUE if the joystick has a Z axis.

**wxJoystick::IsOk****bool IsOk() const**

Returns TRUE if the joystick is functioning.

**wxJoystick::ReleaseCapture****bool ReleaseCapture()**

Releases the capture set by **SetCapture**.

**Return value**

TRUE if the capture release succeeded.

**See also**

*wxJoystick::SetCapture* (p. 435), *wxJoystickEvent* (p. 436)

**wxJoystick::SetCapture****bool SetCapture(wxWindow\* win, int pollingFreq = 0)**

Sets the capture to direct joystick events to *win*.

**Parameters**

*win*

The window that will receive joystick events.

*pollingFreq*

If zero, movement events are sent when above the threshold. If greater than zero, events are received every *pollingFreq* milliseconds.

**Return value**

TRUE if the capture succeeded.

**See also**

*wxJoystick::ReleaseCapture* (p. 435), *wxJoystickEvent* (p. 436)

**wxJoystick::SetMovementThreshold**

**void SetMovementThreshold(int threshold)**

Sets the movement threshold, the number of steps outside which the joystick is deemed to have moved.

## **wxJoystickEvent**

This event class contains information about mouse events, particularly events received by windows.

### **Derived from**

*wxEvent* (p. 237)

### **Include files**

<wx/event.h>

### **Event table macros**

To process a mouse event, use these event handler macros to direct input to member functions that take a *wxJoystickEvent* argument.

<b>EVT_JOY_BUTTON_DOWN(func)</b>	Process a <i>wxEVT_JOY_BUTTON_DOWN</i> event.
<b>EVT_JOY_BUTTON_UP(func)</b>	Process a <i>wxEVT_JOY_BUTTON_UP</i> event.
<b>EVT_JOY_MOVE(func)</b>	Process a <i>wxEVT_JOY_MOVE</i> event.
<b>EVT_JOY_ZMOVE(func)</b>	Process a <i>wxEVT_JOY_ZMOVE</i> event.

### **See also**

*wxJoystick* (p. 429)

## **wxJoystickEvent::wxJoystickEvent**

**wxJoystickEvent(WXTYPE eventType = 0, int state = 0, int joystick = wxJOYSTICK1, int change = 0)**

Constructor.

## **wxJoystickEvent::ButtonDown**

**bool ButtonDown(int button = wxJOY\_BUTTON\_ANY) const**

Returns TRUE if the event was a down event from the specified button (or any button).

### Parameters

*button*

Can be wxJOY\_BUTTONn where n is 1, 2, 3 or 4; or wxJOY\_BUTTON\_ANY to indicate any button down event.

### **wxJoystickEvent::ButtonIsDown**

**bool ButtonIsDown(int *button* = wxJOY\_BUTTON\_ANY) const**

Returns TRUE if the specified button (or any button) was in a down state.

### Parameters

*button*

Can be wxJOY\_BUTTONn where n is 1, 2, 3 or 4; or wxJOY\_BUTTON\_ANY to indicate any button down event.

### **wxJoystickEvent::ButtonUp**

**bool ButtonUp(int *button* = wxJOY\_BUTTON\_ANY) const**

Returns TRUE if the event was an up event from the specified button (or any button).

### Parameters

*button*

Can be wxJOY\_BUTTONn where n is 1, 2, 3 or 4; or wxJOY\_BUTTON\_ANY to indicate any button down event.

### **wxJoystickEvent::GetButtonChange**

**int GetButtonChange() const**

Returns the identifier of the button changing state. This is a wxJOY\_BUTTONn identifier, where n is one of 1, 2, 3, 4.

### **wxJoystickEvent::GetButtonState**

**int GetButtonState() const**

Returns the down state of the buttons. This is a bitlist of wxJOY\_BUTTONn identifiers, where n is one of 1, 2, 3, 4.

**wxJoystickEvent::GetJoystick****int GetJoystick() const**

Returns the identifier of the joystick generating the event - one of wxJOYSTICK1 and wxJOYSTICK2.

**wxJoystickEvent::GetPosition****wxPoint GetPosition() const**

Returns the x, y position of the joystick event.

**wxJoystickEvent::GetZPosition****int GetZPosition() const**

Returns the z position of the joystick event.

**wxJoystickEvent::IsButton****bool IsButton() const**

Returns TRUE if this was a button up or down event (*not* 'is any button down?').

**wxJoystickEvent::IsMove****bool IsMove() const**

Returns TRUE if this was an x, y move event.

**wxJoystickEvent::IsZMove****bool IsZMove() const**

Returns TRUE if this was a z move event.

**wxKeyEvent**

This event class contains information about keypress (character) events.

**Derived from**

*wxEvent* (p. 237)

### Include files

<wx/event.h>

### Event table macros

To process a key event, use these event handler macros to direct input to member functions that take a `wxKeyEvent` argument.

<b>EVT_CHAR(func)</b>	Process a <code>wxEVT_CHAR</code> event (a non-modifier key has been pressed).
<b>EVT_KEY_DOWN(func)</b>	Process a <code>wxEVT_KEY_DOWN</code> event (any key has been pressed).
<b>EVT_KEY_UP(func)</b>	Process a <code>wxEVT_KEY_UP</code> event (any key has been released).
<b>EVT_CHAR(func)</b>	Process a <code>wxEVT_CHAR</code> event.
<b>EVT_CHAR_HOOK(func)</b>	Process a <code>wxEVT_CHAR_HOOK</code> event.

### See also

*wxWindow::OnChar* (p. 934), *wxWindow::OnCharHook* (p. 935),  
*wxWindow::OnKeyDown* (p. 938), *wxWindow::OnKeyUp* (p. 939)

### **wxKeyEvent::m\_altDown**

**bool m\_altDown**

TRUE if the Alt key is pressed down.

### **wxKeyEvent::m\_controlDown**

**bool m\_controlDown**

TRUE if control is pressed down.

### **wxKeyEvent::m\_keyCode**

**long m\_keyCode**

Virtual keycode. See *Keycodes* (p. 1014) for a list of identifiers.

### **wxKeyEvent::m\_metaDown**



**bool m\_metaDown**

TRUE if the Meta key is pressed down.

**wxKeyEvent::m\_shiftDown****bool m\_shiftDown**

TRUE if shift is pressed down.

**wxKeyEvent::m\_x****int m\_x**

X position of the event.

**wxKeyEvent::m\_y****int m\_y**

Y position of the event.

**wxKeyEvent::wxKeyEvent****wxKeyEvent(WXTYPE keyEventType)**

Constructor. Currently, the only valid event types are wxEVT\_CHAR and wxEVT\_CHAR\_HOOK.

**wxKeyEvent::AltDown****bool AltDown() const**

Returns TRUE if the Alt key was down at the time of the key event.

**wxKeyEvent::ControlDown****bool ControlDown() const**

Returns TRUE if the control key was down at the time of the key event.

**wxKeyEvent::GetX**

**long GetX() const**

Returns the X position of the event.

**wxKeyEvent::GetY****long GetY() const**

Returns the Y position of the event.

**wxKeyEvent::KeyCode****long KeyCode() const**

Returns the virtual key code. ASCII events return normal ASCII values, while non-ASCII events return values such as **WXK\_LEFT** for the left cursor key. See *Keycodes* (p. 1014) for a full list of the virtual key codes.

**wxKeyEvent::MetaDown****bool MetaDown() const**

Returns TRUE if the Meta key was down at the time of the key event.

**wxKeyEvent::GetPosition****wxPoint GetPosition() const****void GetPosition(long \*x, long \*y) const**

Obtains the position at which the key was pressed.

**wxKeyEvent::ShiftDown****bool ShiftDown() const**

Returns TRUE if the shift key was down at the time of the key event.

**wxLayoutAlgorithm**

`wxLayoutAlgorithm` implements layout of subwindows in MDI or SDI frames. It sends a `wxCalculateLayoutEvent` event to children of the frame, asking them for information about their size. For MDI parent frames, the algorithm allocates the remaining space to the MDI client window (which contains the MDI child frames). For SDI (normal) frames, a 'main' window is specified as taking up the remaining space.

Because the event system is used, this technique can be applied to any windows, which are not necessarily 'aware' of the layout classes (no virtual functions in `wxWindow` refer to `wxLayoutAlgorithm` or its events). However, you may wish to use `wxSashLayoutWindow` (p. 662) for your subwindows since this class provides handlers for the required events, and accessors to specify the desired size of the window. The sash behaviour in the base class can be used, optionally, to make the windows user-resizable.

`wxLayoutAlgorithm` is typically used in IDE (integrated development environment) applications, where there are several resizable windows in addition to the MDI client window, or other primary editing window. Resizable windows might include toolbars, a project window, and a window for displaying error and warning messages.

When a window receives an `OnCalculateLayout` event, it should call `SetRect` in the given event object, to be the old supplied rectangle minus whatever space the window takes up. It should also set its own size accordingly.

`wxSashLayoutWindow::OnCalculateLayout` generates an `OnQueryLayoutInfo` event which it sends to itself to determine the orientation, alignment and size of the window, which it gets from internal member variables set by the application.

The algorithm works by starting off with a rectangle equal to the whole frame client area. It iterates through the frame children, generating `OnCalculateLayout` events which subtract the window size and return the remaining rectangle for the next window to process. It is assumed (by `wxSashLayoutWindow::OnCalculateLayout`) that a window stretches the full dimension of the frame client, according to the orientation it specifies. For example, a horizontal window will stretch the full width of the remaining portion of the frame client area. In the other orientation, the window will be fixed to whatever size was specified by `OnQueryLayoutInfo`. An alignment setting will make the window 'stick' to the left, top, right or bottom of the remaining client area. This scheme implies that order of window creation is important. Say you wish to have an extra toolbar at the top of the frame, a project window to the left of the MDI client window, and an output window above the status bar. You should therefore create the windows in this order: toolbar, output window, project window. This ensures that the toolbar and output window take up space at the top and bottom, and then the remaining height inbetween is used for the project window.

`wxLayoutAlgorithm` is quite independent of the way in which `OnCalculateLayout` chooses to interpret a window's size and alignment. Therefore you could implement a different window class with a new `OnCalculateLayout` event handler, that has a more sophisticated way of laying out the windows. It might allow specification of whether stretching occurs in the specified orientation, for example, rather than always assuming stretching. (This could, and probably should, be added to the existing implementation).

*Note:* `wxLayoutAlgorithm` has nothing to do with `wxLayoutConstraints`. It is an alternative way of specifying layouts for which the normal constraint system is unsuitable.

### Derived from

`wxObject` (p. 555)

## Include files

<wx/laywin.h>

## Event handling

The algorithm object does not respond to events, but itself generates the following events in order to calculate window sizes.

<b>EVT_QUERY_LAYOUT_INFO(func)</b>	Process a <code>wxEVT_QUERY_LAYOUT_INFO</code> event, to get size, orientation and alignment from a window. See <i>wxQueryLayoutInfoEvent</i> (p. 626).
<b>EVT_CALCULATE_LAYOUT(func)</b>	Process a <code>wxEVT_CALCULATE_LAYOUT</code> event, which asks the window to take a 'bite' out of a rectangle provided by the algorithm. See <i>wxCalculateLayoutEvent</i> (p. 73).

## Data types

```
enum wxLayoutOrientation {  
    wxLAYOUT_HORIZONTAL,  
    wxLAYOUT_VERTICAL  
};  
  
enum wxLayoutAlignment {  
    wxLAYOUT_NONE,  
    wxLAYOUT_TOP,  
    wxLAYOUT_LEFT,  
    wxLAYOUT_RIGHT,  
    wxLAYOUT_BOTTOM,  
};
```

## See also

*wxSashEvent* (p. 660), *wxSashLayoutWindow* (p. 662), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

*wxCalculateLayoutEvent* (p. 73), *wxQueryLayoutInfoEvent* (p. 626),  
*wxSashLayoutWindow* (p. 662), *wxSashWindow* (p. 665)

## **wxLayoutAlgorithm::wxLayoutAlgorithm**

**wxLayoutAlgorithm()**

Default constructor.

### **wxLayoutAlgorithm::~~wxLayoutAlgorithm**

**~wxLayoutAlgorithm()**

Destructor.

### **wxLayoutAlgorithm::LayoutFrame**

**bool LayoutFrame(wxFrame\* frame, wxWindow\* mainWindow = NULL) const**

Lays out the children of a normal frame. *mainWindow* is set to occupy the remaining space.

This function simply calls *wxLayoutAlgorithm::LayoutWindow* (p. 444).

### **wxLayoutAlgorithm::LayoutMDIFrame**

**bool LayoutMDIFrame(wxMDIParentFrame\* frame, wxRect\* rect = NULL) const**

Lays out the children of an MDI parent frame. If *rect* is non-NULL, the given rectangle will be used as a starting point instead of the frame's client area.

The MDI client window is set to occupy the remaining space.

### **wxLayoutAlgorithm::LayoutWindow**

**bool LayoutWindow(wxWindow\* parent, wxWindow\* mainWindow = NULL) const**

Lays out the children of a normal frame or other window.

*mainWindow* is set to occupy the remaining space.

### **wxLayoutConstraints**

Objects of this class can be associated with a window to define its layout constraints, with respect to siblings or its parent.

The class consists of the following eight constraints of class *wxIndividualLayoutConstraint*, some or all of which should be accessed directly to set the appropriate constraints.

- **left:** represents the left hand edge of the window
- **right:** represents the right hand edge of the window
- **top:** represents the top edge of the window

- **bottom:** represents the bottom edge of the window
- **width:** represents the width of the window
- **height:** represents the height of the window
- **centreX:** represents the horizontal centre point of the window
- **centreY:** represents the vertical centre point of the window

Most constraints are initially set to have the relationship `wxUnconstrained`, which means that their values should be calculated by looking at known constraints. The exceptions are *width* and *height*, which are set to `wxAsIs` to ensure that if the user does not specify a constraint, the existing width and height will be used, to be compatible with panel items which often have take a default size. If the constraint is `wxAsIs`, the dimension will not be changed.

### Derived from

`wxObject` (p. 555)

### Include files

`<wx/layout.h>`

### See also

*Overview and examples* (p. 1051), *wxIndividualLayoutConstraint* (p. 422), *wxWindow::SetConstraints* (p. 953)

## **wxLayoutConstraints::wxLayoutConstraints**

**wxLayoutConstraints()**

Constructor.

## **wxLayoutConstraints::bottom**

**wxIndividualLayoutConstraint bottom**

Constraint for the bottom edge.

## **wxLayoutConstraints::centreX**

**wxIndividualLayoutConstraint centreX**

Constraint for the horizontal centre point.

**wxLayoutConstraints::centreY****wxIndividualLayoutConstraint centreY**

Constraint for the vertical centre point.

**wxLayoutConstraints::height****wxIndividualLayoutConstraint height**

Constraint for the height.

**wxLayoutConstraints::left****wxIndividualLayoutConstraint left**

Constraint for the left-hand edge.

**wxLayoutConstraints::right****wxIndividualLayoutConstraint right**

Constraint for the right-hand edge.

**wxLayoutConstraints::top****wxIndividualLayoutConstraint top**

Constraint for the top edge.

**wxLayoutConstraints::width****wxIndividualLayoutConstraint width**

Constraint for the width.

**wxList**

`wxList` classes provide linked list functionality for `wxWindows`, and for an application if it wishes. Depending on the form of constructor used, a list can be keyed on integer or string keys to provide a primitive look-up ability. See *wxHashTable* (p. 337) for a faster method of storage when random access is required.

While `wxList` class in the previous versions of `wxWindows` only could contain elements of type `wxObject` and had essentially untyped interface (thus allowing you to put apples

in the list and read back oranges from it), the new wxList classes family may contain elements of any type and has much more stricter type checking. Unfortunately, it also requires an additional line to be inserted in your program for each list class you use (which is the only solution short of using templates which is not done in wxWindows because of portability issues).

The general idea is to have the base class wxListBase working with *void \*data* but make all of its dangerous (because untyped) functions protected, so that they can only be used from derived classes which, in turn, expose a type safe interface. With this approach a new wxList-like class must be defined for each list type (i.e. list of ints, of wxStrings or of MyObjects). This is done with *WX\_DECLARE\_LIST* and *WX\_IMPLEMENT\_LIST* macros like this (notice the similarity with *WX\_DECLARE\_OBJARRAY* and *WX\_IMPLEMENT\_OBJARRAY* macros):

### Example

```
// this part might be in a header or source (.cpp) file
class MyListElement
{
    ... // whatever
};

// declare our list class: this macro declares and partly
implements MyList
// class (which derives from wxListBase)
WX_DECLARE_LIST(MyListElement, MyList);

...

// the only requirment for the rest is to be AFTER the full
declaration of
// MyListElement (for WX_DECLARE_LIST forward declaration is
enough), but
// usually it will be found in the source file and not in the
header

#include <wx/listimpl.cpp>
WX_DEFINE_LIST(MyList);

// now MyList class may be used as a usual wxList, but all of its
methods
// will take/return the objects of the right (i.e. MyListElement)
type. You
// also have MyList::Node type which is the type-safe version of
wxNode.
MyList list;
MyListElement element;
list.Add(element);      // ok
list.Add(17);           // error: incorrect type

// let's iterate over the list
for ( MyList::Node *node = list.GetFirst(); node; node = node-
>GetNext() )
{
```



```
        MyListElement *current = node->GetData();  
        ...process the current element...  
    }
```

For compatibility with previous versions `wxList` and `wxStringList` classes are still defined, but their usage is deprecated and they will disappear in the future versions completely.

### Derived from

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/list.h>

### Example

It is very common to iterate on a list as follows:

```
...  
wxWindow *win1 = new wxWindow(...);  
wxWindow *win2 = new wxWindow(...);  
  
wxList SomeList;  
SomeList.Append(win1);  
SomeList.Append(win2);  
  
...  
  
wxNode *node = SomeList.GetFirst();  
while (node)  
{  
    wxWindow *win = (wxWindow *)node->Data();  
    ...  
    node = node->Next();  
}
```

To delete nodes in a list as the list is being traversed, replace

```
...  
node = node->Next();  
...
```

with

```
...  
delete win;  
delete node;  
node = SomeList.GetFirst();  
...
```

See *wxNode* (p. 544) for members that retrieve the data associated with a node, and members for getting to the next or previous node.

Note that a cast is required when retrieving the data from a node. Although a node is defined to store objects of type **wxObject** and derived types, other types (such as `char*`) may be used with appropriate casting.

### See also

*wxNode* (p. 544), *wxStringList* (p. 782), *wxArray* (p. 16)

## **wxList::wxList**

**wxList()**

**wxList(unsigned int *key\_type*)**

**wxList(int *n*, wxObject \**objects*[])**

**wxList(wxObject \**object*, ...)**

Constructors. *key\_type* is one of `wxKEY_NONE`, `wxKEY_INTEGER`, or `wxKEY_STRING`, and indicates what sort of keying is required (if any).

*objects* is an array of *n* objects with which to initialize the list.

The variable-length argument list constructor must be supplied with a terminating `NULL`.

## **wxList::~~wxList**

**~wxList()**

Destroys the list. Also destroys any remaining nodes, but does not destroy client data held in the nodes.

## **wxList::Append**

**wxNode \* Append(wxObject \**object*)**

**wxNode \* Append(long *key*, wxObject \**object*)**

**wxNode \* Append(const wxString& *key*, wxObject \**object*)**

Appends a new **wxNode** to the end of the list and puts a pointer to the *object* in the node. The last two forms store a key with the object for later retrieval using the key. The

new node is returned in each case.

The key string is copied and stored by the list implementation.

### **wxList::Clear**

**void Clear()**

Clears the list (but does not delete the client data stored with each node).

### **wxList::DeleteContents**

**void DeleteContents(bool destroy)**

If *destroy* is TRUE, instructs the list to call *delete* on the client contents of a node whenever the node is destroyed. The default is FALSE.

### **wxList::DeleteNode**

**bool DeleteNode(wxNode \*node)**

Deletes the given node from the list, returning TRUE if successful.

### **wxList::DeleteObject**

**bool DeleteObject(wxObject \*object)**

Finds the given client *object* and deletes the appropriate node from the list, returning TRUE if successful. The application must delete the actual object separately.

### **wxList::Find**

**wxNode \* Find(long key)**

**wxNode \* Find(const wxString& key)**

Returns the node whose stored key matches *key*. Use on a keyed list only.

### **wxList::GetFirst**

**wxNode \* GetFirst()**

Returns the first node in the list (NULL if the list is empty).

**wxList::IndexOf****int IndexOf(wxObject\* obj)**

Returns the index of *obj* within the list or NOT\_FOUND if *obj* is not found in the list.

**wxList::Insert****wxNode \* Insert(wxObject \*object)**

Insert object at front of list.

**wxNode \* Insert(wxNode \*position, wxObject \*object)**

Insert object before *position*.

**wxList::GetLast****wxNode \* GetLast()**

Returns the last node in the list (NULL if the list is empty).

**wxList::Member****wxNode \* Member(wxObject \*object)**

Returns the node associated with *object* if it is in the list, NULL otherwise.

**wxList::Nth****wxNode \* Nth(int n)**

Returns the *nth* node in the list, indexing from zero (NULL if the list is empty or the *nth* node could not be found).

**wxList::Number****int Number()**

Returns the number of elements in the list.

**wxList::Sort**

**void Sort(wxSortCompareFunction compfunc)**

```
// Type of compare function for list sort operation (as in 'qsort')
typedef int (*wxSortCompareFunction)(const void *elem1, const void
*elem2);
```

Allows the sorting of arbitrary lists by giving a function to compare two list elements. We use the system **qsort** function for the actual sorting process. The sort function receives pointers to wxObject pointers (wxObject \*\*), so be careful to dereference appropriately.

Example:

```
int listcompare(const void *arg1, const void *arg2)
{
    return(compare(**(wxString **)arg1,    // use the wxString
'compare'                **(wxString **)arg2)); // function
}

void main()
{
    wxList list;

    list.Append(new wxString("DEF"));
    list.Append(new wxString("GHI"));
    list.Append(new wxString("ABC"));
    list.Sort(listcompare);
}
```

**wxListBox**

A listbox is used to select one or more of a list of strings. The strings are displayed in a scrolling box, with the selected string(s) marked in reverse video. A listbox can be single selection (if an item is selected, the previous selection is removed) or multiple selection (clicking an item toggles the item on or off independently of other selections).

List box elements are numbered from zero. Their number is limited in some platforms (e.g. ca. 2000 on GTK).

A listbox callback gets an event wxEVT\_COMMAND\_LISTBOX\_SELECT for single clicks, and wxEVT\_COMMAND\_LISTBOX\_DOUBLE\_CLICKED for double clicks.

**Derived from**

*wxControl* (p. 130)  
*wxWindow* (p. 915)  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/listbox.h>

## Window styles

<b>wxLB_SINGLE</b>	Single-selection list.
<b>wxLB_MULTIPLE</b>	Multiple-selection list: the user can toggle multiple items on and off.
<b>wxLB_EXTENDED</b>	Extended-selection list: the user can select multiple items using the SHIFT key and the mouse or special key combinations.
<b>wxLB_HSCROLL</b>	Create horizontal scrollbar if contents are too wide (Windows only).
<b>wxLB_ALWAYS_SB</b>	Always show a vertical scrollbar.
<b>wxLB_NEEDED_SB</b>	Only create a vertical scrollbar if needed.
<b>wxLB_SORT</b>	The listbox contents are sorted in alphabetical order. No effect for GTK.

See also *window styles overview* (p. 1093).

## Event handling

<b>EVT_LISTBOX(id, func)</b>	Process a <code>wxEVT_COMMAND_LISTBOX_SELECTED</code> event, when an item on the list is selected.
<b>EVT_LISTBOX_DCLICK(id, func)</b>	Process a <code>wxEVT_COMMAND_LISTBOX_DOUBLECLICKED</code> event, when the listbox is doubleclicked.

## See also

*wxChoice* (p. 79), *wxComboBox* (p. 99), *wxListCtrl* (p. 461), *wxCommandEvent* (p. 108)

## **wxListBox::wxListBox**

### **wxListBox()**

Default constructor.

**wxListBox(wxWindow\* parent, wxWindowID id, const wxPoint& pos = wxDefaultPosition, const wxSize& size = wxDefaultSize, int n, const wxString choices[] = NULL, long style = 0, const wxValidator& validator = wxDefaultValidator, const wxString& name = "listBox")**

Constructor, creating and showing a list box.

## Parameters

*parent*

Parent window. Must not be NULL.

*id*

Window identifier. A value of -1 indicates a default value.

*pos*

Window position.

*size*

Window size. If the default size (-1, -1) is specified then the window is sized appropriately.

*n*

Number of strings with which to initialise the control.

*choices*

An array of strings with which to initialise the control.

*style*

Window style. See *wxListBox* (p. 452).

*validator*

Window validator.

*name*

Window name.

### See also

*wxListBox::Create* (p. 455), *wxValidator* (p. 897)

**wxPython note:** The *wxListBox* constructor in wxPython reduces the *n* and *choices* arguments to a single argument, which is a list of strings.

## **wxListBox::~~wxListBox**

**void ~wxListBox()**

Destructor, destroying the list box.

## **wxListBox::Append**

**void Append(const wxString& item)**

Adds the item to the end of the list box.

**void Append(const wxString& item, void\* clientData)**

Adds the item to the end of the list box, associating the given data with the item.

### Parameters

*item*

String to add.

*clientData*

Client data to associate with the item.

### **wxListBox::Clear**

**void Clear()**

Clears all strings from the list box.

### **wxListBox::Create**

**bool Create(wxWindow\* parent, wxWindowID id, const wxPoint& pos = wxDefaultPosition, const wxSize& size = wxDefaultSize, int n, const wxString choices[] = NULL, long style = 0, const wxValidator& validator = wxDefaultValidator, const wxString& name = "listBox")**

Creates the listbox for two-step construction. See *wxListBox::wxListBox* (p. 453) for further details.

### **wxListBox::Delete**

**void Delete(int n)**

Deletes an item from the listbox.

### Parameters

*n*

The zero-based item index.

### **wxListBox::Deselect**

**void Deselect(int n)**

Deselects an item in the list box.

### Parameters

*n*



The zero-based item to deselect.

### Remarks

This applies to multiple selection listboxes only.

### **wxListBox::FindString**

**int FindString(const wxString& *string*)**

Finds an item matching the given string.

### Parameters

*string*  
String to find.

### Return value

The zero-based position of the item, or -1 if the string was not found.

### **wxListBox::GetClientData**

**void\* GetClientData(int *n*) const**

Returns a pointer to the client data associated with the given item (if any).

### Parameters

*n*  
The zero-based position of the item.

### Return value

A pointer to the client data, or NULL if not present.

### **wxListBox::GetSelection**

**int GetSelection() const**

Gets the position of the selected item.

### Return value

The position of the current selection.

### Remarks

Applicable to single selection list boxes only.

### See also

*wxListBox::SetSelection* (p. 460), *wxListBox::GetStringSelection* (p. 458),  
*wxListBox::GetSelections* (p. 457)

## **wxListBox::GetSelections**

**int GetSelections(wxArrayInt&selections) const**

Fill an array of ints with the positions of the currently selected items.

### Parameters

*selections*

A reference to an *wxArrayInt* instance that is used to store the result of the query.

### Return value

The number of selections.

### Remarks

Use this with a multiple selection listbox.

### See also

*wxListBox::GetSelection* (p. 456), *wxListBox::GetStringSelection* (p. 458),  
*wxListBox::SetSelection* (p. 460)

**wxPython note:** The wxPython version of this method takes no parameters and returns a tuple of the selected items.

## **wxListBox::GetString**

**wxString GetString(int *n*) const**

Returns the string at the given position.

### Parameters

*n*

The zero-based position.

### Return value

The string, or an empty string if the position was invalid.

**wxListBox::GetStringSelection****wxString GetStringSelection() const**

Gets the selected string - for single selection list boxes only. This must be copied by the calling program if long term use is to be made of it.

**See also**

*wxListBox::GetSelection* (p. 456), *wxListBox::GetSelections* (p. 457),  
*wxListBox::SetSelection* (p. 460)

**wxListBox::InsertItems****void InsertItems(int *nItems*, const wxString *items*, int *pos*)**

Insert the given number of strings before the specified position.

**Parameters***nItems*

Number of items in the array *items*

*items*

Labels of items to be inserted

*pos*

Position before which to insert the items: for example, if *pos* is 0 the items will be inserted in the beginning of the listbox

**wxPython note:** The first two parameters are collapsed into a single parameter for wxPython, which is a list of strings.

**wxListBox::Number****int Number() const**

Returns the number of items in the listbox.

**wxListBox::Selected****bool Selected(int *n*) const**

Determines whether an item is selected.

### Parameters

*n*  
The zero-based item index.

### Return value

TRUE if the given item is selected, FALSE otherwise.

### **wxListBox::Set**

**void Set(int *n*, const wxString\* *choices*)**

Clears the list box and adds the given strings. Not implemented for GTK.

### Parameters

*n*  
The number of strings to set.

*choices*  
An array of strings to set.

### Remarks

Deallocate the array from the calling program after this function has been called.

### **wxListBox::SetClientData**

**void SetClientData(int *n*, void\* *data*)**

Associates the given client data pointer with the given item.

### Parameters

*n*  
The zero-based item index.

*data*  
The client data to associate with the item.

### **wxListBox::SetFirstItem**

**void SetFirstItem(int *n*)**

**void SetFirstItem(const wxString& *string*)**

Set the specified item to be the first visible item. Windows only.

### Parameters

*n*  
The zero-based item index.

*string*  
The string that should be visible.

## **wxListBox::SetSelection**

**void SetSelection(int *n*, const bool *select* = *TRUE*)**

Selects or deselects the given item. This does not cause a `wxEVT_COMMAND_LISTBOX_SELECT` event to get emitted.

### Parameters

*n*  
The zero-based item index.

*select*  
If *TRUE*, will select the item. If *FALSE*, will deselect it.

## **wxListBox::SetString**

**void SetString(int *n*, const wxString& *string*)**

Sets the string value of an item.

### Parameters

*n*  
The zero-based item index.

*string*  
The string to set.

## **wxListBox::SetStringSelection**

**void SetStringSelection(const wxString& *string*, const bool *select* = *TRUE*)**

Sets the current selection. This does not cause a `wxEVT_COMMAND_LISTBOX_SELECT` event to get emitted.

### Parameters

*string*

The item to select.

*select*

If TRUE, will select the item. If FALSE, will deselect it.

## **wxListCtrl**

A list control presents lists in a number of formats: list view, report view, icon view and small icon view. Elements are numbered from zero.

To intercept events from a list control, use the event table macros described in *wxListEvent* (p. 474).

### **Derived from**

*wxControl* (p. 130)

*wxWindow* (p. 915)

*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### **Include files**

<wx/listctrl.h>

### **Window styles**

<b>wxLC_LIST</b>	multicolumn list view, with optional small icons. Columns are computed automatically, i.e. you don't set columns as in <b>wxLC_REPORT</b> . In other words, the list wraps, unlike a <i>wxListBox</i> .
<b>wxLC_REPORT</b>	single or multicolumn report view, with optional header.
<b>wxLC_ICON</b>	Large icon view, with optional labels.
<b>wxLC_SMALL_ICON</b>	Small icon view, with optional labels.
<b>wxLC_ALIGN_TOP</b>	Icons align to the top. Win32 default, Win32 only.
<b>wxLC_ALIGN_LEFT</b>	Icons align to the left.
<b>wxLC_AUTOARRANGE</b>	Icons arrange themselves. Win32 only.
<b>wxLC_USER_TEXT</b>	The application provides label text on demand, except for column headers. Win32 only.
<b>wxLC_EDIT_LABELS</b>	Labels are editable: the application will be notified when editing starts.
<b>wxLC_NO_HEADER</b>	No header in report mode. Win32 only.
<b>wxLC_SINGLE_SEL</b>	Single selection.
<b>wxLC_SORT_ASCENDING</b>	Sort in ascending order (must still supply a comparison callback in <i>SortItems</i> ).
<b>wxLC_SORT_DESCENDING</b>	Sort in descending order (must still supply a comparison callback in <i>SortItems</i> ).

See also *window styles overview* (p. 1093).

## Event handling

To process input from a list control, use these event handler macros to direct input to member functions that take a *wxListEvent* (p. 474) argument.

<b>EVT_LIST_BEGIN_DRAG(id, func)</b>	Begin dragging with the left mouse button.
<b>EVT_LIST_BEGIN_RDRAG(id, func)</b>	Begin dragging with the right mouse button.
<b>EVT_LIST_BEGIN_LABEL_EDIT(id, func)</b>	Begin editing a label. This can be prevented by calling <i>Veto()</i> (p. 554).
<b>EVT_LIST_END_LABEL_EDIT(id, func)</b>	Finish editing a label. This can be prevented by calling <i>Veto()</i> (p. 554).
<b>EVT_LIST_DELETE_ITEM(id, func)</b>	Delete an item.
<b>EVT_LIST_DELETE_ALL_ITEMS(id, func)</b>	Delete all items.
<b>EVT_LIST_GET_INFO(id, func)</b>	Request information from the application, usually the item text.
<b>EVT_LIST_SET_INFO(id, func)</b>	Information is being supplied (not implemented).
<b>EVT_LIST_ITEM_SELECTED(id, func)</b>	The item has been selected.
<b>EVT_LIST_ITEM_DESELECTED(id, func)</b>	The item has been deselected.
<b>EVT_LIST_ITEM_ACTIVATED(id, func)</b>	The item has been activated (ENTER or double click).
<b>EVT_LIST_KEY_DOWN(id, func)</b>	A key has been pressed.
<b>EVT_LIST_INSERT_ITEM(id, func)</b>	An item has been inserted.
<b>EVT_LIST_COL_CLICK(id, func)</b>	A column ( <b>m_col</b> ) has been left-clicked.

## See also

*wxListCtrl* overview (p. 1047), *wxListBox* (p. 452), *wxTreeCtrl* (p. 875), *wxImageList* (p. 418), *wxListEvent* (p. 474)

## wxListCtrl::wxListCtrl

### wxListCtrl()

Default constructor.

**wxListCtrl(wxWindow\* parent, wxWindowID id, const wxPoint& pos = wxDefaultPosition, const wxSize& size = wxDefaultSize, long style = wxLC\_ICON, const wxValidator& validator = wxDefaultValidator, const wxString& name = "listCtrl")**

Constructor, creating and showing a list control.

## Parameters

*parent*

Parent window. Must not be NULL.

*id*

Window identifier. A value of -1 indicates a default value.

*pos*

Window position.

*size*

Window size. If the default size (-1, -1) is specified then the window is sized appropriately.

*style*

Window style. See *wxListCtrl* (p. 461).

*validator*

Window validator.

*name*

Window name.

### See also

*wxListCtrl::Create* (p. 463), *wxValidator* (p. 897)

## **wxListCtrl::~~wxListCtrl**

### **void ~wxListCtrl()**

Destructor, destroying the list control.

## **wxListCtrl::Arrange**

### **bool Arrange(int flag = wxLIST\_ALIGN\_DEFAULT)**

Arranges the items in icon or small icon view. This only has effect on Win32. *flag* is one of:

wxLIST\_ALIGN\_DEFAULT    Default alignment.  
wxLIST\_ALIGN\_LEFT       Align to the left side of the control.  
wxLIST\_ALIGN\_TOP        Align to the top side of the control.  
wxLIST\_ALIGN\_SNAP\_TO\_GRID   Snap to grid.

## **wxListCtrl::Create**

**bool Create(wxWindow\* parent, wxWindowID id, const wxPoint& pos = wxDefaultPosition, const wxSize& size = wxDefaultSize, long style = wxLC\_ICON,**



**const wxValidator&** *validator* = *wxDefaultValidator*, **const wxString&** *name* = "listCtrl")

Creates the list control. See *wxListCtrl::wxListCtrl* (p. 462) for further details.

### **wxListCtrl::ClearAll**

**void** *ClearAll*()

Deletes all items and all columns.

### **wxListCtrl::DeleteItem**

**bool** *DeleteItem*(long *item*)

Deletes the specified item.

### **wxListCtrl::DeleteAllItems**

**bool** *DeleteAllItems*()

Deletes all the items in the list control.

### **wxListCtrl::DeleteColumn**

**bool** *DeleteColumn*(int *col*)

Deletes a column.

### **wxListCtrl::EditLabel**

**void** *EditLabel*(long *item*)

Starts editing the label of the given item. This function generates a `EVT_LIST_BEGIN_LABEL_EDIT` event which can be vetoed so that no text control will appear for in-place editing.

If the user changed the label (i.e. s/he does not press ESC or leave the text control without changes, a `EVT_LIST_END_LABEL_EDIT` event will be sent which can be vetoed as well.

### **wxListCtrl::EnsureVisible**

**bool** *EnsureVisible*(long *item*)

Ensures this item is visible.

### **wxListCtrl::FindItem**

**long FindItem(long start, const wxString& str, const bool partial = FALSE)**

Find an item whose label matches this string, starting from the item after *start* or the beginning if *start* is -1.

**long FindItem(long start, long data)**

Find an item whose data matches this data, starting from the item after *start* or the beginning if 'start' is -1.

**long FindItem(long start, const wxPoint& pt, int direction)**

Find an item nearest this position in the specified direction, starting from the item after *start* or the beginning if *start* is -1.

**wxPython note:** In place of a single overloaded method name, wxPython implements the following methods:

```
FindItem(start, str, partial=FALSE)
FindItemData(start, data)
FindItemAtPos(start, point, direction)
```

### **wxListCtrl::GetColumn**

**bool GetColumn(int col, wxListItem& item) const**

Gets information about this column. See *wxListCtrl::SetItem* (p. 471) for more information.

### **wxListCtrl::GetColumnWidth**

**int GetColumnWidth(int col) const**

Gets the column width (report view only).

### **wxListCtrl::GetCountPerPage**

**int GetCountPerPage() const**

Gets the number of items that can fit vertically in the visible area of the list control (list or report view) or the total number of items in the list control (icon or small icon view).

**wxListCtrl::GetEditControl****wxTextCtrl& GetEditControl() const**

Gets the edit control for editing labels.

**wxListCtrl::GetImageList****wxImageList\* GetImageList(int *which*) const**

Returns the specified image list. *which* may be one of:

<b>wxIMAGE_LIST_NORMAL</b>	The normal (large icon) image list.
<b>wxIMAGE_LIST_SMALL</b>	The small icon image list.
<b>wxIMAGE_LIST_STATE</b>	The user-defined state image list (unimplemented).

**wxListCtrl::GetItem****bool GetItem(wxListItem& *info*) const**

Gets information about the item. See *wxListCtrl::SetItem* (p. 471) for more information.

**wxPython note:** The wxPython version of this method takes an integer parameter for the item ID, and returns the wxListItem object.

**wxListCtrl::GetItemData****long GetItemData(long *item*) const**

Gets the application-defined data associated with this item.

**wxListCtrl::GetItemPosition****bool GetItemPosition(long *item*, wxPoint& *pos*) const**

Returns the position of the item, in icon or small icon view.

**wxPython note:** The wxPython version of this method accepts only the item ID and returns the wxPoint.

**wxListCtrl::GetItemRect**

**bool GetItemRect(long item, wxRect& rect, int code = wxLIST\_RECT\_BOUNDS) const**

Returns the rectangle representing the item's size and position, in client coordinates.

*code* is one of `wxLIST_RECT_BOUNDS`, `wxLIST_RECT_ICON`, `wxLIST_RECT_LABEL`.

**wxPython note:** The wxPython version of this method accepts only the item ID and returns the `wxRect`.

### **wxListCtrl::GetItemState**

**int GetItemState(long item, long stateMask) const**

Gets the item state. For a list of state flags, see `wxListCtrl::SetItem` (p. 471).

The **stateMask** indicates which state flags are of interest.

### **wxListCtrl::GetItemCount**

**int GetItemCount() const**

Returns the number of items in the list control.

### **wxListCtrl::GetItemSpacing**

**int GetItemSpacing(bool isSmall) const**

Retrieves the spacing between icons in pixels. If *small* is TRUE, gets the spacing for the small icon view, otherwise the large icon view.

### **wxListCtrl::GetItemText**

**wxString GetItemText(long item) const**

Gets the item text for this item.

### **wxListCtrl::GetNextItem**

**long GetNextItem(long item, int geometry = wxLIST\_NEXT\_ALL, int state = wxLIST\_STATE\_DONTCARE) const**

Searches for an item with the given geometry or state, starting from *item*. *item* can be -1 to find the first item that matches the specified flags.

Returns the item or -1 if unsuccessful.

*geometry* can be one of:

<code>wxLIST_NEXT_ABOVE</code>	Searches for an item above the specified item.
<code>wxLIST_NEXT_ALL</code>	Searches for subsequent item by index.
<code>wxLIST_NEXT_BELOW</code>	Searches for an item below the specified item.
<code>wxLIST_NEXT_LEFT</code>	Searches for an item to the left of the specified item.
<code>wxLIST_NEXT_RIGHT</code>	Searches for an item to the right of the specified item.

*state* can be a bitlist of the following:

<code>wxLIST_STATE_DONTCARE</code>	Don't care what the state is.
<code>wxLIST_STATE_DROPHILITED</code>	The item indicates it is a drop target.
<code>wxLIST_STATE_FOCUSED</code>	The item has the focus.
<code>wxLIST_STATE_SELECTED</code>	The item is selected.
<code>wxLIST_STATE_CUT</code>	The item is selected as part of a cut and paste operation.

### **`wxListCtrl::GetSelectedItemCount`**

**`int GetSelectedItemCount() const`**

Returns the number of selected items in the list control.

### **`wxListCtrl::GetTextColour`**

**`wxColour GetTextColour() const`**

Gets the text colour of the list control.

### **`wxListCtrl::GetTopItem`**

**`long GetTopItem() const`**

Gets the index of the topmost visible item when in list or report view.

### **`wxListCtrl::HitTest`**

**`long HitTest(const wxPoint& point, int& flags)`**

Determines which item (if any) is at the specified point, giving details in *flags*. *flags* will be a combination of the following flags:

**wxLIST\_HITTEST\_ABOVE** Above the client area.  
**wxLIST\_HITTEST\_BELOW** Below the client area.  
**wxLIST\_HITTEST\_NOWHERE** In the client area but below the last item.  
**wxLIST\_HITTEST\_ONITEMICON** On the bitmap associated with an item.  
**wxLIST\_HITTEST\_ONITEMLABEL** On the label (string) associated with an item.  
**wxLIST\_HITTEST\_ONITEMRIGHT** In the area to the right of an item.  
**wxLIST\_HITTEST\_ONITEMSTATEICON** On the state icon for a tree view item that is in a user-defined state.  
**wxLIST\_HITTEST\_TOLEFT** To the right of the client area.  
**wxLIST\_HITTEST\_TORIGHT** To the left of the client area.  
**wxLIST\_HITTEST\_ONITEM** Combination of **wxLIST\_HITTEST\_ONITEMICON**, **wxLIST\_HITTEST\_ONITEMLABEL**, **wxLIST\_HITTEST\_ONITEMSTATEICON**.

**wxPython note:** A tuple of values is returned in the wxPython version of this method. The first value is the item id and the second is the flags value mentioned above.

### **wxListCtrl::InsertColumn**

**long InsertColumn(long col, wxListItem& info)**

For list view mode (only), inserts a column. For more details, see *wxListCtrl::SetItem* (p. 471).

**long InsertColumn(long col, const wxString& heading, int format = wxLIST\_FORMAT\_LEFT, int width = -1)**

For list view mode (only), inserts a column. For more details, see *wxListCtrl::SetItem* (p. 471).

**wxPython note:** In place of a single overloaded method name, wxPython implements the following methods:

**InsertColumn(col, heading, format=wxLIST\_FORMAT\_LEFT, width=-1)**  
 Creates a column using a header string only.  
**InsertColumnInfo(col, item)** Creates a column using a wxListItem.

### **wxListCtrl::InsertItem**

**long InsertItem(wxListItem& info)**

Inserts an item, returning the index of the new item if successful, -1 otherwise.

**long InsertItem(long index, const wxString& label)**

Inserts a string item.

**long InsertItem(long index, int imageIndex)**

Inserts an image item.

**long InsertItem(long index, const wxString& label, int imageIndex)**

Insert an image/string item.

### Parameters

*info*

wxListItem object

*index*

Index of the new item, supplied by the application

*label*

String label

*imageIndex*

index into the image list associated with this control and view style

**wxPython note:** In place of a single overloaded method name, wxPython implements the following methods:

<b>InsertItem(item)</b>	Inserts an item using a wxListItem.
<b>InsertStringItem(index, label)</b>	Inserts a string item.
<b>InsertImageItem(index, imageIndex)</b>	Inserts an image item.
<b>InsertImageStringItem(index, label, imageIndex)</b>	Insert an image/string item.

### **wxListCtrl::ScrollList**

**bool ScrollList(int dx, int dy)**

Scrolls the list control. If in icon, small icon or report view mode, dx specifies the number of pixels to scroll. If in list view mode, dx specifies the number of columns to scroll.

If in icon, small icon or list view mode, dy specifies the number of pixels to scroll. If in report view mode, dy specifies the number of lines to scroll.

### **wxListCtrl::SetBackgroundColour**

**void SetBackgroundColour(const wxColour& col)**

Sets the background colour (GetBackgroundColour already implicit in wxWindow class).

**wxListCtrl::SetColumn****bool SetColumn(int col, wxListItem& item)**

Sets information about this column. See *wxListCtrl::SetItem* (p. 471) for more information.

**wxListCtrl::SetColumnWidth****bool SetColumnWidth(int col, int width)**

Sets the column width.

*width* can be a width in pixels or `wxLIST_AUTOSIZE` (-1) or `wxLIST_AUTOSIZE_USEHEADER` (-2). `wxLIST_AUTOSIZE` will resize the column to the length of its longest item. `wxLIST_AUTOSIZE_USEHEADER` will resize the column to the length of the header (Win32) or 80 pixels (other platforms).

In small or normal icon view, *col* must be -1, and the column width is set for all columns.

**wxListCtrl::SetImageList****void SetImageList(wxImageList\* imageList, int which)**

Sets the image list associated with the control. *which* is one of `wxIMAGE_LIST_NORMAL`, `wxIMAGE_LIST_SMALL`, `wxIMAGE_LIST_STATE` (the last is unimplemented).

**wxListCtrl::SetItem****bool SetItem(wxListItem& info)**

Sets information about the item.

`wxListItem` is a class with the following members:

<code>long m_mask</code>	Indicates which fields are valid. See the list of valid mask flags below.
<code>long m_itemId</code>	The zero-based item position.
<code>int m_col</code>	Zero-based column, if in report mode.
<code>long m_state</code>	The state of the item. See the list of valid state flags below.
<code>long m_stateMask</code>	A mask indicating which state flags are valid. See the list of valid state flags below.
<code>wxString m_text</code>	The label/header text.
<code>int m_image</code>	The zero-based index into an image list.
<code>long m_data</code>	Application-defined data.



<code>int m_format</code>	For columns only: the format. Can be <code>wxLIST_FORMAT_LEFT</code> , <code>wxLIST_FORMAT_RIGHT</code> or <code>wxLIST_FORMAT_CENTRE</code> .
<code>int m_width</code>	For columns only: the column width.

The **m\_mask** member contains a bitlist specifying which of the other fields are valid. The flags are:

<code>wxLIST_MASK_STATE</code>	The <b>m_state</b> field is valid.
<code>wxLIST_MASK_TEXT</code>	The <b>m_text</b> field is valid.
<code>wxLIST_MASK_IMAGE</code>	The <b>m_image</b> field is valid.
<code>wxLIST_MASK_DATA</code>	The <b>m_data</b> field is valid.
<code>wxLIST_MASK_WIDTH</code>	The <b>m_width</b> field is valid.
<code>wxLIST_MASK_FORMAT</code>	The <b>m_format</b> field is valid.

The **m\_stateMask** and **m\_state** members take flags from the following:

<code>wxLIST_STATE_DONTCARE</code>	Don't care what the state is. Win32 only.
<code>wxLIST_STATE_DROPHILITED</code>	The item is highlighted to receive a drop event. Win32 only.
<code>wxLIST_STATE_FOCUSED</code>	The item has the focus.
<code>wxLIST_STATE_SELECTED</code>	The item is selected.
<code>wxLIST_STATE_CUT</code>	The item is in the cut state. Win32 only.

**long SetItem(long index, int col, const wxString& label, int imageld = -1)**

Sets a string field at a particular column.

**wxPython note:** In place of a single overloaded method name, wxPython implements the following methods:

<b>SetItem(item)</b>	Sets information about the given <code>wxListItem</code> .
<b>SetStringItem(index, col, label, imageld)</b>	Sets a string or image at a given location.

**wxListCtrl::SetItemData**

**bool SetItemData(long item, long data)**

Associates application-defined data with this item.

**wxListCtrl::SetItemImage**

**bool SetItemImage(long item, int image, int selImage)**

Sets the unselected and selected images associated with the item. The images are indices into the image list associated with the list control.

### **wxListCtrl::SetItemPosition**

**bool SetItemPosition(long item, const wxPoint& pos)**

Sets the position of the item, in icon or small icon view.

### **wxListCtrl::SetItemState**

**bool SetItemState(long item, long state, long stateMask)**

Sets the item state. For a list of state flags, see *wxListCtrl::SetItem* (p. 471).

The **stateMask** indicates which state flags are valid.

### **wxListCtrl::SetItemText**

**void SetItemText(long item, const wxString& text)**

Sets the item text for this item.

### **wxListCtrl::SetSingleStyle**

**void SetSingleStyle(long style, const bool add = TRUE)**

Adds or removes a single window style.

### **wxListCtrl::SetTextColour**

**void SetTextColour(const wxColour& col)**

Sets the text colour of the list control.

### **wxListCtrl::SetWindowStyleFlag**

**void SetWindowStyleFlag(long style)**

Sets the whole window style.

### **wxListCtrl::SortItems**

**bool SortItems(wxListCtrlCompare fn, long data)**

Sorts the items in the list control.

fn is a function which takes 3 long arguments: item1, item2, data.

item1 is the long data associated with a first item (NOT the index).

item2 is the long data associated with a second item (NOT the index).

data is the same value as passed to SortItems.

The return value is a negative number if the first item should precede the second item, a positive number if the second item should precede the first, or zero if the two items are equivalent.

data is arbitrary data to be passed to the sort function.

**wxListEvent**

A list event holds information about events associated with wxListCtrl objects.

**Derived from**

*wxNotifyEvent* (p. 553)  
*wxCommandEvent* (p. 108)  
*wxEvent* (p. 237)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/listctrl.h>

**Event table macros**

To process input from a list control, use these event handler macros to direct input to member functions that take a wxListEvent argument.

<b>EVT_LIST_BEGIN_DRAG(id, func)</b>	Begin dragging with the left mouse button.
<b>EVT_LIST_BEGIN_RDRAG(id, func)</b>	Begin dragging with the right mouse button.
<b>EVT_LIST_BEGIN_LABEL_EDIT(id, func)</b>	Begin editing a label. This can be prevented by calling <i>Veto()</i> (p. 554).
<b>EVT_LIST_END_LABEL_EDIT(id, func)</b>	Finish editing a label. This can be prevented by calling <i>Veto()</i> (p. 554).
<b>EVT_LIST_DELETE_ITEM(id, func)</b>	Delete an item.
<b>EVT_LIST_DELETE_ALL_ITEMS(id, func)</b>	Delete all items.
<b>EVT_LIST_GET_INFO(id, func)</b>	Request information from the application, usually the item text.
<b>EVT_LIST_SET_INFO(id, func)</b>	Information is being supplied (not implemented).
<b>EVT_LIST_ITEM_SELECTED(id, func)</b>	The item has been selected.

**EVT\_LIST\_ITEM\_DESELECTED(id, func)** The item has been deselected.  
**EVT\_LIST\_ITEM\_ACTIVATED(id, func)** The item has been activated (ENTER or double click).  
**EVT\_LIST\_KEY\_DOWN(id, func)** A key has been pressed.  
**EVT\_LIST\_INSERT\_ITEM(id, func)** An item has been inserted.  
**EVT\_LIST\_COL\_CLICK(id, func)** A column (**m\_col**) has been left-clicked.

### See also

*wxListCtrl* (p. 461)

### **wxCommandEvent::wxCommandEvent**

**wxCommandEvent(WXTYPE *commandType* = 0, int *id* = 0)**

Constructor.

### **wxCommandEvent::m\_code**

**int m\_code**

Key code if the event is a keypress event.

### **wxCommandEvent::m\_itemIndex**

**long m\_itemIndex**

The item index.

### **wxCommandEvent::m\_oldItemIndex**

**long m\_oldItemIndex**

The old item index.

### **wxCommandEvent::m\_col**

**int m\_col**

The column position.

**wxListEvent::m\_cancelled****bool m\_cancelled**

TRUE if this event is an end edit event and the user cancelled the edit.

**wxListEvent::m\_pointDrag****wxPoint m\_pointDrag**

The position of the mouse pointer if the event is a drag event.

**wxListEvent::m\_item****wxListItem m\_item**

An item object, used by some events. See also *wxListCtrl::SetItem* (p. 471).

**wxLocale**

wxLocale class encapsulates all language-dependent settings and is a generalization of the C locale concept.

In wxWindows this class manages message catalogs which contain the translations of the strings used to the current language.

**Derived from**

No base class

**See also**

*18n overview* (p. 1111)

**Include files**

<wx/intl.h>

**wxLocale::wxLocale****wxLocale()**

This is the default constructor and it does nothing to initialize the object: *Init()* (p. 478) must be used to do that.

**wxLocale(const char \*szName, const char \*szShort = NULL, const char \*szLocale = NULL, bool bLoadDefault = TRUE)**

The parameters have the following meaning:

- szName is the name of the locale and is only used in diagnostic messages
- szShort is the standard 2 letter locale abbreviation and is used as the directory prefix when looking for the message catalog files
- szLocale is the parameter for the call to setlocale()
- bLoadDefault may be set to FALSE to prevent loading of the message catalog for the given locale containing the translations of standard wxWindows messages. This parameter would be rarely used in normal circumstances.

The call of this function has several global side effects which you should understand: first of all, the application locale is changed - note that this will affect many of standard C library functions such as printf() or strftime(). Second, this wxLocale object becomes the new current global locale for the application and so all subsequent calls to wxGetTranslation() will try to translate the messages using the message catalogs for this locale.

### **wxLocale::~wxLocale**

#### **~wxLocale()**

The destructor, like the constructor, also has global side effects: the previously set locale is restored and so the changes described in *Init* (p. 478) documentation are rolled back.

### **wxLocale::GetLocale**

#### **const char\* GetLocale() const**

Returns the locale name as passed to the constructor or *Init*() (p. 478).

### **wxLocale::AddCatalog**

#### **bool AddCatalog(const char \*szDomain)**

Add a catalog for use with the current locale: it's searched for in standard places (current directory first, then the system one), but you may also prepend additional directories to the search path with *AddCatalogLookupPathPrefix*() (p. 477).

All loaded catalogs will be used for message lookup by GetString() for the current locale.

Returns TRUE if catalog was successfully loaded, FALSE otherwise (which might mean that the catalog is not found or that it isn't in the correct format).

### **wxLocale::AddCatalogLookupPathPrefix**

**void AddCatalogLookupPathPrefix(const wxString& prefix)**

Add a prefix to the catalog lookup path: the message catalog files will be looked up under prefix/<lang>/LC\_MESSAGES, prefix/LC\_MESSAGES and prefix (in this order).

This only applies to subsequent invocations of AddCatalog()!

**wxLocale::Init**

**bool Init(const char \*szName, const char \*szShort = NULL, const char \*szLocale = NULL, bool bLoadDefault = TRUE)**

The parameters have the following meaning:

- szName is the name of the locale and is only used in diagnostic messages
- szShort is the standard 2 letter locale abbreviation and is used as the directory prefix when looking for the message catalog files
- szLocale is the parameter for the call to setlocale()
- bLoadDefault may be set to FALSE to prevent loading of the message catalog for the given locale containing the translations of standard wxWindows messages. This parameter would be rarely used in normal circumstances.

The call of this function has several global side effects which you should understand: first of all, the application locale is changed - note that this will affect many of standard C library functions such as printf() or strftime(). Second, this wxLocale object becomes the new current global locale for the application and so all subsequent calls to wxGetTranslation() will try to translate the messages using the message catalogs for this locale.

Returns TRUE on success or FALSE if the given locale couldn't be set.

**wxLocale::IsLoaded**

**bool IsLoaded(const char\* domain) const**

Check if the given catalog is loaded, and returns TRUE if it is.

According to GNU gettext tradition, each catalog normally corresponds to 'domain' which is more or less the application name.

See also: *AddCatalog* (p. 477)

**wxLocale::GetName**

**const wxString& GetName() const**

Returns the current short name for the locale (as given to the constructor or the `Init()` function).

### **wxLocale::GetString**

**const char\* GetString(const char \*szOrigString, const char \*szDomain = NULL)  
const**

Retrieves the translation for a string in all loaded domains unless the `szDomain` parameter is specified (and then only this catalog/domain is searched).

Returns original string if translation is not available (in this case an error message is generated the first time a string is not found; use `wxLogNull` (p. 1032) to suppress it).

#### **Remarks**

Domains are searched in the last to first order, i.e. catalogs added later override those added before.

### **wxLog**

`wxLog` class defines the interface for the *log targets* used by `wxWindows` logging functions as explained in the *wxLog overview* (p. 1032). The only situations when you need to directly use this class is when you want to derive your own log target because the existing ones don't satisfy your needs. Another case is if you wish to customize the behaviour of the standard logging classes (all of which respect the `wxLog` settings): for example, set which trace messages are logged and which are not or change (or even remove completely) the timestamp on the messages.

Otherwise, it is completely hidden behind the `wxLogXXX()` functions and you may not even know about its existence.

See *log overview* (p. 1032) for the descriptions of `wxWindows` logging facilities.

#### **Derived from**

No base class

#### **Include files**

<wx/log.h>

### **Static functions**

The functions in this section work with and manipulate the active log target. The `OnLog()` is called by the `wxLogXXX()` functions and invokes the `DoLog()` of the active log target if



any. Get/Set methods are used to install/query the current active target and, finally, *DontCreateOnDemand()* disables the automatic creation of a standard log target if none actually exists. It is only useful when the application is terminating and shouldn't be used in other situations because it may easily lead to a loss of messages.

*OnLog* (p. 481)

*GetActiveTarget* (p. 481)

*SetActiveTarget* (p. 481)

*DontCreateOnDemand* (p. 481)

## Message buffering

Some of wxLog implementations, most notably the standard wxLogGui class, buffer the messages (for example, to avoid showing the user a zillion of modal message boxes one after another - which would be really annoying). *Flush()* shows them all and clears the buffer contents. Although this function doesn't do anything if the buffer is already empty, *HasPendingMessages()* is also provided which allows to explicitly verify it.

*Flush* (p. 482)

*FlushActive* (p. 482)

*HasPendingMessages* (p. 482)

## Customization

The functions below allow some limited customization of wxLog behaviour without writing a new log target class (which, aside of being a matter of several minutes, allows you to do anything you want).

The verbose messages are the trace messages which are not disabled in the release mode and are generated by *wxLogVerbose()*. They are not normally shown to the user because they present little interest, but may be activated, for example, in order to help the user find some program problem.

As for the (real) trace messages, they come in different kinds:

- for the messages about creating and deleting objects
- for tracing the windowing system messages/events
- for allocating and releasing the system resources
- for reference counting related messages
- for the OLE (or COM) method invocations (wxMSW only)
- the remaining bits are free for user-defined trace levels

The trace mask is a bit mask which tells which (if any) of these trace messages are going to be actually logged. For the trace message to appear somewhere, all the bits in the mask used in the call to *wxLogTrace()* function must be set in the current trace mask. For example,

```
wxLogTrace(wxTraceRefCount | wxTraceOle, "Active object ref count: %d",  
nRef);
```

will do something only if the current trace mask contains both `wxTraceRefCount` and `wxTraceOle`.

Finally, the `wxLog::DoLog()` function automatically prepends a time stamp to all the messages. The format of the time stamp may be changed: it can be any string with % specifiers fully described in the documentation of the standard `strftime()` function. For example, the default format is `"[%d/%b/%y %H:%M:%S] "` which gives something like `"[17/Sep/98 22:10:16] "` (without quotes) for the current date. Setting an empty string as the time format disables timestamping of the messages completely.

`SetVerbose` (p. 482)

`GetVerbose` (p. 482)

`SetTimestamp` (p. 482)

`GetTimestamp` (p. 483)

`SetTraceMask` (p. 483)

`GetTraceMask` (p. 483)

## **wxLog::OnLog**

**static void OnLog(wxLogLevel level, const char \* message)**

Forwards the message at specified level to the `DoLog()` function of the active log target if there is any, does nothing otherwise.

## **wxLog::GetActiveTarget**

**static wxLog \* GetActiveTarget()**

Returns the pointer to the active log target (may be NULL).

## **wxLog::SetActiveTarget**

**static wxLog \* SetActiveTarget(wxLog \* logtarget)**

Sets the specified log target as the active one. Returns the pointer to the previous active log target (may be NULL).

## **wxLog::DontCreateOnDemand**

**static void DontCreateOnDemand()**

Instructs `wxLog` to not create new log targets on the fly if there is none currently. (Almost) for internal use only.

**wxLog::Flush****virtual void Flush()**

Shows all the messages currently in buffer and clears it. If the buffer is already empty, nothing happens.

**wxLog::FlushActive****static void FlushActive()**

Flushes the current log target if any, does nothing if there is none.

See also:

*Flush* (p. 482)

**wxLog::HasPendingMessages****bool HasPendingMessages() const**

Returns true if there are any messages in the buffer (not yet shown to the user). (Almost) for internal use only.

**wxLog::SetVerbose****void SetVerbose(bool verbose = TRUE)**

Activates or deactivates verbose mode in which the verbose messages are logged as the normal ones instead of being silently dropped.

**wxLog::GetVerbose****bool GetVerbose() const**

Returns whether the verbose mode is currently active.

**wxLog::SetTimestamp****void SetTimestamp(const char \* format)**

Sets the timestamp format prepended by the default log targets to all messages. The string may contain any normal characters as well as %prefixed format specifiers, see

*strftime()* manual for details. Passing a NULL value (not empty string) to this function disables message timestamping.

### **wxLog::GetTimestamp**

**const char \* GetTimestamp() const**

Returns the current timestamp format string.

### **wxLog::SetTraceMask**

**static void SetTraceMask(wxTraceMask mask)**

Sets the trace mask, see *Customization* (p. 480) section for details.

### **wxLog::GetTraceMask**

Returns the current trace mask, see *Customization* (p. 480) section for details.

## **wxLongLong**

This class represents a signed 64 bit long number. It is implemented using the native 64 bit type where available (machines with 64 bit longs or compilers which have (an analog of) *long long* type) and uses the emulation code in the other cases which ensures that it is the most efficient solution for working with 64 bit integers independently of the architecture.

*wxLongLong* defines all usual arithmetic operations such as addition, subtraction, bitwise shifts and logical operations as well as multiplication and division (not yet for the machines without native *long long*). It also has operators for implicit construction from and conversion to the native *long long* type if it exists and *long*.

You would usually use this type in exactly the same manner as any other (built-in) arithmetic type.

## **wxMask**

This class encapsulates a monochrome mask bitmap, where the masked area is black and the unmasked area is white.

### **Derived from**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### **Include files**

<wx/bitmap.h>

## Remarks

A mask may be associated with a *wxBitmap* (p. 36). It is used in *wxDC::Blit* (p. 166) when the source device context is a *wxMemoryDC* (p. 496) with *wxBitmap* selected into it that contains a mask.

## See also

*wxBitmap* (p. 36), *wxDC::Blit* (p. 166), *wxMemoryDC* (p. 496)

## **wxMask::wxMask**

### **wxMask()**

Default constructor.

### **wxMask(const wxBitmap& *bitmap*)**

Constructs a mask from a monochrome bitmap.

**wxPython note:** This is the default constructor for *wxMask* in *wxPython*.

### **wxMask(const wxBitmap& *bitmap*, const wxColour& *colour*)**

Constructs a mask from a bitmap and a colour that indicates the background. Not yet implemented for GTK.

**wxPython note:** *wxPython* has an alternate *wxMask* constructor matching this form called *wxMaskColour*.

### **wxMask(const wxBitmap& *bitmap*, int *index*)**

Constructs a mask from a bitmap and a palette index that indicates the background. Not yet implemented for GTK.

## Parameters

*bitmap*

A valid bitmap.

*colour*

A colour specifying the transparency RGB values.

*index*

Index into a palette, specifying the transparency colour.

**wxMask::~~wxMask****~wxMask()**

Destroys the wxMask object and the underlying bitmap data.

**wxMask::Create****bool Create(const wxBitmap& *bitmap*)**

Constructs a mask from a monochrome bitmap.

**bool Create(const wxBitmap& *bitmap*, const wxColour& *colour*)**

Constructs a mask from a bitmap and a colour that indicates the background. Not yet implemented for GTK.

**bool Create(const wxBitmap& *bitmap*, int *index*)**

Constructs a mask from a bitmap and a palette index that indicates the background. Not yet implemented for GTK.

**Parameters***bitmap*

A valid bitmap.

*colour*

A colour specifying the transparency RGB values.

*index*

Index into a palette, specifying the transparency colour.

**wxMDIChildFrame**

An MDI child frame is a frame that can only exist on a *wxMDIClientWindow* (p. 488), which is itself a child of *wxMDIParentFrame* (p. 490).

**Derived from***wxFrame* (p. 299)*wxWindow* (p. 915)*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)*wxObject* (p. 555)**Include files**

&lt;wx/mdi.h&gt;

## Window styles

<b>wxCAPTION</b>	Puts a caption on the frame.
<b>wxDEFAULT_FRAME_STYLE</b>	Defined as <b>wxMINIMIZE_BOX   wxMAXIMIZE_BOX   wxTHICK_FRAME   wxSYSTEM_MENU   wxCAPTION</b> .
<b>wxICONIZE</b>	Display the frame iconized (minimized) (Windows only).
<b>wxMAXIMIZE</b>	Displays the frame maximized (Windows only).
<b>wxMAXIMIZE_BOX</b>	Displays a maximize box on the frame (Windows and Motif only).
<b>wxMINIMIZE</b>	Identical to <b>wxICONIZE</b> .
<b>wxMINIMIZE_BOX</b>	Displays a minimize box on the frame (Windows and Motif only).
<b>wxRESIZE_BORDER</b>	Displays a resizable border around the window (Motif only; for Windows, it is implicit in <b>wxTHICK_FRAME</b> ).
<b>wxSTAY_ON_TOP</b>	Stay on top of other windows (Windows only).
<b>wxSYSTEM_MENU</b>	Displays a system menu (Windows and Motif only).
<b>wxTHICK_FRAME</b>	Displays a thick frame around the window (Windows and Motif only).

See also *window styles overview* (p. 1093).

## Remarks

Although internally an MDI child frame is a child of the MDI client window, in `wxWindows` you create it as a child of `wxMDIParentFrame` (p. 490). You can usually forget that the client window exists.

MDI child frames are clipped to the area of the MDI client window, and may be iconized on the client window.

You can associate a menubar with a child frame as usual, although an MDI child doesn't display its menubar under its own title bar. The MDI parent frame's menubar will be changed to reflect the currently active child frame. If there are currently no children, the parent frame's own menubar will be displayed.

## See also

`wxMDIClientWindow` (p. 488), `wxMDIParentFrame` (p. 490), `wxFrame` (p. 299)

## `wxMDIChildFrame::wxMDIChildFrame`

`wxMDIChildFrame()`

Default constructor.

`wxMDIChildFrame(wxMDIParentFrame* parent, wxWindowID id, const wxString&`

*title*, **const wxPoint&** *pos* = *wxDefaultPosition*, **const wxSize&** *size* = *wxDefaultSize*,  
**long** *style* = *wxDEFAULT\_FRAME\_STYLE*, **const wxString&** *name* = "frame")

Constructor, creating the window.

### Parameters

*parent*

The window parent. This should not be NULL.

*id*

The window identifier. It may take a value of -1 to indicate a default value.

*title*

The caption to be displayed on the frame's title bar.

*pos*

The window position. A value of (-1, -1) indicates a default position, chosen by either the windowing system or wxWindows, depending on platform.

*size*

The window size. A value of (-1, -1) indicates a default size, chosen by either the windowing system or wxWindows, depending on platform.

*style*

The window style. See *wxMDIChildFrame* (p. 485).

*name*

The name of the window. This parameter is used to associate a name with the item, allowing the application user to set Motif resource values for individual windows.

### Remarks

None.

### See also

*wxMDIChildFrame::Create* (p. 488)

### **wxMDIChildFrame::~wxMDIChildFrame**

**~wxMDIChildFrame()**

Destructor. Destroys all child windows and menu bar if present.

### **wxMDIChildFrame::Activate**

**void Activate()**



Activates this MDI child frame.

**See also**

*wxMDIChildFrame::Maximize* (p. 488), *wxMDIChildFrame::Restore* (p. 488)

**wxMDIChildFrame::Create**

**bool** *Create*(**wxWindow\*** *parent*, **wxWindowID** *id*, **const wxString&** *title*, **const wxPoint&** *pos* = *wxDefaultPosition*, **const wxSize&** *size* = *wxDefaultSize*, **long** *style* = *wxDEFAULT\_FRAME\_STYLE*, **const wxString&** *name* = "frame")

Used in two-step frame construction. See *wxMDIChildFrame::wxMDIChildFrame* (p. 486) for further details.

**wxMDIChildFrame::Maximize**

**void** *Maximize*()

Maximizes this MDI child frame.

**See also**

*wxMDIChildFrame::Activate* (p. 487), *wxMDIChildFrame::Restore* (p. 488)

**wxMDIChildFrame::Restore**

**void** *Restore*()

Restores this MDI child frame (unmaximizes).

**See also**

*wxMDIChildFrame::Activate* (p. 487), *wxMDIChildFrame::Maximize* (p. 488)

**wxMDIClientWindow**

An MDI client window is a child of *wxMDIParentFrame* (p. 490), and manages zero or more *wxMDIChildFrame* (p. 485) objects.

**Derived from**

*wxWindow* (p. 915)  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/mdi.h>

### Remarks

The client window is the area where MDI child windows exist. It doesn't have to cover the whole parent frame; other windows such as toolbars and a help window might coexist with it. There can be scrollbars on a client window, which are controlled by the parent window style.

The **wxMDIClientWindow** class is usually adequate without further derivation, and it is created automatically when the MDI parent frame is created. If the application needs to derive a new class, the function *wxMDIParentFrame::OnCreateClient* (p. 495) must be overridden in order to give an opportunity to use a different class of client window.

Under Windows 95, the client window will automatically have a sunken border style when the active child is not maximized, and no border style when a child is maximized.

### See also

*wxMDIChildFrame* (p. 485), *wxMDIParentFrame* (p. 490), *wxFrame* (p. 299)

## **wxMDIClientWindow::wxMDIClientWindow**

**wxMDIClientWindow()**

Default constructor.

**wxMDIClientWindow(wxMDIParentFrame\* parent, long style = 0)**

Constructor, creating the window.

### Parameters

*parent*  
The window parent.

*style*  
The window style. Currently unused.

### Remarks

The second style of constructor is called within *wxMDIParentFrame::OnCreateClient* (p. 495).

### See also

*wxMDIParentFrame::wxMDIParentFrame* (p. 491), *wxMDIParentFrame::OnCreateClient* (p. 495)

## **wxMDIClientWindow::~wxMDIClientWindow**

**~wxMDIClientWindow()**

Destructor.

## **wxMDIClientWindow::CreateClient**

**bool CreateClient(wxMDIParentFrame\* parent, long style = 0)**

Used in two-step frame construction. See *wxMDIClientWindow::wxMDIClientWindow* (p. 489) for further details.

## **wxMDIParentFrame**

An MDI (Multiple Document Interface) parent frame is a window which can contain MDI child frames in its own 'desktop'. It is a convenient way to avoid window clutter, and is used in many popular Windows applications, such as Microsoft Word(TM).

### **Derived from**

*wxFrame* (p. 299)  
*wxWindow* (p. 915)  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

### **Include files**

<wx/mdi.h>

### **Remarks**

There may be multiple MDI parent frames in a single application, but this probably only makes sense within programming development environments.

Child frames may be either *wxMDIChildFrame* (p. 485), or *wxFrame* (p. 299).

An MDI parent frame always has a *wxMDIClientWindow* (p. 488) associated with it, which is the parent for MDI client frames. This client window may be resized to accomodate non-MDI windows, as seen in Microsoft Visual C++ (TM) and Microsoft Publisher (TM), where a documentation window is placed to one side of the workspace.

MDI remains popular despite dire warnings from Microsoft itself that MDI is an obsolete user interface style.

The implementation is native in Windows, and simulated under Motif. Under Motif, the child window frames will often have a different appearance from other frames because the window decorations are simulated.

### Window styles

<b>wxCAPTION</b>	Puts a caption on the frame.
<b>wxDEFAULT_FRAME_STYLE</b>	Defined as <b>wxMINIMIZE_BOX   wxMAXIMIZE_BOX   wxTHICK_FRAME   wxSYSTEM_MENU   wxCAPTION</b> .
<b>wxHSCROLL</b>	Displays a horizontal scrollbar in the <i>client window</i> , allowing the user to view child frames that are off the current view.
<b>wxICONIZE</b>	Display the frame iconized (minimized) (Windows only).
<b>wxMAXIMIZE</b>	Displays the frame maximized (Windows only).
<b>wxMAXIMIZE_BOX</b>	Displays a maximize box on the frame (Windows and Motif only).
<b>wxMINIMIZE</b>	Identical to <b>wxICONIZE</b> .
<b>wxMINIMIZE_BOX</b>	Displays a minimize box on the frame (Windows and Motif only).
<b>wxRESIZE_BORDER</b>	Displays a resizeable border around the window (Motif only; for Windows, it is implicit in <b>wxTHICK_FRAME</b> ).
<b>wxSTAY_ON_TOP</b>	Stay on top of other windows (Windows only).
<b>wxSYSTEM_MENU</b>	Displays a system menu (Windows and Motif only).
<b>wxTHICK_FRAME</b>	Displays a thick frame around the window (Windows and Motif only).
<b>wxVSCROLL</b>	Displays a vertical scrollbar in the <i>client window</i> , allowing the user to view child frames that are off the current view.

See also *window styles overview* (p. 1093).

### See also

*wxMDIChildFrame* (p. 485), *wxMDIClientWindow* (p. 488), *wxFrame* (p. 299), *wxDialog* (p. 193)

## **wxMDIParentFrame::wxMDIParentFrame**

**wxMDIParentFrame()**

Default constructor.

**wxMDIParentFrame(wxWindow\* parent, wxWindowID id, const wxString& title, const wxPoint& pos = wxDefaultPosition, const wxSize& size = wxDefaultSize, long style = wxDEFAULT\_FRAME\_STYLE | wxVSCROLL | wxHSCROLL, const wxString& name = "frame")**

Constructor, creating the window.

### Parameters

*parent*

The window parent. This should be NULL.

*id*

The window identifier. It may take a value of -1 to indicate a default value.

*title*

The caption to be displayed on the frame's title bar.

*pos*

The window position. A value of (-1, -1) indicates a default position, chosen by either the windowing system or wxWindows, depending on platform.

*size*

The window size. A value of (-1, -1) indicates a default size, chosen by either the windowing system or wxWindows, depending on platform.

*style*

The window style. See *wxMDIParentFrame* (p. 490).

*name*

The name of the window. This parameter is used to associate a name with the item, allowing the application user to set Motif resource values for individual windows.

### Remarks

During the construction of the frame, the client window will be created. To use a different class from *wxMDIClientWindow* (p. 488), override *wxMDIParentFrame::OnCreateClient* (p. 495).

Under Windows 95, the client window will automatically have a sunken border style when the active child is not maximized, and no border style when a child is maximized.

### See also

*wxMDIParentFrame::Create* (p. 493), *wxMDIParentFrame::OnCreateClient* (p. 495)

### **wxMDIParentFrame::~~wxMDIParentFrame**

**~wxMDIParentFrame()**

Destructor. Destroys all child windows and menu bar if present.

### **wxMDIParentFrame::ActivateNext**

**void ActivateNext()**

Activates the MDI child following the currently active one.

[See also](#)

*wxMDIParentFrame::ActivatePrevious* (p. 493)

**wxMDIParentFrame::ActivatePrevious****void ActivatePrevious()**

Activates the MDI child preceding the currently active one.

[See also](#)

*wxMDIParentFrame::ActivateNext* (p. 492)

**wxMDIParentFrame::ArrangeIcons****void ArrangeIcons()**

Arranges any iconized (minimized) MDI child windows.

[See also](#)

*wxMDIParentFrame::Cascade* (p. 493), *wxMDIParentFrame::Tile* (p. 496)

**wxMDIParentFrame::Cascade****void Cascade()**

Arranges the MDI child windows in a cascade.

[See also](#)

*wxMDIParentFrame::Tile* (p. 496), *wxMDIParentFrame::ArrangeIcons* (p. 493)

**wxMDIParentFrame::Create**

**bool Create**(**wxWindow\*** *parent*, **wxWindowID** *id*, **const wxString&** *title*, **const wxPoint&** *pos* = *wxDefaultPosition*, **const wxSize&** *size* = *wxDefaultSize*, **long** *style* = *wxDEFAULT\_FRAME\_STYLE* | *wxVSCROLL* | *wxHSCROLL*, **const wxString&** *name* = "frame")

Used in two-step frame construction. See *wxMDIParentFrame::wxMDIParentFrame* (p. 491) for further details.

### **wxMDIParentFrame::GetClientSize**

**virtual void GetClientSize(int\* width, int\* height) const**

This gets the size of the frame 'client area' in pixels.

#### **Parameters**

*width*

Receives the client width in pixels.

*height*

Receives the client height in pixels.

#### **Remarks**

The client area is the area which may be drawn on by the programmer, excluding title bar, border, status bar, and toolbar if present.

If you wish to manage your own toolbar (or perhaps you have more than one), provide an **OnSize** event handler. Call **GetClientSize** to find how much space there is for your windows and don't forget to set the size and position of the MDI client window as well as your toolbar and other windows (but not the status bar).

If you have set a toolbar with *wxMDIParentFrame::SetToolBar* (p. 495), the client size returned will have subtracted the toolbar height. However, the available positions for the client window and other windows of the frame do not start at zero - you must add the toolbar height.

The position and size of the status bar and toolbar (if known to the frame) are always managed by **wxMDIParentFrame**, regardless of what behaviour is defined in your **OnSize** event handler. However, the client window position and size are always set in **OnSize**, so if you override this event handler, make sure you deal with the client window.

You do not have to manage the size and position of MDI child windows, since they are managed automatically by the client window.

#### **See also**

*wxMDIParentFrame::GetToolBar* (p. 495), *wxMDIParentFrame::SetToolBar* (p. 495), *wxWindow* (p. 945), *wxMDIClientWindow* (p. 488)

**wxPython note:** The wxPython version of this method takes no arguments and returns a tuple containing width and height.

### **wxMDIParentFrame::GetActiveChild**

**wxMDIChildFrame\* GetActiveChild() const**

Returns a pointer to the active MDI child, if there is one.

**wxMDIParentFrame::GetClientWindow****wxMDIClientWindow\* GetClientWindow() const**

Returns a pointer to the client window.

**See also**

*wxMDIParentFrame::OnCreateClient* (p. 495)

**wxMDIParentFrame::GetToolBar****virtual wxWindow\* GetToolBar() const**

Returns the window being used as the toolbar for this frame.

**See also**

*wxMDIParentFrame::SetToolBar* (p. 495)

**wxMDIParentFrame::OnCreateClient****virtual wxMDIClientWindow\* OnCreateClient()**

Override this to return a different kind of client window.

**Remarks**

You might wish to derive from *wxMDIClientWindow* (p. 488) in order to implement different erase behaviour, for example, such as painting a bitmap on the background.

Note that it is probably impossible to have a client window that scrolls as well as painting a bitmap or pattern, since in **OnScroll**, the scrollbar positions always return zero. (Solutions to: [julian.smart@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:julian.smart@ukonline.co.uk)).

**See also**

*wxMDIParentFrame::GetClientWindow* (p. 495), *wxMDIClientWindow* (p. 488)

**wxMDIParentFrame::SetToolBar**



**virtual void SetToolBar(*wxWindow\** toolbar)**

Sets the window to be used as a toolbar for this MDI parent window. It saves the application having to manage the positioning of the toolbar MDI client window.

**Parameters**

*toolbar*

Toolbar to manage.

**Remarks**

When the frame is resized, the toolbar is resized to be the width of the frame client area, and the toolbar height is kept the same.

The parent of the toolbar must be this frame.

If you wish to manage your own toolbar (or perhaps you have more than one), don't call this function, and instead manage your subwindows and the MDI client window by providing an **OnSize** event handler. Call *wxMDIParentFrame::GetClientSize* (p. 494) to find how much space there is for your windows.

Note that SDI (normal) frames and MDI child windows must always have their toolbars managed by the application.

**See also**

*wxMDIParentFrame::GetToolBar* (p. 495), *wxMDIParentFrame::GetClientSize* (p. 494)

**wxMDIParentFrame::Tile****void Tile()**

Tiles the MDI child windows.

**See also**

*wxMDIParentFrame::Cascade* (p. 493), *wxMDIParentFrame::ArrangeIcons* (p. 493)

**wxMemoryDC**

A memory device context provides a means to draw graphics onto a bitmap.

**Derived from**

*wxDC* (p. 165)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/dcmemory.h>

### Remarks

A bitmap must be selected into the new memory DC before it may be used for anything. Typical usage is as follows:

```
// Create a memory DC
wxMemoryDC temp_dc;
temp_dc.SelectObject(test_bitmap);

// We can now draw into the memory DC...
// Copy from this DC to another DC.
old_dc.Blit(250, 50, BITMAP_WIDTH, BITMAP_HEIGHT, temp_dc, 0, 0);
```

Note that the memory DC *must* be deleted (or the bitmap selected out of it) before a bitmap can be reselected into another memory DC.

### See also

*wxBitmap* (p. 36), *wxDC* (p. 165)

## **wxMemoryDC::wxMemoryDC**

### **wxMemoryDC()**

Constructs a new memory device context.

Use the *Ok* member to test whether the constructor was successful in creating a useable device context. Don't forget to select a bitmap into the DC before drawing on it.

## **wxMemoryDC::SelectObject**

### **SelectObject(const wxBitmap& *bitmap*)**

Selects the given bitmap into the device context, to use as the memory bitmap. Selecting the bitmap into a memory DC allows you to draw into the DC (and therefore the bitmap) and also to use **Blit** to copy the bitmap to a window. For this purpose, you may find *wxDC::DrawIcon* (p. 170) easier to use instead.

If the argument is *wxNullBitmap* (or some other uninitialised *wxBitmap*) the current bitmap is selected out of the device context, and the original bitmap restored, allowing the current bitmap to be destroyed safely.

## **wxMemoryInputStream**

### Derived from

*wxInputStream* (p. 425)

**Include files**

<wx/mstream.h>

**See also**

*wxStreamBuffer* (p. 755)

**wxMemoryInputStream::wxMemoryInputStream**

**wxMemoryInputStream**(const char \* *data*, size\_t *len*)

Initializes a new read-only memory stream which will use the specified buffer *data* of length *len*.

**wxMemoryInputStream::~~wxMemoryInputStream**

**~wxFileInputStream**()

Destructor.

**wxMemoryOutputStream**

**Derived from**

*wxOutputStream* (p. 559)

**Include files**

<wx/mstream.h>

**See also**

*wxStreamBuffer* (p. 755)

**wxMemoryOutputStream::wxMemoryOutputStream**

**wxMemoryOutputStream**(char \* *data* = NULL, size\_t *length* = 0)

If *data* is NULL, then it will initialize a new empty buffer which will grow when it needs.

### Warning

If the buffer is created, it will be destroyed at the destruction of the stream.

### **wxMemoryOutputStream::~~wxMemoryOutputStream**

**~wxMemoryOutputStream()**

Destructor.

### **wxMemoryOutputStream::CopyTo**

**size\_t CopyTo(char \*buffer, size\_t len) const**

CopyTo allowed you to transfer data from the internal buffer of wxMemoryOutputStream to an external buffer. *len* specifies the size of the buffer.

### Returned value

CopyTo returns the number of bytes copied to the buffer. Generally it is either len or the size of the stream buffer.

### **wxMenu**

A menu is a popup (or pull down) list of items, one of which may be selected before the menu goes away (clicking elsewhere dismisses the menu). Menus may be used to construct either menu bars or popup menus.

A menu item has an integer ID associated with it which can be used to identify the selection, or to change the menu item in some way.

### Derived from

*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/menu.h>

### Event handling

If the menu is part of a menubar, then *wxMenuBar* (p. 508) event processing is used.

With a popup menu, there is a variety of ways to handle a menu selection event (wxEVT\_COMMAND\_MENU\_SELECTED).

1. Define a callback of type `wxFunction`, which you pass to the `wxMenu` constructor. The callback takes a reference to the menu, and a reference to a `wxCommandEvent` (p. 108).
2. Derive a new class from `wxMenu` and define event table entries using the `EVT_MENU` macro.
3. Set a new event handler for `wxMenu`, using an object whose class has `EVT_MENU` entries.
4. Provide `EVT_MENU` handlers in the window which pops up the menu, or in an ancestor of this window.

### See also

`wxMenuBar` (p. 508), `wxWindow::PopupMenu` (p. 946), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

## **wxMenu::wxMenu**

**wxMenu(const wxString& title = "", long style = 0)**

Constructs a `wxMenu` object.

### Parameters

*title*

A title for the popup menu: the empty string denotes no title.

*style*

If set to `wxMENU_TEAROFF`, the menu will be detachable.

**wxMenu(long style)**

Constructs a `wxMenu` object.

### Parameters

*style*

If set to `wxMENU_TEAROFF`, the menu will be detachable.

## **wxMenu::~~wxMenu**

**~wxMenu()**

Destructor, destroying the menu.

Note: under Motif, a popup menu must have a valid parent (the window it was last popped up on) when being destroyed. Therefore, make sure you delete or re-use the

popup menu *before* destroying the parent window. Re-use in this context means popping up the menu on a different window from last time, which causes an implicit destruction and recreation of internal data structures.

### **wxMenu::Append**

**void Append(int id, const wxString& item, const wxString& helpString = "", const bool checkable = FALSE)**

Adds a string item to the end of the menu.

**void Append(int id, const wxString& item, wxMenu \*subMenu, const wxString& helpString = "")**

Adds a pull-right submenu to the end of the menu.

**void Append(wxMenuItem\* menuItem)**

Adds a menu item object. You can specify various extra properties of a menu item this way, such as bitmaps and fonts.

### **Parameters**

*id*

The menu command identifier.

*item*

The string to appear on the menu item.

*menu*

Pull-right submenu.

*checkable*

If TRUE, this item is checkable.

*helpString*

An optional help string associated with the item. By default, *wxFrame::OnMenuHighlight* (p. 307) displays this string in the status line.

*menuItem*

A menuitem object. It will be owned by the wxMenu object after this function is called, so do not delete it yourself.

### **Remarks**

This command can be used after the menu has been shown, as well as on initial creation of a menu or menubar.

### **See also**

*wxMenu::AppendSeparator* (p. 502), *wxMenu::SetLabel* (p. 506),  
*wxMenu::GetHelpString* (p. 504), *wxMenu::SetHelpString* (p. 506), *wxMenuItem* (p. 515)

**wxPython note:** In place of a single overloaded method name, wxPython implements the following methods:

**Append(id, string, helpStr="", checkable=FALSE)**

**AppendMenu(id, string, aMenu, helpStr="")**

**AppendItem(aMenuItem)**

### **wxMenu::AppendSeparator**

**void AppendSeparator()**

Adds a separator to the end of the menu.

**See also**

*wxMenu::Append* (p. 501)

### **wxMenu::Break**

**void Break()**

Inserts a break in a menu, causing the next appended item to appear in a new column.

### **wxMenu::Check**

**void Check(int id, const bool check)**

Checks or unchecks the menu item.

#### **Parameters**

*id*

The menu item identifier.

*check*

If TRUE, the item will be checked, otherwise it will be unchecked.

**See also**

*wxMenu::IsChecked* (p. 505)

**wxMenu::Delete****void Delete(int *id*)**

Deletes the menu item from the menu.

**Parameters***id*

Menu item to be deleted.

**Remarks**

Does not delete a sub menu, if any.

**See also**

*wxMenu::FindItemForId* (p. 504)

**wxMenu::Enable****void Enable(int *id*, const bool *enable*)**

Enables or disables (greys out) a menu item.

**Parameters***id*

The menu item identifier.

*enable*

TRUE to enable the menu item, FALSE to disable it.

**See also**

*wxMenu::IsEnabled* (p. 506)

**wxMenu::FindItem****int FindItem(const wxString& *itemString*) const**

Finds the menu item id for a menu item string.

**Parameters***itemString*

Menu item string to find.



**Return value**

Menu item identifier, or `wxNOT_FOUND` if none is found.

**Remarks**

Any special menu codes are stripped out of source and target strings before matching.

**See also**

*wxMenu::FindItemForId* (p. 504)

**wxMenu::FindItemForId**

**wxMenuItem\* FindItemForId(int id) const**

**wxMenuItem\* FindItem(int id) const**

Finds the menu item object associated with the given menu item identifier.

**Parameters**

*id*

Menu item identifier.

**Return value**

Returns the menu item object, or `NULL` if it is not found.

**See also**

*wxMenu::FindItem* (p. 503)

**wxMenu::GetHelpString**

**wxString GetHelpString(int id) const**

Returns the help string associated with a menu item.

**Parameters**

*id*

The menu item identifier.

**Return value**

The help string, or the empty string if there is no help string or the item was not found.

**See also**

*wxMenu::SetHelpString* (p. 506), *wxMenu::Append* (p. 501)

**wxMenu::GetLabel**

**wxString GetLabel(int id) const**

Returns a menu item label.

**Parameters**

*id*

The menu item identifier.

**Return value**

The item label, or the empty string if the item was not found.

**See also**

*wxMenu::SetLabel* (p. 506)

**wxMenu::GetTitle**

**wxString GetTitle() const**

Returns the title of the menu.

**Remarks**

This is relevant only to popup menus.

**See also**

*wxMenu::SetTitle* (p. 507)

**wxMenu::IsChecked**

**bool IsChecked(int id) const**

Determines whether a menu item is checked.

**Parameters**

*id*

The menu item identifier.

**Return value**

TRUE if the menu item is checked, FALSE otherwise.

**See also**

*wxMenu::Check* (p. 502)

**wxMenu::IsEnabled**

**bool IsEnabled(int *id*) const**

Determines whether a menu item is enabled.

**Parameters**

*id*

The menu item identifier.

**Return value**

TRUE if the menu item is enabled, FALSE otherwise.

**See also**

*wxMenu::Enable* (p. 503)

**wxMenu::SetHelpString**

**void SetHelpString(int *id*, const wxString& *helpString*)**

Sets an item's help string.

**Parameters**

*id*

The menu item identifier.

*helpString*

The help string to set.

**See also**

*wxMenu::GetHelpString* (p. 504)

**wxMenu::SetLabel**

**void SetLabel(int *id*, const wxString& *label*)**

Sets the label of a menu item.

#### Parameters

*id*

The menu item identifier.

*label*

The menu item label to set.

#### See also

*wxMenu::Append* (p. 501), *wxMenu::GetLabel* (p. 505)

### **wxMenu::SetTitle**

**void SetTitle(const wxString& *title*)**

Sets the title of the menu.

#### Parameters

*title*

The title to set.

#### Remarks

This is relevant only to popup menus.

#### See also

*wxMenu::SetTitle* (p. 507)

### **wxMenu::UpdateUI**

**void UpdateUI(wxEvtHandler\* *source* = NULL) const**

Sends events to *source* (or owning window if NULL) to update the menu UI. This is called just before the menu is popped up with *wxWindow::PopupMenu* (p. 946), but the application may call it at other times if required.

#### See also

*wxUpdateUIEvent* (p. 891)

## **wxMenuBar**

A menu bar is a series of menus accessible from the top of a frame.

### **Derived from**

*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### **Include files**

<wx/menu.h>

### **Event handling**

To respond to a menu selection, provide a handler for `EVT_MENU`, in the frame that contains the menu bar. If you have a toolbar which uses the same identifiers as your `EVT_MENU` entries, events from the toolbar will also be processed by your `EVT_MENU` event handlers.

Note that menu commands (and UI update events for menus) are first sent to the focus window within the frame. If no window within the frame has the focus, then the events are sent directly to the frame. This allows command and UI update handling to be processed by specific windows and controls, and not necessarily by the application frame.

### **See also**

*wxMenu* (p. 499), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

## **wxMenuBar::wxMenuBar**

### **void wxMenuBar()**

Default constructor.

### **void wxMenuBar(int *n*, wxMenu\* *menus*[], const wxString *titles*[])**

Construct a menu bar from arrays of menus and titles.

### **Parameters**

*n*

The number of menus.

*menus*

An array of menus. Do not use this array again - it now belongs to the menu bar.

*titles*

An array of title strings. Deallocate this array after creating the menu bar.

**wxPython note:** Only the default constructor is supported in wxPython. Use `wxMenuBar.Append` instead.

### **wxMenuBar::~wxMenuBar**

**void ~wxMenuBar()**

Destructor, destroying the menu bar and removing it from the parent frame (if any).

### **wxMenuBar::Append**

**void Append(wxMenu \*menu, const wxString& title)**

Adds the item to the end of the menu bar.

#### **Parameters**

*menu*

The menu to add. Do not deallocate this menu after calling **Append**.

*title*

The title of the menu.

### **wxMenuBar::Check**

**void Check(int id, const bool check)**

Checks or unchecks a menu item.

#### **Parameters**

*id*

The menu item identifier.

*check*

If TRUE, checks the menu item, otherwise the item is unchecked.

#### **Remarks**

Only use this when the menu bar has been associated with a frame; otherwise, use the `wxMenu` equivalent call.

### **wxMenuBar::Enable**

**void Enable(int *id*, const bool *enable*)**

Enables or disables (greys out) a menu item.

### Parameters

*id*

The menu item identifier.

*enable*

TRUE to enable the item, FALSE to disable it.

### Remarks

Only use this when the menu bar has been associated with a frame; otherwise, use the `wxMenu` equivalent call.

## **wxMenuBar::EnableTop**

**void EnableTop(int *pos*, const bool *enable*)**

Enables or disables a whole menu.

### Parameters

*pos*

The position of the menu, starting from zero.

*enable*

TRUE to enable the menu, FALSE to disable it.

### Remarks

Only use this when the menu bar has been associated with a frame.

## **wxMenuBar::FindMenuItem**

**int FindMenuItem(const wxString& *menuString*, const wxString& *itemString*) const**

Finds the menu item id for a menu name/menu item string pair.

### Parameters

*menuString*

Menu title to find.

*itemString*

Item to find.

**Return value**

The menu item identifier, or `wxNOT_FOUND` if none was found.

**Remarks**

Any special menu codes are stripped out of source and target strings before matching.

**`wxMenuBar::FindItem`**

**`wxMenuItem * FindItem(int id, wxMenu **menu = NULL) const`**

Finds the menu item object associated with the given menu item identifier.

**Parameters**

*id*

Menu item identifier.

*menu*

If not `NULL`, menu will get set to the associated menu.

**Return value**

The found menu item object, or `NULL` if one was not found.

**`wxMenuBar::GetHelpString`**

**`wxString GetHelpString(int id) const`**

Gets the help string associated with the menu item identifier.

**Parameters**

*id*

The menu item identifier.

**Return value**

The help string, or the empty string if there was no help string or the menu item was not found.

**See also**

`wxMenuBar::SetHelpString` (p. 513)



**wxMenuBar::GetLabel****wxString GetLabel(int *id*) const**

Gets the label associated with a menu item.

**Parameters***id*

The menu item identifier.

**Return value**

The menu item label, or the empty string if the item was not found.

**Remarks**

Use only after the menubar has been associated with a frame.

**wxMenuBar::GetLabelTop****wxString GetLabelTop(int *pos*) const**

Returns the label of a top-level menu.

**Parameters***pos*

Position of the menu on the menu bar, starting from zero.

**Return value**

The menu label, or the empty string if the menu was not found.

**Remarks**

Use only after the menubar has been associated with a frame.

**See also**

*wxMenuBar::SetLabelTop* (p. 514)

**wxMenuBar::GetMenu****wxMenu\* GetMenu(int *menuIndex*) const**

Returns the menu at *menuIndex* (zero-based).

**wxMenuBar::GetMenuCount****int GetMenuCount() const**

Returns the number of menus in this menubar.

**wxMenuBar::IsChecked****bool IsChecked(int id) const**

Determines whether an item is checked.

**Parameters***id*

The menu item identifier.

**Return value**

TRUE if the item was found and is checked, FALSE otherwise.

**wxMenuBar::IsEnabled****bool IsEnabled(int id) const**

Determines whether an item is enabled.

**Parameters***id*

The menu item identifier.

**Return value**

TRUE if the item was found and is enabled, FALSE otherwise.

**wxMenuBar::Refresh****void Refresh()**

Redraw the menu bar

**wxMenuBar::SetHelpString****void SetHelpString(int id, const wxString& helpString)**

Sets the help string associated with a menu item.

### Parameters

*id*

Menu item identifier.

*helpString*

Help string to associate with the menu item.

### See also

*wxMenuBar::GetHelpString* (p. 511)

## **wxMenuBar::SetLabel**

**void SetLabel(int *id*, const wxString& *label*)**

Sets the label of a menu item.

### Parameters

*id*

Menu item identifier.

*label*

Menu item label.

### Remarks

Use only after the menubar has been associated with a frame.

### See also

*wxMenuBar::GetLabel* (p. 512)

## **wxMenuBar::SetLabelTop**

**void SetLabelTop(int *pos*, const wxString& *label*)**

Sets the label of a top-level menu.

### Parameters

*pos*

The position of a menu on the menu bar, starting from zero.

*label*

The menu label.

### Remarks

Use only after the menubar has been associated with a frame.

### See also

*wxMenuBar::GetLabelTop* (p. 512)

### wxMenuItem

A menu item represents an item in a popup menu. Note that the majority of this class is only implemented under Windows so far, but everything except fonts, colours and bitmaps can be achieved via *wxMenu* on all platforms.

### Derived from

*wxOwnerDrawn* (Windows only)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/menuitem.h>

### See also

*wxMenuBar* (p. 508), *wxMenu* (p. 499)

### wxMenuItem::wxMenuItem

**wxMenuItem**(*wxMenu\** parentMenu = NULL, **int** id = ID\_SEPARATOR, **const wxString&** text = "", **const wxString&** helpString = "", **bool** checkable = FALSE, *wxMenu\** subMenu = NULL, )

Constructs a *wxMenuItem* object.

### Parameters

*parentMenu*

Menu that the menu item belongs to.

*id*

Identifier for this menu item, or ID\_SEPARATOR to indicate a separator.

*text*

Text for the menu item, as shown on the menu.

*helpString*

Optional help string that will be shown on the status bar.

*checkable*

TRUE if this menu item is checkable.

*subMenu*

If non-NULL, indicates that the menu item is a submenu.

### **wxMenuItem::~~wxMenuItem**

**~wxMenuItem()**

Destructor.

### **wxMenuItem::Check**

**void Check(bool check)**

Checks or unchecks the menu item.

### **wxMenuItem::DeleteSubMenu**

**void DeleteSubMenu()**

Deletes the submenu, if any.

### **wxMenuItem::Enable**

**void Enable(bool enable)**

Enables or disables the menu item.

### **wxMenuItem::GetBackgroundColour**

**wxColour& GetBackgroundColour() const**

Returns the background colour associated with the menu item (Windows only).

### **wxMenuItem::GetBitmap**

**wxBitmap& GetBitmap(bool checked = TRUE) const**

Returns the checked or unchecked bitmap (Windows only).

**wxMenuItem::GetFont****wxFont& GetFont() const**

Returns the font associated with the menu item (Windows only).

**wxMenuItem::GetHelp****wxString GetHelp() const**

Returns the help string associated with the menu item.

**wxMenuItem::GetId****int GetId() const**

Returns the menu item identifier.

**wxMenuItem::GetMarginWidth****int GetMarginWidth() const**

Gets the width of the menu item checkmark bitmap (Windows only).

**wxMenuItem::GetName****wxString GetName() const**

Returns the text associated with the menu item.

**wxMenuItem::GetSubMenu****wxMenu\* GetSubMenu() const**

Returns the submenu associated with the menu item, or NULL if there isn't one.

**wxMenuItem::GetTextColour****wxColour& GetTextColour() const**

Returns the text colour associated with the menu item (Windows only).

**wxMenuItem::IsCheckable****bool IsCheckable() const**

Returns TRUE if the item is checkable.

**wxMenuItem::IsChecked****bool IsChecked() const**

Returns TRUE if the item is checked.

**wxMenuItem::IsEnabled****bool IsEnabled() const**

Returns TRUE if the item is enabled.

**wxMenuItem::IsSeparator****bool IsSeparator() const**

Returns TRUE if the item is a separator.

**wxMenuItem::SetBackgroundColour****void SetBackgroundColour(const wxColour& colour) const**

Sets the background colour associated with the menu item (Windows only).

**wxMenuItem::SetBitmaps****void SetBitmaps(const wxBitmap& checked, const wxBitmap& unchecked = wxNullBitmap) const**

Sets the checked/unchecked bitmaps for the menu item (Windows only). The first bitmap is also used as the single bitmap for uncheckable menu items.

**wxMenuItem::SetFont****void SetFont(const wxFont& font) const**

Sets the font associated with the menu item (Windows only).

**wxMenuItem::SetHelp****void SetHelp(const wxString& *helpString*) const**

Sets the help string.

**wxMenuItem::SetMarginWidth****void SetMarginWidth(int *width*) const**

Sets the width of the menu item checkmark bitmap (Windows only).

**wxMenuItem::SetName****void SetName(const wxString& *text*) const**

Sets the text associated with the menu item.

**wxMenuItem::SetTextColour****void SetTextColour(const wxColour& *colour*) const**

Sets the text colour associated with the menu item (Windows only).

**wxMenuEvent**

This class is used for a variety of menu-related events. Note that these do not include menu command events.

**Derived from**

*wxEvent* (p. 237)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/event.h>

**Event table macros**

To process a menu event, use these event handler macros to direct input to member functions that take a *wxMenuEvent* argument.

**EVT\_MENU\_CHAR(func)**

Process a *wxEVT\_MENU\_CHAR* event (a keypress when a menu is showing). Windows



<b>EVT_MENU_INIT(func)</b>	only; not yet implemented. Process a wxEVT_MENU_INIT event (the menu is about to pop up). Windows only; not yet implemented.
<b>EVT_MENU_HIGHLIGHT(func)</b>	Process a wxEVT_MENU_HIGHLIGHT event (a menu item is being highlighted). Windows only; not yet implemented.
<b>EVT_POPUP_MENU(func)</b>	Process a wxEVT_POPUP_MENU event (a menu item is being highlighted). Windows only; not yet implemented.
<b>EVT_CONTEXT_MENU(func)</b>	Process a wxEVT_CONTEXT_MENU event (F1 has been pressed with a particular menu item highlighted). Windows only; not yet implemented.

### See also

*wxWindow::OnMenuHighlight* (p. 941), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

## **wxMenuEvent::wxMenuEvent**

**wxMenuEvent(WXTYPE id = 0, int id = 0, wxDC\* dc = NULL)**

Constructor.

## **wxMenuEvent::m\_menuld**

**int m\_menuld**

The relevant menu identifier.

## **wxMenuEvent::GetMenuld**

**int GetMenuld() const**

Returns the menu identifier associated with the event.

## **wxMessageDialog**

This class represents a dialog that shows a single or multi-line message, with a choice of OK, Yes, No and Cancel buttons.

### Derived from

*wxDialo*g (p. 193)  
*wxWindow* (p. 915)  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/msgdlg.h>

### See also

*wxMessageDialog* overview (p. 1051)

## wxMessageDialog::wxMessageDialog

**wxMessageDialog**(*wxWindow\** parent, **const wxString&** message, **const wxString&** caption = "Message box", **long** style = wxOK | wxCANCEL | wxCENTRE, **const wxPoint&** pos = wxDefaultPosition)

Constructor. Use *wxMessageDialog::ShowModal* (p. 522) to show the dialog.

### Parameters

*parent*

Parent window.

*message*

Message to show on the dialog.

*caption*

The dialog caption.

*style*

A dialog style (bitlist) containing flags chosen from the following:

<b>wxOK</b>	Show an OK button.
<b>wxCANCEL</b>	Show a Cancel button.
<b>wxYES_NO</b>	Show Yes and No buttons.
<b>wx_NO_DEFAULT</b>	Used with <b>wxYES_NO</b> , makes <b>No</b> button the default.
<b>wxCENTRE</b>	Centre the message. Not Windows.
<b>wxICON_EXCLAMATION</b>	Shows an exclamation mark icon.
<b>wxICON_HAND</b>	Shows a hand icon.
<b>wxICON_QUESTION</b>	Shows a question mark icon.
<b>wxICON_INFORMATION</b>	Shows an information (i) icon.

*pos*

Dialog position. Not Windows.

**wxMessageDialog::~wxMessageDialog****~wxMessageDialog()**

Destructor.

**wxMessageDialog::ShowModal****int ShowModal()**

Shows the dialog, returning one of wxID\_OK, wxID\_CANCEL, wxID\_YES, wxID\_NO.

**wxMetafile**

A **wxMetafile** represents the MS Windows metafile object, so metafile operations have no effect in X. In wxWindows, only sufficient functionality has been provided for copying a graphic to the clipboard; this may be extended in a future version. Presently, the only way of creating a metafile is to use a wxMetafileDC.

**Derived from***wxObject* (p. 555)**Include files**

&lt;wx/metafile.h&gt;

**See also***wxMetafileDC* (p. 523)**wxMetafile::wxMetafile****wxMetafile(const wxString& filename = "")**

Constructor. If a filename is given, the Windows disk metafile is read in. Check whether this was performed successfully by using the *wxMetafile::Ok* (p. 523) member.

**wxMetafile::~~wxMetafile****~wxMetafile()**

Destructor.

**wxMetafile::Ok****bool Ok()**

Returns TRUE if the metafile is valid.

**wxMetafile::Play****bool Play(wxDC \*dc)**

Plays the metafile into the given device context, returning TRUE if successful.

**wxMetafile::SetClipboard****bool SetClipboard(int width = 0, int height = 0)**

Passes the metafile data to the clipboard. The metafile can no longer be used for anything, but the wxMetafile object must still be destroyed by the application.

Below is an example of metafile, metafile device context and clipboard use from the `hello.cpp` example. Note the way the metafile dimensions are passed to the clipboard, making use of the device context's ability to keep track of the maximum extent of drawing commands.

```
wxMetafileDC dc;
if (dc.Ok())
{
    Draw(dc, FALSE);
    wxMetafile *mf = dc.Close();
    if (mf)
    {
        bool success = mf->SetClipboard((int)(dc.MaxX() + 10),
(int)(dc.MaxY() + 10));
        delete mf;
    }
}
```

**wxMetafileDC**

This is a type of device context that allows a metafile object to be created (Windows only), and has most of the characteristics of a normal **wxDC**. The `wxMetafileDC::Close` (p. 524) member must be called after drawing into the device context, to return a metafile. The only purpose for this at present is to allow the metafile to be copied to the clipboard (see *wxMetafile* (p. 522)).

Adding metafile capability to an application should be easy if you already write to a wxDC; simply pass the wxMetafileDC to your drawing function instead. You may wish to conditionally compile this code so it is not compiled under X (although no harm will result

if you leave it in).

Note that a metafile saved to disk is in standard Windows metafile format, and cannot be imported into most applications. To make it importable, call the function `::wxMakeMetafilePlaceable` (p. 978) after closing your disk-based metafile device context.

### Derived from

`wxDC` (p. 165)  
`wxObject` (p. 555)

### Include files

`<wx/metafile.h>`

### See also

`wxMetafile` (p. 522), `wxDC` (p. 165)

## **wxMetafileDC::wxMetafileDC**

**wxMetafileDC**(const wxString& *filename* = "")

Constructor. If no filename is passed, the metafile is created in memory.

## **wxMetafileDC::~~wxMetafileDC**

**~wxMetafileDC**()

Destructor.

## **wxMetafileDC::Close**

**wxMetafile** \* **Close**()

This must be called after the device context is finished with. A metafile is returned, and ownership of it passes to the calling application (so it should be destroyed explicitly).

## **wxMimeTypeManager**

This class allows the application to retrieve the information about all known MIME types from a system-specific location and the filename extensions to the MIME types and vice versa. After initialization the functions `wxMimeTypeManager::GetFileTypeFromMimeType` (p. 527) and

*wxMimeTypeManager::GetFileTypeFromExtension* (p. 526) may be called: they will return a *wxFileType* (p. 279) object which may be further queried for file description, icon and other attributes.

**Windows:** MIME type information is stored in the registry and no additional initialization is needed.

**Unix:** MIME type information is stored in the files *mailcap* and *mime.types* (system-wide) and *.mailcap* and *.mime.types* in the current user's home directory: all of these files are searched for and loaded if found by default. However, additional functions *wxMimeTypeManager::ReadMailcap* (p. 527) and *wxMimeTypeManager::ReadMimeType* (p. 527) are provided to load additional files.

NB: Currently, *wxMimeTypeManager* is limited to reading MIME type information but it will support modifying it as well in the future versions.

### Derived from

No base class.

### Include files

<wx/mimetype.h>

### See also

*wxFileType* (p. 279)

## Helper functions

All of these functions are static (i.e. don't need a *wxMimeTypeManager* object to call them) and provide some useful operations for string representations of MIME types. Their usage is recommended instead of directly working with MIME types using *wxString* functions.

*IsOfType* (p. 527)

## Constructor and destructor

NB: You won't normally need to use more than one *wxMimeTypeManager* object in a program.

*wxMimeTypeManager* (p. 526)  
*~wxMimeTypeManager* (p. 526)

## Query database

These functions are the heart of this class: they allow to find a *file type* (p. 279) object from either file extension or MIME type. If the function is successful, it returns a pointer to the `wxFileType` object which **must** be deleted by the caller, otherwise NULL will be returned.

*GetFileTypeFromMimeType* (p. 527)

*GetFileTypeFromExtension* (p. 526)

## Initialization functions

**Unix:** These functions may be used to load additional files (except for the default ones which are loaded automatically) containing MIME information in either `mailcap(5)` or `mime.types(5)` format.

*ReadMailcap* (p. 527)

*ReadMimeType* (p. 527)

*AddFallbacks* (p. 526)

## `wxMimeTypeManager::wxMimeTypeManager`

`wxMimeTypeManager()`

Constructor puts the object in the "working" state, no additional initialization are needed - but *ReadXXX* (p. 526) may be used to load additional `mailcap/mime.types` files.

## `wxMimeTypeManager::~~wxMimeTypeManager`

`~wxMimeTypeManager()`

Destructor is not virtual, so this class should not be derived from.

## `wxMimeTypeManager::AddFallbacks`

`void AddFallbacks(const wxFileTypeInfo *fallbacks)`

This function may be used to provide hard-wired fallbacks for the MIME types and extensions that might not be present in the system MIME database.

Please see the `typetest` sample for an example of using it.

## `wxMimeTypeManager::GetFileTypeFromExtension`

**wxFileType\* GetFileTypeFromExtension(const wxString& *extension*)**

Gather information about the files with given extension and return the corresponding *wxFileType* (p. 279) object or NULL if the extension is unknown.

**wxMimeTypesManager::GetFileTypeFromMimeType**

**wxFileType\* GetFileTypeFromMimeType(const wxString& *mimeType*)**

Gather information about the files with given MIME type and return the corresponding *wxFileType* (p. 279) object or NULL if the MIME type is unknown.

**wxMimeTypesManager::IsOfType**

**bool IsOfType(const wxString& *mimeType*, const wxString& *wildcard*)**

This function returns TRUE if either the given *mimeType* is exactly the same as *wildcard* or if it has the same category and the subtype of *wildcard* is '\*'. Note that the '\*' wildcard is not allowed in *mimeType* itself.

The comparison done by this function is case insensitive so it is not necessary to convert the strings to the same case before calling it.

**wxMimeTypesManager::ReadMailcap**

**bool ReadMailcap(const wxString& *filename*, bool *fallback* = FALSE)**

Load additional file containing information about MIME types and associated information in mailcap format. See `metamail(1)` and `mailcap(5)` for more information.

*fallback* parameter may be used to load additional mailcap files without overriding the settings found in the standard files: normally, entries from files loaded with `ReadMailcap` will override the entries from files loaded previously (and the standard ones are loaded in the very beginning), but this will not happen if this parameter is set to TRUE (default is FALSE).

The return value is TRUE if there were no errors in the file or FALSE otherwise.

**wxMimeTypesManager::ReadMimeType**

**bool ReadMimeType(const wxString& *filename*)**

Load additional file containing information about MIME types and associated information in `mime.types` file format. See `metamail(1)` and `mailcap(5)` for more information.



The return value is TRUE if there were no errors in the file or FALSE otherwise.

## **wxMiniFrame**

A miniframe is a frame with a small title bar. It is suitable for floating toolbars that must not take up too much screen area.

### **Derived from**

*wxFrame* (p. 299)  
*wxWindow* (p. 915)  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

### **Include files**

<wx/minifram.h>

### **Window styles**

<b>wxICONIZE</b>	Display the frame iconized (minimized) (Windows only).
<b>wxCAPTION</b>	Puts a caption on the frame.
<b>wxDEFAULT_FRAME_STYLE</b>	Defined as <b>wxMINIMIZE_BOX   wxMAXIMIZE_BOX   wxTHICK_FRAME   wxSYSTEM_MENU   wxCAPTION</b> .
<b>wxMINIMIZE</b>	Identical to <b>wxICONIZE</b> .
<b>wxMINIMIZE_BOX</b>	Displays a minimize box on the frame (Windows and Motif only).
<b>wxMAXIMIZE</b>	Displays the frame maximized (Windows only).
<b>wxMAXIMIZE_BOX</b>	Displays a maximize box on the frame (Windows and Motif only).
<b>wxSTAY_ON_TOP</b>	Stay on top of other windows (Windows only).
<b>wxSYSTEM_MENU</b>	Displays a system menu (Windows and Motif only).
<b>wxTHICK_FRAME</b>	Displays a thick frame around the window (Windows and Motif only).
<b>wxTINY_CAPTION_HORIZ</b>	Displays a small horizontal caption. Use instead of <b>wxCAPTION</b> .
<b>wxTINY_CAPTION_VERT</b>	Under Windows, displays a small vertical caption. Use instead of <b>wxCAPTION</b> .
<b>wxRESIZE_BORDER</b>	Displays a resizable border around the window (Motif only; for Windows, it is implicit in <b>wxTHICK_FRAME</b> ).

See also *window styles overview* (p. 1093). Note that all the window styles above are ignored under GTK and the mini frame cannot be resized by the user.

### **Remarks**

This class has miniframe functionality under Windows and GTK, i.e. the presence of mini frame will not be noted in the task bar and focus behaviour is different. On other platforms, it behaves like a normal frame.

### See also

*wxMDIParentFrame* (p. 490), *wxMDIChildFrame* (p. 485), *wxFrame* (p. 299), *wxDialog* (p. 193)

## **wxMiniFrame::wxMiniFrame**

### **wxMiniFrame()**

Default constructor.

**wxMiniFrame**(*wxWindow\** *parent*, *wxWindowID* *id*, **const** *wxString&* *title*, **const** *wxPoint&* *pos* = *wxDefaultPosition*, **const** *wxSize&* *size* = *wxDefaultSize*, **long** *style* = *wxDEFAULT\_FRAME\_STYLE*, **const** *wxString&* *name* = "frame")

Constructor, creating the window.

### Parameters

#### *parent*

The window parent. This may be NULL. If it is non-NULL, the frame will always be displayed on top of the parent window on Windows.

#### *id*

The window identifier. It may take a value of -1 to indicate a default value.

#### *title*

The caption to be displayed on the frame's title bar.

#### *pos*

The window position. A value of (-1, -1) indicates a default position, chosen by either the windowing system or wxWindows, depending on platform.

#### *size*

The window size. A value of (-1, -1) indicates a default size, chosen by either the windowing system or wxWindows, depending on platform.

#### *style*

The window style. See *wxMiniFrame* (p. 528).

#### *name*

The name of the window. This parameter is used to associate a name with the item, allowing the application user to set Motif resource values for individual windows.

### Remarks

The frame behaves like a normal frame on non-Windows platforms.

### See also

*wxMiniFrame::Create* (p. 530)

## **wxMiniFrame::~~wxMiniFrame**

### **void ~wxMiniFrame()**

Destructor. Destroys all child windows and menu bar if present.

## **wxMiniFrame::Create**

**bool Create**(*wxWindow\* parent*, *wxWindowID id*, **const wxString& title**, **const wxPoint& pos** = *wxDefaultPosition*, **const wxSize& size** = *wxDefaultSize*, **long style** = *wxDEFAULT\_FRAME\_STYLE*, **const wxString& name** = "frame")

Used in two-step frame construction. See *wxMiniFrame::wxMiniFrame* (p. 529) for further details.

## **wxModule**

The module system is a very simple mechanism to allow applications (and parts of *wxWindows* itself) to define initialization and cleanup functions that are automatically called on *wxWindows* startup and exit.

To define a new kind of module, derive a class from *wxModule*, override the *OnInit* and *OnExit* functions, and add the *DECLARE\_DYNAMIC\_CLASS* and *IMPLEMENT\_DYNAMIC\_CLASS* to header and implementation files (which can be the same file). On initialization, *wxWindows* will find all classes derived from *wxModule*, create an instance of each, and call each *OnInit* function. On exit, *wxWindows* will call the *OnExit* function for each module instance.

Note that your module class does not have to be in a header file.

For example:

```
// A module to allow DDE initialization/cleanup
// without calling these functions from app.cpp or from
// the user's application.

class wxDDEModule: public wxModule
{
    DECLARE_DYNAMIC_CLASS(wxDDEModule)
public:
    wxDDEModule() {}
    bool OnInit() { wxDDEInitialize(); return TRUE; };
    void OnExit() { wxDDECleanUp(); };
};
```

```
IMPLEMENT_DYNAMIC_CLASS( wxDDEModule, wxModule )
```

### Derived from

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/module.h>

## **wxModule::wxModule**

**wxModule()**

Constructs a wxModule object.

## **wxModule::~~wxModule**

**~wxModule()**

Destructor.

## **wxModule::CleanupModules**

**static void CleanupModules()**

Calls Exit for each module instance. Called by wxWindows on exit, so there is no need for an application to call it.

## **wxModule::Exit**

**void Exit()**

Calls OnExit. This function is called by wxWindows and should not need to be called by an application.

## **wxModule::Init**

**bool Init()**

Calls OnInit. This function is called by wxWindows and should not need to be called by an application.

**wxModule::InitializeModules****static bool InitializeModules()**

Calls Init for each module instance. Called by wxWindows on startup, so there is no need for an application to call it.

**wxModule::OnExit****virtual void OnExit()**

Provide this function with appropriate cleanup for your module.

**wxModule::OnInit****virtual bool OnInit()**

Provide this function with appropriate initialization for your module. If the function returns FALSE, wxWindows will exit immediately.

**wxModule::RegisterModule****static void RegisterModule(wxModule\* module)**

Registers this module with wxWindows. Called by wxWindows on startup, so there is no need for an application to call it.

**wxModule::RegisterModules****static bool RegisterModules()**

Creates instances of and registers all modules. Called by wxWindows on startup, so there is no need for an application to call it.

**wxMouseEvent**

This event class contains information about mouse events. See *wxWindow::OnMouseEvent* (p. 942).

**Derived from**

*wxEvent* (p. 237)

**Include files**

<wx/event.h>

### Event table macros

To process a mouse event, use these event handler macros to direct input to member functions that take a `wxMouseEvent` argument.

<b>EVT_LEFT_DOWN(func)</b>	Process a <code>wxEVT_LEFT_DOWN</code> event.
<b>EVT_LEFT_UP(func)</b>	Process a <code>wxEVT_LEFT_UP</code> event.
<b>EVT_LEFT_DCLICK(func)</b>	Process a <code>wxEVT_LEFT_DCLICK</code> event.
<b>EVT_MIDDLE_DOWN(func)</b>	Process a <code>wxEVT_MIDDLE_DOWN</code> event.
<b>EVT_MIDDLE_UP(func)</b>	Process a <code>wxEVT_MIDDLE_UP</code> event.
<b>EVT_MIDDLE_DCLICK(func)</b>	Process a <code>wxEVT_MIDDLE_DCLICK</code> event.
<b>EVT_RIGHT_DOWN(func)</b>	Process a <code>wxEVT_RIGHT_DOWN</code> event.
<b>EVT_RIGHT_UP(func)</b>	Process a <code>wxEVT_RIGHT_UP</code> event.
<b>EVT_RIGHT_DCLICK(func)</b>	Process a <code>wxEVT_RIGHT_DCLICK</code> event.
<b>EVT_MOTION(func)</b>	Process a <code>wxEVT_MOTION</code> event.
<b>EVT_ENTER_WINDOW(func)</b>	Process a <code>wxEVT_ENTER_WINDOW</code> event.
<b>EVT_LEAVE_WINDOW(func)</b>	Process a <code>wxEVT_LEAVE_WINDOW</code> event.
<b>EVT_MOUSE_EVENTS(func)</b>	Process all mouse events.

### **wxMouseEvent::m\_altDown**

**bool m\_altDown**

TRUE if the Alt key is pressed down.

### **wxMouseEvent::m\_controlDown**

**bool m\_controlDown**

TRUE if control key is pressed down.

### **wxMouseEvent::m\_leftDown**

**bool m\_leftDown**

TRUE if the left mouse button is currently pressed down.

### **wxMouseEvent::m\_middleDown**

**bool m\_middleDown**

TRUE if the middle mouse button is currently pressed down.

**wxMouseEvent::m\_rightDown****bool m\_rightDown**

TRUE if the right mouse button is currently pressed down.

**wxMouseEvent::m\_leftDown****bool m\_leftDown**

TRUE if the left mouse button is currently pressed down.

**wxMouseEvent::m\_metaDown****bool m\_metaDown**

TRUE if the Meta key is pressed down.

**wxMouseEvent::m\_shiftDown****bool m\_shiftDown**

TRUE if shift is pressed down.

**wxMouseEvent::m\_x****long m\_x**

X-coordinate of the event.

**wxMouseEvent::m\_y****long m\_y**

Y-coordinate of the event.

**wxMouseEvent::wxMouseEvent****wxMouseEvent(WXTYPE *mouseEventType* = 0, int *id* = 0)**

Constructor. Valid event types are:

- **wxEVT\_ENTER\_WINDOW**
- **wxEVT\_LEAVE\_WINDOW**
- **wxEVT\_LEFT\_DOWN**
- **wxEVT\_LEFT\_UP**
- **wxEVT\_LEFT\_DCLICK**
- **wxEVT\_MIDDLE\_DOWN**
- **wxEVT\_MIDDLE\_UP**
- **wxEVT\_MIDDLE\_DCLICK**
- **wxEVT\_RIGHT\_DOWN**
- **wxEVT\_RIGHT\_UP**
- **wxEVT\_RIGHT\_DCLICK**
- **wxEVT\_MOTION**

### **wxMouseEvent::AltDown**

**bool AltDown()**

Returns TRUE if the Alt key was down at the time of the event.

### **wxMouseEvent::Button**

**bool Button(int *button*)**

Returns TRUE if the identified mouse button is changing state. Valid values of *button* are 1, 2 or 3 for left, middle and right buttons respectively.

Not all mice have middle buttons so a portable application should avoid this one.

### **wxMouseEvent::ButtonDClick**

**bool ButtonDClick(int *but* = -1)**

If the argument is omitted, this returns TRUE if the event was a mouse double click event. Otherwise the argument specifies which double click event was generated (1, 2 or 3 for left, middle and right buttons respectively).

### **wxMouseEvent::ButtonDown**

**bool ButtonDown(int *but* = -1)**

If the argument is omitted, this returns TRUE if the event was a mouse button down event. Otherwise the argument specifies which button-down event was generated (1, 2 or 3 for left, middle and right buttons respectively).



**wxMouseEvent::ButtonUp****bool ButtonUp(int but = -1)**

If the argument is omitted, this returns TRUE if the event was a mouse button up event. Otherwise the argument specifies which button-up event was generated (1, 2 or 3 for left, middle and right buttons respectively).

**wxMouseEvent::ControlDown****bool ControlDown()**

Returns TRUE if the control key was down at the time of the event.

**wxMouseEvent::Dragging****bool Dragging()**

Returns TRUE if this was a dragging event (motion while a button is depressed).

**wxMouseEvent::Entering****bool Entering()**

Returns TRUE if the mouse was entering the window (MS Windows and Motif).

See also *wxMouseEvent::Leaving* (p. 537).

**wxMouseEvent::GetPosition****wxPoint GetPosition() const****void GetPosition(long \*x, long \*y) const**

Sets \*x and \*y to the position at which the event occurred.

Returns the physical mouse position in pixels.

**wxMouseEvent::GetLogicalPosition****wxPoint GetLogicalPosition(const wxDC& dc) const**

Returns the logical mouse position in pixels (i.e. translated according to the translation set for the DC, which usually indicates that the window has been scrolled).

**wxMouseEvent::GetX****long GetX() const**

Returns X coordinate of the physical mouse event position.

**wxMouseEvent::GetY****long GetY()**

Returns Y coordinate of the physical mouse event position.

**wxMouseEvent::IsButton****bool IsButton() const**

Returns TRUE if the event was a mouse button event (not necessarily a button down event - that may be tested using *ButtonDown*).

**wxMouseEvent::Leaving****bool Leaving() const**

Returns TRUE if the mouse was leaving the window (MS Windows and Motif).

See also *wxMouseEvent::Entering* (p. 536).

**wxMouseEvent::LeftDClick****bool LeftDClick() const**

Returns TRUE if the event was a left double click.

**wxMouseEvent::LeftDown****bool LeftDown() const**

Returns TRUE if the left mouse button changed to down.

**wxMouseEvent::LeftIsDown****bool LeftIsDown() const**

Returns TRUE if the left mouse button is currently down, independent of the current event type.

Please notice that it is **not** the same as *LeftDown* (p. 537) which returns TRUE if the left mouse button was just pressed. Rather, it describes the state of the mouse button before the event happened.

This event is usually used in the mouse event handlers which process "move mouse" messages to determine whether the user is (still) dragging the mouse.

### **wxMouseEvent::LeftUp**

**bool LeftUp() const**

Returns TRUE if the left mouse button changed to up.

### **wxMouseEvent::MetaDown**

**bool MetaDown() const**

Returns TRUE if the Meta key was down at the time of the event.

### **wxMouseEvent::MiddleDClick**

**bool MiddleDClick() const**

Returns TRUE if the event was a middle double click.

### **wxMouseEvent::MiddleDown**

**bool MiddleDown() const**

Returns TRUE if the middle mouse button changed to down.

### **wxMouseEvent::MiddleIsDown**

**bool MiddleIsDown() const**

Returns TRUE if the middle mouse button is currently down, independent of the current event type.

### **wxMouseEvent::MiddleUp**

**bool MiddleUp() const**

Returns TRUE if the middle mouse button changed to up.

**wxMouseEvent::Moving****bool Moving() const**

Returns TRUE if this was a motion event (no buttons depressed).

**wxMouseEvent::RightDClick****bool RightDClick() const**

Returns TRUE if the event was a right double click.

**wxMouseEvent::RightDown****bool RightDown() const**

Returns TRUE if the right mouse button changed to down.

**wxMouseEvent::RightIsDown****bool RightIsDown() const**

Returns TRUE if the right mouse button is currently down, independent of the current event type.

**wxMouseEvent::RightUp****bool RightUp() const**

Returns TRUE if the right mouse button changed to up.

**wxMouseEvent::ShiftDown****bool ShiftDown() const**

Returns TRUE if the shift key was down at the time of the event.

**wxMoveEvent**

A move event holds information about move change events.

**Derived from**

*wxEvt* (p. 237)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/event.h>

**Event table macros**

To process a move event, use this event handler macro to direct input to a member function that takes a *wxMoveEvent* argument.

<b>EVT_MOVE(func)</b>	Process a <i>wxEVT_MOVE</i> event, which is generated when a window is moved.
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**See also**

*wxWindow::OnMove* (p. 942), *wxPoint* (p. 586), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

**wxMoveEvent::wxMoveEvent**

**wxMoveEvent(const wxPoint& pt, int id = 0)**

Constructor.

**wxMoveEvent::GetPosition**

**wxPoint GetPosition() const**

Returns the position of the window generating the move change event.

**wxMultipleChoiceDialog**

This class represents a dialog that shows a list of strings, and allows the user to select one or more.

**NOTE:** this class is not yet implemented.

**Derived from**

*wxDialog* (p. 193)  
*wxWindow* (p. 915)

*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/choicdlg.h>

### See also

*wxMultipleChoiceDialog* overview (p. 1051)

## wxMutex

A mutex object is a synchronization object whose state is set to signaled when it is not owned by any thread, and nonsignaled when it is owned. Its name comes from its usefulness in coordinating mutually-exclusive access to a shared resource. Only one thread at a time can own a mutex object.

For example, when several thread use the data stored in the linked list, modifications to the list should be only allowed to one thread at a time because during a new node addition the list integrity is temporarily broken (this is also called *program invariant*).

### Example

```
// this variable has an "s_" prefix because it is static: seeing an
"s_" in
// a multithreaded program is in general a good sign that you
should use a
// mutex (or a critical section)
static wxMutex *s_mutexProtectingTheGlobalData;

// we store some numbers in this global array which is presumably
used by
// several threads simultaneously
wxArrayInt s_data;

void MyThread::AddNewNode(int num)
{
    // ensure that no other thread accesses the list
    s_mutexProtectingTheGlobalList->Lock();

    s_data.Add(num);

    s_mutexProtectingTheGlobalList->Unlock();
}

// return TRUE the given number is greater than all array elements
bool MyThread::IsGreater(int num)
{
    // before using the list we must acquire the mutex
    wxMutexLocker lock(s_mutexProtectingTheGlobalData);
```

```
size_t count = s_data.Count();
for ( size_t n = 0; n < count; n++ )
{
    if ( s_data[n] > num )
        return FALSE;
}

return TRUE;
}
```

Notice how `wxMutexLocker` was used in the second function to ensure that the mutex is unlocked in any case: whether the function returns `TRUE` or `FALSE` (because the destructor of the local object *lock* is always called). Using this class instead of directly using `wxMutex` is, in general safer and is even more so if your program uses C++ exceptions.

### Derived from

None.

### Include files

<wx/thread.h>

### See also

*wxThread* (p. 849), *wxCondition* (p. 115), *wxMutexLocker* (p. 544), *wxCriticalSection* (p. 131)

## **wxMutex::wxMutex**

### **wxMutex()**

Default constructor.

## **wxMutex::~~wxMutex**

### **~wxMutex()**

Destroys the `wxMutex` object.

## **wxMutex::IsLocked**

### **bool IsLocked() const**

Returns TRUE if the mutex is locked, FALSE otherwise.

### **wxMutex::Lock**

#### **wxMutexError Lock()**

Locks the mutex object.

#### **Return value**

One of:

**wxMUTEX\_NO\_ERROR**  
**wxMUTEX\_DEAD\_LOCK**  
**wxMUTEX\_BUSY**

There was no error.  
A deadlock situation was detected.  
The mutex is already locked by another thread.

### **wxMutex::TryLock**

#### **wxMutexError TryLock()**

Tries to lock the mutex object. If it can't, returns immediately with an error.

#### **Return value**

One of:

**wxMUTEX\_NO\_ERROR**  
**wxMUTEX\_DEAD\_LOCK**  
**wxMUTEX\_BUSY**

There was no error.  
A deadlock situation was detected.  
The mutex is already locked by another thread.

### **wxMutex::Unlock**

#### **wxMutexError Unlock()**

Unlocks the mutex object.

#### **Return value**

One of:

**wxMUTEX\_NO\_ERROR**  
**wxMUTEX\_DEAD\_LOCK**  
**wxMUTEX\_BUSY**  
**wxMUTEX\_UNLOCKED**

There was no error.  
A deadlock situation was detected.  
The mutex is already locked by another thread.  
The calling thread tries to unlock an unlocked



mutex.

## **wxMutexLocker**

This is a small helper class to be used with *wxMutex* (p. 541) objects. A *wxMutexLocker* acquires a mutex lock in the constructor and releases (or unlocks) the mutex in the destructor making it much more difficult to forget to release a mutex (which, in general, will promptly lead to the serious problems). See *wxMutex* (p. 541) for an example of *wxMutexLocker* usage.

### **Derived from**

None.

### **Include files**

<wx/thread.h>

### **See also**

*wxMutex* (p. 541), *wxCriticalSectionLocker* (p. 132)

## **wxMutexLocker::wxMutexLocker**

**wxMutexLocker(wxMutex \*mutex)**

Constructs a *wxMutexLocker* object associated with *mutex* which must be non NULL and locks it. Call *IsLocked* (p. 544) to check if the mutex was successfully locked.

## **wxMutexLocker::~~wxMutexLocker**

**~wxMutexLocker()**

Destructor releases the mutex if it was successfully acquired in the ctor.

## **wxMutexLocker::IsOk**

**bool IsOk() const**

Returns TRUE if mutex was acquired in the constructor, FALSE otherwise.

## **wxNodeBase**

A node structure used in linked lists (see *wxList* (p. 446)) and derived classes. You

should never use `wxNodeBase` class directly because it works with untyped (`void *`) data and this is unsafe. Use `wxNode`-derived classes which are defined by `WX_DECLARE_LIST` and `WX_DEFINE_LIST` macros instead as described in *wxList* (p. 446) documentation (see example there). `wxNode` is defined for compatibility as `wxNodeBase` containing "`wxObject *`" pointer, but usage of this class is deprecated.

### Derived from

None.

### Include files

`<wx/list.h>`

### See also

*wxList* (p. 446), *wxHashTable* (p. 337)

## **`wxNodeBase::GetData`**

**`void * GetData()`**

Retrieves the client data pointer associated with the node.

## **`wxNodeBase::GetNext`**

**`wxNodeBase * Next()`**

Retrieves the next node (NULL if at end of list).

## **`wxNodeBase::GetPrevious`**

**`wxNodeBase * GetPrevious()`**

Retrieves the previous node (NULL if at start of list).

## **`wxNodeBase::SetData`**

**`void SetData(void *data)`**

Sets the data associated with the node (usually the pointer will have been set when the node was created).

**wxNodeBase::IndexOf****int IndexOf()**

Returns the zero-based index of this node within the list. The return value will be `NOT_FOUND` if the node has not been added to a list yet.

**wxNotebook**

This class represents a notebook control, which manages multiple windows with associated tabs.

To use the class, create a `wxNotebook` object and call *AddPage* (p. 547) or *InsertPage* (p. 550), passing a window to be used as the page. Do not explicitly delete the window for a page that is currently managed by `wxNotebook`.

**wxNotebookPage** is a typedef for `wxWindow`.

**Derived from**

*wxControl* (p. 130)  
*wxWindow* (p. 915)  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/notebook.h>

**Event handling**

To process input from a notebook control, use the following event handler macros to direct input to member functions that take a *wxNotebookEvent* (p. 552) argument.

**EVT\_NOTEBOOK\_PAGE\_CHANGED(id, func)** The page selection was changed.  
**EVT\_NOTEBOOK\_PAGE\_CHANGING(id, func)** The page selection is about to be changed. This can be prevented by calling *Veto()* (p. 554).

**See also**

*wxNotebookEvent* (p. 552), *wxImageList* (p. 418), *wxTabCtrl* (p. 803)

**wxNotebook::wxNotebook****wxNotebook()**

Default constructor.

**wxNotebook**(*wxWindow\** parent, *wxWindowID* id, *const wxPoint&* pos = *wxDefaultPosition*, *const wxSize&* size, *long* style = 0, *const wxString&* name = "notebook")

Constructs a notebook control.

### Parameters

*parent*

The parent window. Must be non-NULL.

*id*

The window identifier.

*pos*

The window position.

*size*

The window size.

*style*

The window style. Its value is a bit list of zero or more of **wxTC\_MULTILINE**, **wxTC\_RIGHTJUSTIFY**, **wxTC\_FIXEDWIDTH** and **wxTC\_OWNERDRAW**.

*name*

The name of the control (used only under Motif).

### **wxNotebook::~~wxNotebook**

**~wxNotebook()**

Destroys the wxNotebook object.

### **wxNotebook::AddPage**

**bool** AddPage(*wxNotebookPage\** page, *const wxString&* text, *bool* select = *FALSE*, *int* imageId = -1)

Adds a new page.

### Parameters

*page*

Specifies the new page.

*text*

Specifies the text for the new page.

*select*

Specifies whether the page should be selected.

*imageId*

Specifies the optional image index for the new page.

### Return value

TRUE if successful, FALSE otherwise.

### Remarks

Do not delete the page, it will be deleted by the notebook.

### See also

*wxNotebook::InsertPage* (p. 550)

## **wxNotebook::AdvanceSelection**

**void AdvanceSelection**(bool *forward* = TRUE)

Cycles through the tabs.

## **wxNotebook::Create**

**bool Create**(wxWindow\* *parent*, wxWindowID *id*, const wxPoint& *pos* = wxDefaultPosition, const wxSize& *size*, long *style* = 0, const wxString& *name* = "notebook")

Creates a notebook control. See *wxNotebook::wxNotebook* (p. 546) for a description of the parameters.

## **wxNotebook::DeleteAllPages**

**bool DeleteAllPages**()

Deletes all pages.

## **wxNotebook::DeletePage**

**bool DeletePage**(int *page*)

Deletes the specified page, and the associated window.

**wxNotebook::GetImageList****wxImageList\* GetImageList() const**

Returns the associated image list.

[See also](#)

*wxImageList* (p. 418), *wxNotebook::SetImageList* (p. 551)

**wxNotebook::GetPage****wxNotebookPage\* GetPage(int page)**

Returns the window at the given page position.

**wxNotebook::GetPageCount****int GetPageCount() const**

Returns the number of pages in the notebook control.

**wxNotebook::GetPageImage****int GetPageImage() const**

Returns the image index for the given page.

**wxNotebook::GetPageText****wxString GetPageText() const**

Returns the string for the given page.

**wxNotebook::GetRowCount****int GetRowCount() const**

Returns the number of rows in the notebook control.

**wxNotebook::GetSelection**

**int GetSelection() const**

Returns the currently selected page, or -1 if none was selected.

**wxNotebook::InsertPage**

**bool InsertPage(int index, wxNotebookPage\* page, const wxString& text, bool select = FALSE, int imageId = -1)**

Inserts a new page at the specified position.

**Parameters**

*index*

Specifies the position for the new page.

*page*

Specifies the new page.

*text*

Specifies the text for the new page.

*select*

Specifies whether the page should be selected.

*imageId*

Specifies the optional image index for the new page.

**Return value**

TRUE if successful, FALSE otherwise.

**Remarks**

Do not delete the page, it will be deleted by the notebook.

**See also**

*wxNotebook::AddPage* (p. 547)

**wxNotebook::OnSelChange**

**void OnSelChange(wxNotebookEvent& event)**

An event handler function, called when the page selection is changed.

**See also**

*wxNotebookEvent* (p. 552)

**wxNotebook::RemovePage****bool RemovePage**(int *page*)

Deletes the specified page, without deleting the associated window.

**wxNotebook::SetImageList****void SetImageList**(wxImageList\* *imageList*)

Sets the image list for the page control.

[See also](#)

*wxImageList* (p. 418)

**wxNotebook::SetPadding****void SetPadding**(const wxSize& *padding*)

Sets the amount of space around each page's icon and label, in pixels.

**wxNotebook::SetPageSize****void SetPageSize**(const wxSize& *size*)

Sets the width and height of the pages.

**wxNotebook::SetPageImage****bool SetPageImage**(int *page*, int *image*)

Sets the image index for the given page. *image* is an index into the image list which was set with *wxNotebook::SetImageList* (p. 551).

**wxNotebook::SetPageText****bool SetPageText**(int *page*, const wxString& *text*)

Sets the text for the given page.

**wxNotebook::SetSelection**



**int SetSelection(int page)**

Sets the selection for the given page, returning the previous selection.

**See also**

*wxNotebook::GetSelection* (p. 549)

**wxNotebookEvent**

This class represents the events generated by a notebook control: currently, there are two of them. The `PAGE_CHANGING` event is sent before the current page is changed. It allows to the program to examine the current page (which can be retrieved with *GetOldSelection()* (p. 553)) and to veto the page change by calling *Veto()* (p. 554) if, for example, the current values in the controls of the old page are invalid.

The second event - `PAGE_CHANGED` - is sent after the page has been changed and the program cannot veto it any more, it just informs it about the page change.

To summarize, if the program is interested in validating the page values before allowing the user to change it, it should process the `PAGE_CHANGING` event, otherwise `PAGE_CHANGED` is probably enough. In any case, it is probably unnecessary to process both events at once.

**Derived from**

*wxNotifyEvent* (p. 553)  
*wxCommandEvent* (p. 108)  
*wxEvent* (p. 237)  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/notebook.h>

**Event table macros**

To process a notebook event, use these event handler macros to direct input to member functions that take a `wxNotebookEvent` argument.

**EVT\_NOTEBOOK\_PAGE\_CHANGED(id, func)** The page selection was changed. Processes a `wxEVT_COMMAND_NOTEBOOK_PAGE_CHANGED` event.

**EVT\_NOTEBOOK\_PAGE\_CHANGING(id, func)** The page selection is about to be changed. Processes a `wxEVT_COMMAND_NOTEBOOK_PAGE_CHANGING` event. This event can be *vetoed* (p. 554).

**See also**

*wxNotebook* (p. 546), *wxTabCtrl* (p. 803), *wxTabEvent* (p. 809)

**wxNotebookEvent::wxNotebookEvent**

**wxNotebookEvent**(**wxEventType** *eventType* = *wxEVT\_NULL*, **int** *id* = 0, **int** *sel* = -1, **int** *oldSel* = -1)

Constructor (used internally by wxWindows only).

**wxNotebookEvent::GetOldSelection**

**int** **GetOldSelection**() **const**

Returns the page that was selected before the change, -1 if none was selected.

**wxNotebookEvent::GetSelection**

**int** **GetSelection**() **const**

Returns the currently selected page, or -1 if none was selected.

**wxNotebookEvent::SetOldSelection**

**void** **SetOldSelection**(**int** *page*)

Sets the id of the page selected before the change.

**wxNotebookEvent::SetSelection**

**void** **SetSelection**(**int** *page*)

Sets the selection member variable.

**See also**

*wxNotebookEvent::GetSelection* (p. 553)

**wxNotifyEvent**

This class is not used by the event handlers by itself, but is a base class for other event classes (such as *wxNotebookEvent* (p. 552)).

It (or an object of a derived class) is sent when the controls state is being changed and allows the program to *Veto()* (p. 554) this change if it wants to prevent it from happening.

### Derived from

*wxCommandEvent* (p. 108)  
*wxEvent* (p. 237)  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/event.h>

### Event table macros

None

### See also

*wxNotebookEvent* (p. 552)

## **wxNotifyEvent::wxNotifyEvent**

**wxNotifyEvent(wxEventType eventType = wxEVT\_NULL, int id = 0)**

Constructor (used internally by wxWindows only).

## **wxNotifyEvent::IsAllowed**

**bool IsAllowed() const**

Returns TRUE if the change is allowed (*Veto()* (p. 554) hasn't been called) or FALSE otherwise (if it was).

## **wxNotifyEvent::Veto**

**void Veto()**

Prevents the change announced by this event from happening.

It is in general a good idea to notify the user about the reasons for vetoing the change

because otherwise the applications behaviour (which just refuses to do what the user wants) might be quite surprising.

## **wxObject**

This is the root class of all wxWindows classes. It declares a virtual destructor which ensures that destructors get called for all derived class objects where necessary.

wxObject is the hub of a dynamic object creation scheme, enabling a program to create instances of a class only knowing its string class name, and to query the class hierarchy.

The class contains optional debugging versions of **new** and **delete**, which can help trace memory allocation and deallocation problems.

wxObject can be used to implement reference counted objects, such as wxPen, wxBitmap and others.

### **See also**

*wxClassInfo* (p. 84), *Debugging overview* (p. 1060), *wxObjectRefData* (p. 558)

## **wxObject::wxObject**

### **wxObject()**

Default constructor.

## **wxObject::~~wxObject**

### **wxObject()**

Destructor. Performs dereferencing, for those objects that use reference counting.

## **wxObject::m\_refData**

### **wxObjectRefData\* m\_refData**

Pointer to an object which is the object's reference-counted data.

### **See also**

*wxObject::Ref* (p. 557), *wxObject::UnRef* (p. 557), *wxObject::SetRefData* (p. 557), *wxObject::GetRefData* (p. 556), *wxObjectRefData* (p. 558)

## **wxObject::Dump**

**void Dump(ostream& stream)**

A virtual function that should be redefined by derived classes to allow dumping of memory states.

### **Parameters**

*stream*

Stream on which to output dump information.

### **Remarks**

Currently wxWindows does not define Dump for derived classes, but programmers may wish to use it for their own applications. Be sure to call the Dump member of the class's base class to allow all information to be dumped.

The implementation of this function just writes the class name of the object in debug build (`__WXDEBUG__` defined), otherwise it does nothing.

## **wxObject::GetClassInfo**

**wxClassInfo \* GetClassInfo()**

This virtual function is redefined for every class that requires run-time type information, when using DECLARE\_CLASS macros.

## **wxObject::GetRefData**

**wxObjectRefData\* GetRefData() const**

Returns the **m\_refData** pointer.

### **See also**

*wxObject::Ref* (p. 557), *wxObject::UnRef* (p. 557), *wxObject::m\_refData* (p. 555), *wxObject::SetRefData* (p. 557), *wxObjectRefData* (p. 558)

## **wxObject::IsKindOf**

**bool IsKindOf(wxClassInfo \*info)**

Determines whether this class is a subclass of (or the same class as) the given class.

### **Parameters**

*info*

A pointer to a class information object, which may be obtained by using the CLASSINFO macro.

### Return value

TRUE if the class represented by *info* is the same class as this one or is derived from it.

### Example

```
bool tmp = obj->IsKindOf(CLASSINFO(wxFFrame));
```

## wxObject::Ref

**void Ref(const wxObject& clone)**

Makes this object refer to the data in *clone*.

### Parameters

*clone*

The object to 'clone'.

### Remarks

First this function calls *wxObject::UnRef* (p. 557) on itself to decrement (and perhaps free) the data it is currently referring to.

It then sets its own *m\_refData* to point to that of *clone*, and increments the reference count inside the data.

### See also

*wxObject::UnRef* (p. 557), *wxObject::m\_refData* (p. 555), *wxObject::SetRefData* (p. 557), *wxObject::GetRefData* (p. 556), *wxObjectRefData* (p. 558)

## wxObject::SetRefData

**void SetRefData(wxObjectRefData\* data)**

Sets the *m\_refData* pointer.

### See also

*wxObject::Ref* (p. 557), *wxObject::UnRef* (p. 557), *wxObject::m\_refData* (p. 555), *wxObject::GetRefData* (p. 556), *wxObjectRefData* (p. 558)

## wxObject::UnRef

**void UnRef()**

Decrements the reference count in the associated data, and if it is zero, deletes the data. The **m\_refData** member is set to NULL.

**See also**

*wxObject::Ref* (p. 557), *wxObject::m\_refData* (p. 555), *wxObject::SetRefData* (p. 557), *wxObject::GetRefData* (p. 556), *wxObjectRefData* (p. 558)

**wxObject::operator new**

**void \* new**(**size\_t** size, **const wxString&** filename = NULL, **int** lineNum = 0)

The *new* operator is defined for debugging versions of the library only, when the identifier `__WXDEBUG__` is defined. It takes over memory allocation, allowing `wxDebugContext` operations.

**wxObject::operator delete**

**void delete**(**void** buf)

The *delete* operator is defined for debugging versions of the library only, when the identifier `__WXDEBUG__` is defined. It takes over memory deallocation, allowing `wxDebugContext` operations.

**wxObjectRefData**

This class is used to store reference-counted data. Derive classes from this to store your own data. When retrieving information from a **wxObject**'s reference data, you will need to cast to your own derived class.

**Friends**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

**See also**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

**wxObjectRefData::m\_count**

**int m\_count**

Reference count. When this goes to zero during a *wxObject::UnRef* (p. 557), an object can delete the **wxObjectRefData** object.

### **wxObjectRefData::wxObjectRefData**

**wxObjectRefData()**

Default constructor. Initialises the **m\_count** member to 1.

### **wxObjectRefData::~~wxObjectRefData**

**wxObjectRefData()**

Destructor.

### **wxOutputStream**

**Derived from**

*wxStreamBase* (p. 754)

**Include files**

<wx/stream.h>

### **wxOutputStream::wxOutputStream**

**wxOutputStream()**

Creates a dummy wxOutputStream object.

### **wxOutputStream::~~wxOutputStream**

**~wxOutputStream()**

Destructor.

### **wxOutputStream::LastWrite**

**size\_t LastWrite() const**

### **wxOutputStream::PutC**

**void PutC(char c)**



Puts the specified character in the output queue and increments the stream position.

### **wxOutputStream::SeekO**

**off\_t SeekO(off\_t pos, wxSeekMode mode)**

Changes the stream current position.

### **wxOutputStream::Tello**

**off\_t Tello() const**

Returns the current stream position.

### **wxOutputStream::Write**

**wxOutputStream& Write(const void \*buffer, size\_t size)**

Writes the specified amount of bytes using the data of *buffer*. *WARNING!* The buffer absolutely needs to have at least the specified size.

This function returns a reference on the current object, so the user can test any states of the stream right away.

**wxOutputStream& Write(wxInputStream& stream\_in)**

Reads data from the specified input stream and stores them in the current stream. The data is read until an error is raised by one of the two streams.

### **wxPageSetupDialogData**

This class holds a variety of information related to *wxPageSetupDialog* (p. 565).

It contains a *wxPrintData* (p. 592) member which is used to hold basic printer configuration data (as opposed to the user-interface configuration settings stored by *wxPageSetupDialogData*).

#### **Derived from**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

#### **Include files**

<wx/cmndata.h>

#### **See also**

*wxPageSetupDialog* (p. 565)

### **wxPageSetupDialogData::wxPageSetupDialogData**

**wxPageSetupDialogData()**

Default constructor.

**wxPageSetupDialogData(wxPageSetupDialogData& data)**

Copy constructor.

**wxPrintDialogData(wxPrintData& printData)**

Construct an object from a print dialog data object.

### **wxPageSetupDialogData::~wxPageSetupDialogData**

**~wxPageSetupDialogData()**

Destructor.

### **wxPageSetupDialogData::EnableHelp**

**void EnableHelp(bool flag)**

Enables or disables the 'Help' button (Windows only).

### **wxPageSetupDialogData::EnableMargins**

**void EnableMargins(bool flag)**

Enables or disables the margin controls (Windows only).

### **wxPageSetupDialogData::EnableOrientation**

**void EnableOrientation(bool flag)**

Enables or disables the orientation control (Windows only).

### **wxPageSetupDialogData::EnablePaper**

**void EnablePaper(bool flag)**

Enables or disables the paper size control (Windows only).

**wxPageSetupDialogData::EnablePrinter**

**void EnablePrinter(bool flag)**

Enables or disables the **Printer** button, which invokes a printer setup dialog.

**wxPageSetupDialogData::GetDefaultMinMargins**

**bool GetDefaultMinMargins() const**

Returns TRUE if the page setup dialog will take its minimum margin values from the currently selected printer properties. Windows only.

**wxPageSetupDialogData::GetEnableMargins**

**bool GetEnableMargins() const**

Returns TRUE if the margin controls are enabled (Windows only).

**wxPageSetupDialogData::GetEnableOrientation**

**bool GetEnableOrientation() const**

Returns TRUE if the orientation control is enabled (Windows only).

**wxPageSetupDialogData::GetEnablePaper**

**bool GetEnablePaper() const**

Returns TRUE if the paper size control is enabled (Windows only).

**wxPageSetupDialogData::GetEnablePrinter**

**bool GetEnablePrinter() const**

Returns TRUE if the printer setup button is enabled.

**wxPageSetupDialogData::GetEnableHelp**

**bool GetEnableHelp() const**

Returns TRUE if the printer setup button is enabled.

**wxPageSetupDialogData::GetDefaultInfo****bool GetDefaultInfo() const**

Returns TRUE if the dialog will simply return default printer information (such as orientation) instead of showing a dialog. Windows only.

**wxPageSetupDialogData::GetMarginTopLeft****wxPoint GetMarginTopLeft() const**

Returns the left (x) and top (y) margins in millimetres.

**wxPageSetupDialogData::GetMarginBottomRight****wxPoint GetMarginBottomRight() const**

Returns the right (x) and bottom (y) margins in millimetres.

**wxPageSetupDialogData::GetMinMarginTopLeft****wxPoint GetMinMarginTopLeft() const**

Returns the left (x) and top (y) minimum margins the user can enter (Windows only). Units are in millimetres

**wxPageSetupDialogData::GetMinMarginBottomRight****wxPoint GetMinMarginBottomRight() const**

Returns the right (x) and bottom (y) minimum margins the user can enter (Windows only). Units are in millimetres

**wxPageSetupDialogData::GetPaperId****wxPaperSize GetPaperId() const**

Returns the paper id (stored in the internal wxPrintData object).

For further information, see `wxPrintData::SetPaperId` (p. 595).

### **`wxPageSetupDialogData::GetPaperSize`**

**`wxSize GetPaperSize()`** `const`

Returns the paper size in millimetres.

### **`wxPageSetupDialogData::GetPrintData`**

**`wxPrintData& GetPrintData()`**

Returns a reference to the *print data* (p. 592) associated with this object.

### **`wxPageSetupDialogData::SetDefaultInfo`**

**`void SetDefaultInfo(bool flag)`**

Pass TRUE if the dialog will simply return default printer information (such as orientation) instead of showing a dialog. Windows only.

### **`wxPageSetupDialogData::SetDefaultMinMargins`**

**`void SetDefaultMinMargins(bool flag)`**

Pass TRUE if the page setup dialog will take its minimum margin values from the currently selected printer properties. Windows only. Units are in millimetres

### **`wxPageSetupDialogData::SetMarginTopLeft`**

**`void GetMarginTopLeft(const wxPoint& pt)`**

Sets the left (x) and top (y) margins in millimetres.

### **`wxPageSetupDialogData::SetMarginBottomRight`**

**`void SetMarginBottomRight(const wxPoint& pt)`**

Sets the right (x) and bottom (y) margins in millimetres.

### **`wxPageSetupDialogData::SetMinMarginTopLeft`**

**`void SetMinMarginTopLeft(const wxPoint& pt)`**

Sets the left (x) and top (y) minimum margins the user can enter (Windows only). Units are in millimetres.

### **wxPageSetupDialogData::SetMinMarginBottomRight**

**void SetMinMarginBottomRight(const wxPoint& pt)**

Sets the right (x) and bottom (y) minimum margins the user can enter (Windows only). Units are in millimetres.

### **wxPageSetupDialogData::SetPaperId**

**void SetPaperId(wxPaperSize& id)**

Sets the paper size id. For further information, see *wxPrintData::SetPaperId* (p. 595).

Calling this function overrides the explicit paper dimensions passed in *wxPageSetupDialogData::SetPaperSize* (p. 565).

### **wxPageSetupDialogData::SetPaperSize**

**void SetPaperSize(const wxSize& size)**

Sets the paper size in millimetres. If a corresponding paper id is found, it will be set in the internal *wxPrintData* object, otherwise the paper size overrides the paper id.

### **wxPageSetupDialogData::SetPrintData**

**void SetPrintData(const wxPrintData& printData)**

Sets the *print data* (p. 592) associated with this object.

### **wxPageSetupDialogData::operator =**

**void operator =(const wxPrintData& data)**

Assigns print data to this object.

**void operator =(const wxPageSetupDialogData& data)**

Assigns page setup data to this object.

### **wxPageSetupDialog**

This class represents the page setup common dialog. The page setup dialog is standard from Windows 95 on, replacing the print setup dialog (which is retained in Windows and `wxWindows` for backward compatibility). On Windows 95 and NT 4.0 and above, the page setup dialog is native to the windowing system, otherwise it is emulated.

The page setup dialog contains controls for paper size (A4, A5 etc.), orientation (landscape or portrait), and controls for setting left, top, right and bottom margin sizes in millimetres.

When the dialog has been closed, you need to query the `wxPageSetupDialogData` (p. 560) object associated with the dialog.

Note that the OK and Cancel buttons do not destroy the dialog; this must be done by the application.

### Derived from

`wxDialog` (p. 193)  
`wxWindow` (p. 915)  
`wxEvtHandler` (p. 240)  
`wxObject` (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/printdlg.h>

### See also

`wxPrintDialog` (p. 598), `wxPageSetupDialogData` (p. 560)

## **wxPageSetupDialog::wxPageSetupDialog**

**wxPageSetupDialog(wxWindow\* parent, wxPageSetupDialogData\* data = NULL)**

Constructor. Pass a parent window, and optionally a pointer to a block of page setup data, which will be copied to the print dialog's internal data.

## **wxPageSetupDialog::~wxPageSetupDialog**

**~wxPageSetupDialog()**

Destructor.

## **wxPageSetupDialog::GetPageSetupData**

**wxPageSetupDialogData& GetPageSetupData()**

Returns the *page setup data* (p. 560) associated with the dialog.

**wxPageSetupDialog::ShowModal****int ShowModal()**

Shows the dialog, returning `wxID_OK` if the user pressed OK, and `wxID_CANCEL` otherwise.

**wxPaintDC**

A `wxPaintDC` must be constructed if an application wishes to paint on the client area of a window from within an **OnPaint** event. This should normally be constructed as a temporary stack object; don't store a `wxPaintDC` object. If you have an `OnPaint` handler, you *must* create a `wxPaintDC` object within it even if you don't actually use it.

Using `wxPaintDC` within `OnPaint` is important because it automatically sets the clipping area to the damaged area of the window. Attempts to draw outside this area do not appear.

To draw on a window from outside **OnPaint**, construct a `wxClientDC` (p. 86) object.

To draw on the whole window including decorations, construct a `wxWindowDC` (p. 961) object (Windows only).

**Derived from**

`wxWindowDC` (p. 961)  
`wxDC` (p. 165)

**Include files**

<wx/dcclient.h>

**See also**

`wxDC` (p. 165), `wxMemoryDC` (p. 496), `wxPaintDC` (p. 567), `wxWindowDC` (p. 961), `wxScreenDC` (p. 670)

**wxPaintDC::wxPaintDC****wxPaintDC(wxWindow\* window)**

Constructor. Pass a pointer to the window on which you wish to paint.



## **wxPaintEvent**

A paint event is sent when a window's contents needs to be repainted.

### **Derived from**

*wxEvent* (p. 237)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### **Include files**

<wx/event.h>

### **Event table macros**

To process a paint event, use this event handler macro to direct input to a member function that takes a *wxPaintEvent* argument.

**EVT\_PAINT(func)**                      Process a *wxEVT\_PAINT* event.

### **See also**

*wxWindow::OnPaint* (p. 943), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

## **wxPaintEvent::wxPaintEvent**

**wxPaintEvent**(int *id* = 0)

Constructor.

## **wxPalette**

A palette is a table that maps pixel values to RGB colours. It allows the colours of a low-depth bitmap, for example, to be mapped to the available colours in a display.

### **Derived from**

*wxGDIObject* (p. 321)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### **Include files**

<wx/palette.h>

### **Predefined objects**

Objects:

**wxNullPalette**

[See also](#)

*wxDC::SetPalette* (p. 178), *wxBitmap* (p. 36)

**wxPalette::wxPalette**

**wxPalette()**

Default constructor.

**wxPalette(const wxPalette& *palette*)**

Copy constructor. This uses reference counting so is a cheap operation.

**wxPalette(int *n*, const unsigned char\* *red*,  
const unsigned char\* *green*, const unsigned char\* *blue*)**

Creates a palette from arrays of size *n*, one for each red, blue or green component.

[Parameters](#)

*palette*

A pointer or reference to the palette to copy.

*n*

The number of indices in the palette.

*red*

An array of red values.

*green*

An array of green values.

*blue*

An array of blue values.

[See also](#)

*wxPalette::Create* (p. 570)

**wxPalette::~~wxPalette**

**~wxPalette()**

Destructor.

**wxPalette::Create**

**bool Create(int *n*, const unsigned char\* *red*, const unsigned char\* *green*, const unsigned char\* *blue*)**

Creates a palette from arrays of size *n*, one for each red, blue or green component.

**Parameters**

*n*

The number of indices in the palette.

*red*

An array of red values.

*green*

An array of green values.

*blue*

An array of blue values.

**Return value**

TRUE if the creation was successful, FALSE otherwise.

**See also**

*wxPalette::wxPalette* (p. 569)

**wxPalette::GetPixel**

**int GetPixel(const unsigned char *red*, const unsigned char *green*, const unsigned char *blue*) const**

Returns a pixel value (index into the palette) for the given RGB values.

**Parameters**

*red*

Red value.

*green*

Green value.

*blue*

Blue value.

### Return value

The nearest palette index.

### See also

*wxPalette::GetRGB* (p. 571)

## **wxPalette::GetRGB**

**bool GetPixel(int *pixel*, const unsigned char\* *red*, const unsigned char\* *green*, const unsigned char\* *blue*) const**

Returns RGB values for a given palette index.

### Parameters

*pixel*

The palette index.

*red*

Receives the red value.

*green*

Receives the green value.

*blue*

Receives the blue value.

### Return value

TRUE if the operation was successful.

### See also

*wxPalette::GetPixel* (p. 570)

## **wxPalette::Ok**

**bool Ok() const**

Returns TRUE if palette data is present.

**wxPalette::operator =**

**wxPalette& operator =(const wxPalette& palette)**

Assignment operator, using reference counting. Returns a reference to 'this'.

**wxPalette::operator ==**

**bool operator ==(const wxPalette& palette)**

Equality operator. Two palettes are equal if they contain pointers to the same underlying palette data. It does not compare each attribute, so two independently-created palettes using the same parameters will fail the test.

**wxPalette::operator !=**

**bool operator !=(const wxPalette& palette)**

Inequality operator. Two palettes are not equal if they contain pointers to different underlying palette data. It does not compare each attribute.

## **wxPanel**

A panel is a window on which controls are placed. It is usually placed within a frame. It contains minimal extra functionality over and above its parent class `wxWindow`; its main purpose is to be similar in appearance and functionality to a dialog, but with the flexibility of having any window as a parent.

*Note:* if not all characters are being intercepted by your `OnKeyDown` or `OnChar` handler, it may be because you are using the `wxTAB_TRAVERSAL` style, which grabs some keypresses for use by child controls.

### **Derived from**

*wxWindow* (p. 915)  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

### **Include files**

<wx/panel.h>

### **Window styles**

There are no specific styles for this window.

See also *window styles overview* (p. 1093).

### **Remarks**

By default, a panel has the same colouring as a dialog.

A panel may be loaded from a wxWindows resource file (extension `wxr`).

### See also

*wxDialog* (p. 193)

## **wxPanel::wxPanel**

### **wxPanel()**

Default constructor.

**wxPanel**(wxWindow\* *parent*, wxWindowID *id*, const wxPoint& *pos* = wxDefaultPosition, const wxSize& *size* = wxDefaultSize, long *style* = wxTAB\_TRAVERSAL, const wxString& *name* = "panel")

Constructor.

### Parameters

*parent*

The parent window.

*id*

An identifier for the panel. A value of -1 is taken to mean a default.

*pos*

The panel position. A value of (-1, -1) indicates a default position, chosen by either the windowing system or wxWindows, depending on platform.

*size*

The panel size. A value of (-1, -1) indicates a default size, chosen by either the windowing system or wxWindows, depending on platform.

*style*

The window style. See *wxPanel* (p. 572).

*name*

Used to associate a name with the window, allowing the application user to set Motif resource values for individual dialog boxes.

### See also

*wxPanel::Create* (p. 574)

**wxPanel::~~wxPanel****~wxPanel()**

Destructor. Deletes any child windows before deleting the physical window.

**wxPanel::Create**

```
bool Create(wxWindow* parent, wxWindowID id, const wxPoint& pos =  
wxDefaultPosition, const wxSize& size = wxDefaultSize, long style =  
wxTAB_TRAVERSAL, const wxString& name = "panel")
```

Used for two-step panel construction. See *wxPanel::wxPanel* (p. 573) for details.

**wxPanel::InitDialog****void InitDialog()**

Sends an *wxWindow::OnInitDialog* (p. 940) event, which in turn transfers data to the dialog via validators.

**See also**

*wxWindow::OnInitDialog* (p. 940)

**wxPanel::OnSysColourChanged****void OnSysColourChanged(wxSysColourChangedEvent& event)**

The default handler for `wxEVT_SYS_COLOUR_CHANGED`.

**Parameters***event*

The colour change event.

**Remarks**

Changes the panel's colour to conform to the current settings (Windows only). Add an event table entry for your panel class if you wish the behaviour to be different (such as keeping a user-defined background colour). If you do override this function, call *wxWindow::OnSysColourChanged* (p. 946) to propagate the notification to child windows and controls.

**See also**

*wxSysColourChangedEvent* (p. 786)

## **wxPanelTabView**

The `wxPanelTabView` is responsible for input and output on a `wxPanel`.

### **Derived from**

`wxTabView` (p. 795)  
`wxObject` (p. 555)

### **Include files**

`<wx/tab.h>`

### **See also**

`wxTabView` overview (p. 1097), `wxTabView` (p. 795)

## **wxPanelTabView::wxPanelTabView**

**void wxPanelTabView(wxPanel \*panel, long style = wxTAB\_STYLE\_DRAW\_BOX | wxTAB\_STYLE\_COLOUR\_INTERIOR)**

Constructor. *panel* should be a `wxTabbedPanel` or `wxTabbedDialog`: the type will be checked by the view at run time.

*style* may be a bit list of the following:

<code>wxTAB_STYLE_DRAW_BOX</code>	Draw a box around the view area. Most commonly used for dialogs.
<code>wxTAB_STYLE_COLOUR_INTERIOR</code>	Draw tab backgrounds in the specified colour. Omitting this style will ensure that the tab background matches the dialog background.

## **wxPanelTabView::~~wxPanelTabView**

**void ~wxPanelTabView()**

Destructor. This destructor deletes all the panels associated with the view. If you do not wish this to happen, call `ClearWindows` with argument `FALSE` before the view is likely to be destroyed. This will clear the list of windows, without deleting them.

## **wxPanelTabView::AddTabWindow**



**void AddTabPanel(int *id*, wxWindow \**window*)**

Adds a window to the view. The window is associated with the tab identifier, and will be shown or hidden as the tab is selected or deselected.

**wxPanelTabView::ClearWindows**

**void ClearWindows(bool *deleteWindows* = TRUE)**

Removes the child windows from the view. If *deleteWindows* is TRUE, the windows will be deleted.

**wxPanelTabView::GetCurrentWindow**

**wxPanel \* GetCurrentWindow()**

Returns the child window currently being displayed on the tabbed panel or dialog box.

**wxPanelTabView::GetTabWindow**

**wxWindow \* GetTabWindow(int *id*)**

Returns the window associated with the tab identifier.

**wxPanelTabView::ShowWindowForTab**

**void ShowWindowForTab(int *id*)**

Shows the child window corresponding to the tab identifier, and hides the previously shown window.

**wxPathList**

The path list is a convenient way of storing a number of directories, and when presented with a filename without a directory, searching for an existing file in those directories. Storing the filename only in an application's files and using a locally-defined list of directories makes the application and its files more portable.

Use the *wxFileNameFromPath* global function to extract the filename from the path.

**Derived from**

*wxList* (p. 446)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/filefn.h>

[See also](#)

*wxList* (p. 446)

## **wxPathList::wxPathList**

**wxPathList()**

Constructor.

## **wxPathList::AddEnvList**

**void AddEnvList(const wxString& *env\_variable*)**

Finds the value of the given environment variable, and adds all paths to the path list. Useful for finding files in the PATH variable, for example.

## **wxPathList::Add**

**void Add(const wxString& *path*)**

Adds the given directory to the path list, but does not check if the path was already on the list (use `wxPathList::Member`) for this).

## **wxPathList::EnsureFileAccessible**

**void EnsureFileAccessible(const wxString& *filename*)**

Given a full filename (with path), ensures that files in the same path can be accessed using the pathlist. It does this by stripping the filename and adding the path to the list if not already there.

## **wxPathList::FindAbsolutePath**

**wxString FindAbsolutePath(const wxString& *file*)**

Searches for a full path for an existing file by appending *file* to successive members of the path list. If the file exists, a temporary pointer to the absolute path is returned.

**wxPathList::FindValidPath****wxString FindValidPath(const wxString& file)**

Searches for a full path for an existing file by appending *file* to successive members of the path list. If the file exists, a temporary pointer to the full path is returned. This path may be relative to the current working directory.

**wxPathList::Member****bool Member(const wxString& file)**

TRUE if the path is in the path list (ignoring case).

**wxPen**

A pen is a drawing tool for drawing outlines. It is used for drawing lines and painting the outline of rectangles, ellipses, etc. It has a colour, a width and a style.

**Derived from**

*wxGDIObject* (p. 321)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/pen.h>

**Predefined objects**

Objects:

**wxNullPen**

Pointers:

**wxRED\_PEN****wxCYAN\_PEN****wxGREEN\_PEN****wxBLACK\_PEN****wxWHITE\_PEN****wxTRANSPARENT\_PEN****wxBLACK\_DASHED\_PEN****wxGREY\_PEN****wxMEDIUM\_GREY\_PEN****wxLIGHT\_GREY\_PEN****Remarks**

On a monochrome display, `wxWindows` shows all non-white pens as black.

Do not initialize objects on the stack before the program commences, since other required structures may not have been set up yet. Instead, define global pointers to objects and create them in *OnInit* or when required.

An application may wish to dynamically create pens with different characteristics, and there is the consequent danger that a large number of duplicate pens will be created. Therefore an application may wish to get a pointer to a pen by using the global list of pens **`wxThePenList`**, and calling the member function **`FindOrCreatePen`**. See the entry for *`wxPenList`* (p. 585).

`wxPen` uses a reference counting system, so assignments between brushes are very cheap. You can therefore use actual `wxPen` objects instead of pointers without efficiency problems. Once one `wxPen` object changes its data it will create its own pen data internally so that other pens, which previously shared the data using the reference counting, are not affected.

#### See also

*`wxPenList`* (p. 585), *`wxDC`* (p. 165), *`wxDC::SetPen`* (p. 180)

### **`wxPen::wxPen`**

#### **`wxPen()`**

Default constructor. The pen will be uninitialised, and *`wxPen::Ok`* (p. 582) will return FALSE.

#### **`wxPen(const wxColour& colour, int width, int style)`**

Constructs a pen from a colour object, pen width and style.

#### **`wxPen(const wxString& colourName, int width, int style)`**

Constructs a pen from a colour name, pen width and style.

#### **`wxPen(const wxBitmap& stipple, int width)`**

Constructs a stippled pen from a stipple bitmap and a width.

#### **`wxPen(const wxPen& pen)`**

Copy constructor. This uses reference counting so is a cheap operation.

#### Parameters

*colour*

A colour object.

*colourName*

A colour name.

*width*

Pen width. Under Windows, the pen width cannot be greater than 1 if the style is `wxDOT`, `wxLONG_DASH`, `wxSHORT_DASH`, `wxDOT_DASH`, or `wxUSER_DASH`.

*stipple*

A stipple bitmap.

*pen*

A pointer or reference to a pen to copy.

*style*

The style may be one of the following:

<b>wxSOLID</b>	Solid style.
<b>wxTRANSPARENT</b>	No pen is used.
<b>wxDOT</b>	Dotted style.
<b>wxLONG_DASH</b>	Long dashed style.
<b>wxSHORT_DASH</b>	Short dashed style.
<b>wxDOT_DASH</b>	Dot and dash style.
<b>wxSTIPPLE</b>	Use the stipple bitmap.
<b>wxUSER_DASH</b>	Use the user dashes: see <i>wxPen::SetDashes</i> (p. 583).
<b>wxBDIAGONAL_HATCH</b>	Backward diagonal hatch.
<b>wxCROSSDIAG_HATCH</b>	Cross-diagonal hatch.
<b>wxFDIAGONAL_HATCH</b>	Forward diagonal hatch.
<b>wxCROSS_HATCH</b>	Cross hatch.
<b>wxHORIZONTAL_HATCH</b>	Horizontal hatch.
<b>wxVERTICAL_HATCH</b>	Vertical hatch.

## Remarks

Different versions of Windows and different versions of other platforms support *very* different subsets of the styles above - there is no similarity even between Windows95 and Windows98 - so handle with care.

If the named colour form is used, an appropriate **wxColour** structure is found in the colour database.

## See also

*wxPen::SetStyle* (p. 584), *wxPen::SetColour* (p. 583), *wxPen::SetWidth* (p. 584), *wxPen::SetStipple* (p. 584)

## wxPen::~~wxPen

**~wxPen()**

Destructor.

**Remarks**

The destructor may not delete the underlying pen object of the native windowing system, since wxBrush uses a reference counting system for efficiency.

Although all remaining pens are deleted when the application exits, the application should try to clean up all pens itself. This is because wxWindows cannot know if a pointer to the pen object is stored in an application data structure, and there is a risk of double deletion.

**wxPen::GetCap****int GetCap() const**

Returns the pen cap style, which may be one of **wxCAP\_ROUND**, **wxCAP\_PROJECTING** and **wxCAP\_BUTT**. The default is **wxCAP\_ROUND**.

**See also**

*wxPen::SetCap* (p. 583)

**wxPen::GetColour****wxColour& GetColour() const**

Returns a reference to the pen colour.

**See also**

*wxPen::SetColour* (p. 583)

**wxPen::GetDashes****int GetDashes(wxDash\*\* dashes) const**

Gets an array of dashes (defined as char in X, DWORD under Windows). *dashes* is a pointer to the internal array. Do not deallocate or store this pointer. The function returns the number of dashes associated with this pen.

**See also**

*wxPen::SetDashes* (p. 583)

**wxPen::GetJoin****int GetJoin() const**

Returns the pen join style, which may be one of **wxJOIN\_BEVEL**, **wxJOIN\_ROUND** and **wxJOIN\_MITER**. The default is **wxJOIN\_ROUND**.

[See also](#)

*wxPen::SetJoin* (p. 583)

**wxPen::GetStipple****wxBitmap\* GetStipple() const**

Gets a pointer to the stipple bitmap.

[See also](#)

*wxPen::SetStipple* (p. 584)

**wxPen::GetStyle****int GetStyle() const**

Returns the pen style.

[See also](#)

*wxPen::wxPen* (p. 579), *wxPen::SetStyle* (p. 584)

**wxPen::GetWidth****int GetWidth() const**

Returns the pen width.

[See also](#)

*wxPen::SetWidth* (p. 584)

**wxPen::Ok****bool Ok() const**

Returns TRUE if the pen is initialised.

### **wxPen::SetCap**

**void SetCap**(int *capStyle*)

Sets the pen cap style, which may be one of **wxCAP\_ROUND**, **wxCAP\_PROJECTING** and **wxCAP\_BUTT**. The default is **wxCAP\_ROUND**.

[See also](#)

*wxPen::GetCap* (p. 581)

### **wxPen::SetColour**

**void SetColour**(wxColour& *colour*)

**void SetColour**(const wxString& *colourName*)

**void SetColour**(int *red*, int *green*, int *blue*)

The pen's colour is changed to the given colour.

[See also](#)

*wxPen::GetColour* (p. 581)

### **wxPen::SetDashes**

**void SetDashes**(int *n*, wxDash\* *dashes*)

Associates an array of pointers to dashes (defined as char in X, DWORD under Windows) with the pen. The array is not deallocated by wxPen, but neither must it be deallocated by the calling application until the pen is deleted or this function is called with a NULL array.

[See also](#)

*wxPen::GetDashes* (p. 581)

### **wxPen::SetJoin**

**void SetJoin**(int *join\_style*)

Sets the pen join style, which may be one of **wxJOIN\_BEVEL**, **wxJOIN\_ROUND** and



**wxJOIN\_MITER**. The default is **wxJOIN\_ROUND**.

[See also](#)

*wxPen::GetJoin* (p. 582)

### **wxPen::SetStipple**

**void SetStipple(wxBitmap\* stipple)**

Sets the bitmap for stippling.

[See also](#)

*wxPen::GetStipple* (p. 582)

### **wxPen::SetStyle**

**void SetStyle(int style)**

Set the pen style.

[See also](#)

*wxPen::wxPen* (p. 579)

### **wxPen::SetWidth**

**void SetWidth(int width)**

Sets the pen width.

[See also](#)

*wxPen::GetWidth* (p. 582)

### **wxPen::operator =**

**wxPen& operator =(const wxPen& pen)**

Assignment operator, using reference counting. Returns a reference to 'this'.

### **wxPen::operator ==**

**bool operator ==(const wxPen& pen)**

Equality operator. Two pens are equal if they contain pointers to the same underlying pen data. It does not compare each attribute, so two independently-created pens using the same parameters will fail the test.

### **wxPen::operator !=**

**bool operator !=(const wxPen& pen)**

Inequality operator. Two pens are not equal if they contain pointers to different underlying pen data. It does not compare each attribute.

### **wxPenList**

There is only one instance of this class: **wxThePenList**. Use this object to search for a previously created pen of the desired type and create it if not already found. In some windowing systems, the pen may be a scarce resource, so it can pay to reuse old resources if possible. When an application finishes, all pens will be deleted and their resources freed, eliminating the possibility of 'memory leaks'. However, it is best not to rely on this automatic cleanup because it can lead to double deletion in some circumstances.

There are two mechanisms in recent versions of wxWindows which make the pen list less useful than it once was. Under Windows, scarce resources are cleaned up internally if they are not being used. Also, a referencing counting mechanism applied to all GDI objects means that some sharing of underlying resources is possible. You don't have to keep track of pointers, working out when it is safe delete a pen, because the referencing counting does it for you. For example, you can set a pen in a device context, and then immediately delete the pen you passed, because the pen is 'copied'.

So you may find it easier to ignore the pen list, and instead create and copy pens as you see fit. If your Windows resource meter suggests your application is using too many resources, you can resort to using GDI lists to share objects explicitly.

The only compelling use for the pen list is for wxWindows to keep track of pens in order to clean them up on exit. It is also kept for backward compatibility with earlier versions of wxWindows.

### **See also**

*wxPen* (p. 578)

### **wxPenList::wxPenList**

**void wxPenList()**

Constructor. The application should not construct its own pen list: use the object pointer **wxThePenList**.

### **wxPenList::AddPen**

**void AddPen(wxPen\* pen)**

Used internally by wxWindows to add a pen to the list.

### **wxPenList::FindOrCreatePen**

**wxPen\* FindOrCreatePen(const wxColour& colour, int width, int style)**

Finds a pen with the specified attributes and returns it, else creates a new pen, adds it to the pen list, and returns it.

**wxPen\* FindOrCreatePen(const wxString& colourName, int width, int style)**

Finds a pen with the specified attributes and returns it, else creates a new pen, adds it to the pen list, and returns it.

### **Parameters**

*colour*  
Colour object.

*colourName*  
Colour name, which should be in the *colour database* (p. 96).

*width*  
Width of pen.

*style*  
Pen style. See *wxPen::wxPen* (p. 579) for a list of styles.

### **wxPenList::RemovePen**

**void RemovePen(wxPen\* pen)**

Used by wxWindows to remove a pen from the list.

### **wxPoint**

A **wxPoint** is a useful data structure for graphics operations. It simply contains integer *x* and *y* members.

See also *wxRealPoint* (p. 637) for a floating point version.

**Derived from**

None

**Include files**

<wx/gdicmn.h>

**See also**

*wxRealPoint* (p. 637)

**wxPoint::wxPoint**

**wxPoint()**

**wxPoint(int x, int y)**

Create a point.

**wxPoint::x**

**int x**

x member.

**wxPoint::y**

**int y**

y member.

**wxPostScriptDC**

This defines the wxWindows Encapsulated PostScript device context, which can write PostScript files on any platform. See *wxDC* (p. 165) for descriptions of the member functions.

**Derived from**

*wxDC* (p. 165)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/dcps.h>

## **wxPostScriptDC::wxPostScriptDC**

**wxPostScriptDC(const wxPrintData& *printData*)**

Constructs a PostScript printer device context from a *wxPrintData* (p. 592) object.

**wxPostScriptDC(const wxString& *output*, bool *interactive* = TRUE, wxWindow \**parent*)**

Constructor. *output* is an optional file for printing to, and if *interactive* is TRUE a dialog box will be displayed for adjusting various parameters. *parent* is the parent of the printer dialog box.

Use the *Ok* member to test whether the constructor was successful in creating a useable device context.

See *Printer settings* (p. 978) for functions to set and get PostScript printing settings.

This constructor and the global printer settings are now deprecated; use the *wxPrintData* constructor instead.

## **wxPreviewCanvas**

A preview canvas is the default canvas used by the print preview system to display the preview.

### **Derived from**

*wxScrolledWindow* (p. 680)

*wxWindow* (p. 915)

*wxevthandler* (p. 240)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### **Include files**

<wx/print.h>

### **See also**

*wxPreviewFrame* (p. 590), *wxPreviewControlBar* (p. 589), *wxPrintPreview* (p. 610)

## **wxPreviewCanvas::wxPreviewCanvas**

**wxPreviewCanvas**(**wxPrintPreview\*** *preview*, **wxWindow\*** *parent*, **const wxPoint&** *pos* = *wxDefaultPosition*, **const wxSize&** *size* = *wxDefaultSize*, **long** *style* = 0, **const wxString&** *name* = "canvas")

Constructor.

**wxPreviewCanvas::~~wxPreviewCanvas**

**~wxPreviewCanvas**()

Destructor.

**wxPreviewCanvas::OnPaint**

**void OnPaint**(**wxPaintEvent&** *event*)

Calls *wxPrintPreview::PaintPage* (p. 613) to refresh the canvas.

**wxPreviewControlBar**

This is the default implementation of the preview control bar, a panel with buttons and a zoom control. You can derive a new class from this and override some or all member functions to change the behaviour and appearance; or you can leave it as it is.

#### Derived from

*wxPanel* (p. 572)  
*wxWindow* (p. 915)  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

#### Include files

<wx/print.h>

#### See also

*wxPreviewFrame* (p. 590), *wxPreviewCanvas* (p. 588), *wxPrintPreview* (p. 610)

**wxPreviewControlBar::wxPreviewControlbar**

**wxPreviewControlBar**(**wxPrintPreview\*** *preview*, **long** *buttons*, **wxWindow\*** *parent*, **const wxPoint&** *pos* = *wxDefaultPosition*, **const wxSize&** *size* = *wxDefaultSize*, **long** *style* = 0, **const wxString&** *name* = "panel")

Constructor.

The buttons parameter may be a combination of the following, using the bitwise 'or' operator.

<code>wxPREVIEW_PRINT</code>	Create a print button.
<code>wxPREVIEW_NEXT</code>	Create a next page button.
<code>wxPREVIEW_PREVIOUS</code>	Create a previous page button.
<code>wxPREVIEW_ZOOM</code>	Create a zoom control.
<code>wxPREVIEW_DEFAULT</code>	Equivalent to a combination of <code>wxPREVIEW_PREVIOUS</code> , <code>wxPREVIEW_NEXT</code> and <code>wxPREVIEW_ZOOM</code> .

### **`wxPreviewControlBar::~~wxPreviewControlBar`**

**`~wxPreviewControlBar()`**

Destructor.

### **`wxPreviewControlBar::CreateButtons`**

**`void CreateButtons()`**

Creates buttons, according to value of the button style flags.

### **`wxPreviewControlBar::GetPrintPreview`**

**`wxPrintPreview * GetPrintPreview()`**

Gets the print preview object associated with the control bar.

### **`wxPreviewControlBar::GetZoomControl`**

**`int GetZoomControl()`**

Gets the current zoom setting in percent.

### **`wxPreviewControlBar::SetZoomControl`**

**`void SetZoomControl(int percent)`**

Sets the zoom control.

### **`wxPreviewFrame`**

This class provides the default method of managing the print preview interface. Member functions may be overridden to replace functionality, or the class may be used without derivation.

### Derived from

*wxFrame* (p. 299)  
*wxWindow* (p. 915)  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/print.h>

### See also

*wxPreviewCanvas* (p. 588), *wxPreviewControlBar* (p. 589), *wxPrintPreview* (p. 610)

## **wxPreviewFrame::wxPreviewFrame**

**wxPreviewFrame**(*wxPrintPreview\** preview, *wxFrame\** parent, **const wxString&** title, **const wxPoint&** pos = *wxDefaultPosition*, **const wxSize&** size = *wxDefaultSize*, **long** style = *wxDEFAULT\_FRAME\_STYLE*, **const wxString&** name = "frame")

Constructor. Pass a print preview object plus other normal frame arguments.

## **wxPreviewFrame::~~wxPreviewFrame**

**~wxPreviewFrame()**

Destructor.

## **wxPreviewFrame::CreateControlBar**

**void CreateControlBar()**

Creates a *wxPreviewControlBar*. Override this function to allow a user-defined preview control bar object to be created.

## **wxPreviewFrame::CreateCanvas**

**void CreateCanvas()**



Creates a `wxPreviewCanvas`. Override this function to allow a user-defined preview canvas object to be created.

### **`wxPreviewFrame::Initialize`**

#### **`void Initialize()`**

Creates the preview canvas and control bar, and calls `wxWindow::MakeModal(TRUE)` to disable other top-level windows in the application.

This function should be called by the application prior to showing the frame.

### **`wxPreviewFrame::OnCloseWindow`**

#### **`void OnCloseWindow(wxCloseEvent& event)`**

Enables the other frames in the application, and deletes the print preview object, implicitly deleting any printout objects associated with the print preview object.

### **`wxPrintData`**

This class holds a variety of information related to printers and printer device contexts. This class is used to create a `wxPrinterDC` and a `wxPostScriptDC`. It is also used as a data member of `wxPrintDialogData` and `wxPageSetupDialogData`, as part of the mechanism for transferring data between the print dialogs and the application.

#### **Derived from**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

#### **Include files**

`<wx/cmndata.h>`

#### **See also**

*wxPrintDialog* (p. 598), *wxPageSetupDialog* (p. 565), *wxPrintDialogData* (p. 599), *wxPageSetupDialogData* (p. 560), *wxPrintDialog Overview* (p. 1050), *wxPrinterDC* (p. 606), *wxPostScriptDC* (p. 587)

#### **Remarks**

The following functions are specific to PostScript printing and have not yet been documented:

```
const wxString& GetPrinterCommand() const ;
const wxString& GetPrinterOptions() const ;
const wxString& GetPreviewCommand() const ;
```

```
const wxString& GetFilename() const ;
const wxString& GetFontMetricPath() const ;
double GetPrinterScaleX() const ;
double GetPrinterScaleY() const ;
long GetPrinterTranslateX() const ;
long GetPrinterTranslateY() const ;
// wxPRINT_MODE_PREVIEW, wxPRINT_MODE_FILE, wxPRINT_MODE_PRINTER
wxPrintMode GetPrintMode() const ;

void SetPrinterCommand(const wxString& command) ;
void SetPrinterOptions(const wxString& options) ;
void SetPreviewCommand(const wxString& command) ;
void SetFilename(const wxString& filename) ;
void SetFontMetricPath(const wxString& path) ;
void SetPrinterScaleX(double x) ;
void SetPrinterScaleY(double y) ;
void SetPrinterScaling(double x, double y) ;
void SetPrinterTranslateX(long x) ;
void SetPrinterTranslateY(long y) ;
void SetPrinterTranslation(long x, long y) ;
void SetPrintMode(wxPrintMode printMode) ;
```

## **wxPrintData::wxPrintData**

### **wxPrintData()**

Default constructor.

### **wxPrintData(const wxPrintData& data)**

Copy constructor.

## **wxPrintData::~~wxPrintData**

### **~wxPrintData()**

Destructor.

## **wxPrintData::GetCollate**

### **bool GetCollate() const**

Returns TRUE if collation is on.

## **wxPrintData::GetColour**

### **bool GetColour() const**

Returns TRUE if colour printing is on.

### **wxPrintData::GetDuplex**

**wxDuplexMode GetDuplex() const**

Returns the duplex mode. One of wxDUPLEX\_SIMPLEX, wxDUPLEX\_HORIZONTAL, wxDUPLEX\_VERTICAL.

### **wxPrintData::GetNoCopies**

**int GetNoCopies() const**

Returns the number of copies requested by the user.

### **wxPrintData::GetOrientation**

**int GetOrientation() const**

Gets the orientation. This can be wxLANDSCAPE or wxPORTRAIT.

### **wxPrintData::GetPaperId**

**wxPaperSize GetPaperId() const**

Returns the paper size id. For more information, see *wxPrintData::SetPaperId* (p. 595).

### **wxPrintData::GetPrinterName**

**const wxString& GetPrinterName() const**

Returns the printer name. If the printer name is the empty string, it indicates that the default printer should be used.

### **wxPrintData::GetQuality**

**wxPaperQuality GetQuality() const**

Returns the current print quality. This can be a positive integer, denoting the number of dots per inch, or one of the following identifiers:

wxPRINT\\_QUALITY\\_HIGH  
wxPRINT\\_QUALITY\\_MEDIUM

```
wxPRINT\_QUALITY\_LOW  
wxPRINT\_QUALITY\_DRAFT
```

On input you should pass one of these identifiers, but on return you may get back a positive integer indicating the current resolution setting.

### **wxPrintData::SetCollate**

```
void SetCollate(bool flag)
```

Sets collation to on or off.

### **wxPrintData::SetColour**

```
void SetColour(bool flag)
```

Sets colour printing on or off.

### **wxPrintData::SetDuplex**

```
void SetDuplex(wxDuplexMode mode)
```

Returns the duplex mode. One of wxDUPLEX\_SIMPLEX, wxDUPLEX\_HORIZONTAL, wxDUPLEX\_VERTICAL.

### **wxPrintData::SetNoCopies**

```
void SetNoCopies(int n)
```

Sets the default number of copies to be printed out.

### **wxPrintData::SetOrientation**

```
void SetOrientation(int orientation)
```

Sets the orientation. This can be wxLANDSCAPE or wxPORTRAIT.

### **wxPrintData::SetPaperId**

```
void SetPaperId(wxPaperSize paperId)
```

Sets the paper id. This indicates the type of paper to be used. For a mapping between paper id, paper size and string name, see wxPrintPaperDatabase in `paper.h` (not yet documented).

*paperId* can be one of:

```

wxPAPER_NONE,           // Use specific dimensions
wxPAPER_LETTER,         // Letter, 8 1/2 by 11 inches
wxPAPER_LEGAL,          // Legal, 8 1/2 by 14 inches
wxPAPER_A4,             // A4 Sheet, 210 by 297 millimeters
wxPAPER_CSHEET,         // C Sheet, 17 by 22 inches
wxPAPER_DSHEET,         // D Sheet, 22 by 34 inches
wxPAPER_ESHEET,         // E Sheet, 34 by 44 inches
wxPAPER_LETTERSMALL,    // Letter Small, 8 1/2 by 11 inches
wxPAPER_TABLOID,        // Tabloid, 11 by 17 inches
wxPAPER_LEDGER,         // Ledger, 17 by 11 inches
wxPAPER_STATEMENT,      // Statement, 5 1/2 by 8 1/2 inches
wxPAPER_EXECUTIVE,      // Executive, 7 1/4 by 10 1/2 inches
wxPAPER_A3,             // A3 sheet, 297 by 420 millimeters
wxPAPER_A4SMALL,        // A4 small sheet, 210 by 297
millimeters
wxPAPER_A5,             // A5 sheet, 148 by 210 millimeters
wxPAPER_B4,             // B4 sheet, 250 by 354 millimeters
wxPAPER_B5,             // B5 sheet, 182-by-257-millimeter
paper
wxPAPER_FOLIO,          // Folio, 8-1/2-by-13-inch paper
wxPAPER_QUARTO,         // Quarto, 215-by-275-millimeter paper
wxPAPER_10X14,          // 10-by-14-inch sheet
wxPAPER_11X17,          // 11-by-17-inch sheet
wxPAPER_NOTE,           // Note, 8 1/2 by 11 inches
wxPAPER_ENV_9,          // #9 Envelope, 3 7/8 by 8 7/8 inches
wxPAPER_ENV_10,         // #10 Envelope, 4 1/8 by 9 1/2 inches
wxPAPER_ENV_11,         // #11 Envelope, 4 1/2 by 10 3/8 inches
wxPAPER_ENV_12,         // #12 Envelope, 4 3/4 by 11 inches
wxPAPER_ENV_14,         // #14 Envelope, 5 by 11 1/2 inches
wxPAPER_ENV_DL,         // DL Envelope, 110 by 220 millimeters
wxPAPER_ENV_C5,         // C5 Envelope, 162 by 229 millimeters
wxPAPER_ENV_C3,         // C3 Envelope, 324 by 458 millimeters
wxPAPER_ENV_C4,         // C4 Envelope, 229 by 324 millimeters
wxPAPER_ENV_C6,         // C6 Envelope, 114 by 162 millimeters
wxPAPER_ENV_C65,        // C65 Envelope, 114 by 229 millimeters
wxPAPER_ENV_B4,         // B4 Envelope, 250 by 353 millimeters
wxPAPER_ENV_B5,         // B5 Envelope, 176 by 250 millimeters
wxPAPER_ENV_B6,         // B6 Envelope, 176 by 125 millimeters
wxPAPER_ENV_ITALY,      // Italy Envelope, 110 by 230
millimeters
wxPAPER_ENV_MONARCH,    // Monarch Envelope, 3 7/8 by 7 1/2
inches
wxPAPER_ENV_PERSONAL,   // 6 3/4 Envelope, 3 5/8 by 6 1/2
inches
wxPAPER_FANFOLD_US,     // US Std Fanfold, 14 7/8 by 11 inches
wxPAPER_FANFOLD_STD_GERMAN, // German Std Fanfold, 8 1/2 by 12
inches
wxPAPER_FANFOLD_LGL_GERMAN, // German Legal Fanfold, 8 1/2 by 13
inches

Windows 95 only:
wxPAPER_ISO_B4,         // B4 (ISO) 250 x 353 mm

```

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```

wxPAPER_JAPANESE_POSTCARD, // Japanese Postcard 100 x 148 mm
wxPAPER_9X11,              // 9 x 11 in
wxPAPER_10X11,             // 10 x 11 in
wxPAPER_15X11,             // 15 x 11 in
wxPAPER_ENV_INVITE,        // Envelope Invite 220 x 220 mm
wxPAPER_LETTER_EXTRA,      // Letter Extra 9 \275 x 12 in
wxPAPER_LEGAL_EXTRA,       // Legal Extra 9 \275 x 15 in
wxPAPER_TABLOID_EXTRA,     // Tabloid Extra 11.69 x 18 in
wxPAPER_A4_EXTRA,          // A4 Extra 9.27 x 12.69 in
wxPAPER_LETTER_TRANSVERSE, // Letter Transverse 8 \275 x 11 in
wxPAPER_A4_TRANSVERSE,     // A4 Transverse 210 x 297 mm
wxPAPER_LETTER_EXTRA_TRANSVERSE, // Letter Extra Transverse 9\275 x
12 in
wxPAPER_A_PLUS,            // SuperA/SuperA/A4 227 x 356 mm
wxPAPER_B_PLUS,            // SuperB/SuperB/A3 305 x 487 mm
wxPAPER_LETTER_PLUS,       // Letter Plus 8.5 x 12.69 in
wxPAPER_A4_PLUS,           // A4 Plus 210 x 330 mm
wxPAPER_A5_TRANSVERSE,     // A5 Transverse 148 x 210 mm
wxPAPER_B5_TRANSVERSE,     // B5 (JIS) Transverse 182 x 257 mm
wxPAPER_A3_EXTRA,          // A3 Extra 322 x 445 mm
wxPAPER_A5_EXTRA,          // A5 Extra 174 x 235 mm
wxPAPER_B5_EXTRA,          // B5 (ISO) Extra 201 x 276 mm
wxPAPER_A2,                // A2 420 x 594 mm
wxPAPER_A3_TRANSVERSE,     // A3 Transverse 297 x 420 mm
wxPAPER_A3_EXTRA_TRANSVERSE // A3 Extra Transverse 322 x 445 mm

```

## **wxPrintData::SetPrinterName**

**void SetPrinterName(const wxString& printerName)**

Sets the printer name. This can be the empty string to indicate that the default printer should be used.

## **wxPrintData::SetQuality**

**void SetQuality(wxPaperQuality quality)**

Sets the desired print quality. This can be a positive integer, denoting the number of dots per inch, or one of the following identifiers:

```

wxPRINT\_QUALITY\_HIGH
wxPRINT\_QUALITY\_MEDIUM
wxPRINT\_QUALITY\_LOW
wxPRINT\_QUALITY\_DRAFT

```

On input you should pass one of these identifiers, but on return you may get back a positive integer indicating the current resolution setting.

## **wxPrintData::operator =**

**void operator =(const wxPrintData& data)**

Assigns print data to this object.

**void operator =(const wxPrintSetupData& data)**

Assigns print setup data to this object. `wxPrintSetupData` is deprecated, but retained for backward compatibility.

## **wxPrintDialog**

This class represents the print and print setup common dialogs. You may obtain a `wxPrinterDC` (p. 606) device context from a successfully dismissed print dialog.

### **Derived from**

`wxDialog` (p. 193)  
`wxWindow` (p. 915)  
`wxEvtHandler` (p. 240)  
`wxObject` (p. 555)

### **Include files**

<wx/printdlg.h>

### **See also**

`wxPrintDialog Overview` (p. 1050)

## **wxPrintDialog::wxPrintDialog**

**wxPrintDialog(wxWindow\* parent, wxPrintDialogData\* data = NULL)**

Constructor. Pass a parent window, and optionally a pointer to a block of print data, which will be copied to the print dialog's print data.

### **See also**

`wxPrintDialogData` (p. 599)

## **wxPrintDialog::~wxPrintDialog**

**~wxPrintDialog()**

Destructor. If `wxPrintDialog::GetPrintDC` has *not* been called, the device context

obtained by the dialog (if any) will be deleted.

### **wxPrintDialog::GetPrintDialogData**

#### **wxPrintDialogData& GetPrintDialogData()**

Returns the *print dialog data* (p. 599) associated with the print dialog.

### **wxPrintDialog::GetPrintDC**

#### **wxDC\* GetPrintDC()**

Returns the device context created by the print dialog, if any. When this function has been called, the ownership of the device context is transferred to the application, so it must then be deleted explicitly.

### **wxPrintDialog::ShowModal**

#### **int ShowModal()**

Shows the dialog, returning `wxID_OK` if the user pressed OK, and `wxID_CANCEL` otherwise. After this function is called, a device context may be retrievable using *wxPrintDialog::GetPrintDC* (p. 599).

### **wxPrintDialogData**

This class holds information related to the visual characteristics of `wxPrintDialog`. It contains a `wxPrintData` object with underlying printing settings.

#### **Derived from**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

#### **Include files**

<wx/cmndata.h>

#### **See also**

*wxPrintDialog* (p. 598), *wxPrintDialog Overview* (p. 1050)

### **wxPrintDialogData::wxPrintDialogData**

#### **wxPrintDialogData()**



Default constructor.

**wxPrintDialogData(wxPrintDialogData& *dialogData*)**

Copy constructor.

**wxPrintDialogData(wxPrintData& *printData*)**

Construct an object from a print dialog data object.

**wxPrintDialogData::~~wxprintdialogdata**

**~wxPrintDialogData()**

Destructor.

**wxPrintDialogData::EnableHelp**

**void EnableHelp(bool *flag*)**

Enables or disables the 'Help' button.

**wxPrintDialogData::EnablePageNumbers**

**void EnablePageNumbers(bool *flag*)**

Enables or disables the 'Page numbers' controls.

**wxPrintDialogData::EnablePrintToFile**

**void EnablePrintToFile(bool *flag*)**

Enables or disables the 'Print to file' checkbox.

**wxPrintDialogData::EnableSelection**

**void EnableSelection(bool *flag*)**

Enables or disables the 'Selection' radio button.

**wxPrintDialogData::GetAllPages**

**bool GetAllPages() const**

Returns TRUE if the user requested that all pages be printed.

### **wxPrintDialogData::GetCollate**

**bool GetCollate() const**

Returns TRUE if the user requested that the document(s) be collated.

### **wxPrintDialogData::GetFromPage**

**int GetFromPage() const**

Returns the *from* page number, as entered by the user.

### **wxPrintDialogData::GetMaxPage**

**int GetMaxPage() const**

Returns the *maximum* page number.

### **wxPrintDialogData::GetMinPage**

**int GetMinPage() const**

Returns the *minimum* page number.

### **wxPrintDialogData::GetNoCopies**

**int GetNoCopies() const**

Returns the number of copies requested by the user.

### **wxPrintDialogData::GetPrintData**

**wxPrintData& GetPrintData()**

Returns a reference to the internal wxPrintData object.

### **wxPrintDialogData::GetPrintToFile**

**bool GetPrintToFile() const**

Returns TRUE if the user has selected printing to a file.

### **wxPrintDialogData::GetSelection**

**bool GetSelection() const**

Returns TRUE if the user requested that the selection be printed (where 'selection' is a concept specific to the application).

### **wxPrintDialogData::GetToPage**

**int GetToPage() const**

Returns the *to* page number, as entered by the user.

### **wxPrintDialogData::SetCollate**

**void SetCollate(bool flag)**

Sets the 'Collate' checkbox to TRUE or FALSE.

### **wxPrintDialogData::SetFromPage**

**void SetFromPage(int page)**

Sets the *from* page number.

### **wxPrintDialogData::SetMaxPage**

**void SetMaxPage(int page)**

Sets the *maximum* page number.

### **wxPrintDialogData::SetMinPage**

**void SetMinPage(int page)**

Sets the *minimum* page number.

### **wxPrintDialogData::SetNoCopies**

**void SetNoCopies(int n)**

Sets the default number of copies the user has requested to be printed out.

### **wxPrintDialogData::SetPrintData**

**void SetPrintData(const wxPrintData& *printData*)**

Sets the internal wxPrintData.

### **wxPrintDialogData::SetPrintToFile**

**void SetPrintToFile(bool *flag*)**

Sets the 'Print to file' checkbox to TRUE or FALSE.

### **wxPrintDialogData::SetSelection**

**void SetSelection(bool *flag*)**

Selects the 'Selection' radio button. The effect of printing the selection depends on how the application implements this command, if at all.

### **wxPrintDialogData::SetSetupDialog**

**void SetSetupDialog(bool *flag*)**

Determines whether the dialog to be shown will be the Print dialog (pass FALSE) or Print Setup dialog (pass TRUE).

Note that the setup dialog is (according to Microsoft) obsolete from Windows 95, though retained for backward compatibility.

### **wxPrintDialogData::SetToPage**

**void SetToPage(int *page*)**

Sets the *to* page number.

### **wxPrintDialogData::operator =**

**void operator =(const wxPrintData& *data*)**

Assigns print data to this object.

**void operator =(const wxPrintDialogData& *data*)**

Assigns another print dialog data object to this object.

## **wxPrinter**

This class represents the Windows or PostScript printer, and is the vehicle through which printing may be launched by an application. Printing can also be achieved through using of lower functions and classes, but this and associated classes provide a more convenient and general method of printing.

### **Derived from**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### **Include files**

<wx/print.h>

### **See also**

*Printing framework overview* (p. 1083), *wxPrinterDC* (p. 606), *wxPrintDialog* (p. 598), *wxPrintout* (p. 606), *wxPrintPreview* (p. 610).

## **wxPrinter::wxPrinter**

**wxPrinter(wxPrintDialogData\* data = NULL)**

Constructor. Pass an optional pointer to a block of print dialog data, which will be copied to the printer object's local data.

### **See also**

*wxPrintDialogData* (p. 599), *wxPrintData* (p. 592)

## **wxPrinter::~~wxPrinter**

**~wxPrinter()**

Destructor.

## **wxPrinter::Abort**

**bool Abort()**

Returns TRUE if the user has aborted the print job.

**wxPrinter::CreateAbortWindow****void CreateAbortWindow(wxWindow\* parent, wxPrintout\* printout)**

Creates the default printing abort window, with a cancel button.

**wxPrinter::GetPrintDialogData****wxPrintDialogData& GetPrintDialogData()**

Returns the *print data* (p. 592) associated with the printer object.

**wxPrinter::Print****bool Print(wxWindow \*parent, wxPrintout \*printout, bool prompt=TRUE)**

Starts the printing process. Provide a parent window, a user-defined wxPrintout object which controls the printing of a document, and whether the print dialog should be invoked first.

Print could return FALSE if there was a problem initializing the printer device context (current printer not set, for example).

**wxPrinter::PrintDialog****wxDC\* PrintDialog(wxWindow \*parent)**

Invokes the print dialog. If successful (the user did not press Cancel and no error occurred), a suitable device context will be returned (otherwise NULL is returned).

The application must delete this device context to avoid a memory leak.

**wxPrinter::ReportError****void ReportError(wxWindow \*parent, wxPrintout \*printout, const wxString& message)**

Default error-reporting function.

**wxPrinter::Setup****bool Setup(wxWindow \*parent)**

Invokes the print setup dialog. Note that the setup dialog is obsolete from Windows 95, though retained for backward compatibility.

## **wxPrinterDC**

A printer device context is specific to Windows, and allows access to any printer with a Windows driver. See *wxDC* (p. 165) for further information on device contexts, and *wxDC::GetSize* (p. 174) for advice on achieving the correct scaling for the page.

### **Derived from**

*wxDC* (p. 165)  
*wXObject* (p. 165)

### **Include files**

<wx/dcprint.h>

### **See also**

*wxDC* (p. 165), *Printing framework overview* (p. 1083)

## **wxPrinterDC::wxPrinterDC**

**wxPrinterDC(const wxPrintData& *printData*)**

Pass a *wxPrintData* (p. 592) object with information necessary for setting up a suitable printer device context. This is the recommended way to construct a *wxPrinterDC*.

**wxPrinterDC(const wxString& *driver*, const wxString& *device*, const wxString& *output*, const bool *interactive* = TRUE, int *orientation* = wxPORTRAIT)**

Constructor. With empty strings for the first three arguments, the default printer dialog is displayed. *device* indicates the type of printer and *output* is an optional file for printing to. The *driver* parameter is currently unused. Use the *Ok* member to test whether the constructor was successful in creating a useable device context.

This constructor is deprecated and retained only for backward compatibility.

## **wxPrintout**

This class encapsulates the functionality of printing out an application document. A new class must be derived and members overridden to respond to calls such as *OnPrintPage* and *HasPage*. Instances of this class are passed to *wxPrinter::Print* or a *wxPrintPreview* object to initiate printing or previewing.

### **Derived from**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

#### Include files

<wx/print.h>

#### See also

*Printing framework overview* (p. 1083), *wxPrinterDC* (p. 606), *wxPrintDialog* (p. 598), *wxPrinter* (p. 604), *wxPrintPreview* (p. 610)

### **wxPrintout::wxPrintout**

**wxPrintout(const wxString& title = "Printout")**

Constructor. Pass an optional title argument (currently unused).

### **wxPrintout::~~wxPrintout**

**~wxPrintout()**

Destructor.

### **wxPrintout::GetDC**

**wxDC \* GetDC()**

Returns the device context associated with the printout (given to the printout at start of printing or previewing). This will be a *wxPrinterDC* if printing under Windows, a *wxPostScriptDC* if printing on other platforms, and a *wxMemoryDC* if previewing.

### **wxPrintout::GetPageInfo**

**void GetPageInfo(int \*minPage, int \*maxPage, int \*pageFrom, int \*pageTo)**

Called by the framework to obtain information from the application about minimum and maximum page values that the user can select, and the required page range to be printed. By default this returns 1, 32000 for the page minimum and maximum values, and 1, 1 for the required page range.

If *minPage* is zero, the page number controls in the print dialog will be disabled.

**wxPython note:** When this method is implemented in a derived Python class, it should



be designed to take no parameters (other than the self reference) and to return a tuple of four integers.

### **wxPrintout::GetPageSizeMM**

**void GetPageSizeMM(int \*w, int \*h)**

Returns the size of the printer page in millimetres.

**wxPython note:** This method returns the output-only parameters as a tuple.

### **wxPrintout::GetPageSizePixels**

**void GetPageSizePixels(int \*w, int \*h)**

Returns the size of the printer page in pixels. These may not be the same as the values returned from `wxDC::GetSize` (p. 174) if the printout is being used for previewing, since in this case, a memory device context is used, using a bitmap size reflecting the current preview zoom. The application must take this discrepancy into account if previewing is to be supported.

**wxPython note:** This method returns the output-only parameters as a tuple.

### **wxPrintout::GetPPIPrinter**

**void GetPPIPrinter(int \*w, int \*h)**

Returns the number of pixels per logical inch of the printer device context. Dividing the printer PPI by the screen PPI can give a suitable scaling factor for drawing text onto the printer. Remember to multiply this by a scaling factor to take the preview DC size into account.

**wxPython note:** This method returns the output-only parameters as a tuple.

### **wxPrintout::GetPPIScreen**

**void GetPPIScreen(int \*w, int \*h)**

Returns the number of pixels per logical inch of the screen device context. Dividing the printer PPI by the screen PPI can give a suitable scaling factor for drawing text onto the printer. Remember to multiply this by a scaling factor to take the preview DC size into account.

**wxPython note:** This method returns the output-only parameters as a tuple.

**wxPrintout::HasPage****bool HasPage(int pageNum)**

Should be overridden to return TRUE if the document has this page, or FALSE if not. Returning FALSE signifies the end of the document. By default, HasPage behaves as if the document has only one page.

**wxPrintout::IsPreview****bool IsPreview()**

Returns TRUE if the printout is currently being used for previewing.

**wxPrintout::OnBeginDocument****bool OnBeginDocument(int startPage, int endPage)**

Called by the framework at the start of document printing. Return FALSE from this function cancels the print job. OnBeginDocument is called once for every copy printed.

The base wxPrintout::OnBeginDocument *must* be called (and the return value checked) from within the overridden function, since it calls wxDC::StartDoc.

**wxPython note:** If this method is overridden in a Python class then the base class version can be called by using the method `base_OnBeginDocument(startPage, endPage)`.

**wxPrintout::OnEndDocument****void OnEndDocument()**

Called by the framework at the end of document printing. OnEndDocument is called once for every copy printed.

The base wxPrintout::OnEndDocument *must* be called from within the overridden function, since it calls wxDC::EndDoc.

**wxPrintout::OnBeginPrinting****void OnBeginPrinting()**

Called by the framework at the start of printing. OnBeginPrinting is called once for every print job (regardless of how many copies are being printed).

**wxPrintout::OnEndPrinting****void OnEndPrinting()**

Called by the framework at the end of printing. OnEndPrinting is called once for every print job (regardless of how many copies are being printed).

**wxPrintout::OnPreparePrinting****void OnPreparePrinting()**

Called once by the framework before any other demands are made of the wxPrintout object. This gives the object an opportunity to calculate the number of pages in the document, for example.

**wxPrintout::OnPrintPage****bool OnPrintPage(int pageNum)**

Called by the framework when a page should be printed. Returning FALSE cancels the print job. The application can use wxPrintout::GetDC to obtain a device context to draw on.

**wxPrintPreview**

*Printing framework overview* (p. 1083)

Objects of this class manage the print preview process. The object is passed a wxPrintout object, and the wxPrintPreview object itself is passed to a wxPreviewFrame object. Previewing is started by initializing and showing the preview frame. Unlike wxPrinter::Print, flow of control returns to the application immediately after the frame is shown.

**Derived from**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/print.h>

**See also**

*Printing framework overview* (p. 1083), *wxPrinterDC* (p. 606), *wxPrintDialog* (p. 598), *wxPrintout* (p. 606), *wxPrinter* (p. 604), *wxPreviewCanvas* (p. 588), *wxPreviewControlBar* (p. 589), *wxPreviewFrame* (p. 590).

**wxPrintPreview::wxPrintPreview**

**wxPrintPreview**(**wxPrintout\*** *printout*, **wxPrintout\*** *printoutForPrinting*, **wxPrintData\*** *data=NULL*)

Constructor. Pass a printout object, an optional printout object to be used for actual printing, and the address of an optional block of printer data, which will be copied to the print preview object's print data.

If *printoutForPrinting* is non-NULL, a **Print...** button will be placed on the preview frame so that the user can print directly from the preview interface.

Do not explicitly delete the printout objects once this destructor has been called, since they will be deleted in the **wxPrintPreview** constructor. The same does not apply to the *data* argument.

Test the **Ok** member to check whether the **wxPrintPreview** object was created correctly. **Ok** could return **FALSE** if there was a problem initializing the printer device context (current printer not set, for example).

**wxPrintPreview::~~wxPrintPreview**

**~wxPrinter**()

Destructor. Deletes both print preview objects, so do not destroy these objects in your application.

**wxPrintPreview::DrawBlankPage**

**bool DrawBlankPage**(**wxWindow\*** *window*)

Draws a representation of the blank page into the preview window. Used internally.

**wxPrintPreview::GetCanvas**

**wxWindow\*** **GetCanvas**()

Gets the preview window used for displaying the print preview image.

**wxPrintPreview::GetCurrentPage**

**int GetCurrentPage**()

Gets the page currently being previewed.

**wxPrintPreview::GetFrame****wxFrame \* GetFrame()**

Gets the frame used for displaying the print preview canvas and control bar.

**wxPrintPreview::GetMaxPage****int GetMaxPage()**

Returns the maximum page number.

**wxPrintPreview::GetMinPage****int GetMinPage()**

Returns the minimum page number.

**wxPrintPreview::GetPrintData****wxPrintData& GetPrintData()**

Returns a reference to the internal print data.

**wxPrintPreview::GetPrintout****wxPrintout \* GetPrintout()**

Gets the preview printout object associated with the wxPrintPreview object.

**wxPrintPreview::GetPrintoutForPrinting****wxPrintout \* GetPrintoutForPrinting()**

Gets the printout object to be used for printing from within the preview interface, or NULL if none exists.

**wxPrintPreview::Ok****bool Ok()**

Returns TRUE if the wxPrintPreview is valid, FALSE otherwise. It could return FALSE if

there was a problem initializing the printer device context (current printer not set, for example).

### **wxPrintPreview::PaintPage**

**bool PaintPage(wxWindow\* window)**

This refreshes the preview window with the preview image. It must be called from the preview window's OnPaint member.

The implementation simply blits the preview bitmap onto the canvas, creating a new preview bitmap if none exists.

### **wxPrintPreview::Print**

**bool Print(bool prompt)**

Invokes the print process using the second wxPrintout object supplied in the wxPrintPreview constructor. Will normally be called by the **Print...** panel item on the preview frame's control bar.

### **wxPrintPreview::RenderPage**

**bool RenderPage(int pageNum)**

Renders a page into a wxMemoryDC. Used internally by wxPrintPreview.

### **wxPrintPreview::SetCanvas**

**void SetCanvas(wxWindow\* window)**

Sets the window to be used for displaying the print preview image.

### **wxPrintPreview::SetCurrentPage**

**void SetCurrentPage(int pageNum)**

Sets the current page to be previewed.

### **wxPrintPreview::SetFrame**

**void SetFrame(wxFrame \*frame)**

Sets the frame to be used for displaying the print preview canvas and control bar.

**wxPrintPreview::SetPrintout****void SetPrintout**(wxPrintout \*printout)

Associates a printout object with the wxPrintPreview object.

**wxPrintPreview::SetZoom****void SetZoom**(int percent)

Sets the percentage preview zoom, and refreshes the preview canvas accordingly.

**wxPrivateDropTarget**

wxPrivateDropTarget is for...

**Derived from**

*wxDropTarget* (p. 234)

**Include files**

<wx/dnd.h>

**See also**

*wxDropTarget* (p. 234)

**wxPrivateDropTarget::wxPrivateDropTarget****wxPrivateDropTarget**()**wxPrivateDropTarget::SetId****void SetId**(const wxString& id)

You have to override OnDrop to get at the data. The string ID identifies the format of clipboard or DnD data. A word processor would e.g. add a wxTextDataObject and a wxPrivateDataObject to the clipboard - the latter with the Id "WXWORD\_FORMAT".

**wxPrivateDropTarget::GetId**

**virtual wxString GetId() const**

## **wxProcess**

The objects of this class are used in conjunction with *wxExecute* (p. 987) function. When a *wxProcess* object is passed to *wxExecute()*, its *OnTerminate()* (p. 616) virtual method is called when the process terminates. This allows the program to be (asynchronously) notified about the process termination and also retrieve its exit status which is unavailable from *wxExecute()* in the case of asynchronous execution.

Please note that if the process termination notification is processed by the parent, it is responsible for deleting the *wxProcess* object which sent it. However, if it is not processed, the object will delete itself and so the library users should only delete those objects whose notifications have been processed (and call *Detach()* (p. 616) for others).

### **Derived from**

*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)

### **Include files**

<wx/process.h>

## **wxProcess::wxProcess**

**wxProcess(wxEvtHandler \* parent = NULL, int id = -1)**

Constructs a process object. *id* is only used in the case you want to use *wxWindows* events. It identifies this object, or another window that will receive the event.

If the *parent* parameter is different from *NULL*, it will receive a *wxEVT\_END\_PROCESS* notification event (you should insert *EVT\_END\_PROCESS* macro in the event table of the parent to handle it) with the given *id*.

### **Parameters**

*parent*

The event handler parent.

*id*

id of an event.

## **wxProcess::~~wxProcess**

**~wxProcess()**



Destroys the wxProcess object.

### **wxProcess::Detach**

#### **void Detach()**

Normally, a wxProcess object is deleted by its parent when it receives the notification about the process termination. However, it might happen that the parent object is destroyed before the external process is terminated (e.g. a window from which this external process was launched is closed by the user) and in this case it **should not delete** the wxProcess object, but **should call Detach()** instead. After the wxProcess object is detached from its parent, no notification events will be sent to the parent and the object will delete itself upon reception of the process termination notification.

### **wxProcess::OnTerminate**

#### **void OnTerminate(int pid, int status) const**

It is called when the process with the pid *pid* finishes. It raises a wxWindows event when it isn't overridden.

*pid*

The pid of the process which has just terminated.

*status*

The exit code of the process.

### **wxProgressDialog**

This class represents a dialog that shows a short message and a progress bar. Optionally, it can display an ABORT button.

#### **Derived from**

*wxFrame* (p. 299)

*wxWindow* (p. 915)

*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

#### **Include files**

<wx/progdlg.h>

### **wxProgressDialog::wxProgressDialog**

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wxProgressDialog(const wxString& title, const wxString& message, int maximum
= 100, wxWindow * parent = NULL, int style = wxPD_AUTO_HIDE |
wxPD_APP_MODAL)
```

Constructor. Creates the dialog, displays it and disables user input for other windows, or, if wxPD\_APP\_MODAL flag is not given, for its parent window only.

### Parameters

*title*

Dialog title to show in titlebar.

*message*

Message displayed above the progress bar.

*maximum*

Maximum value for the progress bar.

*parent*

Parent window.

*message*

Message to show on the dialog.

*style*

The dialog style. This is the combination of the following bitmask constants defined in wx/defs.h:

wxPD\_APP\_MODAL

Make the progress dialog modal. If this flag is not given, it is only "locally" modal - that is the input to the parent window is disabled, but not to the other ones.

wxPD\_AUTO\_HIDE

By default, the progress dialog will disappear from screen as soon as the maximum value of the progress meter has been reached. This flag prevents it from doing it - instead the dialog will wait until the user closes it.

wxPD\_CAN\_ABORT

This flag tells the dialog that it should have a "Cancel" button which the user may press. If this happens, the next call to *Update()* (p. 618) will return FALSE.

wxPD\_ELAPSED\_TIME

This flag tells the dialog that it should show elapsed time (since creating the dialog).

wxPD\_ESTIMATED\_TIME

This flag tells the dialog that it should show estimated time.

wxPD\_REMAINING\_TIME

This flag tells the dialog that it should show remaining time.

**wxProgressDialog::~wxProgressDialog****~wxProgressDialog()**

Destructor. Deletes the dialog and enables all top level windows.

**wxProgressDialog::Update**

**bool Update( int value = -1, const char \* newmsg = NULL, )**

Updates the dialog, setting the progress bar to the new value and, if given changes the message above it. Returns TRUE if the ABORT button has *not* been pressed.

If FALSE is returned, the application can either immediately destroy the dialog or ask the user for the confirmation and if the abort is not confirmed the dialog may be resumed with *Resume* (p. 618) function.

*value*

The new value of the progress meter. It must be strictly less than the maximum value given to the constructor (i.e., as usual in C, the index runs from 0 to maximum-1).

*newmsg*

The new messages for the progress dialog text, if none is given the message is not changed.

**wxProgressDialog::Resume****void Resume()**

Can be used to continue with the dialog, after the user had chosen ABORT.

**wxProcessEvent**

A process event is sent when a process is terminated.

**Derived from**

*wxEvent* (p. 237)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/process.h>

**Event table macros**

To process a *wxProcessEvent*, use these event handler macros to direct input to a

member function that takes a `wxProcessEvent` argument.

**EVT\_END\_PROCESS(id, func)** Process a `wxEVT_END_PROCESS` event. *id* is the identifier of the process object (the id passed to the `wxProcess` constructor) or a window to receive the event.

#### See also

*wxProcess* (p. 615), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

### **wxProcessEvent::wxProcessEvent**

**wxProcessEvent(int id = 0, int pid = 0)**

Constructor. Takes a `wxProcessObject` or window id, and a process id.

### **wxProcessEvent::m\_pid**

**int m\_pid**

Contains the process id.

### **wxProcessEvent::GetPid**

**int GetPid() const**

Returns the process id.

### **wxProcessEvent::SetPid**

**void SetPid(int pid)**

Sets the process id.

### **wxProtocol**

#### Derived from

*wxSocketClient* (p. 719)

#### Include files

<wx/protocol/protocol.h>

**See also**

*wxSocketBase* (p. 705), *wxURL* (p. 895)

## **wxProtocol::Reconnect**

**bool Reconnect()**

Tries to reestablish a previous opened connection (close and renegotiate connection).

**Return value**

TRUE, if the connection is established, else FALSE.

## **wxProtocol::GetInputStream**

**wxInputStream \* GetInputStream(const wxString& path)**

Creates a new input stream on the the specified path. You can use all but seek functionality of *wxStream*. Seek isn't available on all stream. For example, http or ftp streams doesn't deal with it. Other functions like *StreamSize* and *Tell* aren't available for the moment for this sort of stream. You will be notified when the EOF is reached by an error.

**Return value**

Returns the initialized stream. You will have to delete it yourself once you don't use it anymore. The destructor closes the network connection.

**See also**

*wxInputStream* (p. 425)

## **wxProtocol::Abort**

**bool Abort()**

Abort the current stream.

**Warning**

It is advised to destroy the input stream instead of aborting the stream this way.

### Return value

Returns TRUE, if successful, else FALSE.

### **wxProtocol::GetError**

**wxProtocolError GetError()**

Returns the last occurred error.

<b>wxPROTO_NOERR</b>	No error.
<b>wxPROTO_NETERR</b>	A generic network error occurred.
<b>wxPROTO_PROTERR</b>	An error occurred during negotiation.
<b>wxPROTO_CONNERR</b>	The client failed to connect the server.
<b>wxPROTO_INVVAL</b>	Invalid value.
<b>wxPROTO_NOHDLR</b>	.
<b>wxPROTO_NOFILE</b>	The remote file doesn't exist.
<b>wxPROTO_ABRT</b>	Last action aborted.
<b>wxPROTO_RCNECT</b>	An error occurred during reconnection.
<b>wxPROTO_STREAM</b>	Someone tried to send a command during a transfer.

### **wxProtocol::GetContentType**

**wxString GetContentType()**

Returns the type of the content of the last opened stream. It is a mime-type.

### **wxProtocol::SetUser**

**void SetUser(const wxString& user)**

Sets the authentication user. It is mainly useful when FTP is used.

### **wxProtocol::SetPassword**

**void SetPassword(const wxString& user)**

Sets the authentication password. It is mainly useful when FTP is used.

### **wxQueryCol**

Every ODBC data column is represented by an instance of this class.

### Derived from

*wxObject* (p. 555)

#### **Include files**

<wx/odbc.h>

#### **See also**

*wxQueryCol* overview (p. 1056), *wxDatabase* overview (p. 1056)

### **wxQueryCol::wxQueryCol**

**void wxQueryCol()**

Constructor. Sets the attributes of the column to default values.

### **wxQueryCol::~~wxQueryCol**

**void ~wxQueryCol()**

Destructor. Deletes the wxQueryField list.

### **wxQueryCol::BindVar**

**void \* BindVar(void \*v, long sz)**

Binds a user-defined variable to a column. Whenever a column is bound to a variable, it will automatically copy the data of the current field into this buffer (to a maximum of sz bytes).

### **wxQueryCol::FillVar**

**void FillVar(int *recnum*)**

Fills the bound variable with the data of the field *recnum*. When no variable is bound to the column nothing will happen.

### **wxQueryCol::GetData**

**void \* GetData(int *field*)**

Returns a pointer to the data of the field.

**wxQueryCol::GetName****wxString GetName()**

Returns the name of a column.

**wxQueryCol::GetType****short GetType()**

Returns the data type of a column.

**wxQueryCol::GetSize****long GetSize(int field)**

Return the size of the data of the field field.

**wxQueryCol::IsRowDirty****bool IsRowDirty(int field)**

Returns TRUE if the given field has been changed, but not saved.

**wxQueryCol::IsNullable****bool IsNullable()**

Returns TRUE if a column may contain no data.

**wxQueryCol::AppendField****void AppendField(void \*buf, long len)**

Appends a wxQueryField instance to the field list of the column. *len* bytes from *buf* will be copied into the field's buffer.

**wxQueryCol::SetData****bool SetData(int field, void \*buf, long len)**

Sets the data of a field. This function finds the wxQueryField corresponding to *field* and calls wxQueryField::SetData with *buf* and *len* arguments.



**wxQueryCol::SetName****void SetName(const wxString& name)**

Sets the name of a column. Only useful when creating new tables or appending columns.

**wxQueryCol::SetNullable****void SetNullable(bool nullable)**

Determines whether a column may contain no data. Only useful when creating new tables or appending columns.

**wxQueryCol::SetFieldDirty****void SetFieldDirty(int field, bool dirty = TRUE)**

Sets the dirty tag of a given field.

**wxQueryCol::SetType**

**void SetType(short type)** Sets the data type of a column. Only useful when creating new tables or appending columns.

**wxQueryField**

Represents the data item for one or several columns.

**Derivation**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

**See also**

*wxQueryField overview* (p. 1056), *wxDatabase overview* (p. 1056)

**wxQueryField::wxQueryField****wxQueryField()**

Constructor. Sets type and size of the field to default values.

**wxQueryField::~~wxQueryField****~wxQueryField()**

Destructor. Frees the associated memory depending on the field type.

**wxQueryField::AllocData****bool AllocData()**

Allocates memory depending on the size and type of the field.

**wxQueryField::ClearData****void ClearData()**

Deletes the contents of the field buffer without deallocating the memory.

**wxQueryField::GetData****void \* GetData()**

Returns a pointer to the field buffer.

**wxQueryField::GetSize****long GetSize()**

Returns the size of the field buffer.

**wxQueryField::GetType****short GetType()**

Returns the type of the field (currently SQL\_CHAR, SQL\_VARCHAR or SQL\_INTEGER).

**wxQueryField::IsDirty****bool IsDirty()**

Returns TRUE if the data of a field has been changed, but not saved.

**wxQueryField::SetData****bool SetData(void \*data, long sz)**

Allocates memory of the size sz and copies the contents of d into the field buffer.

**wxQueryField::SetDirty****void SetDirty**(bool *dirty* = *TRUE*)

Sets the dirty tag of a field.

**wxQueryField::SetSize****void SetSize**(long *size*)

Resizes the field buffer. Stored data will be lost.

**wxQueryField::SetType****void SetType**(short *type*)

Sets the type of the field. Currently the types SQL\_CHAR, SQL\_VARCHAR and SQL\_INTEGER are supported.

**wxQueryLayoutInfoEvent**

This event is sent when *wxLayoutAlgorithm* (p. 441) wishes to get the size, orientation and alignment of a window. More precisely, the event is sent by the *OnCalculateLayout* handler which is itself invoked by *wxLayoutAlgorithm*.

**Derived from**

*wxEvent* (p. 237)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/laywin.h>

**Event table macros**

<b>EVT_QUERY_LAYOUT_INFO(func)</b>	Process a wxEVT_QUERY_LAYOUT_INFO event, to get size, orientation and alignment from a window.
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**Data structures**

```
enum wxLayoutOrientation {  
    wxLAYOUT_HORIZONTAL,  
    wxLAYOUT_VERTICAL  
};
```

```
enum wxLayoutAlignment {  
    wxLAYOUT_NONE,
```

```
wxLAYOUT_TOP ,  
wxLAYOUT_LEFT ,  
wxLAYOUT_RIGHT ,  
wxLAYOUT_BOTTOM ,  
};
```

### See also

*wxCalculateLayoutEvent* (p. 73), *wxSashLayoutWindow* (p. 662), *wxLayoutAlgorithm* (p. 441).

## **wxQueryLayoutInfoEvent::wxQueryLayoutInfoEvent**

**wxQueryLayoutInfoEvent(wxWindowID id = 0)**

Constructor.

## **wxQueryLayoutInfoEvent::GetAlignment**

**void GetAlignment() const**

Specifies the alignment of the window (which side of the remaining parent client area the window sticks to). One of `wxLAYOUT_TOP`, `wxLAYOUT_LEFT`, `wxLAYOUT_RIGHT`, `wxLAYOUT_BOTTOM`.

## **wxQueryLayoutInfoEvent::GetFlags**

**int GetFlags() const**

Returns the flags associated with this event. Not currently used.

## **wxQueryLayoutInfoEvent::GetOrientation**

**wxLayoutOrientation GetOrientation() const**

Returns the orientation that the event handler specified to the event object. May be one of `wxLAYOUT_HORIZONTAL`, `wxLAYOUT_VERTICAL`.

## **wxQueryLayoutInfoEvent::GetRequestedLength**

**int GetRequestedLength() const**

Returns the requested length of the window in the direction of the window orientation. This information is not yet used.

### **wxQueryLayoutInfoEvent::GetSize**

**wxSize GetSize() const**

Returns the size that the event handler specified to the event object as being the requested size of the window.

### **wxQueryLayoutInfoEvent::SetAlignment**

**void SetAlignment(wxLayoutAlignment alignment)**

Call this to specify the alignment of the window (which side of the remaining parent client area the window sticks to). May be one of wxLAYOUT\_TOP, wxLAYOUT\_LEFT, wxLAYOUT\_RIGHT, wxLAYOUT\_BOTTOM.

### **wxQueryLayoutInfoEvent::SetFlags**

**void SetFlags(int flags)**

Sets the flags associated with this event. Not currently used.

### **wxQueryLayoutInfoEvent::SetOrientation**

**void SetOrientation(wxLayoutOrientation orientation)**

Call this to specify the orientation of the window. May be one of wxLAYOUT\_HORIZONTAL, wxLAYOUT\_VERTICAL.

### **wxQueryLayoutInfoEvent::SetRequestedLength**

**void SetRequestedLength(int length)**

Sets the requested length of the window in the direction of the window orientation. This information is not yet used.

### **wxQueryLayoutInfoEvent::SetSize**

**void SetSize(const wxSize& size)**

Call this to let the calling code know what the size of the window is.

## wxRadioBox

A radio box item is used to select one of number of mutually exclusive choices. It is displayed as a vertical column or horizontal row of labelled buttons.

### Derived from

*wxControl* (p. 130)  
*wxWindow* (p. 915)  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/radiobox.h>

### Window styles

<b>wxRA_SPECIFY_ROWS</b>	The major dimension parameter refers to the maximum number of rows.
<b>wxRA_SPECIFY_COLS</b>	The major dimension parameter refers to the maximum number of columns.

See also *window styles overview* (p. 1093).

### Event handling

<b>EVT_RADIOBOX(id, func)</b>	Process a <b>wxEVT_COMMAND_RADIOBOX_SELECTED</b> event, when a radiobutton is clicked.
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### See also

*Event handling overview* (p. 1072), *wxRadioButton* (p. 634), *wxCheckBox* (p. 74)

## wxRadioBox::wxRadioBox

**wxRadioBox()**

Default constructor.

**wxRadioBox**(*wxWindow\** parent, *wxWindowID* id, *const wxString&* label, *const wxPoint&* point = *wxDefaultPosition*, *const wxSize&* size = *wxDefaultSize*, *int* n = 0, *const wxString* choices[] = *NULL*, *int* majorDimension = 0, *long* style = *wxRA\_SPECIFY\_COLS*, *const wxValidator&* validator = *wxDefaultValidator*, *const wxString&* name = "radioBox")

Constructor, creating and showing a radiobox.

### Parameters

*parent*

Parent window. Must not be NULL.

*id*

Window identifier. A value of -1 indicates a default value.

*label*

Label for the static box surrounding the radio buttons.

*pos*

Window position. If the position (-1, -1) is specified then a default position is chosen.

*size*

Window size. If the default size (-1, -1) is specified then a default size is chosen.

*n*

Number of choices with which to initialize the radiobox.

*choices*

An array of choices with which to initialize the radiobox.

*majorDimension*

Specifies the maximum number of rows (if style contains `wxRA_SPECIFY_ROWS`) or columns (if style contains `wxRA_SPECIFY_COLS`) for a two-dimensional radiobox.

*style*

Window style. See `wxRadioBox` (p. 629).

*validator*

Window validator.

*name*

Window name.

### See also

`wxRadioBox::Create` (p. 631), `wxValidator` (p. 897)

**wxPython note:** The `wxRadioBox` constructor in wxPython reduces the `n` and `choices` arguments to a single argument, which is a list of strings.

**wxRadioBox::~~wxRadioBox**

**~wxRadioBox()**

Destructor, destroying the radiobox item.

**wxRadioBox::Create**

**bool Create**(wxWindow\* *parent*, wxWindowID *id*, const wxString& *label*, const wxPoint& *point* = wxDefaultPosition, const wxSize& *size* = wxDefaultSize, int *n* = 0, const wxString *choices*[] = NULL, int *majorDimension* = 0, long *style* = wxRA\_SPECIFY\_COLS, const wxValidator& *validator* = wxDefaultValidator, const wxString& *name* = "radioBox")

Creates the radiobox for two-step construction. See *wxRadioBox::wxRadioBox* (p. 629) for further details.

**wxRadioBox::Enable**

**void Enable**(const bool *enable*)

Enables or disables the entire radiobox.

**void Enable**(int *n*, const bool *enable*)

Enables or disables an individual button in the radiobox.

**Parameters**

*enable*

TRUE to enable, FALSE to disable.

*n*

The zero-based button to enable or disable.

**wxPython note:** In place of a single overloaded method name, wxPython implements the following methods:

**Enable(flag)**

Enables or disables the entire radiobox.

**EnableItem(n, flag)**

Enables or disables an individual button in the radiobox.

**wxRadioBox::FindString**

**int FindString**(const wxString& *string*) const

Finds a button matching the given string, returning the position if found, or -1 if not



found.

### Parameters

*string*

The string to find.

### **wxRadioBox::GetLabel**

**wxString GetLabel() const**

Returns the radiobox label.

**wxString GetLabel(int *n*) const**

Returns the label for the given button.

### Parameters

*n*

The zero-based button index.

### See also

*wxRadioBox::SetLabel* (p. 633)

**wxPython note:** In place of a single overloaded method name, wxPython implements the following methods:

**GetLabel()**  
**GetItemLabel(*n*)**

Returns the radiobox label.  
Returns the label for the given button.

### **wxRadioBox::GetSelection**

**int GetSelection() const**

Returns the zero-based position of the selected button.

### **wxRadioBox::GetStringSelection**

**wxString GetStringSelection() const**

Returns the selected string.

**wxRadioBox::Number****int Number() const**

Returns the number of buttons in the radiobox.

**wxRadioBox::SetLabel****void SetLabel(const wxString& *label*)**

Sets the radiobox label.

**void SetLabel(int *n*, const wxString& *label*)**

Sets a label for a radio button.

**Parameters***label*

The label to set.

*n*

The zero-based button index.

**wxPython note:** In place of a single overloaded method name, wxPython implements the following methods:

**SetLabel(string)**

Sets the radiobox label.

**SetItemLabel(n, string)**

Sets a label for a radio button.

**wxRadioBox::SetSelection****void SetSelection(int *n*)**

Sets a button by passing the desired string position. This does not cause a wxEVT\_COMMAND\_RADIOBOX\_SELECTED event to get emitted.

**Parameters***n*

The zero-based button position.

**wxRadioBox::SetStringSelection****void SetStringSelection(const wxString& *string*)**

Sets the selection to a button by passing the desired string. This does not cause a `wxEVT_COMMAND_RADIOBOX_SELECTED` event to get emitted.

### Parameters

*string*  
The label of the button to select.

## **wxRadioBox::Show**

**void Show(const bool show)**

Shows or hides the entire radiobox.

**void Show(int item, const bool show)**

Shows or hides individual buttons.

### Parameters

*show*  
TRUE to show, FALSE to hide.

*item*  
The zero-based position of the button to show or hide.

**wxPython note:** In place of a single overloaded method name, wxPython implements the following methods:

<b>Show(flag)</b>	Shows or hides the entire radiobox.
<b>ShowItem(n, flag)</b>	Shows or hides individual buttons.

## **wxRadioBox::GetString**

**wxString GetString(int n) const**

Returns the label for the button at the given position.

### Parameters

*n*  
The zero-based button position.

## **wxRadioButton**

A radio button item is a button which usually denotes one of several mutually exclusive options. It has a text label next to a (usually) round button.

### Derived from

*wxControl* (p. 130)  
*wxWindow* (p. 915)  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/radiobut.h>

### Window styles

**wxRB\_GROUP** Marks the beginning of a new group of radio buttons.

See also *window styles overview* (p. 1093).

### Event handling

**EVT\_RADIOBUTTON(id, func)** Process a  
wxEVT\_COMMAND\_RADIOBUTTON\_SELECTED event, when the radiobutton is clicked.

### See also

*Event handling overview* (p. 1072), *wxRadioBox* (p. 629), *wxCheckBox* (p. 74)

## wxRadioButton::wxRadioButton

**wxRadioButton()**

Default constructor.

**wxRadioButton(wxWindow\* parent, wxWindowID id, const wxString& label, const wxPoint& pos = wxDefaultPosition, const wxSize& size = wxDefaultSize, long style = 0, const wxValidator& validator = wxDefaultValidator, const wxString& name = "radioButton")**

Constructor, creating and showing a radio button.

### Parameters

*parent*  
Parent window. Must not be NULL.

*id*

Window identifier. A value of -1 indicates a default value.

*label*

Label for the radio button.

*pos*

Window position. If the position (-1, -1) is specified then a default position is chosen.

*size*

Window size. If the default size (-1, -1) is specified then a default size is chosen.

*style*

Window style. See *wxRadioButton* (p. 634).

*validator*

Window validator.

*name*

Window name.

**See also**

*wxRadioButton::Create* (p. 636), *wxValidator* (p. 897)

## **wxRadioButton::~~wxRadioButton**

**void ~wxRadioButton()**

Destructor, destroying the radio button item.

## **wxRadioButton::Create**

**bool Create(wxWindow\* parent, wxWindowID id, const wxString& label, const wxPoint& pos = wxDefaultPosition, const wxSize& size = wxDefaultSize, long style = 0, const wxValidator& validator = wxDefaultValidator, const wxString& name = "radioButton")**

Creates the choice for two-step construction. See *wxRadioButton::wxRadioButton* (p. 635) for further details.

## **wxRadioButton::GetValue**

**bool GetValue() const**

Returns TRUE if the radio button is depressed, FALSE otherwise.

**wxRadioButton::SetValue****void SetValue(const bool *value*)**

Sets the radio button to selected or deselected status. This does not cause a `wxEVT_COMMAND_RADIOBUTTON_SELECTED` event to get emitted.

**Parameters***value*

TRUE to select, FALSE to deselect.

**wxRealPoint**

A **wxRealPoint** is a useful data structure for graphics operations. It contains floating point `x` and `y` members. See also *wxPoint* (p. 586) for an integer version.

**Derived from**

None

**Include files**

<wx/gdicmn.h>

**See also**

*wxPoint* (p. 586)

**wxRealPoint::wxRealPoint****wxRealPoint()****wxRealPoint(double *x*, double *y*)**

Create a point.

**double *x*****double *y***

Members of the **wxRealPoint** object.

**wxRect**

A class for manipulating rectangles.

### Derived from

None

### Include files

<wx/gdicmn.h>

### See also

*wxPoint* (p. 586), *wxSize* (p. 689)

## **wxRect::wxRect**

### **wxRect()**

Default constructor.

### **wxRect(int x, int y, int width, int height)**

Creates a *wxRect* object from *x*, *y*, *width* and *height* values.

### **wxRect(const wxPoint& topLeft, const wxPoint& bottomRight)**

Creates a *wxRect* object from top-left and bottom-right points.

### **wxRect(const wxPoint& pos, const wxSize& size)**

Creates a *wxRect* object from position and size values.

## **wxRect::x**

### **int x**

*x* member.

## **wxRect::y**

### **int y**

*y* member.

**wxRect::width****int width**

Width member.

**wxRect::height****int height**

Height member.

**wxRect::GetBottom****int GetBottom() const**

Gets the bottom point of the rectangle.

**wxRect::GetHeight****int GetHeight() const**

Gets the height member.

**wxRect::GetLeft****int GetLeft() const**Gets the left point of the rectangle (the same as *wxRect::GetX* (p. 640)).**wxRect::GetPosition****wxPoint GetPosition() const**

Gets the position.

**wxRect::GetRight****int GetRight() const**

Gets the right point of the rectangle.

**wxRect::GetSize**



**wxSize GetSize() const**

Gets the size.

**wxRect::GetTop****int GetTop() const**

Gets the top point of the rectangle (the same as *wxRect::GetY* (p. 640)).

**wxRect::GetWidth****int GetWidth() const**

Gets the width member.

**wxRect::GetX****int GetX() const**

Gets the x member.

**wxRect::GetY****int GetY() const**

Gets the y member.

**wxRect::SetHeight****void SetHeight(int *height*)**

Sets the height.

**wxRect::SetWidth****void SetWidth(int *width*)**

Sets the width.

**wxRect::SetX**

**void SetX(int x)**

Sets the x position.

**wxRect::SetY**

**void SetY(int y)**

Sets the y position.

**wxRect::operator =**

**void operator =(const wxRect& rect)**

Assignment operator.

**wxRect::operator ==**

**bool operator ==(const wxRect& rect)**

Equality operator.

**wxRect::operator !=**

**bool operator !=(const wxRect& rect)**

Inequality operator.

**wxRecordSet**

Each `wxRecordSet` represents an ODBC database query. You can make multiple queries at a time by using multiple `wxRecordSets` with a `wxDatabase` or you can make your queries in sequential order using the same `wxRecordSet`.

#### **Derived from**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

#### **Include files**

<wx/odbc.h>

#### **See also**

*wxRecordSet overview* (p. 1057), *wxDatabase overview* (p. 1056)

**wxRecordSet::wxRecordSet**

**wxRecordSet**(wxDatabase \*db, int type = wxOPEN\_TYPE\_DYNASET, int opt = wxOPTION\_DEFAULT)

Constructor. *db* is a pointer to the wxDatabase instance you wish to use the wxRecordSet with. Currently there are two possible values of *type*:

- wxOPEN\_TYPE\_DYNASET: Loads only one record at a time into memory. The other data of the result set will be loaded dynamically when moving the cursor. This is the default type.
- wxOPEN\_TYPE\_SNAPSHOT: Loads all records of a result set at once. This will need much more memory, but will result in faster access to the ODBC data.

The *option* parameter is not used yet.

The constructor appends the wxRecordSet object to the parent database's list of wxRecordSet objects, for later destruction when the wxDatabase is destroyed.

**wxRecordSet::~~wxRecordSet**

**~wxRecordSet()**

Destructor. All data except that stored in user-defined variables will be lost. It also unlinks the wxRecordSet object from the parent database's list of wxRecordSet objects.

**wxRecordSet::AddNew**

**void AddNew()**

Not implemented.

**wxRecordSet::BeginQuery**

**bool BeginQuery**(int openType, const wxString& sql = NULL, int options = wxOPTION\_DEFAULT)

Not implemented.

**wxRecordSet::BindVar**

**void \* BindVar**(int col, void \*buf, long size)

Binds a user-defined variable to the column *col*. Whenever the current field's data changes, it will be copied into *buf* (maximum *size* bytes).

**void \* BindVar(const wxString& col, void \*buf, long size)**

The same as above, but uses the column name as the identifier.

**wxRecordSet::CanAppend**

**bool CanAppend()**

Not implemented.

**wxRecordSet::Cancel**

**void Cancel()**

Not implemented.

**wxRecordSet::CanRestart**

**bool CanRestart()**

Not implemented.

**wxRecordSet::CanScroll**

**bool CanScroll()**

Not implemented.

**wxRecordSet::CanTransact**

**bool CanTransact()**

Not implemented.

**wxRecordSet::CanUpdate**

**bool CanUpdate()**

Not implemented.

**wxRecordSet::ConstructDefaultSQL**

**bool ConstructDefaultSQL()**

Not implemented.

**wxRecordSet::Delete****bool Delete()**

Deletes the current record. Not implemented.

**wxRecordSet::Edit****void Edit()**

Not implemented.

**wxRecordSet::EndQuery****bool EndQuery()**

Not implemented.

**wxRecordSet::ExecuteSQL****bool ExecuteSQL(const wxString& sql)**

Directly executes a SQL statement. The data will be presented as a normal result set. Note that the recordset must have been created as a snapshot, not dynaset. Dynasets will be implemented in the near future.

Examples of common SQL statements are given in *A selection of SQL commands* (p. 1057).

**wxRecordSet::FillVars****void FillVars(int recnum)**

Fills in the user-defined variables of the columns. You can set these variables with `wxQueryCol::BindVar`. This function will be automatically called after every successful database operation.

**wxRecordSet::GetColName****wxString GetColName(int col)**

Returns the name of the column at position *col*. Returns NULL if *col* does not exist.

### **wxRecordSet::GetColType**

**short GetColType(int col)**

Returns the data type of the column at position *col*. Returns SQL\_TYPE\_NULL if *col* does not exist.

**short GetColType(const wxString& name)**

The same as above, but uses the column name as the identifier.

See *ODBC SQL data types* (p. 1057) for a list of possible data types.

### **wxRecordSet::GetColumns**

**bool GetColumns(const wxString& table = NULL)**

Returns the columns of the table with the specified name. If no name is given the class member *tablename* will be used. If both names are NULL nothing will happen. The data will be presented as a normal result set, organized as follows:

0 (VARCHAR)	TABLE_QUALIFIER
1 (VARCHAR)	TABLE_OWNER
2 (VARCHAR)	TABLE_NAME
3 (VARCHAR)	COLUMN_NAME
4 (SMALLINT)	DATA_TYPE
5 (VARCHAR)	TYPE_NAME
6 (INTEGER)	PRECISION
7 (INTEGER)	LENGTH
8 (SMALLINT)	SCALE
9 (SMALLINT)	RADIX
10 (SMALLINT)	NULLABLE
11 (VARCHAR)	REMARKS

### **wxRecordSet::GetCurrentRecord**

**long GetCurrentRecord()**

Not implemented.

### **wxRecordSet::GetDatabase**

**wxDatabase \* GetDatabase()**

Returns the wxDatabase object bound to a wxRecordSet.

**wxRecordSet::GetDataSources****bool GetDataSources()**

Gets the currently-defined data sources via the ODBC manager. The data will be presented as a normal result set. See the documentation for the ODBC function SQLDataSources for how the data is organized.

Example:

```
wxDatabase Database;

wxRecordSet *Record = new wxRecordSet(&Database);

if (!Record->GetDataSources()) {
    char buf[300];
    sprintf(buf, "%s %s\n", Database.GetErrorClass(),
Database.GetErrorMessage());
    frame->output->SetValue(buf);
}
else {
    do {
        frame->DataSource->Append((char*)Record->GetFieldDataPtr(0,
SQL_CHAR));
    } while (Record->MoveNext());
}
```

**wxRecordSet::GetDefaultConnect****wxString GetDefaultConnect()**

Not implemented.

**wxRecordSet::GetDefaultSQL****wxString GetDefaultSQL()**

Not implemented.

**wxRecordSet::GetErrorCode****wxRETCODE GetErrorCode()**

Returns the error code of the last ODBC action. This will be one of:

SQL_ERROR	General error.
SQL_INVALID_HANDLE	An invalid handle was passed to an ODBC function.
SQL_NEED_DATA	ODBC expected some data.
SQL_NO_DATA_FOUND	No data was found by this ODBC call.
SQL_SUCCESS	The call was successful.
SQL_SUCCESS_WITH_INFO	The call was successful, but further information can be obtained from the ODBC manager.

### **wxRecordSet::GetFieldData**

**bool GetFieldData(int col, int dataType, void \*dataPtr)**

Copies the current data of the column at position *col* into the buffer *dataPtr*. To be sure to get the right type of data, the user has to pass the correct data type. The function returns FALSE if *col* does not exist or the wrong data type was given.

**bool GetFieldData(const wxString& name, int dataType, void \*dataPtr)**

The same as above, but uses the column name as the identifier.

See *ODBC SQL data types* (p. 1057) for a list of possible data types.

### **wxRecordSet::GetFieldDataPtr**

**void \* GetFieldDataPtr(int col, int dataType)**

Returns the current data pointer of the column at position *col*. To be sure to get the right type of data, the user has to pass the data type. Returns NULL if *col* does not exist or if *dataType* is incorrect.

**void \* GetFieldDataPtr(const wxString& name, int dataType)**

The same as above, but uses the column name as the identifier.

See *ODBC SQL data types* (p. 1057) for a list of possible data types.

### **wxRecordSet::GetFilter**

**wxString GetFilter()**

Returns the current filter.

### **wxRecordSet::GetForeignKeys**



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```
bool GetPrimaryKeys(const wxString& ptable = NULL, const wxString& ftable =
NULL)
```

Returns a list of foreign keys in the specified table (columns in the specified table that refer to primary keys in other tables), or a list of foreign keys in other tables that refer to the primary key in the specified table.

If *ptable* contains a table name, this function returns a result set containing the primary key of the specified table.

If *ftable* contains a table name, this functions returns a result set of containing all of the foreign keys in the specified table and the primary keys (in other tables) to which they refer.

If both *ptable* and *ftable* contain table names, this function returns the foreign keys in the table specified in *ftable* that refer to the primary key of the table specified in *ptable*. This should be one key at most.

GetForeignKeys returns results as a standard result set. If the foreign keys associated with a primary key are requested, the result set is ordered by FKTABLE\_QUALIFIER, FKTABLE\_OWNER, FKTABLE\_NAME, and KEY\_SEQ. If the primary keys associated with a foreign key are requested, the result set is ordered by PKTABLE\_QUALIFIER, PKTABLE\_OWNER, PKTABLE\_NAME, and KEY\_SEQ. The following table lists the columns in the result set.

0 (VARCHAR)	PKTABLE_QUALIFIER
1 (VARCHAR)	PKTABLE_OWNER
2 (VARCHAR)	PKTABLE_NAME
3 (VARCHAR)	PKCOLUMN_NAME
4 (VARCHAR)	FKTABLE_QUALIFIER
5 (VARCHAR)	FKTABLE_OWNER
6 (VARCHAR)	FKTABLE_NAME
7 (VARCHAR)	FKCOLUMN_NAME
8 (SMALLINT)	KEY_SEQ
9 (SMALLINT)	UPDATE_RULE
10 (SMALLINT)	DELETE_RULE
11 (VARCHAR)	FK_NAME
12 (VARCHAR)	PK_NAME

### **wxRecordSet::GetNumberCols**

```
long GetNumberCols()
```

Returns the number of columns in the result set.

### **wxRecordSet::GetNumberFields**

```
int GetNumberFields()
```

Not implemented.

**wxRecordSet::GetNumberParams****int GetNumberParams()**

Not implemented.

**wxRecordSet::GetNumberRecords****long GetNumberRecords()**

Returns the number of records in the result set.

**wxRecordSet::GetPrimaryKeys****bool GetPrimaryKeys(const wxString& table = NULL)**

Returns the column names that comprise the primary key of the table with the specified name. If no name is given the class member *tablename* will be used. If both names are NULL nothing will happen. The data will be presented as a normal result set, organized as follows:

0 (VARCHAR)	TABLE_QUALIFIER
1 (VARCHAR)	TABLE_OWNER
2 (VARCHAR)	TABLE_NAME
3 (VARCHAR)	COLUMN_NAME
4 (SMALLINT)	KEY_SEQ
5 (VARCHAR)	PK_NAME

**wxRecordSet::GetOptions****int GetOptions()**

Returns the options of the wxRecordSet. Options are not supported yet.

**wxRecordSet::GetResultSet****bool GetResultSet()**

Copies the data presented by ODBC into wxRecordSet. Depending on the wxRecordSet type all or only one record(s) will be copied. Usually this function will be called automatically after each successful database operation.

**wxRecordSet::GetSortString****wxString GetSortString()**

Not implemented.

### **wxRecordSet::GetSQL**

**wxString GetSQL()**

Not implemented.

### **wxRecordSet::GetTableName**

**wxString GetTableName()**

Returns the name of the current table.

### **wxRecordSet::GetTables**

**bool GetTables()**

Gets the tables of a database. The data will be presented as a normal result set, organized as follows:

0 (VARCHAR)	TABLE_QUALIFIER
1 (VARCHAR)	TABLE_OWNER
2 (VARCHAR)	TABLE_NAME
3 (VARCHAR)	TABLE_TYPE (TABLE, VIEW, SYSTEM TABLE, GLOBAL TEMPORARY, LOCAL TEMPORARY, ALIAS, SYNONYM, or database-specific type)
4 (VARCHAR)	REMARKS

### **wxRecordSet::GetType**

**int GetType()**

Returns the type of the wxRecordSet: wxOPEN\_TYPE\_DYNASET or wxOPEN\_TYPE\_SNAPSHOT. See the wxRecordSet description for details.

### **wxRecordSet::GoTo**

**bool GoTo(long n)**

Moves the cursor to the record with the number n, where the first record has the number 0.

### **wxRecordSet::IsBOF**

**bool IsBOF()**

Returns TRUE if the user tried to move the cursor before the first record in the set.

**wxRecordSet::IsFieldDirty****bool IsFieldDirty(int *field*)**

Returns TRUE if the given field has been changed but not saved yet.

**bool IsFieldDirty(const wxString& *name*)**

Same as above, but uses the column name as the identifier.

**wxRecordSet::IsFieldNull****bool IsFieldNull(int *field*)**

Returns TRUE if the given field has no data.

**bool IsFieldNull(const wxString& *name*)**

Same as above, but uses the column name as the identifier.

**wxRecordSet::IsColNullable****bool IsColNullable(int *col*)**

Returns TRUE if the given column may contain no data.

**bool IsColNullable(const wxString& *name*)**

Same as above, but uses the column name as the identifier.

**wxRecordSet::IsEOF****bool IsEOF()**

Returns TRUE if the user tried to move the cursor behind the last record in the set.

**wxRecordSet::IsDeleted****bool IsDeleted()**

Not implemented.

**wxRecordSet::IsOpen****bool IsOpen()**

Returns TRUE if the parent database is open.

### **wxRecordSet::Move**

**bool Move(long rows)**

Moves the cursor a given number of rows. Negative values are allowed.

### **wxRecordSet::MoveFirst**

**bool MoveFirst()**

Moves the cursor to the first record.

### **wxRecordSet::MoveLast**

**bool MoveLast()**

Moves the cursor to the last record.

### **wxRecordSet::MoveNext**

**bool MoveNext()**

Moves the cursor to the next record.

### **wxRecordSet::MovePrev**

**bool MovePrev()**

Moves the cursor to the previous record.

### **wxRecordSet::Query**

**bool Query(const wxString& columns, const wxString& table, const wxString& filter = NULL)**

Start a query. An SQL string of the following type will automatically be generated and executed: "SELECT columns FROM table WHERE filter".

### **wxRecordSet::RecordCountFinal**

**bool RecordCountFinal()**

Not implemented.

### **wxRecordSet::Requery**

**bool Requery()**

Re-executes the last query. Not implemented.

**wxRecordSet::SetFieldDirty****void SetFieldDirty**(int *field*, bool *dirty* = *TRUE*)

Sets the dirty tag of the field *field*. Not implemented.

**void SetFieldDirty**(const wxString& *name*, bool *dirty* = *TRUE*)

Same as above, but uses the column name as the identifier.

**wxRecordSet::SetDefaultSQL****void SetDefaultSQL**(const wxString& *s*)

Not implemented.

**wxRecordSet::SetFieldNull****void SetFieldNull**(void \**p*, bool *isNull* = *TRUE*)

Not implemented.

**wxRecordSet::SetOptions****void SetOptions**(int *opt*)

Sets the options of the wxRecordSet. Not implemented.

**wxRecordSet::SetTableName****void SetTableName**(const wxString& *tablename*)

Specify the name of the table you want to use.

**wxRecordSet::SetType****void SetType**(int *type*)

Sets the type of the wxRecordSet. See the wxRecordSet class description for details.

**wxRecordSet::Update****bool Update**()

Writes back the current record. Not implemented.

**wxRegion**

A `wxRegion` represents a simple or complex region on a device context or window. It uses reference counting, so copying and assignment operations are fast.

#### Derived from

*wxGDIObject* (p. 321)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

#### Include files

<wx/region.h>

#### See also

*wxRegionIterator* (p. 658)

### **wxRegion::wxRegion**

#### **wxRegion()**

Default constructor.

#### **wxRegion(long x, long y, long width, long height)**

Constructs a rectangular region with the given position and size.

#### **wxRegion(const wxPoint& topLeft, const wxPoint& bottomRight)**

Constructs a rectangular region from the top left point and the bottom right point.

#### **wxRegion(const wxRect& rect)**

Constructs a rectangular region a `wxRect` object.

#### **wxRegion(const wxRegion& region)**

Constructs a region by copying another region.

### **wxRegion::~~wxRegion**

#### **~wxRegion()**

Destructor.

### **wxRegion::Clear**

**void Clear()**

Clears the current region.

**wxRegion::Contains****wxRegionContain Contains(long& x, long& y) const**

Returns a value indicating whether the given point is contained within the region.

**wxRegionContain Contains(const wxPoint& pt) const**

Returns a value indicating whether the given point is contained within the region.

**wxRegionContain Contains(long& x, long& y, long& width, long& height) const**

Returns a value indicating whether the given rectangle is contained within the region.

**wxRegionContain Contains(const wxRect& rect) const**

Returns a value indicating whether the given rectangle is contained within the region.

**Return value**

The return value is one of wxOutRegion, wxPartRegion and wxInRegion.

On Windows, only wxOutRegion and wxInRegion are returned; a value wxInRegion then indicates that all or some part of the region is contained in this region.

**wxRegion::GetBox****void GetBox(long& x, long& y, long& width, long& height) const**

Returns the outer bounds of the region.

**wxRect GetBox() const**

Returns the outer bounds of the region.

**wxRegion::Intersect****bool Intersect(long x, long y, long width, long height)**

Finds the intersection of this region and another, rectangular region, specified using position and size.



**bool Intersect(const wxRect& *rect*)**

Finds the intersection of this region and another, rectangular region.

**bool Intersect(const wxRegion& *region*)**

Finds the intersection of this region and another region.

#### Return value

TRUE if successful, FALSE otherwise.

#### Remarks

Creates the intersection of the two regions, that is, the parts which are in both regions. The result is stored in this region.

**wxRegion::IsEmpty**

**bool IsEmpty() const**

Returns TRUE if the region is empty, FALSE otherwise.

**wxRegion::Subtract**

**bool Subtract(const wxRect& *rect*)**

Subtracts a rectangular region from this region.

**bool Subtract(const wxRegion& *region*)**

Subtracts a region from this region.

#### Return value

TRUE if successful, FALSE otherwise.

#### Remarks

This operation combines the parts of 'this' region that are not part of the second region. The result is stored in this region.

**wxRegion::Union**

**bool Union(long *x*, long *y*, long *width*, long *height*)**

Finds the union of this region and another, rectangular region, specified using position

and size.

**bool Union(const wxRect& *rect*)**

Finds the union of this region and another, rectangular region.

**bool Union(const wxRegion& *region*)**

Finds the union of this region and another region.

#### Return value

TRUE if successful, FALSE otherwise.

#### Remarks

This operation creates a region that combines all of this region and the second region. The result is stored in this region.

### **wxRegion::Xor**

**bool Xor(long *x*, long *y*, long *width*, long *height*)**

Finds the Xor of this region and another, rectangular region, specified using position and size.

**bool Xor(const wxRect& *rect*)**

Finds the Xor of this region and another, rectangular region.

**bool Xor(const wxRegion& *region*)**

Finds the Xor of this region and another region.

#### Return value

TRUE if successful, FALSE otherwise.

#### Remarks

This operation creates a region that combines all of this region and the second region, except for any overlapping areas. The result is stored in this region.

### **wxRegion::operator =**

**void operator =(const wxRegion& *region*)**

Copies *region* by reference counting.

## **wxRegionIterator**

This class is used to iterate through the rectangles in a region, typically when examining the damaged regions of a window within an `OnPaint` call.

To use it, construct an iterator object on the stack and loop through the regions, testing the object and incrementing the iterator at the end of the loop.

See `wxWindow::OnPaint` (p. 943) for an example of use.

### **Derived from**

`wxObject` (p. 555)

### **Include files**

`<wx/region.h>`

### **See also**

`wxWindow::OnPaint` (p. 943)

## **wxRegionIterator::wxRegionIterator**

**wxRegionIterator()**

Default constructor.

**wxRegionIterator(const wxRegion& region)**

Creates an iterator object given a region.

## **wxRegionIterator::GetX**

**long GetX() const**

Returns the x value for the current region.

## **wxRegionIterator::GetY**

**long GetY() const**

Returns the y value for the current region.

**wxRegionIterator::GetW****long GetW() const**

An alias for GetWidth.

**wxRegionIterator::GetWidth****long GetWidth() const**

Returns the width value for the current region.

**wxRegionIterator::GetH****long GetH() const**

An alias for GetHeight.

**wxRegionIterator::GetHeight****long GetWidth() const**

Returns the width value for the current region.

**wxRegionIterator::GetRect****wxRect GetRect() const**

Returns the current rectangle.

**wxRegionIterator::HaveRects****bool HaveRects() const**

Returns TRUE if there are still some rectangles; otherwise returns FALSE.

**wxRegionIterator::Reset****void Reset()**

Resets the iterator to the beginning of the rectangles.

**void Reset(const wxRegion& *region*)**

Resets the iterator to the given region.

### **wxRegionIterator::operator ++**

**void operator ++()**

Increment operator. Increments the iterator to the next region.

**wxPython note:** A wxPython alias for this operator is called `Next`.

### **wxRegionIterator::operator bool**

**operator bool() const**

Returns TRUE if there are still some rectangles; otherwise returns FALSE.

You can use this to test the iterator object as if it were of type bool.

### **wxSashEvent**

A sash event is sent when the sash of a *wxSashWindow* (p. 665) has been dragged by the user.

#### **Derived from**

*wxCommandEvent* (p. 108)

*wxEvent* (p. 237)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

#### **Include files**

<wx/sashwin.h>

#### **Event table macros**

To process an activate event, use these event handler macros to direct input to a member function that takes a *wxSashEvent* argument.

<b>EVT_SASH_DRAGGED(id, func)</b>	Process a <i>wxEVT_SASH_DRAGGED</i> event, when the user has finished dragging a sash.
<b>EVT_SASH_DRAGGED_RANGE(id1, id2, func)</b>	Process a <i>wxEVT_SASH_DRAGGED_RANGE</i> event, when the user has finished dragging a sash. The event handler is called when windows with ids in the given range have their sashes dragged.

## Data structures

```
enum wxSashDragStatus
{
    wxSASH_STATUS_OK,
    wxSASH_STATUS_OUT_OF_RANGE
};
```

## Remarks

When a sash belonging to a sash window is dragged by the user, and then released, this event is sent to the window, where it may be processed by an event table entry in a derived class, a plug-in event handler or an ancestor class.

Note that the `wxSashWindow` doesn't change the window's size itself. It relies on the application's event handler to do that. This is because the application may have to handle other consequences of the resize, or it may wish to veto it altogether. The event handler should look at the drag rectangle: see `wxSashEvent::GetDragRect` (p. 661) to see what the new size of the window would be if the resize were to be applied. It should also call `wxSashEvent::GetDragStatus` (p. 662) to see whether the drag was OK or out of the current allowed range.

## See also

`wxSashWindow` (p. 665), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

## **wxSashEvent::wxSashEvent**

**wxSashEvent(int id = 0, wxSashEdgePosition edge = wxSASH\_NONE)**

Constructor.

## **wxSashEvent::GetEdge**

**wxSashEdgePosition GetEdge() const**

Returns the dragged edge. The return value is one of `wxSASH_TOP`, `wxSASH_RIGHT`, `wxSASH_BOTTOM`, `wxSASH_LEFT`.

## **wxSashEvent::GetDragRect**

**wxRect GetDragRect() const**

Returns the rectangle representing the new size the window would be if the resize was applied. It is up to the application to set the window size if required.

### **wxSashEvent::GetDragStatus**

#### **wxSashDragStatus GetDragStatus() const**

Returns the status of the sash: one of `wxSASH_STATUS_OK`, `wxSASH_STATUS_OUT_OF_RANGE`. If the drag caused the notional bounding box of the window to flip over, for example, the drag will be out of range.

### **wxSashLayoutWindow**

`wxSashLayoutWindow` responds to `OnCalculateLayout` events generated by `wxLayoutAlgorithm` (p. 441). It allows the application to use simple accessors to specify how the window should be laid out, rather than having to respond to events. The fact that the class derives from `wxSashWindow` allows sashes to be used if required, to allow the windows to be user-resizable.

The documentation for `wxLayoutAlgorithm` (p. 441) explains the purpose of this class in more detail.

#### **Derived from**

`wxSashWindow` (p. 665)  
`wxWindow` (p. 915)  
`wxEvtHandler` (p. 240)  
`wxObject` (p. 555)

#### **Include files**

`<wx/laywin.h>`

#### **Window styles**

See `wxSashWindow` (p. 665).

#### **Event handling**

This class handles the `EVT_QUERY_LAYOUT_INFO` and `EVT_CALCULATE_LAYOUT` events for you. However, if you use sashes, see `wxSashWindow` (p. 665) for relevant event information.

See also `wxLayoutAlgorithm` (p. 441) for information about the layout events.

#### **See also**

`wxLayoutAlgorithm` (p. 441), `wxSashWindow` (p. 665), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

**wxSashLayoutWindow::wxSashLayoutWindow****wxSashLayoutWindow()**

Default constructor.

**wxSashLayoutWindow(wxSashLayoutWindow\* parent, wxSashLayoutWindowID id, const wxPoint& pos = wxDefaultPosition, const wxSize& size = wxDefaultSize, long style = wxCLIP\_CHILDREN | wxSW\_3D, const wxString& name = "layoutWindow")**

Constructs a sash layout window, which can be a child of a frame, dialog or any other non-control window.

**Parameters**

*parent*

Pointer to a parent window.

*id*

Window identifier. If -1, will automatically create an identifier.

*pos*

Window position. wxDefaultPosition is (-1, -1) which indicates that wxSashLayoutWindows should generate a default position for the window. If using the wxSashLayoutWindow class directly, supply an actual position.

*size*

Window size. wxDefaultSize is (-1, -1) which indicates that wxSashLayoutWindows should generate a default size for the window.

*style*

Window style. For window styles, please see *wxSashLayoutWindow* (p. 662).

*name*

Window name.

**wxSashLayoutWindow::~~wxSashLayoutWindow****~wxSashLayoutWindow()**

Destructor.

**wxSashLayoutWindow::GetAlignment**

**wxLayoutAlignment GetAlignment() const**



Returns the alignment of the window: one of `wxLAYOUT_TOP`, `wxLAYOUT_LEFT`, `wxLAYOUT_RIGHT`, `wxLAYOUT_BOTTOM`.

### **`wxSashLayoutWindow::GetOrientation`**

**`wxLayoutOrientation GetOrientation()` const**

Returns the orientation of the window: one of `wxLAYOUT_HORIZONTAL`, `wxLAYOUT_VERTICAL`.

### **`wxSashLayoutWindow::OnCalculateLayout`**

**`void OnCalculateLayout(wxCalculateLayoutEvent& event)`**

The default handler for the event that is generated by `wxLayoutAlgorithm`. The implementation of this function calls `wxCalculateLayoutEvent::SetRect` to shrink the provided size according to how much space this window takes up. For further details, see *wxLayoutAlgorithm* (p. 441) and *wxCalculateLayoutEvent* (p. 73).

### **`wxSashLayoutWindow::OnQueryLayoutInfo`**

**`void OnQueryLayoutInfo(wxQueryLayoutInfoEvent& event)`**

The default handler for the event that is generated by `OnCalculateLayout` to get size, alignment and orientation information for the window. The implementation of this function uses member variables as set by accessors called by the application. For further details, see *wxLayoutAlgorithm* (p. 441) and *wxQueryLayoutInfoEvent* (p. 626).

### **`wxSashLayoutWindow::SetAlignment`**

**`void SetAlignment(wxLayoutAlignment alignment)`**

Sets the alignment of the window (which edge of the available parent client area the window is attached to). *alignment* is one of `wxLAYOUT_TOP`, `wxLAYOUT_LEFT`, `wxLAYOUT_RIGHT`, `wxLAYOUT_BOTTOM`.

### **`wxSashLayoutWindow::SetDefaultSize`**

**`void SetDefaultSize(const wxSize& size)`**

Sets the default dimensions of the window. The dimension other than the orientation will be fixed to this value, and the orientation dimension will be ignored and the window stretched to fit the available space.

## **wxSashLayoutWindow::SetOrientation**

**void SetOrientation**(wxLayoutOrientation *orientation*)

Sets the orientation of the window (the direction the window will stretch in, to fill the available parent client area). *orientation* is one of wxLAYOUT\_HORIZONTAL, wxLAYOUT\_VERTICAL.

## **wxSashWindow**

wxSashWindow allows any of its edges to have a sash which can be dragged to resize the window. The actual content window will be created by the application as a child of wxSashWindow. The window (or an ancestor) will be notified of a drag via a *wxSashEvent* (p. 660) notification.

### **Derived from**

*wxWindow* (p. 915)  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

### **Include files**

<wx/sashwin.h>

### **Window styles**

The following styles apply in addition to the normal wxWindow styles.

**wxSW\_3D**                      Draws the sashes in 3D.

See also *window styles overview* (p. 1093).

### **Event handling**

<b>EVT_SASH_DRAGGED(id, func)</b>	Process a wxEVT_SASH_DRAGGED event, when the user has finished dragging a sash.
<b>EVT_SASH_DRAGGED_RANGE(id1, id2, func)</b>	Process a wxEVT_SASH_DRAGGED_RANGE event, when the user has finished dragging a sash. The event handler is called when windows with ids in the given range have their sashes dragged.

### **Data types**

```
enum wxSashEdgePosition {
```

```
    wxSASH_TOP = 0 ,  
    wxSASH_RIGHT ,  
    wxSASH_BOTTOM ,  
    wxSASH_LEFT ,  
    wxSASH_NONE = 100  
};
```

### See also

*wxSashEvent* (p. 660), *wxSashLayoutWindow* (p. 662), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

## **wxSashWindow::wxSashWindow**

### **wxSashWindow()**

Default constructor.

**wxSashWindow(wxSashWindow\* parent, wxSashWindowID id, const wxPoint& pos = wxDefaultPosition, const wxSize& size = wxDefaultSize, long style = wxCLIP\_CHILDREN | wxSW\_3D, const wxString& name = "sashWindow")**

Constructs a sash window, which can be a child of a frame, dialog or any other non-control window.

### Parameters

*parent*

Pointer to a parent window.

*id*

Window identifier. If -1, will automatically create an identifier.

*pos*

Window position. wxDefaultPosition is (-1, -1) which indicates that wxSashWindows should generate a default position for the window. If using the wxSashWindow class directly, supply an actual position.

*size*

Window size. wxDefaultSize is (-1, -1) which indicates that wxSashWindows should generate a default size for the window.

*style*

Window style. For window styles, please see *wxSashWindow* (p. 665).

*name*

Window name.

### **wxSashWindow::~~wxSashWindow**

**~wxSashWindow()**

Destructor.

### **wxSashWindow::GetSashVisible**

**bool GetSashVisible(wxSashEdgePosition *edge*) const**

Returns TRUE if a sash is visible on the given edge, FALSE otherwise.

#### **Parameters**

*edge*

Edge. One of wxSASH\_TOP, wxSASH\_RIGHT, wxSASH\_BOTTOM, wxSASH\_LEFT.

#### **See also**

*wxSashWindow::SetSashVisible* (p. 669)

### **wxSashWindow::GetMaximumSizeX**

**int GetMaximumSizeX() const**

Gets the maximum window size in the x direction.

### **wxSashWindow::GetMaximumSizeY**

**int GetMaximumSizeY() const**

Gets the maximum window size in the y direction.

### **wxSashWindow::GetMinimumSizeX**

**int GetMinimumSizeX()**

Gets the minimum window size in the x direction.

### **wxSashWindow::GetMinimumSizeY**

**int GetMinimumSizeY(int *min*) const**

Gets the minimum window size in the y direction.

**wxSashWindow::HasBorder**

**bool HasBorder(wxSashEdgePosition *edge*) const**

Returns TRUE if the sash has a border, FALSE otherwise.

### Parameters

*edge*

Edge. One of wxSASH\_TOP, wxSASH\_RIGHT, wxSASH\_BOTTOM, wxSASH\_LEFT.

### See also

*wxSashWindow::SetSashBorder* (p. 669)

**wxSashWindow::SetMaximumSizeX**

**void SetMaximumSizeX(int *min*)**

Sets the maximum window size in the x direction.

**wxSashWindow::SetMaximumSizeY**

**void SetMaximumSizeY(int *min*)**

Sets the maximum window size in the y direction.

**wxSashWindow::SetMinimumSizeX**

**void SetMinimumSizeX(int *min*)**

Sets the minimum window size in the x direction.

**wxSashWindow::SetMinimumSizeY**

**void SetMinimumSizeY(int *min*)**

Sets the minimum window size in the y direction.

**wxSashWindow::SetSashVisible****void SetSashVisible(wxSashEdgePosition edge, bool visible)**

Call this function to make a sash visible or invisible on a particular edge.

**Parameters***edge*

Edge to change. One of wxSASH\_TOP, wxSASH\_RIGHT, wxSASH\_BOTTOM, wxSASH\_LEFT.

*visible*

TRUE to make the sash visible, FALSE to make it invisible.

**See also**

*wxSashWindow::GetSashVisible* (p. 667)

**wxSashWindow::SetSashBorder****void SetSashBorder(wxSashEdgePosition edge, bool hasBorder)**

Call this function to give the sash a border, or remove the border.

**Parameters***edge*

Edge to change. One of wxSASH\_TOP, wxSASH\_RIGHT, wxSASH\_BOTTOM, wxSASH\_LEFT.

*hasBorder*

TRUE to give the sash a border visible, FALSE to remove it.

**See also**

*wxSashWindow::HasBorder* (p. 668)

**wxStaticBoxSizer**

wxStaticBoxSizer is a sizer derived from wxBoxSizer but adds a static box around the sizer. Note that this static box has to be created separately.

See also *wxSizer* (p. 692), *wxStaticBox* (p. 743) and *wxBoxSizer* (p. 58).

**Derived from**

*wxBoxSizer* (p. 58)

*wxSizer* (p. 692)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### **wxStaticBoxSizer::wxStaticBoxSizer**

**wxStaticBoxSizer**(*wxStaticBox\** box, *int* orient)

Constructor. It takes an associated static box and the orientation *orientas* parameters - orient can be either of wxVERTICAL or wxHORIZONTAL.

### **wxStaticBoxSizer::GetStaticBox**

**wxStaticBox\*** GetStaticBox()

Returns the static box associated with the sizer.

### **wxScreenDC**

A wxScreenDC can be used to paint on the screen. This should normally be constructed as a temporary stack object; don't store a wxScreenDC object.

#### **Derived from**

*wxDC* (p. 165)

#### **Include files**

<wx/dcscreen.h>

#### **See also**

*wxDC* (p. 165), *wxMemoryDC* (p. 496), *wxPaintDC* (p. 567), *wxClientDC* (p. 86), *wxWindowDC* (p. 961)

### **wxScreenDC::wxScreenDC**

**wxScreenDC**()

Constructor.

### **wxScreenDC::StartDrawingOnTop**

**bool** StartDrawingOnTop(*wxWindow\** window)

**bool StartDrawingOnTop(wxRect\* rect = NULL)**

Use this in conjunction with *EndDrawingOnTop* (p. 671) to ensure that drawing to the screen occurs on top of existing windows. Without this, some window systems (such as X) only allow drawing to take place underneath other windows.

By using the first form of this function, an application is specifying that the area that will be drawn on coincides with the given window.

By using the second form, an application can specify an area of the screen which is to be drawn on. If NULL is passed, the whole screen is available.

It is recommended that an area of the screen is specified because with large regions, flickering effects are noticeable when destroying the temporary transparent window used to implement this feature.

You might use this pair of functions when implementing a drag feature, for example as in the *wxSplitterWindow* (p. 731) implementation.

**wxScreenDC::EndDrawingOnTop****bool EndDrawingOnTop()**

Use this in conjunction with *StartDrawingOnTop* (p. 670).

This function destroys the temporary window created to implement on-top drawing (X only).

**wxScrollBar**

A *wxScrollBar* is a control that represents a horizontal or vertical scrollbar. It is distinct from the two scrollbars that some windows provide automatically, but the two types of scrollbar share the way events are received.

**Derived from**

*wxControl* (p. 130)  
*wxWindow* (p. 915)  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/scrolbar.h>

**Remarks**

A scrollbar has the following main attributes: *range*, *thumb size*, *page size*, and *position*.



The range is the total number of units associated with the view represented by the scrollbar. For a table with 15 columns, the range would be 15.

The thumb size is the number of units that are currently visible. For the table example, the window might be sized so that only 5 columns are currently visible, in which case the application would set the thumb size to 5. When the thumb size becomes the same as or greater than the range, the scrollbar will be automatically hidden on most platforms.

The page size is the number of units that the scrollbar should scroll by, when 'paging' through the data. This value is normally the same as the thumb size length, because it is natural to assume that the visible window size defines a page.

The scrollbar position is the current thumb position.

Most applications will find it convenient to provide a function called **AdjustScrollbars** which can be called initially, from an **OnSize** event handler, and whenever the application data changes in size. It will adjust the view, object and page size according to the size of the window and the size of the data.

### Window styles

<b>wxSB_HORIZONTAL</b>	Specifies a horizontal scrollbar.
<b>wxSB_VERTICAL</b>	Specifies a vertical scrollbar.

See also *window styles overview* (p. 1093).

### Event handling

To process input from a scrollbar, use one of these event handler macros to direct input to member functions that take a *wxScrollEvent* (p. 678) argument:

<b>EVT_COMMAND_SCROLL(id, func)</b>	Catch all scroll commands.
<b>EVT_COMMAND_SCROLL_TOP(id, func)</b>	Catch a command to put the scroll thumb at the maximum position.
<b>EVT_COMMAND_SCROLL_BOTTOM(id, func)</b>	Catch a command to put the scroll thumb at the maximum position.
<b>EVT_COMMAND_SCROLL_LINEUP(id, func)</b>	Catch a line up command.
<b>EVT_COMMAND_SCROLL_LINEDOWN(id, func)</b>	Catch a line down command.
<b>EVT_COMMAND_SCROLL_PAGEUP(id, func)</b>	Catch a page up command.
<b>EVT_COMMAND_SCROLL_PAGEDOWN(id, func)</b>	Catch a page down command.
<b>EVT_COMMAND_SCROLL_THUMBTRACK(id, func)</b>	Catch a thumbtrack command (continuous movement of the scroll thumb).

### See also

*Scrolling overview* (p. 1065), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072), *wxScrolledWindow* (p. 680)

## **wxScrollBar::wxScrollBar**

### **wxScrollBar()**

Default constructor.

```
wxScrollBar(wxWindow* parent, wxWindowID id, const wxPoint& pos =  
wxDefaultPosition, const wxSize& size = wxDefaultSize, long style =  
wxSB_HORIZONTAL, const wxValidator& validator = wxDefaultValidator, const  
wxString& name = "scrollBar")
```

Constructor, creating and showing a scrollbar.

### **Parameters**

*parent*

Parent window. Must not be NULL.

*id*

Window identifier. A value of -1 indicates a default value.

*pos*

Window position. If the position (-1, -1) is specified then a default position is chosen.

*size*

Window size. If the default size (-1, -1) is specified then a default size is chosen.

*style*

Window style. See *wxScrollBar* (p. 671).

*validator*

Window validator.

*name*

Window name.

### **See also**

*wxScrollBar::Create* (p. 674), *wxValidator* (p. 897)

## **wxScrollBar::~~wxScrollBar**

### **void ~wxScrollBar()**

Destructor, destroying the scrollbar.

**wxScrollBar::Create**

```
bool Create(wxWindow* parent, wxWindowID id, const wxPoint& pos =  
wxDefaultPosition, const wxSize& size = wxDefaultSize, long style =  
wxSB_HORIZONTAL, const wxValidator& validator = wxDefaultValidator, const  
wxString& name = "scrollBar")
```

Scrollbar creation function called by the scrollbar constructor. See *wxScrollBar::wxScrollBar* (p. 673) for details.

**wxScrollBar::GetRange**

```
int GetRange() const
```

Returns the length of the scrollbar.

[See also](#)

*wxScrollBar::SetScrollbar* (p. 675)

**wxScrollBar::GetPageSize**

```
int GetPageSize() const
```

Returns the page size of the scrollbar. This is the number of scroll units that will be scrolled when the user pages up or down. Often it is the same as the thumb size.

[See also](#)

*wxScrollBar::SetScrollbar* (p. 675)

**wxScrollBar::GetThumbPosition**

```
int GetThumbPosition() const
```

Returns the current position of the scrollbar thumb.

[See also](#)

*wxScrollBar::SetThumbPosition* (p. 675)

**wxScrollBar::GetThumbLength**

```
int GetThumbLength() const
```

Returns the thumb or 'view' size.

**See also**

*wxScrollBar::SetScrollbar* (p. 675)

**wxScrollBar::SetThumbPosition**

**void SetThumbPosition(int viewStart)**

Sets the position of the scrollbar.

**Parameters**

*viewStart*

The position of the scrollbar thumb.

**See also**

*wxScrollBar::GetThumbPosition* (p. 674)

**wxScrollBar::SetScrollbar**

**virtual void SetScrollbar(int position, int thumbSize, int range, int pageSize, const bool refresh = TRUE)**

Sets the scrollbar properties.

**Parameters**

*position*

The position of the scrollbar in scroll units.

*thumbSize*

The size of the thumb, or visible portion of the scrollbar, in scroll units.

*range*

The maximum position of the scrollbar.

*pageSize*

The size of the page size in scroll units. This is the number of units the scrollbar will scroll when it is paged up or down. Often it is the same as the thumb size.

*refresh*

TRUE to redraw the scrollbar, FALSE otherwise.

**Remarks**

Let's say you wish to display 50 lines of text, using the same font. The window is sized so that you can only see 16 lines at a time.

You would use:

```
scrollbar->SetScrollbar(0, 16, 50, 15);
```

The page size is 1 less than the thumb size so that the last line of the previous page will be visible on the next page, to help orient the user.

Note that with the window at this size, the thumb position can never go above 50 minus 16, or 34.

You can determine how many lines are currently visible by dividing the current view size by the character height in pixels.

When defining your own scrollbar behaviour, you will always need to recalculate the scrollbar settings when the window size changes. You could therefore put your scrollbar calculations and `SetScrollbar` call into a function named `AdjustScrollbars`, which can be called initially and also from a `wxWindow::OnSize` (p. 945) event handler function.

### See also

*Scrolling overview* (p. 1065), `wxWindow::SetScrollbar` (p. 955), `wxScrolledWindow` (p. 680)

## wxScrollWinEvent

A scroll event holds information about events sent from scrolling windows.

### Derived from

`wxEvent` (p. 237)  
`wxObject` (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/event.h>

### Event table macros

To process a scroll event, use these event handler macros to direct input to member functions that take a `wxScrollEvent` argument. You can use `EVT_COMMAND_SCROLLWIN...` macros with window IDs for when intercepting scroll events from controls, or `EVT_SCROLLWIN...` macros without window IDs for intercepting scroll events from the receiving window.

<b>EVT_SCROLLWIN(func)</b>	Process all scroll events.
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<b>EVT_SCROLLWIN_TOP(func)</b>	Process wxEVT_SCROLL_TOP scroll-to-top events.
<b>EVT_SCROLLWIN_BOTTOM(func)</b>	Process wxEVT_SCROLL_TOP scroll-to-bottom events.
<b>EVT_SCROLLWIN_LINEUP(func)</b>	Process wxEVT_SCROLL_LINEUP line up events.
<b>EVT_SCROLLWIN_LINEDOWN(func)</b>	Process wxEVT_SCROLL_LINEDOWN line down events.
<b>EVT_SCROLLWIN_PAGEUP(func)</b>	Process wxEVT_SCROLL_PAGEUP page up events.
<b>EVT_SCROLLWIN_PAGEDOWN(func)</b>	Process wxEVT_SCROLL_PAGEDOWN page down events.
<b>EVT_SCROLLWIN_THUMBTRACK(func)</b>	Process wxEVT_SCROLL_THUMBTRACK thumbtrack events (frequent events sent as the user drags the thumbtrack).
<b>EVT_COMMAND_SCROLLWIN(id, func)</b>	Process all scroll events.
<b>EVT_COMMAND_SCROLLWIN_TOP(id, func)</b>	Process wxEVT_SCROLL_TOP scroll-to-top events.
<b>EVT_COMMAND_SCROLLWIN_BOTTOM(id, func)</b>	Process wxEVT_SCROLL_TOP scroll-to-bottom events.
<b>EVT_COMMAND_SCROLLWIN_LINEUP(id, func)</b>	Process wxEVT_SCROLL_LINEUP line up events.
<b>EVT_COMMAND_SCROLLWIN_LINEDOWN(id, func)</b>	Process wxEVT_SCROLL_LINEDOWN line down events.
<b>EVT_COMMAND_SCROLLWIN_PAGEUP(id, func)</b>	Process wxEVT_SCROLL_PAGEUP page up events.
<b>EVT_COMMAND_SCROLLWIN_PAGEDOWN(id, func)</b>	Process wxEVT_SCROLL_PAGEDOWN page down events.
<b>EVT_COMMAND_SCROLLWIN_THUMBTRACK(id, func)</b>	Process wxEVT_SCROLL_THUMBTRACK thumbtrack events (frequent events sent as the user drags the thumbtrack).

### See also

*wxWindow::OnScroll* (p. 944), *wxScrollEvent* (p. 678), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

### wxScrollWinEvent::wxScrollWinEvent

**wxScrollWinEvent**(WXTYPE *commandType* = 0, int *id* = 0, int *pos* = 0, int *orientation* = 0)

Constructor.

**wxScrollWinEvent::GetOrientation****int GetOrientation() const**

Returns wxHORIZONTAL or wxVERTICAL, depending on the orientation of the scrollbar.

**wxScrollWinEvent::GetPosition****int GetPosition() const**

Returns the position of the scrollbar.

**wxScrollEvent**

A scroll event holds information about events sent from stand-alone scrollbars, spin-buttons and sliders - starting from wxWindows 2.1, scrolled windows send the *wxScrollWinEvent* (p. 676) which does not derive from *wxCommandEvent*, but from *wxEvent* directly.

**Derived from**

*wxCommandEvent* (p. 108)

*wxEvent* (p. 237)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/event.h>

**Event table macros**

To process a scroll event, use these event handler macros to direct input to member functions that take a *wxScrollEvent* argument. You can use *EVT\_COMMAND\_SCROLL...* macros with window IDs for when intercepting scroll events from controls, or *EVT\_SCROLL...* macros without window IDs for intercepting scroll events from the receiving window.

<b>EVT_SCROLL(func)</b>	Process all scroll events.
<b>EVT_SCROLL_TOP(func)</b>	Process wxEVT_SCROLL_TOP scroll-to-top events.
<b>EVT_SCROLL_BOTTOM(func)</b>	Process wxEVT_SCROLL_TOP scroll-to-bottom events.
<b>EVT_SCROLL_LINEUP(func)</b>	Process wxEVT_SCROLL_LINEUP line up events.
<b>EVT_SCROLL_LINEDOWN(func)</b>	Process wxEVT_SCROLL_LINEDOWN line down events.
<b>EVT_SCROLL_PAGEUP(func)</b>	Process wxEVT_SCROLL_PAGEUP page up events.

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<b>EVT_SCROLL_PAGEDOWN(func)</b>	Process wxEVT_SCROLL_PAGEDOWN page down events.
<b>EVT_SCROLL_THUMBTRACK(func)</b>	Process wxEVT_SCROLL_THUMBTRACK thumbtrack events (frequent events sent as the user drags the thumbtrack).
<b>EVT_COMMAND_SCROLL(id, func)</b>	Process all scroll events.
<b>EVT_COMMAND_SCROLL_TOP(id, func)</b>	Process wxEVT_SCROLL_TOP scroll-to-top events.
<b>EVT_COMMAND_SCROLL_BOTTOM(id, func)</b>	Process wxEVT_SCROLL_TOP scroll-to-bottom events.
<b>EVT_COMMAND_SCROLL_LINEUP(id, func)</b>	Process wxEVT_SCROLL_LINEUP line up events.
<b>EVT_COMMAND_SCROLL_LINEDOWN(id, func)</b>	Process wxEVT_SCROLL_LINEDOWN line down events.
<b>EVT_COMMAND_SCROLL_PAGEUP(id, func)</b>	Process wxEVT_SCROLL_PAGEUP page up events.
<b>EVT_COMMAND_SCROLL_PAGEDOWN(id, func)</b>	Process wxEVT_SCROLL_PAGEDOWN page down events.
<b>EVT_COMMAND_SCROLL_THUMBTRACK(id, func)</b>	Process wxEVT_SCROLL_THUMBTRACK thumbtrack events (frequent events sent as the user drags the thumbtrack).

### Remarks

Note that unless specifying a scroll control identifier, you will need to test for scrollbar orientation with `wxScrollEvent::GetOrientation` (p. 679), since horizontal and vertical scroll events are processed using the same event handler.

### See also

`wxScrollBar` (p. 671), `wxSlider` (p. 696), `wxSpinButton` (p. 727), `wxScrollWinEvent` (p. 676), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

### **wxScrollEvent::wxScrollEvent**

**wxScrollEvent**(WXTYPE *commandType* = 0, int *id* = 0, int *pos* = 0, int *orientation* = 0)

Constructor.

### **wxScrollEvent::GetOrientation**

int **GetOrientation**() const



Returns wxHORIZONTAL or wxVERTICAL, depending on the orientation of the scrollbar.

### **wxScrollEvent::GetPosition**

**int GetPosition() const**

Returns the position of the scrollbar.

### **wxScrolledWindow**

The wxScrolledWindow class manages scrolling for its client area, transforming the coordinates according to the scrollbar positions, and setting the scroll positions, thumb sizes and ranges according to the area in view.

As with all windows, an application can draw onto a wxScrolledWindow using a *device context* (p. 1059).

You have the option of handling the OnPaint handler or overriding the *OnDraw* (p. 685) function, which is passed a pre-scrolled device context (prepared by *PrepareDC* (p. 684)).

If you don't wish to calculate your own scrolling, you must call *PrepareDC* when not drawing from within *OnDraw*, to set the device origin for the device context according to the current scroll position.

A wxScrolledWindow will normally scroll itself and therefore its child windows as well. It might however be desired to scroll a different window than itself: e.g. when designing a spreadsheet, you'll normally only have to scroll the (usually white) cell area, whereas the (usually grey) label area will scroll very differently. For this special purpose, you can call *SetTargetWindow* (p. 687) which means that pressing the scrollbars will scroll a different window.

Note that the underlying system knows nothing about scrolling coordinates, so that all system functions (mouse events, expose events, refresh calls etc) as well as the position of subwindows are relative to the "physical" origin of the scrolled window. If the user insert a child window at position (10,10) and scrolls the window down 100 pixels (moving the child window out of the visible area), the child window will report a position of (10,-90).

### **Derived from**

*wxPanel* (p. 572)  
*wxWindow* (p. 915)  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

### **Include files**

<wx/scrolwin.h>

## Window styles

**wxRETAINED** Uses a backing pixmap to speed refreshes. Motif only.

See also *window styles overview* (p. 1093).

## Remarks

Use `wxScrolledWindow` for applications where the user scrolls by a fixed amount, and where a 'page' can be interpreted to be the current visible portion of the window. For more sophisticated applications, use the `wxScrolledWindow` implementation as a guide to build your own scroll behaviour.

## See also

*wxScrollBar* (p. 671), *wxClientDC* (p. 86), *wxPaintDC* (p. 567)

## **wxScrolledWindow::wxScrolledWindow**

### **wxScrolledWindow()**

Default constructor.

**wxScrolledWindow(wxWindow\* parent, wxWindowID id = -1, const wxPoint& pos = wxDefaultPosition, const wxSize& size = wxDefaultSize, long style = wxHSCROLL | wxVSCROLL, const wxString& name = "scrolledWindow")**

Constructor.

## Parameters

*parent*

Parent window.

*id*

Window identifier. A value of -1 indicates a default value.

*pos*

Window position. If a position of (-1, -1) is specified then a default position is chosen.

*size*

Window size. If a size of (-1, -1) is specified then the window is sized appropriately.

*style*

Window style. See *wxScrolledWindow* (p. 680).

*name*

Window name.

### Remarks

The window is initially created without visible scrollbars. Call `wxScrolledWindow::SetScrollbars` (p. 686) to specify how big the virtual window size should be.

### **wxScrolledWindow::~~wxScrolledWindow**

**~wxScrolledWindow()**

Destructor.

### **wxScrolledWindow::CalcScrolledPosition**

**void CalcScrolledPosition( int x, int y, int \*xx int \*yy) const**

Translates the logical coordinates to the device ones. For example, if a window is scrolled 10 pixels to the bottom, the device coordinates of the origin are (0, 0) (as always), but the logical coordinates are (0, 10) and so the call to `CalcScrolledPosition(0, 0, &xx, &yy)` will return 10 in `yy`.

### See also

*CalcUnscrolledPosition* (p. 682)

**wxPython note:** The wxPython version of this methods accepts only two parameters and returns `xx` and `yy` as a tuple of values.

### **wxScrolledWindow::CalcUnscrolledPosition**

**void CalcUnscrolledPosition( int x, int y, int \*xx int \*yy) const**

Translates the device coordinates to the logical ones. For example, if a window is scrolled 10 pixels to the bottom, the device coordinates of the origin are (0, 0) (as always), but the logical coordinates are (0, 10) and so the call to `CalcUnscrolledPosition(0, 10, &xx, &yy)` will return 0 in `yy`.

### See also

*CalcScrolledPosition* (p. 682)

**wxPython note:** The wxPython version of this methods accepts only two parameters and returns `xx` and `yy` as a tuple of values.

### **wxScrolledWindow::Create**

```
bool Create(wxWindow* parent, wxWindowID id = -1, const wxPoint& pos =  
wxDefaultPosition, const wxSize& size = wxDefaultSize, long style = wxHSCROLL |  
wxVSCROLL, const wxString& name = "scrolledWindow")
```

Creates the window for two-step construction. Derived classes should call or replace this function. See *wxScrolledWindow::wxScrolledWindow* (p. 681) for details.

### **wxScrolledWindow::EnableScrolling**

```
void EnableScrolling(const bool xScrolling, const bool yScrolling)
```

Enable or disable physical scrolling in the given direction. Physical scrolling is the physical transfer of bits up or down the screen when a scroll event occurs. If the application scrolls by a variable amount (e.g. if there are different font sizes) then physical scrolling will not work, and you should switch it off. Note that you will have to reposition child windows yourself, if physical scrolling is disabled.

#### **Parameters**

*xScrolling*

If TRUE, enables physical scrolling in the x direction.

*yScrolling*

If TRUE, enables physical scrolling in the y direction.

#### **Remarks**

Physical scrolling may not be available on all platforms. Where it is available, it is enabled by default.

### **wxScrolledWindow::GetScrollPixelsPerUnit**

```
void GetScrollPixelsPerUnit(int* xUnit, int* yUnit) const
```

Get the number of pixels per scroll unit (line), in each direction, as set by *wxScrolledWindow::SetScrollbars* (p. 686). A value of zero indicates no scrolling in that direction.

#### **Parameters**

*xUnit*

Receives the number of pixels per horizontal unit.

*yUnit*

Receives the number of pixels per vertical unit.

#### See also

*wxScrolledWindow::SetScrollbars* (p. 686), *wxScrolledWindow::GetVirtualSize* (p. 684)

**wxPython note:** The wxPython version of this methods accepts no parameters and returns a tuple of values for xUnit and yUnit.

### **wxScrolledWindow::GetVirtualSize**

**void GetVirtualSize(int\* x, int\* y) const**

Gets the size in device units of the scrollable window area (as opposed to the client size, which is the area of the window currently visible).

#### Parameters

*x*

Receives the length of the scrollable window, in pixels.

*y*

Receives the height of the scrollable window, in pixels.

#### Remarks

Use *wxDC::DeviceToLogicalX* (p. 168) and *wxDC::DeviceToLogicalY* (p. 168) to translate these units to logical units.

#### See also

*wxScrolledWindow::SetScrollbars* (p. 686), *wxScrolledWindow::GetScrollPixelsPerUnit* (p. 683)

**wxPython note:** The wxPython version of this methods accepts no parameters and returns a tuple of values for x and y.

### **wxScrolledWindow::IsRetained**

**bool IsRetained() const**

Motif only: TRUE if the window has a backing bitmap.

### **wxScrolledWindow::PrepareDC**

**void PrepareDC(wxDC& dc)**

Call this function to prepare the device context for drawing a scrolled image. It sets the device origin according to the current scroll position.

`PrepareDC` is called automatically within the default `wxScrolledWindow::OnPaint` event handler, so your `wxScrolledWindow::OnDraw` (p. 685) override will be passed a 'pre-scrolled' device context. However, if you wish to draw from outside of `OnDraw` (via `OnPaint`), or you wish to implement `OnPaint` yourself, you must call this function yourself. For example:

```
void MyWindow::OnEvent(wxMouseEvent& event)
{
    wxClientDC dc(this);
    PrepareDC(dc);

    dc.SetPen(*wxBLACK_PEN);
    float x, y;
    event.Position(&x, &y);
    if (xpos > -1 && ypos > -1 && event.Dragging())
    {
        dc.DrawLine(xpos, ypos, x, y);
    }
    xpos = x;
    ypos = y;
}
```

## **wxScrolledWindow::OnDraw**

**virtual void OnDraw(wxDC& dc)**

Called by the default paint event handler to allow the application to define painting behaviour without having to worry about calling `wxScrolledWindow::PrepareDC` (p. 684).

Instead of overriding this function you may also just process the paint event in the derived class as usual, but then you will have to call `PrepareDC()` yourself.

## **wxScrolledWindow::Scroll**

**void Scroll(int x, int y)**

Scrolls a window so the view start is at the given point.

### **Parameters**

*x*  
The x position to scroll to, in scroll units.

*y*  
The y position to scroll to, in scroll units.

### **Remarks**

The positions are in scroll units, not pixels, so to convert to pixels you will have to multiply by the number of pixels per scroll increment. If either parameter is -1, that position will be ignored (no change in that direction).

### See also

*wxScrolledWindow::SetScrollbars* (p. 686), *wxScrolledWindow::GetScrollPixelsPerUnit* (p. 683)

## **wxScrolledWindow::SetScrollbars**

**void SetScrollbars**(int *pixelsPerUnitX*, int *pixelsPerUnitY*, int *noUnitsX*, int *noUnitsY*, int *xPos* = 0, int *yPos* = 0)

Sets up vertical and/or horizontal scrollbars.

### Parameters

*pixelsPerUnitX*

Pixels per scroll unit in the horizontal direction.

*pixelsPerUnitY*

Pixels per scroll unit in the vertical direction.

*noUnitsX*

Number of units in the horizontal direction.

*noUnitsY*

Number of units in the vertical direction.

*xPos*

Position to initialize the scrollbars in the horizontal direction, in scroll units.

*yPos*

Position to initialize the scrollbars in the vertical direction, in scroll units.

### Remarks

The first pair of parameters give the number of pixels per 'scroll step', i.e. amount moved when the up or down scroll arrows are pressed. The second pair gives the length of scrollbar in scroll steps, which sets the size of the virtual window.

*xPos* and *yPos* optionally specify a position to scroll to immediately.

For example, the following gives a window horizontal and vertical scrollbars with 20 pixels per scroll step, and a size of 50 steps (1000 pixels) in each direction.

```
window->SetScrollbars(20, 20, 50, 50);
```

`wxScrolledWindow` manages the page size itself, using the current client window size as the page size.

Note that for more sophisticated scrolling applications, for example where scroll steps may be variable according to the position in the document, it will be necessary to derive a new class from `wxWindow`, overriding **OnSize** and adjusting the scrollbars appropriately.

### **`wxScrolledWindow::SetTargetWindow`**

**`void SetTargetWindow(wxWindow* window)`**

Call this function to tell `wxScrolledWindow` to perform the actual scrolling on a different window (not on itself).

### **`wxScrolledWindow::ViewStart`**

**`void ViewStart(int* x, int* y) const`**

Get the position at which the visible portion of the window starts.

#### **Parameters**

*x*  
Receives the first visible x position in scroll units.

*y*  
Receives the first visible y position in scroll units.

#### **Remarks**

If either of the scrollbars is not at the home position, *x* and/or *y* will be greater than zero. Combined with `wxWindow::GetClientSize` (p. 924), the application can use this function to efficiently redraw only the visible portion of the window. The positions are in logical scroll units, not pixels, so to convert to pixels you will have to multiply by the number of pixels per scroll increment.

#### **See also**

`wxScrolledWindow::SetScrollbars` (p. 686)

**wxPython note:** The wxPython version of this methods accepts no parameters and returns a tuple of values for *x* and *y*.

### **`wxSingleChoiceDialog`**

This class represents a dialog that shows a list of strings, and allows the user to select one. Double-clicking on a list item is equivalent to single-clicking and then pressing OK.



### Derived from

*wxDialog* (p. 193)  
*wxWindow* (p. 915)  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/choicdlg.h>

### See also

*wxSingleChoiceDialog* overview (p. 1051)

## **wxSingleChoiceDialog::wxSingleChoiceDialog**

**wxSingleChoiceDialog**(*wxWindow\** parent, **const wxString&** message, **const wxString&** caption, **int** n, **const wxString\*** choices, **char\*\*** clientData = NULL, **long** style = wxOK | wxCANCEL | wxCENTRE, **const wxPoint&** pos = wxDefaultPosition)

Constructor, taking an array of wxString choices and optional client data.

**wxSingleChoiceDialog**(*wxWindow\** parent, **const wxString&** message, **const wxString&** caption, **const wxStringList&** choices, **char\*\*** clientData = NULL, **long** style = wxOK | wxCANCEL | wxCENTRE, **const wxPoint&** pos = wxDefaultPosition)

Constructor, taking a string list and optional client data.

### Parameters

*parent*  
Parent window.

*message*  
Message to show on the dialog.

*caption*  
The dialog caption.

*n*  
The number of choices.

*choices*  
An array of strings, or a string list, containing the choices.

*style*

A dialog style (bitlist) containing flags chosen from the following:

<b>wxOK</b>	Show an OK button.
<b>wxCANCEL</b>	Show a Cancel button.
<b>wxCENTRE</b>	Centre the message. Not Windows.

*pos*

Dialog position. Not Windows.

### Remarks

Use *wxSingleChoiceDialog::ShowModal* (p. 689) to show the dialog.

### **wxSingleChoiceDialog::~wxSingleChoiceDialog**

**~wxSingleChoiceDialog()**

Destructor.

### **wxSingleChoiceDialog::GetSelection**

**int GetSelection() const**

Returns the index of selected item.

### **wxSingleChoiceDialog::GetSelectionClientData**

**char\* GetSelectionClientData() const**

Returns the client data associated with the selection.

### **wxSingleChoiceDialog::GetStringSelection**

**wxString GetStringSelection() const**

Returns the selected string.

### **wxSingleChoiceDialog::ShowModal**

**int ShowModal()**

Shows the dialog, returning either *wxID\_OK* or *wxID\_CANCEL*.

### **wxSize**

A **wxSize** is a useful data structure for graphics operations. It simply contains integer *width* and *height* members.

wxSize is used throughout wxWindows as well as wxPoint which, although almost equivalent to wxSize, has a different meaning: wxPoint represents a position while wxSize - the size.

**wxPython note:** wxPython defines aliases for the `x` and `y` members named `width` and `height` since it makes much more sense for sizes.

### Derived from

None

### Include files

<wx/gdicmn.h>

### See also

*wxPoint* (p. 586), *wxRealPoint* (p. 637)

## **wxSize::wxSize**

**wxSize()**

**wxSize(int width, int height)**

Creates a size object.

## **wxSize::GetWidth**

**int GetWidth() const**

Gets the width member.

## **wxSize::GetHeight**

**int GetHeight() const**

Gets the height member.

## **wxSize::Set**

**void Set(int width, int height)**

Sets the width and height members.

**wxSize::SetHeight**

**void SetHeight(int height)**

Sets the height.

**wxSize::SetWidth**

**void SetWidth(int width)**

Sets the width.

**wxSize::operator =**

**void operator =(const wxSize& sz)**

Assignment operator.

**wxSizeEvent**

A size event holds information about size change events.

### Derived from

*wxEvent* (p. 237)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/event.h>

### Event table macros

To process a size event, use this event handler macro to direct input to a member function that takes a `wxSizeEvent` argument.

**EVT\_SIZE(func)**                      Process a `wxEVT_SIZE` event.

### See also

*wxWindow::OnSize* (p. 945), *wxSize* (p. 689), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

**wxSizeEvent::wxSizeEvent****wxSizeEvent(const wxSize& sz, int id = 0)**

Constructor.

**wxSizeEvent::GetSize****wxSize GetSize() const**

Returns the entire size of the window generating the size change event.

**wxSizer**

wxSizer is the abstract base class used for laying out subwindows in a window. You cannot use wxSizer directly; instead, you'll have to use *wxBoxSizer* (p. 58) or *wxStaticBoxSizer* (p. 669).

The layout algorithm used by sizers in wxWindows closely related to layout in other GUI toolkits, such as Java's AWT, the GTK toolkit or the Qt toolkit. It is based upon the idea of the individual subwindows reporting their minimal required size and their ability to get stretched if the size of the parent window has changed. This will most often mean, that the programmer does not set the original size of the dialog in the beginning, rather the top-most sizer will get queried and it will then query its children. Its children can be normal windows or other sizers, so that a hierarchy of sizer can be constructed. Note that sizer are not derived from wxWindows and thus do not interfere with tab ordering and require very little resources compared to a real window on screen.

What makes sizers so well fitted for use in wxWindows, is the fact that every control reports its own minimal size and the algorithm can handle differences in font sizes or different window (dialog item) sizes on different platforms without problems. If e.g. the standard font as well as the overall design of Motif widgets requires more space than on Windows, the initial dialog size will automatically be bigger on Motif than on Windows.

**wxPython note:** If you wish to create a sizer class in wxPython you should derive the class from `wxPySizer` in order to get Python-aware capabilities for the various virtual methods.

**Derived from**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

**wxSizer::wxSizer****wxSizer()**

The constructor. Note that `wxSizer` is an abstract base class and may not be instantiated.

**wxSizer::~~wxSizer****~wxSizer()**

The destructor.

**wxSizer::Add**

**void Add(wxWindow\* window, int option = 0, int flag = 0, int border = 0, wxObject\* userData = NULL)**

**void Add(wxSizer\* sizer, int option = 0, int flag = 0, int border = 0, wxObject\* userData = NULL)**

**void Add(int width, int height, int option = 0, int flag = 0, int border = 0, wxObject\* userData = NULL)**

Adds the *window* to the sizer. As `wxSizer` itself is an abstract class, the parameters have no meaning in the `wxSizer` class itself, but as there currently is only one class deriving directly from `wxSizer` and this class does not override these methods, the meaning of the parameters is described here:

*window*

The window to be added to the sizer. Its initial size (either set explicitly by the user or calculated internally when using `wxDefaultSize`) is interpreted as the minimal and in many cases also the initial size. This is particularly useful in connection with *SetSizeHint* (p. 696).

*sizer*

The (child-)sizer to be added to the sizer. This allows placing a child sizer in a sizer and thus to create hierarchies of sizers (typically a vertical box as the top sizer and several horizontal boxes on the level beneath).

*width and height*

The dimension of a spacer to be added to the sizer. Adding spacers to sizers gives more flexibility in the design of dialogs; imagine for example a vertical box with two buttons at the bottom of a dialog: you might want to insert a space between the two buttons and make that space stretchable using the *option* flag and the result will be that the left button will be aligned with the left side of the dialog and the right button with the right side - the space in between will shrink and grow with the dialog.

*option*

Although the meaning of this parameter is undefined in `wxSizer`, it is used in `wxBoxSizer` to indicate if a child of a sizer can change its size in the main orientation of the `wxBoxSizer` - where 0 stands for not changable and a value of more than zero is interpreted relative to the value of other children of the same `wxBoxSizer`. You might, e.g., have a horizontal `wxBoxSizer` with three children, two of which are supposed to change their size with the sizer, then the two stretchable windows would get a value of 1 each to make them grow and shrink equally with the sizer's horizontal dimension.

*flag*

This parameter can be used to set a number of flags which can be combined using the binary OR operator `|`. Two main behaviours are defined using these flags: One is the border around a window: the *border* parameter determines the border width whereas the flags given here determine where the border may be (`wxTOP`, `wxBOTTOM`, `wxLEFT`, `wxRIGHT` or `wxALL`). The other flags determine the child window's behaviour if the size of the sizer changes, but - in contrast to the *option* flag - not in the main orientation, but the respectively other orientation. So if you created a `wxBoxSizer` with the `wxVERTICAL` option, these flags will be relevant if the sizer changes its horizontal size. A child may get resized to completely fill out the new size (using either `wxGROW` or `wxEXPAND`), may get centered (`wxCENTER` or `wxCENTRE`) or may get aligned to either side (`wxALIGN_LEFT` and `wxALIGN_TOP` are set to 0 and thus represent the default, `wxALIGN_RIGHT` and `wxALIGN_BOTTOM` have their obvious meaning).

*border*

Determines the border width, if the *flag* parameter is set to any border.

*userData*

Allows an extra object to be attached to the sizer item, for use in derived classes when sizing information is more complex than what *option* and *flag* will allow for.

**wxSizer::Prepend**

```
void Prepend(wxWindow* window, int option = 0, int flag = 0, int border = 0,  
wxObject* userData = NULL)
```

```
void Prepend(wxSizer* sizer, int option = 0, int flag = 0, int border = 0, wxObject*  
userData = NULL)
```

```
void Prepend(int width, int height, int option = 0, int flag = 0, int border = 0, wxObject*  
userData = NULL)
```

Same as `wxSizer::Add` (p. 693), but prepends the items to the beginning of the list of items (windows, subsizers or spaces) owned by this sizer.

**wxSizer::Remove**

**bool Remove(wxWindow\* window)**

**bool Remove(wxSizer\* sizer)**

**bool Remove(int nth)**

Removes a child from the sizer. *window* is the window to be removed, *sizer* the equivalent sizer and *nth* is the position of the child in the sizer, typically 0 for the first item. This method does not cause any layout or resizing to take place and does not delete the window itself. Call *wxSizer::Layout* (p. 696) for updating the layout "on screen" after removing a child from the sizer.

Returns TRUE if the child item was found and removed, FALSE otherwise.

**wxSizer::SetDimension**

**void SetDimension(int x, int y, int width, int height)**

Call this to force the sizer to take the given dimension and thus force the items owned by the sizer to resize themselves according to the rules defined by the parameter in the *wxSizer::Add* (p. 693) and *wxSizer::Prepend* (p. 694) methods.

**wxSizer::GetSize**

**wxSize GetSize()**

Returns the current size of the sizer.

**wxSizer::GetPosition**

**wxPoint GetPosition()**

Returns the current position of the sizer.

**wxSizer::GetMinSize**

**wxSize GetMinSize()**

Returns the minimal size of the sizer.

**wxSizer::RecalcSizes**

**void RecalcSizes()**

This method is abstract and has to be overwritten by any derived class. Here, the sizer



will do the actual calculation of its children's positions and sizes.

### **wxSizer::CalcMin**

#### **wxSize CalcMin()**

This method is abstract and has to be overwritten by any derived class. Here, the sizer will do the actual calculation of its children minimal sizes.

### **wxSizer::Layout**

#### **void Layout()**

Call this to force laying out the children anew, e.g. after having added a child to or removed a child (window, other sizer or space) from the sizer while keeping the current dimension.

### **wxSizer::Fit**

#### **void Fit(wxWindow\* window)**

Tell the sizer to resize the *window* to match the sizer's minimal size. This is commonly done in the constructor of the window itself, see sample in the description of *wxBoxSizer* (p. 58).

### **wxSizer::SetSizeHints**

#### **void SetSizeHints(wxWindow\* window)**

Tell the sizer to set the minimal size of the *window* to match the sizer's minimal size. This is commonly done in the constructor of the window itself, see sample in the description of *wxBoxSizer* (p. 58) if the window is resizable (as many dialogs under Unix and frames on probably all platforms).

### **wxSlider**

A slider is a control with a handle which can be pulled back and forth to change the value.

In Windows versions below Windows 95, a scrollbar is used to simulate the slider. In Windows 95, the track bar control is used.

Slider events are handled in the same way as a scrollbar.

#### **Derived from**

*wxControl* (p. 130)  
*wxWindow* (p. 915)  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/slider.h>

### Window styles

<b>wxSL_HORIZONTAL</b>	Displays the slider horizontally.
<b>wxSL_VERTICAL</b>	Displays the slider vertically.
<b>wxSL_AUTOTICKS</b>	Displays tick marks.
<b>wxSL_LABELS</b>	Displays minimum, maximum and value labels.
<b>wxSL_LEFT</b>	Displays ticks on the left, if a vertical slider.
<b>wxSL_RIGHT</b>	Displays ticks on the right, if a vertical slider.
<b>wxSL_TOP</b>	Displays ticks on the top, if a horizontal slider.
<b>wxSL_SELRANGE</b>	Allows the user to select a range on the slider. Windows 95 only.

See also *window styles overview* (p. 1093).

### Event handling

To process input from a slider, use one of these event handler macros to direct input to member functions that take a *wxScrollEvent* (p. 678) argument:

<b>EVT_COMMAND_SCROLL(id, func)</b>	Catch all scroll commands.
<b>EVT_COMMAND_TOP(id, func)</b>	Catch a command to put the scroll thumb at the maximum position.
<b>EVT_COMMAND_BOTTOM(id, func)</b>	Catch a command to put the scroll thumb at the maximum position.
<b>EVT_COMMAND_LINEUP(id, func)</b>	Catch a line up command.
<b>EVT_COMMAND_LINEDOWN(id, func)</b>	Catch a line down command.
<b>EVT_COMMAND_PAGEUP(id, func)</b>	Catch a page up command.
<b>EVT_COMMAND_PAGEDOWN(id, func)</b>	Catch a page down command.
<b>EVT_COMMAND_THUMBTRACK(id, func)</b>	Catch a thumbtrack command (continuous movement of the scroll thumb).
<b>EVT_SLIDER(id, func)</b>	Process a <b>wxEVT_COMMAND_SLIDER_UPDATED</b> event, when the slider is moved. Though provided for backward compatibility, this is obsolete.

### See also

*Event handling overview* (p. 1072), *wxScrollBar* (p. 671)

## **wxSlider::wxSlider**

### **wxSlider()**

Default slider.

**wxSlider**(**wxWindow\*** *parent*, **wxWindowID** *id*, **int** *value* , **int** *minValue*, **int** *maxValue*, **const wxPoint&** *point* = *wxDefaultPosition*, **const wxSize&** *size* = *wxDefaultSize*, **long** *style* = *wxSL\_HORIZONTAL*, **const wxValidator&** *validator* = *wxDefaultValidator*, **const wxString&** *name* = "slider")

Constructor, creating and showing a slider.

### **Parameters**

*parent*

Parent window. Must not be NULL.

*id*

Window identifier. A value of -1 indicates a default value.

*value*

Initial position for the slider.

*minValue*

Minimum slider position.

*maxValue*

Maximum slider position.

*size*

Window size. If the default size (-1, -1) is specified then a default size is chosen.

*style*

Window style. See *wxSlider* (p. 696).

*validator*

Window validator.

*name*

Window name.

### **See also**

*wxSlider::Create* (p. 699), *wxValidator* (p. 897)

## **wxSlider::~~wxSlider**

**void ~wxSlider()**

Destructor, destroying the slider.

**wxSlider::ClearSel****void ClearSel()**

Clears the selection, for a slider with the **wxSL\_SELRANGE** style.

**Remarks**

Windows 95 only.

**wxSlider::ClearTicks****void ClearTicks()**

Clears the ticks.

**Remarks**

Windows 95 only.

**wxSlider::Create**

**bool Create**(**wxWindow\*** parent, **wxWindowID** id, **int** value , **int** minValue, **int** maxValue, **const wxPoint&** point = wxDefaultPosition, **const wxSize&** size = wxDefaultSize, **long** style = wxSL\_HORIZONTAL, **const wxValidator&** validator = wxDefaultValidator, **const wxString&** name = "slider")

Used for two-step slider construction. See *wxSlider::wxSlider* (p. 698) for further details.

**wxSlider::GetLineSize****int GetLineSize() const**

Returns the line size.

**See also**

*wxSlider::SetLineSize* (p. 702)

**wxSlider::GetMax**

**int GetMax() const**

Gets the maximum slider value.

**See also**

*wxSlider::GetMin* (p. 700), *wxSlider::SetRange* (p. 702)

**wxSlider::GetMin****int GetMin() const**

Gets the minimum slider value.

**See also**

*wxSlider::GetMin* (p. 700), *wxSlider::SetRange* (p. 702)

**wxSlider::GetPageSize****int GetPageSize() const**

Returns the page size.

**See also**

*wxSlider::SetPageSize* (p. 703)

**wxSlider::GetSelEnd****int GetSelEnd() const**

Returns the selection end point.

**Remarks**

Windows 95 only.

**See also**

*wxSlider::GetSelStart* (p. 700), *wxSlider::SetSelection* (p. 703)

**wxSlider::GetSelStart****int GetSelStart() const**

Returns the selection start point.

#### Remarks

Windows 95 only.

#### See also

*wxSlider::GetSelEnd* (p. 700), *wxSlider::SetSelection* (p. 703)

### **wxSlider::GetThumbLength**

**int GetThumbLength() const**

Returns the thumb length.

#### Remarks

Windows 95 only.

#### See also

*wxSlider::SetThumbLength* (p. 703)

### **wxSlider::GetTickFreq**

**int GetTickFreq() const**

Returns the tick frequency.

#### Remarks

Windows 95 only.

#### See also

*wxSlider::SetTickFreq* (p. 702)

### **wxSlider::GetValue**

**int GetValue() const**

Gets the current slider value.

#### See also

*wxSlider::GetMin* (p. 700), *wxSlider::GetMax* (p. 699), *wxSlider::SetValue* (p. 704)

### **wxSlider::SetRange**

**void SetRange**(int *minValue*, int *maxValue*)

Sets the minimum and maximum slider values.

[See also](#)

*wxSlider::GetMin* (p. 700), *wxSlider::GetMax* (p. 699)

### **wxSlider::SetTickFreq**

**void SetTickFreq**(int *n*, int *pos*)

Sets the tick mark frequency and position.

#### **Parameters**

*n*

Frequency. For example, if the frequency is set to two, a tick mark is displayed for every other increment in the slider's range.

*pos*

Position. Must be greater than zero. TODO: what is this for?

#### **Remarks**

Windows 95 only.

[See also](#)

*wxSlider::GetTickFreq* (p. 701)

### **wxSlider::SetLineSize**

**void SetLineSize**(int *lineSize*)

Sets the line size for the slider.

#### **Parameters**

*lineSize*

The number of steps the slider moves when the user moves it up or down a line.

[See also](#)

*wxSlider::GetLineSize* (p. 699)

### **wxSlider::SetPageSize**

**void SetPageSize(int *pageSize*)**

Sets the page size for the slider.

#### **Parameters**

*pageSize*

The number of steps the slider moves when the user pages up or down.

#### **See also**

*wxSlider::GetPageSize* (p. 700)

### **wxSlider::SetSelection**

**void SetSelection(int *startPos*, int *endPos*)**

Sets the selection.

#### **Parameters**

*startPos*

The selection start position.

*endPos*

The selection end position.

#### **Remarks**

Windows 95 only.

#### **See also**

*wxSlider::GetSelStart* (p. 700), *wxSlider::GetSelEnd* (p. 700)

### **wxSlider::SetThumbLength**

**void SetThumbLength(int *len*)**

Sets the slider thumb length.

#### **Parameters**



*len*

The thumb length.

### Remarks

Windows 95 only.

### See also

*wxSlider::GetThumbLength* (p. 701)

## **wxSlider::SetTick**

**void SetTick(int *tickPos*)**

Sets a tick position.

### Parameters

*tickPos*

The tick position.

### Remarks

Windows 95 only.

### See also

*wxSlider::SetTickFreq* (p. 702)

## **wxSlider::SetValue**

**void SetValue(int *value*)**

Sets the slider position.

### Parameters

*value*

The slider position.

### See also

*wxSlider::GetValue* (p. 701)

## **wxSocketAddress**

You are unlikely to need to use this class: only `wxSocketBase` uses it.

#### Derived from

*wxObject* (p. 555)

#### Include files

`<wx/socket.h>`

#### See also

*wxSocketBase* (p. 705)

### **wxSocketAddress::wxSocketAddress**

**wxSocketAddress()**

Default constructor.

### **wxSocketAddress::~~wxSocketAddress**

**~wxSocketAddress()**

Default destructor.

### **wxSocketAddress::Clear**

**void Clear()**

Delete all informations about the address.

### **wxSocketAddress::SockAddrLen**

**int SockAddrLen();**

Returns the length of the socket address.

### **wxSocketBase**

#### Derived from

*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)

#### Include files

<wx/socket.h>

### wxSocket errors

<b>wxSOCKET_NOERROR</b>	No error happened.
<b>wxSOCKET_INVOP</b>	Invalid operation.
<b>wxSOCKET_IOERR</b>	Input/Output error.
<b>wxSOCKET_INVADDR</b>	Invalid address passed to wxSocket.
<b>wxSOCKET_INVSOCK</b>	Invalid socket (uninitialized).
<b>wxSOCKET_NOHOST</b>	No corresponding host.
<b>wxSOCKET_INVPORT</b>	Invalid port.
<b>wxSOCKET_WOULDBLOCK</b>	The socket is non-blocking and the operation would block.
<b>wxSOCKET_TIMEOUT</b>	The timeout for this operation expired.
<b>wxSOCKET_MEMERR</b>	Memory exhausted.

### wxSocket events

<b>wxSOCKET_INPUT</b>	Some data has arrived to the socket.
<b>wxSOCKET_OUTPUT</b>	The socket is ready to be written to.
<b>wxSOCKET_CONNECTION</b>	Incoming connection arrival (server), or connection establishment (client).
<b>wxSOCKET_LOST</b>	The connection has been closed.
<b>wxSOCKET_MAX_EVENT</b>	This should never happen but the compiler may complain about it.

A brief note on how to use these events:

The **wxSOCKET\_INPUT** event will be issued when the incoming queue was empty and new data arrives, but NOT if new data arrives when there was data waiting in the incoming queue.

The **wxSOCKET\_OUTPUT** event is issued when a socket is first connected with Connect or accepted with Accept, and then, only after an output operation fails because the output buffer was full, and buffer space becomes available again.

The **wxSOCKET\_CONNECTION** event is issued when a connection request completes (client) or when a new connection arrives at the pending connections queue (server).

The **wxSOCKET\_LOST** event is issued when a close indication is received for the socket. This means that the connection broke down or that it was closed by the peer.

### Event handling

To process events from a socket, use the following event handler macro to direct input to member functions that take a *wxSocketEvent* (p. 721) argument.

<b>EVT_SOCKET(id, func)</b>	A socket event occurred.
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**See also**

*wxSocketEvent* (p. 721), *wxSocketClient* (p. 719), *wxSocketServer* (p. 722)

**wxSocketBase::wxSocketBase****wxSocketBase()**

Default constructor. Don't use it; use *wxSocketClient* (p. 719) or *wxSocketServer* (p. 722).

**wxSocketBase::~~wxSocketBase****~wxSocketBase()**

Destroys the *wxSocketBase* object.

**wxSocketBase::SetFlags**

**void SetFlags(wxSocketBase::wxSockFlags flags)**

<b>wxSOCKET_NONE</b>	Normal functionality.
<b>wxSOCKET_NOWAIT</b>	Get the available data in the input queue and return immediately.
<b>wxSOCKET_WAITALL</b>	Wait for all required data unless an error occurs.
<b>wxSOCKET_BLOCK</b>	Block the GUI (do not <i>wxYield</i> ) while reading/writing data.

A brief overview on how to use these flags follows.

If no flag is specified (this is the same as **wxSOCKET\_NONE**), IO calls will return after some data has been read or written, even when the transfer might not be complete. This is the same as issuing exactly one blocking low-level call to *recv()* or *send()*. Note that blocking here refers to when the function returns, not to whether the GUI blocks during this time.

If **wxSOCKET\_NOWAIT** is specified, IO calls will return immediately. Read operations will retrieve only available data. Write operations will write as much data as possible, depending on how much space is available in the output buffer. This is the same as issuing exactly one nonblocking low-level call to *recv()* or *send()*. Note that nonblocking here refers to when the function returns, not to whether the GUI blocks during this time.

If **wxSOCKET\_WAITALL** is specified, IO calls won't return until ALL the data has been read or written (or until an error occurs), blocking if necessary, and issuing several low level calls if necessary. This is the same as having a loop which makes as many blocking low-level calls to `recv()` or `send()` as needed so as to transfer all the data. Note that "blocking" here refers to when the function returns, not to whether the GUI blocks during this time.

The **wxSOCKET\_BLOCK** controls whether the GUI blocks during IO operations. If this flag is not used, then the application must take extra care to avoid unwanted reentrance.

So:

**wxSOCKET\_NONE** will try to read SOME data, no matter how much.

**wxSOCKET\_NOWAIT** will always return immediately, even if it cannot read or write ANY data.

**wxSOCKET\_WAITALL** will only return when it has read or written ALL the data.

**wxSOCKET\_BLOCK** has nothing to do with the previous flags and it control whether the GUI blocks.

### **wxSocketBase::SetNotify**

**void SetNotify(wxSocketEventFlags flags)**

SetNotify specifies which socket events are to be sent to the event handler. The *flags* parameter is a combination of flags ORed together. The following flags can be used:

<b>wxSOCKET_INPUT_FLAG</b>	to receive wxSOCKET_INPUT
<b>wxSOCKET_OUTPUT_FLAG</b>	to receive wxSOCKET_OUTPUT
<b>wxSOCKET_CONNECTION_FLAG</b>	to receive wxSOCKET_CONNECTION
<b>wxSOCKET_LOST_FLAG</b>	to receive wxSOCKET_LOST

For example:

```
sock.SetNotify(wxSOCKET_INPUT_FLAG | wxSOCKET_LOST_FLAG);
```

In this example, the user will be notified about incoming socket data and whenever the connection is closed.

For more information on socket events see *wxSocket events* (p. 705).

### **wxSocketBase::SetTimeout**

wxsocketbasesettimeout

**void SetTimeout(int seconds)**

This function sets the default socket timeout in seconds. This timeout applies to IO calls and also to Wait functions if you don't specify a wait interval. If you never use SetTimeout, the default timeout will be 10 minutes.

### **wxSocketBase::Notify**

**void Notify(bool notify)**

Notify will enable (notify is TRUE) or disable (notify is FALSE) the propagation of socket events.

### **wxSocketBase::Ok**

**bool Ok() const**

Returns TRUE if the socket is initialized and ready and FALSE in other cases.

### **wxSocketBase::Error**

**bool Error() const**

Returns TRUE if an error occurred in the last IO operation.

The following operations update the Error() status: Read, Write, ReadMsg, WriteMsg, Peek, Unread, Discard.

### **wxSocketBase::IsConnected**

**bool IsConnected() const**

Returns TRUE if the socket is connected.

### **wxSocketBase::IsData**

**bool IsData() const**

Returns TRUE if there is data available to be read.

### **wxSocketBase::IsDisconnected**

**bool IsDisconnected() const**

Returns TRUE if the socket is disconnected.

**wxSocketBase::IsNoWait****bool IsNoWait() const**

Returns TRUE if the socket mustn't wait.

**wxSocketBase::LastCount****wxUInt32 LastCount() const**

Returns the number of bytes read or written by the last IO call.

The following operations update the LastCount() value: Read, Write, ReadMsg, WriteMsg, Peek, Unread, Discard.

**wxSocketBase::LastError****wxSocketError LastError() const**

Returns the last wxSocket error. See *wxSocket errors* (p. 705).

Please note that this function merely returns the last error code, but it should not be used to determine if an error has occurred (this is because successful operations do not change the LastError value). Use Error, instead of LastError, to determine if the last IO call failed. If Error returns TRUE, use LastError to discover the cause of the error.

**wxSocketBase::Peek****wxSocketBase& Peek(char \* buffer, wxUInt32 nbytes)**

This function peeks a buffer of *nbytes* bytes from the socket. Peeking a buffer doesn't delete it from the system socket in-queue.

Use LastCount to verify the number of bytes actually peeked.

Use Error to determine if the operation succeeded.

**Parameters***buffer*

Buffer where to put peeked data.

*nbytes*

Number of bytes.

### Return value

Returns a reference to the current object.

### Remark/Warning

The exact behaviour of `wxSocketBase::Peek()` depends on the combination of flags being used. For a detailed explanation, see `wxSocketBase::SetFlags` (p. 707)

### See also

`wxSocketBase::Error` (p. 709), `wxSocketBase::LastError` (p. 710),  
`wxSocketBase::LastCount` (p. 710), `wxSocketBase::SetFlags` (p. 707)

## **wxSocketBase::Read**

**wxSocketBase& Read(char \* buffer, wxUint32 nbytes)**

This function reads a buffer of *nbytes* bytes from the socket.

Use `LastCount` to verify the number of bytes actually read.

Use `Error` to determine if the operation succeeded.

### Parameters

*buffer*  
Buffer where to put read data.

*nbytes*  
Number of bytes.

### Return value

Returns a reference to the current object.

### Remark/Warning

The exact behaviour of `wxSocketBase::Read()` depends on the combination of flags being used. For a detailed explanation, see `wxSocketBase::SetFlags` (p. 707).

### See also

`wxSocketBase::Error` (p. 709), `wxSocketBase::LastError` (p. 710),  
`wxSocketBase::LastCount` (p. 710), `wxSocketBase::SetFlags` (p. 707)

## **wxSocketBase::Write**

**wxSocketBase& Write(const char \* buffer, wxUint32 nbytes)**



This function writes a buffer of *nbytes* bytes to the socket.

Use `LastCount` to verify the number of bytes actually written.

Use `Error` to determine if the operation succeeded.

### Parameters

*buffer*

Buffer with the data to be sent.

*nbytes*

Number of bytes.

### Return value

Returns a reference to the current object.

### Remark/Warning

The exact behaviour of `wxSocketBase::Write()` depends on the combination of flags being used. For a detailed explanation, see `wxSocketBase::SetFlags` (p. 707).

### See also

`wxSocketBase::Error` (p. 709), `wxSocketBase::LastError` (p. 710),  
`wxSocketBase::LastCount` (p. 710), `wxSocketBase::SetFlags` (p. 707)

## **wxSocketBase::WriteMsg**

**wxSocketBase& WriteMsg(const char \* *buffer*, wxUint32 *nbytes*)**

This function writes a buffer of *nbytes* bytes from the socket, but it writes a short header before so that `ReadMsg` can alloc the right size for the buffer. So, a buffer sent with `WriteMsg` **must** be read with `ReadMsg`. This function always waits for the entire buffer to be sent, unless an error occurs.

Use `LastCount` to verify the number of bytes actually written.

Use `Error` to determine if the operation succeeded.

### Parameters

*buffer*

Buffer with the data to be sent.

*nbytes*

Number of bytes.

### Return value

Returns a reference to the current object.

### Remark/Warning

`wxSocketBase::WriteMsg()` will behave as if the `wxSOCKET_WAITALL` flag was always set and it will always ignore the `wxSOCKET_NOWAIT` flag. The exact behaviour of `WriteMsg` depends on the `wxSOCKET_BLOCK` flag. For a detailed explanation, see `wxSocketBase::SetFlags` (p. 707).

### See also

`wxSocketBase::Error` (p. 709), `wxSocketBase::LastError` (p. 710),  
`wxSocketBase::LastCount` (p. 710), `wxSocketBase::SetFlags` (p. 707),  
`wxSocketBase::ReadMsg` (p. 713)

## **wxSocketBase::ReadMsg**

**wxSocketBase& ReadMsg(char \* buffer, wxUint32 nbytes)**

This function reads a buffer sent by `WriteMsg` on a socket. If the buffer passed to the function isn't big enough, the remaining bytes will be discarded. This function always waits for the buffer to be entirely filled, unless an error occurs.

Use `LastCount` to verify the number of bytes actually read.

Use `Error` to determine if the operation succeeded.

### Parameters

*buffer*

Buffer where to put read data.

*nbytes*

Number of bytes allocated for the buffer.

### Return value

Returns a reference to the current object.

### Remark/Warning

`wxSocketBase::ReadMsg()` will behave as if the `wxSOCKET_WAITALL` flag was always set and it will always ignore the `wxSOCKET_NOWAIT` flag. The exact behaviour of `ReadMsg` depends on the `wxSOCKET_SPEED` flag. For a detailed explanation, see `wxSocketBase::SetFlags` (p. 707).

### See also

*wxSocketBase::Error* (p. 709), *wxSocketBase::LastError* (p. 710),  
*wxSocketBase::LastCount* (p. 710), *wxSocketBase::SetFlags* (p. 707),  
*wxSocketBase::WriteMsg* (p. 712)

## **wxSocketBase::Unread**

**wxSocketBase& Unread**(const char \* *buffer*, wxUint32 *nbytes*)

This function unread a buffer. That is, the data in the buffer is put back in the incoming queue. This function is not affected by wxSocket flags.

If you use LastCount, it will always return *nbytes*.

If you use Error, it will always return FALSE.

### **Parameters**

*buffer*  
Buffer to be unread.

*nbytes*  
Number of bytes.

### **Return value**

Returns a reference to the current object.

### **See also**

*wxSocketBase::Error* (p. 709), *wxSocketBase::LastCount* (p. 710),  
*wxSocketBase::LastError* (p. 710)

## **wxSocketBase::Discard**

**wxSocketBase& Discard**()

This function simply deletes all bytes in the incoming queue. This function doesn't wait. That is, it will behave as if the wxSOCKET\_NOWAIT flag was set. The wxSOCKET\_SPEED and wxSOCKET\_WAITALL flags have no effect on this function.

Use LastCount to see the number of bytes discarded.

If you use Error, it will always return FALSE.

## **wxSocketBase::Wait**

**bool Wait**(long *seconds* = -1, long *millisecond* = 0)

This function waits until one of the following conditions is true: there is data available for reading; the output buffer is empty (you can send new data); the connection has been lost; an incoming connection arrived (only for servers); a connection request has completed (only for clients).

### Parameters

*seconds*

Number of seconds to wait. If -1, it will wait for the default timeout set with `SetTimeout`.

*millisecond*

Number of milliseconds to wait.

### Return value

Returns `TRUE` if an event occurred, `FALSE` if the timeout was reached.

### See also

`wxSocketBase::WaitForRead` (p. 715), `wxSocketBase::WaitForWrite` (p. 715),  
`wxSocketBase::WaitForLost` (p. 716)

## **wxSocketBase::WaitForRead**

**bool WaitForRead(long seconds = -1, long millisecond = 0)**

This function waits until there is data available to be read.

### Parameters

*seconds*

Number of seconds to wait. If -1, it will wait for the default timeout set with `SetTimeout`.

*millisecond*

Number of milliseconds to wait.

### Return value

Returns `TRUE` if there is data to be read, `FALSE` if the timeout was reached.

### See also

`wxSocketBase::Wait` (p. 714), `wxSocketBase::WaitForWrite` (p. 715),  
`wxSocketBase::WaitForLost` (p. 716)

## **wxSocketBase::WaitForWrite**

**bool WaitForWrite(long seconds = -1, long millisecond = 0)**

This function waits until you can write to the socket.

### Parameters

*seconds*

Number of seconds to wait. If -1, it will wait for the default timeout set with `SetTimeout`.

*millisecond*

Number of milliseconds to wait.

### Return value

Returns TRUE if you can write to the socket, FALSE if the timeout was reached.

### See also

*wxSocketBase::Wait* (p. 714), *wxSocketBase::WaitForRead* (p. 715),  
*wxSocketBase::WaitForLost* (p. 716)

## **wxSocketBase::WaitForLost**

**bool Wait(long seconds = -1, long millisecond = 0)**

This function waits until the connection is lost. This may happen if the peer closes the connection or if the connection breaks.

### Parameters

*seconds*

Number of seconds to wait. If -1, it will wait for the default timeout set with `SetTimeout`.

*millisecond*

Number of milliseconds to wait.

### Return value

Returns TRUE if the connection was lost, FALSE if the timeout was reached.

### See also

*wxSocketBase::WaitForRead* (p. 715), *wxSocketBase::WaitForWrite* (p. 715),  
*wxSocketBase::WaitForLost* (p. 716)

## **wxSocketBase::RestoreState**

**void RestoreState()**

This function restores the previous state of the socket, as saved with SaveState.

Calls to SaveState / RestoreState can be nested.

**See also**

*wxSocketBase::SaveState* (p. 717)

**wxSocketBase::SaveState****void SaveState()**

This function saves the current state of the socket object in a stack: actually it saves all flags (those set with SetFlags, SetNotify, Notify) and the state of the asynchronous callbacks (Callback, CallbackData).

Calls to SaveState / RestoreState can be nested.

**See also**

*wxSocketBase::RestoreState* (p. 716)

**wxSocketBase::GetLocal**

wxsocketbasegetlocal

**bool GetLocal(wxSockAddress& addr\_man) const**

This function returns the local address field of the socket. The local address field contains the complete local address of the socket (local address, local port, ...).

**Return value**

It returns TRUE if no errors happened, FALSE otherwise.

**wxSocketBase::GetPeer**

wxsocketbasegetlocal

**bool GetPeer(wxSockAddress& addr\_man) const**

This function returns the peer address field of the socket. The peer address field contains the complete peer host address of the socket (address, port, ...).

### Return value

It returns TRUE if no errors happened, FALSE otherwise.

### **wxSocketBase::SetEventHandler**

**void SetEventHandler(wxEvtHandler& evt\_hdlr, int id = -1)**

Sets an event handler to be called when a socket event occurs. The handler will be called for those events for which notification is enabled with SetNotify and Notify.

You can also specify a C callback to be called when an event occurs. See Callback and CallbackData.

### Parameters

*evt\_hdlr*

Specifies the event handler you want to use.

*id*

The id of socket event.

### See also

*wxSocketBase::SetNotify* (p. 708), *wxSocketBase::Notify* (p. 709), *wxSocketEvent* (p. 721), *wxEvtHandler* (p. 240), *wxSocketBase::Callback* (p. 718), *wxSocketBase::CallbackData* (p. 719)

### **wxSocketBase::Callback**

**wxSocketBase::wxSockCbK Callback(wxSocketBase::wxSockCbK callback)**

You can setup a C callback to be called when an event occurs. The callback will be called only for those events for which notification has been enabled with Notify and SetNotify. The prototype of the callback must be as follows:

```
void SocketCallback(wxSocketBase& sock,wxSocketNotify evt,char *cdata);
```

The first parameter is a reference to the socket object in which the event occurred. The second parameter tells you which event occurred. (See *wxSocket events* (p. 705)). The third parameter is the user data you specified using *CallbackData* (p. 719).

### Return value

A pointer to the previous callback.

### See also

*wxSocketBase::CallbackData* (p. 719), *wxSocketBase::SetNotify* (p. 708),

*wxSocketBase::Notify* (p. 709)

### **wxSocketBase::CallbackData**

**char \* CallbackData(char \*cdata)**

This function sets the the user data which will be passed to a *C callback* (p. 718).

#### **Return value**

A pointer to the previous user data.

*wxSocketBase::Callback* (p. 718), *wxSocketBase::SetNotify* (p. 708),  
*wxSocketBase::Notify* (p. 709)

### **wxSocketClient**

#### **Derived from**

*wxSocketBase* (p. 705)

#### **Include files**

<wx/socket.h>

### **wxSocketClient::wxSocketClient**

**wxSocketClient(wxSockFlags flags = wxSocketBase::NONE)**

Constructs a new wxSocketClient.

#### **Parameters**

*flags*  
Socket flags (See *wxSocketBase::SetFlags* (p. 707))

### **wxSocketClient::~~wxSocketClient**

**~wxSocketClient()**

Destroys a wxSocketClient object.

### **wxSocketClient::Connect**

**bool Connect(wxSockAddress& address, bool wait = TRUE)**



Connects to a server using the specified address.

If *wait* is TRUE, Connect will wait until the connection completes and the socket is ready to send or receive data, or until an event occurs.

**Warning !** This will block the GUI.

If *wait* is FALSE, Connect will try to establish the connection and return immediately, without blocking the GUI. When used this way, even if Connect returns FALSE, the connection request can be completed later. To detect this, use WaitConnection, or watch "connection" events (for succesful establishment) and "lost" events (for connection failure).

### Parameters

*address*

Address of the server.

*wait*

If true, waits for the connection to be ready.

### Return value

Returns TRUE if the connection is established and no error occurs.

If *wait* was TRUE, and Connect returns FALSE, an error occured and the connection failed.

If *wait* was FALSE, and Connect returns FALSE, you should still be prepared to handle the completion of this connection request, either with WaitOnConnect or by watching "connection" and "lost" events.

### See also

*wxSocketClient::WaitOnConnect* (p. 720), *wxSocketBase::SetNotify* (p. 708),  
*wxSocketBase::Notify* (p. 709)

## **wxSocketClient::WaitOnConnect**

**bool WaitOnConnect(long seconds = -1, long milliseconds = 0)**

Wait until the connection is succesfully established or until it fails. Use this function after a call to Connect with *wait* set to FALSE.

### Parameters

*seconds*

Number of seconds to wait. If -1, it will wait for the default timeout set with SetTimeout.

*millisecond*

Number of milliseconds to wait.

### Return value

If the connection is successfully established, it returns TRUE.

If the timeout expires, or if the connection fails, it returns FALSE.

### See also

*wxSocketClient::Connect* (p. 719)

## wxSocketEvent

This event class contains information about socket events.

### Derived from

*wxEvent* (p. 237)

### Include files

<wx/socket.h>

### Event table macros

To process a socket event, use these event handler macros to direct input to member functions that take a *wxSocketEvent* argument.

<b>EVT_SOCKET(id, func)</b>	Process a socket event, supplying the member function.
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[TODO:] A brief note on how to use events. The *wxSOCKET\_INPUT* event is generated when the

### See also

*wxSocketBase* (p. 705), *wxSocketClient* (p. 719), *wxSocketServer* (p. 722)

## wxSocketEvent::wxSocketEvent

**wxSocketEvent(int id = 0)**

Constructor.

**wxSocketEvent::SocketEvent****wxSocketNotify SocketEvent() const**

Returns the socket event type.

**wxSocketServer****Derived from**

*wxSocketBase* (p. 705)

**Include files**

<wx/socket.h>

**wxSocketServer::wxSocketServer**

**wxSocketServer(wxSockAddress& address, wxSockFlags flags = wxSocketBase::NONE)**

Constructs a new wxSocketServer.

**Parameters**

*address*

Specifies the local address for the server (e.g. port number).

*flags*

Socket flags (See *wxSocketBase::SetFlags* (p. 707))

**wxSocketServer::~~wxSocketServer**

**~wxSocketServer()**

Destroys a wxSocketServer object (it doesn't close the accepted connections).

**wxSocketServer::Accept**

**wxSocketBase \* Accept(bool wait = TRUE)**

Creates a new object wxSocketBase and accepts an incoming connection.

If *wait* is TRUE and there are no pending connections to be accepted, it will wait for the next incoming connection to arrive. **Warning !** This will block the GUI.

If *wait* is FALSE, it will try to accept a pending connection if there is one, but it will always return immediately without blocking the GUI. If you want to use `Accept` in this way, you can either check for incoming connections with `WaitForAccept` or watch "connection" events, then call `Accept` once you know that there is an incoming connection waiting to be accepted.

### Return value

Returns an opened socket connection, or NULL if an error occurred or if the *wait* parameter was FALSE and there were no pending connections.

### See also

`wxSocketServer::WaitForAccept` (p. 723), `wxSocketBase::SetNotify` (p. 708), `wxSocketBase::Notify` (p. 709), `wxSocketServer::AcceptWith` (p. 723)

## **wxSocketServer::AcceptWith**

**bool** `AcceptWith(wxSocketBase& socket, bool wait = TRUE)`

Accept an incoming connection using the specified socket object. This is useful when someone wants to inherit `wxSocketBase`.

### Parameters

*socket*  
Socket to be initialized

### Return value

Returns TRUE on success, or FALSE if an error occurred or if the *wait* parameter was FALSE and there were no pending connections.

`wxSocketServer::WaitForAccept` (p. 723), `wxSocketBase::SetNotify` (p. 708), `wxSocketBase::Notify` (p. 709), `wxSocketServer::Accept` (p. 722)

## **wxSocketServer::WaitForAccept**

**bool** `WaitForAccept(long seconds = -1, long millisecond = 0)`

This function waits for an incoming connection. Use it if you want to call `Accept` or `AcceptWith` with *wait* set to FALSE, to detect when an incoming connection is waiting to be accepted.

### Parameters

*seconds*  
Number of seconds to wait. If -1, it will wait for the default timeout set with

SetTimeout.

*millisecond*

Number of milliseconds to wait.

### Return value

Returns TRUE if an incoming connection arrived, FALSE if the timeout expired.

### See also

*wxSocketServer::Accept* (p. 722), *wxSocketServer::AcceptWith* (p. 723)

## wxSplitterEvent

This class represents the events generated by a splitter control. Also there is only one event class, the data associated to the different events is not the same and so not all accessor functions may be called for each event. The documentation mentions the kind of event(s) for which the given accessor function makes sense: calling it for other types of events will result in assert failure (in debug mode) and will return meaningless results.

### Derived from

*wxCommandEvent* (p. 108)

*wxEvent* (p. 237)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/splitter.h>

### Event table macros

To process a splitter event, use these event handler macros to direct input to member functions that take a *wxSplitterEvent* argument.

#### **EVT\_SPLITTER\_SASH\_POS\_CHANGING(id, func)**

The sash position is in the process of being changed. May be used to modify the position of the tracking bar to properly reflect the position that would be set if the drag were to be completed at this point. Processes a *wxEVT\_COMMAND\_SPLITTER\_SASH\_POS\_CHANGING* event.

#### **EVT\_SPLITTER\_SASH\_POS\_CHANGED(id, func)**

The sash position was changed. May be used to modify the sash position before it is set, or to prevent

**EVT\_SPLITTER\_UNSPLOT(id, func)**

**EVT\_SPLITTER\_DOUBLECLICKED(id, func)**

the change from taking place. Processes a `wxEVT_COMMAND_SPLITTER_SASH_POS_CHANGED` event.

The splitter has been just unsplit. Processes a `wxEVT_COMMAND_SPLITTER_UNSPLOT` event.

The sash was double clicked. The default behaviour is to unsplit the window when this happens (unless the minimum pane size has been set to a value greater than zero). Processes a `wxEVT_COMMAND_SPLITTER_DOUBLECLICKED` event.

### See also

*wxSplitterWindow* (p. 731), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

## **wxSplitterEvent::wxSplitterEvent**

**wxSplitterEvent(wxEventType eventType = wxEVT\_NULL, wxSplitterWindow \* splitter = NULL)**

Constructor. Used internally by wxWindows only.

## **wxSplitterEvent::GetSashPosition**

**int GetSashPosition() const**

Returns the new sash position.

May only be called while processing `wxEVT_COMMAND_SPLITTER_SASH_POS_CHANGING` and `wxEVT_COMMAND_SPLITTER_SASH_POS_CHANGED` events.

## **wxSplitterEvent::GetX**

**int GetX() const**

Returns the x coordinate of the double-click point.

May only be called while processing  
wxEVT\_COMMAND\_SPLITTER\_DOUBLECLICKED events.

### **wxSplitterEvent::GetY**

**int GetY() const**

Returns the y coordinate of the double-click point.

May only be called while processing  
wxEVT\_COMMAND\_SPLITTER\_DOUBLECLICKED events.

### **wxSplitterEvent::GetWindowBeingRemoved**

**wxWindow\* GetWindowBeingRemoved() const**

Returns a pointer to the window being removed when a splitter window is unsplit.

May only be called while processing wxEVT\_COMMAND\_SPLITTER\_UNSPLOT events.

### **wxSplitterEvent::SetSashPosition**

**void SetSashPosition(int pos)**

In the case of wxEVT\_COMMAND\_SPLITTER\_SASH\_POS\_CHANGED events, sets the the new sash position. In the case of wxEVT\_COMMAND\_SPLITTER\_SASH\_POS\_CHANGING events, sets the new tracking bar position so visual feedback during dragging will represent that change that will actually take place. Set to -1 from the event handler code to prevent repositioning.

May only be called while processing  
wxEVT\_COMMAND\_SPLITTER\_SASH\_POS\_CHANGING and  
wxEVT\_COMMAND\_SPLITTER\_SASH\_POS\_CHANGED events.

#### **Parameters**

*pos*  
New sash position.

### **wxSocketInputStream**

#### **Derived from**

*wxInputStream* (p. 425)

**Include files**

<wx/sckstrm.h>

**See also**

*wxStreamBuffer* (p. 755), *wxSocketBase* (p. 705)

**wxSocketInputStream::wxSocketInputStream**

**wxSocketInputStream(wxSocketBase& s)**

Initializes a new read-only socket stream using the specified initialized socket connection.

**wxSocketOutputStream****Derived from**

*wxOutputStream* (p. 559)

**Include files**

<wx/sckstrm.h>

**See also**

*wxStreamBuffer* (p. 755), *wxSocketBase* (p. 705)

**wxSocketOutputStream::wxSocketOutputStream**

**wxSocketInputStream(wxSocketBase& s)**

Initializes a new write-only socket stream using the specified initialized socket connection.

**wxSpinButton**

A *wxSpinButton* has two small up and down (or left and right) arrow buttons. It is often used next to a text control for increment and decrementing a value.

**Derived from**



*wxControl* (p. 130)  
*wxWindow* (p. 915)  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/spinbutt.h>

### Window styles

<b>wxSP_HORIZONTAL</b>	Specifies a horizontal spin button.
<b>wxSP_VERTICAL</b>	Specifies a vertical spin button.
<b>wxSP_ARROW_KEYS</b>	The user can use arrow keys.
<b>wxSP_WRAP</b>	The value wraps at the minimum and maximum.

See also *window styles overview* (p. 1093).

### Event handling

To process input from a spin button, use one of these event handler macros to direct input to member functions that take a *wxScrollEvent* (p. 678) argument:

<b>EVT_SPIN(id, func)</b>	Catch all scroll commands.
<b>EVT_SPIN_UP(id, func)</b>	Catch up (or left) commands. Win32 only.
<b>EVT_SPIN_DOWN(id, func)</b>	Catch down (or right) commands. Win32 only.
<b>EVT_COMMAND_TOP(id, func)</b>	Catch a command to put the scroll thumb at the maximum position.
<b>EVT_COMMAND_SCROLL(id, func)</b>	Catch all scroll commands.
<b>EVT_COMMAND_TOP(id, func)</b>	Catch a command to put the scroll thumb at the maximum position.
<b>EVT_COMMAND_BOTTOM(id, func)</b>	Catch a command to put the scroll thumb at the maximum position.
<b>EVT_COMMAND_LINEUP(id, func)</b>	Catch a line up command.
<b>EVT_COMMAND_LINEDOWN(id, func)</b>	Catch a line down command.
<b>EVT_COMMAND_PAGEUP(id, func)</b>	Catch a page up command.
<b>EVT_COMMAND_PAGEDOWN(id, func)</b>	Catch a page down command.
<b>EVT_COMMAND_THUMBTRACK(id, func)</b>	Catch a thumbtrack command (continuous movement of the scroll thumb).

### See also

*Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

**wxSpinButton::wxSpinButton**

**wxSpinButton()**

Default constructor.

**wxSpinButton**(wxWindow\* *parent*, wxWindowID *id*, const wxPoint& *pos* = wxDefaultPosition, const wxSize& *size* = wxDefaultSize, long *style* = wxSP\_HORIZONTAL, const wxValidator& *validator* = wxDefaultValidator, const wxString& *name* = "spinButton")

Constructor, creating and showing a spin button.

**Parameters**

*parent*

Parent window. Must not be NULL.

*id*

Window identifier. A value of -1 indicates a default value.

*pos*

Window position. If the position (-1, -1) is specified then a default position is chosen.

*size*

Window size. If the default size (-1, -1) is specified then a default size is chosen.

*style*

Window style. See *wxSpinButton* (p. 727).

*validator*

Window validator.

*name*

Window name.

**See also**

*wxSpinButton::Create* (p. 729), *wxValidator* (p. 897)

**wxSpinButton::~wxSpinButton**

**void ~wxSpinButton()**

Destructor, destroying the spin button.

**wxSpinButton::Create**

**bool Create**(wxWindow\* *parent*, wxWindowID *id*, const wxPoint& *pos* = wxDefaultPosition, const wxSize& *size* = wxDefaultSize, long *style* =

*wxSP\_HORIZONTAL*, **const wxValidator& validator = wxDefaultValidator**, **const wxString& name = "spinButton"**)

Scrollbar creation function called by the spin button constructor. See *wxSpinButton::wxSpinButton* (p. 728) for details.

### **wxSpinButton::GetMax**

**int GetMax() const**

Returns the maximum permissible value.

[See also](#)

*wxSpinButton::SetRange* (p. 730)

### **wxSpinButton::GetMin**

**int GetMin() const**

Returns the minimum permissible value.

[See also](#)

*wxSpinButton::SetRange* (p. 730)

### **wxSpinButton::GetValue**

**int GetValue() const**

Returns the current spin button value.

[See also](#)

*wxSpinButton::SetValue* (p. 731)

### **wxSpinButton::SetRange**

**void SetRange(int min, int max)**

Sets the range of the spin button.

#### **Parameters**

*min*

The minimum value for the spin button.

*max*

The maximum value for the spin button.

### See also

*wxSpinButton::GetMin* (p. 730), *wxSpinButton::GetMax* (p. 730)

## **wxSpinButton::SetValue**

**void SetValue(int value)**

Sets the value of the spin button.

### Parameters

*value*

The value for the spin button.

### See also

*wxSpinButton::GetValue* (p. 730)

## **wxSplitterWindow**

*wxSplitterWindow overview* (p. 1044)

This class manages up to two subwindows. The current view can be split into two programmatically (perhaps from a menu command), and unsplit either programmatically or via the *wxSplitterWindow* user interface.

Appropriate 3D shading for the Windows 95 user interface is an option. This is also recommended for GTK.

### Window styles

**wxSP\_3D**

Draws a 3D effect border and sash.

**wxSP\_BORDER**

Draws a thin black border around the window, and a black sash.

**wxSP\_NOBORDER**

No border, and a black sash.

**wxSP\_PERMIT\_UNSPPLIT**

Always allow to unsplit, even with the minimum pane size other than zero.

**wxSP\_LIVE\_UPDATE**

Don't draw XOR line but resize the child windows immediately.

See also *window styles overview* (p. 1093).

### Derived from

*wxWindow* (p. 915)  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/splitter.h>

### Event handling

To process input from a splitter control, use the following event handler macros to direct input to member functions that take a *wxSplitterEvent* (p. 724) argument.

<b>EVT_SPLITTER_SASH_POS_CHANGING(id, func)</b>	The sash position is in the process of being changed. May be used to modify the position of the tracking bar to properly reflect the position that would be set if the drag were to be completed at this point. Processes a <code>wxEVT_COMMAND_SPLITTER_SASH_POS_CHANGING</code> event.
<b>EVT_SPLITTER_SASH_POS_CHANGED(id, func)</b>	The sash position was changed. May be used to modify the sash position before it is set, or to prevent the change from taking place. Processes a <code>wxEVT_COMMAND_SPLITTER_SASH_POS_CHANGED</code> event.
<b>EVT_SPLITTER_UNSPLOT(id, func)</b>	The splitter has been just unsplit. Processes a <code>wxEVT_COMMAND_SPLITTER_UNSPLOT</code> event.
<b>EVT_SPLITTER_DOUBLECLICKED(id, func)</b>	The sash was double clicked. The default behaviour is to unsplit the window when this happens (unless the minimum pane size has been set to a value greater than zero). Processes a <code>wxEVT_COMMAND_SPLITTER_DOUBLECLICKED</code> event.

### See also

*wxSplitterEvent* (p. 724)

## **wxSplitterWindow::wxSplitterWindow**

### **wxSplitterWindow()**

Default constructor.

**wxSplitterWindow**(*wxWindow\** parent, *wxWindowID* id, **const** *wxPoint&* point = *wxDefaultPosition*, **const** *wxSize&* size = *wxDefaultSize*, **long** style=*wxSP\_3D*, **const** *wxString&* name = *"splitterWindow"*)

Constructor for creating the window.

### **Parameters**

*parent*

The parent of the splitter window.

*id*

The window identifier.

*pos*

The window position.

*size*

The window size.

*style*

The window style. See *wxSplitterWindow* (p. 731).

*name*

The window name.

### **Remarks**

After using this constructor, you must create either one or two subwindows with the splitter window as parent, and then call one of *wxSplitterWindow::Initialize* (p. 735), *wxSplitterWindow::SplitVertically* (p. 739) and *wxSplitterWindow::SplitHorizontally* (p. 738) in order to set the pane(s).

You can create two windows, with one hidden when not being shown; or you can create and delete the second pane on demand.

### **See also**

*wxSplitterWindow::Initialize* (p. 735), *wxSplitterWindow::SplitVertically* (p. 739), *wxSplitterWindow::SplitHorizontally* (p. 738), *wxSplitterWindow::Create* (p. 734)

**wxSplitterWindow::~~wxSplitterWindow****~wxSplitterWindow()**

Destroys the `wxSplitterWindow` and its children.

**wxSplitterWindow::Create**

**bool Create**(*wxWindow\* parent*, *wxWindowID id*, *int x*, **const wxPoint& point** = *wxDefaultPosition*, **const wxSize& size** = *wxDefaultSize*, **long style**=*wxSP\_3D*, **const wxString& name** = *"splitterWindow"*)

Creation function, for two-step construction. See `wxSplitterWindow::wxSplitterWindow` (p. 733) for details.

**wxSplitterWindow::GetMinimumPaneSize****int GetMinimumPaneSize() const**

Returns the current minimum pane size (defaults to zero).

[See also](#)

`wxSplitterWindow::SetMinimumPaneSize` (p. 738)

**wxSplitterWindow::GetSashPosition****int GetSashPosition()**

Returns the current sash position.

[See also](#)

`wxSplitterWindow::SetSashPosition` (p. 737)

**wxSplitterWindow::GetSplitMode****int GetSplitMode() const**

Gets the split mode.

[See also](#)

`wxSplitterWindow::SetSplitMode` (p. 738), `wxSplitterWindow::SplitVertically` (p. 739),

*wxSplitterWindow::SplitHorizontally* (p. 738).

### **wxSplitterWindow::GetWindow1**

**wxWindow\* GetWindow1() const**

Returns the left/top or only pane.

### **wxSplitterWindow::GetWindow2**

**wxWindow\* GetWindow2() const**

Returns the right/bottom pane.

### **wxSplitterWindow::Initialize**

**void Initialize(wxWindow\* window)**

Initializes the splitter window to have one pane.

#### **Parameters**

*window*

The pane for the unsplit window.

#### **Remarks**

This should be called if you wish to initially view only a single pane in the splitter window.

#### **See also**

*wxSplitterWindow::SplitVertically* (p. 739), *wxSplitterWindow::SplitHorizontally* (p. 738)

### **wxSplitterWindow::IsSplit**

**bool IsSplit() const**

Returns TRUE if the window is split, FALSE otherwise.

### **wxSplitterWindow::OnDoubleClickSash**

**virtual void OnDoubleClickSash(int x, int y)**

Application-overridable function called when the sash is double-clicked with the left mouse button.



### Parameters

*x*  
The x position of the mouse cursor.

*y*  
The y position of the mouse cursor.

### Remarks

The default implementation of this function calls *Unsplit* (p. 740) if the minimum pane size is zero.

### See also

*wxSplitterWindow::Unsplit* (p. 740)

## **wxSplitterWindow::OnUnsplit**

**virtual void OnUnsplit(wxWindow\* *removed*)**

Application-overrideable function called when the window is unsplit, either programmatically or using the *wxSplitterWindow* user interface.

### Parameters

*removed*  
The window being removed.

### Remarks

The default implementation of this function simply hides *removed*. You may wish to delete the window.

## **wxSplitterWindow::OnSashPositionChange**

**virtual bool OnSashPositionChange(int *newSashPosition*)**

Application-overrideable function called when the sash position is changed by user. It may return FALSE to prevent the change or TRUE to allow it.

### Parameters

*newSashPosition*  
The new sash position (always positive or zero)

### Remarks

The default implementation of this function verifies that the sizes of both panes of the splitter are greater than minimum pane size.

### **wxSplitterWindow::ReplaceWindow**

**bool** ReplaceWindow(**wxWindow** \* *winOld*, **wxWindow** \* *winNew*)

This function replaces one of the windows managed by the `wxSplitterWindow` with another one. It is in general better to use it instead of calling `Unsplit()` and then resplitting the window back because it will provoke much less flicker (if any). It is valid to call this function whether the splitter has two windows or only one.

Both parameters should be non NULL and *winOld* must specify one of the windows managed by the splitter. If the parameters are incorrect or the window couldn't be replaced, FALSE is returned. Otherwise the function will return TRUE, but please notice that it will not delete the replaced window and you may wish to do it yourself.

#### **See also**

`wxSplitterWindow::GetMinimumPaneSize` (p. 734)

#### **See also**

`wxSplitterWindow::Unsplit` (p. 740)

`wxSplitterWindow::SplitVertically` (p. 739)

`wxSplitterWindow::SplitHorizontally` (p. 738)

### **wxSplitterWindow::SetSashPosition**

**void** SetSashPosition(**int** *position*, **const bool** *redraw* = TRUE)

Sets the sash position.

#### **Parameters**

*position*

The sash position in pixels.

*redraw*

If TRUE, resizes the panes and redraws the sash and border.

#### **Remarks**

Does not currently check for an out-of-range value.

#### **See also**

`wxSplitterWindow::GetSashPosition` (p. 734)

**wxSplitterWindow::SetMinimumPaneSize****void SetMinimumPaneSize**(int *paneSize*)

Sets the minimum pane size.

**Parameters***paneSize*

Minimum pane size in pixels.

**Remarks**

The default minimum pane size is zero, which means that either pane can be reduced to zero by dragging the sash, thus removing one of the panes. To prevent this behaviour (and veto out-of-range sash dragging), set a minimum size, for example 20 pixels. If the `wxSP_PERMIT_UNSPLOT` style is used when a splitter window is created, the window may be unsplit even if minimum size is non-zero.

**See also**

*wxSplitterWindow::GetMinimumPaneSize* (p. 734)

**wxSplitterWindow::SetSplitMode****void SetSplitMode**(int *mode*)

Sets the split mode.

**Parameters***mode*

Can be `wxSPLIT_VERTICAL` or `wxSPLIT_HORIZONTAL`.

**Remarks**

Only sets the internal variable; does not update the display.

**See also**

*wxSplitterWindow::GetSplitMode* (p. 734), *wxSplitterWindow::SplitVertically* (p. 739), *wxSplitterWindow::SplitHorizontally* (p. 738).

**wxSplitterWindow::SplitHorizontally****bool SplitHorizontally**(**wxWindow\*** *window1*, **wxWindow\*** *window2*, **int** *sashPosition* = 0)

Initializes the top and bottom panes of the splitter window.

### Parameters

*window1*

The top pane.

*window2*

The bottom pane.

*sashPosition*

The initial position of the sash. If this value is positive, it specifies the size of the upper pane. If it's negative, its absolute value gives the size of the lower pane. Finally, specify 0 (default) to choose the default position (half of the total window height).

### Return value

TRUE if successful, FALSE otherwise (the window was already split).

### Remarks

This should be called if you wish to initially view two panes. It can also be called at any subsequent time, but the application should check that the window is not currently split using *IsSplit* (p. 735).

### See also

*wxSplitterWindow::SplitVertically* (p. 739), *wxSplitterWindow::IsSplit* (p. 735), *wxSplitterWindow::Unsplit* (p. 740)

## **wxSplitterWindow::SplitVertically**

**bool SplitVertically(wxWindow\* window1, wxWindow\* window2, int sashPosition = 0)**

Initializes the left and right panes of the splitter window.

### Parameters

*window1*

The left pane.

*window2*

The right pane.

*sashPosition*

The initial position of the sash. If this value is positive, it specifies the size of the left pane. If it's negative, its absolute value gives the size of the right pane. Finally, specify 0 (default) to choose the default position (half of the total window width).

**Return value**

TRUE if successful, FALSE otherwise (the window was already split).

**Remarks**

This should be called if you wish to initially view two panes. It can also be called at any subsequent time, but the application should check that the window is not currently split using *IsSplit* (p. 735).

**See also**

*wxSplitterWindow::SplitHorizontally* (p. 738), *wxSplitterWindow::IsSplit* (p. 735), *wxSplitterWindow::Unsplit* (p. 740).

**wxSplitterWindow::Unsplit**

**bool** *Unsplit*(*wxWindow\** *toRemove* = *NULL*)

Unsplits the window.

**Parameters**

*toRemove*

The pane to remove, or NULL to remove the right or bottom pane.

**Return value**

TRUE if successful, FALSE otherwise (the window was not split).

**Remarks**

This call will not actually delete the pane being removed; it calls *OnUnsplit* (p. 736) which can be overridden for the desired behaviour. By default, the pane being removed is hidden.

**See also**

*wxSplitterWindow::SplitHorizontally* (p. 738), *wxSplitterWindow::SplitVertically* (p. 739), *wxSplitterWindow::IsSplit* (p. 735), *wxSplitterWindow::OnUnsplit* (p. 736)

**wxStaticBitmap**

A static bitmap control displays a bitmap.

**Derived from**

*wxControl* (p. 130)  
*wxWindow* (p. 915)

*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/statbmp.h>

### Window styles

There are no special styles for this control.

See also *window styles overview* (p. 1093).

### See also

*wxStaticBitmap* (p. 740), *wxStaticBox* (p. 743)

### Remarks

The bitmap to be displayed should have a small number of colours, such as 16, to avoid palette problems.

## **wxStaticBitmap::wxStaticBitmap**

### **wxStaticBitmap()**

Default constructor.

**wxStaticBitmap(wxWindow\* parent, wxWindowID id, const wxBitmap& label = "",  
const wxPoint& pos, const wxSize& size = wxDefaultSize, long style = 0, const  
wxString& name = "staticBitmap")**

Constructor, creating and showing a text control.

### Parameters

*parent*

Parent window. Should not be NULL.

*id*

Control identifier. A value of -1 denotes a default value.

*label*

Bitmap label.

*pos*

Window position.

*size*

Window size.

*style*

Window style. See *wxStaticBitmap* (p. 740).

*name*

Window name.

### See also

*wxStaticBitmap::Create* (p. 742)

## **wxStaticBitmap::Create**

**bool Create(wxWindow\* parent, wxWindowID id, const wxBitmap& label = "", const wxPoint& pos, const wxSize& size = wxDefaultSize, long style = 0, const wxString& name = "staticBitmap")**

Creation function, for two-step construction. For details see *wxStaticBitmap::wxStaticBitmap* (p. 741).

## **wxStaticBitmap::GetBitmap**

**wxBitmap& GetBitmap() const**

Returns a reference to the label bitmap.

### See also

*wxStaticBitmap::SetBitmap* (p. 742)

## **wxStaticBitmap::SetBitmap**

**virtual void SetBitmap(const wxBitmap& label)**

Sets the bitmap label.

### Parameters

*label*

The new bitmap.

### See also

*wxStaticBitmap::GetBitmap*  
*wxstaticbitmapgetbitmap*

## **wxStaticBox**

A static box is a rectangle drawn around other panel items to denote a logical grouping of items.

### **Derived from**

*wxControl* (p. 130)  
*wxWindow* (p. 915)  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

### **Include files**

<wx/statbox.h>

### **Window styles**

There are no special styles for this control.

See also *window styles overview* (p. 1093).

### **See also**

*wxStaticText* (p. 746)

## **wxStaticBox::wxStaticBox**

### **wxStaticBox()**

Default constructor.

**wxStaticBox**(*wxWindow\** parent, *wxWindowID* id, **const wxString&** label, **const wxPoint&** pos = *wxDefaultPosition*, **const wxSize&** size = *wxDefaultSize*, **long** style = 0, **const wxString&** name = *"staticBox"*)

Constructor, creating and showing a static box.

### **Parameters**

*parent*

Parent window. Must not be NULL.

*id*

Window identifier. A value of -1 indicates a default value.

*label*



Text to be displayed in the static box, the empty string for no label.

*pos*

Window position. If the position (-1, -1) is specified then a default position is chosen.

*size*

Checkbox size. If the size (-1, -1) is specified then a default size is chosen.

*style*

Window style. See *wxStaticBox* (p. 743).

*name*

Window name.

### See also

*wxStaticBox::Create* (p. 744)

## **wxStaticBox::~~wxStaticBox**

### **void ~wxStaticBox()**

Destructor, destroying the group box.

## **wxStaticBox::Create**

**bool Create**(*wxWindow\** parent, *wxWindowID* id, **const wxString&** label, **const wxPoint&** pos = *wxDefaultPosition*, **const wxSize&** size = *wxDefaultSize*, **long** style = 0, **const wxString&** name = "staticBox")

Creates the static box for two-step construction. See *wxStaticBox::wxStaticBox* (p. 743) for further details.

## **wxStaticLine**

A static line is just a line which may be used in a dialog to separate the groups of controls. The line may be only vertical or horizontal.

### Derived from

*wxControl* (p. 130)

*wxWindow* (p. 915)

*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/statline.h>

### Window styles

<b>wxLI_HORIZONTAL</b>	Creates a horizontal line.
<b>wxLI_VERTICAL</b>	Creates a vertical line.

### See also

*wxStaticBox* (p. 743)

## **wxStaticLine::wxStaticLine**

### **wxStaticLine()**

Default constructor.

**wxStaticLine**(*wxWindow\** parent, *wxWindowID* id, **const wxString&** label, **const wxPoint&** pos = *wxDefaultPosition*, **const wxSize&** size = *wxDefaultSize*, **long** style = *wxLI\_HORIZONTAL*, **const wxString&** name = *"staticLine"*)

Constructor, creating and showing a static line.

### Parameters

*parent*

Parent window. Must not be NULL.

*id*

Window identifier. A value of -1 indicates a default value.

*pos*

Window position. If the position (-1, -1) is specified then a default position is chosen.

*size*

Size. Note that either the height or the width (depending on whether the line is horizontal or vertical) is ignored.

*style*

Window style (either *wxLI\_HORIZONTAL* or *wxLI\_VERTICAL*).

*name*

Window name.

### See also

*wxStaticLine::Create* (p. 746)

### **wxStaticLine::Create**

**bool Create**(*wxWindow\** parent, **wxWindowID** id, **const wxString&** label, **const wxPoint&** pos = *wxDefaultPosition*, **const wxSize&** size = *wxDefaultSize*, **long** style = 0, **const wxString&** name = "staticLine")

Creates the static line for two-step construction. See *wxStaticLine::wxStaticLine* (p. 745) for further details.

### **wxStaticLine::IsVertical**

**bool IsVertical()** **const**

Returns TRUE if the line is vertical, FALSE if horizontal.

### **wxStaticLine::GetDefaultSize**

**int GetDefaultSize()**

This static function returns the size which will be given to the smaller dimension of the static line, i.e. its height for a horizontal line or its width for a vertical one.

### **wxStaticText**

A static text control displays one or more lines of read-only text.

#### **Derived from**

*wxControl* (p. 130)  
*wxWindow* (p. 915)  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

#### **Include files**

<wx/stattext.h>

#### **Window styles**

<b>wxALIGN_LEFT</b>	Align the text to the left
<b>wxALIGN_RIGHT</b>	Align the text to the right
<b>wxALIGN_CENTRE</b>	Center the text (horisontally)
<b>wxST_NO_AUTORESIZE</b>	By default, the control will adjust its size to exactly fit to the size of the text when <i>SetLabel</i> (p. 748) is called. If this style flag is given, the control will not change its size (this style is

especially useful with controls which also have `wxALIGN_RIGHT` or `CENTER` style because otherwise they won't make sense any longer after a call to `SetLabel`)

See also *window styles overview* (p. 1093).

### See also

*wxStaticBitmap* (p. 740), *wxStaticBox* (p. 743)

## **wxStaticText::wxStaticText**

### **wxStaticText()**

Default constructor.

**wxStaticText(wxWindow\* parent, wxWindowID id, const wxString& label = "", const wxPoint& pos, const wxSize& size = wxDefaultSize, long style = 0, const wxString& name = "staticText")**

Constructor, creating and showing a text control.

### Parameters

*parent*

Parent window. Should not be NULL.

*id*

Control identifier. A value of -1 denotes a default value.

*label*

Text label.

*pos*

Window position.

*size*

Window size.

*style*

Window style. See *wxStaticText* (p. 746).

*name*

Window name.

### See also

*wxStaticText::Create* (p. 748)

### **wxStaticText::Create**

**bool Create**(*wxWindow\** parent, *wxWindowID* id, **const wxString&** label = "", **const wxPoint&** pos, **const wxSize&** size = *wxDefaultSize*, **long** style = 0, **const wxString&** name = *"staticText"*)

Creation function, for two-step construction. For details see *wxStaticText::wxStaticText* (p. 747).

### **wxStaticText::GetLabel**

**wxString GetLabel()** **const**

Returns the contents of the control.

### **wxStaticText::SetLabel**

**virtual void SetLabel**(**const wxString&** label)

Sets the static text label and updates the controls size to exactly fit the label unless the control has *wxST\_NO\_AUTORESIZE* flag.

### **Parameters**

*label*

The new label to set. It may contain newline characters.

### **wxStatusBar**

A status bar is a narrow window that can be placed along the bottom of a frame to give small amounts of status information. It can contain one or more fields, one or more of which can be variable length according to the size of the window.

*wxWindow* (p. 915)

*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### **Derived from**

*wxWindow* (p. 915)

*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### **Include files**

<wx/statusbr.h>

### Window styles

**wxSB\_SIZEGRIP** On Windows 95, displays a gripper at right-hand side of the status bar.

See also *window styles overview* (p. 1093).

### Remarks

It is possible to create controls and other windows on the status bar. Position these windows from an **OnSize** event handler.

### See also

*wxFrame* (p. 299)

## **wxStatusBar::wxStatusBar**

### **wxStatusBar()**

Default constructor.

**wxStatusBar**(*wxWindow\** parent, **wxWindowID** id, **const wxPoint&** pos = *wxDefaultPosition*, **const wxSize&** size = *wxDefaultSize*, **long** style = 0, **const wxString&** name = "statusBar")

Constructor, creating the window.

### Parameters

*parent*

The window parent, usually a frame.

*id*

The window identifier. It may take a value of -1 to indicate a default value.

*pos*

The window position. A value of (-1, -1) indicates a default position, chosen by either the windowing system or wxWindows, depending on platform.

*size*

The window size. A value of (-1, -1) indicates a default size, chosen by either the windowing system or wxWindows, depending on platform.

*style*

The window style. See *wxStatusBar* (p. 748).

*name*

The name of the window. This parameter is used to associate a name with the item, allowing the application user to set Motif resource values for individual windows.

**See also**

*wxStatusBar::Create* (p. 750)

**wxStatusBar::~~wxStatusBar**

**void ~wxStatusBar()**

Destructor.

**wxStatusBar::Create**

**bool Create(wxWindow\* parent, wxWindowID id, const wxPoint& pos = wxDefaultPosition, const wxSize& size = wxDefaultSize, long style = 0, const wxString& name = "statusBar")**

Creates the window, for two-step construction.

See *wxStatusBar::wxStatusBar* (p. 749) for details.

**wxStatusBar::GetFieldRect**

**virtual bool GetFieldRect(int i, wxRect& rect) const**

Returns the size and position of a fields internal bounding rectangle.

**Parameters**

*i*

The field in question.

*rect*

The rectangle values are placed in this variable.

**Return value**

TRUE if the field index is valid, FALSE otherwise.

**See also**

*wxRect* (p. 637)

### **wxStatusBar::GetFieldsCount**

**int GetFieldsCount() const**

Returns the number of fields in the status bar.

### **wxStatusBar::GetStatusText**

**virtual wxString GetStatusText(int *ir* = 0) const**

Returns the string associated with a status bar field.

#### **Parameters**

*i*  
The number of the status field to retrieve, starting from zero.

#### **Return value**

The status field string if the field is valid, otherwise the empty string.

#### **See also**

*wxStatusBar::SetStatusText* (p. 753)

### **wxStatusBar::DrawField**

**virtual void DrawField(wxDC& *dc*, int *i*)**

Draws a field, including shaded borders and text.

#### **Parameters**

*dc*  
The device context to draw onto.

*i*  
The field to be drawn.

#### **See also**

*wxStatusBar::DrawFieldText* (p. 751)

### **wxStatusBar::DrawFieldText**



**virtual void DrawFieldText(wxDC& *dc*, int *i*)**

Draws a field's text.

### Parameters

*dc*

The device context to draw onto.

*i*

The field whose text is to be drawn.

### See also

*wxStatusBar::DrawField* (p. 751)

## **wxStatusBar::InitColours**

**virtual void InitColours()**

Sets up the background colour and shading pens using suitable system colours (Windows) or tasteful shades of grey (other platforms).

### Remarks

This function is called when the window is created, and also from *wxStatusBar::OnSysColourChanged* (p. 752) on Windows.

### See also

*wxStatusBar::OnSysColourChanged* (p. 752)

## **wxStatusBar::OnSysColourChanged**

**void OnSysColourChanged(wxSysColourChangedEvent& *event*)**

Handles a system colour change by calling *wxStatusBar::InitColours* (p. 752), and refreshes the window.

### Parameters

*event*

The colour change event.

### See also

*wxStatusBar::InitColours* (p. 752)

**wxStatusBar::SetFieldsCount****virtual void SetFieldsCount**(int *number* = 1, int\* *widths* = NULL)

Sets the number of fields, and optionally the field widths.

**Parameters***number*

The number of fields.

*widths*

An array of *n* integers, each of which is a status field width in pixels. A value of -1 indicates that the field is variable width; at least one field must be -1.

**wxStatusBar::SetStatusText****virtual void SetStatusText**(const wxString& *text*, int *i* = 0)

Sets the text for one field.

**Parameters***text*

The text to be set. Use an empty string ("") to clear the field.

*i*

The field to set, starting from zero.

**See also**

*wxStatusBar::GetStatusText* (p. 751), *wxFrame::SetStatusText* (p. 309)

**wxStatusBar::SetStatusWidths****virtual void SetStatusWidths**(int *n*, int \**widths*)

Sets the widths of the fields in the status line.

**Parameters***n*

The number of fields in the status bar.

*widths*

Must contain an array of *n* integers, each of which is a status field width in pixels. A value of -1 indicates that the field is variable width; at least one field must be -1.

You should delete this array after calling **SetStatusWidths**.

### Remarks

The widths of the variable fields are calculated from the total width of all fields, minus the sum of widths of the non-variable fields, divided by the number of variable fields.

### See also

*wxStatusBar::SetFieldsCount* (p. 753), *wxFrame::SetStatusWidths* (p. 310)

## **wxStreamBase**

### Derived from

None

### Include files

<wx/stream.h>

### See also

*wxStreamBuffer* (p. 755)

## **wxStreamBase::wxStreamBase**

### **wxStreamBase()**

Creates a dummy stream object. It doesn't do anything.

## **wxStreamBase::~~wxStreamBase**

### **~wxStreamBase()**

Destructor.

## **wxStreamBase::LastError**

### **wxStreamError LastError() const**

This function returns the last error. **wxStream\_NOERROR** No error occurred.

**wxStream\_EOF** An End-Of-File occurred.

**wxStream\_WRITE\_ERR** A generic error occurred on the last write call.

**wxStream\_READ\_ERR** A generic error occurred on the last read call.

**wxStreamBase::OnSysRead****size\_t OnSysRead(void\* buffer, size\_t bufsize)**

Internal function. It is called when the stream buffer needs a buffer of the specified size. It should return the size that was actually read.

**wxStreamBase::OnSysSeek****off\_t OnSysSeek(off\_t pos, wxSeekMode mode)**

Internal function. It is called when the stream buffer needs to change the current position in the stream. See *wxStreamBuffer::Seek* (p. 759)

**wxStreamBase::OnSysTell****off\_t OnSysTell() const**

Internal function. Is called when the stream buffer needs to know the real position in the stream.

**wxStreamBase::OnSysWrite****size\_t OnSysWrite(void \*buffer, size\_t bufsize)**

See *OnSysRead* (p. 755).

**wxStreamBase::GetSize****size\_t GetSize() const**

This function returns the size of the stream. For example, for a file it is the size of the file).

**Warning**

There are streams which do not have size by definition, such as socket streams. In that cases, *GetSize* returns an invalid size represented by

`~(size_t)0`

**wxStreamBuffer**

**Derived from**

None

**Include files**

<wx/stream.h>

**See also**

*wxStreamBase* (p. 754)

**wxStreamBuffer::wxStreamBuffer**

**wxStreamBuffer**(**wxStreamBase&** *stream*, **BufMode** *mode*)

Constructor, creates a new stream buffer using *stream* as a parent stream and *mode* as the IO mode. *mode* can be: `wxStreamBuffer::read`, `wxStreamBuffer::write`, `wxStreamBuffer::read_write`. One stream can have many stream buffers but only one is used internally to pass IO call (e.g. `wxInputStream::Read()` -> `wxStreamBuffer::Read()`). But you can call directly `wxStreamBuffer::Read` without any problems.

**Warning**

All errors and messages linked to the stream are stored in the stream object.

```
streambuffer.Read(...);
streambuffer2.Read(...); /* This one erases previous error messages
set by
                        ``streambuffer'' */
```

**wxStreamBuffer**(**BufMode** *mode*)

Constructor, creates a new empty stream buffer which won't flush any data to a stream. *mode* specifies the type of the buffer (read, write, read\_write). This stream buffer has the advantage to be stream independent and to work only on memory buffers but it is still compatible with the rest of the `wxStream` classes. You can write, read to this special stream and it will grow (if it is allowed by the user) its internal buffer. Briefly, it has all functionality of a "normal" stream.

**Warning**

The "read\_write" mode may not work: it isn't completely finished. You can create "memory" streams by this way:

```
wxStreamBuffer *sb = new wxStreamBuffer(wxStreamBuffer::read)
wxInputStream *input = new wxInputStream(sb);
```

```
sb->Fixed(FALSE); // It can change the size of the buffer.  
  
// input is now a read-only memory stream.
```

But you should take care when destroying the stream buffer yourself.

### **wxStreamBuffer(const wxStreamBuffer&buffer)**

Constructor. It initializes the stream buffer with the data of the specified stream buffer. The new stream buffer is nearly exactly the same as the original: it has the same attributes, the same size, the same position, shares the same internal buffer. The interesting point is that they can differ in the future but the root is the same.

### **Warning**

The fact that the two stream buffers shared the same buffer could generate segmentation violation if the parent is destroyed and the children continues operating. It is advised to use this feature only in very local area of the program.

### **See also**

*wxStreamBuffer::SetBufferIO* (p. 759)

### **wxStreamBuffer::~~wxStreamBuffer**

#### **wxStreamBuffer(~wxStreamBuffer)**

Destructor. It finalizes all IO calls and frees all internal buffers if necessary. In the case of a children stream buffer, the internal buffer isn't freed, this is the job of the parent. The "Write-Back" buffer is freed.

### **wxStreamBuffer::Read**

#### **size\_t Read(void \*buffer, size\_t size)**

Reads a block of the specified *size* and stores datas in *buffer*. This function uses also the "Write-Back" buffer: in the case there are datas waiting in this buffer, they are used before anything else. After that, if there are still datas to be read, the stream is read and the stream buffer position is incremented.

### **Return value**

It returns the real read size. If returned size is different of the specified *size*, an error occurred and should be tested using *LastError* (p. 754).

### **See also**

*wxStreamBuffer::Write* (p. 758)

**size\_t Read(wxStreamBuffer \*buffer)**

Reads a *buffer*. The function returns when *buffer* is full or when there aren't datas anymore in the current buffer.

**wxStreamBuffer::Write**

**size\_t Write(const void \*buffer, size\_t size)**

Writes a block of the specified *size* using datas of *buffer*. The datas are cached in a buffer before being sent in one block to the stream.

**size\_t Write(wxStreamBuffer \*buffer)**

See *Read* (p. 757).

**wxStreamBuffer::GetChar**

**char GetChar()**

Gets a single char from the stream buffer. It acts like the *Read* call.

### Problem

You aren't directly notified if an error occurred during the IO call.

### See also

*wxStreamBuffer::Read* (p. 757)

**wxStreamBuffer::PutChar**

**void PutChar(char c)**

Puts a single char to the stream buffer.

### Problem

You aren't directly notified if an error occurred during the IO call.

### See also

*wxStreamBuffer::Read* (p. 758)

**wxStreamBuffer::Tell**

**off\_t Tell() const**

Gets the current position in the stream. This position is calculated from the *real* position in the stream and from the internal buffer position: so it gives you the position in the *real* stream counted from the start of the stream.

**Return value**

Returns the current position in the stream if possible, wxInvalidOffset in the other case.

**wxStreamBuffer::Seek**

**off\_t Seek(off\_t pos, wxSeekMode mode)**

Changes the current position.

*mode* may be one of the following:

<b>wxFromStart</b>	The position is counted from the start of the stream.
<b>wxFromCurrent</b>	The position is counted from the current position of the stream.
<b>wxFromEnd</b>	The position is counted from the end of the stream.

**Return value**

Upon successful completion, it returns the new offset as measured in bytes from the beginning of the stream. Otherwise, it returns wxInvalidOffset.

**wxStreamBuffer::ResetBuffer**

**void ResetBuffer()**

Resets to the initial state variables concerning the buffer.

**wxStreamBuffer::SetBufferIO**

**void SetBufferIO(char\* buffer\_start, char\* buffer\_end)**

Specifies which pointers to use for stream buffering. You need to pass a pointer on the start of the buffer end and another on the end. The object will use this buffer to cache stream data. It may be used also as a source/destination buffer when you create an empty stream buffer (See *wxStreamBuffer::wxStreamBuffer* (p. 756)).

**Remarks**

When you use this function, you'll have to destroy the IO buffers yourself after the



stream buffer is destroyed or don't use it anymore. In the case you use it with an empty buffer, the stream buffer will not grow it when it is full.

#### See also

*wxStreamBuffer* constructor (p. 756)

*wxStreamBuffer::Fixed* (p. 761)

*wxStreamBuffer::Flushable* (p. 761)

**void SetBufferIO(size\_t bufsize)**

Destroys or invalidates the previous IO buffer and allocates a new one of the specified size.

#### Warning

All previous pointers aren't valid anymore.

#### Remark

The created IO buffer is growable by the object.

#### See also

*wxStreamBuffer::Fixed* (p. 761)

*wxStreamBuffer::Flushable* (p. 761)

**wxStreamBuffer::GetBufferStart**

**char \* GetBufferStart() const**

Returns a pointer on the start of the stream buffer.

**wxStreamBuffer::GetBufferEnd**

**char \* GetBufferEnd() const**

Returns a pointer on the end of the stream buffer.

**wxStreamBuffer::GetBufferPos**

**char \* GetBufferPos() const**

Returns a pointer on the current position of the stream buffer.

**wxStreamBuffer::GetIntPosition**

**off\_t GetIntPosition() const**

Returns the current position (counted in bytes) in the stream buffer.

**wxStreamBuffer::SetIntPosition****void SetIntPosition()**

Sets the current position (in bytes) in the stream buffer.

**Warning**

Since it is a very low-level function, there is no check on the position: specify an invalid position can induce unexpected results.

**wxStreamBuffer::GetLastAccess****size\_t GetLastAccess() const**

Returns the amount of bytes read during the last IO call to the parent stream.

**wxStreamBuffer::Fixed****void Fixed(bool *fixed*)**

Toggles the fixed flag. Usually this flag is toggled at the same time as *flushable*. This flag allows (when it has the FALSE value) or forbids (when it has the TRUE value) the stream buffer to resize dynamically the IO buffer.

**See also**

*wxStreamBuffer::SetBufferIO* (p. 759)

**wxStreamBuffer::Flushable****void Flushable(bool *flushable*)**

Toggles the flushable flag. If *flushable* is disabled, no datas are sent to the parent stream.

**wxStreamBuffer::FlushBuffer****bool FlushBuffer()**

Flushes the IO buffer.

### **wxStreamBuffer::FillBuffer**

**bool FillBuffer()**

Fill the IO buffer.

### **wxStreamBuffer::GetDataLeft**

**size\_t GetDataLeft()**

Returns the amount of available datas in the buffer.

### **wxStreamBuffer::Stream**

**wxStreamBase\* Stream()**

Returns the parent stream of the stream buffer.

## **wxString**

wxString is a class representing a character string. Please see the *wxString overview* (p. 1027) for more information about it. As explained there, wxString implements about 90% of methods of the std::string class (iterators are not supported, nor all methods which use them). These standard functions are not documented in this manual so please see the STL documentation. The behaviour of all these functions is identical to the behaviour described there.

### **Derived from**

None

### **Include files**

<wx/string.h>

### **Predefined objects**

Objects:

**wxEmptyString**

### **See also**

*Overview* (p. 1027)

## Constructors and assignment operators

A string may be constructed either from a C string, (some number of copies of) a single character or a wide (UNICODE) string. For all constructors (except the default which creates an empty string) there is also a corresponding assignment operator.

*wxString* (p. 769)  
*operator =* (p. 780)  
*~wxString* (p. 769)

## String length

These functions return the string length and check whether the string is empty or empty it.

*Len* (p. 776)  
*IsEmpty* (p. 774)  
*operator!* (p. 780)  
*Empty* (p. 772)  
*Clear* (p. 771)

## Character access

Many functions in this section take a character index in the string. As with C strings and/or arrays, the indices start from 0, so the first character of a string is `string[0]`. Attempt to access a character beyond the end of the string (which may be even 0 if the string is empty) will provoke an assert failure in *debug build* (p. 1060), but no checks are done in release builds.

This section also contains both implicit and explicit conversions to C style strings. Although implicit conversion is quite convenient, it is advised to use explicit *c\_str()* (p. 771) method for the sake of clarity. Also see *overview* (p. 1028) for the cases where it is necessary to use it.

*GetChar* (p. 773)  
*GetWritableChar* (p. 773)  
*SetChar* (p. 778)  
*Last* (p. 775)  
*operator []* (p. 781)  
*c\_str* (p. 771)  
*operator const char\** (p. 782)

## Concatenation

Anything may be concatenated (appended to) with a string. However, you can't append something to a C string (including literal constants), so to do this it should be converted to a wxString first.

*operator <<* (p. 781)

*operator +=* (p. 781)

*operator +* (p. 780)

*Append* (p. 770)

*Prepend* (p. 777)

## Comparison

The default comparison function *Cmp* (p. 771) is case-sensitive and so is the default version of *IsSameAs* (p. 775). For case insensitive comparisons you should use *CmpNoCase* (p. 772) or give a second parameter to *IsSameAs*. This last function is may be more convenient if only equality of the strings matters because it returns a boolean true value if the strings are the same and not 0 (which is usually FALSE in C) as *Cmp* does.

*Matches* (p. 776) is a poor man's regular expression matcher: it only understands '\*' and '?' metacharacters in the sense of DOS command line interpreter.

*Cmp* (p. 771)

*CmpNoCase* (p. 772)

*IsSameAs* (p. 775)

*Matches* (p. 776)

## Substring extraction

These functions allow to extract substring from this string. All of them don't modify the original string and return a new string containing the extracted substring.

*Mid* (p. 777)

*operator()* (p. 781)

*Left* (p. 775)

*Right* (p. 778)

*BeforeFirst* (p. 771)

*BeforeLast* (p. 771)

*AfterFirst* (p. 770)

*AfterLast* (p. 770)

## Case conversion

The *MakeXXX()* variants modify the string in place, while the other functions return a new string which contains the original text converted to the upper or lower case and leave the original string unchanged.

*MakeUpper* (p. 776)  
*Upper* (p. 779)  
*MakeLower* (p. 776)  
*Lower* (p. 776)

## Searching and replacing

These functions replace the standard *strchr()* and *strstr()* functions.

*Find* (p. 772)  
*Replace* (p. 778)

## Writing values into the string

Both formatted versions (*Printf* (p. 777)) and stream-like insertion operators exist (for basic types only).

*Printf* (p. 777)  
*PrintfV* (p. 777)  
*operator <<* (p. 781)

## Memory management

These are "advanced" functions and they will be needed quite rarely. *Alloc* (p. 769) and *Shrink* (p. 778) are only interesting for optimization purposes. *GetWriteBuf* (p. 773) may be very useful when working with some external API which requires the caller to provide a writable buffer, but extreme care should be taken when using it: before performing any other operation on the string *UngetWriteBuf* (p. 779) **must** be called!

*Alloc* (p. 769)  
*Shrink* (p. 778)  
*GetWriteBuf* (p. 773)  
*UngetWriteBuf* (p. 779)

## Miscellaneous

Other string functions.

*Trim* (p. 779)  
*Pad* (p. 777)  
*Truncate* (p. 779)

## wxWindows 1.xx compatibility functions

These functions are deprecated, please consider using new wxWindows 2.0 functions

instead of them (or, even better, `std::string` compatible variants).

*SubString* (p. 779)  
*sprintf* (p. 779)  
*CompareTo* (p. 772)  
*Length* (p. 776)  
*Freq* (p. 773)  
*LowerCase* (p. 776)  
*UpperCase* (p. 780)  
*Strip* (p. 779)  
*Index* (p. 774)  
*Remove* (p. 778)  
*First* (p. 773)  
*Last* (p. 775)  
*Contains* (p. 772)  
*IsNull* (p. 774)  
*IsAscii* (p. 774)  
*IsNumber* (p. 774)  
*IsWord* (p. 775)

### **std::string compatibility functions**

The supported functions are only listed here, please see any STL reference for their documentation.

```
// take nLen chars starting at nPos
wxString(const wxString& str, size_t nPos, size_t nLen);
// take all characters from pStart to pEnd (poor man's iterators)
wxString(const void *pStart, const void *pEnd);

// lib.string.capacity
// return the length of the string
size_t size() const;
// return the length of the string
size_t length() const;
// return the maximum size of the string
size_t max_size() const;
// resize the string, filling the space with c if c != 0
void resize(size_t nSize, char ch = '\\0');
// delete the contents of the string
void clear();
// returns true if the string is empty
bool empty() const;

// lib.string.access
// return the character at position n
char at(size_t n) const;
// returns the writable character at position n
char& at(size_t n);

// lib.string.modifiers
// append a string
wxString& append(const wxString& str);
```

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```

    // append elements str[pos], ..., str[pos+n]
    wxString& append(const wxString& str, size_t pos, size_t n);
    // append first n (or all if n == npos) characters of sz
    wxString& append(const char *sz, size_t n = npos);

    // append n copies of ch
    wxString& append(size_t n, char ch);

    // same as `this_string = str'
    wxString& assign(const wxString& str);
    // same as ` = str[pos..pos + n]
    wxString& assign(const wxString& str, size_t pos, size_t n);
    // same as ` = first n (or all if n == npos) characters of sz'
    wxString& assign(const char *sz, size_t n = npos);
    // same as ` = n copies of ch'
    wxString& assign(size_t n, char ch);

    // insert another string
    wxString& insert(size_t nPos, const wxString& str);
    // insert n chars of str starting at nStart (in str)
    wxString& insert(size_t nPos, const wxString& str, size_t nStart,
size_t n);

    // insert first n (or all if n == npos) characters of sz
    wxString& insert(size_t nPos, const char *sz, size_t n = npos);
    // insert n copies of ch
    wxString& insert(size_t nPos, size_t n, char ch);

    // delete characters from nStart to nStart + nLen
    wxString& erase(size_t nStart = 0, size_t nLen = npos);

    // replaces the substring of length nLen starting at nStart
    wxString& replace(size_t nStart, size_t nLen, const char* sz);
    // replaces the substring with nCount copies of ch
    wxString& replace(size_t nStart, size_t nLen, size_t nCount, char
ch);
    // replaces a substring with another substring
    wxString& replace(size_t nStart, size_t nLen,
                      const wxString& str, size_t nStart2, size_t nLen2);
    // replaces the substring with first nCount chars of sz
    wxString& replace(size_t nStart, size_t nLen,
                      const char* sz, size_t nCount);

    // swap two strings
    void swap(wxString& str);

    // All find() functions take the nStart argument which specifies
the
    // position to start the search on, the default value is 0. All
functions
    // return npos if there were no match.

    // find a substring
    size_t find(const wxString& str, size_t nStart = 0) const;

    // find first n characters of sz
    size_t find(const char* sz, size_t nStart = 0, size_t n = npos)

```

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```

const;

    // find the first occurrence of character ch after nStart
    size_t find(char ch, size_t nStart = 0) const;

    // rfind() family is exactly like find() but works right to left

    // as find, but from the end
    size_t rfind(const wxString& str, size_t nStart = npos) const;

    // as find, but from the end
    size_t rfind(const char* sz, size_t nStart = npos,
                size_t n = npos) const;
    // as find, but from the end
    size_t rfind(char ch, size_t nStart = npos) const;

    // find first/last occurrence of any character in the set

    //
    size_t find_first_of(const wxString& str, size_t nStart = 0) const;
    //
    size_t find_first_of(const char* sz, size_t nStart = 0) const;
    // same as find(char, size_t)
    size_t find_first_of(char c, size_t nStart = 0) const;
    //
    size_t find_last_of (const wxString& str, size_t nStart = npos)
const;
    //
    size_t find_last_of (const char* s, size_t nStart = npos) const;
    // same as rfind(char, size_t)
    size_t find_last_of (char c, size_t nStart = npos) const;

    // find first/last occurrence of any character not in the set

    //
    size_t find_first_not_of(const wxString& str, size_t nStart = 0)
const;
    //
    size_t find_first_not_of(const char* s, size_t nStart = 0) const;
    //
    size_t find_first_not_of(char ch, size_t nStart = 0) const;
    //
    size_t find_last_not_of(const wxString& str, size_t nStart=npos)
const;
    //
    size_t find_last_not_of(const char* s, size_t nStart = npos) const;
    //
    size_t find_last_not_of(char ch, size_t nStart = npos) const;

    // All compare functions return a negative, zero or positive value
    // if the [sub]string is less, equal or greater than the compare()
    argument.

    // just like strcmp()
    int compare(const wxString& str) const;
    // comparison with a substring
    int compare(size_t nStart, size_t nLen, const wxString& str) const;

```

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```
// comparison of 2 substrings
int compare(size_t nStart, size_t nLen,
            const wxString& str, size_t nStart2, size_t nLen2) const;
// just like strcmp()
int compare(const char* sz) const;
// substring comparison with first nCount characters of sz
int compare(size_t nStart, size_t nLen,
            const char* sz, size_t nCount = npos) const;

// substring extraction
wxString substr(size_t nStart = 0, size_t nLen = npos) const;
```

## **wxString::wxString**

### **wxString()**

Default constructor.

### **wxString(const wxString& x)**

Copy constructor.

### **wxString(char ch, size\_t n = 1)**

Constructs a string of *n* copies of character *ch*.

### **wxString(const char\* psz, size\_t nLength = wxSTRING\_MAXLEN)**

Takes first *nLength* characters from the C string *psz*. The default value of `wxSTRING_MAXLEN` means take all the string.

### **wxString(const unsigned char\* psz, size\_t nLength = wxSTRING\_MAXLEN)**

For compilers using unsigned char: takes first *nLength* characters from the C string *psz*. The default value of `wxSTRING_MAXLEN` means take all the string.

### **wxString(const wchar\_t\* psz)**

Constructs a string from the wide (UNICODE) string.

## **wxString::~~wxString**

### **~wxString()**

String destructor. Note that this is not virtual, so `wxString` must not be inherited from.

## **wxString::Alloc**

**void Alloc(size\_t nLen)**

Preallocate enough space for wxString to store *nLen* characters. This function may be used to increase speed when the string is constructed by repeated concatenation as in

```
// delete all vowels from the string
wxString DeleteAllVowels(const wxString& original)
{
    wxString result;

    size_t len = original.length();

    result.Alloc(len);

    for ( size_t n = 0; n < len; n++ )
    {
        if ( strchr("aeuio", tolower(original[n])) == NULL )
            result += original[n];
    }

    return result;
}
```

because it will avoid the need of reallocating string memory many times (in case of long strings). Note that it does not set the maximal length of a string - it will still expand if more than *nLen* characters are stored in it. Also, it does not truncate the existing string (use *Truncate()* (p. 779) for this) even if its current length is greater than *nLen*

**wxString::Append****wxString& Append(const char\* psz)**

Concatenates *psz* to this string, returning a reference to it.

**wxString& Append(char ch, int count = 1)**

Concatenates character *ch* to this string, *count* times, returning a reference to it.

**wxString::AfterFirst****wxString AfterFirst(char ch) const**

Gets all the characters after the first occurrence of *ch*. Returns the empty string if *ch* is not found.

**wxString::AfterLast**

**wxString AfterLast(char ch) const**

Gets all the characters after the last occurrence of *ch*. Returns the whole string if *ch* is not found.

**wxString::BeforeFirst****wxString BeforeFirst(char ch) const**

Gets all characters before the first occurrence of *ch*. Returns the whole string if *ch* is not found.

**wxString::BeforeLast****wxString BeforeLast(char ch) const**

Gets all characters before the last occurrence of *ch*. Returns the empty string if *ch* is not found.

**wxString::c\_str****const char \* c\_str() const**

Returns a pointer to the string data.

**wxString::Clear****void Clear()**

Empties the string and frees memory occupied by it.

See also: *Empty* (p. 772)

**wxString::Cmp****int Cmp(const char\* psz) const**

Case-sensitive comparison.

Returns a positive value if the string is greater than the argument, zero if it is equal to it or negative value if it is less than argument (same semantics as the standard *strcmp()* function).

See also *CmpNoCase* (p. 772), *IsSameAs* (p. 775).

**wxString::CmpNoCase****int CmpNoCase(const char\* psz) const**

Case-insensitive comparison.

Returns a positive value if the string is greater than the argument, zero if it is equal to it or negative value if it is less than argument (same semantics as the standard *strcmp()* function).

See also *Cmp* (p. 771), *IsSameAs* (p. 775).

**wxString::CompareTo**

```
#define NO_POS ((int)(-1)) // undefined position
enum caseCompare {exact, ignoreCase};
```

**int CompareTo(const char\* psz, caseCompare cmp = exact) const**

Case-sensitive comparison. Returns 0 if equal, 1 if greater or -1 if less.

**wxString::Contains****bool Contains(const wxString& str) const**

Returns 1 if target appears anywhere in wxString; else 0.

**wxString::Empty****void Empty()**

Makes the string empty, but doesn't free memory occupied by the string.

See also: *Clear()* (p. 771).

**wxString::Find****int Find(char ch, bool fromEnd = FALSE) const**

Searches for the given character. Returns the starting index, or -1 if not found.

**int Find(const char\* sz) const**

Searches for the given string. Returns the starting index, or -1 if not found.

**wxString::First****size\_t First(char c)****size\_t First(const char\* psz) const****size\_t First(const wxString& str) const****size\_t First(const char ch) const**

Returns the first occurrence of the item.

**wxString::Freq****int Freq(char ch) const**

Returns the number of occurrences of *ch* in the string.

**wxString::GetChar****char GetChar(size\_t n) const**

Returns the character at position *n* (read-only).

**wxString::GetData****const char\* GetData() const**

wxWindows compatibility conversion. Returns a constant pointer to the data in the string.

**wxString::GetWritableChar****char& GetWritableChar(size\_t n)**

Returns a reference to the character at position *n*.

**wxString::GetWriteBuf****char\* GetWriteBuf(size\_t len)**

Returns a writable buffer of at least *len* bytes.

Call *wxString::UngetWriteBuf* (p. 779) as soon as possible to put the string back into a reasonable state.

**wxString::Index****size\_t Index(char ch, int startpos = 0) const**

Same as *wxString::Find* (p. 772).

**size\_t Index(const char\* sz) const**

Same as *wxString::Find* (p. 772).

**size\_t Index(const char\* sz, bool caseSensitive = TRUE, bool fromEnd = FALSE) const**

Search the element in the array, starting from either side.

If *fromEnd* is TRUE, reverse search direction.

If **caseSensitive**, comparison is case sensitive (the default).

Returns the index of the first item matched, or NOT\_FOUND.

**wxString::IsAscii****bool IsAscii() const**

Returns TRUE if the string is ASCII.

**wxString::IsEmpty****bool IsEmpty() const**

Returns TRUE if the string is NULL.

**wxString::IsNull****bool IsNull() const**

Returns TRUE if the string is NULL (same as *IsEmpty*).

**wxString::IsNumber****bool IsNumber() const**

Returns TRUE if the string is a number.

**wxString::IsSameAs****bool IsSameAs(const char\* psz, bool caseSensitive = TRUE) const**

Test for string equality, case-sensitive (default) or not.

caseSensitive is TRUE by default (case matters).

Returns TRUE if strings are equal, FALSE otherwise.

See also *Cmp* (p. 771), *CmpNoCase* (p. 772), *IsSameAs* (p. 775)

**wxString::IsSameAs****bool IsSameAs(char c, bool caseSensitive = TRUE) const**

Test whether the string is equal to the single character *c*. The test is case-sensitive if *caseSensitive* is TRUE (default) or not if it is FALSE.

Returns TRUE if the string is equal to the character, FALSE otherwise.

See also *Cmp* (p. 771), *CmpNoCase* (p. 772), *IsSameAs* (p. 775)

**wxString::IsWord****bool IsWord() const**

Returns TRUE if the string is a word. TODO: what's the definition of a word?

**wxString::Last****char Last() const**

Returns the last character.

**char& Last()**

Returns a reference to the last character (writable).

**wxString::Left****wxString Left(size\_t count) const**

Returns the first *count* characters.



**wxString Left(char *ch*) const**

Returns all characters before the first occurrence of *ch*. Returns the whole string if *ch* is not found.

**wxString::Len****size\_t Len() const**

Returns the length of the string.

**wxString::Length****size\_t Length() const**

Returns the length of the string (same as Len).

**wxString::Lower****wxString Lower() const**

Returns this string converted to the lower case.

**wxString::LowerCase****void LowerCase()**

Same as MakeLower.

**wxString::MakeLower****void MakeLower()**

Converts all characters to lower case.

**wxString::MakeUpper****void MakeUpper()**

Converts all characters to upper case.

**wxString::Matches**

**bool Matches(const char\* szMask) const**

Returns TRUE if the string contents matches a mask containing '\*' and '?'.

**wxString::Mid****wxString Mid(size\_t first, size\_t count = wxSTRING\_MAXLEN) const**

Returns a substring starting at *first*, with length *count*, or the rest of the string if *count* is the default value.

**wxString::Pad****wxString& Pad(size\_t count, char pad = ' ', bool fromRight = TRUE)**

Adds *count* copies of *pad* to the beginning, or to the end of the string (the default).

Removes spaces from the left or from the right (default).

**wxString::Prepend****wxString& Prepend(const wxString& str)**

Prepends *str* to this string, returning a reference to this string.

**wxString::Printf****int Printf(const char\* pszFormat, ...)**

Similar to the standard function *sprintf()*. Returns the number of characters written, or an integer less than zero on error.

**NB:** This function will use a safe version of *vsprintf()* (usually called *vsnprintf()*) whenever available to always allocate the buffer of correct size. Unfortunately, this function is not available on all platforms and the dangerous *vsprintf()* will be used then which may lead to buffer overflows.

**wxString::PrintfV****int PrintfV(const char\* pszFormat, va\_list argPtr)**

Similar to *vprintf*. Returns the number of characters written, or an integer less than zero on error.

**wxString::Remove****wxString& Remove(size\_t pos)**

Same as Truncate. Removes the portion from *pos* to the end of the string.

**wxString& Remove(size\_t pos, size\_t len)**

Removes the last *len* characters from the string, starting at *pos*.

**wxString::RemoveLast****wxString& RemoveLast()**

Removes the last character.

**wxString::Replace****size\_t Replace(const char\* szOld, const char\* szNew, bool replaceAll = TRUE)**

Replace first (or all) occurrences of substring with another one.

*replaceAll*: global replace (default), or only the first occurrence.

Returns the number of replacements made.

**wxString::Right****wxString Right(size\_t count) const**

Returns the last *count* characters.

**wxString::SetChar****void SetChar(size\_t n, char ch)**

Sets the character at position *n*.

**wxString::Shrink****void Shrink()**

Minimizes the string's memory. This can be useful after a call to *Alloc()* (p. 769) if too much memory were preallocated.

**wxString::sprintf****void sprintf(const char\* *fmt*)**

The same as Printf.

**wxString::Strip**

```
enum stripType {leading = 0x1, trailing = 0x2, both = 0x3};
```

**wxString Strip(stripType *s* = *trailing*) const**

Strip characters at the front and/or end. The same as Trim except that it doesn't change this string.

**wxString::SubString****wxString SubString(size\_t *to*, size\_t *from*) const**

Same as *Mid* (p. 777).

**wxString::Trim****wxString& Trim(bool *fromRight* = *TRUE*)**

Removes spaces from the left or from the right (default).

**wxString::Truncate****wxString& Truncate(size\_t *len*)**

Truncate the string to the given length.

**wxString::UngetWriteBuf****void UngetWriteBuf()**

Puts the string back into a reasonable state, after *wxString::GetWriteBuf* (p. 773) was called.

**wxString::Upper**

**wxString Upper() const**

Returns this string converted to upper case.

**wxString::UpperCase****void UpperCase()**

The same as MakeUpper.

**wxString::operator!****bool operator!() const**

Empty string is FALSE, so !string will only return TRUE if the string is empty. This allows the tests for NULLness of a *const char \** pointer and emptiness of the string to look the same in the code and makes it easier to port old code to wxString.

See also *IsEmpty()* (p. 774).

**wxString::operator =**

**wxString& operator =(const wxString& str)**

**wxString& operator =(const char\* psz)**

**wxString& operator =(char c)**

**wxString& operator =(const unsigned char\* psz)**

**wxString& operator =(const wchar\_t\* pwz)**

Assignment: the effect of each operation is the same as for the corresponding constructor (see *wxString constructors* (p. 769)).

**operator wxString::+**

Concatenation: all these operators return a new string equal to the sum of the operands.

**wxString operator +(const wxString& x, const wxString& y)**

**wxString operator +(const wxString& x, const char\* y)**

**wxString operator +(const wxString& x, char y)**

**wxString operator +(const char\* x, const wxString& y)**

**wxString::operator +=****void operator +=(const wxString& str)****void operator +=(const char\* psz)****void operator +=(char c)**

Concatenation in place: the argument is appended to the string.

**wxString::operator []****char& operator [] (size\_t i)****char operator [] (size\_t i)****char operator [] (int i)**

Element extraction.

**wxString::operator ()****wxString operator () (size\_t start, size\_t len)**

Same as Mid (substring extraction).

**wxString::operator <<****wxString& operator <<(const wxString& str)****wxString& operator <<(const char\* psz)****wxString& operator <<(char ch)**

Same as +=.

**wxString& operator <<(int i)****wxString& operator <<(float f)****wxString& operator <<(double d)**

These functions work as C++ stream insertion operators: they insert the given value into the string. Precision or format cannot be set using them, you can use *Printf* (p. 777) for this.

**wxString::operator >>**

**friend istream& operator >>(istream& *is*, wxString& *str*)**

Extraction from a stream.

**wxString::operator const char\***

**operator const char\*() const**

Implicit conversion to a C string.

### Comparison operators

**bool operator ==(const wxString& *x*, const wxString& *y*)**

**bool operator ==(const wxString& *x*, const char\* *t*)**

**bool operator !=(const wxString& *x*, const wxString& *y*)**

**bool operator !=(const wxString& *x*, const char\* *t*)**

**bool operator >(const wxString& *x*, const wxString& *y*)**

**bool operator >(const wxString& *x*, const char\* *t*)**

**bool operator >=(const wxString& *x*, const wxString& *y*)**

**bool operator >=(const wxString& *x*, const char\* *t*)**

**bool operator <(const wxString& *x*, const wxString& *y*)**

**bool operator <(const wxString& *x*, const char\* *t*)**

**bool operator <=(const wxString& *x*, const wxString& *y*)**

**bool operator <=(const wxString& *x*, const char\* *t*)**

### Remarks

These comparisons are case-sensitive.

### wxStringList

A string list is a list which is assumed to contain strings. Memory is allocated when strings are added to the list, and deallocated by the destructor or by the **Delete** member.

**Derived from**

*wxList* (p. 446)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/list.h>

**See also**

*wxString* (p. 762), *wxList* (p. 446)

**wxStringList::wxStringList**

**wxStringList()**

Constructor.

**void wxStringList(char\* first, ...)**

Constructor, taking NULL-terminated string argument list. *wxStringList* allocates memory for the strings.

**wxStringList::~~wxStringList**

**~wxStringList()**

Deletes string list, deallocating strings.

**wxStringList::Add**

**wxNode \* Add(const wxString& s)**

Adds string to list, allocating memory.

**wxStringList::Clear**

**void Clear()**

Clears all strings from the list.



**wxStringList::Delete****void Delete(const wxString& s)**

Searches for string and deletes from list, deallocating memory.

**wxStringList::ListToArray****char\* ListToArray(bool new\_copies = FALSE)**

Converts the list to an array of strings, only allocating new memory if **new\_copies** is TRUE.

**wxStringList::Member****bool Member(const wxString& s)**

Returns TRUE if **s** is a member of the list (tested using **strcmp**).

**wxStringList::Sort****void Sort()**

Sorts the strings in ascending alphabetical order. Note that all nodes (but not strings) get deallocated and new ones allocated.

**wxStringTokenizer**

wxStringTokenizer helps you to break a string up into a number of tokens.

**Derived from**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/tokenzr.h>

**wxStringTokenizer::wxStringTokenizer****wxStringTokenizer()**

Default constructor.

**wxStringTokenizer(const wxString& to\_tokenize, const wxString& delims = " \\t\\r\\n", bool ret\_delim = FALSE)**

Constructor. Pass the string to tokenize, a string containing delimiters, a flag specifying whether delimiters are retained.

**wxStringTokenizer::~~wxStringTokenizer**

**~wxStringTokenizer()**

Destructor.

**wxStringTokenizer::CountTokens**

**int CountTokens() const**

Returns the number of tokens in the input string.

**wxStringTokenizer::HasMoreTokens**

**bool HasMoreTokens() const**

Returns TRUE if the tokenizer has further tokens.

**wxStringTokenizer::GetNextToken**

**wxString GetNextToken() const**

Returns the next token.

**wxStringTokenizer::GetString**

**wxString GetString() const**

Returns the input string.

**wxStringTokenizer::SetString**

**void SetString(const wxString& to\_tokenize, const wxString& delims = " \\t\\r\\n", bool ret\_delim = FALSE)**

Initializes the tokenizer.

Pass the string to tokenize, a string containing delimiters, a flag specifying whether

delimiters are retained.

## **wxSysColourChangedEvent**

This class is used for system colour change events, which are generated when the user changes the colour settings using the control panel. This is only appropriate under Windows.

### **Derived from**

*wxEvent* (p. 237)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### **Include files**

<wx/event.h>

### **Event table macros**

To process a system colour changed event, use this event handler macro to direct input to a member function that takes a `wxSysColourChanged` argument.

**EVT\_SYS\_COLOUR\_CHANGED(func)** Process a `wxEVT_SYS_COLOUR_CHANGED` event.

### **Remarks**

The default event handler for this event propagates the event to child windows, since Windows only sends the events to top-level windows. If intercepting this event for a top-level window, remember to call the base class handler, or to pass the event on to the window's children explicitly.

### **See also**

*wxWindow::OnSysColourChanged* (p. 946), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

## **wxSysColourChangedEvent::wxSysColourChanged**

**wxSysColourChanged()**

Constructor.

## **wxSystemSettings**

`wxSystemSettings` allows the application to ask for details about the system. This can include settings such as standard colours, fonts, and user interface element sizes.

### Derived from

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/settings.h>

### See also

*wxFont* (p. 285), *wxColour* (p. 91)

## **wxSystemSettings::wxSystemSettings**

### **wxSystemSettings()**

Default constructor. You don't need to create an instance of *wxSystemSettings* since all of its functions are static.

## **wxSystemSettings::GetSystemColour**

### **static wxColour GetSystemColour(int index)**

Returns a system colour.

*index* can be one of:

<b>wxSYS_COLOUR_SCROLLBAR</b>	The scrollbar grey area.
<b>wxSYS_COLOUR_BACKGROUND</b>	The desktop colour.
<b>wxSYS_COLOUR_ACTIVECAPTION</b>	Active window caption.
<b>wxSYS_COLOUR_INACTIVECAPTION</b>	Inactive window caption.
<b>wxSYS_COLOUR_MENU</b>	Menu background.
<b>wxSYS_COLOUR_WINDOW</b>	Window background.
<b>wxSYS_COLOUR_WINDOWFRAME</b>	Window frame.
<b>wxSYS_COLOUR_MENUTEXT</b>	Menu text.
<b>wxSYS_COLOUR_WINDOWTEXT</b>	Text in windows.
<b>wxSYS_COLOUR_CAPTIONTEXT</b>	Text in caption, size box and scrollbar arrow box.
<b>wxSYS_COLOUR_ACTIVEBORDER</b>	Active window border.
<b>wxSYS_COLOUR_INACTIVEBORDER</b>	Inactive window border.
<b>wxSYS_COLOUR_APPWORKSPACE</b>	Background colour MDI applications.
<b>wxSYS_COLOUR_HIGHLIGHT</b>	Item(s) selected in a control.
<b>wxSYS_COLOUR_HIGHLIGHTTEXT</b>	Text of item(s) selected in a control.
<b>wxSYS_COLOUR_BTNFACE</b>	Face shading on push buttons.
<b>wxSYS_COLOUR_BTNSHADOW</b>	Edge shading on push buttons.
<b>wxSYS_COLOUR_GRAYTEXT</b>	Greyed (disabled) text.

<b>wxSYS_COLOUR_BTNTEXT</b>	Text on push buttons.
<b>wxSYS_COLOUR_INACTIVECAPTIONTEXT</b>	Colour of text in active captions.
<b>wxSYS_COLOUR_BTNHIGHLIGHT</b>	Highlight colour for buttons (same as wxSYS_COLOUR_3DHILIGHT).
<b>wxSYS_COLOUR_3DDKSHADOW</b>	Dark shadow for three-dimensional display elements.
<b>wxSYS_COLOUR_3DLIGHT</b>	Light colour for three-dimensional display elements.
<b>wxSYS_COLOUR_INFOTEXT</b>	Text colour for tooltip controls.
<b>wxSYS_COLOUR_INFOBK</b>	Background colour for tooltip controls.
<b>wxSYS_COLOUR_DESKTOP</b>	Same as wxSYS_COLOUR_BACKGROUND.
<b>wxSYS_COLOUR_3DFACE</b>	Same as wxSYS_COLOUR_BTNFACE.
<b>wxSYS_COLOUR_3DSHADOW</b>	Same as wxSYS_COLOUR_BTNHIGHLIGHT.
<b>wxSYS_COLOUR_3DHIGHLIGHT</b>	Same as wxSYS_COLOUR_BTNHIGHLIGHT.
<b>wxSYS_COLOUR_3DHILIGHT</b>	Same as wxSYS_COLOUR_BTNHIGHLIGHT.
<b>wxSYS_COLOUR_BTNHILIGHT</b>	Same as wxSYS_COLOUR_BTNHIGHLIGHT.

**wxPython note:** This static method is implemented in Python as a standalone function named `wxSystemSettings_GetSystemColour`

## **wxSystemSettings::GetSystemFont**

**static wxFont GetSystemFont(int index)**

Returns a system font.

*index* can be one of:

<b>wxSYS_OEM_FIXED_FONT</b>	Original equipment manufacturer dependent fixed-pitch font.
<b>wxSYS_ANSI_FIXED_FONT</b>	Windows fixed-pitch font.
<b>wxSYS_ANSI_VAR_FONT</b>	Windows variable-pitch (proportional) font.
<b>wxSYS_SYSTEM_FONT</b>	System font.
<b>wxSYS_DEVICE_DEFAULT_FONT</b>	Device-dependent font (Windows NT only).
<b>wxSYS_DEFAULT_GUI_FONT</b>	Default font for user interface objects such as menus and dialog boxes. Not available in versions of Windows earlier than Windows 95 or Windows NT 4.0.

**wxPython note:** This static method is implemented in Python as a standalone function named `wxSystemSettings_GetSystemFont`

## **wxSystemSettings::GetSystemMetric**

**static int GetSystemMetric(int index)**

Returns a system metric.

*index* can be one of:

## **wxSYS\_MOUSE\_BUTTONS**

Number of buttons on mouse, or zero if no mouse was installed.

## **wxSYS\_BORDER\_X**

Width of single border.

## **wxSYS\_BORDER\_Y**

Height of single border.

## **wxSYS\_CURSOR\_X**

Width of cursor.

## **wxSYS\_CURSOR\_Y**

Height of cursor.

## **wxSYS\_DCLICK\_X**

Width in pixels of rectangle within which two successive mouse clicks must fall to generate a double-click.

## **wxSYS\_DCLICK\_Y**

Height in pixels of rectangle within which two successive mouse clicks must fall to generate a double-click.

## **wxSYS\_DRAG\_X**

Width in pixels of a rectangle centered on a drag point to allow for limited movement of the mouse pointer before a drag operation begins.

## **wxSYS\_DRAG\_Y**

Height in pixels of a rectangle centered on a drag point to allow for limited movement of the mouse pointer before a drag operation begins.

## **wxSYS\_EDGE\_X**

Width of a 3D border, in pixels.

## **wxSYS\_EDGE\_Y**

Height of a 3D border, in pixels.

## **wxSYS\_HSCROLL\_ARROW\_X**

Width of arrow bitmap on horizontal scrollbar.

## **wxSYS\_HSCROLL\_ARROW\_Y**

Height of arrow bitmap on horizontal scrollbar.

## **wxSYS\_HTHUMB\_X**

Width of horizontal scrollbar thumb.

## **wxSYS\_ICON\_X**

The default width of an icon.

## **wxSYS\_ICON\_Y**

The default height of an icon.

## **wxSYS\_ICONSPACING\_X**

Width of a grid cell for items in large icon view, in pixels. Each item fits into a rectangle of this size when arranged.

## **wxSYS\_ICONSPACING\_Y**

Height of a grid cell for items in large icon view, in pixels. Each item fits into a rectangle of this size when arranged.

## **wxSYS\_WINDOWMIN\_X**

Minimum width of a window.

## **wxSYS\_WINDOWMIN\_Y**

Minimum height of a window.

## **wxSYS\_SCREEN\_X**

Width of the screen in pixels.

## **wxSYS\_SCREEN\_Y**

Height of the screen in pixels.

## **wxSYS\_FRAME\_SIZE\_X**

Width of the window frame for a `wxTHICK_FRAME` window.

## **wxSYS\_FRAME\_SIZE\_Y**

Height of the window frame for a `wxTHICK_FRAME` window.

## **wxSYS\_SMALLICON\_X**

Recommended width of a small icon (in window captions, and small icon view).

## **wxSYS\_SMALLICON\_Y**

Recommended height of a small icon (in window captions, and small icon view).

## **wxSYS\_HSCROLL\_Y**

Height of horizontal scrollbar in pixels.

## **wxSYS\_VSCROLL\_X**

Width of vertical scrollbar in pixels.

## **wxSYS\_VSCROLL\_ARROW\_X**

Width of arrow bitmap on a vertical scrollbar.

## **wxSYS\_VSCROLL\_ARROW\_Y**

Height of arrow bitmap on a vertical scrollbar.

<b>wxSYS_VTHUMB_Y</b>	Height of vertical scrollbar thumb.
<b>wxSYS_CAPTION_Y</b>	Height of normal caption area.
<b>wxSYS_MENU_Y</b>	Height of single-line menu bar.
<b>wxSYS_NETWORK_PRESENT</b>	1 if there is a network present, 0 otherwise.
<b>wxSYS_PENWINDOWS_PRESENT</b>	1 if PenWindows is installed, 0 otherwise.
<b>wxSYS_SHOW_SOUNDS</b>	Non-zero if the user requires an application to present information visually in situations where it would otherwise present the information only in audible form; zero otherwise.
<b>wxSYS_SWAP_BUTTONS</b>	Non-zero if the meanings of the left and right mouse buttons are swapped; zero otherwise.

**wxPython note:** This static method is implemented in Python as a standalone function named `wxSystemSettings_GetSystemMetric`

## **wxTabbedDialog**

A dialog suitable for handling tabs.

Please note that the preferred class for programming tabbed windows is *wxNotebook* (p. 546). This class is retained for backward compatibility.

### **Derived from**

*wxDialog* (p. 193)  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

### **Include files**

<wx/tab.h>

### **See also**

*Tab classes overview* (p. 1094)

## **wxTabbedDialog::wxTabbedDialog**

**wxTabbedDialog(wxWindow \*parent, wxWindowID id, const wxString& title, const wxPoint& pos, const wxSize& size, long style=wxDEFAULT\_DIALOG\_STYLE, const wxString& name="dialogBox")**

Constructor.

## **wxTabbedDialog::~~wxTabbedDialog**

**~wxTabbedDialog()**

Destructor. This destructor deletes the tab view associated with the dialog box. If you do not wish this to happen, set the tab view to NULL before destruction (for example, in the `OnCloseWindow` event handler).

**wxTabbedDialog::SetTabView**

**void SetTabView(wxTabView \*view)**

Sets the tab view associated with the dialog box.

**wxTabbedDialog::GetTabView**

**wxTabView \* GetTabView()**

Returns the tab view associated with the dialog box.

**wxTabbedPanel**

A panel suitable for handling tabs.

Please note that the preferred class for programming tabbed windows is *wxNotebook* (p. 546). This class is retained for backward compatibility.

**Derived from**

*wxPanel* (p. 572)

*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/tab.h>

**See also**

*Tab classes overview* (p. 1094)

**wxTabbedPanel::wxTabbedPanel**

**wxTabbedPanel(wxWindow \*parent, wxWindowID id, const wxPoint& pos, const wxSize& size, long style=0, const wxString& name="panel")**



Constructor.

### **wxTabbedPanel::SetTabView**

**void SetTabView(wxTabView \*view)**

Sets the tab view associated with the panel.

### **wxTabbedPanel::GetTabView**

**wxTabView \* GetTabView()**

Returns the tab view associated with the panel.

### **wxTabControl**

You will rarely need to use this class directly.

Please note that the preferred class for programming tabbed windows is *wxNotebook* (p. 546). This class is retained for backward compatibility.

#### **Derived from**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

#### **Include files**

<wx/tab.h>

#### **See also**

*Tab classes overview* (p. 1094)

### **wxTabControl::wxTabControl**

**void wxTabControl(wxTabView \*view = NULL)**

Constructor.

### **wxTabControl::GetColPosition**

**int GetColPosition()**

Returns the position of the tab in the tab column.

**wxTabControl::GetFont****wxFont \* GetFont()**

Returns the font to be used for this tab.

**wxTabControl::GetHeight****int GetHeight()**

Returns the tab height.

**wxTabControl::GetId****int GetId()**

Returns the tab identifier.

**wxTabControl::GetLabel****wxString GetLabel()**

Returns the tab label.

**wxTabControl::GetRowPosition****int GetRowPosition()**

Returns the position of the tab in the layer or row.

**wxTabControl::GetSelected****bool GetSelected()**

Returns the selected flag.

**wxTabControl::GetWidth****int GetWidth()**

Returns the tab width.

**wxTabControl::GetX****int GetX()**

Returns the x offset from the top-left of the view area.

**wxTabControl::GetY****int GetY()**

Returns the y offset from the top-left of the view area.

**wxTabControl::HitTest****bool HitTest(int x, int y)**

Returns TRUE if the point x, y is within the tab area.

**wxTabControl::OnDraw****void OnDraw(wxDC& dc, bool lastInRow)**

Draws the tab control on the given device context.

**wxTabControl::SetColPosition****void SetColPosition(int pos)**

Sets the position in the column.

**wxTabControl::SetFont****void SetFont(wxFont \*font)**

Sets the font to be used for this tab.

**wxTabControl::SetId****void SetId(int id)**

Sets the tab identifier.

**wxTabControl::SetLabel****void SetLabel(const wxString& *str*)**

Sets the label for the tab.

**wxTabControl::SetPosition****void SetPosition(int *x*, int *y*)**

Sets the x and y offsets for this tab, measured from the top-left of the view area.

**wxTabControl::SetRowPosition****void SetRowPosition(int *pos*)**

Sets the position on the layer (row).

**wxTabControl::SetSelected****void SetSelected(bool *selected*)**

Sets the selection flag for this tab (does not set the current tab for the view; use `wxTabView::SetSelectedTab` for that).

**wxTabControl::SetSize****void SetSize(int *width*, int *height*)**

Sets the width and height for this tab.

**wxTabView**

Responsible for drawing tabs onto a window, and dealing with input.

Please note that the preferred class for programming tabbed windows is `wxNotebook` (p. 546). This class is retained for backward compatibility.

**Derived from**

`wxObject` (p. 555)

**Include files**

`<wx/tab.h>`

### See also

*wxTabView* overview (p. 1097), *wxPanelTabView* (p. 575)

## **wxTabView::wxTabView**

**wxTabView**(long *style* = *wxTAB\_STYLE\_DRAW\_BOX* | *wxTAB\_STYLE\_COLOUR\_INTERIOR*)

Constructor.

*style* may be a bit list of the following:

<i>wxTAB_STYLE_DRAW_BOX</i>	Draw a box around the view area. Most commonly used for dialogs.
<i>wxTAB_STYLE_COLOUR_INTERIOR</i>	Draw tab backgrounds in the specified colour. Omitting this style will ensure that the tab background matches the dialog background.

## **wxTabView::AddTab**

**wxTabControl \* AddTab**(int *id*, const **wxString&** *label*, **wxTabControl** \**existingTab*=NULL)

Adds a tab to the view.

*id* is the application-chosen identifier for the tab, which will be used in subsequent tab operations.

*label* is the label to give the tab.

*existingTab* maybe NULL to specify a new tab, or non-NULL to indicate that an existing tab should be used.

A new layer (row) is started when the current layer has been filled up with tabs.

## **wxTabView::CalculateTabWidth**

**int CalculateTabWidth**(int *noTabs*, **bool** *adjustView* = FALSE)

The application can specify the tab width using this function, in terms of the number of tabs per layer (row) which will fit the view area, which should have been set previously with *SetViewRect*.

*noTabs* is the number of tabs which should take up the full width of the view area.

*adjustView* can be set to TRUE in order to readjust the view width to exactly fit the given number of tabs.

The new tab width is returned.

### **wxTabView::ClearTabs**

**void ClearTabs**(bool *deleteTabs*=TRUE)

Clears the tabs, deleting them if *deleteTabs* is TRUE.

### **wxTabView::Draw**

**void Draw**(wxDC& *dc*)

Draws the tabs and (optionally) a box around the view area.

### **wxTabView::FindTabControlForId**

**wxTabControl \* FindTabControlForId**(int *id*)

Finds the wxTabControl corresponding to *id*.

### **wxTabView::FindTabControlForPosition**

**wxTabControl \* FindTabControlForPosition**(int *layer*, int *position*)

Finds the wxTabControl at layer *layer*, position in layer *position*, both starting from zero. Note that tabs change layer as they are selected or deselected.

### **wxTabView::GetBackgroundBrush**

**wxBrush \* GetBackgroundBrush**()

Returns the brush used to draw in the background colour. It is set when SetBackgroundColour is called.

### **wxTabView::GetBackgroundColour**

**wxColour GetBackgroundColour**()

Returns the colour used for each tab background. By default, this is light grey. To ensure

a match with the dialog or panel background, omit the `wxTAB_STYLE_COLOUR_INTERIOR` flag from the `wxTabView` constructor.

### **`wxTabView::GetBackgroundPen`**

**`wxPen * GetBackgroundPen()`**

Returns the pen used to draw in the background colour. It is set when `SetBackgroundColour` is called.

### **`wxTabView::GetHighlightColour`**

**`wxColour GetHighlightColour()`**

Returns the colour used for bright highlights on the left side of '3D' surfaces. By default, this is white.

### **`wxTabView::GetHighlightPen`**

**`wxPen * GetHighlightPen()`**

Returns the pen used to draw 3D effect highlights. This is set when `SetHighlightColour` is called.

### **`wxTabView::GetHorizontalTabOffset`**

**`int GetHorizontalTabOffset()`**

Returns the horizontal spacing by which each tab layer is offset from the one below.

### **`wxTabView::GetNumberOfLayers`**

**`int GetNumberOfLayers()`**

Returns the number of layers (rows of tabs).

### **`wxTabView::GetSelectedTabFont`**

**`wxFont * GetSelectedTabFont()`**

Returns the font to be used for the selected tab label.

### **`wxTabView::GetShadowColour`**

**wxColour GetShadowColour()**

Returns the colour used for shadows on the right-hand side of '3D' surfaces. By default, this is dark grey.

**wxTabView::GetTabHeight****int GetTabHeight()**

Returns the tab default height.

**wxTabView::GetTabFont****wxFont \* GetTabFont()**

Returns the tab label font.

**wxTabView::GetTabSelectionHeight****int GetTabSelectionHeight()**

Returns the height to be used for the currently selected tab; normally a few pixels higher than the other tabs.

**wxTabView::GetTabStyle****long GetTabStyle()**

Returns the tab style. See constructor documentation for details of valid styles.

**wxTabView::GetTabWidth****int GetTabWidth()**

Returns the tab default width.

**wxTabView::GetTextColour****wxColour GetTextColour()**

Returns the colour used to draw label text. By default, this is black.



**wxTabView::GetTopMargin****int GetTopMargin()**

Returns the height between the top of the view area and the bottom of the first row of tabs.

**wxTabView::GetShadowPen****wxPen \* GetShadowPen()**

Returns the pen used to draw 3D effect shadows. This is set when SetShadowColour is called.

**wxTabView::GetViewRect****wxRectangle GetViewRect()**

Returns the rectangle specifying the view area (above which tabs are placed).

**wxTabView::GetVerticalTabTextSpacing****int GetVerticalTabTextSpacing()**

Returns the vertical spacing between the top of an unselected tab, and the tab label.

**wxTabView::GetWindow****wxWindow \* GetWindow()**

Returns the window for the view.

**wxTabView::OnCreateTabControl****wxTabControl \* OnCreateTabControl()**

Creates a new tab control. By default, this returns a wxTabControl object, but the application may wish to define a derived class, in which case the tab view should be subclassed and this function overridden.

**wxTabView::LayoutTabs****void LayoutTabs()**

Recalculates the positions of the tabs, and adjusts the layer of the selected tab if necessary.

You may want to call this function if the view width has changed (for example, from an `OnSize` handler).

### **`wxTabView::OnEvent`**

**`bool OnEvent(wxMouseEvent& event)`**

Processes mouse events sent from the panel or dialog. Returns `TRUE` if the event was processed, `FALSE` otherwise.

### **`wxTabView::OnTabActivate`**

**`void OnTabActivate(int activateId, int deactivateId)`**

Called when a tab is activated, with the new active tab id, and the former active tab id.

### **`wxTabView::OnTabPreActivate`**

**`bool OnTabPreActivate(int activateId, int deactivateId)`**

Called just before a tab is activated, with the new active tab id, and the former active tab id.

If the function returns `FALSE`, the tab is not activated.

### **`wxTabView::SetBackgroundColour`**

**`void SetBackgroundColour(const wxColour& col)`**

Sets the colour to be used for each tab background. By default, this is light grey. To ensure a match with the dialog or panel background, omit the `wxTAB_STYLE_COLOUR_INTERIOR` flag from the `wxTabView` constructor.

### **`wxTabView::SetHighlightColour`**

**`void SetHighlightColour(const wxColour& col)`**

Sets the colour to be used for bright highlights on the left side of '3D' surfaces. By default, this is white.

### **`wxTabView::SetHorizontalTabOffset`**

**void SetHorizontalTabOffset(int *offset*)**

Sets the horizontal spacing by which each tab layer is offset from the one below.

**wxTabView::SetSelectedTabFont****void SetSelectedTabFont(wxFont \**font*)**

Sets the font to be used for the selected tab label.

**wxTabView::SetShadowColour****void SetShadowColour(const wxColour& *col*)**

Sets the colour to be used for shadows on the right-hand side of '3D' surfaces. By default, this is dark grey.

**wxTabView::SetTabFont****void SetTabFont(wxFont \**font*)**

Sets the tab label font.

**wxTabView::SetTabStyle****void SetTabStyle(long *tabStyle*)**

Sets the tab style. See constructor documentation for details of valid styles.

**wxTabView::SetTabSize****void SetTabSize(int *width*, int *height*)**

Sets the tab default width and height.

**wxTabView::SetTabSelectionHeight****void SetTabSelectionHeight(int *height*)**

Sets the height to be used for the currently selected tab; normally a few pixels higher than the other tabs.

**wxTabView::SetTabSelection****void SetTabSelection(int sel, bool activateTool=TRUE)**

Sets the selected tab, calling the application's OnTabActivate function.

If *activateTool* is FALSE, OnTabActivate will not be called.

**wxTabView::SetTextColour****void SetTextColour(const wxColour& col)**

Sets the colour to be used to draw label text. By default, this is black.

**wxTabView::SetTopMargin****void SetTopMargin(int margin)**

Sets the height between the top of the view area and the bottom of the first row of tabs.

**wxTabView::SetVerticalTabTextSpacing****void SetVerticalTabTextSpacing(int spacing)**

Sets the vertical spacing between the top of an unselected tab, and the tab label.

**wxTabView::SetViewRect****void SetViewRect(const wxRectangle& rect)**

Sets the rectangle specifying the view area (above which tabs are placed). This must be set by the application.

**wxTabView::SetWindow****void SetWindow(wxWindow \*window)**

Set the window that the tab view will use for drawing onto.

**wxTabCtrl**

This class represents a tab control, which manages multiple tabs.

[Derived from](#)

*wxControl* (p. 130)  
*wxWindow* (p. 915)  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/tabctrl.h>

### See also

*wxTabEvent* (p. 809), *wxImageList* (p. 418), *wxNotebook* (p. 546)

## **wxTabCtrl::wxTabCtrl**

### **wxTabCtrl()**

Default constructor.

**wxTabCtrl(wxWindow\* parent, wxWindowID id, const wxPoint& pos = wxDefaultPosition, const wxSize& size, long style = 0, const wxString& name = "tabCtrl")**

Constructs a tab control.

### Parameters

*parent*

The parent window. Must be non-NULL.

*id*

The window identifier.

*pos*

The window position.

*size*

The window size.

*style*

The window style. Its value is a bit list of zero or more of **wxTC\_MULTILINE**, **wxTC\_RIGHTJUSTIFY**, **wxTC\_FIXEDWIDTH** and **wxTC\_OWNERDRAW**.

## **wxTabCtrl::~~wxTabCtrl**

### **~wxTabCtrl()**

Destroys the `wxTabCtrl` object.

### **`wxTabCtrl::Create`**

**`bool Create(wxWindow* parent, wxWindowID id, const wxPoint& pos = wxDefaultPosition, const wxSize& size, long style = 0, const wxString& name = "tabCtrl")`**

Creates a tab control. See `wxTabCtrl::wxTabCtrl` (p. 804) for a description of the parameters.

### **`wxTabCtrl::DeleteAllItems`**

**`bool DeleteAllItems()`**

Deletes all tab items.

### **`wxTabCtrl::DeleteItem`**

**`bool DeleteItem(int item)`**

Deletes the specified tab item.

### **`wxTabCtrl::GetCurFocus`**

**`int GetCurFocus() const`**

Returns the index for the tab with the focus, or -1 if none has the focus.

### **`wxTabCtrl::GetImageList`**

**`wxImageList* GetImageList() const`**

Returns the associated image list.

[See also](#)

`wxImageList` (p. 418), `wxTabCtrl::SetImageList` (p. 808)

### **`wxTabCtrl::GetItemCount`**

**`int GetItemCount() const`**

Returns the number of tabs in the tab control.

**wxTabCtrl::GetItemData****void\* GetItemData() const**

Returns the client data for the given tab.

**wxTabCtrl::GetItemImage****int GetItemImage() const**

Returns the image index for the given tab.

**wxTabCtrl::GetItemRect****bool GetItemRect(int *item*, wxRect& *rect*) const**

Returns the rectangle bounding the given tab.

[See also](#)

*wxRect* (p. 637)

**wxTabCtrl::GetItemText****wxString GetItemText() const**

Returns the string for the given tab.

**wxTabCtrl::GetRowCount****int GetRowCount() const**

Returns the number of rows in the tab control.

**wxTabCtrl::GetSelection****int GetSelection() const**

Returns the index for the currently selected tab.

[See also](#)

*wxTabCtrl::SetSelection* (p. 809)

**wxTabCtrl::HitTest****int HitTest(const wxPoint& *pt*, long& *flags*)**

Tests whether a tab is at the specified position.

**Parameters***pt*

Specifies the point for the hit test.

*flags*

Return value for detailed information. One of the following values:

**wxTAB\_HITTEST\_NOWHERE**

There was no tab under this point.

**wxTAB\_HITTEST\_ONICON**

The point was over an icon.

**wxTAB\_HITTEST\_ONLABEL**

The point was over a label.

**wxTAB\_HITTEST\_ONITEM**

The point was over an item, but not on the label or icon.

**Return value**

Returns the zero-based tab index or -1 if no tab is at the specified position.

**wxTabCtrl::InsertItem****void InsertItem(int *item*, const wxString& *text*, int *imageId* = -1, void\* *clientData* = NULL)**

Inserts a new tab.

**Parameters***item*

Specifies the index for the new item.

*text*

Specifies the text for the new item.

*imageId*

Specifies the optional image index for the new item.

*clientData*

Specifies the optional client data for the new item.

**Return value**



TRUE if successful, FALSE otherwise.

### **wxTabCtrl::SetItemData**

**bool SetItemData**(int *item*, void\* *data*)

Sets the client data for a tab.

### **wxTabCtrl::SetItemImage**

**bool SetItemImage**(int *item*, int *image*)

Sets the image index for the given tab. *image* is an index into the image list which was set with *wxTabCtrl::SetImageList* (p. 808).

### **wxTabCtrl::SetImageList**

**void SetImageList**(wxImageList\* *imageList*)

Sets the image list for the tab control.

[See also](#)

*wxImageList* (p. 418)

### **wxTabCtrl::SetItemSize**

**void SetItemSize**(const wxSize& *size*)

Sets the width and height of the tabs.

### **wxTabCtrl::SetItemText**

**bool SetItemText**(int *item*, const wxString& *text*)

Sets the text for the given tab.

### **wxTabCtrl::SetPadding**

**void SetPadding**(const wxSize& *padding*)

Sets the amount of space around each tab's icon and label.

**wxTabCtrl::SetSelection****int SetSelection(int *item*)**

Sets the selection for the given tab, returning the index of the previously selected tab. Returns -1 if the call was unsuccessful.

**See also**

*wxTabCtrl::GetSelection* (p. 806)

**wxTabEvent**

This class represents the events generated by a tab control.

**Derived from**

*wxCommandEvent* (p. 108)

*wxEvent* (p. 237)

*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/tabctrl.h>

**Event table macros**

To process a tab event, use these event handler macros to direct input to member functions that take a *wxTabEvent* argument.

**EVT\_TAB\_SEL\_CHANGED(id, func)** Process a *wxEVT\_TAB\_SEL\_CHANGED* event, indicating that the tab selection has changed.

**EVT\_TAB\_SEL\_CHANGING(id, func)** Process a *wxEVT\_TAB\_SEL\_CHANGING* event, indicating that the tab selection is changing.

**See also**

*wxTabCtrl* (p. 803)

**wxTabEvent::wxTabEvent**

**wxTabEvent(WXTYPE *commandType* = 0, int *id* = 0)**

Constructor.

## **wxTaskBarIcon**

This class represents a Windows 95 taskbar icon, appearing in the 'system tray' and responding to mouse clicks. An icon has an optional tooltip. This class is only supported for Windows 95/NT.

### **Derived from**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### **Include files**

<wx/taskbar.h>

## **wxTaskBarIcon::wxTaskBarIcon**

**wxTaskBarIcon()**

Default constructor.

## **wxTaskBarIcon::~~wxTaskBarIcon**

**~wxTaskBarIcon()**

Destroys the wxTaskBarIcon object, removing the icon if not already removed.

## **wxTaskBarIcon::IsIconInstalled**

**bool IsIconInstalled()**

Returns TRUE if *SetIcon* (p. 812) was called with no subsequent *RemoveIcon* (p. 811).

## **wxTaskBarIcon::IsOK**

**bool IsOK()**

Returns TRUE if the object initialized successfully.

## **wxTaskBarIcon::OnLButtonDown**

**virtual void OnLButtonDown()**

Override this function to intercept left mouse button down events.

**wxTaskBarIcon::OnLButtonDClick****virtual void OnLButtonDClick()**

Override this function to intercept left mouse button double-click events.

**wxTaskBarIcon::OnLButtonUp****virtual void OnLButtonUp()**

Override this function to intercept left mouse button up events.

**wxTaskBarIcon::OnRButtonDown****virtual void OnRButtonDown()**

Override this function to intercept right mouse button down events.

**wxTaskBarIcon::OnRButtonDClick****virtual void OnRButtonDClick()**

Override this function to intercept right mouse button double-click events.

**wxTaskBarIcon::OnRButtonUp****virtual void OnRButtonUp()**

Override this function to intercept right mouse button up events.

**wxTaskBarIcon::OnMouseMove****virtual void OnMouseMove()**

Override this function to intercept mouse move events.

**wxTaskBarIcon::Removelcon****bool Removelcon()**

Removes the icon previously set with *SetIcon* (p. 812).

### **wxTaskBarIcon::SetIcon**

**bool SetIcon(const wxIcon& icon, const wxString& tooltip)**

Sets the icon, and optional tooltip text.

### **wxTCPClient**

A wxTCPClient object represents the client part of a client-server conversation. It emulates a DDE-style protocol, but uses TCP/IP which is available on most platforms.

A DDE-based implementation for Windows is available using *wxDDEClient* (p. 181).

To create a client which can communicate with a suitable server, you need to derive a class from wxTCPConnection and another from wxTCPClient. The custom wxTCPConnection class will intercept communications in a 'conversation' with a server, and the custom wxTCPClient is required so that a user-overridden *wxTCPClient::OnMakeConnection* (p. 813) member can return a wxTCPConnection of the required class, when a connection is made.

#### **Derived from**

wxClientBase  
wxObject (p. 555)

#### **Include files**

<wx/sckipc.h>

#### **See also**

*wxTCPClient* (p. 817), *wxTCPConnection* (p. 813), *Interprocess communications overview* (p. 1080)

### **wxTCPClient::wxTCPClient**

**wxTCPClient()**

Constructs a client object.

### **wxTCPClient::MakeConnection**

**wxConnectionBase \* MakeConnection(const wxString& host, const wxString&**

*service*, **const wxString&** *topic*)

Tries to make a connection with a server specified by the host (a machine name under Unix), service name (must contain an integer port number under Unix), and a topic string. If the server allows a connection, a `wxTCPConnection` object will be returned. The type of `wxTCPConnection` returned can be altered by overriding the `wxTCPClient::OnMakeConnection` (p. 813) member to return your own derived connection object.

### **wxTCPClient::OnMakeConnection**

**wxConnectionBase \* OnMakeConnection()**

The type of `wxTCPConnection` (p. 813) returned from a `wxTCPClient::MakeConnection` (p. 812) call can be altered by deriving the **OnMakeConnection** member to return your own derived connection object. By default, a `wxTCPConnection` object is returned.

The advantage of deriving your own connection class is that it will enable you to intercept messages initiated by the server, such as `wxTCPConnection::OnAdvise` (p. 815). You may also want to store application-specific data in instances of the new class.

### **wxTCPClient::ValidHost**

**bool ValidHost(const wxString& host)**

Returns TRUE if this is a valid host name, FALSE otherwise.

### **wxTCPConnection**

A `wxTCPClient` object represents the connection between a client and a server. It emulates a DDE-style protocol, but uses TCP/IP which is available on most platforms.

A DDE-based implementation for Windows is available using `wxDDEConnection` (p. 182).

A `wxTCPConnection` object can be created by making a connection using a `wxTCPClient` (p. 812) object, or by the acceptance of a connection by a `wxTCPServer` (p. 817) object. The bulk of a conversation is controlled by calling members in a **wxTCPConnection** object or by overriding its members.

An application should normally derive a new connection class from `wxTCPConnection`, in order to override the communication event handlers to do something interesting.

### **Derived from**

`wxConnectionBase`  
`wxObject` (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/skipc.h>

**Types**

wxIPCFormat is defined as follows:

```
enum wxIPCFormat
{
    wxIPC_INVALID =          0,
    wxIPC_TEXT =             1, /* CF_TEXT */
    wxIPC_BITMAP =           2, /* CF_BITMAP */
    wxIPC_METAFILE =         3, /* CF_METAFILEPICT */
    wxIPC_SYLK =              4,
    wxIPC_DIF =               5,
    wxIPC_TIFF =              6,
    wxIPC_OEMTEXT =           7, /* CF_OEMTEXT */
    wxIPC_DIB =               8, /* CF_DIB */
    wxIPC_PALETTE =           9,
    wxIPC_PENDATA =           10,
    wxIPC_RIFF =              11,
    wxIPC_WAVE =              12,
    wxIPC_UNICODETEXT =       13,
    wxIPC_ENHMETAFILE =       14,
    wxIPC_FILENAME =          15, /* CF_HDROP */
    wxIPC_LOCALE =            16,
    wxIPC_PRIVATE =           20
};
```

**See also**

*wxTCPClient* (p. 812), *wxTCPServer* (p. 817), *Interprocess communications overview* (p. 1080)

**wxTCPConnection::wxTCPConnection**

**wxTCPConnection()**

**wxTCPConnection(char\* buffer, int size)**

Constructs a connection object. If no user-defined connection object is to be derived from *wxTCPConnection*, then the constructor should not be called directly, since the default connection object will be provided on requesting (or accepting) a connection. However, if the user defines his or her own derived connection object, the *wxTCPServer::OnAcceptConnection* (p. 818) and/or *wxTCPClient::OnMakeConnection* (p. 813) members should be replaced by functions which construct the new connection object. If the arguments of the *wxTCPConnection* constructor are void, then a default buffer is associated with the connection. Otherwise, the programmer must provide a a buffer and size of the buffer for the connection object to use in transactions.

**wxTCPConnection::Advise**

**bool Advise**(const wxString& *item*, char\* *data*, int *size* = -1, wxIPCFormat *format* = wxCF\_TEXT)

Called by the server application to advise the client of a change in the data associated with the given item. Causes the client connection's *wxTCPConnection::OnAdvise* (p. 815) member to be called. Returns TRUE if successful.

**wxTCPConnection::Execute**

**bool Execute**(char\* *data*, int *size* = -1, wxIPCFormat *format* = wxCF\_TEXT)

Called by the client application to execute a command on the server. Can also be used to transfer arbitrary data to the server (similar to *wxTCPConnection::Poke* (p. 816) in that respect). Causes the server connection's *wxTCPConnection::OnExecute* (p. 816) member to be called. Returns TRUE if successful.

**wxTCPConnection::Disconnect**

**bool Disconnect**()

Called by the client or server application to disconnect from the other program; it causes the *wxTCPConnection::OnDisconnect* (p. 815) message to be sent to the corresponding connection object in the other program. The default behaviour of **OnDisconnect** is to delete the connection, but the calling application must explicitly delete its side of the connection having called **Disconnect**. Returns TRUE if successful.

**wxTCPConnection::OnAdvise**

**virtual bool OnAdvise**(const wxString& *topic*, const wxString& *item*, char\* *data*, int *size*, wxIPCFormat *format*)

Message sent to the client application when the server notifies it of a change in the data associated with the given item.

**wxTCPConnection::OnDisconnect**

**virtual bool OnDisconnect**()

Message sent to the client or server application when the other application notifies it to delete the connection. Default behaviour is to delete the connection object.



**wxTCPConnection::OnExecute**

**virtual bool OnExecute(const wxString& topic, char\* data, int size, wxIPCFormat format)**

Message sent to the server application when the client notifies it to execute the given data. Note that there is no item associated with this message.

**wxTCPConnection::OnPoke**

**virtual bool OnPoke(const wxString& topic, const wxString& item, char\* data, int size, wxIPCFormat format)**

Message sent to the server application when the client notifies it to accept the given data.

**wxTCPConnection::OnRequest**

**virtual char\* OnRequest(const wxString& topic, const wxString& item, int \*size, wxIPCFormat format)**

Message sent to the server application when the client calls *wxTCPConnection::Request* (p. 817). The server should respond by returning a character string from **OnRequest**, or NULL to indicate no data.

**wxTCPConnection::OnStartAdvise**

**virtual bool OnStartAdvise(const wxString& topic, const wxString& item)**

Message sent to the server application by the client, when the client wishes to start an 'advise loop' for the given topic and item. The server can refuse to participate by returning FALSE.

**wxTCPConnection::OnStopAdvise**

**virtual bool OnStopAdvise(const wxString& topic, const wxString& item)**

Message sent to the server application by the client, when the client wishes to stop an 'advise loop' for the given topic and item. The server can refuse to stop the advise loop by returning FALSE, although this doesn't have much meaning in practice.

**wxTCPConnection::Poke**

**bool Poke(const wxString& item, char\* data, int size = -1, wxIPCFormat format = wxCF\_TEXT)**

Called by the client application to poke data into the server. Can be used to transfer arbitrary data to the server. Causes the server connection's *wxTCPConnection::OnPoke* (p. 816) member to be called. Returns TRUE if successful.

### **wxTCPConnection::Request**

**char\* Request(const wxString& item, int \*size, wxIPCFormat format = wxIPC\_TEXT)**

Called by the client application to request data from the server. Causes the server connection's *wxTCPConnection::OnRequest* (p. 816) member to be called. Returns a character string (actually a pointer to the connection's buffer) if successful, NULL otherwise.

### **wxTCPConnection::StartAdvise**

**bool StartAdvise(const wxString& item)**

Called by the client application to ask if an advise loop can be started with the server. Causes the server connection's *wxTCPConnection::OnStartAdvise* (p. 816) member to be called. Returns TRUE if the server okays it, FALSE otherwise.

### **wxTCPConnection::StopAdvise**

**bool StopAdvise(const wxString& item)**

Called by the client application to ask if an advise loop can be stopped. Causes the server connection's *wxTCPConnection::OnStopAdvise* (p. 816) member to be called. Returns TRUE if the server okays it, FALSE otherwise.

### **wxTCPServer**

A *wxTCPServer* object represents the server part of a client-server conversation. It emulates a DDE-style protocol, but uses TCP/IP which is available on most platforms.

A DDE-based implementation for Windows is available using *wxDDEServer* (p. 186).

#### **Derived from**

*wxServerBase*  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

#### **Include files**

<wx/sckipc.h>

#### **See also**

*wxTCPClient* (p. 812), *wxTCPConnection* (p. 813), *IPC overview* (p. 1080)

## **wxTCPServer::wxTCPServer**

**wxTCPServer()**

Constructs a server object.

## **wxTCPServer::Create**

**bool Create(const wxString& service)**

Registers the server using the given service name. Under Unix, the string must contain an integer id which is used as an Internet port number. FALSE is returned if the call failed (for example, the port number is already in use).

## **wxTCPServer::OnAcceptConnection**

**virtual wxConnectionBase \* OnAcceptConnection(const wxString& topic)**

When a client calls **MakeConnection**, the server receives the message and this member is called. The application should derive a member to intercept this message and return a connection object of either the standard *wxTCPConnection* type, or of a user-derived type. If the topic is "STDIO", the application may wish to refuse the connection. Under Unix, when a server is created the *OnAcceptConnection* message is always sent for standard input and output.

## **wxTempFile**

*wxTempFile* provides a relatively safe way to replace the contents of the existing file. The name is explained by the fact that it may be also used as just a temporary file if you don't replace the old file contents.

Usually, when a program replaces the contents of some file it first opens it for writing, thus losing all of the old data and then starts recreating it. This approach is not very safe because during the regeneration of the file bad things may happen: the program may find that there is an internal error preventing it from completing file generation, the user may interrupt it (especially if file generation takes long time) and, finally, any other external interrupts (power supply failure or a disk error) will leave you without either the original file or the new one.

*wxTempFile* addresses this problem by creating a temporary file which is meant to replace the original file - but only after it is fully written. So, if the user interrupts the program during the file generation, the old file won't be lost. Also, if the program

discovers itself that it doesn't want to replace the old file there is no problem - in fact, `wxTempFile` will **not** replace the old file by default, you should explicitly call *Commit* (p. 820) to do it. Calling *Discard* (p. 820) explicitly discards any modifications: it closes and deletes the temporary file and leaves the original file unchanged. If you don't call neither of `Commit()` and `Discard()`, the destructor will call `Discard()` automatically.

To summarize: if you want to replace another file, create an instance of `wxTempFile` passing the name of the file to be replaced to the constructor (you may also use default constructor and pass the file name to *Open* (p. 819)). Then you can *write* (p. 820) to `wxTempFile` using *wxFile* (p. 257)-like functions and later call `Commit()` to replace the old file (and close this one) or call `Discard()` to cancel the modifications.

### Derived from

No base class

### Include files

<wx/file.h>

### See also:

*wxFile* (p. 257)

## **wxTempFile::wxTempFile**

**wxTempFile()**

Default constructor - *Open* (p. 819) must be used to open the file.

## **wxTempFile::wxTempFile**

**wxTempFile(const wxString& strName)**

Associates `wxTempFile` with the file to be replaced and opens it. You should use *IsOpened* (p. 820) to verify if the constructor succeeded.

## **wxTempFile::Open**

**bool Open(const wxString& strName)**

Open the temporary file (`strName` is the name of file to be replaced), returns `TRUE` on success, `FALSE` if an error occurred.

**wxTempFile::IsOpened****bool IsOpened() const**

Returns TRUE if the file was successfully opened.

**wxTempFile::Write****bool Write(const void \*p, size\_t n)**

Write to the file, return TRUE on success, FALSE on failure.

**wxTempFile::Write****bool Write(const wxString& str)**

Write to the file, return TRUE on success, FALSE on failure.

**wxTempFile::Commit****bool Commit()**

Validate changes: deletes the old file of name `m_strName` and renames the new file to the old name. Returns TRUE if both actions succeeded. If FALSE is returned it may unfortunately mean two quite different things: either that either the old file couldn't be deleted or that the new file couldn't be renamed to the old name.

**wxTempFile::Discard****void Discard()**

Discard changes: the old file contents is not changed, temporary file is deleted.

**wxTempFile::~wxTempFile****~wxTempFile()**

Destructor calls *Discard()* (p. 820) if temporary file is still opened.

**wxTextCtrl**

A text control allows text to be displayed and edited. It may be single line or multi-line.

[Derived from](#)

streambuf  
 wxControl (p. 130)  
 wxWindow (p. 915)  
 wxEvtHandler (p. 240)  
 wxObject (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/textctrl.h>

### Window styles

<b>wxTE_PROCESS_ENTER</b>	The control will generate the message <code>wxEVENT_TYPE_TEXT_ENTER_COMMAND</code> (otherwise pressing <Enter> is either processed internally by the control or used for navigation between dialog controls).
<b>wxTE_PROCESS_TAB</b>	The control will receive <code>EVT_CHAR</code> messages for TAB pressed - normally, TAB is used for passing to the next control in a dialog instead. For the control created with this style, you can still use Ctrl-Enter to pass to the next control from the keyboard.
<b>wxTE_MULTILINE</b>	The text control allows multiple lines.
<b>wxTE_PASSWORD</b>	The text will be echoed as asterisks.
<b>wxTE_READONLY</b>	The text will not be user-editable.
<b>wxHSCROLL</b>	A horizontal scrollbar will be created. No effect under GTK+.

See also *window styles overview* (p. 1093) and *wxTextCtrl::wxTextCtrl* (p. 822).

### Remarks

This class multiply-inherits from **streambuf** where compilers allow, allowing code such as the following:

```
wxTextCtrl *control = new wxTextCtrl(...);

ostream stream(control)

stream << 123.456 << " some text\n";
stream.flush();
```

If your compiler does not support derivation from **streambuf** and gives a compile error, define the symbol **NO\_TEXT\_WINDOW\_STREAM** in the `wxTextCtrl` header file.

Note that any use of C++ iostreams (including this one) deprecated and might get completely removed in the future.

### Event handling

The following commands are processed by default event handlers in `wxTextCtrl`:

`wxID_CUT`, `wxID_COPY`, `wxID_PASTE`, `wxID_UNDO`, `wxID_REDO`. The associated UI update events are also processed automatically, when the control has the focus.

To process input from a text control, use these event handler macros to direct input to member functions that take a *wxCommandEvent* (p. 108) argument.

<b>EVT_TEXT(id, func)</b>	Respond to a <code>wxEVT_COMMAND_TEXT_UPDATED</code> event, generated when the text changes. Notice that this event will always be sent when the text controls contents changes - whether this is due to user input or comes from the program itself (for example, if <code>SetValue()</code> is called)
<b>EVT_TEXT_ENTER(id, func)</b>	Respond to a <code>wxEVT_COMMAND_TEXT_ENTER</code> event, generated when enter is pressed in a single-line text control.

## **wxTextCtrl::wxTextCtrl**

### **wxTextCtrl()**

Default constructor.

**wxTextCtrl(wxWindow\* parent, wxWindowID id, const wxString& value = "", const wxPoint& pos, const wxSize& size = wxDefaultSize, long style = 0, const wxValidator& validator, const wxString& name = "text")**

Constructor, creating and showing a text control.

### **Parameters**

*parent*

Parent window. Should not be NULL.

*id*

Control identifier. A value of -1 denotes a default value.

*value*

Default text value.

*pos*

Text control position.

*size*

Text control size.

*style*

Window style. See *wxTextCtrl* (p. 820).

*validator*

Window validator.

*name*

Window name.

### Remarks

The horizontal scrollbar (**wxTE\_HSCROLL** style flag) will only be created for multi-line text controls. Without a horizontal scrollbar, text lines that don't fit in the control's size will be wrapped (but no newline character is inserted). Single line controls don't have a horizontal scrollbar, the text is automatically scrolled so that the *insertion point* (p. 825) is always visible.

Under Windows, if the **wxTE\_MULTILINE** style is used, the window is implemented as a Windows rich text control with unlimited capacity. Otherwise, normal edit control limits apply.

### See also

*wxTextCtrl::Create* (p. 825), *wxValidator* (p. 897)

## **wxTextCtrl::~~wxTextCtrl**

**~wxTextCtrl()**

Destructor, destroying the text control.

## **wxTextCtrl::AppendText**

**void AppendText(const wxString& *text*)**

Appends the text to the end of the text control.

### Parameters

*text*

Text to write to the text control.

### Remarks

After the text is appended, the insertion point will be at the end of the text control. If this behaviour is not desired, the programmer should use *GetInsertionPoint* (p. 825) and *SetInsertionPoint* (p. 831).

### See also



*wxTextCtrl::WriteText* (p. 832)

### **wxTextCtrl::CanCopy**

**virtual bool CanCopy()**

Returns TRUE if the selection can be copied to the clipboard.

### **wxTextCtrl::CanCut**

**virtual bool CanCut()**

Returns TRUE if the selection can be cut to the clipboard.

### **wxTextCtrl::CanPaste**

**virtual bool CanPaste()**

Returns TRUE if the contents of the clipboard can be pasted into the text control. On some platforms (Motif, GTK) this is an approximation and returns TRUE if the control is editable, FALSE otherwise.

### **wxTextCtrl::CanRedo**

**virtual bool CanRedo()**

Returns TRUE if there is a redo facility available and the last operation can be redone.

### **wxTextCtrl::CanUndo**

**virtual bool CanUndo()**

Returns TRUE if there is an undo facility available and the last operation can be undone.

### **wxTextCtrl::Clear**

**virtual void Clear()**

Clears the text in the control.

### **wxTextCtrl::Copy**

**virtual void Copy()**

Copies the selected text to the clipboard under Motif and MS Windows.

**wxTextCtrl::Create**

**bool Create(wxWindow\* parent, wxWindowID id, const wxString& value = "", const wxPoint& pos, const wxSize& size = wxDefaultSize, long style = 0, const wxValidator& validator, const wxString& name = "text")**

Creates the text control for two-step construction. Derived classes should call or replace this function. See *wxTextCtrl::wxTextCtrl* (p. 822) for further details.

**wxTextCtrl::Cut****virtual void Cut()**

Copies the selected text to the clipboard and removes the selection.

**wxTextCtrl::DiscardEdits****void DiscardEdits()**

Resets the internal 'modified' flag as if the current edits had been saved.

**wxTextCtrl::GetInsertionPoint****virtual long GetInsertionPoint() const**

Returns the insertion point. This is defined as the zero based index of the character position to the right of the insertion point. For example, if the insertion point is at the end of the text control, it is equal to both *GetValue()* (p. 827).Length() and *GetLastPosition()* (p. 825).

The following code snippet safely returns the character at the insertion point or the zero character if the point is at the end of the control.

```
char GetCurrentChar(wxTextCtrl *tc) {  
    if (tc->GetInsertionPoint() == tc->GetLastPosition())  
        return '\\0';  
    return tc->GetValue[tc->GetInsertionPoint()];  
}
```

**wxTextCtrl::GetLastPosition**

**virtual long GetLastPosition() const**

Returns the zero based index of the last position in the text control, which is equal to the number of characters in the control.

**wxTextCtrl::GetLineLength****int GetLineLength(long *lineNo*) const**

Gets the length of the specified line, not including any trailing newline character(s).

**Parameters**

*lineNo*

Line number (starting from zero).

**Return value**

The length of the line, or -1 if *lineNo* was invalid.

**wxTextCtrl::GetLineText****wxString GetLineText(long *lineNo*) const**

Returns the contents of a given line in the text control, not including any trailing newline character(s).

**Parameters**

*lineNo*

The line number, starting from zero.

**Return value**

The contents of the line.

**wxTextCtrl::GetNumberOfLines****int GetNumberOfLines() const**

Returns the number of lines in the text control buffer.

**Remarks**

Note that even empty text controls have one line (where the insertion point is), so `GetNumberOfLines()` never returns 0.

For `gtk_text` (multi-line) controls, the number of lines is calculated by actually counting newline characters in the buffer. You may wish to avoid using functions that work with line numbers if you are working with controls that contain large amounts of text.

### **wxTextCtrl::GetSelection**

**virtual void GetSelection(long\* from, long\* to)**

Gets the current selection span. If the returned values are equal, there was no selection.

#### **Parameters**

*from*

The returned first position.

*to*

The returned last position.

**wxPython note:** The wxPython version of this method returns a tuple consisting of the *from* and *to* values.

### **wxTextCtrl::GetValue**

**wxString GetValue() const**

Gets the contents of the control.

### **wxTextCtrl::IsModified**

**bool IsModified() const**

Returns TRUE if the text has been modified.

### **wxTextCtrl::LoadFile**

**bool LoadFile(const wxString& filename)**

Loads and displays the named file, if it exists.

#### **Parameters**

*filename*

The filename of the file to load.

#### **Return value**

TRUE if successful, FALSE otherwise.

### **wxTextCtrl::OnChar**

**void OnChar(wxKeyEvent& event)**

Default handler for character input.

#### **Remarks**

It is possible to intercept character input by overriding this member. Call this function to let the default behaviour take place; not calling it results in the character being ignored. You can replace the *keyCode* member of *event* to translate keystrokes.

Note that Windows and Motif have different ways of implementing the default behaviour. In Windows, calling `wxTextCtrl::OnChar` immediately processes the character. In Motif, calling this function simply sets a flag to let default processing happen. This might affect the way in which you write your `OnChar` function on different platforms.

#### **See also**

*wxKeyEvent* (p. 438)

### **wxTextCtrl::OnDropFiles**

**void OnDropFiles(wxDropFilesEvent& event)**

This event handler function implements default drag and drop behaviour, which is to load the first dropped file into the control.

#### **Parameters**

*event*

The drop files event.

#### **Remarks**

This is not yet implemented for the GTK.

#### **See also**

*wxDropFilesEvent* (p. 231)

### **wxTextCtrl::Paste**

**virtual void Paste()**

Pastes text from the clipboard to the text item.

### **wxTextCtrl::PositionToXY**

**bool PositionToXY(long pos, long \*x, long \*y) const**

Converts given position to a zero-based column, line number pair.

#### **Parameters**

*pos*

Position.

*x*

Receives zero based column number.

*y*

Receives zero based line number.

#### **Return value**

TRUE on success, FALSE on failure (most likely due to a too large position parameter).

#### **See also**

*wxTextCtrl::XYToPosition* (p. 832)

**wxPython note:** In Python, `PositionToXY()` returns a tuple containing the x and y values, so `(x,y) = PositionToXY()` is equivalent to the call described above.

### **wxTextCtrl::Redo**

**virtual void Redo()**

If there is a redo facility and the last operation can be redone, redoes the last operation. Does nothing if there is no redo facility.

### **wxTextCtrl::Remove**

**virtual void Remove(long from, long to)**

Removes the text starting at the first given position up to (but not including) the character at the last position.

#### **Parameters**

*from*

The first position.

*to*

The last position.

### **wxTextCtrl::Replace**

**virtual void Replace**(long *from*, long *to*, const wxString& *value*)

Replaces the text starting at the first position up to (but not including) the character at the last position with the given text.

#### **Parameters**

*from*

The first position.

*to*

The last position.

*value*

The value to replace the existing text with.

### **wxTextCtrl::SaveFile**

**bool SaveFile**(const wxString& *filename*)

Saves the contents of the control in a text file.

#### **Parameters**

*filename*

The name of the file in which to save the text.

#### **Return value**

TRUE if the operation was successful, FALSE otherwise.

### **wxTextCtrl::SetEditable**

**virtual void SetEditable**(const bool *editable*)

Makes the text item editable or read-only, overriding the **wxTE\_READONLY** flag.

#### **Parameters**

*editable*

If TRUE, the control is editable. If FALSE, the control is read-only.

### **wxTextCtrl::SetInsertionPoint**

**virtual void SetInsertionPoint(long pos)**

Sets the insertion point at the given position.

#### **Parameters**

*pos*

Position to set.

### **wxTextCtrl::SetInsertionPointEnd**

**virtual void SetInsertionPointEnd()**

Sets the insertion point at the end of the text control. This is equivalent to *SetInsertionPoint* (p. 831)(*GetLastPosition* (p. 825)()).

### **wxTextCtrl::SetSelection**

**virtual void SetSelection(long from, long to)**

Selects the text starting at the first position up to (but not including) the character at the last position.

#### **Parameters**

*from*

The first position.

*to*

The last position.

### **wxTextCtrl::SetValue**

**virtual void SetValue(const wxString& value)**

Sets the text value.

#### **Parameters**

*value*

The new value to set. It may contain newline characters if the text control is multi-line.



**wxTextCtrl::ShowPosition****void ShowPosition(long pos)**

Makes the line containing the given position visible.

**Parameters***pos*

The position that should be visible.

**wxTextCtrl::Undo****virtual void Undo()**

If there is an undo facility and the last operation can be undone, undoes the last operation. Does nothing if there is no undo facility.

**wxTextCtrl::WriteText****void WriteText(const wxString& text)**

Writes the text into the text control at the current insertion position.

**Parameters***text*

Text to write to the text control.

**Remarks**

Newlines in the text string are the only control characters allowed, and they will cause appropriate line breaks. See *wxTextCtrl::<<* (p. 833) and *wxTextCtrl::AppendText* (p. 823) for more convenient ways of writing to the window.

After the write operation, the insertion point will be at the end of the inserted text, so subsequent write operations will be appended. To append text after the user may have interacted with the control, call *wxTextCtrl::SetInsertionPointEnd* (p. 831) before writing.

**wxTextCtrl::XYToPosition****long XYToPosition(long x, long y)**

Converts the given zero based column and line number to a position.

## Parameters

*x*  
The column number.

*y*  
The line number.

## Return value

The position value.

## **wxTextCtrl::operator <<**

**wxTextCtrl& operator <<(const wxString& s)**

**wxTextCtrl& operator <<(int i)**

**wxTextCtrl& operator <<(long l)**

**wxTextCtrl& operator <<(float f)**

**wxTextCtrl& operator <<(double d)**

**wxTextCtrl& operator <<(char c)**

Operator definitions for appending to a text control, for example:

```
wxTextCtrl *wnd = new wxTextCtrl(my_frame);  
  
(*wnd) << "Welcome to text control number " << 1 << "...\n";
```

## **wxTextDataObject**

**wxTextDataObject** is a specialization of **wxDataObject** for text data. It can be used without change to paste data into the *wxClipboard* (p. 87) or a *wxDropSource* (p. 232). A user may wish to derive a new class from this class for providing text on-demand in order to minimize memory consumption when offering data in several formats, such as plain text and RTF because by default the text is stored in a string in this class, but it might as well be generated when requested. For this, *GetTextLength* (p. 834) and *GetText* (p. 834) will have to be overridden.

Note that if you already have the text inside a string, you will not achieve any efficiency gain by overriding these functions because copying **wxStrings** is already a very efficient operation (data is not actually copied because **wxStrings** are reference counted).

**wxPython note:** If you wish to create a derived **wxTextDataObject** class in **wxPython** you should derive the class from **wxPyTextDataObject** in order to get Python-aware capabilities for the various virtual methods.

### Virtual functions to override

This class may be used as is, but all of data transfer functions may be overridden to increase efficiency.

### Derived from

*wxDataObjectSimple* (p. 152)  
*wxDataObject* (p. 148)

### Include files

<wx/dataobj.h>

### See also

*Clipboard and drag and drop overview* (p. 1038), *wxDataObject* (p. 148), *wxDataObjectSimple* (p. 152), *wxFileDataObject* (p. 263), *wxBitmapDataObject* (p. 57)

## **wxTextDataObject::wxTextDataObject**

**wxTextDataObject(const wxString& text = wxEmptyString)**

Constructor, may be used to initialise the text (otherwise *SetText* (p. 835) should be used later).

## **wxTextDataObject::GetTextLength**

**virtual size\_t GetTextLength() const**

Returns the data size. By default, returns the size of the text data set in the constructor or using *SetText* (p. 835). This can be overridden to provide text size data on-demand. It is recommended to return the text length plus 1 for a trailing zero, but this is not strictly required.

## **wxTextDataObject::GetText**

**virtual wxString GetText() const**

Returns the text associated with the data object. You may wish to override this method when offering data on-demand, but this is not required by wxWindows' internals. Use this method to get data in text form from the *wxClipboard* (p. 87).

**wxTextDataObject::SetText****virtual void SetText(const wxString& strText)**

Sets the text associated with the data object. This method is called when the data object receives the data and, by default, copies the text into the member variable. If you want to process the text on the fly you may wish to override this function.

**wxTextInputStream**

This class provides functions that read text datas using an input stream. So, you can read *text* floats, integers.

The wxTextInputStream correctly reads text files (or streams) in DOS, Macintosh and Unix formats and reports a single newline char as a line ending.

Operator >> is overloaded and you can use this class like a standard C++ iostream. Note, however, that the arguments are the fixed size types wxUInt32, wxInt32 etc and on a typical 32-bit computer, none of these match to the "long" type (wxInt32 is defined as int on 32-bit architectures) so that you cannot use long. To avoid problems (here and elsewhere), make use of the wxInt32, wxUInt32, etc types.

For example:

```
wxFileInputStream input( "mytext.txt" );
wxTextInputStream text( input );
wxUInt8 i1;
float f2;
wxString line;

text >> i1;           // read a 8 bit integer.
text >> i1 >> f2;      // read a 8 bit integer followed by float.
text >> line;         // read a text line
```

**Include files**

<wx/txtstrm.h>

**wxTextInputStream::wxTextInputStream****wxTextInputStream(wxInputStream& stream)**

Constructs a text stream object from an input stream. Only read methods will be available.

**Parameters**

*stream*

The input stream.

**wxTextInputStream::~~wxTextInputStream****~wxTextInputStream()**

Destroys the wxTextInputStream object.

**wxTextInputStream::Read8****wxUint8 Read8()**

Reads a single byte from the stream.

**wxTextInputStream::Read16****wxUint16 Read16()**

Reads a 16 bit integer from the stream.

**wxTextInputStream::Read32****wxUint16 Read32()**

Reads a 32 bit integer from the stream.

**wxTextInputStream::ReadDouble****double ReadDouble()**

Reads a double (IEEE encoded) from the stream.

**wxTextInputStream::ReadString****wxString wxTextInputStream::ReadString()**

Reads a line from the stream. A line is a string which ends with `\n` or `\r\n` or `\r`.

**wxTextOutputStream**

This class provides functions that write text datas using an output stream. So, you can write *text* floats, integers.

You can also simulate the C++ `cout` class:

```
wxFileOutputStream output( stderr );
```

```
wxTextOutputStream cout( output );

cout << "This is a text line" << endl;
cout << 1234;
cout << 1.23456;
```

The `wxTextOutputStream` writes text files (or streams) on DOS, Macintosh and Unix in their native formats (concerning the line ending).

### **wxTextOutputStream::wxTextOutputStream**

**wxTextOutputStream(wxOutputStream& stream)**

Constructs a text stream object from an output stream. Only write methods will be available.

#### **Parameters**

*stream*

The output stream.

### **wxTextOutputStream::~~wxTextOutputStream**

**~wxTextOutputStream()**

Destroys the `wxTextOutputStream` object.

### **wxTextOutputStream::Write8**

**void wxTextOutputStream::Write8(wxUInt8 i8)**

Writes the single byte *i8* to the stream.

### **wxTextOutputStream::Write16**

**void wxTextOutputStream::Write16(wxUInt16 i16)**

Writes the 16 bit integer *i16* to the stream.

### **wxTextOutputStream::Write32**

**void wxTextOutputStream::Write32(wxUInt32 i32)**

Writes the 32 bit integer *i32* to the stream.

**wxTextOutputStream::WriteDouble****void wxTextOutputStream::WriteDouble(double f)**

Writes the double *f* to the stream using the IEEE format.

**wxTextOutputStream::WriteString****void wxTextOutputStream::WriteString(const wxString& string)**

Writes *string* as a line. Depending on the operating system, it adds `\n` or `\r\n`.

**wxTextEntryDialog**

This class represents a dialog that requests a one-line text string from the user. It is implemented as a generic `wxWindows` dialog.

**Derived from**

*wxDialog* (p. 193)  
*wxWindow* (p. 915)  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

**Include files**

`<wx/textdlg.h>`

**See also**

*wxTextEntryDialog* overview (p. 1050)

**wxTextEntryDialog::wxTextEntryDialog**

**wxTextEntryDialog(wxWindow\* parent, const wxString& message, const wxString& caption = "Please enter text", const wxString& defaultValue = "", long style = wxOK | wxCANCEL | wxCENTRE, const wxPoint& pos = wxDefaultPosition)**

Constructor. Use *wxTextEntryDialog::ShowModal* (p. 839) to show the dialog.

**Parameters**

*parent*  
Parent window.

*message*

Message to show on the dialog.

*defaultValue*

The default value, which may be the empty string.

*style*

A dialog style, specifying the buttons (wxOK, wxCANCEL) and an optional wxCENTRE style.

*pos*

Dialog position.

### **wxTextEntryDialog::~wxTextEntryDialog**

**~wxTextEntryDialog()**

Destructor.

### **wxTextEntryDialog::GetValue**

**wxString GetValue() const**

Returns the text that the user has entered if the user has pressed OK, or the original value if the user has pressed Cancel.

### **wxTextEntryDialog::SetValue**

**void SetValue(const wxString& value)**

Sets the default text value.

### **wxTextEntryDialog::ShowModal**

**int ShowModal()**

Shows the dialog, returning wxID\_OK if the user pressed OK, and wxOK\_CANCEL otherwise.

### **wxTextDropTarget**

A predefined drop target for dealing with text data.

**Derived from**



*wxDropTarget* (p. 234)

#### **Include files**

<wx/dnd.h>

#### **See also**

*Drag and drop overview* (p. 1038), *wxDropSource* (p. 232), *wxDropTarget* (p. 234), *wxFileDropTarget* (p. 268)

### **wxTextDropTarget::wxTextDropTarget**

**wxTextDropTarget()**

Constructor.

### **wxTextDropTarget::GetFormatCount**

**virtual size\_t GetFormatCount() const**

See *wxDropTarget::GetFormatCount* (p. 235). This function is implemented appropriately for text.

### **wxTextDropTarget::GetFormat**

**virtual wxDataFormat GetFormat(size\_t n) const**

See *wxDropTarget::GetFormat* (p. 235). This function is implemented appropriately for text.

### **wxTextDropTarget::OnDrop**

**virtual bool OnDrop(long x, long y, const void \*data, size\_t size)**

See *wxDropTarget::OnDrop* (p. 235). This function is implemented appropriately for text, and calls *wxTextDropTarget::OnDropText* (p. 840).

### **wxTextDropTarget::OnDropText**

**virtual bool OnDropText(long x, long y, const char \*data)**

Override this function to receive dropped text.

### Parameters

- x*  
The x coordinate of the mouse.
- y*  
The y coordinate of the mouse.
- data*  
The data being dropped: a NULL-terminated string.

### Return value

Return TRUE to accept the data, FALSE to veto the operation.

### **wxTextValidator**

wxTextValidator validates text controls, providing a variety of filtering behaviours.

For more information, please see *Validator overview* (p. 1103).

### Derived from

*wxValidator* (p. 897)  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/valtext.h>

### See also

*Validator overview* (p. 1103), *wxValidator* (p. 897), *wxGenericValidator* (p. 321)

### **wxTextValidator::wxTextValidator**

**wxTextValidator**(const wxTextValidator& *validator*)

Copy constructor.

**wxTextValidator**(long *style* = wxFILTER\_NONE, wxString\* *valPtr* = NULL)

Constructor, taking a style and optional pointer to a wxString variable.

### Parameters

*style*

A bitlist of flags, which can be:

<b>wxFILTER_NONE</b>	No filtering takes place.
<b>wxFILTER_ASCII</b>	Non-ASCII characters are filtered out.
<b>wxFILTER_ALPHA</b>	Non-alpha characters are filtered out.
<b>wxFILTER_ALPHANUMERIC</b>	Non-alphanumeric characters are filtered out.
<b>wxFILTER_NUMERIC</b>	Non-numeric characters are filtered out.
<b>wxFILTER_INCLUDE_LIST</b>	Use an include list. The validator checks if the user input is on the list, complaining if not.
<b>wxFILTER_EXCLUDE_LIST</b>	Use an exclude list. The validator checks if the user input is on the list, complaining if it is.

*valPtr*

A pointer to a `wxString` variable that contains the value. This variable should have a lifetime equal to or longer than the validator lifetime (which is usually determined by the lifetime of the window). If `NULL`, the validator uses its own internal storage for the value.

**wxTextValidator::~~wxTextValidator****~wxTextValidator()**

Destructor.

**wxTextValidator::Clone****virtual wxValidator\* Clone() const**

Clones the text validator using the copy constructor.

**wxTextValidator::GetExcludeList****wxStringList& GetExcludeList() const**

Returns a reference to the exclude list (the list of invalid values).

**wxTextValidator::GetIncludeList****wxStringList& GetIncludeList() const**

Returns a reference to the include list (the list of valid values).

**wxTextValidator::GetStyle**

**long GetStyle() const**

Returns the validator style.

**wxTextValidator::OnChar****void OnChar(wxKeyEvent& *event*)**

Receives character input from the window and filters it according to the current validator style.

**wxTextValidator::SetExcludeList****void SetExcludeList(const wxStringList& *stringList*)**

Sets the exclude list (invalid values for the user input).

**wxTextValidator::SetIncludeList****void SetIncludeList(const wxStringList& *stringList*)**

Sets the include list (valid values for the user input).

**wxTextValidator::SetStyle****void SetStyle(long *style*)**

Sets the validator style.

**wxTextValidator::TransferFromWindow****virtual bool TransferFromWindow()**

Transfers the string value to the window.

**wxTextValidator::TransferToWindow****virtual bool TransferToWindow()**

Transfers the window value to the string.

**wxTextValidator::Validate**

**virtual bool Validate(wxWindow\* parent)**

Validates the window contents against the include or exclude lists, depending on the validator style.

**wxTextFile**

The wxTextFile is a simple class which allows to work with text files on line by line basis. It also understands the differences in line termination characters under different platforms and will not do anything bad to files with "non native" line termination sequences - in fact, it can be also used to modify the text files and change the line termination characters from one type (say DOS) to another (say Unix).

One word of warning: the class is not at all optimized for big files and so it will load the file entirely into memory when opened. Of course, you should not work in this way with large files (as an estimation, anything over 1 Megabyte is surely too big for this class). On the other hand, it is not a serious limitation for the small files like configuration files or programs sources which are well handled by wxTextFile.

The typical things you may do with wxTextFile in order are:

- Create and open it: this is done with *Open* (p. 845) function which opens the file (name may be specified either as *Open* argument or in the constructor), reads its contents in memory and closes it. If all of these operations are successful, *Open()* will return TRUE and FALSE on error.
- Work with the lines in the file: this may be done either with "direct access" functions like *GetLineCount* (p. 846) and *GetLine* (p. 846) (*operator[]* does exactly the same but looks more like array addressing) or with "sequential access" functions which include *GetFirstLine* (p. 847)/*GetNextLine* (p. 847) and also *GetLastLine* (p. 847)/*GetPrevLine* (p. 847). For the sequential access functions the current line number is maintained: it is returned by *GetCurrentLine* (p. 846) and may be changed with *GoToLine* (p. 847).
- Add/remove lines to the file: *AddLine* (p. 848) and *InsertLine* (p. 848) add new lines while *RemoveLine* (p. 848) deletes the existing ones.
- Save your changes: notice that the changes you make to the file will **not** be saved automatically; calling *Close* (p. 846) or doing nothing discards them! To save the changes you must explicitly call *Write* (p. 848) - here, you may also change the line termination type if you wish.

**Derived from**

No base class

**Include files**

<wx/textfile.h>

**Data structures**

The following constants identify the line termination type:

```
enum wxTextFileType
{
    wxTextFileType_None,    // incomplete (the last line of the file
only)
    wxTextFileType_Unix,    // line is terminated with 'LF' = 0xA = 10 =
'\n'
    wxTextFileType_Dos,     // 'CR' 'LF'
    wxTextFileType_Mac      // 'CR' = 0xD = 13 =
'\r'
};
```

[See also](#)

*wxFile* (p. 257)

### **wxTextFile::wxTextFile**

#### **wxTextFile() const**

Default constructor, use `Open(string)` to initialize the object.

### **wxTextFile::wxTextFile**

#### **wxTextFile(const wxString& strFile) const**

Constructor does not load the file into memory, use `Open()` to do it.

### **wxTextFile::Exists**

#### **bool Exists() const**

Return TRUE if file exists - the name of the file should have been specified in the constructor before calling `Exists()`.

### **wxTextFile::Open**

#### **bool Open() const**

`Open()` opens the file with the name which was given in the *constructor* (p. 845) and also loads file in memory on success.

### **wxTextFile::Open**

**bool Open(const wxString& strFile) const**

Same as *Open()* (p. 845) but allows to specify the file name (must be used if the default constructor was used to create the object).

**wxTextFile::Close****bool Close() const**

Closes the file and frees memory, **losing all changes**. Use *Write()* (p. 848) if you want to save them.

**wxTextFile::IsOpened****bool IsOpened() const**

Returns TRUE if the file is currently opened.

**wxTextFile::GetLineCount****size\_t GetLineCount() const**

Get the number of lines in the file.

**wxTextFile::GetLine****wxString& GetLine(size\_t n) const**

Retrieves the line number *n* from the file. The returned line may be modified but you shouldn't add line terminator at the end - this will be done by *wxTextFile*.

**wxTextFile::operator[]****wxString& operator[](size\_t n) const**

The same as *GetLine* (p. 846).

**wxTextFile::GetCurrentLine****size\_t GetCurrentLine() const**

Returns the current line: it has meaning only when you're using *GetFirstLine()/GetNextLine()* functions, it doesn't get updated when you're using "direct access" functions like *GetLine()*. *GetFirstLine()* and *GetLastLine()* also change the value

of the current line, as well as `GoToLine()`.

### **wxTextFile::GoToLine**

**void GoToLine(size\_t n) const**

Changes the value returned by *GetCurrentLine* (p. 846) and used by *GetFirstLine()* (p. 847)/*GetNextLine()* (p. 847).

### **wxTextFile::Eof**

**bool Eof() const**

Returns TRUE if the current line is the last one.

### **wxTextFile::GetFirstLine**

**wxString& GetFirstLine() const**

This method together with *GetNextLine()* (p. 847) allows more "iterator-like" traversal of the list of lines, i.e. you may write something like:

```
for ( str = GetFirstLine(); !Eof(); str = GetNextLine() )
{
    // do something with the current line in str
}
```

### **wxTextFile::GetNextLine**

**wxString& GetNextLine()**

Gets the next line (see *GetFirstLine* (p. 847) for the example).

### **wxTextFile::GetPrevLine**

**wxString& GetPrevLine()**

Gets the previous line in the file.

### **wxTextFile::GetLastLine**

**wxString& GetLastLine()**

Gets the last line of the file.



**wxTextFile::GetLineType****wxTextFileType GetLineType(size\_t n) const**

Get the type of the line (see also *GetEOL* (p. 849))

**wxTextFile::GuessType****wxTextFileType GuessType() const**

Guess the type of file (which is supposed to be opened). If sufficiently many lines of the file are in DOS/Unix/Mac format, the corresponding value will be returned. If the detection mechanism fails *wxTextFileType\_None* is returned.

**wxTextFile::GetName****const char\* GetName() const**

Get the name of the file.

**wxTextFile::AddLine****void AddLine(const wxString& str, wxTextFileType type = typeDefault) const**

Adds a line to the end of file.

**wxTextFile::InsertLine****void InsertLine(const wxString& str, size\_t n, wxTextFileType type = typeDefault) const**

Insert a line before the line number *n*.

**wxTextFile::RemoveLine****void RemoveLine(size\_t n) const**

Delete line number *n* from the file.

**wxTextFile::Write****bool Write(wxTextFileType typeNew = wxTextFileType\_None) const**

Change the file on disk. The *typeNew* parameter allows you to change the file format (default argument means "don't change type") and may be used to convert, for example, DOS files to Unix.

Returns TRUE if operation succeeded, FALSE if it failed.

### **wxTextFile::GetEOL**

**static const char\* GetEOL(wxTextFileType type = typeDefault) const**

Get the line termination string corresponding to given constant. *typeDefault* is the value defined during the compilation and corresponds to the native format of the platform, i.e. it will be *wxTextFileType\_Dos* under Windows, *wxTextFileType\_Unix* under Unix and *wxTextFileType\_Mac* under Mac.

### **wxTextFile::~wxTextFile**

**~wxTextFile() const**

Destructor does nothing.

### **wxThread**

A thread is basically a path of execution through a program. Threads are also sometimes called *light-weight processes*, but the fundamental difference between threads and processes is that memory spaces of different processes are separated while all threads share the same address space. While it makes it much easier to share common data between several threads, it also makes much easier to shoot oneself in the foot, so careful use of synchronization objects such as *mutexes* (p. 541) and/or *critical sections* (p. 131) is recommended.

#### **Derived from**

None.

#### **Include files**

<wx/thread.h>

#### **See also**

*wxMutex* (p. 541), *wxCondition* (p. 115), *wxCriticalSection* (p. 131)

### **wxThread::wxThread**

**wxThread()**

Default constructor: it doesn't create nor starts the thread.

**wxThread::~wxThread****~wxThread()**

wxThread destructor is private, so you can not call it directly - i.e., deleting wxThread objects is forbidden. Instead, you should use *Delete* (p. 850) or *Kill* (p. 852) methods. This also means that thread objects should be **always** allocated on the heap (i.e. with *new*) because the functions mentioned above will try to reclaim the storage from the heap.

**wxThread::Create****wxThreadError Create()**

Creates a new thread. The thread object is created in the suspended state, you should call *Run* (p. 852) to start running it.

**Return value**

One of:

**wxTHREAD\_NO\_ERROR**  
**wxTHREAD\_NO\_RESOURCE**  
**wxTHREAD\_RUNNING**

There was no error.  
There were insufficient resources to create a new thread.  
The thread is already running.

**wxThread::Delete****void Delete()**

This function should be called to terminate this thread. Unlike *Kill* (p. 852), it gives the target thread the time to terminate gracefully. Because of this, however, this function may not return immediately and if the thread is "hung" won't return at all. Also, message processing is not stopped during this function execution, so the message handlers may be called from inside it.

Delete() may be called for thread in any state: running, paused or even not yet created. Moreover, it must be called if *Create* (p. 850) or *Run* (p. 852) fail to free the memory occupied by the thread object.

**wxThread::Entry**

**virtual void \* Entry()**

This is the entry point of the thread. This function is pure virtual and must be implemented by any derived class. The thread execution will start here.

The returned value is the thread exit code but is currently ignored in wxWindows implementation (this will change in near future).

**wxThread::GetID****unsigned long GetID() const**

Gets the thread identifier: this is a platform dependent number which uniquely identifies the thread throughout the system during its existence (i.e. the thread identifiers may be reused).

**wxThread::GetPriority****int GetPriority() const**

Gets the priority of the thread, between zero and 100.

The following priorities are already defined:

<b>WXTHREAD_MIN_PRIORITY</b>	0
<b>WXTHREAD_DEFAULT_PRIORITY</b>	50
<b>WXTHREAD_MAX_PRIORITY</b>	100

**wxThread::IsAlive****bool IsAlive() const**

Returns TRUE if the thread is alive (i.e. started and not terminating).

**wxThread::IsMain****bool IsMain() const**

Returns TRUE if the calling thread is the main application thread.

**wxThread::IsPaused****bool IsPaused() const**

Returns TRUE if the thread is paused.

### **wxThread::IsRunning**

**bool IsRunning() const**

Returns TRUE if the thread is running.

### **wxThread::Kill**

**wxThreadError Kill()**

Immediately terminates the target thread. **This function is dangerous and should be used with extreme care (and not used at all whenever possible)!** The resources allocated to the thread will not be freed and the state of the C runtime library may become inconsistent. Use *Delete()* (p. 850) instead.

### **wxThread::OnExit**

**void OnExit()**

Called when the thread exits. This function is called in the context of the thread associated with the wxThread object, not in the context of the main thread.

### **wxThread::Run**

**wxThreadError Run()**

Runs the thread.

### **wxThread::SetPriority**

**void SetPriority(int *priority*)**

Sets the priority of the thread, between zero and 100. This must be set before the thread is created.

The following priorities are already defined:

<b>WXTHREAD_MIN_PRIORITY</b>	0
<b>WXTHREAD_DEFAULT_PRIORITY</b>	50
<b>WXTHREAD_MAX_PRIORITY</b>	100

**wxThread::Sleep****Sleep**(unsigned long *milliseconds*)

Pauses the thread execution for the given amount of time.

This function should be used instead of *wxSleep* (p. 996) by all worker (i.e. all except the main one) threads.

**wxThread::This****wxThread \* This**()

Return the thread object for the calling thread. NULL is returned if the calling thread is the main (GUI) thread, but *IsMain* (p. 851) should be used to test whether the thread is really the main one because NULL may also be returned for the thread not created with *wxThread* class. Generally speaking, the return value for such thread is undefined.

**wxThread::Yield****Yield**()

Give the rest of the thread time slice to the system allowing the other threads to run. See also *Sleep*() (p. 853).

**wxTime**

Representation of time and date.

NOTE: this class should be used with caution, since it is not fully tested. It will be replaced with a new *wxDateTime* class in the near future.

**Derived from**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/time.h>

**Data structures**

```
typedef unsigned short hourTy;  
typedef unsigned short minuteTy;  
typedef unsigned short secondTy;  
typedef unsigned long clockTy;
```

```
enum tFormat    wx12h, wx24h ;  
enum tPrecision wxStdMinSec, wxStdMin ;
```

### See also

*wxDate* (p. 157)

## **wxTime::wxTime**

### **wxTime()**

Initialize the object using the current time.

### **wxTime(clockTy s)**

Initialize the object using the number of seconds that have elapsed since ???.

### **wxTime(const wxTime& time)**

Copy constructor.

### **wxTime(hourTy h, minuteTy m, secondTy s = 0, bool dst = FALSE)**

Initialize using hours, minutes, seconds, and whether DST time.

### **wxTime(const wxDate& date, hourTy h = 0, minuteTy m = 0, secondTy s = 0, bool dst = FALSE)**

Initialize using a *wxDate* (p. 157) object, hours, minutes, seconds, and whether DST time.

## **wxTime::GetDay**

### **int GetDay() const**

Returns the day of the month.

## **wxTime::GetDayOfWeek**

### **int GetDayOfWeek() const**

Returns the day of the week, a number from 0 to 6 where 0 is Sunday and 6 is Saturday.

## **wxTime::GetHour**

**hourTy GetHour() const**

Returns the hour in local time.

**wxTime::GetHourGMT****hourTy GetHourGMT() const**

Returns the hour in GMT.

**wxTime::GetMinute****minuteTy GetMinute() const**

Returns the minute in local time.

**wxTime::GetMinuteGMT****minuteTy GetMinuteGMT() const**

Returns the minute in GMT.

**wxTime::GetMonth****int GetMonth() const**

Returns the month.

**wxTime::GetSecond****secondTy GetSecond() const**

Returns the second in local time or GMT.

**wxTime::GetSecondGMT****secondTy GetSecondGMT() const**

Returns the second in GMT.

**wxTime::GetSeconds**



**clockTy GetSeconds() const**

Returns the number of seconds since ???.

**wxTime::GetYear****int GetYear() const**

Returns the year.

**wxTime::FormatTime****char\* FormatTime() const**

Formats the time according to the current formatting options: see *wxTime::SetFormat* (p. 856).

**wxTime::IsBetween****bool IsBetween(const wxTime& a, const wxTime& b) const**

Returns TRUE if this time is between the two given times.

**wxTime::Max****wxTime Max(const wxTime& time) const**

Returns the maximum of the two times.

**wxTime::Min****wxTime Min(const wxTime& time) const**

Returns the minimum of the two times.

**wxTime::SetFormat**

**static void SetFormat(const tFormat format = wx12h, const tPrecision precision = wxStdMinSec)**

Sets the format and precision.

**wxTime::operator char\***

**operator char\*()**

Returns a pointer to a static char\* containing the formatted time.

**wxTime::operator wxDate**

**operator wxDate() const**

Converts the wxTime into a wxDate.

**wxTime::operator =**

**void operator =(const wxTime& t)**

Assignment operator.

**wxTime::operator <**

**bool operator <(const wxTime& t) const**

Less than operator.

**wxTime::operator <=**

**bool operator <=(const wxTime& t) const**

Less than or equal to operator.

**wxTime::operator >**

**bool operator >(const wxTime& t) const**

Greater than operator.

**wxTime::operator >=**

**bool operator >=(const wxTime& t) const**

Greater than or equal to operator.

**wxTime::operator ==**

**bool operator ==(const wxTime& t) const**

Equality operator.

**wxTime::operator !=**

**bool operator !=(const wxTime& t) const**

Inequality operator.

**wxTime::operator +**

**bool operator +(long sec) const**

Addition operator.

**wxTime::operator -**

**bool operator -(long sec) const**

Subtraction operator.

**wxTime::operator +=**

**bool operator +=(long sec) const**

Increment operator.

**wxTime::operator -=**

**bool operator -=(long sec) const**

Decrement operator.

## **wxTimer**

The `wxTimer` class allows you to execute code at specified intervals. To use it, derive a new class and override the **Notify** member to perform the required action. Start with **Start**, stop with **Stop**, it's as simple as that.

### **Derived from**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### **Include files**

<wx/timer.h>

[See also](#)

`::wxStartTimer` (p. 996), `::wxGetElapsedTime` (p. 990)

### **wxTimer::wxTimer**

**wxTimer()**

Constructor.

### **wxTimer::~~wxTimer**

**~wxTimer()**

Destructor. Stops the timer if activated.

### **wxTimer::Interval**

**int Interval()**

Returns the current interval for the timer.

### **wxTimer::Notify**

**void Notify()**

This member should be overridden by the user. It is called on timeout.

### **wxTimer::Start**

**bool Start(int milliseconds = -1, bool oneShot=FALSE)**

(Re)starts the timer. If *milliseconds* is absent or -1, the previous value is used. Returns FALSE if the timer could not be started, TRUE otherwise (in MS Windows timers are a limited resource).

If *oneShot* is FALSE (the default), the Notify function will be repeatedly called. If TRUE, Notify will be called only once.

**wxTimer::Stop****void Stop()**

Stops the timer.

**wxTipProvider**

This is the class used together with *wxShowTip* (p. 977) function. It must implement *GetTip* (p. 860) function and return the current tip from it (different tip each time it is called).

You will never use this class yourself, but you need it to show startup tips with *wxShowTip*. Also, if you want to get the tips text from elsewhere than a simple text file, you will want to derive a new class from *wxTipProvider* and use it instead of the one returned by *wxCreateFileTipProvider* (p. 972).

**Derived from**

None.

**Include files**

<wx/tipdlg.h>

**See also**

*Startup tips overview* (p. 1115), *::wxShowTip* (p. 977)

**wxTipProvider::wxTipProvider****wxTipProvider(size\_t currentTip)**

Constructor.

*currentTip*

The starting tip index.

**wxTipProvider::GetTip****wxString GetTip()**

Return the text of the current tip and pass to the next one. This function is pure virtual, it should be implemented in the derived classes.

**wxCurrentTipProvider::GetCurrentTip****size\_t GetCurrentTip() const**

Returns the index of the current tip (i.e. the one which would be returned by `GetTip`).

The program usually remembers the value returned by this function after calling `wxShowTip` (p. 977). Note that it is not the same as the value which was passed to `wxShowTip + 1` because the user might have pressed the "Next" button in the tip dialog.

**wxToolBar**

The name `wxToolBar` is defined to be a synonym for one of the following classes:

- **wxToolBar95** The native Windows 95 toolbar. Used on Windows 95, NT 4 and above.
- **wxToolBarMSW** A Windows implementation. Used on 16-bit Windows.
- **wxToolBarGTK** The GTK toolbar.
- **wxToolBarSimple** A simple implementation, with scrolling. Used on platforms with no native toolbar control, or where scrolling is required.

Note that the base class **wxToolBarBase** defines automatic scrolling management functionality which is identical to `wxScrolledWindow` (p. 680), so please refer to this class also. Not all toolbars support scrolling, but `wxToolBarSimple` does.

**Derived from**

`wxToolBarBase`  
`wxControl` (p. 130)  
`wxWindow` (p. 915)  
`wxEvtHandler` (p. 240)  
`wxObject` (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/toolbar.h> (to allow `wxWindows` to select an appropriate toolbar class)  
<wx/tbarbase.h> (the base class)  
<wx/tbarmsw.h> (the non-Windows 95 Windows toolbar class)  
<wx/tbar95.h> (the Windows 95/98 toolbar class)  
<wx/tbarsmpl.h> (the generic simple toolbar class)

**Remarks**

You may also create a toolbar that is managed by the frame, by calling `wxFrame::CreateToolBar` (p. 303).

**wxToolBar95:** Note that this toolbar paints tools to reflect user-selected colours. The toolbar orientation must always be **wxHORIZONTAL**.

**wxToolBarGtk:** The toolbar orientation is ignored and is always **wxHORIZONTAL**.

## Window styles

<b>wxBT_FLAT</b>	Gives the toolbar a flat look ('coolbar' or 'flatbar' style). Windows 95 and GTK 1.2 only.
<b>wxBT_DOCKABLE</b>	Makes the toolbar floatable and dockable. GTK only.
<b>wxBT_HORIZONTAL</b>	Specifies horizontal layout.
<b>wxBT_VERTICAL</b>	Specifies vertical layout (not available for the GTK and Windows 95 toolbar).
<b>wxBT_3DBUTTONS</b>	Gives wxToolBarSimple a mild 3D look to its buttons.

See also *window styles overview* (p. 1093).

## Event handling

The toolbar class emits menu commands in the same way that a frame menubar does, so you can use one EVT\_MENU macro for both a menu item and a toolbar button. The event handler functions take a wxCommandEvent argument. For most event macros, the identifier of the tool is passed, but for EVT\_TOOL\_ENTER the toolbar window is passed and the tool id is retrieved from the wxCommandEvent. This is because the id may be -1 when the mouse moves off a tool, and -1 is not allowed as an identifier in the event system.

Note that tool commands (and UI update events for tools) are first sent to the focus window within the frame that contains the toolbar. If no window within the frame has the focus, then the events are sent directly to the toolbar (and up the hierarchy to the frame, depending on where the application has put its event handlers). This allows command and UI update handling to be processed by specific windows and controls, and not necessarily by the application frame.

<b>EVT_TOOL(id, func)</b>	Process a wxEVT_COMMAND_TOOL_CLICKED event (a synonym for wxEVT_COMMAND_MENU_SELECTED). Pass the id of the tool.
<b>EVT_MENU(id, func)</b>	The same as EVT_TOOL.
<b>EVT_TOOL_RANGE(id1, id2, func)</b>	Process a wxEVT_COMMAND_TOOL_CLICKED event for a range of identifiers. Pass the ids of the tools.
<b>EVT_MENU_RANGE(id1, id2, func)</b>	The same as EVT_TOOL_RANGE.
<b>EVT_TOOL_RCLICKED(id, func)</b>	Process a wxEVT_COMMAND_TOOL_RCLICKED event. Pass the id of the tool.
<b>EVT_TOOL_RCLICKED_RANGE(id1, id2, func)</b>	Process a wxEVT_COMMAND_TOOL_RCLICKED event for a range of ids. Pass the ids of the tools.
<b>EVT_TOOL_ENTER(id, func)</b>	Process a wxEVT_COMMAND_TOOL_ENTER event. Pass the id of the toolbar itself. The

value of `wxCommandEvent::GetSelection` is the tool id, or -1 if the mouse cursor has moved off a tool.

### See also

*Toolbar overview* (p. 1098), *wxScrolledWindow* (p. 680)

## **wxToolBar::wxToolBar**

### **wxToolBar()**

Default constructor.

**wxToolBar**(**wxWindow\*** *parent*, **wxWindowID** *id*, **const wxPoint&** *pos* = *wxDefaultPosition*, **const wxSize&** *size* = *wxDefaultSize*, **long** *style* = *wxTB\_HORIZONTAL* | *wxNO\_BORDER*, **const wxString&** *name* = *wxPanelNameStr*)

Constructs a toolbar.

### Parameters

*parent*

Pointer to a parent window.

*id*

Window identifier. If -1, will automatically create an identifier.

*pos*

Window position. *wxDefaultPosition* is (-1, -1) which indicates that *wxWindows* should generate a default position for the window. If using the *wxWindow* class directly, supply an actual position.

*size*

Window size. *wxDefaultSize* is (-1, -1) which indicates that *wxWindows* should generate a default size for the window.

*style*

Window style. See *wxToolBar* (p. 861) for details.

*name*

Window name.

### Remarks

After a toolbar is created, you use *wxToolBar::AddTool* (p. 864) and perhaps *wxToolBar::AddSeparator* (p. 864), and then you must call *wxToolBar::Realize* (p. 872)



to construct and display the toolbar tools.

You may also create a toolbar that is managed by the frame, by calling *wxFrame::CreateToolBar* (p. 303).

### **wxToolBar::~~wxToolBar**

**void ~wxToolBar()**

Toolbar destructor.

### **wxToolBar::AddSeparator**

**void AddSeparator()**

Adds a separator for spacing groups of tools.

[See also](#)

*wxToolBar::AddTool* (p. 864), *wxToolBar::SetToolSeparation* (p. 874)

### **wxToolBar::AddTool**

**wxToolBarTool\* AddTool(int toolIndex, const wxBitmap& bitmap1, const wxBitmap& bitmap2 = wxNullBitmap, bool isToggle = FALSE, long xPos = -1, long yPos = -1, wxObject\* clientData = NULL, const wxString& shortHelpString = "", const wxString& longHelpString = "")**

Adds a tool to the toolbar.

#### **Parameters**

*toolIndex*

An integer by which the tool may be identified in subsequent operations.

*isToggle*

Specifies whether the tool is a toggle or not: a toggle tool may be in two states, whereas a non-toggle tool is just a button.

*bitmap1*

The primary tool bitmap for toggle and button tools.

*bitmap2*

The second bitmap specifies the on-state bitmap for a toggle tool. If this is *wxNullBitmap*, either an inverted version of the primary bitmap is used for the on-state of a toggle tool (monochrome displays) or a black border is drawn around the tool (colour displays) or the pixmap is shown as a pressed button (GTK).

*xPos*

Specifies the x position of the tool if automatic layout is not suitable.

*yPos*

Specifies the y position of the tool if automatic layout is not suitable.

*clientData*

An optional pointer to client data which can be retrieved later using *wxToolBar::GetToolClientData* (p. 868).

*shortHelpString*

Used for displaying a tooltip for the tool in the Windows 95 implementation of *wxButtonBar*. Pass the empty string if this is not required.

*longHelpString*

Used to display longer help, such as status line help. Pass the empty string if this is not required.

### Remarks

After you have added tools to a toolbar, you must call *wxToolBar::Realize* (p. 872) in order to have the tools appear.

### See also

*wxToolBar::AddSeparator* (p. 864), *wxToolBar::Realize* (p. 872),

## **wxToolBar::CreateTools**

**bool CreateTools()**

This function is implemented for some toolbar classes to create the tools and display them. The portable way of calling it is to call *wxToolBar::Realize* (p. 872) after you have added tools and separators.

### See also

*wxToolBar::AddTool* (p. 864), *wxToolBar::Realize* (p. 872)

## **wxToolBar::DrawTool**

**void DrawTool(wxMemoryDC& memDC, wxToolBarTool\* tool)**

Draws the specified tool onto the window using the given memory device context.

### Parameters

*memDC*

A memory DC to be used for drawing the tool.

*tool*

Tool to be drawn.

### Remarks

For internal use only.

## **wxToolBar::EnableTool**

**void EnableTool(int *toolIndex*, const bool *enable*)**

Enables or disables the tool.

### Parameters

*toolIndex*

Tool to enable or disable.

*enable*

If TRUE, enables the tool, otherwise disables it.

### Remarks

For `wxToolBarSimple`, does nothing. Some other implementations will change the visible state of the tool to indicate that it is disabled.

### See also

`wxToolBar::GetToolEnabled` (p. 868), `wxToolBar::ToggleTool` (p. 874)

## **wxToolBar::FindToolForPosition**

**wxToolBarTool\* FindToolForPosition(const float *x*, const float *y*) const**

Finds a tool for the given mouse position.

### Parameters

*x*

X position.

*y*

Y position.

### Return value

A pointer to a tool if a tool is found, or NULL otherwise.

### Remarks

Used internally, and should not need to be used by the programmer.

### **wxToolBar::GetToolSize**

#### **wxSize GetToolSize()**

Returns the size of a whole button, which is usually larger than a tool bitmap because of added 3D effects.

### See also

*wxToolBar::SetToolBitmapSize* (p. 872), *wxToolBar::GetToolBitmapSize* (p. 867)

### **wxToolBar::GetToolBitmapSize**

#### **wxSize GetToolBitmapSize()**

Returns the size of bitmap that the toolbar expects to have. The default bitmap size is 16 by 15 pixels.

### Remarks

Note that this is the size of the bitmap you pass to *wxToolBar::AddTool* (p. 864), and not the eventual size of the tool button.

### See also

*wxToolBar::SetToolBitmapSize* (p. 872), *wxToolBar::GetToolSize* (p. 867)

### **wxToolBar::GetMargins**

#### **wxSize GetMargins() const**

Returns the left/right and top/bottom margins, which are also used for inter-toolspacing.

### See also

*wxToolBar::SetMargins* (p. 872)

### **wxToolBar::GetMaxSize**

#### **wxSize GetMaxSize() const**

Gets the maximum size taken up by the tools after layout, including margins. This can be used to size a frame around the toolbar window.

### **wxToolBar::GetToolClientData**

**wxObject\* GetToolClientData(int *toolIndex*) const**

Get any client data associated with the tool.

#### **Parameters**

*toolIndex*

Index of the tool, as passed to *wxToolBar::AddTool* (p. 864).

#### **Return value**

Client data, or NULL if there is none.

### **wxToolBar::GetToolEnabled**

**bool GetToolEnabled(int *toolIndex*) const**

Called to determine whether a tool is enabled (responds to user input).

#### **Parameters**

*toolIndex*

Index of the tool in question.

#### **Return value**

TRUE if the tool is enabled, FALSE otherwise.

### **wxToolBar::GetToolLongHelp**

**wxString GetToolLongHelp(int *toolIndex*) const**

Returns the long help for the given tool.

#### **Parameters**

*toolIndex*

The tool in question.

#### **See also**

*wxToolBar::SetToolLongHelp* (p. 873), *wxToolBar::SetToolShortHelp* (p. 874)

**wxToolBar::GetToolPacking****int GetToolPacking() const**

Returns the value used for packing tools.

**See also**

*wxToolBar::SetToolPacking* (p. 873)

**wxToolBar::GetToolSeparation****int GetToolSeparation() const**

Returns the default separator size.

**See also**

*wxToolBar::SetToolSeparation* (p. 874)

**wxToolBar::GetToolShortHelp****wxString GetToolShortHelp(int *toolIndex*) const**

Returns the short help for the given tool.

Returns the long help for the given tool.

**Parameters**

*toolIndex*

The tool in question.

**See also**

*wxToolBar::GetToolLongHelp* (p. 868), *wxToolBar::SetToolShortHelp* (p. 874)

**wxToolBar::GetToolState****bool GetToolState(int *toolIndex*) const**

Gets the on/off state of a toggle tool.

**Parameters**

*toolIndex*

The tool in question.

### Return value

TRUE if the tool is toggled on, FALSE otherwise.

## **wxToolBar::Layout**

### **void Layout()**

Called by the application after the tools have been added to automatically lay the tools out on the window. If you have given absolute positions when adding the tools, do not call this.

This function is only implemented for some toolbar classes. The portable way of calling it is to call *wxToolBar::Realize* (p. 872) after you have added tools and separators.

### See also

*wxToolBar::AddTool* (p. 864), *wxToolBar::Realize* (p. 872)

## **wxToolBar::OnLeftClick**

### **bool OnLeftClick(int toolIndex, bool toggleDown)**

Called when the user clicks on a tool with the left mouse button.

This is the old way of detecting tool clicks; although it will still work, you should use the `EVT_MENU` or `EVT_TOOL` macro instead.

### Parameters

*toolIndex*

The identifier passed to *wxToolBar::AddTool* (p. 864).

*toggleDown*

TRUE if the tool is a toggle and the toggle is down, otherwise is FALSE.

### Return value

If the tool is a toggle and this function returns FALSE, the toggle toggle state (internal and visual) will not be changed. This provides a way of specifying that toggle operations are not permitted in some circumstances.

### See also

*wxToolBar::OnMouseEnter* (p. 871), *wxToolBar::OnRightClick* (p. 871)

## **wxToolBar::OnMouseEnter**

**void OnMouseEnter**(int *toolIndex*)

This is called when the mouse cursor moves into a tool or out of the toolbar.

This is the old way of detecting mouse enter events; although it will still work, you should use the EVT\_TOOL\_ENTER macro instead.

### **Parameters**

*toolIndex*

Greater than -1 if the mouse cursor has moved into the tool, or -1 if the mouse cursor has moved. The programmer can override this to provide extra information about the tool, such as a short description on the status line.

### **Remarks**

With some derived toolbar classes, if the mouse moves quickly out of the toolbar, wxWindows may not be able to detect it. Therefore this function may not always be called when expected.

## **wxToolBar::OnRightClick**

**void OnRightClick**(int *toolIndex*, float *x*, float *y*)

Called when the user clicks on a tool with the right mouse button. The programmer should override this function to detect right tool clicks.

This is the old way of detecting tool right clicks; although it will still work, you should use the EVT\_TOOL\_RCLICKED macro instead.

### **Parameters**

*toolIndex*

The identifier passed to *wxToolBar::AddTool* (p. 864).

*x*

The x position of the mouse cursor.

*y*

The y position of the mouse cursor.

### **Remarks**

A typical use of this member might be to pop up a menu.

### **See also**



*wxToolBar::OnMouseEnter* (p. 871), *wxToolBar::OnLeftClick* (p. 870)

## **wxToolBar::Realize**

**bool Realize()**

This function should be called after you have added tools. It calls, according to the implementation, either *wxToolBar::CreateTools* (p. 865) or *wxToolBar::Layout* (p. 870).

If you are using absolute positions for your tools when using a *wxToolBarSimple* object, do not call this function. You must call it at all other times.

## **wxToolBar::SetToolBitmapSize**

**void SetToolBitmapSize(const wxSize& size)**

Sets the default size of each tool bitmap. The default bitmap size is 16 by 15 pixels.

### **Parameters**

*size*

The size of the bitmaps in the toolbar.

### **Remarks**

This should be called to tell the toolbar what the tool bitmap size is. Call it before you add tools.

Note that this is the size of the bitmap you pass to *wxToolBar::AddTool* (p. 864), and not the eventual size of the tool button.

### **See also**

*wxToolBar::GetToolBitmapSize* (p. 867), *wxToolBar::GetToolSize* (p. 867)

## **wxToolBar::SetMargins**

**void SetMargins(const wxSize& size)**

**void SetMargins(int x, int y)**

Set the values to be used as margins for the toolbar.

### **Parameters**

*size*

Margin size.

*x*  
Left margin, right margin and inter-tool separation value.

*y*  
Top margin, bottom margin and inter-tool separation value.

### Remarks

This must be called before the tools are added if absolute positioning is to be used, and the default (zero-size) margins are to be overridden.

### See also

*wxToolBar::GetMargins* (p. 867), *wxSize* (p. 689)

## **wxToolBar::SetToolLongHelp**

**void SetToolLongHelp**(int *toolIndex*, const **wxString&** *helpString*)

Sets the long help for the given tool.

### Parameters

*toolIndex*  
The tool in question.

*helpString*  
A string for the long help.

### Remarks

You might use the long help for displaying the tool purpose on the status line.

### See also

*wxToolBar::GetToolLongHelp* (p. 868), *wxToolBar::SetToolShortHelp* (p. 874),

## **wxToolBar::SetToolPacking**

**void SetToolPacking**(int *packing*)

Sets the value used for spacing tools. The default value is 1.

### Parameters

*packing*  
The value for packing.

### Remarks

The packing is used for spacing in the vertical direction if the toolbar is horizontal, and for spacing in the horizontal direction if the toolbar is vertical.

### See also

*wxToolBar::GetToolPacking* (p. 869)

## **wxToolBar::SetToolShortHelp**

**void SetToolShortHelp**(int *toolIndex*, const wxString& *helpString*)

Sets the short help for the given tool.

### Parameters

*toolIndex*

The tool in question.

*helpString*

The string for the short help.

### Remarks

An application might use short help for identifying the tool purpose in a tooltip.

### See also

*wxToolBar::GetToolShortHelp* (p. 869), *wxToolBar::SetToolLongHelp* (p. 873)

## **wxToolBar::SetToolSeparation**

**void SetToolSeparation**(int *separation*)

Sets the default separator size. The default value is 5.

### Parameters

*separation*

The separator size.

### See also

*wxToolBar::AddSeparator* (p. 864)

## **wxToolBar::ToggleTool**

**void ToggleTool**(int *toolIndex*, const bool *toggle*)

Toggles a tool on or off. This does not cause any event to get emitted.

### Parameters

*toolIndex*

Tool in question.

*toggle*

If TRUE, toggles the tool on, otherwise toggles it off.

### Remarks

Only applies to a tool that has been specified as a toggle tool.

### See also

*wxToolBar::GetToolState* (p. 869)

## wxTreeCtrl

A tree control presents information as a hierarchy, with items that may be expanded to show further items. Items in a tree control are referenced by *wxTreeItemId* handles.

To intercept events from a tree control, use the event table macros described in *wxTreeEvent* (p. 890).

### Derived from

*wxControl* (p. 130)

*wxWindow* (p. 915)

*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/treectrl.h>

### Window styles

**wxTR\_HAS\_BUTTONS**

Use this style to show + and - buttons to the left of parent items. Win32 only.

**wxTR\_EDIT\_LABELS**

Use this style if you wish the user to be able to edit labels in the tree control.

**wxTR\_MULTIPLE**

Use this style to allow the user to select more than one item in the control - by default, only one item may be selected.

See also *window styles overview* (p. 1093).

## Event handling

To process input from a tree control, use these event handler macros to direct input to member functions that take a *wxTreeEvent* (p. 890) argument.

**EVT\_TREE\_BEGIN\_DRAG(id, func)** Begin dragging with the left mouse button.  
**EVT\_TREE\_BEGIN\_RDRAG(id, func)** Begin dragging with the right mouse button.  
**EVT\_TREE\_BEGIN\_LABEL\_EDIT(id, func)** Begin editing a label. This can be prevented by calling *Veto()* (p. 554).  
**EVT\_TREE\_END\_LABEL\_EDIT(id, func)** Finish editing a label. This can be prevented by calling *Veto()* (p. 554).  
**EVT\_TREE\_DELETE\_ITEM(id, func)** Delete an item.  
**EVT\_TREE\_GET\_INFO(id, func)** Request information from the application.  
**EVT\_TREE\_SET\_INFO(id, func)** Information is being supplied.  
**EVT\_TREE\_ITEM\_EXPANDED(id, func)** Parent has been expanded.  
**EVT\_TREE\_ITEM\_EXPANDING(id, func)** Parent is being expanded. This can be prevented by calling *Veto()* (p. 554).  
**EVT\_TREE\_SEL\_CHANGED(id, func)** Selection has changed.  
**EVT\_TREE\_SEL\_CHANGING(id, func)** Selection is changing. This can be prevented by calling *Veto()* (p. 554).  
**EVT\_TREE\_KEY\_DOWN(id, func)** A key has been pressed.

## See also

*wxTreeItemData* (p. 888), *wxTreeCtrl overview* (p. 1046), *wxListBox* (p. 452), *wxListCtrl* (p. 461), *wxImageList* (p. 418), *wxTreeEvent* (p. 890)

## wxTreeCtrl::wxTreeCtrl

### wxTreeCtrl()

Default constructor.

**wxTreeCtrl(wxWindow\* parent, wxWindowID id, const wxPoint& pos = wxDefaultPosition, const wxSize& size = wxDefaultSize, long style = wxTR\_HAS\_BUTTONS, const wxValidator& validator = wxDefaultValidator, const wxString& name = "listCtrl")**

Constructor, creating and showing a tree control.

## Parameters

*parent*

Parent window. Must not be NULL.

*id*

Window identifier. A value of -1 indicates a default value.

*pos*

Window position.

*size*

Window size. If the default size (-1, -1) is specified then the window is sized appropriately.

*style*

Window style. See *wxTreeCtrl* (p. 875).

*validator*

Window validator.

*name*

Window name.

### See also

*wxTreeCtrl::Create* (p. 878), *wxValidator* (p. 897)

## **wxTreeCtrl::~~wxTreeCtrl**

**void ~wxTreeCtrl()**

Destructor, destroying the list control.

## **wxTreeCtrl::AddRoot**

**wxTreeItemId AddRoot(const wxString& text, int image = -1, int selImage = -1, wxTreeItemData\* data = NULL)**

Adds the root node to the tree, returning the new item.

If *image* > -1 and *selImage* is -1, the same image is used for both selected and unselected items.

## **wxTreeCtrl::AppendItem**

**wxTreeItemId AppendItem(const wxTreeItemId& parent, const wxString& text, int image = -1, int selImage = -1, wxTreeItemData\* data = NULL)**

Appends an item to the end of the branch identified by *parent*, return a new item id.

If *image* > -1 and *selImage* is -1, the same image is used for both selected and

unselected items.

### **wxTreeCtrl::Collapse**

**void Collapse(const wxTreeItemId& item)**

Collapses the given item.

### **wxTreeCtrl::CollapseAndReset**

**void CollapseAndReset(const wxTreeItemId& item)**

Collapses the given item and removes all children.

### **wxTreeCtrl::Create**

**bool wxTreeCtrl(wxWindow\* parent, wxWindowID id, const wxPoint& pos = wxDefaultPosition, const wxSize& size = wxDefaultSize, long style = wxTR\_HAS\_BUTTONS, const wxValidator& validator = wxDefaultValidator, const wxString& name = "listCtrl")**

Creates the tree control. See *wxTreeCtrl::wxTreeCtrl* (p. 876) for further details.

### **wxTreeCtrl::Delete**

**void Delete(const wxTreeItemId& item)**

Deletes the specified item.

### **wxTreeCtrl::DeleteAllItems**

**void DeleteAllItems()**

Deletes all the items in the control.

### **wxTreeCtrl::EditLabel**

**void EditLabel(const wxTreeItemId& item)**

Starts editing the label of the given item. This function generates a `EVT_TREE_BEGIN_LABEL_EDIT` event which can be vetoed so that no text control will appear for in-place editing.

If the user changed the label (i.e. s/he does not press ESC or leave the text control

without changes, a `EVT_TREE_END_LABEL_EDIT` event will be sent which can be vetoed as well.

**See also**

*wxTreeCtrl::EndEditLabel* (p. 879), *wxTreeEvent* (p. 890)

### **wxTreeCtrl::EndEditLabel**

**void EndEditLabel**(**bool** *cancelEdit*)

Ends label editing. If *cancelEdit* is `TRUE`, the edit will be cancelled.

This function is currently supported under Windows only.

**See also**

*wxTreeCtrl::EditLabel* (p. 878)

### **wxTreeCtrl::EnsureVisible**

**void EnsureVisible**(**const wxTreeItemId&** *item*)

Scrolls and/or expands items to ensure that the given item is visible.

### **wxTreeCtrl::Expand**

**void Expand**(**const wxTreeItemId&** *item*)

Expands the given item.

### **wxTreeCtrl::GetBoundingRect**

**bool GetBoundingRect**(**const wxTreeItemId&** *item*, **wxRect&** *rect*, **bool** *textOnly* = `FALSE`) **const**

Retrieves the rectangle bounding the *item*. If *textOnly* is `TRUE`, only the rectangle around the items label will be returned, otherwise the items image is also taken into account.

The return value is `TRUE` if the rectangle was successfully retrieved or `FALSE` if it was not (in this case *rect* is not changed) - for example, if the item is currently invisible.

**wxPython note:** The wxPython version of this method requires only the `item` and `textOnly` parameters. The return value is either `awxRect` object or `None`.



**wxTreeCtrl::GetChildrenCount****size\_t GetChildrenCount(const wxTreeItemId& item, bool recursively = TRUE) const**

Returns the number of items in the branch. If *recursively* is TRUE, returns the total number of descendants, otherwise only one level of children is counted.

**wxTreeCtrl::GetCount****int GetCount() const**

Returns the number of items in the control.

**wxTreeCtrl::GetEditControl****wxTextCtrl& GetEditControl() const**

Returns the edit control used to edit a label.

**wxTreeCtrl::GetFirstChild****wxTreeItemId GetFirstChild(const wxTreeItemId& item, long& cookie) const**

Returns the first child; call *wxTreeCtrl::GetNextChild* (p. 882) for the next child.

For this enumeration function you must pass in a 'cookie' parameter which is opaque for the application but is necessary for the library to make these functions reentrant (i.e. allow more than one enumeration on one and the same object simultaneously). The cookie passed to *GetFirstChild* and *GetNextChild* should be the same.

Returns an invalid tree item if there are no further children.

**See also**

*wxTreeCtrl::GetNextChild* (p. 882)

**wxPython note:** In wxPython the returned *wxTreeItemId* and the new cookie value are both returned as a tuple containing the two values.

**wxTreeCtrl::GetFirstVisibleItem****wxTreeItemId GetFirstVisibleItem() const**

Returns the first visible item.

**wxTreeCtrl::GetImageList****wxImageList\* GetImageList(int which = wxIMAGE\_LIST\_NORMAL) const**

Returns the specified image list. *which* may be one of:

**wxIMAGE\_LIST\_NORMAL** The normal (large icon) image list.  
**wxIMAGE\_LIST\_SMALL** The small icon image list.  
**wxIMAGE\_LIST\_STATE** The user-defined state image list (unimplemented).

**wxTreeCtrl::GetIndent****int GetIndent() const**

Returns the current tree control indentation.

**wxTreeCtrl::GetItemData****wxTreeItemData\* GetItemData(const wxTreeItemId& item) const**

Returns the tree item data associated with the item.

[See also](#)

*wxTreeItemData* (p. 888)

**wxPython note:** wxPython provides the following shortcut method:

<b>GetPyData(item)</b>	Returns the Python Object associated with the wxTreeItemData for the given item Id.
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**wxTreeCtrl::GetItemImage****int GetItemImage(const wxTreeItemId& item, wxTreeItemIcon which = wxTreeItemIcon\_Normal) const**

Gets the specified item image. The value of *which* may be:

- **\_Normal** to get the normal item image
- **\_Selected** to get the selected item image (i.e. the image which is shown when the item is currently selected)
- **\_Expanded** to get the expanded image (this only makes sense for items which have children - then this image is shown when the item is expanded and the normal image is shown when it is collapsed)
- **\_SelectedExpanded** to get the selected expanded image (which is shown when an

expanded item is currently selected)

### **wxTreeCtrl::GetItemText**

**wxString GetItemText(const wxTreeItemId& item) const**

Returns the item label.

### **wxTreeCtrl::GetLastChild**

**wxTreeItemId GetLastChild(const wxTreeItemId& item) const**

Returns the last child of the item (or an invalid tree item if this item has no children).

[See also](#)

*GetFirstChild* (p. 880), *GetLastChild* (p. 882)

### **wxTreeCtrl::GetNextChild**

**wxTreeItemId GetNextChild(const wxTreeItemId& item, long& cookie) const**

Returns the next child; call *wxTreeCtrl::GetFirstChild* (p. 880) for the first child.

For this enumeration function you must pass in a 'cookie' parameter which is opaque for the application but is necessary for the library to make these functions reentrant (i.e. allow more than one enumeration on one and the same object simultaneously). The cookie passed to *GetFirstChild* and *GetNextChild* should be the same.

Returns an invalid tree item if there are no further children.

[See also](#)

*wxTreeCtrl::GetFirstChild* (p. 880)

**wxPython note:** In wxPython the returned *wxTreeItemId* and the new cookie value are both returned as a tuple containing the two values.

### **wxTreeCtrl::GetNextSibling**

**wxTreeItemId GetNextSibling(const wxTreeItemId& item) const**

Returns the next sibling of the specified item; call *wxTreeCtrl::GetPrevSibling* (p. 883) for the previous sibling.

Returns an invalid tree item if there are no further siblings.

**See also**

*wxTreeCtrl::GetPrevSibling* (p. 883)

**wxTreeCtrl::GetNextVisible**

**wxTreeItemId GetNextVisible(const wxTreeItemId& item) const**

Returns the next visible item.

**wxTreeCtrl::GetParent**

**wxTreeItemId GetParent(const wxTreeItemId& item) const**

Returns the item's parent.

**wxTreeCtrl::GetPrevSibling**

**wxTreeItemId GetPrevSibling(const wxTreeItemId& item) const**

Returns the previous sibling of the specified item; call *wxTreeCtrl::GetNextSibling* (p. 882) for the next sibling.

Returns an invalid tree item if there are no further children.

**See also**

*wxTreeCtrl::GetNextSibling* (p. 882)

**wxTreeCtrl::GetPrevVisible**

**wxTreeItemId GetPrevVisible(const wxTreeItemId& item) const**

Returns the previous visible item.

**wxTreeCtrl::GetRootItem**

**wxTreeItemId GetRootItem() const**

Returns the root item for the tree control.

**wxTreeCtrl::GetItemSelectedImage**

**int GetItemSelectedImage(const wxTreeItemId& item) const**

Gets the selected item image (this function is obsolete, use `GetItemImage(item, wxTreeItemIcon_Selected)` instead).

**wxTreeCtrl::GetSelection****wxTreeItemId GetSelection() const**

Returns the selection, or an invalid item if there is no selection. This function only works with the controls without `wxTR_MULTIPLE` style, use `GetSelections` (p. 884) for the controls which do have this style.

**wxTreeCtrl::GetSelections****size\_t GetSelections(wxArrayTreeItemIds& selection) const**

Fills the array of tree items passed in with the currently selected items. This function can be called only if the control has the `wxTR_MULTIPLE` style.

Returns the number of selected items.

**wxPython note:** The wxPython version of this method accepts no parameters and returns a Python list of `wxTreeItemId`'s.

**wxTreeCtrl::HitTest****long HitTest(const wxPoint& point, int& flags)**

Calculates which (if any) item is under the given point, returning extra information in *flags*. *flags* is a bitlist of the following:

`wxTREE_HITTEST_ABOVE` Above the client area.  
`wxTREE_HITTEST_BELOW` Below the client area.  
`wxTREE_HITTEST_NOWHERE` In the client area but below the last item.  
`wxTREE_HITTEST_ONITEMBUTTON` On the button associated with an item.  
`wxTREE_HITTEST_ONITEMICON` On the bitmap associated with an item.  
`wxTREE_HITTEST_ONITEMINDENT` In the indentation associated with an item.  
`wxTREE_HITTEST_ONITETMLABEL` On the label (string) associated with an item.  
`wxTREE_HITTEST_ONITEMRIGHT` In the area to the right of an item.  
`wxTREE_HITTEST_ONITEMSTATEICON` On the state icon for a tree view item that is in a user-defined state.  
`wxTREE_HITTEST_TOLEFT` To the right of the client area.  
`wxTREE_HITTEST_TORIGHT` To the left of the client area.

**wxTreeCtrl::InsertItem**

**wxTreeItemId InsertItem(const wxTreeItemId& parent, const wxTreeItemId& previous, const wxString& text, int image = -1, int selImage = -1, wxTreeItemData\* data = NULL)**

Inserts an item after a given one.

If *image* > -1 and *selImage* is -1, the same image is used for both selected and unselected items.

**wxTreeCtrl::IsBold**

**bool IsBold(const wxTreeItemId& item) const**

Returns TRUE if the given item is in bold state.

See also: *SetItemBold* (p. 887)

**wxTreeCtrl::IsExpanded**

**bool IsExpanded(const wxTreeItemId& item) const**

Returns TRUE if the item is expanded (only makes sense if it has children).

**wxTreeCtrl::IsSelected**

**bool IsSelected(const wxTreeItemId& item) const**

Returns TRUE if the item is selected.

**wxTreeCtrl::IsVisible**

**bool IsVisible(const wxTreeItemId& item) const**

Returns TRUE if the item is visible (it might be outside the view, or not expanded).

**wxTreeCtrl::ItemHasChildren**

**bool ItemHasChildren(const wxTreeItemId& item) const**

Returns TRUE if the item has children.

**wxTreeCtrl::OnCompareItems**

**int OnCompareItems(const wxTreeItemId& item1, const wxTreeItemId& item2)**

Override this function in the derived class to change the sort order of the items in the tree control. The function should return a negative, zero or positive value if the first item is less than, equal to or greater than the second one.

The base class version compares items alphabetically.

See also: *SortChildren* (p. 888)

### **wxTreeCtrl::PrependItem**

**wxTreeItemId PrependItem(const wxTreeItemId& parent, const wxString& text, int image = -1, int selImage = -1, wxTreeItemData\* data = NULL)**

Appends an item as the first child of *parent*, return a new item id.

If *image* > -1 and *selImage* is -1, the same image is used for both selected and unselected items.

### **wxTreeCtrl::ScrollTo**

**void ScrollTo(const wxTreeItemId& item)**

Scrolls the specified item into view.

### **wxTreeCtrl::SelectItem**

**bool SelectItem(const wxTreeItemId& item)**

Selects the given item.

### **wxTreeCtrl::SetIndent**

**void SetIndent(int indent)**

Sets the indentation for the tree control.

### **wxTreeCtrl::SetImageList**

**void SetImageList(wxImageList\* imageList, int which = wxIMAGE\_LIST\_NORMAL)**

Sets the image list. *which* should be one of *wxIMAGE\_LIST\_NORMAL*, *wxIMAGE\_LIST\_SMALL* and *wxIMAGE\_LIST\_STATE*.

**wxTreeCtrl::SetItemBold****void SetItemBold(const wxTreeItemId& item, bool bold = TRUE)**

Makes item appear in bold font if *bold* parameter is TRUE or resets it to the normal state.

See also: *IsBold* (p. 885)

**wxTreeCtrl::SetItemData****void SetItemData(const wxTreeItemId& item, wxTreeItemData\* data)**

Sets the item client data.

**wxPython note:** wxPython provides the following shortcut method:

<b>SetPyData(item, obj)</b>	Associate the given Python Object with the wxTreeItemData for the given item Id.
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**wxTreeCtrl::SetItemHasChildren****void SetItemHasChildren(const wxTreeItemId& item, bool hasChildren = TRUE)**

Force appearance of the button next to the item. This is useful to allow the user to expand the items which don't have any children now, but instead adding them only when needed, thus minimizing memory usage and loading time.

**wxTreeCtrl::SetItemImage****void SetItemImage(const wxTreeItemId& item, int image, wxTreeItemIcon which = wxTreeItemIcon\_Normal)**

Sets the specified item image. See *GetItemImage* (p. 881) for the description of *which* parameter.

**wxTreeCtrl::SetItemSelectedImage****void SetItemSelectedImage(const wxTreeItemId& item, int selImage)**

Sets the selected item image (this function is obsolete, use `SetItemImage(item, wxTreeItemIcon_Selected)` instead).



**wxTreeCtrl::SetItemText****void SetItemText(const wxTreeItemId& item, const wxString& text)**

Sets the item label.

**wxTreeCtrl::SortChildren****void SortChildren(const wxTreeItemId& item)**

Sorts the children of the given item using *OnCompareItems* (p. 885) method of *wxTreeCtrl*. You should override that method to change the sort order (default is ascending alphabetical order).

[See also](#)

*wxTreeItemData* (p. 888), *OnCompareItems* (p. 885)

**wxTreeCtrl::Toggle****void Toggle(const wxTreeItemId& item)**

Toggles the given item between collapsed and expanded states.

**wxTreeCtrl::Unselect****void Unselect()**

Removes the selection from the currently selected item (if any).

**wxTreeCtrl::UnselectAll****void UnselectAll()**

This function either behaves the same as *Unselect* (p. 888) if the control doesn't have *wxTR\_MULTIPLE* style, or removes the selection from all items if it does have this style.

**wxTreeItemData**

*wxTreeItemData* is some (arbitrary) user class associated with some item. The main advantage of having this class (compared to the old untyped interface) is that *wxTreeItemData*'s are destroyed automatically by the tree and, as this class has virtual dtor, it means that the memory will be automatically freed. We don't just use *wxObject* instead of *wxTreeItemData* because the size of this class is critical: in any real application, each tree leaf will have *wxTreeItemData* associated with it and number of leaves may be quite big.

Because the objects of this class are deleted by the tree, they should always be allocated on the heap.

### Derived from

`wxTreeItemId`

### Include files

`<wx/treectrl.h>`

### See also

*wxTreeCtrl* (p. 875)

## **wxTreeItemData::wxTreeItemData**

### **wxTreeItemData()**

Default constructor.

**wxPython note:** The wxPython version of this constructor optionally accepts any Python object as a parameter. This object is then associated with the tree item using the `wxTreeItemData` as a container.

In addition, the following methods are added in wxPython for accessing the object:

<b>GetData()</b>	Returns a reference to the Python Object
<b>SetData(obj)</b>	Associates a new Python Object with the <code>wxTreeItemData</code>

## **wxTreeItemData::~~wxTreeItemData**

### **void ~wxTreeItemData()**

Virtual destructor.

## **wxTreeItemData::GetId**

### **const wxTreeItem& GetId()**

Returns the item associated with this node.

## **wxTreeItemData::SetId**

**void SetId(const wxTreeItemId& id)**

Sets the item associated with this node.

## **wxTreeEvent**

A tree event holds information about events associated with wxTreeCtrl objects.

### **Derived from**

*wxNotifyEvent* (p. 553)

*wxCommandEvent* (p. 108)

*wxEvent* (p. 237)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### **Include files**

<wx/treectrl.h>

### **Event table macros**

To process input from a tree control, use these event handler macros to direct input to member functions that take a wxTreeEvent argument.

**EVT\_TREE\_BEGIN\_DRAG(id, func)** Begin dragging with the left mouse button.  
**EVT\_TREE\_BEGIN\_RDRAG(id, func)** Begin dragging with the right mouse button.  
**EVT\_TREE\_BEGIN\_LABEL\_EDIT(id, func)** Begin editing a label. This can be prevented by calling *Veto()* (p. 554).  
**EVT\_TREE\_END\_LABEL\_EDIT(id, func)** Finish editing a label. This can be prevented by calling *Veto()* (p. 554).  
**EVT\_TREE\_DELETE\_ITEM(id, func)** Delete an item.  
**EVT\_TREE\_GET\_INFO(id, func)** Request information from the application.  
**EVT\_TREE\_SET\_INFO(id, func)** Information is being supplied.  
**EVT\_TREE\_ITEM\_EXPANDED(id, func)** Parent has been expanded.  
**EVT\_TREE\_ITEM\_EXPANDING(id, func)** Parent is being expanded. This can be prevented by calling *Veto()* (p. 554).  
**EVT\_TREE\_SEL\_CHANGED(id, func)** Selection has changed.  
**EVT\_TREE\_SEL\_CHANGING(id, func)** Selection is changing. This can be prevented by calling *Veto()* (p. 554).  
**EVT\_TREE\_KEY\_DOWN(id, func)** A key has been pressed.

### **See also**

*wxTreeCtrl* (p. 875)

**wxTreeEvent::wxTreeEvent****wxTreeEvent(WXTYPE *commandType* = 0, int *id* = 0)**

Constructor.

**wxTreeEvent::GetItem****wxTreeItemId GetItem() const**

Returns the item (valid for all events).

**wxTreeEvent::GetOldItem****wxTreeItemId GetOldItem() const**

Returns the old item index (valid for EVT\_TREE\_ITEM\_CHANGING and CHANGED events)

**wxTreeEvent::GetPoint()****wxPoint GetPoint() const**

Returns the position of the mouse pointer if the event is a drag event.

**wxTreeEvent::GetCode****int GetCode() const**

The key code if the event was a key event.

**wxTreeEvent::GetLabel****const wxString& GetLabel() const**

Returns the label if the event was a begin or end edit label event.

**wxUpdateUIEvent**

This class is used for pseudo-events which are called by wxWindows to give an application the chance to update various user interface elements.

**Derived from**

*wxEvt* (p. 237)  
*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/event.h>

### Event table macros

To process an update event, use these event handler macros to direct input to member functions that take a *wxUpdateUIEvent* argument.

**EVT\_UPDATE\_UI(id, func)**                      Process a *wxEVT\_UPDATE\_UI* event.

### Remarks

Without update UI events, an application has to work hard to check/uncheck, enable/disable, and set the text for elements such as menu items and toolbar buttons. The code for doing this has to be mixed up with the code that is invoked when an action is invoked for a menu item or button.

With update UI events, you define an event handler to look at the state of the application and change UI elements accordingly. *wxWindows* will call your member functions in idle time, so you don't have to worry where to call this code. In addition to being a clearer and more declarative method, it also means you don't have to worry whether you're updating a toolbar or menubar identifier. The same handler can update a menu item and toolbar button, if the identifier is the same.

Instead of directly manipulating the menu or button, you call functions in the event object, such as *wxUpdateUIEvent::Check* (p. 893). *wxWindows* will determine whether such a call has been made, and which UI element to update.

These events will work for popup menus as well as menubars. Just before a menu is popped up, *wxMenu::UpdateUI* (p. 507) is called to process any UI events for the window that owns the menu.

### See also

*Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

## **wxUpdateUIEvent::wxUpdateUIEvent**

**wxUpdateUIEvent(wxWindowID *commandId* = 0)**

Constructor.

**wxUpdateUIEvent::m\_checked****bool m\_checked**

TRUE if the element should be checked, FALSE otherwise.

**wxUpdateUIEvent::m\_enabled****bool m\_checked**

TRUE if the element should be enabled, FALSE otherwise.

**wxUpdateUIEvent::m\_setChecked****bool m\_setChecked**

TRUE if the application has set the **m\_checked** member.

**wxUpdateUIEvent::m\_setEnabled****bool m\_setEnabled**

TRUE if the application has set the **m\_enabled** member.

**wxUpdateUIEvent::m\_setText****bool m\_setText**

TRUE if the application has set the **m\_text** member.

**wxUpdateUIEvent::m\_text****wxString m\_text**

Holds the text with which the the application wishes to update the UI element.

**wxUpdateUIEvent::Check****void Check(bool check)**

Check or uncheck the UI element.

**wxUpdateUIEvent::Enable**

**void Enable**(bool *enable*)

Enable or disable the UI element.

**wxUpdateUIEvent::GetChecked**

**bool GetChecked()** const

Returns TRUE if the UI element should be checked.

**wxUpdateUIEvent::GetEnabled**

**bool GetEnabled()** const

Returns TRUE if the UI element should be enabled.

**wxUpdateUIEvent::GetSetChecked**

**bool GetSetChecked()** const

Returns TRUE if the application has called **SetChecked**. For wxWindows internal use only.

**wxUpdateUIEvent::GetSetEnabled**

**bool GetSetEnabled()** const

Returns TRUE if the application has called **SetEnabled**. For wxWindows internal use only.

**wxUpdateUIEvent::GetSetText**

**bool GetSetText()** const

Returns TRUE if the application has called **SetText**. For wxWindows internal use only.

**wxUpdateUIEvent::GetText**

**wxString GetText()** const

Returns the text that should be set for the UI element.

**wxUpdateUIEvent::SetText****void SetText(const wxString& text)**

Sets the text for this UI element.

**wxURL****Derived from**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/url.h>

**See also**

*wxSocketBase* (p. 705), *wxProtocol* (p. 619)

**Example**

```
wxURL url("http://a.host/a.dir/a.file");  
wxInputStream *in_stream;  
  
in_stream = url.GetInputStream();  
// Then, you can use all IO calls of in_stream (See wxStream)
```

**wxURL::wxURL****wxURL(const wxString& url)**

Constructs an URL object from the string.

**Parameters**

*url*

Url string to parse.

**wxURL::~~wxURL****~wxURL()**

Destroys the URL object.

**wxURL::GetProtocolName**



**wxString GetProtocolName() const**

Returns the name of the protocol which will be used to get the URL.

**wxURL::GetProtocol****wxProtocol& GetProtocol()**

Returns a reference to the protocol which will be used to get the URL.

**wxURL::GetPath****wxString GetPath()**

Returns the path of the file to fetch. This path was encoded in the URL.

**wxURL::GetError****wxURLError GetError() const**

Returns the last error. This error refers to the URL parsing or to the protocol. It can be one of these errors:

<b>wxURL_NOERR</b>	No error.
<b>wxURL_SNTAXERR</b>	Syntax error in the URL string.
<b>wxURL_NOPROTO</b>	Found no protocol which can get this URL.
<b>wxURL_NOHOST</b>	An host name is required for this protocol.
<b>wxURL_NOPATH</b>	A path is required for this protocol.
<b>wxURL_CONNERR</b>	Connection error.
<b>wxURL_PROTOERR</b>	An error occurred during negotiation.

**wxURL::GetInputStream****wxInputStream \* GetInputStream()**

Creates a new input stream on the the specified URL. You can use all but seek functionality of wxStream. Seek isn't available on all stream. For example, http or ftp streams doesn't deal with it.

**Return value**

Returns the initialized stream. You will have to delete it yourself.

**See also**

`wxInputStream`

### **wxURL::SetDefaultProxy**

**static void SetDefaultProxy(const wxString& url\_proxy)**

Sets the default proxy server to use to get the URL. The string specifies the proxy like this: <hostname>:<port number>.

#### **Parameters**

*url\_proxy*

Specifies the proxy to use

#### **See also**

*wxURL::SetProxy* (p. 897)

### **wxURL::SetProxy**

**void SetProxy(const wxString& url\_proxy)**

Sets the proxy to use for this URL.

#### **See also**

*wxURL::SetDefaultProxy* (p. 897)

### **wxURL::ConvertToValidURI**

**static wxString ConvertToValidURI(const wxString& uri)**

It converts a non-standardized URI to a valid network URI. It encodes non standard characters.

### **wxValidator**

`wxValidator` is the base class for a family of validator classes that mediate between a class of control, and application data.

A validator has three major roles:

1. to transfer data from a C++ variable or own storage to and from a control;
2. to validate data in a control, and show an appropriate error message;
3. to filter events (such as keystrokes), thereby changing the behaviour of the associated control.

Validators can be plugged into controls dynamically.

To specify a default, 'null' validator, use the symbol **wxDefaultValidator**.

For more information, please see *Validator overview* (p. 1103).

**wxPython note:** If you wish to create a validator class in wxPython you should derive the class from `wxPyValidator` in order to get Python-aware capabilities for the various virtual methods.

### Derived from

*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### Include files

<wx/validate.h>

### See also

*Validator overview* (p. 1103), *wxTextValidator* (p. 841), *wxGenericValidator* (p. 321),

## **wxValidator::wxValidator**

**wxValidator()**

Constructor.

## **wxValidator::~~wxValidator**

**~wxValidator()**

Destructor.

## **wxValidator::Clone**

**virtual wxValidator\* Clone() const**

All validator classes must implement the **Clone** function, which returns an identical copy of itself. This is because validators are passed to control constructors as references which must be copied. Unlike objects such as pens and brushes, it does not make sense to have a reference counting scheme to do this cloning, because all validators should have separate data.

This base function returns NULL.

### **wxValidator::GetWindow**

**wxWindow\* GetWindow() const**

Returns the window associated with the validator.

### **wxValidator::SetBellOnError**

wxvalidatorsetbellonerror

**void SetBellOnError(bool *dolt* = TRUE)**

This functions switches on or turns off the error sound produced by the validators if an invalid key is pressed.

### **wxValidator::SetWindow**

**void SetWindow(wxWindow\* *window*)**

Associates a window with the validator.

### **wxValidator::TransferFromWindow**

**virtual bool TransferToWindow()**

This overridable function is called when the value in the window must be transferred to the validator. Return FALSE if there is a problem.

### **wxValidator::TransferToWindow**

**virtual bool TransferToWindow()**

This overridable function is called when the value associated with the validator must be transferred to the window. Return FALSE if there is a problem.

### **wxValidator::Validate**

**virtual bool Validate(wxWindow\* *parent*)**

This overridable function is called when the value in the associated window must be validated. Return FALSE if the value in the window is not valid; you may pop up an error

dialog.

## **wxVariant**

The **wxVariant** class represents a container for any type. A variant's value can be changed at run time, possibly to a different type of value.

As standard, wxVariant can store values of type bool, char, double, long, string, string list, time, date, void pointer, list of strings, and list of variants. However, an application can extend wxVariant's capabilities by deriving from the class *wxVariantData* (p. 908) and using the wxVariantData form of the wxVariant constructor or assignment operator to assign this data to a variant. Actual values for user-defined types will need to be accessed via the wxVariantData object, unlike the case for basic data types where convenience functions such as GetLong can be used.

This class is useful for reducing the programming for certain tasks, such as an editor for different data types, or a remote procedure call protocol.

An optional name member is associated with a wxVariant. This might be used, for example, in CORBA or OLE automation classes, where named parameters are required.

wxVariant is similar to wxExpr and also to wxPropertyValue. However, wxExpr is efficiency-optimized for a restricted range of data types, whereas wxVariant is less efficient but more extensible. wxPropertyValue may be replaced by wxVariant eventually.

### **Derived from**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

### **Include files**

<wx/variant.h>

### **See also**

*wxVariantData* (p. 908)

## **wxVariant::wxVariant**

**wxVariant()**

Default constructor.

**wxVariant(const wxVariant& *variant*)**

Copy constructor.

```
wxVariant(const char* value, const wxString& name = "")  
wxVariant(const wxString& value, const wxString& name = "")
```

Construction from a string value.

```
wxVariant(char value, const wxString& name = "")
```

Construction from a character value.

```
wxVariant(long value, const wxString& name = "")
```

Construction from an integer value. You may need to cast to (long) to avoid confusion with other constructors (such as the bool constructor).

```
wxVariant(bool value, const wxString& name = "")
```

Construction from a boolean value.

```
wxVariant(double value, const wxString& name = "")
```

Construction from a double-precision floating point value.

```
wxVariant(const wxList& value, const wxString& name = "")
```

Construction from a list of wxVariant objects. This constructor copies *value*, the application is still responsible for deleting *value* and its contents.

```
wxVariant(const wxStringList& value, const wxString& name = "")
```

Construction from a list of strings. This constructor copies *value*, the application is still responsible for deleting *value* and its contents.

```
wxVariant(const wxTime& value, const wxString& name = "")
```

Construction from a time.

```
wxVariant(const wxDate& value, const wxString& name = "")
```

Construction from a date.

```
wxVariant(void* value, const wxString& name = "")
```

Construction from a void pointer.

```
wxVariant(wxVariantData* data, const wxString& name = "")
```

Construction from user-defined data. The variant holds on to the *data* pointer.

```
wxVariant::~~wxVariant
```

**~wxVariant()**

Destructor.

**wxVariant::Append**

**void Append(const wxVariant& value)**

Appends a value to the list.

**wxVariant::ClearList**

**void ClearList()**

Deletes the contents of the list.

**wxVariant::GetCount**

**int GetCount() const**

Returns the number of elements in the list.

**wxVariant::Delete**

**bool Delete(int item)**

Deletes the zero-based *item* from the list.

**wxVariant::GetBool**

**bool GetBool() const**

Returns the boolean value.

**wxVariant::GetChar**

**char GetChar() const**

Returns the character value.

**wxVariant::GetData**

**wxVariantData\* GetData() const**

Returns a pointer to the internal variant data.

**wxVariant::GetDate****wxDate GetDate() const**

Gets the date value.

**wxVariant::GetDouble****double GetDouble() const**

Returns the floating point value.

**wxVariant::GetLong****long GetLong() const**

Returns the integer value.

**wxVariant::GetName****const wxString& GetName() const**

Returns a constant reference to the variant name.

**wxVariant::GetString****wxString GetString() const**

Gets the string value.

**wxVariant::GetTime****wxTime GetTime() const**

Gets the time value.

**wxVariant::GetType****wxString GetType() const**



Returns the value type as a string. The built-in types are: bool, char, date, double, list, long, string, stringlist, time, void\*.

If the variant is null, the value type returned is the string "null" (not the empty string).

### **wxVariant::GetVoidPtr**

**void\* GetVoidPtr() const**

Gets the void pointer value.

### **wxVariant::Insert**

**void Insert(const wxVariant& value)**

Inserts a value at the front of the list.

### **wxVariant::IsNull**

**bool IsNull() const**

Returns TRUE if there is no data associated with this variant, FALSE if there is data.

### **wxVariant::IsType**

**bool IsType(const wxString& type) const**

Returns TRUE if *type* matches the type of the variant, FALSE otherwise.

### **wxVariant::MakeNull**

**void MakeNull()**

Makes the variant null by deleting the internal data.

### **wxVariant::MakeString**

**wxString MakeString() const**

Makes a string representation of the variant value (for any type).

### **wxVariant::Member**

**bool Member(const wxVariant& *value*) const**

Returns TRUE if *value* matches an element in the list.

**wxVariant::NullList**

**void NullList()**

Makes an empty list. This differs from a null variant which has no data; a null list is of type list, but the number of elements in the list is zero.

**wxVariant::SetData**

**void SetData(wxVariantData\* *data*)**

Sets the internal variant data, deleting the existing data if there is any.

**wxVariant::operator =**

**void operator =(const wxVariant& *value*)**

**void operator =(wxVariantData\* *value*)**

**void operator =(const wxString& *value*)**

**void operator =(const char\* *value*)**

**void operator =(char *value*)**

**void operator =(const long *value*)**

**void operator =(const bool *value*)**

**void operator =(const double *value*)**

**void operator =(const wxDate& *value*)**

**void operator =(const wxTime& *value*)**

**void operator =(void\* *value*)**

**void operator =(const wxList& *value*)**

**void operator =(const wxStringList& *value*)**

Assignment operators.

**wxVariant::operator ==****bool operator ==(const wxVariant& *value*)****bool operator ==(const wxString& *value*)****bool operator ==(const char\* *value*)****bool operator ==(char *value*)****bool operator ==(const long *value*)****bool operator ==(const bool *value*)****bool operator ==(const double *value*)****bool operator ==(const wxDate& *value*)****bool operator ==(const wxTime& *value*)****bool operator ==(void\* *value*)****bool operator ==(const wxList& *value*)****bool operator ==(const wxStringList& *value*)**

Equality test operators.

**wxVariant::operator !=****bool operator !=(const wxVariant& *value*)****bool operator !=(const wxString& *value*)****bool operator !=(const char\* *value*)****bool operator !=(char *value*)****bool operator !=(const long *value*)****bool operator !=(const bool *value*)****bool operator !=(const double *value*)****bool operator !=(const wxDate& *value*)****bool operator !=(const wxTime& *value*)****bool operator !=(void\* *value*)**

**bool operator !=(const wxList& value)**

**bool operator !=(const wxStringList& value)**

Inequality test operators.

**wxVariant::operator []**

**wxVariant operator [] (size\_t idx) const**

Returns the value at *idx* (zero-based).

**wxVariant& operator [] (size\_t idx)**

Returns a reference to the value at *idx* (zero-based). This can be used to change the value at this index.

**wxVariant::operator char**

**char operator char() const**

Operator for implicit conversion to a char, using *wxVariant::GetChar* (p. 902).

**wxVariant::operator double**

**double operator double() const**

Operator for implicit conversion to a double, using *wxVariant::GetDouble* (p. 903).

**long operator long() const**

Operator for implicit conversion to a long, using *wxVariant::GetLong* (p. 903).

**wxVariant::operator wxDate**

**wxDate operator wxDate() const**

Operator for implicit conversion to a wxDate, using *wxVariant::GetDate* (p. 903).

**wxVariant::operator wxString**

**wxString operator wxString() const**

Operator for implicit conversion to a string, using *wxVariant::MakeString* (p. 904).

**wxVariant::operator wxTime****wxTime operator wxTime() const**

Operator for implicit conversion to a wxTime, using *wxVariant::GetTime* (p. 903).

**wxVariant::operator void\*****void\* operator void\*() const**

Operator for implicit conversion to a pointer to a void, using *wxVariant::GetVoidPtr* (p. 904).

**wxVariantData**

The **wxVariantData** is used to implement a new type for wxVariant. Derive from wxVariantData, and override the pure virtual functions.

**Derived from**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/variant.h>

**See also**

*wxVariant* (p. 900)

**wxVariantData::wxVariantData****wxVariantData()**

Default constructor.

**wxVariantData::Copy****void Copy(wxVariantData& data)**

Copy the data from 'this' object to *data*.

**wxVariantData::Eq****bool Eq(wxVariantData& *data*) const**

Returns TRUE if this object is equal to *data*.

**wxVariantData::GetType****wxString GetType() const**

Returns the string type of the data.

**wxVariantData::Read****bool Read(ostream& *stream*)****bool Read(wxString& *string*)**

Reads the data from *stream* or *string*.

**wxVariantData::Write****bool Write(ostream& *stream*) const****bool Write(wxString& *string*) const**

Writes the data to *stream* or *string*.

**wxView**

The view class can be used to model the viewing and editing component of an application's file-based data. It is part of the document/view framework supported by `wxWindows`, and cooperates with the `wxDocument` (p. 223), `wxDocTemplate` (p. 218) and `wxDocManager` (p. 205) classes.

**Derived from**

`wxEvtHandler` (p. 240)

`wxObject` (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/docview.h>

**See also**

`wxView` overview (p. 1068), `wxDocument` (p. 223), `wxDocTemplate` (p. 218),

*wxDocManager* (p. 205)

### **wxView::m\_viewDocument**

**wxDocument\* m\_viewDocument**

The document associated with this view. There may be more than one view per document, but there can never be more than one document for one view.

### **wxView::m\_viewFrame**

**wxFrame\* m\_viewFrame**

Frame associated with the view, if any.

### **wxView::m\_viewTypeName**

**wxString m\_viewTypeName**

The view type name given to the *wxDocTemplate* constructor, copied to this variable when the view is created. Not currently used by the framework.

### **wxView::wxView**

**wxView()**

Constructor. Define your own default constructor to initialize application-specific data.

### **wxView::~~wxView**

**~wxView()**

Destructor. Removes itself from the document's list of views.

### **wxView::Activate**

**virtual void Activate(bool activate)**

Call this from your view frame's *OnActivate* member to tell the framework which view is currently active. If your windowing system doesn't call *OnActivate*, you may need to call this function from *OnMenuCommand* or any place where you know the view must be active, and the framework will need to get the current view.

The prepackaged view frame `wxDocChildFrame` calls `wxView::Activate` from its `OnActivate` member and from its `OnMenuCommand` member.

This function calls `wxView::OnActivateView`.

### **wxView::Close**

**virtual bool Close**(bool *deleteWindow* = TRUE)

Closes the view by calling `OnClose`. If *deleteWindow* is TRUE, this function should delete the window associated with the view.

### **wxView::GetDocument**

**wxDocument\*** GetDocument() const

Gets a pointer to the document associated with the view.

### **wxView::GetDocumentManager**

**wxDocumentManager\*** GetDocumentManager() const

Returns a pointer to the document manager instance associated with this view.

### **wxView::GetFrame**

**wxFrame \*** GetFrame()

Gets the frame associated with the view (if any).

### **wxView::GetViewName**

**wxString** GetViewName() const

Gets the name associated with the view (passed to the `wxDocTemplate` constructor). Not currently used by the framework.

### **wxView::OnActivateView**

**virtual void OnActivateView**(bool *activate*, **wxView \****activeView*, **wxView \****deactiveView*)

Called when a view is activated by means of `wxView::Activate`. The default



implementation does nothing.

### **wxView::OnChangeFilename**

**virtual void OnChangeFilename()**

Called when the filename has changed. The default implementation constructs a suitable title and sets the title of the view frame (if any).

### **wxView::OnClose**

**virtual bool OnClose(bool deleteWindow)**

Implements closing behaviour. The default implementation calls `wxDocument::Close` to close the associated document. Does not delete the view. The application may wish to do some cleaning up operations in this function, *if* a call to `wxDocument::Close` succeeded. For example, if your application's all share the same window, you need to disassociate the window from the view and perhaps clear the window. If *deleteWindow* is `TRUE`, delete the frame associated with the view.

### **wxView::OnCreate**

**virtual bool OnCreate(wxDocument\* doc, long flags)**

Called just after view construction to give the view a chance to initialize itself based on the passed document and flags (unused). By default, simply returns `TRUE`. If the function returns `FALSE`, the view will be deleted.

The predefined document child frame, `wxDocChildFrame`, calls this function automatically.

### **wxView::OnCreatePrintout**

**virtual wxPrintout\* OnCreatePrintout()**

If the printing framework is enabled in the library, this function returns a *wxPrintout* (p. 606) object for the purposes of printing. It should create a new object everytime it is called; the framework will delete objects it creates.

By default, this function returns an instance of `wxDocPrintout`, which prints and previews one page by calling `wxView::OnDraw`.

Override to return an instance of a class other than `wxDocPrintout`.

### **wxView::OnUpdate**

**virtual void OnUpdate(wxView\* sender, wxObject\* hint)**

Called when the view should be updated. *sender* is a pointer to the view that sent the update request, or NULL if no single view requested the update (for instance, when the document is opened). *hint* is as yet unused but may in future contain application-specific information for making updating more efficient.

### **wxView::SetDocument**

**void SetDocument(wxDocument\* doc)**

Associates the given document with the view. Normally called by the framework.

### **wxView::SetFrame**

**void SetFrame(wxFrame\* frame)**

Sets the frame associated with this view. The application should call this if possible, to tell the view about the frame.

### **wxView::SetViewName**

**void SetViewName(const wxString& name)**

Sets the view type name. Should only be called by the framework.

### **wxWave**

This class represents a short wave file, in Windows WAV format, that can be stored in memory and played. Currently this class is for Windows only.

#### **Derived from**

*wxObject* (p. 555)

#### **Include files**

<wx/wave.h>

### **wxWave::wxWave**

**wxWave()**

Default constructor.

**wxWave(const wxString& fileName, bool isResource = FALSE)**

Constructs a wave object from a file or resource. Call `wxWave::IsOk` (p. 914) to determine whether this succeeded.

### Parameters

*fileName*

The filename or Windows resource.

*isResource*

TRUE if *fileName* is a resource, FALSE if it is a filename.

**wxWave::~~wxWave**

**~wxWave()**

Destroys the `wxWave` object.

**wxWave::Create**

**bool Create(const wxString& fileName, bool isResource = FALSE)**

Constructs a wave object from a file or resource.

### Parameters

*fileName*

The filename or Windows resource.

*isResource*

TRUE if *fileName* is a resource, FALSE if it is a filename.

### Return value

TRUE if the call was successful, FALSE otherwise.

**wxWave::IsOk**

**bool IsOk() const**

Returns TRUE if the object contains a successfully loaded file or resource, FALSE otherwise.

**wxWave::Play**

**bool Play**(bool *async* = *TRUE*, bool *looped* = *FALSE*) **const**

Plays the wave file synchronously or asynchronously, looped or single-shot.

**wxWindow**

wxWindow is the base class for all windows. Any children of the window will be deleted automatically by the destructor before the window itself is deleted.

Please note that we documented a number of handler functions (OnChar(), OnMouse() etc.) in this help text. These must not be called by a user program and are documented only for illustration. On several platforms, only a few of these handlers are actually written (they are not always needed) and if you are uncertain on how to add a certain behaviour to a window class, intercept the respective event as usual and call *wxEvent::Skip* (p. 240) so that the native platform can implement its native behaviour or just ignore the event if nothing needs to be done.

**Derived from**

*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)

*wxObject* (p. 555)

**Include files**

<wx/window.h>

**Window styles**

The following styles can apply to all windows, although they will not always make sense for a particular window class or on all platforms.

<b>wxSIMPLE_BORDER</b>	Displays a thin border around the window. wxBORDER is the old name for this style.
<b>wxDOUBLE_BORDER</b>	Displays a double border. Windows only.
<b>wxSUNKEN_BORDER</b>	Displays a sunken border.
<b>wxRAISED_BORDER</b>	Displays a raised border. GTK only.
<b>wxSTATIC_BORDER</b>	Displays a border suitable for a static control. Windows only.
<b>wxTRANSPARENT_WINDOW</b>	The window is transparent, that is, it will not receive paint events. Windows only.
<b>wxNO_3D</b>	Prevents the children of this window taking on 3D styles, even though the application-wide policy is for 3D controls. Windows only.
<b>wxTAB_TRAVERSAL</b>	Use this to enable tab traversal for non-dialog windows.
<b>wxWANTS_CHARS</b>	Use this to indicate that the window wants to get all char events - even for keys like TAB or ENTER which are usually used for dialog navigation and which wouldn't be generated without this style
<b>wxNO_FULLREPAINT_ON_RESIZE</b>	Disables repainting the window completely

	when its size is changed - you will have to repaint the new window area manually if you use style. Currently only has effect for Windows.
<b>wxVSCROLL</b>	Use this style to enable a vertical scrollbar. (Still used?)
<b>wxHSCROLL</b>	Use this style to enable a horizontal scrollbar. (Still used?)
<b>wxCLIP_CHILDREN</b>	Use this style to eliminate flicker caused by the background being repainted, then children being painted over them. Windows only.

See also *window styles overview* (p. 1093).

### See also

*Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

## wxWindow::wxWindow

### wxWindow()

Default constructor.

**wxWindow**(**wxWindow\*** *parent*, **wxWindowID** *id*, **const wxPoint&** *pos* = *wxDefaultPosition*, **const wxSize&** *size* = *wxDefaultSize*, **long** *style* = 0, **const wxString&** *name* = *wxPanelNameStr*)

Constructs a window, which can be a child of a frame, dialog or any other non-control window.

### Parameters

*parent*

Pointer to a parent window.

*id*

Window identifier. If -1, will automatically create an identifier.

*pos*

Window position. *wxDefaultPosition* is (-1, -1) which indicates that *wxWindows* should generate a default position for the window. If using the *wxWindow* class directly, supply an actual position.

*size*

Window size. *wxDefaultSize* is (-1, -1) which indicates that *wxWindows* should generate a default size for the window. If no suitable size can be found, the window will be sized to 20x20 pixels so that the window is visible but obviously not correctly sized.

*style*

Window style. For generic window styles, please see *wxWindow* (p. 915).

*name*

Window name.

## **wxWindow::~~wxWindow**

### **~wxWindow()**

Destructor. Deletes all subwindows, then deletes itself. Instead of using the **delete** operator explicitly, you should normally use *wxWindow::Destroy* (p. 922) so that *wxWindows* can delete a window only when it is safe to do so, in idle time.

### **See also**

*Window deletion overview* (p. 1062), *wxWindow::OnCloseWindow* (p. 937), *wxWindow::Destroy* (p. 922), *wxCloseEvent* (p. 89)

## **wxWindow::AddChild**

### **virtual void AddChild(wxWindow\* child)**

Adds a child window. This is called automatically by window creation functions so should not be required by the application programmer.

### **Parameters**

*child*

Child window to add.

## **wxWindow::CaptureMouse**

### **virtual void CaptureMouse()**

Directs all mouse input to this window. Call *wxWindow::ReleaseMouse* (p. 948) to release the capture.

### **See also**

*wxWindow::ReleaseMouse* (p. 948)

## **wxWindow::Center**

### **void Center(int direction)**

A synonym for *Centre* (p. 918).

### **wxWindow::CenterOnParent**

**void CenterOnParent**(int *direction*)

A synonym for *CentreOnParent* (p. 918).

### **wxWindow::Centre**

**void Centre**(int *direction* = wxHORIZONTAL)

Centres the window.

#### **Parameters**

*direction*

Specifies the direction for the centering. May be wxHORIZONTAL, wxVERTICAL or wxBOTH. It may also include wxCENTRE\_ON\_SCREEN flag if you want to center the window on the entire screen and not on its parent window.

The flag wxCENTRE\_FRAME is obsolete and should not be used any longer.

#### **Remarks**

If the window is a top level one (i.e. doesn't have a parent), it will be centered relative to the screen anyhow.

#### **See also**

*wxWindow::Center* (p. 917)

### **wxWindow::CentreOnParent**

**void CentreOnParent**(int *direction* = wxHORIZONTAL)

Centres the window.

#### **Parameters**

*direction*

Specifies the direction for the centering. May be wxHORIZONTAL, wxVERTICAL or wxBOTH.

#### **Remarks**

This methods provides for a way to center top level windows over their parents instead

of the entire screen. If there is no parent or if the window is not a top level window, then behaviour is the same as `wxWindow::Centre` (p. 918).

**See also**

`wxWindow::CenterOnParent` (p. 918)

## **wxWindow::Clear**

**void Clear()**

Clears the window by filling it with the current background colour. Does not cause an erase background event to be generated.

## **wxWindow::ClientToScreen**

**virtual void ClientToScreen(int\* x, int\* y) const**

**virtual wxPoint ClientToScreen(const wxPoint& pt) const**

Converts to screen coordinates from coordinates relative to this window.

*x*

A pointer to a integer value for the x coordinate. Pass the client coordinate in, and a screen coordinate will be passed out.

*y*

A pointer to a integer value for the y coordinate. Pass the client coordinate in, and a screen coordinate will be passed out.

*pt*

The client position for the second form of the function.

**wxPython note:** In place of a single overloaded method name, wxPython implements the following methods:

<b>ClientToScreen(point)</b>	Accepts and returns a wxPoint
<b>ClientToScreenXY(x, y)</b>	Returns a 2-tuple, (x, y)

## **wxWindow::Close**

**virtual bool Close(const bool force = FALSE)**

The purpose of this call is to provide a safer way of destroying a window than using the *delete* operator.



## Parameters

*force*

FALSE if the window's close handler should be able to veto the destruction of this window, TRUE if it cannot.

## Remarks

Close calls the *close handler* (p. 89) for the window, providing an opportunity for the window to choose whether to destroy the window.

The close handler should check whether the window is being deleted forcibly, using *wxCloseEvent::GetForce* (p. 90), in which case it should destroy the window using *wxWindow::Destroy* (p. 922).

Applies to managed windows (*wxFrame* and *wxDialog* classes) only.

*Note* that calling Close does not guarantee that the window will be destroyed; but it provides a way to simulate a manual close of a window, which may or may not be implemented by destroying the window. The default implementation of *wxDialog::OnCloseWindow* does not necessarily delete the dialog, since it will simply simulate an *wxID\_CANCEL* event which itself only hides the dialog.

To guarantee that the window will be destroyed, call *wxWindow::Destroy* (p. 922) instead.

## See also

*Window deletion overview* (p. 1062), *wxWindow::OnCloseWindow* (p. 937), *wxWindow::Destroy* (p. 922), *wxCloseEvent* (p. 89)

## **wxWindow::ConvertDialogToPixels**

**wxPoint** ConvertDialogToPixels(const wxPoint& pt)

**wxSize** ConvertDialogToPixels(const wxSize& sz)

Converts a point or size from dialog units to pixels.

For the x dimension, the dialog units are multiplied by the average character width and then divided by 4.

For the y dimension, the dialog units are multiplied by the average character height and then divided by 8.

## Remarks

Dialog units are used for maintaining a dialog's proportions even if the font changes. Dialogs created using Dialog Editor optionally use dialog units.

You can also use these functions programmatically. A convenience macro is defined:

```
#define wxDLG_UNIT(parent, pt) parent->ConvertDialogToPixels(pt)
```

### See also

*wxWindow::ConvertPixelsToDialog* (p. 921)

**wxPython note:** In place of a single overloaded method name, wxPython implements the following methods:

<b>ConvertDialogPointToPixels(point)</b>	Accepts and returns a wxPoint
<b>ConvertDialogSizeToPixels(size)</b>	Accepts and returns a wxSize

Additionally, the following helper functions are defined:

<b>wxDLG_PNT(win, point)</b>	Converts a wxPoint from dialog units to pixels
<b>wxDLG_SIZE(win, size)</b>	Converts a wxSize from dialog units to pixels

### wxWindow::ConvertPixelsToDialog

**wxPoint ConvertPixelsToDialog(const wxPoint& pt)**

**wxSize ConvertPixelsToDialog(const wxSize& sz)**

Converts a point or size from pixels to dialog units.

For the x dimension, the pixels are multiplied by 4 and then divided by the average character width.

For the y dimension, the pixels are multiplied by 8 and then divided by the average character height.

### Remarks

Dialog units are used for maintaining a dialog's proportions even if the font changes. Dialogs created using Dialog Editor optionally use dialog units.

### See also

*wxWindow::ConvertDialogToPixels* (p. 920)

**wxPython note:** In place of a single overloaded method name, wxPython implements the following methods:

<b>ConvertDialogPointToPixels(point)</b>	Accepts and returns a wxPoint
<b>ConvertDialogSizeToPixels(size)</b>	Accepts and returns a wxSize

## **wxWindow::Destroy**

### **virtual bool Destroy()**

Destroys the window safely. Use this function instead of the delete operator, since different window classes can be destroyed differently. Frames and dialogs are not destroyed immediately when this function is called - they are added to a list of windows to be deleted on idle time, when all the window's events have been processed. This prevents problems with events being sent to non-existent windows.

#### **Return value**

TRUE if the window has either been successfully deleted, or it has been added to the list of windows pending real deletion.

## **wxWindow::DestroyChildren**

### **virtual void DestroyChildren()**

Destroys all children of a window. Called automatically by the destructor.

## **wxWindow::DragAcceptFiles**

### **virtual void DragAcceptFiles(const bool *accept*)**

Enables or disables eligibility for drop file events (OnDropFiles).

#### **Parameters**

*accept*

If TRUE, the window is eligible for drop file events. If FALSE, the window will not accept drop file events.

#### **Remarks**

Windows only.

#### **See also**

*wxWindow::OnDropFiles* (p. 937)

## **wxWindow::Enable**

**virtual void Enable(const bool *enable*)**

Enable or disable the window for user input.

### Parameters

*enable*

If TRUE, enables the window for input. If FALSE, disables the window.

### See also

*wxWindow::IsEnabled* (p. 931)

## **wxWindow::FindFocus**

**static wxWindow\* FindFocus()**

Finds the window or control which currently has the keyboard focus.

### Remarks

Note that this is a static function, so it can be called without needing a *wxWindow* pointer.

### See also

*wxWindow::SetFocus* (p. 953)

## **wxWindow::FindWindow**

**wxWindow\* FindWindow(long *id*)**

Find a child of this window, by identifier.

**wxWindow\* FindWindow(const wxString& *name*)**

Find a child of this window, by name.

**wxPython note:** In place of a single overloaded method name, wxPython implements the following methods:

<b>FindWindowById(<i>id</i>)</b>	Accepts an integer
<b>FindWindowByName(<i>name</i>)</b>	Accepts a string

## **wxWindow::Fit**

**virtual void Fit()**

Sizes the window so that it fits around its subwindows.

**wxWindow::GetBackgroundColour****virtual wxColour GetBackgroundColour() const**

Returns the background colour of the window.

**See also**

*wxWindow::SetBackgroundColour* (p. 951), *wxWindow::SetForegroundColour* (p. 954), *wxWindow::GetForegroundColour* (p. 926), *wxWindow::OnEraseBackground* (p. 938)

**wxWindow::GetCharHeight****virtual int GetCharHeight() const**

Returns the character height for this window.

**wxWindow::GetCharWidth****virtual int GetCharWidth() const**

Returns the average character width for this window.

**wxWindow::GetChildren****wxList& GetChildren()**

Returns a reference to the list of the window's children.

**wxWindow::GetClientSize****virtual void GetClientSize(int\* width, int\* height) const****virtual wxSize GetClientSize() const**

This gets the size of the window 'client area' in pixels. The client area is the area which may be drawn on by the programmer, excluding title bar, border etc.

**Parameters**

*width*

Receives the client width in pixels.

*height*

Receives the client height in pixels.

**wxPython note:** In place of a single overloaded method name, wxPython implements the following methods:

<b>wxGetClientSizeTuple()</b>	Returns a 2-tuple of (width, height)
<b>wxGetClientSize()</b>	Returns a wxSize object

### **wxWindow::GetConstraints**

**wxLayoutConstraints\* GetConstraints() const**

Returns a pointer to the window's layout constraints, or NULL if there are none.

### **wxWindow::GetDefaultItem**

**wxButton\* GetDefaultItem() const**

Returns a pointer to the button which is the default for this window, or NULL.

### **wxWindow::GetDropTarget**

**wxDropTarget\* GetDropTarget() const**

Returns the associated drop target, which may be NULL.

**See also**

*wxWindow::SetDropTarget* (p. 953), *Drag and drop overview* (p. 1038)

### **wxWindow::GetEventHandler**

**wxEvtHandler\* GetEventHandler() const**

Returns the event handler for this window. By default, the window is its own event handler.

**See also**

*wxWindow::SetEventHandler* (p. 952), *wxWindow::PushEventHandler* (p. 947), *wxWindow::PopEventHandler* (p. 947), *wxEvtHandler::ProcessEvent* (p. 243),

*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)

### **wxWindow::GetFont**

**wxFont& GetFont() const**

Returns a reference to the font for this window.

[See also](#)

*wxWindow::SetFont* (p. 954)

### **wxWindow::GetForegroundColour**

**virtual wxColour GetForegroundColour()**

Returns the foreground colour of the window.

[Remarks](#)

The interpretation of foreground colour is open to interpretation according to the window class; it may be the text colour or other colour, or it may not be used at all.

[See also](#)

*wxWindow::SetForegroundColour* (p. 954), *wxWindow::SetBackgroundColour* (p. 951), *wxWindow::GetBackgroundColour* (p. 924)

### **wxWindow::GetGrandParent**

**wxWindow\* GetGrandParent() const**

Returns the grandparent of a window, or NULL if there isn't one.

### **wxWindow::GetHandle**

**void\* GetHandle() const**

Returns the platform-specific handle of the physical window. Cast it to an appropriate handle, such as **HWND** for Windows, **Widget** for Motif or **GtkWidget** for GTK.

[wxPython note](#): This method will return an integer in wxPython.

### **wxWindow::GetId**

**int GetId() const**

Returns the identifier of the window.

**Remarks**

Each window has an integer identifier. If the application has not provided one (or the default Id -1) an unique identifier with a negative value will be generated.

**See also**

*wxWindow::SetId* (p. 954) *Window identifiers* (p. 1076)

**wxWindow::GetPosition****virtual void GetPosition(int\* x, int\* y) const**

This gets the position of the window in pixels, relative to the parent window or if no parent, relative to the whole display.

**Parameters**

*x*

Receives the x position of the window.

*y*

Receives the y position of the window.

**wxPython note:** In place of a single overloaded method name, wxPython implements the following methods:

**GetPosition()**

Returns a wxPoint

**GetPositionTuple()**

Returns a tuple (x, y)

**wxWindow::GetLabel****virtual wxString GetLabel() const**

Generic way of getting a label from any window, for identification purposes.

**Remarks**

The interpretation of this function differs from class to class. For frames and dialogs, the value returned is the title. For buttons or static text controls, it is the button text. This function can be useful for meta-programs (such as testing tools or special-needs access programs) which need to identify windows by name.



**wxWindow::GetName****virtual wxString GetName() const**

Returns the window's name.

**Remarks**

This name is not guaranteed to be unique; it is up to the programmer to supply an appropriate name in the window constructor or via *wxWindow::SetName* (p. 955).

**See also**

*wxWindow::SetName* (p. 955)

**wxWindow::GetParent****virtual wxWindow\* GetParent() const**

Returns the parent of the window, or NULL if there is no parent.

**wxWindow::GetRect****virtual wxRect GetRect() const**

Returns the size and position of the window as a *wxRect* (p. 637) object.

**wxWindow::GetScrollThumb****virtual int GetScrollThumb(int orientation)**

Returns the built-in scrollbar thumb size.

**See also**

*wxWindow::SetScrollbar* (p. 955)

**wxWindow::GetScrollPos****virtual int GetScrollPos(int orientation)**

Returns the built-in scrollbar position.

**See also**

See *wxWindow::SetScrollbar* (p. 955)

**wxWindow::GetScrollRange****virtual int GetScrollRange(int orientation)**

Returns the built-in scrollbar range.

**See also**

*wxWindow::SetScrollbar* (p. 955)

**wxWindow::GetSize****virtual void GetSize(int\* width, int\* height) const****virtual wxSize GetSize() const**

This gets the size of the entire window in pixels.

**Parameters**

*width*

Receives the window width.

*height*

Receives the window height.

**wxPython note:** In place of a single overloaded method name, wxPython implements the following methods:

**GetSize()**

Returns a wxSize

**GetSizeTuple()**

Returns a 2-tuple (width, height)

**wxWindow::GetTextExtent****virtual void GetTextExtent(const wxString& string, int\* x, int\* y, int\* descent = NULL, int\* externalLeading = NULL, const wxFont\* font = NULL, const bool use16 = FALSE) const**

Gets the dimensions of the string as it would be drawn on the window with the currently selected font.

**Parameters**

*string*

String whose extent is to be measured.

*x*

Return value for width.

*y*

Return value for height.

*descent*

Return value for descent (optional).

*externalLeading*

Return value for external leading (optional).

*font*

Font to use instead of the current window font (optional).

*use16*

If TRUE, *string* contains 16-bit characters. The default is FALSE.

**wxPython note:** In place of a single overloaded method name, wxPython implements the following methods:

<b>GetTextExtent(string)</b>	Returns a 2-tuple, (width, height)
<b>GetFullTextExtent(string, font=NULL)</b>	Returns a 4-tuple, (width, height, descent, externalLeading)

## **wxWindow::SetTitle**

**virtual wxString GetTitle()**

Gets the window's title. Applicable only to frames and dialogs.

**See also**

*wxWindow::SetTitle* (p. 959)

## **wxWindow::GetUpdateRegion**

**virtual wxRegion GetUpdateRegion() const**

Returns the region specifying which parts of the window have been damaged. Should only be called within an *OnPaint* (p. 943) event handler.

**See also**

*wxRegion* (p. 653), *wxRegionIterator* (p. 658), *wxWindow::OnPaint* (p. 943)

**wxWindow::GetValidator****wxValidator\* GetValidator() const**

Returns a pointer to the current validator for the window, or NULL if there is none.

**wxWindow::GetWindowStyleFlag****long GetWindowStyleFlag() const**

Gets the window style that was passed to the constructor or **Create** member. **GetWindowStyle** is synonymous.

**wxWindow::InitDialog****void InitDialog()**

Sends an *wxWindow::OnInitDialog* (p. 940) event, which in turn transfers data to the dialog via validators.

[See also](#)

*wxWindow::OnInitDialog* (p. 940)

**wxWindow::IsEnabled****virtual bool IsEnabled() const**

Returns TRUE if the window is enabled for input, FALSE otherwise.

[See also](#)

*wxWindow::Enable* (p. 922)

**wxWindow::IsExposed****bool IsExposed(int x, int y) const****bool IsExposed(wxPoint &pt) const****bool IsExposed(int x, int y, int w, int h) const****bool IsExposed(wxRect &rect) const**

Returns TRUE if the given point or rectangle area has been exposed since the last repaint. Call this in a paint event handler to optimize redrawing by only redrawing those

areas, which have been exposed.

### **wxWindow::IsRetained**

**virtual bool IsRetained() const**

Returns TRUE if the window is retained, FALSE otherwise.

#### **Remarks**

Retained windows are only available on X platforms.

### **wxWindow::IsShown**

**virtual bool IsShown() const**

Returns TRUE if the window is shown, FALSE if it has been hidden.

### **wxWindow::IsTopLevel**

**bool IsTopLevel() const**

Returns TRUE if the given window is a top-level one. Currently all frames and dialogs are considered to be top-level windows (even if they have a parent window).

### **wxWindow::Layout**

**void Layout()**

Invokes the constraint-based layout algorithm or the sizer-based algorithm for this window.

See *wxWindow::SetAutoLayout* (p. 950) on when this function gets called automatically using auto layout.

### **wxWindow::LoadFromResource**

**virtual bool LoadFromResource(wxWindow\* parent, const wxString& resourceName, const wxResourceTable\* resourceTable = NULL)**

Loads a panel or dialog from a resource file.

#### **Parameters**

*parent*

Parent window.

*resourceName*

The name of the resource to load.

*resourceTable*

The resource table to load it from. If this is NULL, the default resource table will be used.

### Return value

TRUE if the operation succeeded, otherwise FALSE.

## **wxWindow::Lower**

**void Lower()**

Lowers the window to the bottom of the window hierarchy if it is a managed window (dialog or frame).

## **wxWindow::MakeModal**

**virtual void MakeModal(const bool flag)**

Disables all other windows in the application so that the user can only interact with this window. (This function is not implemented anywhere).

### Parameters

*flag*

If TRUE, this call disables all other windows in the application so that the user can only interact with this window. If FALSE, the effect is reversed.

## **wxWindow::Move**

**void Move(int x, int y)**

**void Move(const wxPoint& pt)**

Moves the window to the given position.

### Parameters

*x*

Required x position.

*y*

Required y position.

*pt*

*wxPoint* (p. 586) object representing the position.

### Remarks

Implementations of `SetSize` can also implicitly implement the `wxWindow::Move` function, which is defined in the base `wxWindow` class as the call:

```
SetSize(x, y, -1, -1, wxSIZE_USE_EXISTING);
```

### See also

`wxWindow::SetSize` (p. 957)

**wxPython note:** In place of a single overloaded method name, wxPython implements the following methods:

<b>Move(point)</b>	Accepts a <code>wxPoint</code>
<b>MoveXY(x, y)</b>	Accepts a pair of integers

## **wxWindow::OnActivate**

**void OnActivate(wxActivateEvent& event)**

Called when a window is activated or deactivated.

### Parameters

*event*

Object containing activation information.

### Remarks

If the window is being activated, `wxActivateEvent::GetActive` (p. 6) returns `TRUE`, otherwise it returns `FALSE` (it is being deactivated).

### See also

`wxActivateEvent` (p. 5), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

## **wxWindow::OnChar**

**void OnChar(wxKeyEvent& event)**

Called when the user has pressed a key that is not a modifier (`SHIFT`, `CONTROL` or `ALT`).

## Parameters

*event*

Object containing keypress information. See *wxKeyEvent* (p. 438) for details about this class.

## Remarks

This member function is called in response to a keypress. To intercept this event, use the `EVT_CHAR` macro in an event table definition. Your **OnChar** handler may call this default function to achieve default keypress functionality.

Note that the ASCII values do not have explicit key codes: they are passed as ASCII values.

Note that not all keypresses can be intercepted this way. If you wish to intercept modifier keypresses, then you will need to use *wxWindow::OnKeyDown* (p. 938) or *wxWindow::OnKeyUp* (p. 939).

Most, but not all, windows allow keypresses to be intercepted.

## See also

*wxWindow::OnKeyDown* (p. 938), *wxWindow::OnKeyUp* (p. 939), *wxKeyEvent* (p. 438), *wxWindow::OnCharHook* (p. 935), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

## **wxWindow::OnCharHook**

**void OnCharHook(wxKeyEvent& event)**

This member is called to allow the window to intercept keyboard events before they are processed by child windows.

## Parameters

*event*

Object containing keypress information. See *wxKeyEvent* (p. 438) for details about this class.

## Remarks

This member function is called in response to a keypress, if the window is active. To intercept this event, use the `EVT_CHAR_HOOK` macro in an event table definition. If you do not process a particular keypress, call *wxEvent::Skip* (p. 240) to allow default processing.

An example of using this function is in the implementation of escape-character processing for *wxDialog*, where pressing ESC dismisses the dialog by **OnCharHook** 'forging' a cancel button press event.



Note that the ASCII values do not have explicit key codes: they are passed as ASCII values.

This function is only relevant to top-level windows (frames and dialogs), and under Windows only. Under GTK the normal `EVT_CHAR_` event has the functionality, i.e. you can intercept it and if you don't call `wxEvent::Skip` (p. 240) the window won't get the event.

### See also

*wxKeyEvent* (p. 438), *wxWindow::OnCharHook* (p. 935), *wxApp::OnCharHook* (p. 10), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

## **wxWindow::OnCommand**

**virtual void OnCommand(*wxEvtHandler& object*, *wxCommandEvent& event*)**

This virtual member function is called if the control does not handle the command event.

### Parameters

*object*  
Object receiving the command event.

*event*  
Command event

### Remarks

This virtual function is provided mainly for backward compatibility. You can also intercept commands from child controls by using an event table, with identifiers or identifier ranges to identify the control(s) in question.

### See also

*wxCommandEvent* (p. 108), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

## **wxWindow::OnClose**

**virtual bool OnClose()**

Called when the user has tried to close a frame or dialog box using the window manager (X) or system menu (Windows).

**Note:** This is an obsolete function. It is superseded by the *wxWindow::OnCloseWindow* (p. 937) event handler.

### Return value

If TRUE is returned by `OnClose`, the window will be deleted by the system, otherwise the attempt will be ignored. Do not delete the window from within this handler, although you may delete other windows.

### See also

*Window deletion overview* (p. 1062), *wxWindow::Close* (p. 919),  
*wxWindow::OnCloseWindow* (p. 937), *wxCloseEvent* (p. 89)

## **wxWindow::OnCloseWindow**

**void OnCloseWindow(wxCloseEvent& event)**

This is an event handler function called when the user has tried to close a frame or dialog box using the window manager (X) or system menu (Windows). It is called via the *wxWindow::Close* (p. 919) function, so that the application can also invoke the handler programmatically.

Use the `EVT_CLOSE` event table macro to handle close events.

You should check whether the application is forcing the deletion of the window using *wxCloseEvent::GetForce* (p. 90). If this is TRUE, destroy the window using *wxWindow::Destroy* (p. 922). If not, it is up to you whether you respond by destroying the window.

(Note: `GetForce` is now superseded by `CanVeto`. So to test whether forced destruction of the window is required, test for the negative of `CanVeto`. If `CanVeto` returns FALSE, it is not possible to skip window deletion.)

If you don't destroy the window, you should call *wxCloseEvent::Veto* (p. 91) to let the calling code know that you did not destroy the window. This allows the *wxWindow::Close* (p. 919) function to return TRUE or FALSE depending on whether the close instruction was honoured or not.

### Remarks

The *wxWindow::OnClose* (p. 936) virtual function remains for backward compatibility with earlier versions of wxWindows. The default **OnCloseWindow** handler for *wxFrame* and *wxDIALOG* will call **OnClose**, destroying the window if it returns TRUE or if the close is being forced.

### See also

*Window deletion overview* (p. 1062), *wxWindow::Close* (p. 919), *wxWindow::OnClose* (p. 936), *wxWindow::Destroy* (p. 922), *wxCloseEvent* (p. 89), *wxApp::OnQueryEndSession* (p. 12), *wxApp::OnEndSession* (p. 11)

## **wxWindow::OnDropFiles**

**void OnDropFiles(wxDropFilesEvent& event)**

Called when files have been dragged from the file manager to the window.

### Parameters

*event*

Drop files event. For more information, see *wxDropFilesEvent* (p. 231).

### Remarks

The window must have previously been enabled for dropping by calling *wxWindow::DragAcceptFiles* (p. 922).

This event is only generated under Windows.

To intercept this event, use the `EVT_DROP_FILES` macro in an event table definition.

### See also

*wxDropFilesEvent* (p. 231), *wxWindow::DragAcceptFiles* (p. 922), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

## **wxWindow::OnEraseBackground**

**void OnEraseBackground(wxEraseEvent& event)**

Called when the background of the window needs to be erased.

### Parameters

*event*

Erase background event. For more information, see *wxEraseEvent* (p. 236).

### Remarks

This event is only generated under Windows. It is therefore recommended that you set the text background colour explicitly in order to prevent flicker. The default background colour under GTK is grey.

To intercept this event, use the `EVT_ERASE_BACKGROUND` macro in an event table definition.

### See also

*wxEraseEvent* (p. 236), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

## **wxWindow::OnKeyDown**

**void OnKeyDown(wxKeyEvent& event)**

Called when the user has pressed a key, before it is translated into an ASCII value using other modifier keys that might be pressed at the same time.

**Parameters**

*event*

Object containing keypress information. See *wxKeyEvent* (p. 438) for details about this class.

**Remarks**

This member function is called in response to a key down event. To intercept this event, use the `EVT_KEY_DOWN` macro in an event table definition. Your **OnKeyDown** handler may call this default function to achieve default keypress functionality.

Note that not all keypresses can be intercepted this way. If you wish to intercept special keys, such as shift, control, and function keys, then you will need to use *wxWindow::OnKeyDown* (p. 938) or *wxWindow::OnKeyUp* (p. 939).

Most, but not all, windows allow keypresses to be intercepted.

**See also**

*wxWindow::OnChar* (p. 934), *wxWindow::OnKeyUp* (p. 939), *wxKeyEvent* (p. 438), *wxWindow::OnCharHook* (p. 935), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

**wxWindow::OnKeyUp****void OnKeyUp(wxKeyEvent& event)**

Called when the user has released a key.

**Parameters**

*event*

Object containing keypress information. See *wxKeyEvent* (p. 438) for details about this class.

**Remarks**

This member function is called in response to a key up event. To intercept this event, use the `EVT_KEY_UP` macro in an event table definition. Your **OnKeyUp** handler may call this default function to achieve default keypress functionality.

Note that not all keypresses can be intercepted this way. If you wish to intercept special keys, such as shift, control, and function keys, then you will need to use *wxWindow::OnKeyDown* (p. 938) or *wxWindow::OnKeyUp* (p. 939).

Most, but not all, windows allow key up events to be intercepted.

#### See also

*wxWindow::OnChar* (p. 934), *wxWindow::OnKeyDown* (p. 938), *wxKeyEvent* (p. 438), *wxWindow::OnCharHook* (p. 935), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

### **wxWindow::OnKillFocus**

**void OnKillFocus(wxFocusEvent& event)**

Called when a window's focus is being killed.

#### Parameters

*event*

The focus event. For more information, see *wxFocusEvent* (p. 284).

#### Remarks

To intercept this event, use the macro `EVT_KILL_FOCUS` in an event table definition.

Most, but not all, windows respond to this event.

#### See also

*wxFocusEvent* (p. 284), *wxWindow::OnSetFocus* (p. 945), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

### **wxWindow::OnIdle**

**void OnIdle(wxIdleEvent& event)**

Provide this member function for any processing which needs to be done when the application is idle.

#### See also

*wxApp::OnIdle* (p. 11), *wxIdleEvent* (p. 394)

### **wxWindow::OnInitDialog**

**void OnInitDialog(wxInitDialogEvent& event)**

Default handler for the `wxEVT_INIT_DIALOG` event. Calls *wxWindow::TransferDataToWindow* (p. 960).

### Parameters

*event*

Dialog initialisation event.

### Remarks

Gives the window the default behaviour of transferring data to child controls via the validator that each control has.

### See also

*wxValidator* (p. 897), *wxWindow::TransferDataToWindow* (p. 960)

## **wxWindow::OnMenuCommand**

**void OnMenuCommand(wxCommandEvent& *event*)**

Called when a menu command is received from a menu bar.

### Parameters

*event*

The menu command event. For more information, see *wxCommandEvent* (p. 108).

### Remarks

A function with this name doesn't actually exist; you can choose any member function to receive menu command events, using the EVT\_COMMAND macro for individual commands or EVT\_COMMAND\_RANGE for a range of commands.

### See also

*wxCommandEvent* (p. 108), *wxWindow::OnMenuHighlight* (p. 941), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

## **wxWindow::OnMenuHighlight**

**void OnMenuHighlight(wxMenuEvent& *event*)**

Called when a menu select is received from a menu bar: that is, the mouse cursor is over a menu item, but the left mouse button has not been pressed.

### Parameters

*event*

The menu highlight event. For more information, see *wxMenuEvent* (p. 519).

## Remarks

You can choose any member function to receive menu select events, using the `EVT_MENU_HIGHLIGHT` macro for individual menu items or `EVT_MENU_HIGHLIGHT_ALL` macro for all menu items.

The default implementation for `wxFrame::OnMenuHighlight` (p. 307) displays help text in the first field of the status bar.

This function was known as **OnMenuSelect** in earlier versions of wxWindows, but this was confusing since a selection is normally a left-click action.

## See also

*wxMenuEvent* (p. 519), *wxWindow::OnMenuCommand* (p. 941), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

## **wxWindow::OnMouseEvent**

**void OnMouseEvent(wxMouseEvent& event)**

Called when the user has initiated an event with the mouse.

## Parameters

*event*

The mouse event. See *wxMouseEvent* (p. 532) for more details.

## Remarks

Most, but not all, windows respond to this event.

To intercept this event, use the `EVT_MOUSE_EVENTS` macro in an event table definition, or individual mouse event macros such as `EVT_LEFT_DOWN`.

## See also

*wxMouseEvent* (p. 532), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

## **wxWindow::OnMove**

**void OnMove(wxMoveEvent& event)**

Called when a window is moved.

## Parameters

*event*

The move event. For more information, see *wxMoveEvent* (p. 539).

### Remarks

Use the `EVT_MOVE` macro to intercept move events.

### Remarks

Not currently implemented.

### See also

*wxMoveEvent* (p. 539), *wxFrame::OnSize* (p. 307), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

## **wxWindow::OnPaint**

**void OnPaint(wxPaintEvent& event)**

Sent to the event handler when the window must be refreshed.

### Parameters

*event*

Paint event. For more information, see *wxPaintEvent* (p. 568).

### Remarks

Use the `EVT_PAINT` macro in an event table definition to intercept paint events.

In a paint event handler, the application should always create a *wxPaintDC* (p. 567) object.

For example:

```
void MyWindow::OnPaint(wxPaintEvent& event)
{
    wxPaintDC dc(this);

    DrawMyDocument(dc);
}
```

You can optimize painting by retrieving the rectangles that have been damaged and only repainting these. The rectangles are in terms of the client area, and are unscrolled, so you will need to do some calculations using the current view position to obtain logical, scrolled units.

Here is an example of using the *wxRegionIterator* (p. 658) class:

```
// Called when window needs to be repainted.
void MyWindow::OnPaint(wxPaintEvent& event)
```



```
{
    wxPaintDC dc(this);

    // Find Out where the window is scrolled to
    int vbX,vbY;                // Top left corner of client
    ViewStart(&vbX,&vbY);

    int vX,vY,vW,vH;            // Dimensions of client area in
pixels
    wxRegionIterator upd(GetUpdateRegion()); // get the update rect list

    while (upd)
    {
        vX = upd.GetX();
        vY = upd.GetY();
        vW = upd.GetW();
        vH = upd.GetH();

        // Alternatively we can do this:
        // wxRect rect;
        // upd.GetRect(&rect);

        // Repaint this rectangle
        ...some code...

        upd ++ ;
    }
}
```

### See also

*wxPaintEvent* (p. 568), *wxPaintDC* (p. 567), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

## wxWindow::OnScroll

**void OnScroll(wxScrollWinEvent& event)**

Called when a scroll window event is received from one of the window's built-in scrollbars.

### Parameters

*event*

Command event. Retrieve the new scroll position by calling *wxScrollEvent::GetPosition* (p. 680), and the scrollbar orientation by calling *wxScrollEvent::GetOrientation* (p. 679).

### Remarks

Note that it is not possible to distinguish between horizontal and vertical scrollbars until the function is executing (you can't have one function for vertical, another for horizontal events).

**See also**

*wxScrollWinEvent* (p. 676), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

**wxWindow::OnSetFocus**

**void OnSetFocus(wxFocusEvent& event)**

Called when a window's focus is being set.

**Parameters**

*event*

The focus event. For more information, see *wxFocusEvent* (p. 284).

**Remarks**

To intercept this event, use the macro `EVT_SET_FOCUS` in an event table definition.

Most, but not all, windows respond to this event.

**See also**

*wxFocusEvent* (p. 284), *wxWindow::OnKillFocus* (p. 940), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

**wxWindow::OnSize**

**void OnSize(wxSizeEvent& event)**

Called when the window has been resized.

**Parameters**

*event*

Size event. For more information, see *wxSizeEvent* (p. 691).

**Remarks**

You may wish to use this for frames to resize their child windows as appropriate.

Note that the size passed is of the whole window: call *wxWindow::GetClientSize* (p. 924) for the area which may be used by the application.

**See also**

*wxSizeEvent* (p. 691), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

**wxWindow::OnSysColourChanged****void OnSysColourChanged(wxOnSysColourChangedEvent& event)**

Called when the user has changed the system colours. Windows only.

**Parameters***event*

System colour change event. For more information, see *wxSysColourChangedEvent* (p. 786).

**See also**

*wxSysColourChangedEvent* (p. 786), *Event handling overview* (p. 1072)

**wxWindow::PopEventHandler****wxEvtHandler\* PopEventHandler(bool deleteHandler = FALSE) const**

Removes and returns the top-most event handler on the event handler stack.

**Parameters***deleteHandler*

If this is TRUE, the handler will be deleted after it is removed. The default value is FALSE.

**See also**

*wxWindow::SetEventHandler* (p. 952), *wxWindow::GetEventHandler* (p. 925), *wxWindow::PushEventHandler* (p. 947), *wxEvtHandler::ProcessEvent* (p. 243), *wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)

**wxWindow::PopupMenu****bool PopupMenu(wxMenu\* menu, const wxPoint&pos)****bool PopupMenu(wxMenu\* menu, int x, int y)**

Pops up the given menu at the specified coordinates, relative to this window, and returns control when the user has dismissed the menu. If a menu item is selected, the corresponding menu event is generated and will be processed as usually.

**Parameters***menu*

Menu to pop up.

*pos*

The position where the menu will appear.

*x*

Required x position for the menu to appear.

*y*

Required y position for the menu to appear.

### See also

*wxMenu* (p. 499)

### Remarks

Just before the menu is popped up, *wxMenu::UpdateUI* (p. 507) is called to ensure that the menu items are in the correct state. The menu does not get deleted by the window.

**wxPython note:** In place of a single overloaded method name, wxPython implements the following methods:

**PopupMenu(menu, point)** Specifies position with a wxPoint

**PopupMenuXY(menu, x, y)** Specifies position with two integers (x, y)

## wxWindow::PushEventHandler

**void PushEventHandler(wxEvtHandler\* handler)**

Pushes this event handler onto the event stack for the window.

### Parameters

*handler*

Specifies the handler to be pushed.

### Remarks

An event handler is an object that is capable of processing the events sent to a window. By default, the window is its own event handler, but an application may wish to substitute another, for example to allow central implementation of event-handling for a variety of different window classes.

*wxWindow::PushEventHandler* (p. 947) allows an application to set up a chain of event handlers, where an event not handled by one event handler is handed to the next one in the chain. Use *wxWindow::PopEventHandler* (p. 946) to remove the event handler.

### See also

*wxWindow::SetEventHandler* (p. 952), *wxWindow::GetEventHandler* (p. 925),  
*wxWindow::PopEventHandler* (p. 947), *wxEvtHandler::ProcessEvent* (p. 243),  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)

## **wxWindow::Raise**

**void Raise()**

Raises the window to the top of the window hierarchy if it is a managed window (dialog or frame).

## **wxWindow::Refresh**

**virtual void Refresh(const bool eraseBackground = TRUE, const wxRect\* rect = NULL)**

Causes a message or event to be generated to repaint the window.

### **Parameters**

*eraseBackground*

If TRUE, the background will be erased.

*rect*

If non-NULL, only the given rectangle will be treated as damaged.

## **wxWindow::ReleaseMouse**

**virtual void ReleaseMouse()**

Releases mouse input captured with *wxWindow::CaptureMouse* (p. 917).

### **See also**

*wxWindow::CaptureMouse* (p. 917)

## **wxWindow::RemoveChild**

**virtual void RemoveChild(wxWindow\* child)**

Removes a child window. This is called automatically by window deletion functions so should not be required by the application programmer.

### **Parameters**

*child*

Child window to remove.

### **wxWindow::Reparent**

**virtual bool Reparent(wxWindow\* newParent)**

Reparents the window, i.e the window will be removed from its current parent window (e.g. a non-standard toolbar in a wxFrame) and then re-inserted into another (e.g. a wxMiniFrame for a floating toolbar). Available on Windows and GTK+.

#### **Parameters**

*newParent*

New parent.

### **wxWindow::ScreenToClient**

**virtual void ScreenToClient(int\* x, int\* y) const**

**virtual wxPoint ScreenToClient(const wxPoint& pt) const**

Converts from screen to client window coordinates.

#### **Parameters**

*x*

Stores the screen x coordinate and receives the client x coordinate.

*y*

Stores the screen x coordinate and receives the client x coordinate.

*pt*

The screen position for the second form of the function.

**wxPython note:** In place of a single overloaded method name, wxPython implements the following methods:

<b>ScreenToClient(point)</b>	Accepts and returns a wxPoint
<b>ScreenToClientXY(x, y)</b>	Returns a 2-tuple, (x, y)

### **wxWindow::ScrollWindow**

**virtual void ScrollWindow(int dx, int dy, const wxRect\* rect = NULL)**

Physically scrolls the pixels in the window and move child windows accordingly.

### Parameters

*dx*

Amount to scroll horizontally.

*dy*

Amount to scroll vertically.

*rect*

Rectangle to invalidate. If this is NULL, the whole window is invalidated. If you pass a rectangle corresponding to the area of the window exposed by the scroll, your painting handler can optimise painting by checking for the invalidated region. This paramter is ignored under GTK, instead the regions to be invalidated are calculated automatically.

### Remarks

Use this function to optimise your scrolling implementations, to minimise the area that must be redrawn. Note that it is rarely required to call this function from a user program.

## **wxWindow::SetAcceleratorTable**

**virtual void SetAcceleratorTable(const wxAcceleratorTable& accel)**

Sets the accelerator table for this window. See *wxAcceleratorTable* (p. 2).

## **wxWindow::SetAutoLayout**

**void SetAutoLayout(const bool autoLayout)**

Determines whether the *wxWindow::Layout* (p. 932) function will be called automatically when the window is resized. Use in connection with *wxWindow::SetSizer* (p. 959) and *wxWindow::SetConstraints* (p. 953) for layouting subwindows.

### Parameters

*autoLayout*

Set this to TRUE if you wish the Layout function to be called from within *wxWindow::OnSize* functions.

### Remarks

Note that this function is actually disabled for *wxWindow*. It has effect for *wxDialog*, *wxFrame*, *wxPanel* and *wxScrolledWindow*. Windows of other types that need to invoke the Layout algorithm should provide an EVT\_SIZE handler and call *wxWindow::Layout* (p. 932) from within it.

### See also

*wxWindow::SetConstraints* (p. 953)

## **wxWindow::SetBackgroundColour**

**virtual void SetBackgroundColour(const wxColour& colour)**

Sets the background colour of the window.

### **Parameters**

*colour*

The colour to be used as the background colour.

### **Remarks**

The background colour is usually painted by the default *wxWindow::OnEraseBackground* (p. 938) event handler function under Windows and automatically under GTK.

Note that setting the background colour does not cause an immediate refresh, so you may wish to call *wxWindow::Clear* (p. 919) or *wxWindow::Refresh* (p. 948) after calling this function.

Note that when using this functions under GTK, you will disable the so called "themes", i.e. the user chosen appearance of windows and controls, including the themes of their parent windows.

### **See also**

*wxWindow::GetBackgroundColour* (p. 924), *wxWindow::SetForegroundColour* (p. 954), *wxWindow::GetForegroundColour* (p. 926), *wxWindow::Clear* (p. 919), *wxWindow::Refresh* (p. 948), *wxWindow::OnEraseBackground* (p. 938)

## **wxWindow::SetClientSize**

**virtual void SetClientSize(int width, int height)**

**virtual void SetClientSize(const wxSize& size)**

This sets the size of the window client area in pixels. Using this function to size a window tends to be more device-independent than *wxWindow::SetSize* (p. 957), since the application need not worry about what dimensions the border or title bar have when trying to fit the window around panel items, for example.

### **Parameters**

*width*

The required client area width.



*height*

The required client area height.

*size*

The required client size.

**wxPython note:** In place of a single overloaded method name, wxPython implements the following methods:

**SetClientSize(size)**                      Accepts a wxSize  
**SetClientSizeWH(width, height)**

## **wxWindow::SetCursor**

**virtual void SetCursor(const wxCursor&cursor)**

Sets the window's cursor. Notice that setting the cursor for this window does not set it for its children so you'll need to explicitly call SetCursor() for them too if you need it.

### **Parameters**

*cursor*

Specifies the cursor that the window should normally display.

### **See also**

::wxSetCursor (p. 978), wxCursor (p. 135)

## **wxWindow::SetEventHandler**

**void SetEventHandler(wxEvtHandler\* handler)**

Sets the event handler for this window.

### **Parameters**

*handler*

Specifies the handler to be set.

### **Remarks**

An event handler is an object that is capable of processing the events sent to a window. By default, the window is its own event handler, but an application may wish to substitute another, for example to allow central implementation of event-handling for a variety of different window classes.

It is usually better to use *wxWindow::PushEventHandler* (p. 947) since this sets up a chain of event handlers, where an event not handled by one event handler is handed to

the next one in the chain.

### See also

*wxWindow::GetEventHandler* (p. 925), *wxWindow::PushEventHandler* (p. 947),  
*wxWindow::PopEventHandler* (p. 947), *wxEvtHandler::ProcessEvent* (p. 243),  
*wxEvtHandler* (p. 240)

## **wxWindow::SetConstraints**

**void SetConstraints(wxLayoutConstraints\* constraints)**

Sets the window to have the given layout constraints. The window will then own the object, and will take care of its deletion. If an existing layout constraints object is already owned by the window, it will be deleted.

### Parameters

*constraints*

The constraints to set. Pass NULL to disassociate and delete the window's constraints.

### Remarks

You must call *wxWindow::SetAutoLayout* (p. 950) to tell a window to use the constraints automatically in *OnSize*; otherwise, you must override *OnSize* and call *Layout()* explicitly. When setting both a *wxLayoutConstraints* and a *wxSizer* (p. 692), only the sizer will have effect.

## **wxWindow::SetDropTarget**

**void SetDropTarget(wxDropTarget\* target)**

Associates a drop target with this window.

If the window already has a drop target, it is deleted.

### See also

*wxWindow::GetDropTarget* (p. 925), *Drag and drop overview* (p. 1038)

## **wxWindow::SetFocus**

**virtual void SetFocus()**

This sets the window to receive keyboard input.

**wxWindow::SetFont****void SetFont(const wxFont& *font*)**

Sets the font for this window.

**Parameters***font*

Font to associate with this window.

**See also**

*wxWindow::GetFont* (p. 926)

**wxWindow::SetForegroundColour****virtual void SetForegroundColour(const wxColour& *colour*)**

Sets the foreground colour of the window.

**Parameters***colour*

The colour to be used as the foreground colour.

**Remarks**

The interpretation of foreground colour is open to interpretation according to the window class; it may be the text colour or other colour, or it may not be used at all.

Note that when using this functions under GTK, you will disable the so called "themes", i.e. the user chosen apperance of windows and controls, including the themes of their parent windows.

**See also**

*wxWindow::GetForegroundColour* (p. 926), *wxWindow::SetBackgroundColour* (p. 951), *wxWindow::GetBackgroundColour* (p. 924)

**wxWindow::SetId****void SetId(int *id*)**

Sets the identifier of the window.

**Remarks**

Each window has an integer identifier. If the application has not provided one, an identifier will be generated. Normally, the identifier should be provided on creation and should not be modified subsequently.

### See also

*wxWindow::GetId* (p. 926), *Window identifiers* (p. 1076)

## **wxWindow::SetName**

**virtual void SetName(const wxString& name)**

Sets the window's name.

### Parameters

*name*

A name to set for the window.

### See also

*wxWindow::GetName* (p. 928)

## **wxWindow::SetPalette**

**virtual void SetPalette(wxPalette\* palette)**

Obsolete - use *wxDC::SetPalette* (p. 178) instead.

## **wxWindow::SetScrollbar**

**virtual void SetScrollbar(int orientation, int position, int thumbSize, int range, const bool refresh = TRUE)**

Sets the scrollbar properties of a built-in scrollbar.

### Parameters

*orientation*

Determines the scrollbar whose page size is to be set. May be *wxHORIZONTAL* or *wxVERTICAL*.

*position*

The position of the scrollbar in scroll units.

*thumbSize*

The size of the thumb, or visible portion of the scrollbar, in scroll units.

*range*

The maximum position of the scrollbar.

*refresh*

TRUE to redraw the scrollbar, FALSE otherwise.

## Remarks

Let's say you wish to display 50 lines of text, using the same font. The window is sized so that you can only see 16 lines at a time.

You would use:

```
SetScrollbar(wxVERTICAL, 0, 16, 50);
```

Note that with the window at this size, the thumb position can never go above 50 minus 16, or 34.

You can determine how many lines are currently visible by dividing the current view size by the character height in pixels.

When defining your own scrollbar behaviour, you will always need to recalculate the scrollbar settings when the window size changes. You could therefore put your scrollbar calculations and `SetScrollbar` call into a function named `AdjustScrollbars`, which can be called initially and also from your `wxWindow::OnSize` (p. 945) event handler function.

## See also

*Scrolling overview* (p. 1065), *wxScrollBar* (p. 671), *wxScrolledWindow* (p. 680)

## wxWindow::SetScrollPos

**virtual void SetScrollPos**(int *orientation*, int *pos*, const bool *refresh* = TRUE)

Sets the position of one of the built-in scrollbars.

## Parameters

*orientation*

Determines the scrollbar whose position is to be set. May be `wxHORIZONTAL` or `wxVERTICAL`.

*pos*

Position in scroll units.

*refresh*

TRUE to redraw the scrollbar, FALSE otherwise.

### Remarks

This function does not directly affect the contents of the window: it is up to the application to take note of scrollbar attributes and redraw contents accordingly.

### See also

*wxWindow::SetScrollbar* (p. 955), *wxWindow::GetScrollPos* (p. 956),  
*wxWindow::GetScrollThumb* (p. 928), *wxScrollBar* (p. 671), *wxScrolledWindow* (p. 680)

## **wxWindow::SetSize**

**virtual void SetSize(int x, int y, int width, int height, int sizeFlags = wxSIZE\_AUTO)**

**virtual void SetSize(const wxRect& rect)**

Sets the size and position of the window in pixels.

**virtual void SetSize(int width, int height)**

**virtual void SetSize(const wxSize& size)**

Sets the size of the window in pixels.

### Parameters

*x*

Required x position in pixels, or -1 to indicate that the existing value should be used.

*y*

Required y position in pixels, or -1 to indicate that the existing value should be used.

*width*

Required width in pixels, or -1 to indicate that the existing value should be used.

*height*

Required height position in pixels, or -1 to indicate that the existing value should be used.

*size*

*wxSize* (p. 689) object for setting the size.

*rect*

*wxRect* (p. 637) object for setting the position and size.

*sizeFlags*

Indicates the interpretation of other parameters. It is a bit list of the following:

**wxSIZE\_AUTO\_WIDTH:** a -1 width value is taken to indicate a wxWindows-supplied default width.

**wxSIZE\_AUTO\_HEIGHT:** a -1 height value is taken to indicate a wxWindows-supplied default width.

**wxSIZE\_AUTO:** -1 size values are taken to indicate a wxWindows-supplied default size.

**wxSIZE\_USE\_EXISTING:** existing dimensions should be used if -1 values are supplied.

**wxSIZE\_ALLOW\_MINUS\_ONE:** allow dimensions of -1 and less to be interpreted as real dimensions, not default values.

**Remarks**

The second form is a convenience for calling the first form with default x and y parameters, and must be used with non-default width and height values.

The first form sets the position and optionally size, of the window. Parameters may be -1 to indicate either that a default should be supplied by wxWindows, or that the current value of the dimension should be used.

**See also**

*wxWindow::Move* (p. 933)

**wxPython note:** In place of a single overloaded method name, wxPython implements the following methods:

```
SetDimensions(x, y, width, height, sizeFlags=wxSIZE_AUTO)
SetSize(size)
SetPosition(point)
```

**wxWindow::SetSizeHints**

```
virtual void SetSizeHints(int minW=-1, int minH=-1, int maxW=-1, int maxH=-1, int
incW=-1, int incH=-1)
```

Allows specification of minimum and maximum window sizes, and window size increments. If a pair of values is not set (or set to -1), the default values will be used.

**Parameters**

*minW*

Specifies the minimum width allowable.

*minH*

Specifies the minimum height allowable.

*maxW*

Specifies the maximum width allowable.

*maxH*

Specifies the maximum height allowable.

*incW*

Specifies the increment for sizing the width (Motif/Xt only).

*incH*

Specifies the increment for sizing the height (Motif/Xt only).

### Remarks

If this function is called, the user will not be able to size the window outside the given bounds.

The resizing increments are only significant under Motif or Xt.

## **wxWindow::SetSizer**

**void SetSizer**(**wxSizer\*** *sizer*)

Sets the window to have the given layout sizer. The window will then own the object, and will take care of its deletion. If an existing layout constraints object is already owned by the window, it will be deleted.

### Parameters

*sizer*

The sizer to set. Pass NULL to disassociate and delete the window's sizer.

### Remarks

You must call *wxWindow::SetAutoLayout* (p. 950) to tell a window to use the sizer automatically in *OnSize*; otherwise, you must override *OnSize* and call *Layout()* explicitly. When setting both a *wxSizer* and a *wxLayoutConstraints* (p. 444), only the sizer will have effect.

## **wxWindow::SetTitle**

**virtual void SetTitle**(**const wxString&** *title*)

Sets the window's title. Applicable only to frames and dialogs.

### Parameters

*title*



The window's title.

### See also

*wxWindow::GetTitle* (p. 930)

## **wxWindow::SetValidator**

**virtual void SetValidator(const wxValidator& validator)**

Deletes the current validator (if any) and sets the window validator, having called *wxValidator::Clone* to create a new validator of this type.

## **wxWindow::Show**

**virtual bool Show(const bool show)**

Shows or hides the window.

### Parameters

*show*

If TRUE, displays the window and brings it to the front. Otherwise, hides the window.

### See also

*wxWindow::IsShown* (p. 932)

## **wxWindow::TransferDataFromWindow**

**virtual bool TransferDataFromWindow()**

Transfers values from child controls to data areas specified by their validators. Returns FALSE if a transfer failed.

### See also

*wxWindow::TransferDataToWindow* (p. 960), *wxValidator* (p. 897), *wxWindow::Validate* (p. 961)

## **wxWindow::TransferDataToWindow**

**virtual bool TransferDataToWindow()**

Transfers values to child controls from data areas specified by their validators.

**Return value**

Returns FALSE if a transfer failed.

**See also**

*wxWindow::TransferDataFromWindow* (p. 960), *wxValidator* (p. 897),  
*wxWindow::Validate* (p. 961)

**wxWindow::Validate****virtual bool Validate()**

Validates the current values of the child controls using their validators.

**Return value**

Returns FALSE if any of the validations failed.

**See also**

*wxWindow::TransferDataFromWindow* (p. 960), *wxWindow::TransferDataFromWindow*  
(p. 960), *wxValidator* (p. 897)

**wxWindow::WarpPointer****void WarpPointer(int x, int y)**

Moves the pointer to the given position on the window.

**Parameters**

*x*  
The new x position for the cursor.

*y*  
The new y position for the cursor.

**wxWindowDC**

A *wxWindowDC* must be constructed if an application wishes to paint on the whole area of a window (client and decorations). This should normally be constructed as a temporary stack object; don't store a *wxWindowDC* object.

To draw on a window from inside **OnPaint**, construct a *wxPaintDC* (p. 567) object.

To draw on the client area of a window from outside **OnPaint**, construct a *wxClientDC*

(p. 86) object.

To draw on the whole window including decorations, construct a *wxWindowDC* (p. 961) object (Windows only).

#### Derived from

*wxDC* (p. 165)

#### Include files

<wx/dcclient.h>

#### See also

*wxDC* (p. 165), *wxMemoryDC* (p. 496), *wxPaintDC* (p. 567), *wxClientDC* (p. 86), *wxScreenDC* (p. 670)

### **wxWindowDC::wxWindowDC**

**wxWindowDC(wxWindow\* *window*)**

Constructor. Pass a pointer to the window on which you wish to paint.

### **wxZipInputStream**

This class is input stream from ZIP archive. The archive must be local file (accessible via FILE\*). It has all features including GetSize and seeking.

#### Derived from

*wxInputStream*

### **wxZipInputStream::wxZipInputStream**

**wxZipInputStream(const wxString& *archive*, const wxString& *file*)**

Constructor.

#### Parameters

*archive*  
name of ZIP file

*file*

name of file stored in the archive

### **wxZlibInputStream**

This stream uncompresses all data read from it. It uses the "filtered" stream to get new compressed data.

#### **Derived from**

*wxFilterInputStream* (p. 283)

#### **Include files**

<wx/zstream.h>

#### **See also**

*wxStreamBuffer* (p. 755), *wxInputStream* (p. 425)

### **wxZlibOutputStream**

This stream compresses all data written to it, and passes the compressed data to the "filtered" stream.

#### **Derived from**

*wxFilterOutputStream* (p. 284)

#### **Include files**

<wx/zstream.h>

#### **See also**

*wxStreamBuffer* (p. 755), *wxOutputStream* (p. 559)

## Functions

The functions defined in `wxWindows` are described here.

### File functions

#### Include files

`<wx/utils.h>`

#### See also

*wxPathList* (p. 576)

#### **::wxDirExists**

**bool wxDirExists(const wxString& *dirname*)**

Returns TRUE if the directory exists.

#### **::wxDos2UnixFilename**

**void Dos2UnixFilename(const wxString& *s*)**

Converts a DOS to a Unix filename by replacing backslashes with forward slashes.

#### **::wxFileExists**

**bool wxFileExists(const wxString& *filename*)**

Returns TRUE if the file exists. It also returns TRUE if the file is a directory.

#### **::wxFileNameFromPath**

**wxString wxFileNameFromPath(const wxString& *path*)**

**char\* wxFileNameFromPath(char\* *path*)**

Returns the filename for a full path. The second form returns a pointer to temporary storage that should not be deallocated.

#### **::wxFindFirstFile**

**wxString wxFindFirstFile(const char\*spec, int flags = 0)**

This function does directory searching; returns the first file that matches the path *spec*, or the empty string. Use *wxFindNextFile* (p. 965) to get the next matching file. Neither will report the current directory "." or the parent directory "..".

*spec* may contain wildcards.

*flags* may be *wxDIR* for restricting the query to directories, *wxFILE* for files or zero for either.

For example:

```
wxString f = wxFindFirstFile("/home/project/*.");
while ( !f.IsEmpty() )
{
    ...
    f = wxFindNextFile();
}
```

**::wxFindNextFile****wxString wxFindNextFile()**

Returns the next file that matches the path passed to *wxFindFirstFile* (p. 964).

See *wxFindFirstFile* (p. 964) for an example.

**::wxGetOSDirectory****wxString wxGetOSDirectory()**

Returns the Windows directory under Windows; on other platforms returns the empty string.

**::wxInitAllImageHandlers****void wxInitAllImageHandlers()**

Adds some common image format handlers, which, depending on *wxWindows* configuration, can be handlers for BMP (loading) (always installed), GIF (loading), PCX (loading), PNM (loading and saving as raw rgb), PNG (loading and saving), JPEG (loading and saving), file formats.

See also: *wxImage* (p. 402) *wxImageHandler* (p. 414)

**::wxIsAbsolutePath**

**bool wxIsAbsolutePath(const wxString& filename)**

Returns TRUE if the argument is an absolute filename, i.e. with a slash or drive name at the beginning.

**::wxPathOnly**

**wxString wxPathOnly(const wxString& path)**

Returns the directory part of the filename.

**::wxUnix2DosFilename**

**void wxUnix2DosFilename(const wxString& s)**

Converts a Unix to a DOS filename by replacing forward slashes with backslashes.

**::wxConcatFiles**

**bool wxConcatFiles(const wxString& file1, const wxString& file2, const wxString& file3)**

Concatenates *file1* and *file2* to *file3*, returning TRUE if successful.

**::wxCopyFile**

**bool wxCopyFile(const wxString& file1, const wxString& file2)**

Copies *file1* to *file2*, returning TRUE if successful.

**::wxGetCwd**

**wxString wxGetCwd()**

Returns a string containing the current (or working) directory.

**::wxGetWorkingDirectory**

**wxString wxGetWorkingDirectory(char\* buf=NULL, int sz=1000)**

This function is obsolete: use *wxGetCwd* (p. 966) instead.

Copies the current working directory into the buffer if supplied, or copies the working

directory into new storage (which you must delete yourself) if the buffer is NULL.

*sz* is the size of the buffer if supplied.

### **::wxGetTempFileName**

**char\* wxGetTempFileName(const wxString& *prefix*, char\* *buf*=NULL)**

Makes a temporary filename based on *prefix*, opens and closes the file, and places the name in *buf*. If *buf* is NULL, new store is allocated for the temporary filename using *new*.

Under Windows, the filename will include the drive and name of the directory allocated for temporary files (usually the contents of the TEMP variable). Under Unix, the `/tmp` directory is used.

It is the application's responsibility to create and delete the file.

### **::wxIsWild**

**bool wxIsWild(const wxString& *pattern*)**

Returns TRUE if the pattern contains wildcards. See *wxMatchWild* (p. 967).

### **::wxMatchWild**

**bool wxMatchWild(const wxString& *pattern*, const wxString& *text*, bool *dot\_special*)**

Returns TRUE if the *pattern* matches the *text*; if *dot\_special* is TRUE, filenames beginning with a dot are not matched with wildcard characters. See *wxIsWild* (p. 967).

### **::wxMkdir**

**bool wxMkdir(const wxString& *dir*, int *perm* = 0777)**

Makes the directory *dir*, returning TRUE if successful.

*perm* is the access mask for the directory for the systems on which it is supported (Unix) and doesn't have effect for the other ones.

### **::wxRemoveFile**

**bool wxRemoveFile(const wxString& *file*)**

Removes *file*, returning TRUE if successful.



**::wxRenameFile****bool wxRenameFile(const wxString& file1, const wxString& file2)**

Renames *file1* to *file2*, returning TRUE if successful.

**::wxRmdir****bool wxRmdir(const wxString& dir, int flags=0)**

Removes the directory *dir*, returning TRUE if successful. Does not work under VMS.

The *flags* parameter is reserved for future use.

**::wxSetWorkingDirectory****bool wxSetWorkingDirectory(const wxString& dir)**

Sets the current working directory, returning TRUE if the operation succeeded. Under MS Windows, the current drive is also changed if *dir* contains a drive specification.

**::wxSplitPath****void wxSplitPath(const char \* fullname, const wxString \* path, const wxString \* name, const wxString \* ext)**

This function splits a full file name into components: the path (including possible disk/drive specification under Windows), the base name and the extension. Any of the output parameters (*path*, *name* or *ext*) may be NULL if you are not interested in the value of a particular component.

`wxSplitPath()` will correctly handle filenames with both DOS and Unix path separators under Windows, however it will not consider backslashes as path separators under Unix (where backslash is a valid character in a filename).

On entry, *fullname* should be non NULL (it may be empty though).

On return, *path* contains the file path (without the trailing separator), *name* contains the file name and *ext* contains the file extension without leading dot. All three of them may be empty if the corresponding component is. The old contents of the strings pointed to by these parameters will be overwritten in any case (if the pointers are not NULL).

**::wxTransferFileToStream****bool wxTransferFileToStream(const wxString& filename, ostream& stream)**

Copies the given file to *stream*. Useful when converting an old application to use streams (within the document/view framework, for example).

Use of this function requires the file `wx_doc.h` to be included.

### **::wxTransferStreamToFile**

**bool wxTransferStreamToFile(istream& *stream* const wxString& *filename*)**

Copies the given stream to the file *filename*. Useful when converting an old application to use streams (within the document/view framework, for example).

Use of this function requires the file `wx_doc.h` to be included.

## **Network functions**

### **::wxGetFullHostName**

**wxString wxGetFullHostName()**

Returns the FQDN (fully qualified domain host name) or an empty string on error.

See also: *wxGetHostName* (p. 969)

#### **Include files**

`<wx/utils.h>`

### **::wxGetEmailAddress**

**bool wxGetEmailAddress(const wxString& *buf*, int *sz*)**

Copies the user's email address into the supplied buffer, by concatenating the values returned by *wxGetFullHostName* (p. 969) and *wxGetUserId* (p. 970).

Returns TRUE if successful, FALSE otherwise.

#### **Include files**

`<wx/utils.h>`

### **::wxGetHostName**

**wxString wxGetHostName()bool wxGetHostName(char \* *buf*, int *sz*)**

Copies the current host machine's name into the supplied buffer. Please note that the returned name is *not* fully qualified, i.e. it does not include the domain name.

Under Windows or NT, this function first looks in the environment variable `SYSTEM_NAME`; if this is not found, the entry **HostName** in the **wxWindows** section of the WIN.INI file is tried.

The first variant of this function returns the hostname if successful or an empty string otherwise. The second (deprecated) function returns TRUE if successful, FALSE otherwise.

See also: *wxGetFullHostName* (p. 969)

### Include files

<wx/utils.h>

### User identification

#### ::wxGetUserId

**wxString wxGetUserId()****bool wxGetUserId(char \* buf, int sz)**

This function returns the "user id" also known as "login name" under Unix i.e. something like "jsmith". It uniquely identifies the current user (on this system).

Under Windows or NT, this function first looks in the environment variables `USER` and `LOGNAME`; if neither of these is found, the entry **UserId** in the **wxWindows** section of the WIN.INI file is tried.

The first variant of this function returns the login name if successful or an empty string otherwise. The second (deprecated) function returns TRUE if successful, FALSE otherwise.

See also: *wxGetUserName* (p. 970)

### Include files

<wx/utils.h>

#### ::wxGetUserName

**wxString wxGetUserName()****bool wxGetUserName(char \* buf, int sz)**

This function returns the full user name (something like "Mr. John Smith").

Under Windows or NT, this function looks for the entry **UserName** in the **wxWindows** section of the WIN.INI file. If PenWindows is running, the entry **Current** in the section

**User** of the PENWIN.INI file is used.

The first variant of this function returns the user name if successful or an empty string otherwise. The second (deprecated) function returns TRUE if successful, FALSE otherwise.

See also: *wxGetUserId* (p. 970)

### Include files

<wx/utils.h>

## String functions

### ::copystring

**char\* copystring(const char\* s)**

Makes a copy of the string *s* using the C++ new operator, so it can be deleted with the *delete* operator.

### ::wxStringMatch

**bool wxStringMatch(const wxString& s1, const wxString& s2,  
bool subString = TRUE, bool exact = FALSE)**

Returns TRUE if the substring *s1* is found within *s2*, ignoring case if *exact* is FALSE. If *subString* is FALSE, no substring matching is done.

### ::wxStringEq

**bool wxStringEq(const wxString& s1, const wxString& s2)**

A macro defined as:

```
#define wxStringEq(s1, s2) (s1 && s2 && (strcmp(s1, s2) == 0))
```

### ::IsEmpty

**bool IsEmpty(const char \* p)**

Returns TRUE if the string is empty, FALSE otherwise. It is safe to pass NULL pointer to this function and it will return TRUE for it.

### ::Stricmp

**int Stricmp(const char \*p1, const char \*p2)**

Returns a negative value, 0, or positive value if *p1* is less than, equal to or greater than *p2*. The comparison is case-insensitive.

This function complements the standard C function *strcmp()* which performs case-sensitive comparison.

## **::Strlen**

**size\_t Strlen(const char \* p)**

This is a safe version of standard function *strlen()*: it does exactly the same thing (i.e. returns the length of the string) except that it returns 0 if *p* is the NULL pointer.

## **::wxGetTranslation**

**const char \* wxGetTranslation(const char \* str)**

This function returns the translation of string *str* in the current *locale* (p. 476). If the string is not found in any of the loaded message catalogs (see *i18n overview* (p. 1111)), the original string is returned. In debug build, an error message is logged - this should help to find the strings which were not yet translated. As this function is used very often, an alternative syntax is provided: the *\_()* macro is defined as *wxGetTranslation()*.

## **Dialog functions**

Below are a number of convenience functions for getting input from the user or displaying messages. Note that in these functions the last three parameters are optional. However, it is recommended to pass a parent frame parameter, or (in MS Windows or Motif) the wrong window frame may be brought to the front when the dialog box is popped up.

## **::wxCreateFileTipProvider**

**wxTipProvider \* wxCreateFileTipProvider(const wxString& filename, size\_t currentTip)**

This function creates a *wxTipProvider* (p. 860) which may be used with *wxShowTip* (p. 977).

*filename*

The name of the file containing the tips, one per line

*currentTip*

The index of the first tip to show - normally this index is remembered between the 2 program runs.

**See also:**

*Tips overview* (p. 1115)

**Include files**

<wx/tipdlg.h>

**::wxFileSelector**

```
wxString wxFileSelector(const wxString& message, const wxString& default_path =  
    "",  
    const wxString& default_filename = "", const wxString& default_extension = "",  
    const wxString& wildcard = "*.*", int flags = 0, wxWindow *parent = "",  
    int x = -1, int y = -1)
```

Pops up a file selector box. In Windows, this is the common file selector dialog. In X, this is a file selector box with somewhat less functionality. The path and filename are distinct elements of a full file pathname. If path is empty, the current directory will be used. If filename is empty, no default filename will be supplied. The wildcard determines what files are displayed in the file selector, and file extension supplies a type extension for the required filename. Flags may be a combination of wxOPEN, wxSAVE, wxOVERWRITE\_PROMPT, wxHIDE\_READONLY, or 0.

Both the Unix and Windows versions implement a wildcard filter. Typing a filename containing wildcards (\*, ?) in the filename text item, and clicking on Ok, will result in only those files matching the pattern being displayed.

The wildcard may be a specification for multiple types of file with a description for each, such as:

```
"BMP files (*.bmp)|*.bmp|GIF files (*.gif)|*.gif"
```

The application must check for an empty return value (the user pressed Cancel). For example:

```
const wxString& s = wxFileSelector("Choose a file to open");  
if (s)  
{  
    ...  
}
```

**Include files**

<wx/filedlg.h>

**::wxGetNumberFromUser**

```
long wxGetNumberFromUser( const wxString& message, const wxString& prompt,  
const wxString& caption, long value, long min = 0, long max = 100, wxWindow  
*parent = NULL, const wxPoint& pos = wxDefaultPosition)
```

Shows a dialog asking the user for numeric input. The dialog's title is set to *caption*, it contains a (possibly) multiline *message* above the single line *prompt* and the zone for entering the number.

The number entered must be in the range *min*..*max* (both of which should be positive) and *value* is the initial value of it. If the user enters an invalid value or cancels the dialog, the function will return -1.

Dialog is centered on its *parent* unless an explicit position is given in *pos*.

#### Include files

```
<wx/textdlg.h>
```

#### ::wxGetTextFromUser

```
wxString wxGetTextFromUser(const wxString& message, const wxString& caption  
= "Input text",  
const wxString& default_value = "", wxWindow *parent = NULL,  
int x = -1, int y = -1, bool centre = TRUE)
```

Pop up a dialog box with title set to *caption*, message *message*, and a *default\_value*. The user may type in text and press OK to return this text, or press Cancel to return the empty string.

If *centre* is TRUE, the message text (which may include new line characters) is centred; if FALSE, the message is left-justified.

#### Include files

```
<wx/textdlg.h>
```

#### ::wxGetMultipleChoice

```
int wxGetMultipleChoice(const wxString& message, const wxString& caption, int n,  
const wxString& choices[],  
int nsel, int *selection, wxWindow *parent = NULL, int x = -1, int y = -1,  
bool centre = TRUE, int width=150, int height=200)
```

Pops up a dialog box containing a message, OK/Cancel buttons and a multiple-selection listbox. The user may choose one or more item(s) and press OK or Cancel.

The number of initially selected choices, and array of the selected indices, are passed in; this array will contain the user selections on exit, with the function returning the number of selections. *selection* must be as big as the number of choices, in case all are

selected.

If Cancel is pressed, -1 is returned.

*choices* is an array of *n* strings for the listbox.

If *centre* is TRUE, the message text (which may include new line characters) is centred; if FALSE, the message is left-justified.

### Include files

<wx/choicdlg.h>

### ::wxGetSingleChoice

```
wxString wxGetSingleChoice(const wxString& message, const wxString& caption,  
int n, const wxString& choices[],  
wxWindow *parent = NULL, int x = -1, int y = -1,  
bool centre = TRUE, int width=150, int height=200)
```

Pops up a dialog box containing a message, OK/Cancel buttons and a single-selection listbox. The user may choose an item and press OK to return a string or Cancel to return the empty string.

*choices* is an array of *n* strings for the listbox.

If *centre* is TRUE, the message text (which may include new line characters) is centred; if FALSE, the message is left-justified.

### Include files

<wx/choicdlg.h>

### ::wxGetSingleChoiceIndex

```
int wxGetSingleChoiceIndex(const wxString& message, const wxString& caption,  
int n, const wxString& choices[],  
wxWindow *parent = NULL, int x = -1, int y = -1,  
bool centre = TRUE, int width=150, int height=200)
```

As **wxGetSingleChoice** but returns the index representing the selected string. If the user pressed cancel, -1 is returned.

### Include files

<wx/choicdlg.h>



**::wxGetSingleChoiceData**

```
wxString wxGetSingleChoiceData(const wxString& message, const wxString&
caption, int n, const wxString& choices[],
const wxString& client_data[], wxWindow *parent = NULL, int x = -1,
int y = -1, bool centre = TRUE, int width=150, int height=200)
```

As **wxGetSingleChoice** but takes an array of client data pointers corresponding to the strings, and returns one of these pointers.

**Include files**

```
<wx/choicdlg.h>
```

**::wxMessageBox**

```
int wxMessageBox(const wxString& message, const wxString& caption =
"Message", int style = wxOK | wxCENTRE,
wxWindow *parent = NULL, int x = -1, int y = -1)
```

General purpose message dialog. *style* may be a bit list of the following identifiers:

<b>wxYES_NO</b>	Puts Yes and No buttons on the message box. May be combined with <b>wxCANCEL</b> .
<b>wxCANCEL</b>	Puts a Cancel button on the message box. May be combined with <b>wxYES_NO</b> or <b>wxOK</b> .
<b>wxOK</b>	Puts an Ok button on the message box. May be combined with <b>wxCANCEL</b> .
<b>wxCENTRE</b>	Centres the text.
<b>wxICON_EXCLAMATION</b>	Under Windows, displays an exclamation mark symbol.
<b>wxICON_HAND</b>	Under Windows, displays a hand symbol.
<b>wxICON_QUESTION</b>	Under Windows, displays a question mark symbol.
<b>wxICON_INFORMATION</b>	Under Windows, displays an information symbol.

The return value is one of: **wxYES**, **wxNO**, **wxCANCEL**, **wxOK**.

For example:

```
...
int answer = wxMessageBox("Quit program?", "Confirm",
                           wxYES_NO | wxCANCEL, main_frame);
if (answer == wxYES)
    delete main_frame;
...
```

*message* may contain newline characters, in which case the message will be split into separate lines, to cater for large messages.

Under Windows, the native **MessageBox** function is used unless **wxCENTRE** is specified

in the style, in which case a generic function is used. This is because the native `MessageBox` function cannot centre text. The symbols are not shown when the generic function is used.

#### Include files

<wx/msgdlg.h>

### ::wxShowTip

**bool wxShowTip(wxWindow \*parent, wxTipProvider \*tipProvider, bool showAtStartup = TRUE)**

This function shows a "startup tip" to the user.

*parent*

The parent window for the modal dialog

*tipProvider*

An object which is used to get the text of the tips. It may be created with the *wxCreateFileTipProvider* (p. 972) function.

*showAtStartup*

Should be TRUE if startup tips are shown, FALSE otherwise. This is used as the initial value for "Show tips at startup" checkbox which is shown in the tips dialog.

#### See also:

*Tips overview* (p. 1115)

#### Include files

<wx/tipdlg.h>

### GDI functions

The following are relevant to the GDI (Graphics Device Interface).

#### Include files

<wx/gdicmn.h>

### ::wxColourDisplay

**bool wxColourDisplay()**

Returns TRUE if the display is colour, FALSE otherwise.

**::wxDisplayDepth****int wxDisplayDepth()**

Returns the depth of the display (a value of 1 denotes a monochrome display).

**::wxMakeMetafilePlaceable****bool wxMakeMetafilePlaceable(const wxString& filename, int minX, int minY, int maxX, int maxY, float scale=1.0)**

Given a filename for an existing, valid metafile (as constructed using *wxMetafileDC* (p. 523)) makes it into a placeable metafile by prepending a header containing the given bounding box. The bounding box may be obtained from a device context after drawing into it, using the functions *wxDC::MinX*, *wxDC::MinY*, *wxDC::MaxX* and *wxDC::MaxY*.

In addition to adding the placeable metafile header, this function adds the equivalent of the following code to the start of the metafile data:

```
SetMapMode(dc, MM_ANISOTROPIC);  
SetWindowOrg(dc, minX, minY);  
SetWindowExt(dc, maxX - minX, maxY - minY);
```

This simulates the *wxMM\_TEXT* mapping mode, which *wxWindows* assumes.

Placeable metafiles may be imported by many Windows applications, and can be used in RTF (Rich Text Format) files.

*scale* allows the specification of scale for the metafile.

This function is only available under Windows.

**::wxSetCursor****void wxSetCursor(wxCursor \*cursor)**

Globally sets the cursor; only has an effect in Windows and GTK. See also *wxCursor* (p. 135), *wxWindow::SetCursor* (p. 952).

**Printer settings**

These routines are obsolete and should no longer be used!

The following functions are used to control PostScript printing. Under Windows, PostScript output can only be sent to a file.

**Include files**

<wx/dcps.h>

### **::wxGetPrinterCommand**

**wxString wxGetPrinterCommand()**

Gets the printer command used to print a file. The default is `lpr`.

### **::wxGetPrinterFile**

**wxString wxGetPrinterFile()**

Gets the PostScript output filename.

### **::wxGetPrinterMode**

**int wxGetPrinterMode()**

Gets the printing mode controlling where output is sent (PS\_PREVIEW, PS\_FILE or PS\_PRINTER). The default is PS\_PREVIEW.

### **::wxGetPrinterOptions**

**wxString wxGetPrinterOptions()**

Gets the additional options for the print command (e.g. specific printer). The default is nothing.

### **::wxGetPrinterOrientation**

**int wxGetPrinterOrientation()**

Gets the orientation (PS\_PORTRAIT or PS\_LANDSCAPE). The default is PS\_PORTRAIT.

### **::wxGetPrinterPreviewCommand**

**wxString wxGetPrinterPreviewCommand()**

Gets the command used to view a PostScript file. The default depends on the platform.

### **::wxGetPrinterScaling**

**void wxGetPrinterScaling(float \*x, float \*y)**

Gets the scaling factor for PostScript output. The default is 1.0, 1.0.

**::wxGetPrinterTranslation**

**void wxGetPrinterTranslation(float \*x, float \*y)**

Gets the translation (from the top left corner) for PostScript output. The default is 0.0, 0.0.

**::wxSetPrinterCommand**

**void wxSetPrinterCommand(const wxString& *command*)**

Sets the printer command used to print a file. The default is `lpr`.

**::wxSetPrinterFile**

**void wxSetPrinterFile(const wxString& *filename*)**

Sets the PostScript output filename.

**::wxSetPrinterMode**

**void wxSetPrinterMode(int *mode*)**

Sets the printing mode controlling where output is sent (PS\_PREVIEW, PS\_FILE or PS\_PRINTER). The default is PS\_PREVIEW.

**::wxSetPrinterOptions**

**void wxSetPrinterOptions(const wxString& *options*)**

Sets the additional options for the print command (e.g. specific printer). The default is nothing.

**::wxSetPrinterOrientation**

**void wxSetPrinterOrientation(int *orientation*)**

Sets the orientation (PS\_PORTRAIT or PS\_LANDSCAPE). The default is PS\_PORTRAIT.

**::wxSetPrinterPreviewCommand****void wxSetPrinterPreviewCommand(const wxString& *command*)**

Sets the command used to view a PostScript file. The default depends on the platform.

**::wxSetPrinterScaling****void wxSetPrinterScaling(float *x*, float *y*)**

Sets the scaling factor for PostScript output. The default is 1.0, 1.0.

**::wxSetPrinterTranslation****void wxSetPrinterTranslation(float *x*, float *y*)**

Sets the translation (from the top left corner) for PostScript output. The default is 0.0, 0.0.

**Clipboard functions**

These clipboard functions are implemented for Windows only.

**Include files**

<wx/clipbrd.h>

**::wxClipboardOpen****bool wxClipboardOpen()**

Returns TRUE if this application has already opened the clipboard.

**::wxCloseClipboard****bool wxCloseClipboard()**

Closes the clipboard to allow other applications to use it.

**::wxEmptyClipboard****bool wxEmptyClipboard()**

Empties the clipboard.

**::wxEnumClipboardFormats****int wxEnumClipboardFormats(int *dataFormat*)**

Enumerates the formats found in a list of available formats that belong to the clipboard. Each call to this function specifies a known available format; the function returns the format that appears next in the list.

*dataFormat* specifies a known format. If this parameter is zero, the function returns the first format in the list.

The return value specifies the next known clipboard data format if the function is successful. It is zero if the *dataFormat* parameter specifies the last format in the list of available formats, or if the clipboard is not open.

Before it enumerates the formats function, an application must open the clipboard by using the `wxOpenClipboard` function.

**::wxGetClipboardData****wxObject \* wxGetClipboardData(int *dataFormat*)**

Gets data from the clipboard.

*dataFormat* may be one of:

- `wxCF_TEXT` or `wxCF_OEMTEXT`: returns a pointer to new memory containing a null-terminated text string.
- `wxCF_BITMAP`: returns a new `wxBitmap`.

The clipboard must have previously been opened for this call to succeed.

**::wxGetClipboardFormatName****bool wxGetClipboardFormatName(int *dataFormat*, const wxString& *formatName*, int *maxCount*)**

Gets the name of a registered clipboard format, and puts it into the buffer *formatName* which is of maximum length *maxCount*. *dataFormat* must not specify a predefined clipboard format.

**::wxIsClipboardFormatAvailable****bool wxIsClipboardFormatAvailable(int *dataFormat*)**

Returns TRUE if the given data format is available on the clipboard.

### **::wxOpenClipboard**

**bool wxOpenClipboard()**

Opens the clipboard for passing data to it or getting data from it.

### **::wxRegisterClipboardFormat**

**int wxRegisterClipboardFormat(const wxString& *formatName*)**

Registers the clipboard data format name and returns an identifier.

### **::wxSetClipboardData**

**bool wxSetClipboardData(int *dataFormat*, wxObject \**data*, int *width*, int *height*)**

Passes data to the clipboard.

*dataFormat* may be one of:

- `wxCF_TEXT` or `wxCF_OEMTEXT`: *data* is a null-terminated text string.
- `wxCF_BITMAP`: *data* is a `wxBitmap`.
- `wxCF_DIB`: *data* is a `wxBitmap`. The bitmap is converted to a DIB (device independent bitmap).
- `wxCF_METAFILE`: *data* is a `wxMetafile`. *width* and *height* are used to give recommended dimensions.

The clipboard must have previously been opened for this call to succeed.

## **Miscellaneous functions**

### **::wxNewId**

**long wxNewId()**

Generates an integer identifier unique to this run of the program.

### **Include files**

<wx/utils.h>

### **::wxRegisterId**



**void wxRegisterId(long id)**

Ensures that ids subsequently generated by **NewId** do not clash with the given **id**.

**Include files**

<wx/utils.h>

**::wxBeginBusyCursor****void wxBeginBusyCursor(wxCursor \*cursor = wxHOURLASS\_CURSOR)**

Changes the cursor to the given cursor for all windows in the application. Use *wxEndBusyCursor* (p. 987) to revert the cursor back to its previous state. These two calls can be nested, and a counter ensures that only the outer calls take effect.

See also *wxIsBusy* (p. 993), *wxBusyCursor* (p. 67).

**Include files**

<wx/utils.h>

**::wxBell****void wxBell()**

Ring the system bell.

**Include files**

<wx/utils.h>

**::wxCreateDynamicObject****wxObject \* wxCreateDynamicObject(const wxString& className)**

Creates and returns an object of the given class, if the class has been registered with the dynamic class system using **DECLARE...** and **IMPLEMENT...** macros.

**::wxDDECleanUp****void wxDDECleanUp()**

Called when *wxWindows* exits, to clean up the DDE system. This no longer needs to be called by the application.

See also `helprefwxDDEInitializewxddeinitialize`.

#### Include files

<wx/dde.h>

### **::wxDDEInitialize**

**void wxDDEInitialize()**

Initializes the DDE system. May be called multiple times without harm.

This no longer needs to be called by the application: it will be called by `wxWindows` if necessary.

See also `wxDDEServer` (p. 186), `wxDDEClient` (p. 181), `wxDDEConnection` (p. 182), `wxDDECleanUp` (p. 984).

#### Include files

<wx/dde.h>

### **::wxDebugMsg**

**void wxDebugMsg(const wxString& *fmt*, ...)**

Display a debugging message; under Windows, this will appear on the debugger command window, and under Unix, it will be written to standard error.

The syntax is identical to **printf**: pass a format string and a variable list of arguments.

Note that under Windows, you can see the debugging messages without a debugger if you have the DBWIN debug log application that comes with Microsoft C++.

**Tip:** under Windows, if your application crashes before the message appears in the debugging window, put a `wxYield` call after each `wxDebugMsg` call. `wxDebugMsg` seems to be broken under WIN32s (at least for Watcom C++): preformat your messages and use `OutputDebugString` instead.

This function is now obsolete, replaced by *Log functions* (p. 1010).

#### Include files

<wx/utils.h>

### **::wxDisplaySize**

**void wxDisplaySize(int \*width, int \*height)**

Gets the physical size of the display in pixels.

**Include files**

<wx/gdicmn.h>

**::wxEnableTopLevelWindows**

**void wxEnableTopLevelWindow(bool enable = TRUE)**

This function enables or disables all top level windows. It is used by `::wxSafeYield` (p. 995).

**Include files**

<wx/utils.h>

**::wxEntry**

This initializes wxWindows in a platform-dependent way. Use this if you are not using the default wxWindows entry code (e.g. `main` or `WinMain`). For example, you can initialize wxWindows from an Microsoft Foundation Classes application using this function.

**void wxEntry(HANDLE hInstance, HANDLE hPrevInstance, const wxString& commandLine, int cmdShow, bool enterLoop = TRUE)**

wxWindows initialization under Windows (non-DLL). If `enterLoop` is `FALSE`, the function will return immediately after calling `wxApp::OnInit`. Otherwise, the wxWindows message loop will be entered.

**void wxEntry(HANDLE hInstance, HANDLE hPrevInstance, WORD wDataSegment, WORD wHeapSize, const wxString& commandLine)**

wxWindows initialization under Windows (for applications constructed as a DLL).

**int wxEntry(int argc, const wxString& \*argv)**

wxWindows initialization under Unix.

**Remarks**

To clean up wxWindows, call `wxApp::OnExit` followed by the static function `wxApp::CleanUp`. For example, if exiting from an MFC application that also uses wxWindows:

```
int CTheApp::ExitInstance()  
{
```

```
// OnExit isn't called by CleanUp so must be called explicitly.
wxTheApp->OnExit();
wxApp::CleanUp();

return CWinApp::ExitInstance();
}
```

### Include files

<wx/app.h>

### ::wxEndBusyCursor

**void wxEndBusyCursor()**

Changes the cursor back to the original cursor, for all windows in the application. Use with *wxBeginBusyCursor* (p. 984).

See also *wxIsBusy* (p. 993), *wxBusyCursor* (p. 67).

### Include files

<wx/utils.h>

### ::wxError

**void wxError(const wxString& msg, const wxString& title = "wxWindows Internal Error")**

Displays *msg* and continues. This writes to standard error under Unix, and pops up a message box under Windows. Used for internal wxWindows errors. See also *wxFatalError* (p. 988).

### Include files

<wx/utils.h>

### ::wxExecute

**long wxExecute(const wxString& command, bool sync = FALSE, wxProcess \*callback = NULL)**

**long wxExecute(char \*\*argv, bool sync = FALSE, wxProcess \*callback = NULL)**

Executes another program in Unix or Windows.

The first form takes a command string, such as "emacs file.txt".

The second form takes an array of values: a command, any number of arguments, terminated by NULL.

If *sync* is FALSE (the default), flow of control immediately returns. If TRUE, the current application waits until the other program has terminated.

In the case of synchronous execution, the return value is the exit code of the process (which terminates by the moment the function returns) and will be -1 if the process couldn't be started and typically 0 if the process terminated successfully. Also, while waiting for the process to terminate, *wxExecute* will call *wxYield* (p. 999). The caller should ensure that this can cause no recursion, in the simplest case by calling *wxEnableTopLevelWindows(FALSE)* (p. 986).

For asynchronous execution, however, the return value is the process id and zero value indicates that the command could not be executed.

If callback isn't NULL and if execution is asynchronous (note that callback parameter can not be non NULL for synchronous execution), *wxProcess::OnTerminate* (p. 616) will be called when the process finishes.

See also *wxShell* (p. 995), *wxProcess* (p. 615).

#### **Include files**

<wx/utils.h>

#### **::wxExit**

**void wxExit()**

Exits application after calling *wxApp::OnExit* (p. 10). Should only be used in an emergency: normally the top-level frame should be deleted (after deleting all other frames) to terminate the application. See *wxWindow::OnCloseWindow* (p. 937) and *wxApp* (p. 6).

#### **Include files**

<wx/app.h>

#### **::wxFatalError**

**void wxFatalError(const wxString& msg, const wxString& title = "wxWindows Fatal Error")**

Displays *msg* and exits. This writes to standard error under Unix, and pops up a message box under Windows. Used for fatal internal wxWindows errors. See also *wxError* (p. 987).

#### **Include files**

<wx/utils.h>

### **::wxFindMenuItemId**

**int wxFindMenuItemId**(wxFrame \**frame*, const wxString& *menuString*, const wxString& *itemString*)

Find a menu item identifier associated with the given frame's menu bar.

#### **Include files**

<wx/utils.h>

### **::wxFindWindowByLabel**

**wxWindow \* wxFindWindowByLabel**(const wxString& *label*, wxWindow \**parent*=NULL)

Find a window by its label. Depending on the type of window, the label may be a window title or panel item label. If *parent* is NULL, the search will start from all top-level frames and dialog boxes; if non-NULL, the search will be limited to the given window hierarchy. The search is recursive in both cases.

#### **Include files**

<wx/utils.h>

### **::wxFindWindowByName**

**wxWindow \* wxFindWindowByName**(const wxString& *name*, wxWindow \**parent*=NULL)

Find a window by its name (as given in a window constructor or **Create** function call). If *parent* is NULL, the search will start from all top-level frames and dialog boxes; if non-NULL, the search will be limited to the given window hierarchy. The search is recursive in both cases.

If no such named window is found, **wxFindWindowByLabel** is called.

#### **Include files**

<wx/utils.h>

### **::wxGetActiveWindow**

**wxWindow \* wxGetActiveWindow()**

Gets the currently active window (Windows only).

**Include files**

<wx/windows.h>

**::wxGetDisplayName****wxString wxGetDisplayName()**

Under X only, returns the current display name. See also *wxSetDisplayName* (p. 995).

**Include files**

<wx/utils.h>

**::wxGetHomeDir****wxString wxGetHomeDir(const wxString& buf)**

Fills the buffer with a string representing the user's home directory (Unix only).

**Include files**

<wx/utils.h>

**::wxGetHostName****bool wxGetHostName(const wxString& buf, int bufSize)**

Copies the host name of the machine the program is running on into the buffer *buf*, of maximum size *bufSize*, returning TRUE if successful. Under Unix, this will return a machine name. Under Windows, this returns "windows".

**Include files**

<wx/utils.h>

**::wxGetElapsedTime****long wxGetElapsedTime(bool resetTimer = TRUE)**

Gets the time in milliseconds since the last *::wxStartTimer* (p. 996).

If *resetTimer* is TRUE (the default), the timer is reset to zero by this call.

See also *wxTimer* (p. 858).

#### Include files

<wx/timer.h>

### **::wxGetFreeMemory**

**long wxGetFreeMemory()**

Returns the amount of free memory in Kbytes under environments which support it, and -1 if not supported. Currently, returns a positive value under Windows, and -1 under Unix.

#### Include files

<wx/utils.h>

### **::wxGetMousePosition**

**void wxGetMousePosition(int\* x, int\* y)**

Returns the mouse position in screen coordinates.

#### Include files

<wx/utils.h>

### **::wxGetOsVersion**

**int wxGetOsVersion(int \*major = NULL, int \*minor = NULL)**

Gets operating system version information.

Platform	Return types
Macintosh	Return value is wxMACINTOSH.
GTK	Return value is wxGTK, <i>major</i> is 1, <i>minor</i> is 0. (for GTK 1.0.X)
Motif	Return value is wxMOTIF_X, <i>major</i> is X version, <i>minor</i> is X revision.
OS/2	Return value is wxOS2_PM.
Windows 3.1	Return value is wxWINDOWS, <i>major</i> is 3, <i>minor</i> is 1.
Windows NT	Return value is wxWINDOWS_NT, <i>major</i> is 3, <i>minor</i> is 1.
Windows 95	Return value is wxWIN95, <i>major</i> is 3, <i>minor</i> is 1.
Win32s (Windows 3.1)	Return value is wxWIN32S, <i>major</i> is 3, <i>minor</i> is 1.



Watcom C++ 386 supervisor mode (Windows 3.1) Return value is `wxWIN386`, *major* is 3, *minor* is 1.

### Include files

<wx/utils.h>

### ::wxGetResource

**bool wxGetResource(const wxString& section, const wxString& entry, const wxString& \*value, const wxString& file = NULL)**

**bool wxGetResource(const wxString& section, const wxString& entry, float \*value, const wxString& file = NULL)**

**bool wxGetResource(const wxString& section, const wxString& entry, long \*value, const wxString& file = NULL)**

**bool wxGetResource(const wxString& section, const wxString& entry, int \*value, const wxString& file = NULL)**

Gets a resource value from the resource database (for example, WIN.INI, or .Xdefaults). If *file* is NULL, WIN.INI or .Xdefaults is used, otherwise the specified file is used.

Under X, if an application class (`wxApp::GetClassName`) has been defined, it is appended to the string `/usr/lib/X11/app-defaults/` to try to find an applications default file when merging all resource databases.

The reason for passing the result in an argument is that it can be convenient to define a default value, which gets overridden if the value exists in the resource file. It saves a separate test for that resource's existence, and it also allows the overloading of the function for different types.

See also `wxWriteResource` (p. 998), `wxConfigBase` (p. 117).

### Include files

<wx/utils.h>

### ::wxGetUserId

**bool wxGetUserId(const wxString& buf, int bufSize)**

Copies the user's login identity (such as "jacs") into the buffer *buf*, of maximum size *bufSize*, returning TRUE if successful. Under Windows, this returns "user".

### Include files

<wx/utils.h>

## **::wxGetUserName**

**bool wxGetUserName(const wxString& buf, int bufSize)**

Copies the user's name (such as "Julian Smart") into the buffer *buf*, of maximum size *bufSize*, returning TRUE if successful. Under Windows, this returns "unknown".

### **Include files**

<wx/utils.h>

## **::wxKill**

**int wxKill(long pid, int sig)**

Under Unix (the only supported platform), equivalent to the Unix kill function. Returns 0 on success, -1 on failure.

Tip: sending a signal of 0 to a process returns -1 if the process does not exist. It does not raise a signal in the receiving process.

### **Include files**

<wx/utils.h>

## **::wxIsBusy**

**bool wxIsBusy()**

Returns TRUE if between two *wxBeginBusyCursor* (p. 984) and *wxEndBusyCursor* (p. 987) calls.

See also *wxBusyCursor* (p. 67).

### **Include files**

<wx/utils.h>

## **::wxLoadUserResource**

**wxString wxLoadUserResource(const wxString& resourceName, const wxString& resourceType="TEXT")**

Loads a user-defined Windows resource as a string. If the resource is found, the function

creates a new character array and copies the data into it. A pointer to this data is returned. If unsuccessful, NULL is returned.

The resource must be defined in the `.rc` file using the following syntax:

```
myResource TEXT file.ext
```

where `file.ext` is a file that the resource compiler can find.

One use of this is to store `.wxr` files instead of including the data in the C++ file; some compilers cannot cope with the long strings in a `.wxr` file. The resource data can then be parsed using `wxResourceParseString` (p. 1009).

This function is available under Windows only.

### **Include files**

```
<wx/utils.h>
```

### **::wxNow**

**wxString wxNow()**

Returns a string representing the current date and time.

### **Include files**

```
<wx/utils.h>
```

### **::wxPostDelete**

**void wxPostDelete(wxObject \*object)**

Tells the system to delete the specified object when all other events have been processed. In some environments, it is necessary to use this instead of deleting a frame directly with the delete operator, because some GUIs will still send events to a deleted window.

Now obsolete: use `wxWindow::Close` (p. 919) instead.

### **Include files**

```
<wx/utils.h>
```

### **::wxPostEvent**

**void wxPostEvent(wxEvtHandler \*dest, wxEvent& event)**

This function posts the event to the specified *dest* object. The difference between sending an event and posting it is that in the first case the event is processed before the function returns (in `wxWindows`, event sending is done with *ProcessEvent* (p. 243) function), but in the second, the function returns immediately and the event will be processed sometime later - usually during the next even loop iteration.

Note that a copy of the *event* is made by the function, so the original copy can be deleted as soon as function returns. This function can also be used to send events between different threads safely.

#### **Include files**

`<wx/app.h>`

#### **::wxSafeYield**

**bool wxSafeYield(wxWindow\* win = NULL)**

This function is similar to `wxYield`, except that it disables the user input to all program windows before calling `wxYield` and re-enables it again afterwards. If *win* is not `NULL`, this window will remain enabled, allowing the implementation of some limited user interaction.

Returns the result of the call to `::wxYield` (p. 999).

#### **Include files**

`<wx/utils.h>`

#### **::wxSetDisplayName**

**void wxSetDisplayName(const wxString& displayName)**

Under X only, sets the current display name. This is the X host and display name such as "colonsay:0.0", and the function indicates which display should be used for creating windows from this point on. Setting the display within an application allows multiple displays to be used.

See also `wxGetDisplayName` (p. 990).

#### **Include files**

`<wx/utils.h>`

#### **::wxShell**

**bool wxShell(const wxString& command = NULL)**

Executes a command in an interactive shell window. If no command is specified, then just the shell is spawned.

See also *wxExecute* (p. 987).

**Include files**

<wx/utils.h>

**::wxSleep**

**void wxSleep(int secs)**

Sleeps for the specified number of seconds.

**Include files**

<wx/utils.h>

**::wxStripMenuCodes**

**wxString wxStripMenuCodes(const wxString& in)**

**void wxStripMenuCodes(char\* in, char\* out)**

Strips any menu codes from *in* and places the result in *out* (or returns the new string, in the first form).

Menu codes include & (mark the next character with an underline as a keyboard shortcut in Windows and Motif) and \t (tab in Windows).

**Include files**

<wx/utils.h>

**::wxStartTimer**

**void wxStartTimer()**

Starts a stopwatch; use *::wxGetElapsedTime* (p. 990) to get the elapsed time.

See also *wxTimer* (p. 858).

**Include files**

<wx/timer.h>

### **::wxToLower**

**char wxToLower(char ch)**

Converts the character to lower case. This is implemented as a macro for efficiency.

#### **Include files**

<wx/utils.h>

### **::wxToUpper**

**char wxToUpper(char ch)**

Converts the character to upper case. This is implemented as a macro for efficiency.

#### **Include files**

<wx/utils.h>

### **::wxTrace**

**void wxTrace(const wxString& fmt, ...)**

Takes printf-style variable argument syntax. Output is directed to the current output stream (see *wxDebugContext* (p. 1061)).

This function is now obsolete, replaced by *Log functions* (p. 1010).

#### **Include files**

<wx/memory.h>

### **::wxTraceLevel**

**void wxTraceLevel(int level, const wxString& fmt, ...)**

Takes printf-style variable argument syntax. Output is directed to the current output stream (see *wxDebugContext* (p. 1061)). The first argument should be the level at which this information is appropriate. It will only be output if the level returned by *wxDebugContext::GetLevel* is equal to or greater than this value.

This function is now obsolete, replaced by *Log functions* (p. 1010).

**Include files**

<wx/memory.h>

**::wxUsleep**

**void wxUsleep(unsigned long *milliseconds*)**

Sleeps for the specified number of milliseconds. Notice that usage of this function is encouraged instead of calling `usleep(3)` directly because the standard `usleep()` function is not MT safe.

**Include files**

<wx/utils.h>

**::wxWriteResource**

**bool wxWriteResource(const wxString& *section*, const wxString& *entry*, const wxString& *value*, const wxString& *file* = NULL)**

**bool wxWriteResource(const wxString& *section*, const wxString& *entry*, float *value*, const wxString& *file* = NULL)**

**bool wxWriteResource(const wxString& *section*, const wxString& *entry*, long *value*, const wxString& *file* = NULL)**

**bool wxWriteResource(const wxString& *section*, const wxString& *entry*, int *value*, const wxString& *file* = NULL)**

Writes a resource value into the resource database (for example, WIN.INI, or .Xdefaults). If *file* is NULL, WIN.INI or .Xdefaults is used, otherwise the specified file is used.

Under X, the resource databases are cached until the internal function **wxFlushResources** is called automatically on exit, when all updated resource databases are written to their files.

Note that it is considered bad manners to write to the .Xdefaults file under Unix, although the WIN.INI file is fair game under Windows.

See also `wxGetResource` (p. 992), `wxConfigBase` (p. 117).

**Include files**

<wx/utils.h>

**::wxYield****bool wxYield()**

Yields control to pending messages in the windowing system. This can be useful, for example, when a time-consuming process writes to a text window. Without an occasional yield, the text window will not be updated properly, and (since Windows multitasking is cooperative) other processes will not respond.

Caution should be exercised, however, since yielding may allow the user to perform actions which are not compatible with the current task. Disabling menu items or whole menus during processing can avoid unwanted reentrance of code: see *::wxSafeYield* (p. 995) for a better function.

**Include files**

<wx/app.h> or <wx/utils.h>

**Macros**

These macros are defined in *wxWindows*.

**wxINTXX\_SWAP\_ALWAYS**

**wxInt32 wxINT32\_SWAP\_ALWAYS(wxInt32 value)**

**wxUInt32 wxUINT32\_SWAP\_ALWAYS(wxUInt32 value)**

**wxInt16 wxINT16\_SWAP\_ALWAYS(wxInt16 value)**

**wxUInt16 wxUINT16\_SWAP\_ALWAYS(wxUInt16 value)**

This macro will swap the bytes of the *value* variable from little endian to big endian or vice versa.

**wxINTXX\_SWAP\_ON\_BE**

**wxInt32 wxINT32\_SWAP\_ON\_BE(wxInt32 value)**

**wxUInt32 wxUINT32\_SWAP\_ON\_BE(wxUInt32 value)**

**wxInt16 wxINT16\_SWAP\_ON\_BE(wxInt16 value)**

**wxUInt16 wxUINT16\_SWAP\_ON\_BE(wxUInt16 value)**

This macro will swap the bytes of the *value* variable from little endian to big endian or vice versa if the program is compiled on a big-endian architecture (such as Sun work stations). If the program has been compiled on a little-endian architecture, the value will



be unchanged.

Use these macros to read data from and write data to a file that stores data in little endian (Intel i386) format.

### **wxINTXX\_SWAP\_ON\_LE**

**wxInt32 wxINT32\_SWAP\_ON\_LE(wxInt32 value)**

**wxUInt32 wxUINT32\_SWAP\_ON\_LE(wxUInt32 value)**

**wxInt16 wxINT16\_SWAP\_ON\_LE(wxInt16 value)**

**wxUInt16 wxUINT16\_SWAP\_ON\_LE(wxUInt16 value)**

This macro will swap the bytes of the *value* variable from little endian to big endian or vice versa if the program is compiled on a little-endian architecture (such as Intel PCs). If the program has been compiled on a big-endian architecture, the value will be unchanged.

Use these macros to read data from and write data to a file that stores data in big endian format.

### **CLASSINFO**

**wxClassInfo \* CLASSINFO(className)**

Returns a pointer to the wxClassInfo object associated with this class.

#### **Include files**

<wx/object.h>

### **DECLARE\_ABSTRACT\_CLASS**

**DECLARE\_ABSTRACT\_CLASS(className)**

Used inside a class declaration to declare that the class should be made known to the class hierarchy, but objects of this class cannot be created dynamically. The same as DECLARE\_CLASS.

Example:

```
class wxCommand: public wxObject
{
    DECLARE_ABSTRACT_CLASS(wxCommand)

private:
```

```
...  
public:  
...  
};
```

### Include files

<wx/object.h>

## DECLARE\_APP

**DECLARE\_APP**(className)

This is used in headers to create a forward declaration of the `wxGetApp` function implemented by `IMPLEMENT_APP`. It creates the declaration `className& wxGetApp(void)`.

Example:

```
DECLARE_APP(MyApp)
```

### Include files

<wx/app.h>

## DECLARE\_CLASS

**DECLARE\_CLASS**(className)

Used inside a class declaration to declare that the class should be made known to the class hierarchy, but objects of this class cannot be created dynamically. The same as `DECLARE_ABSTRACT_CLASS`.

### Include files

<wx/object.h>

## DECLARE\_DYNAMIC\_CLASS

**DECLARE\_DYNAMIC\_CLASS**(className)

Used inside a class declaration to declare that the objects of this class should be dynamically createable from run-time type information.

Example:

```
class wxFrame: public wxWindow  
{
```

```
DECLARE_DYNAMIC_CLASS(wxFrame)

private:
    const wxString& frameTitle;
public:
    ...
};
```

### Include files

<wx/object.h>

## IMPLEMENT\_ABSTRACT\_CLASS

**IMPLEMENT\_ABSTRACT\_CLASS**(className, baseClassName)

Used in a C++ implementation file to complete the declaration of a class that has run-time type information. The same as `IMPLEMENT_CLASS`.

Example:

```
IMPLEMENT_ABSTRACT_CLASS(wxCommand, wxObject)

wxCommand::wxCommand(void)
{
    ...
}
```

### Include files

<wx/object.h>

## IMPLEMENT\_ABSTRACT\_CLASS2

**IMPLEMENT\_ABSTRACT\_CLASS2**(className, baseClassName1, baseClassName2)

Used in a C++ implementation file to complete the declaration of a class that has run-time type information and two base classes. The same as `IMPLEMENT_CLASS2`.

### Include files

<wx/object.h>

## IMPLEMENT\_APP

**IMPLEMENT\_APP**(className)

This is used in the application class implementation file to make the application class known to `wxWindows` for dynamic construction. You use this instead of

Old form:

```
MyApp myApp;
```

New form:

```
IMPLEMENT_APP(MyApp)
```

See also *DECLARE\_APP* (p. 1001).

### **Include files**

```
<wx/app.h>
```

## **IMPLEMENT\_CLASS**

**IMPLEMENT\_CLASS**(className, baseClassName)

Used in a C++ implementation file to complete the declaration of a class that has run-time type information. The same as *IMPLEMENT\_ABSTRACT\_CLASS*.

### **Include files**

```
<wx/object.h>
```

## **IMPLEMENT\_CLASS2**

**IMPLEMENT\_CLASS2**(className, baseClassName1, baseClassName2)

Used in a C++ implementation file to complete the declaration of a class that has run-time type information and two base classes. The same as *IMPLEMENT\_ABSTRACT\_CLASS2*.

### **Include files**

```
<wx/object.h>
```

## **IMPLEMENT\_DYNAMIC\_CLASS**

**IMPLEMENT\_DYNAMIC\_CLASS**(className, baseClassName)

Used in a C++ implementation file to complete the declaration of a class that has run-time type information, and whose instances can be created dynamically.

Example:

```
IMPLEMENT_DYNAMIC_CLASS(wxFrm, wxWindow)
```

```
wxFrame::wxFrame(void)
{
    ...
}
```

### Include files

<wx/object.h>

## IMPLEMENT\_DYNAMIC\_CLASS2

**IMPLEMENT\_DYNAMIC\_CLASS2**(className, baseClassName1, baseClassName2)

Used in a C++ implementation file to complete the declaration of a class that has run-time type information, and whose instances can be created dynamically. Use this for classes derived from two base classes.

### Include files

<wx/object.h>

## wxBITMAP

**wxBITMAP**(bitmapName)

This macro loads a bitmap from either application resources (on the platforms for which they exist, i.e. Windows and OS2) or from an XPM file. It allows to avoid using `ifdefs` when creating bitmaps.

### See also

*Bitmaps and icons overview* (p. 1040), *wxICON* (p. 1005)

### Include files

<wx/gdicmn.h>

## WXDEBUG\_NEW

**WXDEBUG\_NEW**(arg)

This is defined in debug mode to be call the redefined new operator with filename and line number arguments. The definition is:

```
#define WXDEBUG_NEW new(__FILE__, __LINE__)
```

In non-debug mode, this is defined as the normal new operator.

**Include files**

<wx/object.h>

**wxDynamicCast**

**wxDynamicCast**(ptr, classname)

This macro returns the pointer *ptr* cast to the type *classname* \* if the pointer is of this type (the check is done during the run-time) or NULL otherwise. Usage of this macro is preferred over obsoleted wxObject::IsKindOf() function.

The *ptr* argument may be NULL, in which case NULL will be returned.

Example:

```
wxWindow *win = wxWindow::FindFocus();
wxTextCtrl *text = wxDynamicCast(win, wxTextCtrl);
if ( text )
{
    // a text control has the focus...
}
else
{
    // no window has the focus or it's not a text control
}
```

**See also**

*RTTI overview* (p. 1091)

**wxICON**

**wxICON**(iconName)

This macro loads an icon from either application resources (on the platforms for which they exist, i.e. Windows and OS2) or from an XPM file. It allows to avoid using *ifdefs* when creating icons.

**See also**

*Bitmaps and icons overview* (p. 1040), *wxBITMAP* (p. 1004)

**Include files**

<wx/gdicmn.h>

## WXTRACE

### Include files

<wx/object.h>

**WXTRACE**(formatString, ...)

Calls wxTrace with printf-style variable argument syntax. Output is directed to the current output stream (see *wxDebugContext* (p. 1061)).

This macro is now obsolete, replaced by *Log functions* (p. 1010).

### Include files

<wx/memory.h>

## WXTRACELEVEL

**WXTRACELEVEL**(level, formatString, ...)

Calls wxTraceLevel with printf-style variable argument syntax. Output is directed to the current output stream (see *wxDebugContext* (p. 1061)). The first argument should be the level at which this information is appropriate. It will only be output if the level returned by *wxDebugContext::GetLevel* is equal to or greater than this value.

This function is now obsolete, replaced by *Log functions* (p. 1010).

### Include files

<wx/memory.h>

## wxWindows resource functions

*wxWindows resource system* (p. 1084)

This section details functions for manipulating wxWindows (.WXR) resource files and loading user interface elements from resources.

Please note that this use of the word 'resource' is different from that used when talking about initialisation file resource reading and writing, using such functions as *wxWriteResource* and *wxGetResource*. It's just an unfortunate clash of terminology.

For an overview of the wxWindows resource mechanism, see *the wxWindows resource system* (p. 1084).

See also *wxWindow::LoadFromResource* (p. 932) for loading from resource data.

**Warning:** this needs updating for wxWindows 2.

**::wxResourceAddIdentifier****bool wxResourceAddIdentifier(const wxString& name, int value)**

Used for associating a name with an integer identifier (equivalent to dynamically #defining a name to an integer). Unlikely to be used by an application except perhaps for implementing resource functionality for interpreted languages.

**::wxResourceClear****void wxResourceClear()**

Clears the wxWindows resource table.

**::wxResourceCreateBitmap****wxBitmap \* wxResourceCreateBitmap(const wxString& resource)**

Creates a new bitmap from a file, static data, or Windows resource, given a valid wxWindows bitmap resource identifier. For example, if the .WXR file contains the following:

```
static const wxString& aiai_resource = "bitmap(name =  
'aiai_resource',\  
    bitmap = ['aiai', wxBITMAP_TYPE_BMP_RESOURCE, 'WINDOWS'],\  
    bitmap = ['aiai.xpm', wxBITMAP_TYPE_XPM, 'X']).";
```

then this function can be called as follows:

```
wxBitmap *bitmap = wxResourceCreateBitmap("aiai_resource");
```

**::wxResourceCreateIcon****wxIcon \* wxResourceCreateIcon(const wxString& resource)**

Creates a new icon from a file, static data, or Windows resource, given a valid wxWindows icon resource identifier. For example, if the .WXR file contains the following:

```
static const wxString& aiai_resource = "icon(name = 'aiai_resource',\  
    icon = ['aiai', wxBITMAP_TYPE_ICO_RESOURCE, 'WINDOWS'],\  
    icon = ['aiai', wxBITMAP_TYPE_XBM_DATA, 'X']).";
```

then this function can be called as follows:

```
wxIcon *icon = wxResourceCreateIcon("aiai_resource");
```



**::wxResourceCreateMenuBar****wxMenuBar \* wxResourceCreateMenuBar(const wxString& resource)**

Creates a new menu bar given a valid wxWindows menubar resource identifier. For example, if the .WXR file contains the following:

```
static const wxString& menuBar11 = "menu(name = 'menuBar11',\
    menu = \
    [\
        ['&File', 1, '', \
            ['&Open File', 2, 'Open a file'],\
            ['&Save File', 3, 'Save a file'],\
            [],\
            ['E&xit', 4, 'Exit program']\
        ],\
        ['&Help', 5, '', \
            ['&About', 6, 'About this program']\
        ]\
    ])." ;
```

then this function can be called as follows:

```
wxMenuBar *menuBar = wxResourceCreateMenuBar("menuBar11");
```

**::wxResourceGetIdentifier****int wxResourceGetIdentifier(const wxString& name)**

Used for retrieving the integer value associated with an identifier. A zero value indicates that the identifier was not found.

See *wxResourceAddIdentifier* (p. 1007).

**::wxResourceParseData****bool wxResourceParseData(const wxString& resource, wxResourceTable \*table = NULL)**

Parses a string containing one or more wxWindows resource objects. If the resource objects are global static data that are included into the C++ program, then this function must be called for each variable containing the resource data, to make it known to wxWindows.

*resource* should contain data in the following form:

```
dialog(name = 'dialog1',
    style = 'wxCAPTION | wxDEFAULT_DIALOG_STYLE',
    title = 'Test dialog box',
```

```

x = 312, y = 234, width = 400, height = 300,
modal = 0,
control = [wxGroupBox, 'Groupbox', '0', 'group6', 5, 4, 380, 262,
[11, 'wxSWISS', 'wxNORMAL', 'wxNORMAL', 0]],
control = [wxMultiText, 'Multitext', 'wxVERTICAL_LABEL',
'multitext3',
156, 126, 200, 70, 'wxWindows is a multi-platform, GUI toolkit.',
[11, 'wxSWISS', 'wxNORMAL', 'wxNORMAL', 0],
[11, 'wxSWISS', 'wxNORMAL', 'wxNORMAL', 0]]).

```

This function will typically be used after including a `.wxr` file into a C++ program as follows:

```
#include "dialog1.wxr"
```

Each of the contained resources will declare a new C++ variable, and each of these variables should be passed to `wxResourceParseData`.

### **::wxResourceParseFile**

**bool wxResourceParseFile(const wxString& filename, wxResourceTable \*table = NULL)**

Parses a file containing one or more wxWindows resource objects in C++-compatible syntax. Use this function to dynamically load wxWindows resource data.

### **::wxResourceParseString**

**bool wxResourceParseString(const wxString& resource, wxResourceTable \*table = NULL)**

Parses a string containing one or more wxWindows resource objects. If the resource objects are global static data that are included into the C++ program, then this function must be called for each variable containing the resource data, to make it known to wxWindows.

*resource* should contain data with the following form:

```

static const wxString& dialog1 = "dialog(name = 'dialog1',\
style = 'wxCAPTION | wxDEFAULT_DIALOG_STYLE',\
title = 'Test dialog box',\
x = 312, y = 234, width = 400, height = 300,\
modal = 0,\
control = [wxGroupBox, 'Groupbox', '0', 'group6', 5, 4, 380, 262,\
[11, 'wxSWISS', 'wxNORMAL', 'wxNORMAL', 0]],\
control = [wxMultiText, 'Multitext', 'wxVERTICAL_LABEL',\
'multitext3',\
156, 126, 200, 70, 'wxWindows is a multi-platform, GUI\
toolkit.',\
[11, 'wxSWISS', 'wxNORMAL', 'wxNORMAL', 0],\
[11, 'wxSWISS', 'wxNORMAL', 'wxNORMAL', 0]])."

```

This function will typically be used after calling *wxLoadUserResource* (p. 993) to load an entire `.wxr` file into a string.

### **::wxResourceRegisterBitmapData**

**bool wxResourceRegisterBitmapData(const wxString& name, const wxString& xbm\_data, int width, int height, wxResourceTable \*table = NULL)**

**bool wxResourceRegisterBitmapData(const wxString& name, const wxString& \*xpm\_data)**

Makes #included XBM or XPM bitmap data known to the wxWindows resource system. This is required if other resources will use the bitmap data, since otherwise there is no connection between names used in resources, and the global bitmap data.

### **::wxResourceRegisterIconData**

Another name for *wxResourceRegisterBitmapData* (p. 1010).

## **Log functions**

These functions provide a variety of logging functions: see *Log classes overview* (p. 1032) for further information.

### **Include files**

<wx/log.h>

### **::wxLogError**

**void wxLogError(const char\* formatString, ...)**

The function to use for error messages, i.e. the messages that must be shown to the user. The default processing is to pop up a message box to inform the user about it.

### **::wxLogFatalError**

**void wxLogFatalError(const char\* formatString, ...)**

Like *wxLogError* (p. 1010), but also terminates the program with the exit code 3. Using *abort()* standard function also terminates the program with this exit code.

### **::wxLogWarning**

**void wxLogWarning(const char\* *formatString*, ...)**

For warnings - they are also normally shown to the user, but don't interrupt the program work.

### **::wxLogMessage**

**void wxLogMessage(const char\* *formatString*, ...)**

for all normal, informational messages. They also appear in a message box by default (but it can be changed). Notice that the standard behaviour is to not show informational messages if there are any errors later - the logic being that the later error messages make the informational messages preceding them meaningless.

### **::wxLogVerbose**

**void wxLogVerbose(const char\* *formatString*, ...)**

For verbose output. Normally, it's suppressed, but might be activated if the user wishes to know more details about the program progress (another, but possibly confusing name for the same function is **wxLogInfo**).

### **::wxLogStatus**

**void wxLogStatus(const char\* *formatString*, ...)**

For status messages - they will go into the status bar of the active or specified (as the first argument) *wxFrame* (p. 299) if it has one.

### **::wxLogSysError**

**void wxLogSysError(const char\* *formatString*, ...)**

Mostly used by *wxWindows* itself, but might be handy for logging errors after system call (API function) failure. It logs the specified message text as well as the last system error code (*errno* or *::GetLastError()* depending on the platform) and the corresponding error message. The second form of this function takes the error code explicitly as the first argument.

### **::wxLogDebug**

**void wxLogDebug(const char\* *formatString*, ...)**

The right function for debug output. It only does anything at all in the debug mode (when the preprocessor symbol `__WXDEBUG__` is defined) and expands to nothing in release

mode (otherwise).

## **::wxLogTrace**

**void wxLogTrace(const char\* *formatString*, ...)**

**void wxLogTrace(wxTraceMask *mask*, const char\* *formatString*, ...)**

As **wxLogDebug**, only does something in debug build. The reason for making it a separate function from it is that usually there are a lot of trace messages, so it might make sense to separate them from other debug messages which would be flooded in them. Moreover, the second version of this function takes a trace mask as the first argument which allows to further restrict the amount of messages generated. The value of *mask* can be:

- wxTraceMemAlloc: trace memory allocation (new/delete)
- wxTraceMessages: trace window messages/X callbacks
- wxTraceResAlloc: trace GDI resource allocation
- wxTraceRefCount: trace various ref counting operations

## **Debugging macros and functions**

Useful macros and functions for error checking and defensive programming. ASSERTs are only compiled if `__WXDEBUG__` is defined, whereas CHECK macros stay in release builds.

### **Include files**

<wx/debug.h>

## **::wxOnAssert**

**void wxOnAssert(const char\* *fileName*, int *lineNumber*, const char\* *msg* = NULL)**

This function may be redefined to do something non trivial and is called whenever one of debugging macros fails (i.e. condition is false in an assertion).

## **wxASSERT**

**wxASSERT(*condition*)**

Assert macro. An error message will be generated if the condition is FALSE in debug mode, but nothing will be done in the release build.

Please note that the condition in wxASSERT() should have no side effects because it will not be executed in release mode at all.

See also: `wxASSERT_MSG` (p. 1013)

**wxASSERT\_MSG****wxASSERT\_MSG**(*condition, msg*)

Assert macro with message. An error message will be generated if the condition is FALSE.

See also: *wxASSERT* (p. 1012)

**wxFail****wxFail**()

Will always generate an assert error if this code is reached (in debug mode).

See also: *wxFail\_MSG* (p. 1013)

**wxFail\_MSG****wxFail\_MSG**(*msg*)

Will always generate an assert error with specified message if this code is reached (in debug mode).

This macro is useful for marking unreachable" code areas, for example it may be used in the "default:" branch of a switch statement if all possible cases are processed above.

See also: *wxFail* (p. 1013)

**wxCHECK****wxCHECK**(*condition, retValue*)

Checks that the condition is true, returns with the given return value if not (FAILs in debug mode). This check is done even in release mode.

**wxCHECK\_MSG****wxCHECK\_MSG**(*condition, retValue, msg*)

Checks that the condition is true, returns with the given return value if not (FAILs in debug mode). This check is done even in release mode.

This macro may be only used in non void functions, see also *wxCHECK\_RET* (p. 1014).

**wxCHECK\_RET****wxCHECK\_RET**(*condition*, *msg*)

Checks that the condition is true, and returns if not (FAILs with given error message in debug mode). This check is done even in release mode.

This macro should be used in void functions instead of *wxCHECK\_MSG* (p. 1013).

**wxCHECK2****wxCHECK2**(*condition*, *operation*)

Checks that the condition is true and *wxFail* (p. 1013) and execute *operation* if it is not. This is a generalisation of *wxCHECK* (p. 1013) and may be used when something else than just returning from the function must be done when the *condition* is false.

This check is done even in release mode.

**wxCHECK2\_MSG****wxCHECK2**(*condition*, *operation*, *msg*)

This is the same as *wxCHECK2* (p. 1014), but *wxFail\_MSG* (p. 1013) with the specified *msg* is called instead of *wxFail*() if the *condition* is false.

**Keycodes**

Keypresses are represented by an enumerated type, *wxKeyCode*. The possible values are the ASCII character codes, plus the following:

```
WXK_BACK      = 8
WXK_TAB       = 9
WXK_RETURN    = 13
WXK_ESCAPE    = 27
WXK_SPACE     = 32
WXK_DELETE    = 127

WXK_START     = 300
WXK_LBUTTON
WXK_RBUTTON
WXK_CANCEL
WXK_MBUTTON
WXK_CLEAR
WXK_SHIFT
WXK_CONTROL
WXK_MENU
WXK_PAUSE
```

WXX\_CAPITAL  
WXX\_PRIOR  
WXX\_NEXT  
WXX\_END  
WXX\_HOME  
WXX\_LEFT  
WXX\_UP  
WXX\_RIGHT  
WXX\_DOWN  
WXX\_SELECT  
WXX\_PRINT  
WXX\_EXECUTE  
WXX\_SNAPSHOT  
WXX\_INSERT  
WXX\_HELP  
WXX\_NUMPAD0  
WXX\_NUMPAD1  
WXX\_NUMPAD2  
WXX\_NUMPAD3  
WXX\_NUMPAD4  
WXX\_NUMPAD5  
WXX\_NUMPAD6  
WXX\_NUMPAD7  
WXX\_NUMPAD8  
WXX\_NUMPAD9  
WXX\_MULTIPLY  
WXX\_ADD  
WXX\_SEPARATOR  
WXX\_SUBTRACT  
WXX\_DECIMAL  
WXX\_DIVIDE  
WXX\_F1  
WXX\_F2  
WXX\_F3  
WXX\_F4  
WXX\_F5  
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WXX\_F22  
WXX\_F23  
WXX\_F24  
WXX\_NUMLOCK  
WXX\_SCROLL





## Classes by category

A classification of wxWindows classes by category.

### Managed windows

There are several types of window that are directly controlled by the window manager (such as MS Windows, or the Motif Window Manager). Frames may contain windows, and dialog boxes may directly contain controls.

<i>wxDialog</i> (p. 193)	Dialog box
<i>wxFrame</i> (p. 299)	Normal frame
<i>wxMDIParentFrame</i> (p. 490)	MDI parent frame
<i>wxMDIChildFrame</i> (p. 485)	MDI child frame
<i>wxMiniFrame</i> (p. 528)	A frame with a small title bar
<i>wxTabbedDialog</i> (p. 790)	Tabbed dialog

See also **Common dialogs**.

### Miscellaneous windows

The following are a variety of windows that are derived from wxWindow.

<i>wxGrid</i> (p. 323)	A grid (table) window
<i>wxPanel</i> (p. 572)	A window whose colour changes according to current user settings
<i>wxSashWindow</i> (p. 665)	Window with four optional sashes that can be dragged
<i>wxSashLayoutWindow</i> (p. 662)	Window that can be involved in an IDE-like layout arrangement
<i>wxScrolledWindow</i> (p. 680)	Window with automatically managed scrollbars
<i>wxSplitterWindow</i> (p. 731)	Window which can be split vertically or horizontally
<i>wxStatusBar</i> (p. 748)	Implements the status bar on a frame
<i>wxToolBar</i> (p. 861)	Toolbar class
<i>wxNotebook</i> (p. 546)	Notebook class

### Common dialogs

*Overview* (p. 1047)

Common dialogs are ready-made dialog classes which are frequently used in an application.

<i>wxDialog</i> (p. 193)	Base class for common dialogs
<i>wxColourDialog</i> (p. 98)	Colour chooser dialog
<i>wxDirDialog</i> (p. 200)	Directory selector dialog
<i>wxFileDialog</i> (p. 264)	File selector dialog
<i>wxMultipleChoiceDialog</i> (p. 540)	Dialog to get one or more selections from a list
<i>wxSingleChoiceDialog</i> (p. 687)	Dialog to get a single selection from a list and

	return the string
<i>wxTextEntryDialog</i> (p. 838)	Dialog to get a single line of text from the user
<i>wxFontDialog</i> (p. 295)	Font chooser dialog
<i>wxPageSetupDialog</i> (p. 565)	Standard page setup dialog
<i>wxPrintDialog</i> (p. 598)	Standard print dialog
<i>wxPageSetupDialog</i> (p. 565)	Standard page setup dialog
<i>wxMessageDialog</i> (p. 520)	Simple message box dialog

## Controls

Typically, these are small windows which provide interaction with the user. Controls that are not static can have *validators* (p. 897) associated with them.

<i>wxControl</i> (p. 130)	The base class for controls
<i>wxButton</i> (p. 69)	Push button control, displaying text
<i>wxBitmapButton</i> (p. 52)	Push button control, displaying a bitmap
<i>wxCheckBox</i> (p. 74)	Checkbox control
<i>wxCheckListBox</i> (p. 77)	A listbox with a checkbox to the left of each item
<i>wxChoice</i> (p. 79)	Choice control (a combobox without the editable area)
<i>wxComboBox</i> (p. 99)	A choice with an editable area
<i>wxGauge</i> (p. 317)	A control to represent a varying quantity, such as time remaining
<i>wxStaticBox</i> (p. 743)	A static, or group box for visually grouping related controls
<i>wxListBox</i> (p. 452)	A list of strings for single or multiple selection
<i>wxListCtrl</i> (p. 461)	A control for displaying lists of strings and/or icons, plus a multicolumn report view
<i>wxTabCtrl</i> (p. 803)	Manages several tabs
<i>wxTextCtrl</i> (p. 820)	Single or multiline text editing control
<i>wxTreeCtrl</i> (p. 875)	Tree (hierachy) control
<i>wxScrollBar</i> (p. 671)	Scrollbar control
<i>wxSpinButton</i> (p. 727)	A spin or 'up-down' control
<i>wxStaticText</i> (p. 746)	One or more lines of non-editable text
<i>wxStaticBitmap</i> (p. 740)	A control to display a bitmap
<i>wxRadioBox</i> (p. 629)	A group of radio buttons
<i>wxRadioButton</i> (p. 634)	A round button to be used with others in a mutually exclusive way
<i>wxSlider</i> (p. 696)	A slider that can be dragged by the user

## Menus

<i>wxMenu</i> (p. 499)	Displays a series of menu items for selection
<i>wxMenuBar</i> (p. 508)	Contains a series of menus for use with a frame
<i>wxMenuItem</i> (p. 515)	Represents a single menu item

## Window layout

There are two different systems for layouting windows (and dialogs in particluar). One is

based upon so-called sizers and it requires less typing, thinking and calculating and will in almost all cases produce dialogs looking equally well on all platforms, the other is based on so-called constraints and allows for more detailed layouts.

These are the classes relevant to the sizer-based layout.

<i>wxSizer</i> (p. 692)	Abstract base class
<i>wxBoxSizer</i> (p. 58)	A sizer for laying out windows in a row or column
<i>wxStaticBoxSizer</i> (p. 669)	Same as <i>wxBoxSizer</i> , but with surrounding static box

*Overview* (p. 1051) over the constraints-based layout.

These are the classes relevant to constraints-based window layout.

<i>wxIndividualLayoutConstraint</i> (p. 422)	Represents a single constraint dimension
<i>wxLayoutConstraints</i> (p. 444)	Represents the constraints for a window class

## Device contexts

*Overview* (p. 1059)

Device contexts are surfaces that may be drawn on, and provide an abstraction that allows parameterisation of your drawing code by passing different device contexts.

<i>wxClientDC</i> (p. 86)	A device context to access the client area outside <b>OnPaint</b> events
<i>wxPaintDC</i> (p. 567)	A device context to access the client area inside <b>OnPaint</b> events
<i>wxWindowDC</i> (p. 961)	A device context to access the non-client area
<i>wxScreenDC</i> (p. 670)	A device context to access the entire screen
<i>wxDC</i> (p. 165)	The device context base class
<i>wxMemoryDC</i> (p. 496)	A device context for drawing into bitmaps
<i>wxMetafileDC</i> (p. 523)	A device context for drawing into metafiles
<i>wxPostScriptDC</i> (p. 587)	A device context for drawing into PostScript files
<i>wxPrinterDC</i> (p. 606)	A device context for drawing to printers

## Graphics device interface

*Bitmaps overview* (p. 1040)

These classes are related to drawing on device contexts and windows.

<i>wxColour</i> (p. 91)	Represents the red, blue and green elements of a colour
<i>wxBitmap</i> (p. 36)	Represents a bitmap
<i>wxBrush</i> (p. 60)	Used for filling areas on a device context
<i>wxBrushList</i> (p. 66)	The list of previously-created brushes
<i>wxCursor</i> (p. 135)	A small, transparent bitmap representing the cursor

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<i>wxFont</i> (p. 285)	Represents fonts
<i>wxFontList</i> (p. 298)	The list of previously-created fonts
<i>wxIcon</i> (p. 395)	A small, transparent bitmap for assigning to frames and drawing on device contexts
<i>wxImage</i> (p. 402)	A platform-independent image class
<i>wxImageList</i> (p. 418)	A list of images, used with some controls
<i>wxMask</i> (p. 483)	Represents a mask to be used with a bitmap for transparent drawing
<i>wxPen</i> (p. 578)	Used for drawing lines on a device context
<i>wxPenList</i> (p. 585)	The list of previously-created pens
<i>wxPalette</i> (p. 568)	Represents a table of indices into RGB values
<i>wxRegion</i> (p. 653)	Represents a simple or complex region on a window or device context

## Events

*Overview* (p. 1072)

An event object contains information about a specific event. Event handlers (usually member functions) have a single, event argument.

<i>wxActivateEvent</i> (p. 5)	A window or application activation event
<i>wxCalculateLayoutEvent</i> (p. 73)	Used to calculate window layout
<i>wxCloseEvent</i> (p. 89)	A close window or end session event
<i>wxCommandEvent</i> (p. 108)	An event from a variety of standard controls
<i>wxDropFilesEvent</i> (p. 231)	A drop files event
<i>wxEraseEvent</i> (p. 236)	An erase background event
<i>wxEvent</i> (p. 237)	The event base class
<i>wxFocusEvent</i> (p. 284)	A window focus event
<i>wxKeyEvent</i> (p. 438)	A keypress event
<i>wxIdleEvent</i> (p. 394)	An idle event
<i>wxInitDialogEvent</i> (p. 425)	A dialog initialisation event
<i>wxJoystickEvent</i> (p. 436)	A joystick event
<i>wxListEvent</i> (p. 474)	A list control event
<i>wxMenuEvent</i> (p. 519)	A menu event
<i>wxMouseEvent</i> (p. 532)	A mouse event
<i>wxMoveEvent</i> (p. 539)	A move event
<i>wxNotebookEvent</i> (p. 552)	A notebook control event
<i>wxNotifyEvent</i> (p. 553)	A notification event, which can be vetoed
<i>wxPaintEvent</i> (p. 568)	A paint event
<i>wxProcessEvent</i> (p. 618)	A process ending event
<i>wxQueryLayoutInfoEvent</i> (p. 626)	Used to query layout information
<i>wxScrollEvent</i> (p. 678)	A scroll event from sliders, stand-alone scrollbars and spin buttons
<i>wxScrollWinEvent</i> (p. 676)	A scroll event from scrolled windows
<i>wxSizeEvent</i> (p. 691)	A size event
<i>wxSocketEvent</i> (p. 721)	A socket event
<i>wxSysColourChangedEvent</i> (p. 786)	A system colour change event
<i>wxTabEvent</i> (p. 809)	A tab control event
<i>wxTreeEvent</i> (p. 890)	A tree control event

*wxUpdateUIEvent* (p. 891) A user interface update event

## Validators

*Overview* (p. 1103)

These are the window validators, used for filtering and validating user input.

<i>wxValidator</i> (p. 897)	Base validator class
<i>wxTextValidator</i> (p. 841)	Text control validator class
<i>wxGenericValidator</i> (p. 321)	Generic control validator class

## Data structures

These are the data structure classes supported by *wxWindows*.

<i>wxExpr</i> (p. 247)	A class for flexible I/O
<i>wxExprDatabase</i> (p. 253)	A class for flexible I/O
<i>wxDate</i> (p. 157)	A class for date manipulation
<i>wxHashTable</i> (p. 337)	A simple hash table implementation
<i>wxList</i> (p. 446)	A simple linked list implementation
<i>wxNode</i> (p. 544)	Represents a node in the <i>wxList</i> implementation
<i>wxObject</i> (p. 555)	The root class for most <i>wxWindows</i> classes
<i>wxPathList</i> (p. 576)	A class to help search multiple paths
<i>wxPoint</i> (p. 586)	Representation of a point
<i>wxRect</i> (p. 637)	A class representing a rectangle
<i>wxRegion</i> (p. 653)	A class representing a region
<i>wxString</i> (p. 762)	A string class
<i>wxStringList</i> (p. 782)	A class representing a list of strings
<i>wxStringTokenizer</i> (p. 784)	A class for interpreting a string as a list of tokens or words
<i>wxRealPoint</i> (p. 637)	Representation of a point using floating point numbers
<i>wxSize</i> (p. 689)	Representation of a size
<i>wxTime</i> (p. 853)	A class for time manipulation
<i>wxVariant</i> (p. 900)	A class for storing arbitrary types that may change at run-time

## Run-time class information system

*Overview* (p. 1091)

*wxWindows* supports run-time manipulation of class information, and dynamic creation of objects given class names.

<i>wxClassInfo</i> (p. 84)	Holds run-time class information
<i>wxObject</i> (p. 555)	Root class for classes with run-time information
<i>Macros</i> (p. 999)	Macros for manipulating run-time information

## Debugging features

*Overview* (p. 1060)

wxWindows supports some aspects of debugging an application through classes, functions and macros.

<i>wxDebugContext</i> (p. 187)	Provides memory-checking facilities
<i>wxLog</i> (p. 479)	Logging facility
<i>Log functions</i> (p. 1010)	Error and warning logging functions
<i>Debugging macros</i> (p. 1012)	Debug macros for assertion and checking
<i>WXDEBUG_NEW</i> (p. 1004)	Use this macro to give further debugging information

## Interprocess communication

*Overview* (p. 1080)

wxWindows provides a simple interprocess communications facilities based on DDE. [Note that this is currently work in progress and may not function properly.]

<i>wxDDEClient</i> (p. 181)	Represents a client
<i>wxDDEConnection</i> (p. 182)	Represents the connection between a client and a server
<i>wxDDEServer</i> (p. 186)	Represents a server
<i>wxTCPClient</i> (p. 812)	Represents a client
<i>wxTCPConnection</i> (p. 813)	Represents the connection between a client and a server
<i>wxTCPServer</i> (p. 817)	Represents a server
<i>wxSocketClient</i> (p. 719)	Represents a socket client
<i>wxSocketServer</i> (p. 722)	Represents a socket server

## Document/view framework

*Overview* (p. 1066)

wxWindows supports a document/view framework which provides housekeeping for a document-centric application.

<i>wxDocument</i> (p. 223)	Represents a document
<i>wxView</i> (p. 909)	Represents a view
<i>wxDocTemplate</i> (p. 218)	Manages the relationship between a document class and a view class
<i>wxDocManager</i> (p. 205)	Manages the documents and views in an application
<i>wxDocChildFrame</i> (p. 203)	A child frame for showing a document view
<i>wxDocParentFrame</i> (p. 216)	A parent frame to contain views

## Printing framework

*Overview* (p. 1083)

A printing and previewing framework is implemented to make it relatively straightforward to provide document printing facilities.

<i>wxPreviewFrame</i> (p. 590)	Frame for displaying a print preview
<i>wxPreviewCanvas</i> (p. 588)	Canvas for displaying a print preview
<i>wxPreviewControlBar</i> (p. 589)	Standard control bar for a print preview
<i>wxPrintDialog</i> (p. 598)	Standard print dialog
<i>wxPageSetupDialog</i> (p. 565)	Standard page setup dialog
<i>wxPrinter</i> (p. 604)	Class representing the printer
<i>wxPrinterDC</i> (p. 606)	Printer device context
<i>wxPrintout</i> (p. 606)	Class representing a particular printout
<i>wxPrintPreview</i> (p. 610)	Class representing a print preview
<i>wxPrintData</i> (p. 592)	Represents information about the document being printed
<i>wxPrintDialogData</i> (p. 599)	Represents information about the print dialog
<i>wxPageSetupDialogData</i> (p. 560)	Represents information about the page setup dialog

## Database classes

*Database classes overview* (p. 1054)

*wxWindows* provides two alternative sets of classes for accessing Microsoft's ODBC (Open Database Connectivity) product. The new version by Remstar is documented in a separate manual. The older classes are as follows:

<i>wxDatabase</i> (p. 139)	Database class
<i>wxQueryCol</i> (p. 621)	Class representing a column
<i>wxQueryField</i> (p. 624)	Class representing a field
<i>wxRecordSet</i> (p. 641)	Class representing one or more record

## Drag and drop and clipboard classes

*Drag and drop and clipboard overview* (p. 1038)

<i>wxDataObject</i> (p. 148)	Data object class
<i>wxDataFormat</i> (p. 145)	Represents a data format
<i>wxTextDataObject</i> (p. 833)	Text data object class
<i>wxFileDataObject</i> (p. 833)	File data object class
<i>wxBitmapDataObject</i> (p. 57)	Bitmap data object class
<i>wxCustomDataObject</i> (p. 133)	Custom data object class
<i>wxClipboard</i> (p. 87)	Clipboard class
<i>wxDropTarget</i> (p. 234)	Drop target class
<i>wxFileDropTarget</i> (p. 268)	File drop target class
<i>wxTextDropTarget</i> (p. 839)	Text drop target class
<i>wxDropSource</i> (p. 232)	Drop source class



## File related classes

wxWindows has several small classes to work with disk files, see *file classes overview* (p. 1110) for more details.

<i>wxFile</i> (p. 257)	Low-level file input/output
<i>wxTempFile</i> (p. 818)	Class to safely replace an existing file
<i>wxTextFile</i> (p. 844)	Class for working with text files as with arrays of lines

## Stream classes

wxWindows has its own set of stream classes, as an alternative to often buggy standard stream libraries, and to provide enhanced functionality.

<i>wxStreamBase</i> (p. 754)	Stream base class
<i>wxStreamBuffer</i> (p. 755)	Stream buffer class
<i>wxInputStream</i> (p. 425)	Input stream class
<i>wxOutputStream</i> (p. 559)	Output stream class
<i>wxFilterInputStream</i> (p. 283)	Filtered input stream class
<i>wxFilterOutputStream</i> (p. 284)	Filtered output stream class
<i>wxDataInputStream</i> (p. 154)	Platform-independent binary data input stream class
<i>wxDataOutputStream</i> (p. 156)	Platform-independent binary data output stream class
<i>wxTextInputStream</i> (p. 835)	Platform-independent text data input stream class
<i>wxTextOutputStream</i> (p. 836)	Platform-independent text data output stream class
<i>wxFileInputStream</i> (p. 272)	File input stream class
<i>wxFileOutputStream</i> (p. 273)	File output stream class
<i>wxZlibInputStream</i> (p. 963)	Zlib (compression) input stream class
<i>wxZlibOutputStream</i> (p. 963)	Zlib (compression) output stream class
<i>wxSocketInputStream</i> (p. 726)	Socket input stream class
<i>wxSocketOutputStream</i> (p. 727)	Socket output stream class

## Miscellaneous

<i>wxAcceleratorTable</i> (p. 2)	Accelerator table
<i>wxApp</i> (p. 6)	Application class
<i>wxAutomationObject</i> (p. 32)	OLE automation class
<i>wxConfig</i> (p. 117)	Classes for configuration reading/writing
<i>wxHelpController</i> (p. 339)	Family of classes for controlling help windows
<i>wxLayoutAlgorithm</i> (p. 441)	An alternative window layout facility
<i>wxProcess</i> (p. 615)	Process class
<i>wxTimer</i> (p. 858)	Timer class
<i>wxSystemSettings</i> (p. 786)	System settings class

## Topic overviews

This chapter contains a selection of topic overviews.

## wxWindows samples

Probably the best way to learn wxWindows is by reading the source of some 50+ samples provided with it. Many aspects of wxWindows programming can be learnt from them, but sometimes it is not simple to just choose the right sample to look at. This overview aims at describing what each sample does/demonstrates to make it easier to find the relevant one if a simple grep through all sources didn't help. They also provide some notes about using the samples and what features of wxWindows are they supposed to test.

### Font sample

The font sample demonstrates *wxFont* (p. 285), *wxFontEnumerator* (p. 296) and *wxFontMapper* (p. 299) classes. It allows you to see the fonts available (to wxWindows) on the computer and shows all characters of the chosen font as well.

### DnD sample

This sample shows both clipboard and drag and drop in action. It is quite non trivial and may be safely used as a basis for implementing the clipboard and drag and drop operations in a real-life program.

When you run the sample, its screen is split in several parts. On the top, there are two listboxes which show the standard derivations of *wxDropTarget* (p. 234): *wxTextDropTarget* (p. 839) and *wxFileDropTarget* (p. 268).

The middle of the sample window is taken by the log window which shows what is going on (of course, this only works in debug builds) and may be helpful to see the sequence of steps of data transfer.

Finally, the last part is used for two things: you can drag text from it to either one of the listboxes (only one will accept it) or another application and, also, bitmap pasted from clipboard will be shown there.

So far, everything we mentioned was implemented with minimal amount of code using standard wxWindows classes. The more advanced features are demonstrated if you create a shape frame from the main frame menu. A shape is a geometric object which has a position, size and color. It models some application-specific data in this sample. A shape object supports its own private *wxDataFormat* (p. 145) which means that you may cut and paste it or drag and drop (between one and the same or different shapes) from one sample instance to another (or the same). However, chances are that no other program supports this format and so shapes can also be rendered as bitmaps which allows them to be pasted/dropped in many other applications.

Take a look at `DnDShapeDataObject` class to see how you may use `wxDataObject` (p. 148) to achieve this.

## **wxApp overview**

Classes: `wxApp` (p. 6)

A `wxWindows` application does not have a *main* procedure; the equivalent is the *OnInit* (p. 12) member defined for a class derived from `wxApp`. *OnInit* will usually create a top window as a bare minimum.

Unlike in earlier versions of `wxWindows`, *OnInit* does not return a frame. Instead it returns a boolean value which indicates whether processing should continue (TRUE) or not (FALSE). You call `wxApp::SetTopWindow` (p. 15) to let `wxWindows` know about the top window.

Note that the program's command line arguments, represented by *argc* and *argv*, are available from within `wxApp` member functions.

An application closes by destroying all windows. Because all frames must be destroyed for the application to exit, it is advisable to use parent frames wherever possible when creating new frames, so that deleting the top level frame will automatically delete child frames. The alternative is to explicitly delete child frames in the top-level frame's `wxWindow::OnCloseWindow` (p. 937) handler.

In emergencies the `wxExit` (p. 988) function can be called to kill the application.

An example of defining an application follows:

```
class DerivedApp : public wxApp
{
public:
    virtual bool OnInit();
};

IMPLEMENT_APP(DerivedApp)

bool DerivedApp::OnInit()
{
    wxFrame *the_frame = new wxFrame(NULL, argv[0]);
    ...
    SetTopWindow(the_frame);

    return TRUE;
}
```

Note the use of `IMPLEMENT_APP(appClass)`, which allows `wxWindows` to dynamically create an instance of the application object at the appropriate point in `wxWindows` initialization. Previous versions of `wxWindows` used to rely on the creation of a global application object, but this is no longer recommended, because required global initialization may not have been performed at application object construction time.

You can also use `DECLARE_APP(appClass)` in a header file to declare the `wxGetApp` function which returns a reference to the application object.

## wxString overview

Classes: *wxString* (p. 762), *wxArrayString* (p. 26), *wxStringTokenizer* (p. 784)

## Introduction

*wxString* is a class which represents a character string of arbitrary length (limited by `MAX_INT` which is usually 2147483647 on 32 bit machines) and containing arbitrary characters. The ASCII NUL character is allowed, although care should be taken when passing strings containing it to other functions.

*wxString* only works with ASCII (8 bit characters) strings as of this release, but support for UNICODE (16 bit characters) is planned for the next one.

This class has all the standard operations you can expect to find in a string class: dynamic memory management (string extends to accommodate new characters), construction from other strings, C strings and characters, assignment operators, access to individual characters, string concatenation and comparison, substring extraction, case conversion, trimming and padding (with spaces), searching and replacing and both C-like *Printf()* (p. 777) and stream-like insertion functions as well as much more - see *wxString* (p. 762) for a list of all functions.

## Comparison of wxString to other string classes

The advantages of using a special string class instead of working directly with C strings are so obvious that there is a huge number of such classes available. The most important advantage is the need to always remember to allocate/free memory for C strings; working with fixed size buffers almost inevitably leads to buffer overflows. At last, C++ has a standard string class (`std::string`). So why the need for *wxString*?

There are several advantages:

1. **Efficiency** This class was made to be as efficient as possible: both in terms of size (each *wxString* object takes exactly the same space as a *char \** pointer, see *reference counting* (p. 1029)) and speed. It also provides performance *statistics gathering code* (p. 1030) which may be enabled to fine tune the memory allocation strategy for your particular application - and the gain might be quite big.
2. **Compatibility** This class tries to combine almost full compatibility with the old *wxWindows 1.xx wxString* class, some reminiscence to MFC *CString* class and 90% of the functionality of `std::string` class.
3. **Rich set of functions** Some of the functions present in *wxString* are very useful but don't exist in most of other string classes: for example, *AfterFirst* (p. 770), *BeforeLast* (p. 771), *operator<<* (p. 781) or *Printf* (p. 777). Of course, all the standard string operations are supported as well.

4. **UNICODE** In this release, `wxString` only supports *construction* from a UNICODE string, but in the next one it will be capable of also storing its internal data in either ASCII or UNICODE format.
5. **Used by `wxWindows`** And, of course, this class is used everywhere inside `wxWindows` so there is no performance loss which would result from conversions of objects of any other string class (including `std::string`) to `wxString` internally by `wxWindows`.

However, there are several problems as well. The most important one is probably that there are often several functions to do exactly the same thing: for example, to get the length of the string either one of *`length()`* (p. 776), *`Len()`* (p. 776) or *`Length()`* (p. 776) may be used. The first function, as almost all the other functions in lowercase, is `std::string` compatible. The second one is "native" `wxString` version and the last one is `wxWindows` 1.xx way. So the question is: which one is better to use? And the answer is that:

**The usage of `std::string` compatible functions is strongly advised!** It will both make your code more familiar to other C++ programmers (who are supposed to have knowledge of `std::string` but not of `wxString`), let you reuse the same code in both `wxWindows` and other programs (by just typedefing `wxString` as `std::string` when used outside `wxWindows`) and by staying compatible with future versions of `wxWindows` which will probably start using `std::string` sooner or later too.

In the situations where there is no corresponding `std::string` function, please try to use the new `wxString` methods and not the old `wxWindows` 1.xx variants which are deprecated and may disappear in future versions.

### Some advice about using `wxString`

Probably the main trap with using this class is the implicit conversion operator to *`const char *`*. It is advised that you use *`c_str()`* (p. 771) instead to clearly indicate when the conversion is done. Specifically, the danger of this implicit conversion may be seen in the following code fragment:

```
// this function converts the input string to uppercase, output it to
// the screen
// and returns the result
const char *SayHELLO(const wxString& input)
{
    wxString output = input.Upper();

    printf("Hello, %s!\n", output);

    return output;
}
```

There are two nasty bugs in these three lines. First of them is in the call to the *`printf()`* function. Although the implicit conversion to C strings is applied automatically by the compiler in the case of

```
puts(output);
```

because the argument of *puts()* is known to be of the type *const char \**, this is **not** done for *printf()* which is a function with variable number of arguments (and whose arguments are of unknown types). So this call may do anything at all (including displaying the correct string on screen), although the most likely result is a program crash. The solution is to use *c\_str()* (p. 771): just replace this line with

```
printf("Hello, %s!\n", output.c_str());
```

The second bug is that returning *output* doesn't work. The implicit cast is used again, so the code compiles, but as it returns a pointer to a buffer belonging to a local variable which is deleted as soon as the function exits, its contents is totally arbitrary. The solution to this problem is also easy: just make the function return *wxString* instead of a C string.

This leads us to the following general advice: all functions taking string arguments should take *const wxString&* (this makes assignment to the strings inside the function faster because of *reference counting* (p. 1029)) and all functions returning strings should return *wxString* - this makes it safe to return local variables.

## Other string related functions and classes

As most programs use character strings, the standard C library provides quite a few functions to work with them. Unfortunately, some of them have rather counter-intuitive behaviour (like *strncpy()* which doesn't always terminate the resulting string with a NULL) and are in general not very safe (passing NULL to them will probably lead to program crash). Moreover, some very useful functions are not standard at all. This is why in addition to all *wxString* functions, there are also a few global string functions which try to correct these problems: *IsEmpty()* (p. 971) verifies whether the string is empty (returning TRUE for NULL pointers), *Strlen()* (p. 972) also handles NULLs correctly and returns 0 for them and *Stricmp()* (p. 971) is just a platform-independent version of case-insensitive string comparison function known either as *stricmp()* or *strcasecmp()* on different platforms.

There is another class which might be useful when working with *wxString*: *wxStringTokenizer* (p. 784). It is helpful when a string must be broken into tokens and replaces the standard C library *strtok()* function.

And the very last string-related class is *wxArrayString* (p. 26): it is just a version of the "template" dynamic array class which is specialized to work with strings. Please note that this class is specially optimized (using its knowledge of the internal structure of *wxString*) for storing strings and so it is vastly better from a performance point of view than a *wxObjectArray* of *wxStrings*.

## Reference counting and why you shouldn't care about it

*wxString* objects use a technique known as *copy on write* (COW). This means that when a string is assigned to another, no copying really takes place: only the reference count on the shared string data is incremented and both strings share the same data.

But as soon as one of the two (or more) strings is modified, the data has to be copied because the changes to one of the strings shouldn't be seen in the others. As data copying only happens when the string is written to, this is known as COW.

What is important to understand is that all this happens absolutely transparently to the class users and that whether a string is shared or not is not seen from the outside of the class - in any case, the result of any operation on it is the same.

Probably the unique case when you might want to think about reference counting is when a string character is taken from a string which is not a constant (or a constant reference). In this case, due to C++ rules, the "read-only" *operator[]* (which is the same as *GetChar()* (p. 773)) cannot be chosen and the "read/write" *operator[]* (the same as *GetWritableChar()* (p. 773)) is used instead. As the call to this operator may modify the string, its data is unshared (COW is done) and so if the string was really shared there is some performance loss (both in terms of speed and memory consumption). In the rare cases when this may be important, you might prefer using *GetChar()* (p. 773) instead of the array subscript operator for this reasons. Please note that *at()* (p. 766) method has the same problem as the subscript operator in this situation and so using it is not really better. Also note that if all string arguments to your functions are passed as *const wxString&* (see the section *Some advice* (p. 1028)) this situation will almost never arise because for constant references the correct operator is called automatically.

## Tuning wxString for your application

**Note:** this section is strictly about performance issues and is absolutely not necessary to read for using wxString class. Please skip it unless you feel familiar with profilers and relative tools. If you do read it, please also read the preceding section about *reference counting* (p. 1029).

For the performance reasons wxString doesn't allocate exactly the amount of memory needed for each string. Instead, it adds a small amount of space to each allocated block which allows it to not reallocate memory (a relatively expensive operation) too often as when, for example, a string is constructed by subsequently adding one character at a time to it, as for example in:

```
// delete all vowels from the string
wxString DeleteAllVowels(const wxString& original)
{
    wxString result;

    size_t len = original.length();
    for ( size_t n = 0; n < len; n++ )
    {
        if ( strchr("aeuio", tolower(original[n])) == NULL )
            result += original[n];
    }

    return result;
}
```

This is quite a common situation and not allocating extra memory at all would lead to

very bad performance in this case because there would be as many memory (re)allocations as there are consonants in the original string. Allocating too much extra memory would help to improve the speed in this situation, but due to a great number of `wxString` objects typically used in a program would also increase the memory consumption too much.

The very best solution in precisely this case would be to use `Alloc()` (p. 769) function to preallocate, for example, `len` bytes from the beginning - this will lead to exactly one memory allocation being performed (because the result is at most as long as the original string).

However, using `Alloc()` is tedious and so `wxString` tries to do its best. The default algorithm assumes that memory allocation is done in granularity of at least 16 bytes (which is the case on almost all of wide-spread platforms) and so nothing is lost if the amount of memory to allocate is rounded up to the next multiple of 16. Like this, no memory is lost and 15 iterations from 16 in the example above won't allocate memory but use the already allocated pool.

The default approach is quite conservative. Allocating more memory may bring important performance benefits for programs using (relatively) few very long strings. The amount of memory allocated is configured by the setting of `EXTRA_ALLOC` in the file `string.cpp` during compilation (be sure to understand why its default value is what it is before modifying it!). You may try setting it to greater amount (say twice `nLen`) or to 0 (to see performance degradation which will follow) and analyse the impact of it on your program. If you do it, you will probably find it helpful to also define `WXSTRING_STATISTICS` symbol which tells the `wxString` class to collect performance statistics and to show them on `stderr` on program termination. This will show you the average length of strings your program manipulates, their average initial length and also the percent of times when memory wasn't reallocated when string concatenation was done but the already preallocated memory was used (this value should be about 98% for the default allocation policy, if it is less than 90% you should really consider fine tuning `wxString` for your application).

It goes without saying that a profiler should be used to measure the precise difference the change to `EXTRA_ALLOC` makes to your program.

## Container classes overview

Classes: `wxList` (p. 446), `wxArray` (p. 16)

`wxWindows` uses itself several container classes including doubly-linked lists and dynamic arrays (i.e. arrays which expand automatically when they become full). For both historical and portability reasons `wxWindows` does not use STL which provides the standard implementation of many container classes in C++. First of all, `wxWindows` has existed since well before STL was written, and secondly we don't believe that today compilers can deal really well with all of STL classes (this is especially true for some less common platforms). Of course, the compilers are evolving quite rapidly and hopefully their progress will allow to base future versions of `wxWindows` on STL - but this is not yet the case.

`wxWindows` container classes don't pretend to be as powerful or full as STL ones, but



they are quite useful and may be compiled with absolutely any C++ compiler. They're used internally by `wxWindows`, but may, of course, be used in your programs as well if you wish.

The list classes in `wxWindows` are doubly-linked lists which may either own the objects they contain (meaning that the list deletes the object when it is removed from the list or the list itself is destroyed) or just store the pointers depending on whether you called or not `wxList::DeleteContents` (p. 450) method.

Dynamic arrays resemble C arrays but with two important differences: they provide run-time range checking in debug builds and they expand automatically the allocated memory when there is no more space for new items. They come in two sorts: the "plain" arrays which store either built-in types such as "char", "int" or "bool" or the pointers to arbitrary objects, or "object arrays" which own the object pointers to which they store.

For the same portability reasons, the container classes implementation in `wxWindows` does not use templates, but is rather based on C preprocessor i.e. is done with the macros: `WX_DECLARE_LIST` and `WX_DEFINE_LIST` for the linked lists and `WX_DECLARE_ARRAY`, `WX_DECLARE_OBJARRAY` and `WX_DEFINE_OBJARRAY` for the dynamic arrays. The "DECLARE" macro declares a new container class containing the elements of given type and is needed for all three types of container classes: lists, arrays and objarrays. The "DEFINE" classes must be inserted in your program in a place where the **full declaration of container element class is in scope** (i.e. not just forward declaration), otherwise destructors of the container elements will not be called! As array classes never delete the items they contain anyhow, there is no `WX_DEFINE_ARRAY` macro for them.

Examples of usage of these macros may be found in `wxList` (p. 446) and `wxArray` (p. 16) documentation.

Finally, `wxWindows` predefines several commonly used container classes. `wxList` is defined for compatibility with previous versions as a list containing `wxObjects` and `wxStringList` as a list of C-style strings (`char *`), both of these classes are deprecated and should not be used in new programs. The following array classes are defined: `wxArrayInt`, `wxArrayLong`, `wxArrayPtrVoid` and `wxArrayString`. The first three store elements of corresponding types, but `wxArrayString` is somewhat special: it is an optimized version of `wxArray` which uses its knowledge about `wxString` (p. 762) reference counting schema.

## Log classes overview

Classes: `wxLog` (p. 479), `wxLogStderr`, `wxLogOstream`, `wxLogTextCtrl`, `wxLogWindow`, `wxLogGui`, `wxLogNull`

This is a general overview of logging classes provided by `wxWindows`. The word logging here has a broad sense, including all of the program output, not only non interactive messages. The logging facilities included in `wxWindows` provide the base `wxLog` class which defines the standard interface for a *log target* as well as several standard implementations of it and a family of functions to use with them.

First of all, no knowledge of `wxLog` classes is needed to use them. For this, you should

only know about `wxLogXXX()` functions. All of them have the same syntax as `printf()`, i.e. they take the format string as the first argument and a variable number of arguments. Here are all of them:

- **wxLogFatalError** which is like `wxLogError`, but also terminates the program with the exit code 3 (using `abort()` standard function also terminates the program with this exit code).
- **wxLogError** is the function to use for error messages, i.e. the messages that must be shown to the user. The default processing is to pop up a message box to inform the user about it.
- **wxLogWarning** for warnings - they are also normally shown to the user, but don't interrupt the program work.
- **wxLogMessage** is for all normal, informational messages. They also appear in a message box by default (but it can be changed, see below). Notice that the standard behaviour is to not show informational messages if there are any errors later - the logic being that the later error messages make the informational messages preceding them meaningless.
- **wxLogVerbose** is for verbose output. Normally, it's suppressed, but might be activated if the user wishes to know more details about the program progress (another, but possibly confusing name for the same function is **wxLogInfo**).
- **wxLogStatus** is for status messages - they will go into the status bar of the active or specified (as the first argument) `wxFrame` (p. 299) if it has one.
- **wxLogSysError** is mostly used by `wxWindows` itself, but might be handy for logging errors after system call (API function) failure. It logs the specified message text as well as the last system error code (`errno` or `::GetLastError()` depending on the platform) and the corresponding error message. The second form of this function takes the error code explicitly as the first argument.
- **wxLogDebug** is the right function for debug output. It only does anything at all in the debug mode (when the preprocessor symbol `__WXDEBUG__` is defined) and expands to nothing in release mode (otherwise).
- **wxLogTrace** as **wxLogDebug** only does something in debug build. The reason for making it a separate function from it is that usually there are a lot of trace messages, so it might make sense to separate them from other debug messages which would be flooded in them. Moreover, the second version of this function takes a trace mask as the first argument which allows to further restrict the amount of messages generated.

The usage of these functions should be fairly straightforward, however it may be asked why not use the other logging facilities, such as C standard `stdio` functions or C++ streams. The short answer is that they're all very good generic mechanisms, but are not really adapted for `wxWindows`, while the log classes are. Some of advantages in using `wxWindows` log functions are:

- **Portability** It's a common practice to use `printf()` statements or `cout/cerr` C++ streams for writing out some (debug or otherwise) information. Although it works just fine under Unix, these messages go strictly nowhere under Windows where the `stdout` of GUI programs is not assigned to anything. Thus, you might view `wxLogMessage()` as a simple substitute for `printf()`.
- **Flexibility** The output of `wxLog` functions can be redirected or suppressed entirely based on their importance, which is either impossible or difficult to do

with traditional methods. For example, only error messages, or only error messages and warnings might be logged, filtering out all informational messages.

- **Completeness** Usually, an error message should be presented to the user when some operation fails. Let's take a quite simple but common case of a file error: suppose that you're writing your data file on disk and there is not enough space. The actual error might have been detected inside `wxWindows` code (say, in `wxFile::Write`), so the calling function doesn't really know the exact reason of the failure, it only knows that the data file couldn't be written to the disk. However, as `wxWindows` uses `wxLogError()` in this situation, the exact error code (and the corresponding error message) will be given to the user together with "high level" message about data file writing error.

After having enumerated all the functions which are normally used to log the messages, and why would you want to use them we now describe how all this works.

`wxWindows` has the notion of a *log target*: it's just a class deriving from `wxLog` (p. 479). As such, it implements the virtual functions of the base class which are called when a message is logged. Only one log target is *active* at any moment, this is the one used by `wxLogXXX()` functions. The normal usage of a log object (i.e. object of a class derived from `wxLog`) is to install it as the active target with a call to `SetActiveTarget()` and it will be used automatically by all subsequent calls to `wxLogXXX()` functions.

To create a new log target class you only need to derive it from `wxLog` and implement one (or both) of `DoLog()` and `DoLogString()` in it. The second one is enough if you're happy with the standard `wxLog` message formatting (prepending "Error:" or "Warning:", timestamping &c) but just want to send the messages somewhere else. The first one may be overridden to do whatever you want but you have to distinguish between the different message types yourself.

There are some predefined classes deriving from `wxLog` and which might be helpful to see how you can create a new log target class and, of course, may also be used without any change. There are:

- **wxLogStderr** This class logs messages to a *FILE \**, using `stderr` by default as its name suggests.
- **wxLogStream** This class has the same functionality as `wxLogStderr`, but uses *ostream* and *cerr* instead of *FILE \** and `stderr`.
- **wxLogGui** This is the standard log target for `wxWindows` applications (it's used by default if you don't do anything) and provides the most reasonable handling of all types of messages for given platform.
- **wxLogWindow** This log target provides a "log console" which collects all messages generated by the application and also passes them to the previous active log target. The log window frame has a menu allowing user to clear the log, close it completely or save all messages to file.
- **wxLogNull** The last log class is quite particular: it doesn't do anything. The objects of this class may be instantiated to (temporarily) suppress output of `wxLogXXX()` functions. As an example, trying to open a non-existing file will usually provoke an error message, but if for some reasons it's unwanted, just use this construction:

```
wxFile file;

// wxFile.Open() normally complains if file can't be opened, we
don't want it
{
    wxLogNull logNo;
    if ( !file.Open("bar") )
        ... process error ourselves ...
} // ~wxLogNull called, old log sink restored

wxLogMessage("..."); // ok
```

## Config classes overview

Classes: *wxConfig* (p. 117)

This overview briefly describes what the config classes are and what they are for. All the details about how to use them may be found in the description of the *wxConfigBase* (p. 117) class and the documentation of the file, registry and INI file based implementations mentions all the features/limitations specific to each one of these versions.

The config classes provide a way to store some application configuration information. They were especially designed for this usage and, although may probably be used for many other things as well, should be limited to it. It means that this information should be:

1. Typed, i.e. strings or numbers for the moment. You can not store binary data, for example.
2. Small. For instance, it is not recommended to use the Windows registry for amounts of data more than a couple of kilobytes.
3. Not performance critical, neither from speed nor from a memory consumption point of view.

On the other hand, the features provided make them very useful for storing all kinds of small to medium volumes of hierarchically-organized, heterogenous data. In short, this is a place where you can conveniently stuff all your data (numbers and strings) organizing it in a tree where you use the filesystem-like paths to specify the location of a piece of data. In particular, these classes were designed to be as easy to use as possible.

From another point of view, they provide an interface which hides the differences between the Windows registry and the standard Unix text format configuration files. Other (future) implementations of *wxConfigBase* might also understand GTK resource files or their analogues on the KDE side.

In any case, each implementation of *wxConfigBase* does its best to make the data look the same way everywhere. Due to the limitations of the underlying physical storage as in

the case of `wxIniConfig`, it may not implement 100% of the base class functionality.

There are groups of entries and the entries themselves. Each entry contains either a string or a number (or a boolean value; support for other types of data such as dates or timestamps is planned) and is identified by the full path to it: something like `/MyApp/UserPreferences/Colors/Foreground`. The previous elements in the path are the group names, and each name may contain an arbitrary number of entries and subgroups. The path components are **always** separated with a slash, even though some implementations use the backslash internally. Further details (including how to read/write these entries) may be found in the documentation for `wxConfigBase` (p. 117).

## Unicode support in wxWindows

This section briefly describes the state of the Unicode support in wxWindows. Read it if you want to know more about how to write programs able to work with characters from languages other than English.

### What is Unicode?

Starting with release 2.1 wxWindows has support for compiling in Unicode mode on the platforms which support it. Unicode is a standard for character encoding which addresses the shortcomings of the previous, 8 bit standards, by using 16 bit for encoding each character. This allows to have 65536 characters instead of the usual 256 and is sufficient to encode all of the world languages at once. More details about Unicode may be found at [www.unicode.org](http://www.unicode.org).

As this solution is obviously preferable to the previous ones (think of incompatible encodings for the same language, locale chaos and so on), many modern operating systems support it. The probably first example is Windows NT which uses only Unicode internally since its very first version.

Writing internationalized programs is much easier with Unicode and, as the support for it improves, it should become more and more so. Moreover, in the Windows NT/2000 case, even the program which uses only standard ASCII can profit from using Unicode because they will work more efficiently - there will be no need for the system to convert all strings the program uses to/from Unicode each time a system call is made.

### Unicode and ANSI modes

As not all platforms supported by wxWindows support Unicode (fully) yet, in many cases it is unwise to write a program which can only work in Unicode environment. A better solution is to write programs in such way that they may be compiled either in ANSI (traditional) mode or in the Unicode one.

This can be achieved quite simply by using the means provided by wxWindows. Basically, there are only a few things to watch out for:

- Character type (`char` or `wchar_t`)

- Literal strings (i.e. "Hello, world!" or '\*')
- String functions (strlen(), strcpy(), ...)

Let's look at them in order. First of all, each character in an Unicode program takes 2 bytes instead of usual one, so another type should be used to store the characters (`char` only holds 1 byte usually). This type is called `wchar_t` which stands for *wide-character type*.

Also, the string and character constants should be encoded on 2 bytes instead of one. This is achieved by using the standard C (and C++) way: just put the letter 'L' after any string constant and it becomes a *long* constant, i.e. a wide character one. To make things a bit more readable, you are also allowed to prefix the constant with 'L' instead of putting it after it.

Finally, the standard C functions don't work with `wchar_t` strings, so another set of functions exists which do the same thing but accept `wchar_t *` instead of `char *`. For example, a function to get the length of a wide-character string is called `wcslen()` (compare with `strlen()` - you see that the only difference is that the "str" prefix standing for "string" has been replaced with "wcs" standing for "wide-character string").

To summarize, here is a brief example of how a program which can be compiled in both ANSI and Unicode modes could look like:

```
#ifdef __UNICODE__
    wchar_t wch = L'*';
    const wchar_t *ws = L"Hello, world!";
    int len = wcslen(ws);
#else // ANSI
    char ch = '*';
    const char *s = "Hello, world!";
    int len = strlen(s);
#endif // Unicode/ANSI
```

Of course, it would be nearly impossible to write such programs if it had to be done this way (try to imagine the number of `#ifdef UNICODE` an average program would have had!). Luckily, there is another way - see the next section.

## Unicode support in wxWindows

In wxWindows, the code fragment from above should be written instead:

```
wxChar ch = wxT('*');
wxString s = wxT("Hello, world!");
int len = s.Len();
```

What happens here? First of all, you see that there are no more `#ifdef`s at all. Instead, we define some types and macros which behave differently in the Unicode and ANSI builds and allows us to avoid using conditional compilation in the program itself.

We have a `wxChar` type which maps either on `char` or `wchar_t` depending on the mode in which program is being compiled. There is no need for a separate type for strings though, because the standard `wxString` (p. 762) supports Unicode, i.e. it stores either ANSI or Unicode strings depending on the compile mode.

Finally, there is a special `wxT( )` macro which should enclose all literal strings in the program. As it's easy to see comparing the last fragment with the one above, this macro expands to nothing in the (usual) ANSI mode and prefixes `'L'` to its argument in the Unicode mode.

The important conclusion is that if you use `wxChar` instead of `char`, avoid using C style strings and use `wxString` instead and don't forget to enclose all string literals inside `wxT( )` macro, your program automatically becomes (almost) Unicode compliant!

Just let us state once again the rules:

- Always use `wxChar` instead of `char`
- Always enclose literal string constants in `wxT( )` macro unless they're already converted to the right representation (another standard `wxWindows` macro `_()` does it, so there is no need for `wxT( )` in this case) or you intend to pass the constant directly to an external function which doesn't accept wide-character strings.
- Use `wxString` instead of C style strings.

## Unicode and the outside world

We have seen that it was easy to write Unicode programs using `wxWindows` types and macros, but it has been also mentioned that it isn't quite enough. Although everything works fine inside the program, things can get nasty when it tries to communicate with the outside world which, sadly, often expects ANSI strings (a notable exception is the entire Win32 API which accepts either Unicode or ANSI strings and which thus makes it unnecessary to ever perform any conversions in the program).

To get a ANSI string from a `wxString`, you may use the `mb_str()` function which always returns an ANSI string (independently of the mode - while the usual `c_str()` (p. 771) returns a pointer to the internal representation which is either ASCII or Unicode). More rarely used, but still useful, is `wc_str()` function which always returns the Unicode string.

## Clipboard and drag and drop overview

Classes: `wxDataObject` (p. 148), `wxClipboard` (p. 87), `wxDataFormat` (p. 145), `wxDropSource` (p. 232), `wxDropTarget` (p. 234)

See also: *DnD sample* (p. 1025)

This overview discusses data transfer through clipboard or drag and drop. In

`wxWindows`, these two ways to transfer data (either between different applications or inside one and the same) are very similar which allows to implement both of them using almost the same code - or, in other words, if you implement drag and drop support for your application, you get clipboard support for free and vice versa.

At the heart of both clipboard and drag and drop operations lies the *wxDataObject* (p. 148) class. The objects of this class (or, to be precise, classes derived from it) represent the data which is being carried by the mouse during drag and drop operation or copied to or pasted from the clipboard. *wxDataObject* is a "smart" piece of data because it knows which formats it supports (see *GetFormatCount* and *GetAllFormats*) and knows how to render itself in any of them (see *GetDataHere*). It can also receive its value from the outside in a format it supports if it implements the *SetData* method. Please see the documentation of this class for more details.

Both clipboard and drag and drop operations have two sides: the source and target, the data provider and the data receiver. These which may be in the same application and even the same window when, for example, you drag some text from one position to another in a word processor. Let us describe what each of them should do.

### The data provider (source) duties

The data provider is responsible for creating a *wxDataObject* (p. 148) containing the data to be transferred. Then it should either pass it to the clipboard using *SetData* (p. 89) function or to *wxDropSource* (p. 232) and call *DoDragDrop* (p. 234) function.

The only (but important) difference is that the object for the clipboard transfer must always be created on the heap (i.e. using `new`) and it will be freed by the clipboard when it is no longer needed (indeed, it is not known in advance when, if ever, the data will be pasted from the clipboard). On the other hand, the object for drag and drop operation must only exist while *DoDragDrop* (p. 234) executes and may be safely deleted afterwards and so can be created either on heap or on stack (i.e. as a local variable).

Another small difference is that in the case of clipboard operation, the application usually knows in advance whether it copies or cuts (i.e. copies and deletes) data - in fact, this usually depends on which menu item the user chose. But for drag and drop it can only know it after *DoDragDrop* (p. 234) returns (from its return value).

### The data receiver (target) duties

To receive (paste in usual terminology) data from the clipboard, you should create a *wxDataObject* (p. 148) derived class which supports the data formats you need and pass it as argument to *wxClipboard::GetData* (p. 88). If it returns `FALSE`, no data in (any of) the supported format(s) is available. If it returns `TRUE`, the data has been successfully transferred to *wxDataObject*.

For drag and drop case, the *wxDropTarget::OnData* (p. 235) virtual function will be called when a data object is dropped, from which the data itself may be requested by calling *wxDropTarget::GetData* (p. 235) method which fills the data object.



## Bitmaps and icons overview

Classes: *wxBitmap* (p. 36), *wxBitmapHandler* (p. 48), *wxIcon* (p. 395), *wxCursor* (p. 135).

The *wxBitmap* class encapsulates the concept of a platform-dependent bitmap, either monochrome or colour. Platform-specific methods for creating a *wxBitmap* object from an existing file are catered for, and this is an occasion where conditional compilation will sometimes be required.

A bitmap created dynamically or loaded from a file can be selected into a memory device context (instance of *wxMemoryDC* (p. 496)). This enables the bitmap to be copied to a window or memory device context using *wxDC::Blit* (p. 166), or to be used as a drawing surface. The ***wxToolBarSimple*** class is implemented using bitmaps, and the toolbar demo shows one of the toolbar bitmaps being used for drawing a miniature version of the graphic which appears on the main window.

See *wxMemoryDC* (p. 496) for an example of drawing onto a bitmap.

The following shows the conditional compilation required to load a bitmap under Unix and in Windows. The alternative is to use the string version of the bitmap constructor, which loads a file under Unix and a resource or file under Windows, but has the disadvantage of requiring the XPM icon file to be available at run-time.

```
#if defined(__WXGTK__) || defined(__WXMOTIF__)
#include "mondrian.xpm"
#endif
```

A macro, *wxICON* (p. 1005), is available which creates an icon using an XPM on the appropriate platform, or an icon resource on Windows.

```
wxIcon icon(wxICON(mondrian));

// Equivalent to:

#if defined(__WXGTK__) || defined(__WXMOTIF__)
wxIcon icon(mondrian_xpm);
#endif

#if defined(__WXMSW__)
wxIcon icon("mondrian");
#endif
```

There is also a corresponding *wxBITMAP* (p. 1004) macro which allows to create the bitmaps in much the same way as *wxICON* (p. 1005) creates icons. It assumes that bitmaps live in resources under Windows or OS2 and XPM files under all other platforms (for XPMs, the corresponding file must be included before this macro is used, of course, and the name of the bitmap should be the same as the resource name under Windows with *\_xpmsuffix*). For example:

```
// an easy and portable way to create a bitmap
```

```
wxBitmap bmp(wxBITMAP(bmpname));

// which is roughly equivalent to the following
#if defined(__WMSW__) || defined(__WXPM__)
    wxBitmap bmp("bmpname", wxBITMAP_TYPE_RESOURCE);
#else // Unix
    wxBitmap bmp(bmpname_xpm, wxBITMAP_TYPE_XPM);
#endif
```

You should always use `wxICON` and `wxBITMAP` macros because they work for any platform (unlike the code above which doesn't deal with `wxMac`, `wxBe`, ...) and are more short and clear than versions with `ifdefs`.

## Supported bitmap file formats

The following lists the formats handled on different platforms. Note that missing or partially-implemented formats can be supplemented by using *wxImage* (p. 402) to load the data, and then converting it to `wxBitmap` form.

### wxBitmap

Under Windows, `wxBitmap` may load the following formats:

- Windows bitmap resource (`wxBITMAP_TYPE_BMP_RESOURCE`)
- Windows bitmap file (`wxBITMAP_TYPE_BMP`)
- PNG file (`wxBITMAP_TYPE_PNG`). Currently 4-bit (16-colour) PNG files do not load properly.
- XPM data and file (`wxBITMAP_TYPE_XPM`)

Under `wxGTK`, `wxBitmap` may load the following formats:

- Windows bitmap file (`wxBITMAP_TYPE_BMP`)
- PNG (`wxBITMAP_TYPE_PNG`).
- XPM data and file (`wxBITMAP_TYPE_XPM`)

Under `wxMotif`, `wxBitmap` may load the following formats:

- XBM data and file (`wxBITMAP_TYPE_XBM`)
- XPM data and file (`wxBITMAP_TYPE_XPM`)

### wxIcon

Under Windows, `wxIcon` may load the following formats:

- Windows icon resource (`wxBITMAP_TYPE_ICO_RESOURCE`)
- Windows icon file (`wxBITMAP_TYPE_ICO`)
- XPM data and file (`wxBITMAP_TYPE_XPM`)

Under `wxGTK`, `wxIcon` may load the following formats:

- PNG (wxBITMAP\_TYPE\_PNG).
- XPM data and file (wxBITMAP\_TYPE\_XPM)

Under wxMotif, wxIcon may load the following formats:

- XBM data and file (wxBITMAP\_TYPE\_XBM)
- XPM data and file (wxBITMAP\_TYPE\_XPM)

### **wxCursor**

Under Windows, wxCursor may load the following formats:

- Windows cursor resource (wxBITMAP\_TYPE\_CUR\_RESOURCE)
- Windows cursor file (wxBITMAP\_TYPE\_CUR)
- Windows icon file (wxBITMAP\_TYPE\_ICO)
- Windows bitmap file (wxBITMAP\_TYPE\_BMP)

Under wxGTK, wxCursor may load the following formats (in addition to stock cursors):

- None (stock cursors only).

Under wxMotif, wxCursor may load the following formats:

- XBM data and file (wxBITMAP\_TYPE\_XBM)

## **Bitmap format handlers**

To provide extensibility, the functionality for loading and saving bitmap formats is not implemented in the wxBitmap class, but in a number of handler classes, derived from wxBitmapHandler. There is a static list of handlers which wxBitmap examines when a file load/save operation is requested. Some handlers are provided as standard, but if you have special requirements, you may wish to initialise the wxBitmap class with some extra handlers which you write yourself or receive from a third party.

To add a handler object to wxBitmap, your application needs to include the header which implements it, and then call the static function *wxBitmap::AddHandler* (p. 39). For example:

```
#include <wx/pnghand.h>
#include <wx/xpmhand.h>
...
// Initialisation
wxBitmap::AddHandler(new wxPNGFileHandler);
wxBitmap::AddHandler(new wxXPMFileHandler);
wxBitmap::AddHandler(new wxXPMDDataHandler);
...
```

Assuming the handlers have been written correctly, you should now be able to load and save PNG files and XPM files using the usual `wxBitmap` API.

**Note:** bitmap handlers are not implemented on all platforms. Currently, the above is only necessary on Windows, to save the extra overhead of formats that may not be necessary (if you don't use them, they are not linked into the executable). Unix platforms have PNG and XPM capability built-in (where supported).

## wxDialog overview

Classes: *wxDialog* (p. 193)

A dialog box is similar to a panel, in that it is a window which can be used for placing controls, with the following exceptions:

1. A surrounding frame is implicitly created.
2. Extra functionality is automatically given to the dialog box, such as tabbing between items (currently Windows only).
3. If the dialog box is *modal*, the calling program is blocked until the dialog box is dismissed.

Under Windows 3, modal dialogs have to be emulated using modeless dialogs and a message loop. This is because Windows 3 expects the contents of a modal dialog to be loaded from a resource file or created on receipt of a dialog initialization message. This is too restrictive for `wxWindows`, where any window may be created and displayed before its contents are created.

For a set of dialog convenience functions, including file selection, see *Dialog functions* (p. 972).

See also *wxPanel* (p. 572) and *wxWindow* (p. 915) for inherited member functions. Validation of data in controls is covered in *Validator overview* (p. 1103).

## Font overview

Class: *wxFont* (p. 285)

A font is an object which determines the appearance of text, primarily when drawing text to a window or device context. A font is determined by the following parameters (not all of them have to be specified, of course):

Point size	This is the standard way of referring to text size.
Family	Supported families are: <b>wxDEFAULT</b> , <b>wxDECORATIVE</b> , <b>wxROMAN</b> , <b>wxSCRIPT</b> , <b>wxSWISS</b> , <b>wxMODERN</b> . <b>wxMODERN</b> is a fixed pitch font; the others are either fixed or variable pitch.
Style	The value can be <b>wxNORMAL</b> , <b>wxSLANT</b> or <b>wxITALIC</b> .
Weight	The value can be <b>wxNORMAL</b> , <b>wxLIGHT</b> or <b>wxBOLD</b> .
Underlining	The value can be TRUE or FALSE.

Face name	An optional string specifying the actual typeface to be used. If NULL, a default typeface will be chosen based on the family.
Encoding	The font encoding (see <b>wxFONTENCODING_XXX</b> constants and the <i>font overview</i> (p. 1112) for more details)

Specifying a family, rather than a specific typeface name, ensures a degree of portability across platforms because a suitable font will be chosen for the given font family.

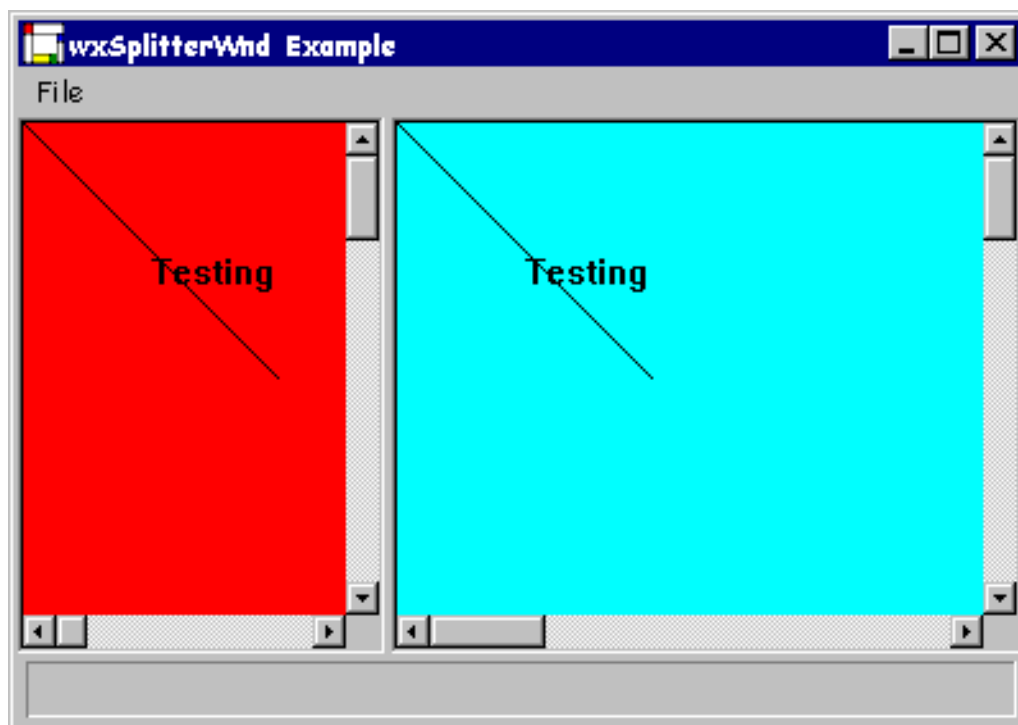
Under Windows, the face name can be one of the installed fonts on the user's system. Since the choice of fonts differs from system to system, either choose standard Windows fonts, or if allowing the user to specify a face name, store the family id with any file that might be transported to a different Windows machine or other platform.

**Note:** There is currently a difference between the appearance of fonts on the two platforms, if the mapping mode is anything other than wxMM\_TEXT. Under X, font size is always specified in points. Under MS Windows, the unit for text is points but the text is scaled according to the current mapping mode. However, user scaling on a device context will also scale fonts under both environments.

## wxSplitterWindow overview

Classes: *wxSplitterWindow* (p. 731)

The following screenshot shows the appearance of a splitter window with a vertical split.



The style `wxSP_3D` has been used to show a 3D border and 3D sash.

### Example

The following fragment shows how to create a splitter window, creating two subwindows and hiding one of them.

```
splitter = new wxSplitterWindow(this, -1, wxPoint(0, 0), wxSize(400,
400), wxSP_3D);

leftWindow = new MyWindow(splitter);
leftWindow->SetScrollbars(20, 20, 50, 50);

rightWindow = new MyWindow(splitter);
rightWindow->SetScrollbars(20, 20, 50, 50);
rightWindow->Show(FALSE);

splitter->Initialize(leftWindow);

// Set this to prevent unsplitting
// splitter->SetMinimumPaneSize(20);
```

The next fragment shows how the splitter window can be manipulated after creation.

```
void MyFrame::OnSplitVertical(wxCommandEvent& event)
{
    if ( splitter->IsSplit() )
        splitter->Unsplit();
    leftWindow->Show(TRUE);
    rightWindow->Show(TRUE);
    splitter->SplitVertically( leftWindow, rightWindow );
}

void MyFrame::OnSplitHorizontal(wxCommandEvent& event)
{
    if ( splitter->IsSplit() )
        splitter->Unsplit();
    leftWindow->Show(TRUE);
    rightWindow->Show(TRUE);
    splitter->SplitHorizontally( leftWindow, rightWindow );
}

void MyFrame::OnUnsplit(wxCommandEvent& event)
{
    if ( splitter->IsSplit() )
        splitter->Unsplit();
}
```

## **wxTreeCtrl overview**

Classes: *wxTreeCtrl* (p. 875), *wxImageList* (p. 418)

The tree control displays its items in a tree like structure. Each item has its own (optional) icon and a label. An item may be either collapsed (meaning that its children are not visible) or expanded (meaning that its children are shown). Each item in the tree is identified by its *itemId* which is of opaque data type *wxTreeItemId*.

The items text and image may be retrieved and changed with *GetItemText* (p. 882)/*SetItemText* (p. 888) and *GetItemImage* (p. 881)/*SetItemImage* (p. 887). In fact, an item may even have two images associated with it: the normal one and another one for selected state which is set/retrieved with *SetItemSelectedImage* (p. 887)/*GetItemSelectedImage* (p. 883) functions, but this functionality might be unavailable on some platforms.

Tree items have several attributes: an item may be selected or not, visible or not, bold or not. It may also be expanded or collapsed. All these attributes may be retrieved with the corresponding functions: *IsSelected* (p. 885), *IsVisible* (p. 885), *IsBold* (p. 885) and *IsExpanded* (p. 885). Only one item at a time may be selected, selecting another one (with *SelectItem* (p. 886)) automatically unselects the previously selected one.

In addition to its icon and label, a user-specific data structure may be associated with all tree items. If you wish to do it, you should derive a class from *wxTreeItemData* which is a very simple class having only one function *GetId()* which returns the id of the item this data is associated with. This data will be freed by the control itself when the associated item is deleted (all items are deleted when the control is destroyed), so you shouldn't delete it yourself (if you do it, you should call *SetItemData(NULL)* (p. 887) to prevent the tree from deleting the pointer second time). The associated data may be retrieved with *GetItemData()* (p. 881) function.

Working with trees is relatively straightforward if all the items are added to the tree at the moment of its creation. However, for large trees it may be very inefficient. To improve the performance you may want to delay adding the items to the tree until the branch containing the items is expanded: so, in the beginning, only the root item is created (with *AddRoot* (p. 877)). Other items are added when *EVT\_TREE\_ITEM\_EXPANDING* event is received: then all items lying immediately under the item being expanded should be added, but, of course, only when this event is received for the first time for this item - otherwise, the items would be added twice if the user expands/collapses/reexpands the branch.

The tree control provides functions for enumerating its items. There are 3 groups of enumeration functions: for the children of a given item, for the sibling of the given item and for the visible items (those which are currently shown to the user: an item may be invisible either because its branch is collapsed or because it is scrolled out of view). Child enumeration functions require the caller to give them a *cookie* parameter: it is a number which is opaque to the caller but is used by the tree control itself to allow multiple enumerations to run simultaneously (this is explicitly allowed). The only thing to remember is that the *cookie* passed to *GetFirstChild* (p. 880) and to *GetNextChild* (p. 882) should be the same variable (and that nothing should be done with it by the user

code).

Among other features of the tree control are: item sorting with *SortChildren* (p. 888) which uses the user-defined comparison function *OnCompareItems* (p. 885) (by default the comparison is the alphabetic comparison of tree labels), hit testing (determining to which portion of the control the given point belongs, useful for implementing drag-and-drop in the tree) with *HitTest* (p. 884) and editing of the tree item labels in place (see *EditLabel* (p. 878)).

Finally, the tree control has a keyboard interface: the cursor navigation (arrow) keys may be used to change the current selection. <HOME> and <END> are used to go to the first/last sibling of the current item. '+', '-' and '\*' expand, collapse and toggle the current branch. Note, however, that <DEL> and <INS> keys do nothing by default, but it is usual to associate them with deleting item from a tree and inserting a new one into it.

### **wxListCtrl overview**

Classes: *wxListCtrl* (p. 461), *wxImageList* (p. 418)

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### **wxImageList overview**

Classes: *wxImageList* (p. 418)

An image list is a list of images that may have transparent areas. The class helps an application organise a collection of images so that they can be referenced by integer index instead of by pointer.

Image lists are used in *wxNotebook* (p. 546), *wxListCtrl* (p. 461), *wxTreeCtrl* (p. 461) and some other control classes.

### **Common dialogs overview**

Classes: *wxColourDialog* (p. 98), *wxFontDialog* (p. 295), *wxPrintDialog* (p. 598), *wxFileDialog* (p. 264), *wxDirDialog* (p. 200), *wxTextEntryDialog* (p. 838), *wxMessageDialog* (p. 520), *wxSingleChoiceDialog* (p. 687), *wxMultipleChoiceDialog* (p. 540)

Common dialog classes and functions encapsulate commonly-needed dialog box requirements. They are all 'modal', grabbing the flow of control until the user dismisses the dialog, to make them easy to use within an application.

Some dialogs have both platform-dependent and platform-independent implementations, so that if underlying windowing systems that do not provide the required functionality, the generic classes and functions can stand in. For example, under MS Windows, *wxColourDialog* uses the standard colour selector. There is also an equivalent called *wxGenericColourDialog* for other platforms, and a macro defines *wxColourDialog* to be the same as *wxGenericColourDialog* on non-MS Windows platforms. However, under MS Windows, the generic dialog can also be used, for testing or other purposes.



## **wxColourDialog overview**

Classes: *wxColourDialog* (p. 98), *wxColourData* (p. 94)

The *wxColourDialog* presents a colour selector to the user, and returns with colour information.

### **The MS Windows colour selector**

Under Windows, the native colour selector common dialog is used. This presents a dialog box with three main regions: at the top left, a palette of 48 commonly-used colours is shown. Under this, there is a palette of 16 'custom colours' which can be set by the application if desired. Additionally, the user may open up the dialog box to show a right-hand panel containing controls to select a precise colour, and add it to the custom colour palette.

### **The generic colour selector**

Under non-MS Windows platforms, the colour selector is a simulation of most of the features of the MS Windows selector. Two palettes of 48 standard and 16 custom colours are presented, with the right-hand area containing three sliders for the user to select a colour from red, green and blue components. This colour may be added to the custom colour palette, and will replace either the currently selected custom colour, or the first one in the palette if none is selected. The RGB colour sliders are not optional in the generic colour selector. The generic colour selector is also available under MS Windows; use the name *wxGenericColourDialog*.

### **Example**

In the *samples/dialogs* directory, there is an example of using the *wxColourDialog* class. Here is an excerpt, which sets various parameters of a *wxColourData* object, including a grey scale for the custom colours. If the user did not cancel the dialog, the application retrieves the selected colour and uses it to set the background of a window.

```
wxColourData data;
data.SetChooseFull(TRUE);
for (int i = 0; i < 16; i++)
{
    wxColour colour(i*16, i*16, i*16);
    data.SetCustomColour(i, colour);
}

wxColourDialog dialog(this, &data);
if (dialog.ShowModal() == wxID_OK)
{
    wxColourData retData = dialog.GetColourData();
    wxColour col = retData.GetColour();
    wxBrush brush(col, wxSOLID);
    myWindow->SetBackground(brush);
    myWindow->Clear();
}
```

```
myWindow->Refresh();  
}
```

## **wxFontDialog overview**

Classes: *wxFontDialog* (p. 295), *wxFontData* (p. 292)

The *wxFontDialog* presents a font selector to the user, and returns with font and colour information.

### **The MS Windows font selector**

Under Windows, the native font selector common dialog is used. This presents a dialog box with controls for font name, point size, style, weight, underlining, strikethrough and text foreground colour. A sample of the font is shown on a white area of the dialog box. Note that in the translation from full MS Windows fonts to wxWindows font conventions, strikethrough is ignored and a font family (such as Swiss or Modern) is deduced from the actual font name (such as Arial or Courier). The full range of Windows fonts cannot be used in wxWindows at present.

### **The generic font selector**

Under non-MS Windows platforms, the font selector is simpler. Controls for font family, point size, style, weight, underlining and text foreground colour are provided, and a sample is shown upon a white background. The generic font selector is also available under MS Windows; use the name *wxGenericFontDialog*.

In both cases, the application is responsible for deleting the new font returned from calling *wxFontDialog::Show* (if any). This returned font is guaranteed to be a new object and not one currently in use in the application.

### **Example**

In the *samples/dialogs* directory, there is an example of using the *wxFontDialog* class. The application uses the returned font and colour for drawing text on a canvas. Here is an excerpt:

```
wxFontData data;  
data.SetInitialFont(canvasFont);  
data.SetColour(canvasTextColour);  
  
wxFontDialog dialog(this, &data);  
if (dialog.ShowModal() == wxID_OK)  
{  
    wxFontData retData = dialog.GetFontData();  
    canvasFont = retData.GetChosenFont();  
    canvasTextColour = retData.GetColour();  
    myWindow->Refresh();  
}
```

## **wxPrintDialog overview**

Classes: *wxPrintDialog* (p. 598), *wxPrintData* (p. 592)

This class represents the print and print setup common dialogs. You may obtain a *wxPrinterDC* (p. 606) device context from a successfully dismissed print dialog.

The samples/printing example shows how to use it: see *Printing overview* (p. 1083) for an excerpt from this example.

## **wxFileDialog overview**

Classes: *wxFileDialog* (p. 264)

Pops up a file selector box. In Windows, this is the common file selector dialog. In X, this is a file selector box with somewhat less functionality. The path and filename are distinct elements of a full file pathname. If path is "", the current directory will be used. If filename is "", no default filename will be supplied. The wildcard determines what files are displayed in the file selector, and file extension supplies a type extension for the required filename. Flags may be a combination of *wxOPEN*, *wxSAVE*, *wxOVERWRITE\_PROMPT*, *wxHIDE\_READONLY*, or 0. They are only significant at present in Windows.

Both the X and Windows versions implement a wildcard filter. Typing a filename containing wildcards (\*, ?) in the filename text item, and clicking on Ok, will result in only those files matching the pattern being displayed. In the X version, supplying no default name will result in the wildcard filter being inserted in the filename text item; the filter is ignored if a default name is supplied.

Under Windows (only), the wildcard may be a specification for multiple types of file with a description for each, such as:

```
"BMP files (*.bmp) | *.bmp | GIF files (*.gif) | *.gif"
```

## **wxDirDialog overview**

Classes: *wxDirDialog* (p. 200)

This dialog shows a directory selector dialog, allowing the user to select a single directory.

## **wxTextEntryDialog overview**

Classes: *wxTextEntryDialog* (p. 838)

This is a dialog with a text entry field. The value that the user entered is obtained using *wxTextEntryDialog::GetValue* (p. 839).

### **wxMessageDialog overview**

Classes: *wxMessageDialog* (p. 520)

This dialog shows a message, plus buttons that can be chosen from OK, Cancel, Yes, and No. Under Windows, an optional icon can be shown, such as an exclamation mark or question mark.

The return value of *wxMessageDialog::ShowModal* (p. 522) indicates which button the user pressed.

### **wxSingleChoiceDialog overview**

Classes: *wxSingleChoiceDialog* (p. 687)

This dialog shows a list of choices, plus OK and (optionally) Cancel. The user can select one of them. The selection can be obtained from the dialog as an index, a string or client data.

### **wxMultipleChoiceDialog overview**

Classes: *wxMultipleChoiceDialog* (p. 540)

This dialog shows a list of choices, plus OK and (optionally) Cancel. The user can select one or more of them.

### **Constraints overview**

Classes: *wxLayoutConstraints* (p. 444), *wxIndividualLayoutConstraint* (p. 422).

Objects of class *wxLayoutConstraint* can be associated with a window to define the way its subwindows are laid out, with respect to their siblings or parent.

The class consists of the following eight constraints of class *wxIndividualLayoutConstraint*, some or all of which should be accessed directly to set the appropriate constraints.

- **left:** represents the left hand edge of the window
- **right:** represents the right hand edge of the window
- **top:** represents the top edge of the window
- **bottom:** represents the bottom edge of the window
- **width:** represents the width of the window
- **height:** represents the height of the window
- **centreX:** represents the horizontal centre point of the window
- **centreY:** represents the vertical centre point of the window

The constraints are initially set to have the relationship `wxUnconstrained`, which means that their values should be calculated by looking at known constraints. To calculate the position and size of the control, the layout algorithm needs to know exactly 4 constraints (as it has 4 numbers to calculate from them), so you should always set exactly 4 of the constraints from the above table.

If you want the controls height or width to have the default value, you may use a special value for the constraint: `wxAsIs`. If the constraint is `wxAsIs`, the dimension will not be changed which is useful for the dialog controls which often have the default size (e.g. the buttons whose size is determined by their label).

The constraints calculation is done in `wxWindow::Layout` (p. 932) function which evaluates constraints. To call it you can either call `wxWindow::SetAutoLayout` to tell default `OnSize` handlers to call `Layout` automatically whenever the window size changes, or override `OnSize` and call `Layout` yourself.

### **Constraint layout: more detail**

By default, windows do not have a `wxLayoutConstraints` object. In this case, much layout must be done explicitly, by performing calculations in `OnSize` members, except for the case of frames that have exactly one subwindow (not counting toolbar and statusbar which are also positioned by the frame automatically), where `wxFrame::OnSize` takes care of resizing the child to always fill the frame.

To avoid the need for these rather awkward calculations, the user can create a `wxLayoutConstraints` object and associate it with a window with `wxWindow::SetConstraints`. This object contains a constraint for each of the window edges, two for the centre point, and two for the window size. By setting some or all of these constraints appropriately, the user can achieve quite complex layout by defining relationships between windows.

In `wxWindows`, each window can be constrained relative to either its *siblings* on the same window, or the *parent*. The layout algorithm therefore operates in a top-down manner, finding the correct layout for the children of a window, then the layout for the grandchildren, and so on. Note that this differs markedly from native Motif layout, where constraints can ripple upwards and can eventually change the frame window or dialog box size. We assume in `wxWindows` that the *user* is always 'boss' and specifies the size of the outer window, to which subwindows must conform. Obviously, this might be a limitation in some circumstances, but it suffices for most situations, and the simplification avoids some of the nightmarish problems associated with programming Motif.

When the user sets constraints, many of the constraints for windows edges and dimensions remain unconstrained. For a given window, the `wxWindow::Layout` algorithm first resets all constraints in all children to have unknown edge or dimension values, and then iterates through the constraints, evaluating them. For unconstrained edges and dimensions, it tries to find the value using known relationships that always hold. For example, an unconstrained *width* may be calculated from the *left* and *right edges*, if both are currently known. For edges and dimensions with user-supplied constraints, these constraints are evaluated if the inputs of the constraint are known.

The algorithm stops when all child edges and dimension are known (success), or there are unknown edges or dimensions but there has been no change in this cycle (failure).

It then sets all the window positions and sizes according to the values it has found.

Because the algorithm is iterative, the order in which constraints are considered is irrelevant, however you may reduce the number of iterations (and thus speed up the layout calculations) by creating the controls in such order that as many constraints as possible can be calculated during the first iteration. For example, if you have 2 buttons which you'd like to position in the lower right corner, it is slightly more efficient to first create the second button and specify that its right border `IsSameAs`(parent, `wxRight`) and then create the first one by specifying that it should be `LeftOf`() the second one than to do in a more natural left-to-right order.

## Window layout examples

### Example 1: subwindow layout

This example specifies a panel and a window side by side, with a text subwindow below it.

```
frame->panel = new wxPanel(frame, -1, wxPoint(0, 0), wxSize(1000,
500), 0);
frame->scrollWindow = new MyScrolledWindow(frame, -1, wxPoint(0, 0),
wxSize(400, 400), wxRETAINED);
frame->text_window = new MyTextWindow(frame, -1, wxPoint(0, 250),
wxSize(400, 250));

// Set constraints for panel subwindow
wxLayoutConstraints *c1 = new wxLayoutConstraints;

c1->left.SameAs      (frame, wxLeft);
c1->top.SameAs       (frame, wxTop);
c1->right.PercentOf  (frame, wxWidth, 50);
c1->height.PercentOf (frame, wxHeight, 50);

frame->panel->SetConstraints(c1);

// Set constraints for scrollWindow subwindow
wxLayoutConstraints *c2 = new wxLayoutConstraints;

c2->left.SameAs      (frame->panel, wxRight);
c2->top.SameAs       (frame, wxTop);
c2->right.SameAs     (frame, wxRight);
c2->height.PercentOf (frame, wxHeight, 50);

frame->scrollWindow->SetConstraints(c2);

// Set constraints for text subwindow
wxLayoutConstraints *c3 = new wxLayoutConstraints;
c3->left.SameAs      (frame, wxLeft);
```

```

c3->top.Below      (frame->panel);
c3->right.SameAs   (frame, wxRight);
c3->bottom.SameAs  (frame, wxBottom);

frame->text_window->SetConstraints(c3);

```

## Example 2: panel item layout

This example sizes a button width to 80 percent of the panel width, and centres it horizontally. A listbox and multitext item are placed below it. The listbox takes up 40 percent of the panel width, and the multitext item takes up the remainder of the width. Margins of 5 pixels are used.

```

// Create some panel items
wxButton *btn1 = new wxButton(frame->panel, -1, "A button") ;

wxLayoutConstraints *b1 = new wxLayoutConstraints;
b1->centreX.SameAs   (frame->panel, wxCentreX);
b1->top.SameAs        (frame->panel, wxTop, 5);
b1->width.PercentOf   (frame->panel, wxWidth, 80);
b1->height.PercentOf  (frame->panel, wxHeight, 10);
btn1->SetConstraints(b1);

wxListBox *list = new wxListBox(frame->panel, -1, "A list",
                                wxPoint(-1, -1), wxSize(200, 100));

wxLayoutConstraints *b2 = new wxLayoutConstraints;
b2->top.Below        (btn1, 5);
b2->left.SameAs       (frame->panel, wxLeft, 5);
b2->width.PercentOf   (frame->panel, wxWidth, 40);
b2->bottom.SameAs     (frame->panel, wxBottom, 5);
list->SetConstraints(b2);

wxTextCtrl *mtext = new wxTextCtrl(frame->panel, -1, "Multiline
text", "Some text",
                                wxPoint(-1, -1), wxSize(150, 100),
wxTE_MULTILINE);

wxLayoutConstraints *b3 = new wxLayoutConstraints;
b3->top.Below        (btn1, 5);
b3->left.RightOf     (list, 5);
b3->right.SameAs     (frame->panel, wxRight, 5);
b3->bottom.SameAs    (frame->panel, wxBottom, 5);
mtext->SetConstraints(b3);

```

## Database classes overview

Classes: *wxDatabase* (p. 139), *wxRecordSet* (p. 641), *wxQueryCol* (p. 621), *wxQueryField* (p. 624)

Note that more sophisticated ODBC classes are provided by the Remstar database classes: please see the separate HTML and Word documentation.

wxWindows provides a set of classes for accessing a subset of Microsoft's ODBC (Open Database Connectivity) product. Currently, this wrapper is available under MS Windows only, although ODBC may appear on other platforms, and a generic or product-specific SQL emulator for the ODBC classes may be provided in wxWindows at a later date.

ODBC presents a unified API (Application Programmer's Interface) to a wide variety of databases, by interfacing indirectly to each database or file via an ODBC driver. The language for most of the database operations is SQL, so you need to learn a small amount of SQL as well as the wxWindows ODBC wrapper API. Even though the databases may not be SQL-based, the ODBC drivers translate SQL into appropriate operations for the database or file: even text files have rudimentary ODBC support, along with dBASE, Access, Excel and other file formats.

The run-time files for ODBC are bundled with many existing database packages, including MS Office. The required header files, `sql.h` and `sqlext.h`, are bundled with several compilers including MS VC++ and Watcom C++. The only other way to obtain these header files is from the ODBC SDK, which is only available with the MS Developer Network CD-ROMs -- at great expense. If you have `odbc.dll`, you can make the required import library `odbc.lib` using the tool 'implib'. You need to have `odbc.lib` in your compiler library path.

The minimum you need to distribute with your application is `odbc.dll`, which must go in the Windows system directory. For the application to function correctly, ODBC drivers must be installed on the user's machine. If you do not use the database classes, `odbc.dll` will be loaded but not called (so ODBC does not need to be setup fully if no ODBC calls will be made).

A sample is distributed with wxWindows in `samples/odbc`. You will need to install the sample dbf file as a data source using the ODBC setup utility, available from the control panel if ODBC has been fully installed.

## Procedures for writing an ODBC application

You first need to create a `wxDatabase` object. If you want to get information from the ODBC manager instead of from a particular database (for example using `wxRecordSet::GetDataSources` (p. 646)), then you do not need to call `wxDatabase::Open` (p. 144). If you do wish to connect to a datasource, then call `wxDatabase::Open`. You can reuse your `wxDatabase` object, calling `wxDatabase::Close` and `wxDatabase::Open` multiple times.

Then, create a `wxRecordSet` object for retrieving or sending information. For ODBC manager information retrieval, you can create it as a dynaset (retrieve the information as needed) or a snapshot (get all the data at once). If you are going to call `wxRecordSet::ExecuteSQL` (p. 644), you need to create it as a snapshot. Dynaset mode is not yet implemented for user data.

Having called a function such as `wxRecordSet::ExecuteSQL` or `wxRecordSet::GetDataSources`, you may have a number of records associated with the recordset, if appropriate to the operation. You can now retrieve information such as the number of records retrieved and the actual data itself. Use `wxRecordSet::GetFieldData`



(p. 647) or `wxRecordSet::GetFieldDataPtr` (p. 647) to get the data or a pointer to it, passing a column index or name. The data returned will be for the current record. To move around the records, use `wxRecordSet::MoveNext` (p. 652), `wxRecordSet::MovePrev` (p. 652) and associated functions.

You can use the same recordset for multiple operations, or delete the recordset and create a new one.

Note that when you delete a `wxDatabase`, any associated recordsets also get deleted, so beware of holding onto invalid pointers.

## **wxDatabase overview**

*Database classes overview* (p. 1054)

Class: `wxDatabase` (p. 139)

Every database object represents an ODBC connection. To do anything useful with a database object you need to bind a `wxRecordSet` object to it. All you can do with `wxDatabase` is opening/closing connections and getting some info about it (users, passwords, and so on).

## **wxQueryCol overview**

*Database classes overview* (p. 1054)

Class: `wxQueryCol` (p. 621)

Every data column is represented by an instance of this class. It contains the name and type of a column and a list of `wxQueryFields` where the real data is stored. The links to user-defined variables are stored here, as well.

## **wxQueryField overview**

*Database classes overview* (p. 1054)

Class: `wxQueryField` (p. 624)

As every data column is represented by an instance of the class `wxQueryCol`, every data item of a specific column is represented by an instance of `wxQueryField`. Each column contains a list of `wxQueryFields`. If `wxRecordSet` is of the type `wxOPEN_TYPE_DYNASET`, there will be only one field for each column, which will be updated every time you call functions like `wxRecordSet::Move` or `wxRecordSet::GoTo`. If `wxRecordSet` is of the type `wxOPEN_TYPE_SNAPSHOT`, all data returned by an ODBC function will be loaded at once and the number of `wxQueryField` instances for each column will depend on the number of records.

## **wxRecordSet overview**

*Database classes overview* (p. 1054)

Class: *wxRecordSet* (p. 641)

Each *wxRecordSet* represents a database query. You can make multiple queries at a time by using multiple *wxRecordSets* with a *wxDatabase* or you can make your queries in sequential order using the same *wxRecordSet*.

## **ODBC SQL data types**

*Database classes overview* (p. 1054)

These are the data types supported in ODBC SQL. Note that there are other, extended level conformance types, not currently supported in *wxWindows*.

CHAR( <i>n</i> )	A character string of fixed length <i>n</i> .
VARCHAR( <i>n</i> )	A varying length character string of maximum length <i>n</i> .
LONG VARCHAR( <i>n</i> )	A varying length character string: equivalent to VARCHAR for the purposes of ODBC.
DECIMAL( <i>p</i> , <i>s</i> )	An exact numeric of precision <i>p</i> and scale <i>s</i> .
NUMERIC( <i>p</i> , <i>s</i> )	Same as DECIMAL.
SMALLINT	A 2 byte integer.
INTEGER	A 4 byte integer.
REAL	A 4 byte floating point number.
FLOAT	An 8 byte floating point number.
DOUBLE PRECISION	Same as FLOAT.

These data types correspond to the following ODBC identifiers:

SQL_CHAR	A character string of fixed length.
SQL_VARCHAR	A varying length character string.
SQL_DECIMAL	An exact numeric.
SQL_NUMERIC	Same as SQL_DECIMAL.
SQL_SMALLINT	A 2 byte integer.
SQL_INTEGER	A 4 byte integer.
SQL_REAL	A 4 byte floating point number.
SQL_FLOAT	An 8 byte floating point number.
SQL_DOUBLE	Same as SQL_FLOAT.

## **A selection of SQL commands**

*Database classes overview* (p. 1054)

The following is a very brief description of some common SQL commands, with examples.

## Create

Creates a table.

Example:

```
CREATE TABLE Book
  (BookNumber      INTEGER      PRIMARY KEY
  , CategoryCode   CHAR(2)      DEFAULT 'RO' NOT NULL
  , Title          VARCHAR(100) UNIQUE
  , NumberOfPages  SMALLINT
  , RetailPriceAmount NUMERIC(5,2)
  )
```

## Insert

Inserts records into a table.

Example:

```
INSERT INTO Book
  (BookNumber, CategoryCode, Title)
VALUES(5, 'HR', 'The Lark Ascending')
```

## Select

The Select operation retrieves rows and columns from a table. The criteria for selection and the columns returned may be specified.

Examples:

```
SELECT * FROM Book
```

Selects all rows and columns from table Book.

```
SELECT Title, RetailPriceAmount FROM Book WHERE RetailPriceAmount >
20.0
```

Selects columns Title and RetailPriceAmount from table Book, returning only the rows that match the WHERE clause.

```
SELECT * FROM Book WHERE CatCode = 'LL' OR CatCode = 'RR'
```

Selects all columns from table Book, returning only the rows that match the WHERE clause.

```
SELECT * FROM Book WHERE CatCode IS NULL
```

Selects all columns from table Book, returning only rows where the CatCode column is NULL.

```
SELECT * FROM Book ORDER BY Title
```

Selects all columns from table Book, ordering by Title, in ascending order. To specify descending order, add DESC after the ORDER BY Title clause.

```
SELECT Title FROM Book WHERE RetailPriceAmount >= 20.0 AND  
RetailPriceAmount <= 35.0
```

Selects records where RetailPriceAmount conforms to the WHERE expression.

## Update

Updates records in a table.

Example:

```
UPDATE Incident SET X = 123 WHERE ASSET = 'BD34'
```

This example sets a field in column 'X' to the number 123, for the record where the column ASSET has the value 'BD34'.

## Device context overview

Classes: *wxDC* (p. 165), *wxPostScriptDC* (p. 587), *wxMetafileDC* (p. 523), *wxMemoryDC* (p. 496), *wxPrinterDC* (p. 606), *wxScreenDC* (p. 670), *wxClientDC* (p. 86), *wxPaintDC* (p. 567), *wxWindowDC* (p. 961).

A *wxDC* is a *device context* onto which graphics and text can be drawn. The device context is intended to represent a number of output devices in a generic way, with the same API being used throughout.

Some device contexts are created temporarily in order to draw on a window. This is true of *wxScreenDC* (p. 670), *wxClientDC* (p. 86), *wxPaintDC* (p. 567), and *wxWindowDC* (p. 961). The following describes the differences between these device contexts and when you should use them.

- **wxScreenDC.** Use this to paint on the screen, as opposed to an individual window.
- **wxClientDC.** Use this to paint on the client area of window (the part without borders and other decorations), but do not use it from within an *wxWindow::OnPaint* (p. 943) event.
- **wxPaintDC.** Use this to paint on the client area of a window, but *only* from within an *wxWindow::OnPaint* (p. 943) event.
- **wxWindowDC.** Use this to paint on the whole area of a window, including decorations. This may not be available on non-Windows platforms.

To use a client, paint or window device context, create an object on the stack with the window as argument, for example:

```
void MyWindow::OnMyCmd(wxCommandEvent& event)
{
    wxClientDC dc(window);
    DrawMyPicture(dc);
}
```

Try to write code so it is parameterised by wxDC - if you do this, the same piece of code may write to a number of different devices, by passing a different device context. This doesn't work for everything (for example not all device contexts support bitmap drawing) but will work most of the time.

## Debugging overview

Classes, functions and macros: *wxDebugContext* (p. 187), *wxObject* (p. 555), *wxLog* (p. 479), *Log functions* (p. 1010), *Debug macros* (p. 1012)

Various classes, functions and macros are provided in wxWindows to help you debug your application. Most of these are only available if you compile both wxWindows, your application and *all* libraries that use wxWindows with the `__WXDEBUG__` symbol defined. You can also test the `__WXDEBUG__` symbol in your own applications to execute code that should be active only in debug mode.

### wxDebugContext

*wxDebugContext* (p. 187) is a class that never gets instantiated, but ties together various static functions and variables. It allows you to dump all objects to that stream, write statistics about object allocation, and check memory for errors.

It is good practice to define a *wxObject::Dump* (p. 556) member function for each class you derive from a wxWindows class, so that *wxDebugContext::Dump* (p. 188) can call it and give valuable information about the state of the application.

If you have difficulty tracking down a memory leak, recompile in debugging mode and call *wxDebugContext::Dump* (p. 188) and *wxDebugContext::PrintStatistics* (p. 190) at appropriate places. They will tell you what objects have not yet been deleted, and what kinds of object they are. In fact, in debug mode wxWindows will automatically detect memory leaks when your application is about to exit, and if there are any leaks, will give you information about the problem. (How much information depends on the operating system and compiler -- some systems don't allow all memory logging to be enabled). See the memcheck sample for example of usage.

For wxDebugContext to do its work, the *new* and *delete* operators for wxObject have been redefined to store extra information about dynamically allocated objects (but not statically declared objects). This slows down a debugging version of an application, but can find difficult-to-detect memory leaks (objects are not deallocated), overwrites (writing past the end of your object) and underwrites (writing to memory in front of the object).

If debugging mode is on and the symbol `wxUSE_GLOBAL_MEMORY_OPERATORS` is set to 1 in `setup.h`, 'new' is defined to be:

```
#define new new(__FILE__, __LINE__)
```

All occurrences of 'new' in `wxWindows` and your own application will use the overridden form of the operator with two extra arguments. This means that the debugging output (and error messages reporting memory problems) will tell you what file and on what line you allocated the object. Unfortunately not all compilers allow this definition to work properly, but most do.

### Debug macros

You should also use *debug macros* (p. 1012) as part of a 'defensive programming' strategy, scattering `wxASSERT`s liberally to test for problems in your code as early as possible. Forward thinking will save a surprising amount of time in the long run.

`wxASSERT` (p. 1012) is used to pop up an error message box when a condition is not true. You can also use `wxASSERT_MSG` (p. 1013) to supply your own helpful error message. For example:

```
void MyClass::MyFunction(wxObject* object)
{
    wxASSERT_MSG( (object != NULL), "object should not be NULL in
MyFunction!" );

    ...
};
```

The message box allows you to continue execution or abort the program. If you are running the application inside a debugger, you will be able to see exactly where the problem was.

### Logging functions

You can use the `wxLogDebug` (p. 1011) and `wxLogTrace` (p. 1012) functions to output debugging information in debug mode; it will do nothing for non-debugging code.

### wxDebugContext overview

*Debugging overview* (p. 1060)

Class: `wxDebugContext` (p. 187)

`wxDebugContext` is a class for performing various debugging and memory tracing operations.

This class has only static data and function members, and there should be no instances. Probably the most useful members are `SetFile` (for directing output to a file, instead of the default standard error or debugger output); `Dump` (for dumping the dynamically allocated objects) and `PrintStatistics` (for dumping information about allocation of objects). You can also call `Check` to check memory blocks for integrity.

Here's an example of use. The `SetCheckpoint` ensures that only the allocations done after the checkpoint will be dumped.

```
wxDebugContext::SetCheckpoint();

wxDebugContext::SetFile("c:\\temp\\debug.log");

wxString *thing = new wxString;

char *ordinaryNonObject = new char[1000];

wxDebugContext::Dump();
wxDebugContext::PrintStatistics();
```

You can use `wxDebugContext` if `__WXDEBUG__` is defined, or you can use it at any other time (if `wxUSE_DEBUG_CONTEXT` is set to 1 in `setup.h`). It is not disabled in non-debug mode because you may not wish to recompile `wxWindows` and your entire application just to make use of the error logging facility.

Note: `wxDebugContext::SetFile` has a problem at present, so use the default stream instead. Eventually the logging will be done through the `wxLog` facilities instead.

## Window deletion overview

Classes: *wxCloseEvent* (p. 89), *wxWindow* (p. 915)

Window deletion can be a confusing subject, so this overview is provided to help make it clear when and how you delete windows, or respond to user requests to close windows.

### What is the sequence of events in a window deletion?

When the user clicks on the system close button or system close command, in a frame or a dialog, `wxWindows` calls *wxWindow::Close* (p. 919). This in turn generates an `EVT_CLOSE` event: see *wxWindow::OnCloseWindow* (p. 937).

It is the duty of the application to define a suitable event handler, and decide whether or not to destroy the window. If the application is for some reason forcing the application to close (*wxCloseEvent::CanVeto* (p. 90) returns `FALSE`), the window should always be destroyed, otherwise there is the option to ignore the request, or maybe wait until the user has answered a question before deciding whether it's safe to close. The handler for `EVT_CLOSE` should signal to the calling code if it does not destroy the window, by calling *wxCloseEvent::Veto* (p. 91). Calling this provides useful information to the calling code.

The `wxCloseEvent` handler should only call *wxWindow::Destroy* (p. 922) to delete the window, and not use the **delete** operator. This is because for some window classes,

`wxWindows` delays actual deletion of the window until all events have been processed, since otherwise there is the danger that events will be sent to a non-existent window.

As reinforced in the next section, calling `Close` does not guarantee that the window will be destroyed. Call `wxWindow::Destroy` (p. 922) if you want to be certain that the window is destroyed.

### How can the application close a window itself?

Your application can either use `wxWindow::Close` (p. 919) event just as the framework does, or it can call `wxWindow::Destroy` (p. 922) directly. If using `Close()`, you can pass a `TRUE` argument to this function to tell the event handler that we definitely want to delete the frame and it cannot be vetoed.

The advantage of using `Close` instead of `Destroy` is that it will call any clean-up code defined by the `EVT_CLOSE` handler; for example it may close a document contained in a window after first asking the user whether the work should be saved. `Close` can be vetoed by this process (return `FALSE`), whereas `Destroy` definitely destroys the window.

### What is the default behaviour?

The default close event handler for `wxDialog` simulates a Cancel command, generating a `wxID_CANCEL` event. Since the handler for this cancel event might itself call **`Close`**, there is a check for infinite looping. The default handler for `wxID_CANCEL` hides the dialog (if modeless) or calls `EndModal(wxID_CANCEL)` (if modal). In other words, by default, the dialog *is not destroyed* (it might have been created on the stack, so the assumption of dynamic creation cannot be made).

The default close event handler for `wxFrame` destroys the frame using `Destroy()`.

Under Windows, `wxDialog` defines a handler for `wxWindow::OnCharHook` (p. 935) that generates a Cancel event if the Escape key has been pressed.

### What should I do when the user calls up Exit from a menu?

You can simply call `wxWindow::Close` (p. 919) on the frame. This will invoke your own close event handler which may destroy the frame.

You can do checking to see if your application can be safely exited at this point, either from within your close event handler, or from within your exit menu command handler. For example, you may wish to check that all files have been saved. Give the user a chance to save and quit, to not save but quit anyway, or to cancel the exit command altogether.

### What should I do to upgrade my 1.xx `OnClose` to 2.0?

In `wxWindows` 1.xx, the **`OnClose`** function did not actually delete 'this', but signalled to the calling function (either **`Close`**, or the `wxWindows` framework) to delete or not delete the window.

To update your code, you should provide an event table entry in your frame or dialog,



using the `EVT_CLOSE` macro. The event handler function might look like this:

```
void MyFrame::OnCloseWindow(wxCloseEvent& event)
{
    if (MyDataHasBeenModified())
    {
        wxMessageDialog* dialog = new wxMessageDialog(this,
            "Save changed data?", "My app", wxYES_NO|wxCANCEL);

        int ans = dialog->ShowModal();
        dialog->Destroy();

        switch (ans)
        {
            case wxID_YES:          // Save, then destroy, quitting app
                SaveMyData();
                this->Destroy();
                break;
            case wxID_NO:           // Don't save; just destroy, quitting app
                this->Destroy();
                break;
            case wxID_CANCEL:       // Do nothing - so don't quit app.
            default:
                if (!event.CanVeto()) // Test if we can veto this deletion
                    this->Destroy(); // If not, destroy the window anyway.
                else
                    event.Veto();    // Notify the calling code that we didn't
delete the frame.
                break;
        }
    }
}
```

### How do I exit the application gracefully?

A `wxWindows` application automatically exits when the designated top window, or the last frame or dialog, is destroyed. Put any application-wide cleanup code in `wxApp::OnExit` (p. 10) (this is a virtual function, not an event handler).

### Do child windows get deleted automatically?

Yes, child windows are deleted from within the parent destructor. This includes any children that are themselves frames or dialogs, so you may wish to close these child frame or dialog windows explicitly from within the parent close handler.

### What about other kinds of window?

So far we've been talking about 'managed' windows, i.e. frames and dialogs. Windows with parents, such as controls, don't have delayed destruction and don't usually have close event handlers, though you can implement them if you wish. For consistency, continue to use the `wxWindow::Destroy` (p. 922) function instead of the **delete** operator when deleting these kinds of windows explicitly.

## Scrolling overview

Classes: *wxWindow* (p. 915), *wxScrolledWindow* (p. 680), *wxIcon* (p. 395), *wxScrollBar* (p. 671).

Scrollbars come in various guises in *wxWindows*. All windows have the potential to show a vertical scrollbar and/or a horizontal scrollbar: it's a basic capability of a window. However, in practice, not all windows do make use of scrollbars, such as a single-line *wxTextCtrl*.

Because any class derived from *wxWindow* (p. 915) may have scrollbars, there are functions to manipulate the scrollbars and event handlers to intercept scroll events. But just because a window generates a scroll event, doesn't mean that the window necessarily handles it and physically scrolls the window. The base class *wxWindow* in fact doesn't have any default functionality to handle scroll events. If you created a *wxWindow* object with scrollbars, and then clicked on the scrollbars, nothing at all would happen. This is deliberate, because the *interpretation* of scroll events varies from one window class to another.

*wxScrolledWindow* (p. 680) (formerly *wxCanvas*) is an example of a window that adds functionality to make scrolling really work. It assumes that scrolling happens in consistent units, not different-sized jumps, and that page size is represented by the visible portion of the window. It's suited to drawing applications, but perhaps not so suitable for a sophisticated editor in which the amount scrolled may vary according to the size of text on a given line. For this, you would derive from *wxWindow* and implement scrolling yourself. *wxGrid* (p. 323) is an example of a class that implements its own scrolling, largely because columns and rows can vary in size.

### The scrollbar model

The function *wxWindow::SetScrollbar* (p. 955) gives a clue about the way a scrollbar is modelled. This function takes the following arguments:

orientation	Which scrollbar: <i>wxVERTICAL</i> or <i>wxHORIZONTAL</i> .
position	The position of the scrollbar in scroll units.
visible	The size of the visible portion of the scrollbar, in scroll units.
range	The maximum position of the scrollbar.
refresh	Whether the scrollbar should be repainted.

*orientation* determines whether we're talking about the built-in horizontal or vertical scrollbar.

*position* is simply the position of the 'thumb' (the bit you drag to scroll around). It's given in scroll units, and so is relative to the total range of the scrollbar.

*visible* gives the number of scroll units that represents the portion of the window currently visible. Normally, a scrollbar is capable of indicating this visually by showing a different length of thumb.

*range* is the maximum value of the scrollbar, where zero is the start position. You choose the units that suit you, so if you wanted to display text that has 100 lines, you would set this to 100. Note that this doesn't have to correspond to the number of pixels scrolled - it's up to you how you actually show the contents of the window.

*refresh* just indicates whether the scrollbar should be repainted immediately or not.

### An example

Let's say you wish to display 50 lines of text, using the same font. The window is sized so that you can only see 16 lines at a time.

You would use:

```
SetScrollbar(wxVERTICAL, 0, 16, 50);
```

Note that with the window at this size, the thumb position can never go above 50 minus 16, or 34.

You can determine how many lines are currently visible by dividing the current view size by the character height in pixels.

When defining your own scrollbar behaviour, you will always need to recalculate the scrollbar settings when the window size changes. You could therefore put your scrollbar calculations and `SetScrollbar` call into a function named `AdjustScrollbars`, which can be called initially and also from your `wxWindow::OnSize` (p. 945) event handler function.

### Document/view overview

Classes: *wxDocument* (p. 223), *wxView* (p. 909), *wxDocTemplate* (p. 218), *wxDocManager* (p. 205), *wxDocParentFrame* (p. 216), *wxDocChildFrame* (p. 203), *wxDocMDIParentFrame* (p. 215), *wxDocMDIChildFrame* (p. 213), *wxCommand* (p. 106), *wxCommandProcessor* (p. 113)

The document/view framework is found in most application frameworks, because it can dramatically simplify the code required to build many kinds of application.

The idea is that you can model your application primarily in terms of *documents* to store data and provide interface-independent operations upon it, and *views* to visualise and manipulate the data. Documents know how to do input and output given stream objects, and views are responsible for taking input from physical windows and performing the manipulation on the document data. If a document's data changes, all views should be updated to reflect the change.

The framework can provide many user-interface elements based on this model. Once you have defined your own classes and the relationships between them, the framework takes care of popping up file selectors, opening and closing files, asking the user to save modifications, routing menu commands to appropriate (possibly default) code, even some default print/preview functionality and support for command undo/redo. The framework is highly modular, allowing overriding and replacement of functionality and objects to achieve more than the default behaviour.

These are the overall steps involved in creating an application based on the document/view framework:

1. Define your own document and view classes, overriding a minimal set of member functions e.g. for input/output, drawing and initialization.
2. Define any subwindows (such as a scrolled window) that are needed for the view(s). You may need to route some events to views or documents, for example `OnPaint` needs to be routed to `wxView::OnDraw`.
3. Decide what style of interface you will use: Microsoft's MDI (multiple document child frames surrounded by an overall frame), SDI (a separate, unconstrained frame for each document), or single-window (one document open at a time, as in Windows Write).
4. Use the appropriate `wxDocParentFrame` and `wxDocChildFrame` classes. Construct an instance of `wxDocParentFrame` in your `wxApp::OnInit`, and a `wxDocChildFrame` (if not single-window) when you initialize a view. Create menus using standard menu ids (such as `wxID_OPEN`, `wxID_PRINT`), routing non-application-specific identifiers to the base frame's `OnMenuCommand`.
5. Construct a single `wxDocManager` instance at the beginning of your `wxApp::OnInit`, and then as many `wxDocTemplate` instances as necessary to define relationships between documents and views. For a simple application, there will be just one `wxDocTemplate`.

If you wish to implement Undo/Redo, you need to derive your own class(es) from `wxCommand` and use `wxCommandProcessor::Submit` instead of directly executing code. The framework will take care of calling Undo and Do functions as appropriate, so long as the `wxID_UNDO` and `wxID_REDO` menu items are defined in the view menu.

Here are a few examples of the tailoring you can do to go beyond the default framework behaviour:

- Override `wxDocument::OnCreateCommandProcessor` to define a different Do/Undo strategy, or a command history editor.
- Override `wxView::OnCreatePrintout` to create an instance of a derived `wxPrintout` (p. 606) class, to provide multi-page document facilities.
- Override `wxDocManager::SelectDocumentPath` to provide a different file selector.
- Limit the maximum number of open documents and the maximum number of undo commands.

Note that to activate framework functionality, you need to use some or all of the *wxWindows predefined command identifiers* (p. 1072) in your menus.

## **wxDocument overview**

*Document/view framework overview* (p. 1066)

Class: *wxDocument* (p. 223)

The *wxDocument* class can be used to model an application's file-based data. It is part of the document/view framework supported by *wxWindows*, and cooperates with the *wxView* (p. 909), *wxDocTemplate* (p. 218) and *wxDocManager* (p. 205) classes.

Using this framework can save a lot of routine user-interface programming, since a range of menu commands -- such as open, save, save as -- are supported automatically. The programmer just needs to define a minimal set of classes and member functions for the framework to call when necessary. Data, and the means to view and edit the data, are explicitly separated out in this model, and the concept of multiple *views* onto the same data is supported.

Note that the document/view model will suit many but not all styles of application. For example, it would be overkill for a simple file conversion utility, where there may be no call for *views* on *documents* or the ability to open, edit and save files. But probably the majority of applications are document-based.

See the example application in `samples/docview`.

To use the abstract *wxDocument* class, you need to derive a new class and override at least the member functions `SaveObject` and `LoadObject`. `SaveObject` and `LoadObject` will be called by the framework when the document needs to be saved or loaded.

Use the macros `DECLARE_DYNAMIC_CLASS` and `IMPLEMENT_DYNAMIC_CLASS` in order to allow the framework to create document objects on demand. When you create a *wxDocTemplate* (p. 218) object on application initialization, you should pass `CLASSINFO(YourDocumentClass)` to the *wxDocTemplate* constructor so that it knows how to create an instance of this class.

If you do not wish to use the *wxWindows* method of creating document objects dynamically, you must override `wxDocTemplate::CreateDocument` to return an instance of the appropriate class.

## **wxView overview**

*Document/view framework overview* (p. 1066)

Class: *wxView* (p. 909)

The *wxView* class can be used to model the viewing and editing component of an application's file-based data. It is part of the document/view framework supported by *wxWindows*, and cooperates with the *wxDocument* (p. 223), *wxDocTemplate* (p. 218) and *wxDocManager* (p. 205) classes.

See the example application in `samples/docview`.

To use the abstract `wxView` class, you need to derive a new class and override at least the member functions `OnCreate`, `OnDraw`, `OnUpdate` and `OnClose`. You'll probably want to override `OnMenuCommand` to respond to menu commands from the frame containing the view.

Use the macros `DECLARE_DYNAMIC_CLASS` and `IMPLEMENT_DYNAMIC_CLASS` in order to allow the framework to create view objects on demand. When you create a `wxDocTemplate` (p. 218) object on application initialization, you should pass `CLASSINFO(YourViewClass)` to the `wxDocTemplate` constructor so that it knows how to create an instance of this class.

If you do not wish to use the `wxWindows` method of creating view objects dynamically, you must override `wxDocTemplate::CreateView` to return an instance of the appropriate class.

## **wxDocTemplate overview**

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Class: `wxDocTemplate` (p. 218)

The `wxDocTemplate` class is used to model the relationship between a document class and a view class. The application creates a document template object for each document/view pair. The list of document templates managed by the `wxDocManager` instance is used to create documents and views. Each document template knows what file filters and default extension are appropriate for a document/view combination, and how to create a document or view.

For example, you might write a small doodling application that can load and save lists of line segments. If you had two views of the data -- graphical, and a list of the segments -- then you would create one document class `DoodleDocument`, and two view classes (`DoodleGraphicView` and `DoodleListView`). You would also need two document templates, one for the graphical view and another for the list view. You would pass the same document class and default file extension to both document templates, but each would be passed a different view class. When the user clicks on the Open menu item, the file selector is displayed with a list of possible file filters -- one for each `wxDocTemplate`. Selecting the filter selects the `wxDocTemplate`, and when a file is selected, that template will be used for creating a document and view. Under non-Windows platforms, the user will be prompted for a list of templates before the file selector is shown, since most file selectors do not allow a choice of file filters.

For the case where an application has one document type and one view type, a single document template is constructed, and dialogs will be appropriately simplified.

`wxDocTemplate` is part of the document/view framework supported by `wxWindows`, and cooperates with the `wxView` (p. 909), `wxDocument` (p. 223) and `wxDocManager` (p. 205) classes.

See the example application in `samples/docview`.

To use the `wxDocTemplate` class, you do not need to derive a new class. Just pass relevant information to the constructor including `CLASSINFO(YourDocumentClass)` and `CLASSINFO(YourViewClass)` to allow dynamic instance creation. If you do not wish to use the `wxWindows` method of creating document objects dynamically, you must override `wxDocTemplate::CreateDocument` and `wxDocTemplate::CreateView` to return instances of the appropriate class.

*NOTE:* the document template has nothing to do with the C++ template construct. C++ templates are not used anywhere in `wxWindows`.

## **wxDocManager overview**

*Document/view framework overview* (p. 1066)

Class: *wxDocManager* (p. 205)

The `wxDocManager` class is part of the document/view framework supported by `wxWindows`, and cooperates with the *wxView* (p. 909), *wxDocument* (p. 223) and *wxDocTemplate* (p. 218) classes.

A `wxDocManager` instance coordinates documents, views and document templates. It keeps a list of document and template instances, and much functionality is routed through this object, such as providing selection and file dialogs. The application can use this class 'as is' or derive a class and override some members to extend or change the functionality. Create an instance of this class near the beginning of your application initialization, before any documents, views or templates are manipulated.

There may be multiple `wxDocManager` instances in an application.

See the example application in `samples/docview`.

## **wxCommand overview**

*Document/view framework overview* (p. 1066)

Classes: *wxCommand* (p. 106), *wxCommandProcessor* (p. 113)

`wxCommand` is a base class for modelling an application command, which is an action usually performed by selecting a menu item, pressing a toolbar button or any other means provided by the application to change the data or view.

Instead of the application functionality being scattered around switch statements and functions in a way that may be hard to read and maintain, the functionality for a command is explicitly represented as an object which can be manipulated by a framework or application. When a user interface event occurs, the application *submits* a

command to a *wxCommandProcessor* (p. 1071) object to execute and store.

The *wxWindows* document/view framework handles Undo and Redo by use of *wxCommand* and *wxCommandProcessor* objects. You might find further uses for *wxCommand*, such as implementing a macro facility that stores, loads and replays commands.

An application can derive a new class for every command, or, more likely, use one class parameterized with an integer or string command identifier.

## **wxCommandProcessor overview**

*Document/view framework overview* (p. 1066)

Classes: *wxCommandProcessor* (p. 113), *wxCommand* (p. 106)

*wxCommandProcessor* is a class that maintains a history of *wxCommand* instances, with undo/redo functionality built-in. Derive a new class from this if you want different behaviour.

## **wxFileHistory overview**

*Document/view framework overview* (p. 1066)

Classes: *wxFileHistory* (p. 269), *wxDocManager* (p. 205)

*wxFileHistory* encapsulates functionality to record the last few files visited, and to allow the user to quickly load these files using the list appended to the File menu.

Although *wxFileHistory* is used by *wxDocManager*, it can be used independently. You may wish to derive from it to allow different behaviour, such as popping up a scrolling list of files.

By calling *wxFileHistory::FileHistoryUseMenu* you can associate a file menu with the file history, that will be used for appending the filenames. They are appended using menu identifiers in the range *wxID\_FILE1* to *wxID\_FILE9*.

In order to respond to a file load command from one of these identifiers, you need to handle them using an event handler, for example:

```
BEGIN_EVENT_TABLE(wxDocParentFrame, wxFrame)
    EVT_MENU(wxID_EXIT, wxDocParentFrame::OnExit)
    EVT_MENU_RANGE(wxID_FILE1, wxID_FILE9, wxDocParentFrame::OnMRUFile)
END_EVENT_TABLE()

void wxDocParentFrame::OnExit(wxCommandEvent& WXUNUSED(event))
{
    Close();
}
```



```
void wxDocParentFrame::OnMRUFile(wxCommandEvent& event)
{
    wxString f(m_docManager->GetHistoryFile(event.GetSelection() -
wxID_FILE1));
    if (f != "")
        (void)m_docManager->CreateDocument(f, wxDOC_SILENT);
}
```

## wxWindows predefined command identifiers

To allow communication between the application's menus and the document/view framework, several command identifiers are predefined for you to use in menus. The framework recognizes them and processes them if you forward commands from `wxFrame::OnMenuCommand` (or perhaps from toolbars and other user interface constructs).

- `wxID_OPEN` (5000)
- `wxID_CLOSE` (5001)
- `wxID_NEW` (5002)
- `wxID_SAVE` (5003)
- `wxID_SAVEAS` (5004)
- `wxID_REVERT` (5005)
- `wxID_EXIT` (5006)
- `wxID_UNDO` (5007)
- `wxID_REDO` (5008)
- `wxID_HELP` (5009)
- `wxID_PRINT` (5010)
- `wxID_PRINT_SETUP` (5011)
- `wxID_PREVIEW` (5012)

## Event handling overview

Classes: *wxEvtHandler* (p. 240), *wxWindow* (p. 915), *wxEvent* (p. 237)

## Introduction

Before version 2.0 of wxWindows, events were handled by the application either by supplying callback functions, or by overriding virtual member functions such as **OnSize**.

From wxWindows 2.0, *event tables* are used instead, with a few exceptions.

An event table is placed in an implementation file to tell wxWindows how to map events to member functions. These member functions are not virtual functions, but they all similar in form: they take a single *wxEvent*-derived argument, and have a void return type.

Here's an example of an event table.

```
BEGIN_EVENT_TABLE(MyFrame, wxFrame)
    EVT_MENU      (wxID_EXIT, MyFrame::OnExit)
    EVT_MENU      (DO_TEST,   MyFrame::DoTest)
    EVT_SIZE      (           MyFrame::OnSize)
    EVT_BUTTON    (BUTTON1,   MyFrame::OnButton1)
END_EVENT_TABLE()
```

The first two entries map menu commands to two different member functions. The `EVT_SIZE` macro doesn't need a window identifier, since normally you are only interested in the current window's size events. (In fact you could intercept a particular window's size event by using `EVT_CUSTOM(wxEVT_SIZE, id, func)`.)

The `EVT_BUTTON` macro demonstrates that the originating event does not have to come from the window class implementing the event table - if the event source is a button within a panel within a frame, this will still work, because event tables are searched up through the hierarchy of windows. In this case, the button's event table will be searched, then the parent panel's, then the frame's.

As mentioned before, the member functions that handle events do not have to be virtual. Indeed, the member functions should not be virtual as the event handler ignores that the functions are virtual, i.e. overriding a virtual member function in a derived class will not have any effect. These member functions take an event argument, and the class of event differs according to the type of event and the class of the originating window. For size events, *wxSizeEvent* (p. 691) is used. For menu commands and most control commands (such as button presses), *wxCommandEvent* (p. 108) is used. When controls get more complicated, then specific event classes are used, such as *wxTreeEvent* (p. 890) for events from *wxTreeCtrl* (p. 875) windows.

As well as the event table in the implementation file, there must be a `DECLARE_EVENT_TABLE` macro in the class definition. For example:

```
class MyFrame: public wxFrame {

    DECLARE_DYNAMIC_CLASS(MyFrame)

public:
    ...
    void OnExit(wxCommandEvent& event);
    void OnSize(wxSizeEvent& event);
protected:
    int      m_count;
    ...
    DECLARE_EVENT_TABLE()
};
```

## How events are processed

When an event is received from the windowing system, *wxWindows* calls *wxEvtHandler::ProcessEvent* (p. 243) on the first event handler object belonging to the

window generating the event.

It may be noted that wxWindows' event processing system implements something very close to virtual methods in normal C++, i.e. it is possible to alter the behaviour of a class by overriding its event handling functions. In many cases this works even for changing the behaviour of native controls. For example it is possible to filter out a number of key events sent by the system to a native text control by overriding wxTextCtrl and defining a handler for key events using EVT\_KEY\_DOWN. This would indeed prevent any key events from being sent to the native control - which might not be what is desired. In this case the event handler function has to call Skip() so as to indicate that the search for the event handler should continue.

To summarize, instead of explicitly calling the base class version as you would have done with C++ virtual functions (i.e. wxTextCtrl::OnChar()), you should instead call Skip (p. 240).

In practice, this would look like this if the derived text control only accepts 'a' to 'z' and 'A' to 'Z':

```
void MyTextCtrl::OnChar(wxKeyEvent& event)
{
    if ( isalpha( event.KeyCode() ) )
    {
        // key code is within legal range. we call event.Skip() so the
        // event can be processed either in the base wxWindows class
        // or the native control.

        event.Skip();
    }
    else
    {
        // illegal key hit. we don't call event.Skip() so the
        // event is not processed anywhere else.

        wxBell();
    }
}
```

The normal order of event table searching by ProcessEvent is as follows:

1. If the object is disabled (via a call to wxEvtHandler::SetEvtHandlerEnabled (p. 246)) the function skips to step (6).
2. If the object is a wxWindow, **ProcessEvent** is recursively called on the window's wxValidator (p. 897). If this returns TRUE, the function exits.
3. **SearchEventTable** is called for this event handler. If this fails, the base class table is tried, and so on until no more tables exist or an appropriate function was found, in which case the function exits.
4. The search is applied down the entire chain of event handlers (usually the chain has a length of one). If this succeeds, the function exits.
5. If the object is a wxWindow and the event is a wxCommandEvent, **ProcessEvent** is recursively applied to the parent window's event handler. If this returns TRUE, the function exits.

6. Finally, **ProcessEvent** is called on the wxApp object.

**Pay close attention to Step 5.** People often overlook or get confused by this powerful feature of the wxWindows event processing system. To put it a different way, events derived either directly or indirectly from wxCommandEvent will travel up the containment heirarchy from child to parent until an event handler is found that doesn't call event.Skip(). Events not derived from wxCommandEvent are sent only to the window they occurred in and then stop.

Typically events that deal with a window as a window (size, motion, paint, mouse, keyboard, etc.) are sent only to the window. Events that have a higher level of meaning and/or are generated by the window itself, (button click, menu select, tree expand, etc.) are command events and are sent up to the parent to see if it is interested in the event.

Note that your application may wish to override ProcessEvent to redirect processing of events. This is done in the document/view framework, for example, to allow event handlers to be defined in the document or view. To test for command events (which will probably be the only events you wish to redirect), you may use wxEvent::IsCommandEvent for efficiency, instead of using the slower run-time type system.

As mentioned above, only command events are recursively applied to the parents event handler. As this quite often causes confusion for users, here is a list of system events which will NOT get sent to the parent's event handler:

<i>wxEvent</i> (p. 237)	The event base class
<i>wxActivateEvent</i> (p. 5)	A window or application activation event
<i>wxCloseEvent</i> (p. 89)	A close window or end session event
<i>wxEraseEvent</i> (p. 236)	An erase background event
<i>wxFocusEvent</i> (p. 284)	A window focus event
<i>wxKeyEvent</i> (p. 438)	A keypress event
<i>wxIdleEvent</i> (p. 394)	An idle event
<i>wxInitDialogEvent</i> (p. 425)	A dialog initialisation event
<i>wxJoystickEvent</i> (p. 436)	A joystick event
<i>wxMenuEvent</i> (p. 519)	A menu event
<i>wxMouseEvent</i> (p. 532)	A mouse event
<i>wxMoveEvent</i> (p. 539)	A move event
<i>wxPaintEvent</i> (p. 568)	A paint event
<i>wxQueryLayoutInfoEvent</i> (p. 626)	Used to query layout information
<i>wxSizeEvent</i> (p. 691)	A size event
<i>wxScrollWinEvent</i> (p. 676)	An event, sent by a scrolled window, not a scroll bar.
<i>wxSysColourChangedEvent</i> (p. 786)	A system colour change event
<i>wxUpdateUIEvent</i> (p. 891)	A user interface update event

In some cases, it might be desired by the programmer to get a certain number of system events in a parent window, for example all key events sent to, but not used by, the native controls in a dialog. In this case, a special event handler will have to be written that will override ProcessEvent() in order to pass all events (or any selection of them) to the parent window.

## Redirection of command events to the window with the focus

The usual upward search through the window hierarchy for command event handlers does not always meet an application's requirements. Say you have two `wxTextCtrl` windows in a frame, plus a toolbar with Cut, Copy and Paste buttons. To avoid the need to define event handlers in the frame and redirect them explicitly to the window with the focus, command events are sent to the window with the focus first, for menu and toolbar command and UI update events only. This means that each window can handle its own commands and UI updates independently. In fact `wxTextCtrl` can handle Cut, Copy, Paste, Undo and Redo commands and UI update requests, so no extra coding is required to support them in your menus and toolbars.

## Pluggable event handlers

In fact, you don't have to derive a new class from a window class if you don't want to. You can derive a new class from `wxEvtHandler` instead, defining the appropriate event table, and then call `wxWindow::SetEventHandler` (p. 952) (or, preferably, `wxWindow::PushEventHandler` (p. 947)) to make this event handler the object that responds to events. This way, you can avoid a lot of class derivation, and use the same event handler object to handle events from instances of different classes. If you ever have to call a window's event handler manually, use the `GetEventHandler` function to retrieve the window's event handler and use that to call the member function. By default, `GetEventHandler` returns a pointer to the window itself unless an application has redirected event handling using `SetEventHandler` or `PushEventHandler`.

One use of `PushEventHandler` is to temporarily or permanently change the behaviour of the GUI. For example, you might want to invoke a dialog editor in your application that changes aspects of dialog boxes. You can grab all the input for an existing dialog box, and edit it 'in situ', before restoring its behaviour to normal. So even if the application has derived new classes to customize behaviour, your utility can indulge in a spot of body-snatching. It could be a useful technique for on-line tutorials, too, where you take a user through a series of steps and don't want them to diverge from the lesson. Here, you can examine the events coming from buttons and windows, and if acceptable, pass them through to the original event handler. Use `PushEventHandler/PopEventHandler` to form a chain of event handlers, where each handler processes a different range of events independently from the other handlers.

## Window identifiers

Window identifiers are integers, and are used to uniquely determine window identity in the event system (though you can use it for other purposes). In fact, identifiers do not need to be unique across your entire application just so long as they are unique within a particular context you're interested in, such as a frame and its children. You may use the `wxID_OK` identifier, for example, on any number of dialogs so long as you don't have several within the same dialog.

If you pass -1 to a window constructor, an identifier will be generated for you, but

beware: if things don't respond in the way they should, it could be because of an id conflict. It's safer to supply window ids at all times. Automatic generation of identifiers starts at 1 so may well conflict with your own identifiers.

The following standard identifiers are supplied. You can use wxID\_HIGHEST to determine the number above which it is safe to define your own identifiers. Or, you can use identifiers below wxID\_LOWEST.

```
#define wxID_LOWEST          4999

#define wxID_OPEN            5000
#define wxID_CLOSE          5001
#define wxID_NEW             5002
#define wxID_SAVE            5003
#define wxID_SAVEAS          5004
#define wxID_REVERT          5005
#define wxID_EXIT            5006
#define wxID_UNDO            5007
#define wxID_REDO            5008
#define wxID_HELP            5009
#define wxID_PRINT           5010
#define wxID_PRINT_SETUP     5011
#define wxID_PREVIEW         5012
#define wxID_ABOUT           5013
#define wxID_HELP_CONTENTS   5014
#define wxID_HELP_COMMANDS   5015
#define wxID_HELP_PROCEDURES 5016
#define wxID_HELP_CONTEXT    5017

#define wxID_CUT              5030
#define wxID_COPY             5031
#define wxID_PASTE            5032
#define wxID_CLEAR            5033
#define wxID_FIND             5034
#define wxID_DUPLICATE        5035
#define wxID_SELECTALL        5036

#define wxID_FILE1            5050
#define wxID_FILE2            5051
#define wxID_FILE3            5052
#define wxID_FILE4            5053
#define wxID_FILE5            5054
#define wxID_FILE6            5055
#define wxID_FILE7            5056
#define wxID_FILE8            5057
#define wxID_FILE9            5058

#define wxID_OK               5100
#define wxID_CANCEL           5101
#define wxID_APPLY            5102
#define wxID_YES              5103
#define wxID_NO               5104
#define wxID_STATIC           5105

#define wxID_HIGHEST          5999
```

## Event macros summary

### Generic event table macros

<b>EVT_CUSTOM(event, id, func)</b>	Allows you to add a custom event table entry by specifying the event identifier (such as <code>wxEVT_SIZE</code> ), the window identifier, and a member function to call.
<b>EVT_CUSTOM_RANGE(event, id1, id2, func)</b>	The same as <code>EVT_CUSTOM</code> , but responds to a range of window identifiers.
<b>EVT_COMMAND(id, event, func)</b>	The same as <code>EVT_CUSTOM</code> , but expects a member function with a <code>wxCommandEvent</code> argument.
<b>EVT_COMMAND_RANGE(id1, id2, event, func)</b>	The same as <code>EVT_CUSTOM_RANGE</code> , but expects a member function with a <code>wxCommandEvent</code> argument.

### Macros listed by event class

The documentation for specific event macros is organised by event class. Please refer to these sections for details.

<i>wxActivateEvent</i> (p. 5)	The <code>EVT_ACTIVATE</code> and <code>EVT_ACTIVATE_APP</code> macros intercept activation and deactivation events.
<i>wxCommandEvent</i> (p. 108)	A range of commonly-used control events.
<i>wxCloseEvent</i> (p. 89)	The <code>EVT_CLOSE</code> macro handles window closure called via <code>wxWindow::Close</code> (p. 919).
<i>wxDropFilesEvent</i> (p. 231)	The <code>EVT_DROP_FILES</code> macros handles file drop events.
<i>wxEraseEvent</i> (p. 236)	The <code>EVT_ERASE_BACKGROUND</code> macro is used to handle window erase requests.
<i>wxFocusEvent</i> (p. 284)	The <code>EVT_SET_FOCUS</code> and <code>EVT_KILL_FOCUS</code> macros are used to handle keyboard focus events.
<i>wxKeyEvent</i> (p. 438)	<code>EVT_CHAR</code> and <code>EVT_CHAR_HOOK</code> macros handle keyboard input for any window.
<i>wxIdleEvent</i> (p. 394)	The <code>EVT_IDLE</code> macro handle application idle events (to process background tasks, for example).
<i>wxInitDialogEvent</i> (p. 425)	The <code>EVT_INIT_DIALOG</code> macro is used to handle dialog initialisation.
<i>wxListEvent</i> (p. 474)	These macros handle <i>wxListCtrl</i> (p. 461)

<i>wxMenuEvent</i> (p. 519)	events. These macros handle special menu events (not menu commands).
<i>wxMouseEvent</i> (p. 532)	Mouse event macros can handle either individual mouse events or all mouse events.
<i>wxMoveEvent</i> (p. 539)	The EVT_MOVE macro is used to handle a window move.
<i>wxPaintEvent</i> (p. 568)	The EVT_PAINT macro is used to handle window paint requests.
<i>wxScrollEvent</i> (p. 678)	These macros are used to handle scroll events from <i>wxScrollBar</i> (p. 671), <i>wxSlider</i> (p. 696), and <i>wxSpinButton</i> (p. 727).
<i>wxSizeEvent</i> (p. 691)	The EVT_SIZE macro is used to handle a window resize.
<i>wxSplitterEvent</i> (p. 724)	The EVT_SPLITTER_SASH_POS_CHANGE, EVT_SPLITTER_UNSPLOT and EVT_SPLITTER_DOUBLECLICKED macros are used to handle the various splitter window events.
<i>wxSysColourChangedEvent</i> (p. 786)	The EVT_SYS_COLOUR_CHANGED macro is used to handle events informing the application that the user has changed the system colours (Windows only).
<i>wxTreeEvent</i> (p. 890)	These macros handle <i>wxTreeCtrl</i> (p. 875) events.
<i>wxUpdateUIEvent</i> (p. 891)	The EVT_UPDATE_UI macro is used to handle user interface update pseudo-events, which are generated to give the application the chance to update the visual state of menus, toolbars and controls.

## Writing a wxWindows application: a rough guide

To set a wxWindows application going, you'll need to derive a *wxApp* (p. 6) class and override *wxApp::OnInit* (p. 12).

An application must have a top-level *wxFrame* (p. 299) or *wxDialog* (p. 193) window. Each frame may contain one or more instances of classes such as *wxPanel* (p. 572), *wxSplitterWindow* (p. 731) or other windows and controls.

A frame can have a *wxMenuBar* (p. 508), a *wxToolBar* (p. 861), a status line, and a *wxIcon* (p. 395) for when the frame is iconized.

A *wxPanel* (p. 572) is used to place controls (classes derived from *wxControl* (p. 130)) which are used for user interaction. Examples of controls are *wxButton* (p. 69), *wxCheckBox* (p. 74), *wxChoice* (p. 79), *wxListBox* (p. 452), *wxRadioBox* (p. 629),



*wxSlider* (p. 696).

Instances of *wxDialog* (p. 193) can also be used for controls and they have the advantage of not requiring a separate frame.

Instead of creating a dialog box and populating it with items, it is possible to choose one of the convenient common dialog classes, such as *wxMessageDialog* (p. 520) and *wxFileDialog* (p. 264).

You never draw directly onto a window - you use a *device context* (DC). *wxDC* (p. 165) is the base for *wxClientDC* (p. 86), *wxPaintDC* (p. 567), *wxMemoryDC* (p. 496), *wxPostScriptDC* (p. 587), *wxMemoryDC* (p. 496), *wxMetafileDC* (p. 523) and *wxPrinterDC* (p. 606). If your drawing functions have **wxDC** as a parameter, you can pass any of these DCs to the function, and thus use the same code to draw to several different devices. You can draw using the member functions of **wxDC**, such as *wxDC::DrawLine* (p. 170) and *wxDC::DrawText* (p. 172). Control colour on a window (*wxColour* (p. 91)) with brushes (*wxBrush* (p. 60)) and pens (*wxPen* (p. 578)).

To intercept events, you add a `DECLARE_EVENT_TABLE` macro to the window class declaration, and put a `BEGIN_EVENT_TABLE ... END_EVENT_TABLE` block in the implementation file. Between these macros, you add event macros which map the event (such as a mouse click) to a member function. These might override predefined event handlers such as *wxWindow::OnChar* (p. 934) and *wxWindow::OnMouseEvent* (p. 942).

Most modern applications will have an on-line, hypertext help system; for this, you need *wxHelp* and the *wxHelpController* (p. 339) class to control *wxHelp*.

GUI applications aren't all graphical wizardry. List and hash table needs are catered for by *wxList* (p. 446), *wxStringList* (p. 782) and *wxHashTable* (p. 337). You will undoubtedly need some platform-independent *file functions* (p. 964), and you may find it handy to maintain and search a list of paths using *wxPathList* (p. 576). There's a *miscellany* (p. 983) of operating system and other functions.

See also *Classes by Category* (p. 1017) for a list of classes.

## Interprocess communication overview

Classes: *wxDDEServer* (p. 186), *wxDDEConnection* (p. 182), *wxDDEClient* (p. 181), *wxTCPServer* (p. 817), *wxTCPConnection* (p. 813), *wxTCPClient* (p. 812)

*wxWindows* has a number of different classes to help with interprocess communication and network programming. This section only discusses one family of classes - the DDE-like protocol - but here's a list of other useful classes:

- *wxSocketEvent* (p. 721), *wxSocketBase* (p. 705), *wxSocketClient* (p. 719), *wxSocketServer* (p. 722): classes for the low-level TCP/IP API.
- *wxProtocol* (p. 619), *wxURL* (p. 895), *wxFTP* (p. 313), *wxHTTP*: classes for programming popular Internet protocols.

Further information on these classes will be available in due course.

wxWindows has a high-level protocol based on Windows DDE. There are two implementations of this DDE-like protocol: one using real DDE running on Windows only, and another using TCP/IP (sockets) that runs on most platforms. Since the API is the same apart from the names of the classes, you should find it easy to switch between the two implementations.

The following description refers to 'DDE' but remember that the equivalent wxTCP... classes can be used in much the same way.

Three classes are central to the DDE API:

1. `wxDDEClient`. This represents the client application, and is used only within a client program.
2. `wxDDEServer`. This represents the server application, and is used only within a server program.
3. `wxDDEConnection`. This represents the connection from the current client or server to the other application (server or client), and can be used in both server and client programs. Most DDE transactions operate on this object.

Messages between applications are usually identified by three variables: connection object, topic name and item name. A data string is a fourth element of some messages. To create a connection (a conversation in Windows parlance), the client application sends the message `MakeConnection` to the client object, with a string service name to identify the server and a topic name to identify the topic for the duration of the connection. Under Unix, the service name must contain an integer port identifier.

The server then responds and either vetos the connection or allows it. If allowed, a connection object is created which persists until the connection is closed. The connection object is then used for subsequent messages between client and server.

To create a working server, the programmer must:

1. Derive a class from `wxDDEServer`.
2. Override the handler `OnAcceptConnection` for accepting or rejecting a connection, on the basis of the topic argument. This member must create and return a connection object if the connection is accepted.
3. Create an instance of your server object, and call `Create` to activate it, giving it a service name.
4. Derive a class from `wxDDEConnection`.
5. Provide handlers for various messages that are sent to the server side of a `wxDDEConnection`.

To create a working client, the programmer must:

1. Derive a class from `wxDDEClient`.
2. Override the handler `OnMakeConnection` to create and return an appropriate connection object.
3. Create an instance of your client object.
4. Derive a class from `wxDDEConnection`.
5. Provide handlers for various messages that are sent to the client side of a `wxDDEConnection`.

6. When appropriate, create a new connection by sending a `MakeConnection` message to the client object, with arguments host name (processed in Unix only), service name, and topic name for this connection. The client object will call `OnMakeConnection` to create a connection object of the desired type.
7. Use the `wxDDEConnection` member functions to send messages to the server.

## Data transfer

These are the ways that data can be transferred from one application to another.

- **Execute:** the client calls the server with a data string representing a command to be executed. This succeeds or fails, depending on the server's willingness to answer. If the client wants to find the result of the `Execute` command other than success or failure, it has to explicitly call `Request`.
- **Request:** the client asks the server for a particular data string associated with a given item string. If the server is unwilling to reply, the return value is `NULL`. Otherwise, the return value is a string (actually a pointer to the connection buffer, so it should not be deallocated by the application).
- **Poke:** The client sends a data string associated with an item string directly to the server. This succeeds or fails.
- **Advise:** The client asks to be advised of any change in data associated with a particular item. If the server agrees, the server will send an `OnAdvise` message to the client along with the item and data.

The default data type is `wxCF_TEXT` (ASCII text), and the default data size is the length of the null-terminated string. Windows-specific data types could also be used on the PC.

## Examples

See the sample programs *server* and *client* in the IPC samples directory. Run the server, then the client. This demonstrates using the `Execute`, `Request`, and `Poke` commands from the client, together with an `Advise` loop: selecting an item in the server list box causes that item to be highlighted in the client list box.

## More DDE details

A `wxDDEClient` object represents the client part of a client-server DDE (Dynamic Data Exchange) conversation (available in both Windows and Unix).

To create a client which can communicate with a suitable server, you need to derive a class from `wxDDEConnection` and another from `wxDDEClient`. The custom `wxDDEConnection` class will intercept communications in a 'conversation' with a server, and the custom `wxDDEServer` is required so that a user-overridden `wxDDEClient::OnMakeConnection` (p. 182) member can return a `wxDDEConnection` of the required class, when a connection is made.

For example:

```
class MyConnection: public wxDDEConnection
{
public:
    MyConnection(void): wxDDEConnection(ipc_buffer, 3999) {}
    ~MyConnection(void) {}
    bool OnAdvise(const wxString& topic, const wxString& item, char
*data, int size, wxIPCFormat format)
    { wxMessageBox(topic, data); }
};

class MyClient: public wxDDEClient
{
public:
    MyClient(void) {}
    wxConnectionBase *OnMakeConnection(void) { return new MyConnection; }
};
```

Here, **MyConnection** will respond to *OnAdvise* (p. 184) messages sent by the server.

When the client application starts, it must create an instance of the derived `wxDDEClient`. In the following, command line arguments are used to pass the host name (the name of the machine the server is running on) and the server name (identifying the server process). Calling `wxDDEClient::MakeConnection` (p. 182) implicitly creates an instance of **MyConnection** if the request for a connection is accepted, and the client then requests an *Advise* loop from the server, where the server calls the client when data has changed.

```
wxString server = "4242";
wxString hostName;
wxGetHostName(hostName);

// Create a new client
MyClient *client = new MyClient;
connection = (MyConnection *)client->MakeConnection(hostName, server,
"IPC TEST");

if (!connection)
{
    wxMessageBox("Failed to make connection to server", "Client Demo
Error");
    return NULL;
}
connection->StartAdvise("Item");
```

Note that it is no longer necessary to call `wxDDEInitialize` or `wxDDECleanUp`, since `wxWindows` will do this itself if necessary.

## Printing overview

Classes: `wxPrintout` (p. 606), `wxPrinter` (p. 604), `wxPrintPreview` (p. 610), `wxPrinterDC` (p. 606), `wxPrintDialog` (p. 598), `wxPrintData` (p. 592), `wxPrintDialogData` (p. 599), `wxPageSetupDialog` (p. 565), `wxPageSetupDialogData` (p. 560)

The printing framework relies on the application to provide classes whose member functions can respond to particular requests, such as 'print this page' or 'does this page exist in the document?'. This method allows wxWindows to take over the housekeeping duties of turning preview pages, calling the print dialog box, creating the printer device context, and so on: the application can concentrate on the rendering of the information onto a device context.

The *document/view framework* (p. 1066) creates a default wxPrintout object for every view, calling wxView::OnDraw to achieve a prepackaged print/preview facility.

A document's printing ability is represented in an application by a derived wxPrintout class. This class prints a page on request, and can be passed to the Print function of a wxPrinter object to actually print the document, or can be passed to a wxPrintPreview object to initiate previewing. The following code (from the printing sample) shows how easy it is to initiate printing, previewing and the print setup dialog, once the wxPrintout functionality has been defined. Notice the use of MyPrintout for both printing and previewing. All the preview user interface functionality is taken care of by wxWindows. For details on how MyPrintout is defined, please look at the printout sample code.

```

    case WXPRINT_PRINT:
    {
        wxPrinter printer;
        MyPrintout printout("My printout");
        printer.Print(this, &printout, TRUE);
        break;
    }
    case WXPRINT_PREVIEW:
    {
        // Pass two printout objects: for preview, and possible printing.
        wxPrintPreview *preview = new wxPrintPreview(new MyPrintout, new
MyPrintout);
        wxPreviewFrame *frame = new wxPreviewFrame(preview, this, "Demo
Print Preview", 100, 100, 600, 650);
        frame->Centre(wxBOTH);
        frame->Initialize();
        frame->Show(TRUE);
        break;
    }
    case WXPRINT_PRINT_SETUP:
    {
        wxPrintDialog printerDialog(this);
        printerDialog.GetPrintData().SetSetupDialog(TRUE);
        printerDialog.Show(TRUE);
        break;
    }

```

## The wxWindows resource system

From version 1.61, wxWindows has an optional *resource file* facility, which allows separation of dialog, menu, bitmap and icon specifications from the application code.

It is similar in principle to the Windows resource file (whose ASCII form is suffixed .RC

and whose binary form is suffixed .RES). The wxWindows resource file is currently ASCII-only, suffixed .WXR. Note that under Windows, the .WXR file does not *replace* the native Windows resource file, it merely supplements it. There is no existing native resource format in X (except for the defaults file, which has limited expressive power).

Using wxWindows resources for panels and dialogs has an effect on how you deal with panel item callbacks: you can't specify a callback function in a resource file, so how do you achieve the same effect as with programmatic panel construction? The solution is similar to that adopted by Windows, which is to use the *parent* panel or dialog to intercept user events.

From 1.61, wxWindows routes panel item events that do not have a callback to the *OnCommand* (p. 936) member of the panel (or dialog). So, to use panel or dialog resources, you need to derive a new class and override the default (empty) *OnCommand* member. The first argument is a reference to a wxWindow, and the second is a reference to a wxCommandEvent. Check the name of the panel item that's generating an event by using the *wxWindow::GetName* (p. 928) function and a string comparison function such as *wxStringEq* (p. 971). You may need to cast the reference to an appropriate specific type to perform some operations.

To obtain a pointer to a panel item when you only have the name (for example, when you need to set a value of a text item from outside of the **OnCommand** function), use the function *wxFindWindowByName* (p. 989).

For details of functions for manipulating resource files and loading user interface elements, see *wxWindows resource functions* (p. 1006).

## The format of a .WXR file

A wxWindows resource file may look a little odd at first. It's C++ compatible, comprising mostly of static string variable declarations with PrologIO syntax within the string.

Here's a sample .WXR file:

```
/*
 * wxWindows Resource File
 * Written by wxBuilder
 *
 */

#include "noname.ids"

static char *aiai_resource = "bitmap(name = 'aiai_resource',\
    bitmap = ['aiai', wxBITMAP_TYPE_BMP_RESOURCE, 'WINDOWS'],\
    bitmap = ['aiai.xpm', wxBITMAP_TYPE_XPM, 'X']).";

static char *menuBar11 = "menu(name = 'menuBar11',\
    menu = \
    [\
        ['&File', 1, '', \
            ['&Open File', 2, 'Open a file'],\
            ['&Save File', 3, 'Save a file']],\

```

```

        ],\
        ['E&xit', 4, 'Exit program']\
    ],\
    ['&Help', 5, '', \
    ['&About', 6, 'About this program']\
    ]\
    ]).\.";

static char *project_resource = "icon(name = 'project_resource',\
    icon = ['project', wxBITMAP_TYPE_ICO_RESOURCE, 'WINDOWS'],\
    icon = ['project_data', wxBITMAP_TYPE_XBM, 'X']).\.";

static char *panel3 = "dialog(name = 'panel3',\
    style = '',\
    title = 'untitled',\
    button_font = [14, 'wxSWISS', 'wxNORMAL', 'wxBOLD', 0],\
    label_font = [10, 'wxSWISS', 'wxNORMAL', 'wxNORMAL', 0],\
    x = 0, y = 37, width = 292, height = 164,\
    control = [wxButton, 'OK', '', 'button5', 23, 34, -1, -1,\
    'aiai_resource'],\
    control = [wxMessage, 'A Label', '', 'message7', 166, 61, -1, -1,\
    'aiai_resource'],\
    control = [wxText, 'Text', 'wxVERTICAL_LABEL', 'text8', 24, 110, -1,\
    -1]).";

```

As you can see, C++-style comments are allowed, and apparently include files are supported too: but this is a special case, where the included file is a file of defines shared by the C++ application code and resource file to relate identifiers (such as `FILE_OPEN`) to integers.

Each *resource object* is of standard PrologIO syntax, that is, an object name such as **dialog** or **icon**, then an open parenthesis, a list of comma-delimited attribute/value pairs, a closing parenthesis, and a full stop. Backslashes are required to escape newlines, for the benefit of C++ syntax. If double quotation marks are used to delimit strings, they need to be escaped with backslash within a C++ string (so it's easier to use single quotation marks instead).

*A note on PrologIO string syntax:* A string that begins with an alphabetic character, and contains only alphanumeric characters, hyphens and underscores, need not be quoted at all. Single quotes and double quotes may be used to delimit more complex strings. In fact, single-quoted and no-quoted strings are actually called *words*, but are treated as strings for the purpose of the resource system.

A resource file like this is typically included in the application main file, as if it were a normal C++ file. This eliminates the need for a separate resource file to be distributed alongside the executable. However, the resource file can be dynamically loaded if desired (for example by a non-C++ language such as CLIPS, Prolog or Python).

Once included, the resources need to be 'parsed' (interpreted), because so far the data is just a number of static string variables. The function `::wxResourceParseData` is called early on in initialization of the application (usually in `wxApp::OnInit`) with a variable as argument. This may need to be called a number of times, one for each variable. However, more than one resource 'object' can be stored in one string variable

at a time, so you can get all your resources into one variable if you want to.

**::wxResourceParseData** parses the contents of the resource, ready for use by functions such as **::wxResourceCreateBitmap** and **wxPanel::LoadFromResource**.

If a wxWindows resource object (such as a bitmap resource) refers to a C++ data structure, such as static XBM or XPM data, a further call (**::wxResourceRegisterBitmapData**) needs to be made on initialization to tell wxWindows about this data. The wxWindows resource object will refer to a string identifier, such as 'project\_data' in the example file above. This identifier will be looked up in a table to get the C++ static data to use for the bitmap or icon.

In the C++ fragment below, the WXR resource file is included, and appropriate resource initialization is carried out in **OnInit**. Note that at this stage, no actual wxWindows dialogs, menus, bitmaps or icons are created; their 'templates' are merely being set up for later use.

```
/*
 * File:      noname.cc
 * Purpose:   main application module, generated by wxBuilder.
 */

#include "wx.h"
#include "wx_help.h"
#include "noname.h"

// Includes the dialog, menu etc. resources
#include "noname.wxr"

// Includes XBM data
#include "project.xbm"

// Declare an instance of the application: allows the program to start
AppClass theApp;

// Called to initialize the program
wxFrame *AppClass::OnInit(void)
{
#ifdef wx_x
    wxResourceRegisterBitmapData("project_data", project_bits,
project_width, project_height);
#endif
    wxResourceParseData(menuBar11);
    wxResourceParseData(aiai_resource);
    wxResourceParseData(project_resource);
    wxResourceParseData(panel3);
    ...
}
```

## Dialog resource format

A dialog resource object may be used for either panels or dialog boxes, and consists of the following attributes. In the following, a *font specification* is a list consisting of point



size, family, style, weight, underlined, optional facename.

Attribute	Value
name	The name of the resource.
style	Optional dialog box or panel window style.
title	The title of the dialog box (unused if a panel).
.modal	Whether modal: 1 if modal, 0 if modeless, absent if a panel resource.
button_font	The font used for control buttons: a list comprising point size (integer), family (string), font style (string), font weight (string) and underlining (0 or 1).
label_font	The font used for control labels: a list comprising point size (integer), family (string), font style (string), font weight (string) and underlining (0 or 1).
x	The x position of the dialog or panel.
y	The y position of the dialog or panel.
width	The width of the dialog or panel.
height	The height of the dialog or panel.
background_colour	The background colour of the dialog or panel. Only valid if the style includes wxUSER_COLOURS.
label_colour	The default label colour for the children of the dialog or panel. Only valid if the style includes wxUSER_COLOURS.
button_colour	The default button text colour for the children of the dialog or panel. Only valid if the style includes wxUSER_COLOURS.
label_font	Font spec
button_font	Font spec

Then comes zero or more attributes named 'control' for each control (panel item) on the dialog or panel. The value is a list of further elements. In the table below, the names in the first column correspond to the first element of the value list, and the second column details the remaining elements of the list.

Control	Values
wxButton	title (string), window style (string), name (string), x, y, width, height, button bitmap resource (optional string), button font spec
wxCheckBox	title (string), window style (string), name (string), x, y, width, height, default value (optional integer, 1 or 0), label font spec
wxChoice	title (string), window style (string), name

	(string), x, y, width, height, values (optional list of strings), label font spec, button font spec
wxComboBox	title (string), window style (string), name (string), x, y, width, height, default text value, values (optional list of strings), label font spec, button font spec
wxGauge	title (string), window style (string), name (string), x, y, width, height, value (optional integer), range (optional integer), label font spec, button font spec
wxGroupBox	title (string), window style (string), name (string), x, y, width, height, label font spec
wxListBox	title (string), window style (string), name (string), x, y, width, height, values (optional list of strings), multiple (optional string, wxSINGLE or wxMULTIPLE), label font spec, button font spec
wxMessage	title (string), window style (string), name (string), x, y, width, height, message bitmap resource (optional string), label font spec
wxMultiText	title (string), window style (string), name (string), x, y, width, height, default value (optional string), label font spec, button font spec
wxRadioBox	title (string), window style (string), name (string), x, y, width, height, values (optional list of strings), number of rows or cols, label font spec, button font spec
wxRadioButton	title (string), window style (string), name (string), x, y, width, height, default value (optional integer, 1 or 0), label font spec
wxScrollBar	title (string), window style (string), name (string), x, y, width, height, value (optional integer), page length (optional integer), object length (optional integer), view length (optional integer)
wxSlider	title (string), window style (string), name (string), x, y, width, height, value (optional integer), minimum (optional integer), maximum (optional integer), label font spec, button font spec
wxText	title (string), window style (string), name (string), x, y, width, height, default value (optional string), label font spec, button font spec

## Menubar resource format

A menubar resource object consists of the following attributes.

Attribute	Value
name	The name of the menubar resource.
menu	A list containing all the menus, as detailed below.

The value of the **menu** attribute is a list of menu item specifications, where each menu item specification is itself a list comprising:

- title (a string)
- menu item identifier (a string or non-zero integer, see below)
- help string (optional)
- 0 or 1 for the 'checkable' parameter (optional)
- optionally, further menu item specifications if this item is a pulldown menu.

If the menu item specification is the empty list ([]), this is interpreted as a menu separator.

If further (optional) information is associated with each menu item in a future release of wxWindows, it will be placed after the help string and before the optional pulldown menu specifications.

Note that the menu item identifier must be an integer if the resource is being included as C++ code and then parsed on initialisation. Unfortunately, #define substitution is not performed inside strings, and therefore the program cannot know the mapping. However, if the .WXR file is being loaded dynamically, wxWindows will attempt to replace string identifiers with #defined integers, because it is able to parse the included #defines.

### Bitmap resource format

A bitmap resource object consists of a name attribute, and one or more **bitmap** attributes. There can be more than one of these to allow specification of bitmaps that are optimum for the platform and display.

- Bitmap name or filename.
- Type of bitmap; for example, wxBITMAP\_TYPE\_BMP\_RESOURCE. See class reference under **wxBitmap** for a full list).
- Platform this bitmap is valid for; one of WINDOWS, X, MAC and ANY.
- Number of colours (optional).
- X resolution (optional).
- Y resolution (optional).

### Icon resource format

An icon resource object consists of a name attribute, and one or more **icon** attributes. There can be more than one of these to allow specification of icons that are optimum for the platform and display.

- Icon name or filename.
- Type of icon; for example, `wxBITMAP_TYPE_ICO_RESOURCE`. See class reference under **wxBitmap** for a full list).
- Platform this bitmap is valid for; one of `WINDOWS`, `X`, `MAC` and `ANY`.
- Number of colours (optional).
- X resolution (optional).
- Y resolution (optional).

### Resource format design issues

The `.WXR` file format is a recent addition and subject to change. The use of an ASCII resource file format may seem rather inefficient, but this choice has a number of advantages:

- Since it is C++ compatible, it can be included into an application's source code, eliminating the problems associated with distributing a separate resource file with the executable. However, it can also be loaded dynamically from a file, which will be required for non-C++ programs that use `wxWindows`.
- No extra binary file format and separate converter need be maintained for the `wxWindows` project (although others are welcome to add the equivalent of the Windows 'rc' resource parser and a binary format).
- It would be difficult to append a binary resource component onto an executable in a portable way.
- The file format is essentially the PrologIO object format, for which a parser already exists, so parsing is easy. For those programs that use PrologIO anyway, the size overhead of the parser is minimal.

The disadvantages of the approach include:

- Parsing adds a small execution overhead to program initialization.
- Under 16-bit Windows especially, global data is at a premium. Using a `.RC` resource table for some `wxWindows` resource data may be a partial solution, although `.RC` strings are limited to 255 characters.
- Without a resource preprocessor, it is not possible to substitute integers for identifiers (so menu identifiers have to be written as integers in the resource object, in addition to providing `#defines` for application code convenience).

### Compiling the resource system

To enable the resource system, set **wxUSE\_WX\_RESOURCES** to 1 in `setup.h`. If your `wxWindows` makefile supports it, set the same name in the makefile to 1.

### Run time class information overview

Classes: *wxObject* (p. 555), *wxClassInfo* (p. 84).

One of the failings of C++ used to be that no run-time information was provided about a class and its position in the inheritance hierarchy. Another, which still persists, is that instances of a class cannot be created just by knowing the name of a class, which makes facilities such as persistent storage hard to implement.

Most C++ GUI frameworks overcome these limitations by means of a set of macros and functions and *wxWindows* is no exception. As it originated before the addition of RTTI to the standard C++ and as support for it still missing from some (albeit old) compilers, *wxWindows* doesn't (yet) use it, but provides its own macro-based RTTI system.

In the future, the standard C++ RTTI will be used though and you're encouraged to use whenever possible *wxDynamicCast()* (p. 1005) macro which, for the implementations that support it, is defined just as `dynamic_cast<>` and uses *wxWindows* RTTI for all the others. This macro is limited to *wxWindows* classes only and only works with pointers (unlike the real `dynamic_cast<>` which also accepts references).

Each class that you wish to be known the type system should have a macro such as `DECLARE_DYNAMIC_CLASS` just inside the class declaration. The macro `IMPLEMENT_DYNAMIC_CLASS` should be in the implementation file. Note that these are entirely optional; use them if you wish to check object types, or create instances of classes using the class name. However, it is good to get into the habit of adding these macros for all classes.

Variations on these *macros* (p. 999) are used for multiple inheritance, and abstract classes that cannot be instantiated dynamically or otherwise.

`DECLARE_DYNAMIC_CLASS` inserts a static *wxClassInfo* declaration into the class, initialized by `IMPLEMENT_DYNAMIC_CLASS`. When initialized, the *wxClassInfo* object inserts itself into a linked list (accessed through *wxClassInfo::first* and *wxClassInfo::next* pointers). The linked list is fully created by the time all global initialisation is done.

`IMPLEMENT_DYNAMIC_CLASS` is a macro that not only initialises the static *wxClassInfo* member, but defines a global function capable of creating a dynamic object of the class in question. A pointer to this function is stored in *wxClassInfo*, and is used when an object should be created dynamically.

*wxObject::IsKindOf* (p. 556) uses the linked list of *wxClassInfo*. It takes a *wxClassInfo* argument, so use `CLASSINFO(className)` to return an appropriate *wxClassInfo* pointer to use in this function.

The function *wxCreateDynamicObject* (p. 984) can be used to construct a new object of a given type, by supplying a string name. If you have a pointer to the *wxClassInfo* object instead, then you can simply call *wxClassInfo::CreateObject*.

## **wxClassInfo**

*Run time class information overview* (p. 1091)

Class: *wxClassInfo* (p. 84)

This class stores meta-information about classes. An application may use macros such as `DECLARE_DYNAMIC_CLASS` and `IMPLEMENT_DYNAMIC_CLASS` to record run-time information about a class, including:

- its position in the inheritance hierarchy;
- the base class name(s) (up to two base classes are permitted);
- a string representation of the class name;
- a function that can be called to construct an instance of this class.

The `DECLARE_...` macros declare a static `wxClassInfo` variable in a class, which is initialized by macros of the form `IMPLEMENT_...` in the implementation C++ file. Classes whose instances may be constructed dynamically are given a global constructor function which returns a new object.

You can get the `wxClassInfo` for a class by using the `CLASSINFO` macro, e.g. `CLASSINFO(wxFrame)`. You can get the `wxClassInfo` for an object using `wxObject::GetClassInfo`.

See also *wxObject* (p. 555) and *wxCreateDynamicObject* (p. 984).

## Example

In a header file `frame.h`:

```
class wxFrame : public wxWindow
{
    DECLARE_DYNAMIC_CLASS(wxFrame)

private:
    wxString m_title;

public:
    ...
};
```

In a C++ file `frame.cpp`:

```
IMPLEMENT_DYNAMIC_CLASS(wxFrame, wxWindow)

wxFrame::wxFrame()
{
    ...
}
```

## Window styles

Window styles are used to specify alternative behaviour and appearances for windows, when they are created. The symbols are defined in such a way that they can be combined in a 'bit-list' using the C++ *bitwise-or* operator. For example:

`wxCAPTION` | `wxMINIMIZE_BOX` | `wxMAXIMIZE_BOX` | `wxTHICK_FRAME`

For the window styles specific to each window class, please see the documentation for the window. Most windows can use the generic styles listed for *wxWindow* (p. 915) in addition to their own styles.

### Tab classes overview

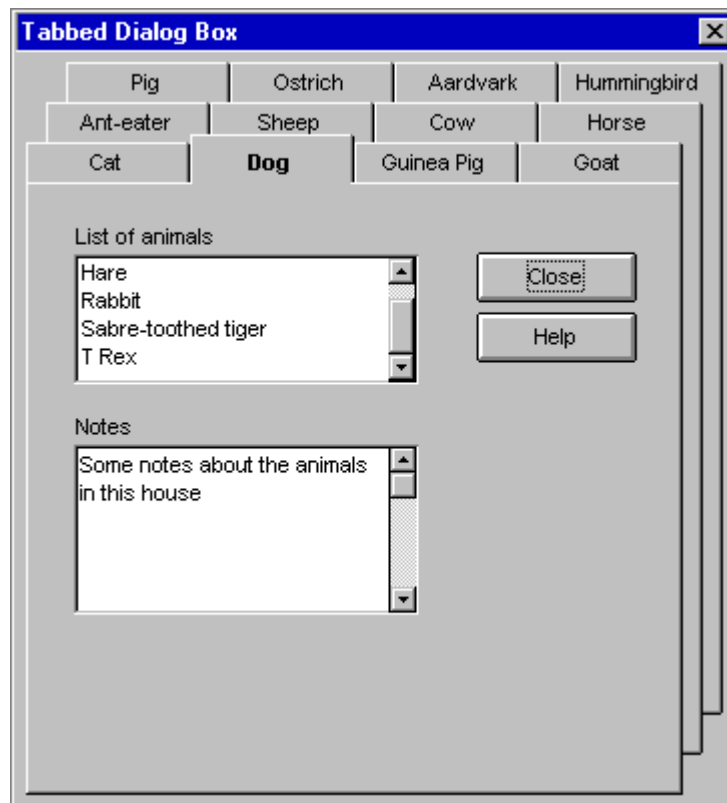
Classes: *wxTabView* (p. 795), *wxPanelTabView* (p. 575), *wxTabbedPanel* (p. 791), *wxTabbedDialog* (p. 790), *wxTabControl* (p. 792)

The tab classes provides a way to display rows of tabs (like file divider tabs), which can be used to switch between panels or other information. Tabs are most commonly used in dialog boxes where the number of options is too great to fit on one dialog.

**Please note** that the preferred class for programming tabbed windows is *wxNotebook* (p. 546). The old tab classes are retained for backward compatibility and also to implement *wxNotebook* on platforms that don't have native tab controls.

### The appearance and behaviour of a *wxTabbedDialog*

The following screenshot shows the appearance of the sample tabbed dialog application.



By clicking on the tabs, the user can display a different set of controls. In the example, the Close and Help buttons remain constant. These two buttons are children of the main dialog box, whereas the other controls are children of panels which are shown and hidden according to which tab is active.

A tabbed dialog may have several layers (rows) of tabs, each being offset vertically and horizontally from the previous. Tabs work in columns, in that when a tab is pressed, it swaps place with the tab on the first row of the same column, in order to give the effect of displaying that tab. All tabs must be of the same width. This is a constraint of the implementation, but it also means that the user will find it easier to find tabs since there are distinct tab columns. On some tabbed dialog implementations, tabs jump around seemingly randomly because tabs have different widths. In this implementation, a tab can always be found on the same column.

Tabs are always drawn along the top of the view area; the implementation does not allow for vertical tabs or any other configuration.

### Using tabs

The tab classes provide facilities for switching between contexts by means of 'tabs', which look like file divider tabs.

You must create both a *view* to handle the tabs, and a *window* to display the tabs and related information. The `wxTabbedDialog` and `wxTabbedPanel` classes are provided for convenience, but you could equally well construct your own window class and derived tab view.

If you wish to display a tabbed dialog - the most common use - you should follow these steps.

1. Create a new `wxTabbedDialog` class, and any buttons you wish always to be displayed (regardless of which tab is active).
2. Create a new `wxPanelTabView`, passing the dialog as the first argument.
3. Set the view rectangle with `wxTabView::SetViewRect` (p. 803), to specify the area in which child panels will be shown. The tabs will sit on top of this view rectangle.
4. Call `wxTabView::CalculateTabWidth` (p. 796) to calculate the width of the tabs based on the view area. This is optional if, for example, you have one row of tabs which does not extend the full width of the view area.
5. Call `wxTabView::AddTab` (p. 796) for each of the tabs you wish to create, passing a unique identifier and a tab label.
6. Construct a number of windows, one for each tab, and call `wxPanelTabView::AddTabWindow` (p. 575) for each of these, passing a tab identifier and the window.
7. Set the tab selection.
8. Show the dialog.

Under Motif, you may also need to size the dialog just before setting the tab selection, for unknown reasons.

Some constraints you need to be aware of:



- All tabs must be of the same width.
- Omit the `wxTAB_STYLE_COLOUR_INTERIOR` flag to ensure that the dialog background and tab backgrounds match.

## Example

The following fragment is taken from the file `test.cpp`.

```
void MyDialog::Init(void)
{
    int dialogWidth = 365;
    int dialogHeight = 390;

    wxButton *okButton = new wxButton(this, wxID_OK, "Close",
wxPoint(100, 330), wxSize(80, 25));
    wxButton *cancelButton = new wxButton(this, wxID_CANCEL, "Cancel",
wxPoint(185, 330), wxSize(80, 25));
    wxButton *helpButton = new wxButton(this, wxID_HELP, "Help",
wxPoint(270, 330), wxSize(80, 25));
    okButton->SetDefault();

    // Note, omit the wxTAB_STYLE_COLOUR_INTERIOR, so we will guarantee a
match
    // with the panel background, and save a bit of time.
    wxPanelTabView *view = new wxPanelTabView(this,
wxTAB_STYLE_DRAW_BOX);

    wxRectangle rect;
    rect.x = 5;
    rect.y = 70;
    // Could calculate the view width from the tab width and spacing,
    // as below, but let's assume we have a fixed view width.
    // rect.width = view->GetTabWidth()*4 + 3*view-
>GetHorizontalTabSpacing();
    rect.width = 326;
    rect.height = 250;

    view->SetViewRect(rect);

    // Calculate the tab width for 4 tabs, based on a view width of 326
and
    // the current horizontal spacing. Adjust the view width to exactly
fit
    // the tabs.
    view->CalculateTabWidth(4, TRUE);

    if (!view->AddTab(TEST_TAB_CAT, wxString("Cat")))
        return;

    if (!view->AddTab(TEST_TAB_DOG, wxString("Dog")))
        return;
    if (!view->AddTab(TEST_TAB_GUINEAPIG, wxString("Guinea Pig")))
```

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```

    return;
    if (!view->AddTab(TEST_TAB_GOAT,      wxString("Goat")))
        return;
    if (!view->AddTab(TEST_TAB_ANTEATER,   wxString("Ant-eater")))
        return;
    if (!view->AddTab(TEST_TAB_SHEEP,      wxString("Sheep")))
        return;
    if (!view->AddTab(TEST_TAB_COW,        wxString("Cow")))
        return;
    if (!view->AddTab(TEST_TAB_HORSE,      wxString("Horse")))
        return;
    if (!view->AddTab(TEST_TAB_PIG,        wxString("Pig")))
        return;
    if (!view->AddTab(TEST_TAB_OSTRICH,    wxString("Ostrich")))
        return;
    if (!view->AddTab(TEST_TAB_AARDVARK,   wxString("Aardvark")))
        return;
    if (!view->AddTab(TEST_TAB_HUMMINGBIRD,wxString("Hummingbird")))
        return;

    // Add some panels
    wxPanel *panell = new wxPanel(this, -1, wxPoint(rect.x + 20, rect.y +
10), wxSize(290, 220), wxTAB_TRAVERSAL);
    (void)new wxButton(panell, -1, "Press me", wxPoint(10, 10));
    (void)new wxTextCtrl(panell, -1, "1234", wxPoint(10, 40), wxSize(120,
150));

    view->AddTabWindow(TEST_TAB_CAT, panell);

    wxPanel *panel2 = new wxPanel(this, -1, wxPoint(rect.x + 20, rect.y +
10), wxSize(290, 220));

    wxString animals[] = { "Fox", "Hare", "Rabbit", "Sabre-toothed
tiger", "T Rex" };
    (void)new wxListBox(panel2, -1, wxPoint(5, 5), wxSize(170, 80), 5,
animals);

    (void)new wxTextCtrl(panel2, -1, "Some notes about the animals in
this house", wxPoint(5, 100), wxSize(170, 100)),
        wxTE_MULTILINE;

    view->AddTabWindow(TEST_TAB_DOG, panel2);

    // Don't know why this is necessary under Motif...
#ifdef wx_motif
    this->SetSize(dialogWidth, dialogHeight-20);
#endif

    view->SetTabSelection(TEST_TAB_CAT);

    this->Centre(wxBOTH);
}

```

## wxTabView overview

Classes: *wxTabView* (p. 795), *wxPanelTabView* (p. 575)

A *wxTabView* manages and draws a number of tabs. Because it is separate from the tabbed window implementation, it can be reused in a number of contexts. This library provides tabbed dialog and panel classes to use with the *wxPanelTabView* class, but an application could derive other kinds of view from *wxTabView*.

For example, a help application might draw a representation of a book on a window, with a row of tabs along the top. The new tab view class might be called *wxCanvasTabView*, for example, with the *wxBookCanvas* posting the *OnEvent* function to the *wxCanvasTabView* before processing further, application-specific event processing.

A window class designed to work with a view class must call the view's *OnEvent* and *Draw* functions at appropriate times.

## Toolbar overview

Classes: *wxToolBar* (p. 861)

The toolbar family of classes allows an application to use toolbars in a variety of configurations and styles.

The toolbar is a popular user interface component and contains a set of bitmap buttons or toggles. A toolbar gives faster access to an application's facilities than menus, which have to be popped up and selected rather laboriously.

Instead of supplying one toolbar class with a number of different implementations depending on platform, *wxWindows* separates out the classes. This is because there are a number of different toolbar styles that you may wish to use simultaneously, and also, future toolbar implementations will emerge which cannot all be shoe-horned into the one class.

For each platform, the symbol **wxToolBar** is defined to be one of the specific toolbar classes.

The following is a summary of the toolbar classes and their differences.

- **wxToolBarBase.** This is a base class with pure virtual functions, and should not be used directly.
- **wxToolBarSimple.** A simple toolbar class written entirely with generic *wxWindows* functionality. A simple 3D effect for buttons is possible, but it is not consistent with the Windows look and feel. This toolbar can scroll, and you can have arbitrary numbers of rows and columns.
- **wxToolBarMSW.** This class implements an old-style Windows toolbar, only on Windows. There are small, three-dimensional buttons, which do not (currently) reflect the current Windows colour settings: the buttons are grey. This is the default *wxToolBar* on 16-bit windows.
- **wxToolBar95.** Uses the native Windows 95 toolbar class. It dynamically adjusts its background and button colours according to user colour settings.

CreateTools must be called after the tools have been added. No absolute positioning is supported but you can specify the number of rows, and add tool separators with **AddSeparator**. Tooltips are supported. **OnRightClick** is not supported. This is the default wxToolBar on Windows 95, Windows NT 4 and above. With the style wxTB\_FLAT, the flat toolbar look is used, with a border that is highlit when the cursor moves over the buttons.

A toolbar might appear as a single row of images under the menubar, or it might be in a separate frame layout in several rows and columns. The class handles the layout of the images, unless explicit positioning is requested.

A tool is a bitmap which can either be a button (there is no 'state', it just generates an event when clicked) or it can be a toggle. If a toggle, a second bitmap can be provided to depict the 'on' state; if the second bitmap is omitted, either the inverse of the first bitmap will be used (for monochrome displays) or a thick border is drawn around the bitmap (for colour displays where inverting will not have the desired result).

The Windows-specific toolbar classes expect 16-colour bitmaps that are 16 pixels wide and 15 pixels high. If you want to use a different size, call **SetToolBitmapSize** as the demo shows, before adding tools to the button bar. Don't supply more than one bitmap for each tool, because the toolbar generates all three images (normal, depressed and checked) from the single bitmap you give it.

## Using the toolbar library

Include "wx/toolbar.h", or if using a class directly, one of:

- "wx/msw/tbarmsw.h" for wxToolBarMSW
- "wx/msw/tbar95.h" for wxToolBar95
- "wx/tbarsmpl.h" for wxToolBarSimple

Example of toolbar use are given in the sample program "toolbar". The source is given below. In fact it's out of date because recommended practise is to use event handlers (using EVT\_MENU or EVT\_TOOL) instead of overriding OnLeftClick.

```

////////////////////////////////////
//////
// Name:          test.cpp
// Purpose:       wxToolBar sample
// Author:        Julian Smart
// Modified by:
// Created:       04/01/98
// RCS-ID:       $Id: ttoolbar.tex,v 1.6 1999/04/07 21:33:12 JS Exp $
// Copyright:    (c) Julian Smart
// Licence:      wxWindows licence
////////////////////////////////////
//////

// For compilers that support precompilation, includes "wx/wx.h".
#include "wx/wxprec.h"

```

```
#ifdef __BORLANDC__
#pragma hdrstop
#endif

#ifdef WX_PRECOMP
#include "wx/wx.h"
#endif

#include "wx/toolbar.h"
#include <wx/log.h>

#include "test.h"

#ifdef __WXGTK__ || defined(__WXMOTIF__)
#include "mondrian.xpm"
#include "bitmaps/new.xpm"
#include "bitmaps/open.xpm"
#include "bitmaps/save.xpm"
#include "bitmaps/copy.xpm"
#include "bitmaps/cut.xpm"
#include "bitmaps/print.xpm"
#include "bitmaps/preview.xpm"
#include "bitmaps/help.xpm"
#endif

IMPLEMENT_APP(MyApp)

// The `main program' equivalent, creating the windows and returning
the
// main frame
bool MyApp::OnInit(void)
{
    // Create the main frame window
    MyFrame* frame = new MyFrame((wxFrame *) NULL, -1, (const wxString)
    "wxToolBar Sample",
        wxPoint(100, 100), wxSize(450, 300));

    // Give it a status line
    frame->CreateStatusBar();

    // Give it an icon
    frame->SetIcon(wxICON(mondrian));

    // Make a menubar
    wxMenu *fileMenu = new wxMenu;
    fileMenu->Append(wxID_EXIT, "E&xit", "Quit toolbar sample" );

    wxMenu *helpMenu = new wxMenu;
    helpMenu->Append(wxID_HELP, "&About", "About toolbar sample");

    wxMenuBar* menuBar = new wxMenuBar;

    menuBar->Append(fileMenu, "&File");
    menuBar->Append(helpMenu, "&Help");

    // Associate the menu bar with the frame
```

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```

    frame->SetMenuBar(menuBar);

    // Create the toolbar
    frame->CreateToolBar(wxNO_BORDER|wxHORIZONTAL|wxTB_FLAT, ID_TOOLBAR);

    frame->GetToolBar()->SetMargins( 2, 2 );

    InitToolbar(frame->GetToolBar());

    // Force a resize. This should probably be replaced by a call to a
    wxFrame
    // function that lays out default decorations and the remaining
    content window.
    wxSizeEvent event(wxSize(-1, -1), frame->GetId());
    frame->OnSize(event);
    frame->Show(TRUE);

    frame->SetStatusText("Hello, wxWindows");

    SetTopWindow(frame);

    return TRUE;
}

bool MyApp::InitToolbar(wxToolBar* toolBar)
{
    // Set up toolbar
    wxBitmap* toolBarBitmaps[8];

#ifdef __WXMSW__
    toolBarBitmaps[0] = new wxBitmap("icon1");
    toolBarBitmaps[1] = new wxBitmap("icon2");
    toolBarBitmaps[2] = new wxBitmap("icon3");
    toolBarBitmaps[3] = new wxBitmap("icon4");
    toolBarBitmaps[4] = new wxBitmap("icon5");
    toolBarBitmaps[5] = new wxBitmap("icon6");
    toolBarBitmaps[6] = new wxBitmap("icon7");
    toolBarBitmaps[7] = new wxBitmap("icon8");
#else
    toolBarBitmaps[0] = new wxBitmap( new_xpm );
    toolBarBitmaps[1] = new wxBitmap( open_xpm );
    toolBarBitmaps[2] = new wxBitmap( save_xpm );
    toolBarBitmaps[3] = new wxBitmap( copy_xpm );
    toolBarBitmaps[4] = new wxBitmap( cut_xpm );
    toolBarBitmaps[5] = new wxBitmap( preview_xpm );
    toolBarBitmaps[6] = new wxBitmap( print_xpm );
    toolBarBitmaps[7] = new wxBitmap( help_xpm );
#endif

#ifdef __WXMSW__
    int width = 24;
#else
    int width = 16;
#endif
    int currentX = 5;

    toolBar->AddTool(wxID_NEW, *(toolBarBitmaps[0]), wxNullBitmap, FALSE,

```

---

---

```

currentX, -1, (wxObject *) NULL, "New file");
    currentX += width + 5;
    toolBar->AddTool(wxID_OPEN, *(toolBarBitmaps[1]), wxNullBitmap,
FALSE, currentX, -1, (wxObject *) NULL, "Open file");
    currentX += width + 5;
    toolBar->AddTool(wxID_SAVE, *(toolBarBitmaps[2]), wxNullBitmap,
FALSE, currentX, -1, (wxObject *) NULL, "Save file");
    currentX += width + 5;
    toolBar->AddSeparator();
    toolBar->AddTool(wxID_COPY, *(toolBarBitmaps[3]), wxNullBitmap,
FALSE, currentX, -1, (wxObject *) NULL, "Copy");
    currentX += width + 5;
    toolBar->AddTool(wxID_CUT, *(toolBarBitmaps[4]), wxNullBitmap, FALSE,
currentX, -1, (wxObject *) NULL, "Cut");
    currentX += width + 5;
    toolBar->AddTool(wxID_PASTE, *(toolBarBitmaps[5]), wxNullBitmap,
FALSE, currentX, -1, (wxObject *) NULL, "Paste");
    currentX += width + 5;
    toolBar->AddSeparator();
    toolBar->AddTool(wxID_PRINT, *(toolBarBitmaps[6]), wxNullBitmap,
FALSE, currentX, -1, (wxObject *) NULL, "Print");
    currentX += width + 5;
    toolBar->AddSeparator();
    toolBar->AddTool(wxID_HELP, *(toolBarBitmaps[7]), wxNullBitmap,
FALSE, currentX, -1, (wxObject *) NULL, "Help");

    toolBar->Realize();

    // Can delete the bitmaps since they're reference counted
    int i;
    for (i = 0; i < 8; i++)
        delete toolBarBitmaps[i];

    return TRUE;
}

// wxID_HELP will be processed for the 'About' menu and the toolbar
help button.

BEGIN_EVENT_TABLE(MyFrame, wxFrame)
    EVT_MENU(wxID_EXIT, MyFrame::OnQuit)
    EVT_MENU(wxID_HELP, MyFrame::OnAbout)
    EVT_CLOSE(MyFrame::OnCloseWindow)
    EVT_TOOL_RANGE(wxID_OPEN, wxID_PASTE, MyFrame::OnToolLeftClick)
    EVT_TOOL_ENTER(wxID_OPEN, MyFrame::OnToolEnter)
END_EVENT_TABLE()

// Define my frame constructor
MyFrame::MyFrame(wxFrame* parent, wxWindowID id, const wxString& title,
const wxPoint& pos,
    const wxSize& size, long style):
    wxFrame(parent, id, title, pos, size, style)
{
    m_textWindow = new wxTextCtrl(this, -1, "", wxPoint(0, 0), wxSize(-1,
-1), wxTE_MULTILINE);
}

```

---

```
void MyFrame::OnQuit(wxCommandEvent& WXUNUSED(event))
{
    Close(TRUE);
}

void MyFrame::OnAbout(wxCommandEvent& WXUNUSED(event))
{
    (void)wxMessageBox("wxWindows toolbar sample", "About wxToolBar");
}

// Define the behaviour for the frame closing
// - must delete all frames except for the main one.
void MyFrame::OnCloseWindow(wxCloseEvent& WXUNUSED(event))
{
    Destroy();
}

void MyFrame::OnToolLeftClick(wxCommandEvent& event)
{
    wxString str;
    str.Printf("Clicked on tool %d", event.GetId());
    SetStatusText(str);
}

void MyFrame::OnToolEnter(wxCommandEvent& event)
{
    if (event.GetSelection() > -1)
    {
        wxString str;
        str.Printf("This is tool number %d", event.GetSelection());
        SetStatusText(str);
    }
    else
        SetStatusText("");
}
```

## Validator overview

Classes: *wxValidator* (p. 897), *wxTextValidator* (p. 841), *wxGenericValidator* (p. 321)

The aim of the validator concept is to make dialogs very much easier to write. A validator is an object that can be plugged into a control (such as a *wxTextCtrl*), and mediates between C++ data and the control, transferring the data in either direction and validating it. It also is able to intercept events generated by the control, providing filtering behaviour without the need to derive a new control class.

You can use a stock validator, such as *wxTextValidator* (p. 841) (which does text control data transfer, validation and filtering) and *wxGenericValidator* (p. 321) (which does data transfer for a range of controls); or you can write your own.

## Example



Here is an example of `wxTextValidator` usage.

```
wxTextCtrl *txt1 = new wxTextCtrl(this, VALIDATE_TEXT, "",
    wxPoint(10, 10), wxSize(100, 80), 0,
    wxTextValidator(wxFILTER_ALPHA, &g_data.m_string));
```

In this example, the text validator object provides the following functionality:

1. It transfers the value of `g_data.m_string` (a `wxString` variable) to the `wxTextCtrl` when the dialog is initialised.
2. It transfers the `wxTextCtrl` data back to this variable when the dialog is dismissed.
3. It filters input characters so that only alphabetic characters are allowed.

The validation and filtering of input is accomplished in two ways. When a character is input, `wxTextValidator` checks the character against the allowed filter flag (`wxFILTER_ALPHA` in this case). If the character is inappropriate, it is vetoed (does not appear) and a warning beep sounds. The second type of validation is performed when the dialog is about to be dismissed, so if the default string contained invalid characters already, a dialog box is shown giving the error, and the dialog is not dismissed.

### Anatomy of a validator

A programmer creating a new validator class should provide the following functionality.

A validator constructor is responsible for allowing the programmer to specify the kind of validation required, and perhaps a pointer to a C++ variable that is used for storing the data for the control. If such a variable address is not supplied by the user, then the validator should store the data internally.

The `wxValidator::Validate` (p. 899) member function should return `TRUE` if the data in the control (not the C++ variable) is valid. It should also show an appropriate message if data was not valid.

The `wxValidator::TransferToWindow` (p. 899) member function should transfer the data from the validator or associated C++ variable to the control.

The `wxValidator::TransferFromWindow` (p. 899) member function should transfer the data from the control to the validator or associated C++ variable.

There should be a copy constructor, and a `wxValidator::Clone` (p. 898) function which returns a copy of the validator object. This is important because validators are passed by reference to window constructors, and must therefore be cloned internally.

You can optionally define event handlers for the validator, to implement filtering. These handlers will capture events before the control itself does.

For an example implementation, see the `valtext.h` and `valtext.cpp` files in the `wxWindows` library.

### How validators interact with dialogs

For validators to work correctly, validator functions must be called at the right times during dialog initialisation and dismissal.

When a `wxDialog::Show` (p. 200) is called (for a modeless dialog) or `wxDialog::ShowModal` (p. 200) is called (for a modal dialog), the function `wxWindow::InitDialog` (p. 931) is automatically called. This in turn sends an initialisation event to the dialog. The default handler for the `wxEVT_INIT_DIALOG` event is defined in the `wxWindow` class to simply call the function `wxWindow::TransferDataToWindow` (p. 960). This function finds all the validators in the window's children and calls the `TransferToWindow` function for each. Thus, data is transferred from C++ variables to the dialog just as the dialog is being shown.

If you are using a window or panel instead of a dialog, you will need to call `wxWindow::InitDialog` (p. 931) explicitly before showing the window.

When the user clicks on a button, for example the OK button, the application should first call `wxWindow::Validate` (p. 961), which returns `FALSE` if any of the child window validators failed to validate the window data. The button handler should return immediately if validation failed. Secondly, the application should call `wxWindow::TransferDataFromWindow` (p. 960) and return if this failed. It is then safe to end the dialog by calling `EndModal` (if modal) or `Show` (if modeless).

In fact, `wxDialog` contains a default command event handler for the `wxID_OK` button. It goes like this:

```
void wxDialog::OnOK(wxCommandEvent& event)
{
    if ( Validate() && TransferDataFromWindow() )
    {
        if ( IsModal() )
            EndModal(wxID_OK);
        else
        {
            SetReturnCode(wxID_OK);
            this->Show(FALSE);
        }
    }
}
```

So if using validators and a normal OK button, you may not even need to write any code for handling dialog dismissal.

If you load your dialog from a resource file, you'll need to iterate through the controls setting validators, since validators can't be specified in a dialog resource.

## wxExpr overview

`wxExpr` is a C++ class reading and writing a subset of Prolog-like syntax, supporting objects attribute/value pairs.

`wxExpr` can be used to develop programs with readable and robust data files. Within

wxWindows itself, it is used to parse the `.wxr` dialog resource files.

### History of wxExpr

During the development of the tool Hardy within the AIAI, a need arose for a data file format for C++ that was easy for both humans and programs to read, was robust in the face of fast-moving software development, and that provided some compatibility with AI languages such as Prolog and LISP.

The result was the wxExpr library (formerly called PrologIO), which is able to read and write a Prolog-like attribute-value syntax, and is additionally capable of writing LISP syntax for no extra programming effort. The advantages of such a library are as follows:

1. The data files are readable by humans;
2. I/O routines are easier to write and debug compared with using binary files;
3. the files are robust: unrecognised data will just be ignored by the application
4. Inbuilt hashing gives a random access capability, useful for when linking up C++ objects as data is read in;
5. Prolog and LISP programs can load the files using a single command.

The library was extended to use the ability to read and write Prolog-like structures for remote procedure call (RPC) communication. The next two sections outline the two main ways the library can be used.

### wxExpr for data file manipulation

The fact that the output is in Prolog syntax is irrelevant for most programmers, who just need a reasonable I/O facility. Typical output looks like this:

```
diagram_definition(type = "Spirit Belief Network").

node_definition(type = "Model",
  image_type = "Diamond",
  attribute_for_label = "name",
  attribute_for_status_line = "label",
  colour = "CYAN",
  default_width = 120,
  default_height = 80,
  text_size = 10,
  can_resize = 1,
  has_hypertext_item = 1,
  attributes = ["name", "combining_function", "level_of_belief"]).

arc_definition(type = "Potentially Confirming",
  image_type = "Spline",
  arrow_type = "End",
  line_style = "Solid",
  width = 1,
  segmentable = 0,
  attribute_for_label = "label",
  attribute_for_status_line = "label",
  colour = "BLACK",
```

```
text_size = 10,  
has_hypertext_item = 1,  
can_connect_to = ["Evidence", "Cluster", "Model", "Evidence",  
"Evidence", "Cluster"],  
can_connect_from = ["Data", "Evidence", "Cluster", "Evidence",  
"Data", "Cluster"])).
```

This is substantially easier to read and debug than a series of numbers and strings.

Note the object-oriented style: a file comprises a series of *clauses*. Each clause is an object with a *functor* or object name, followed by a list of attribute-value pairs enclosed in parentheses, and finished with a full stop. Each attribute value may be a string, a word (no quotes), an integer, a real number, or a list with potentially recursive elements.

The way that the facility is used by an application to read in a file is as follows:

1. The application creates a wxExprDatabase instance.
2. The application tells the database to read in the entire file.
3. The application searches the database for objects it requires, decomposing the objects using the wxExpr API. The database may be hashed, allowing rapid linking-up of application data.
4. The application deletes or clears the wxExprDatabase.

Writing a file is just as easy:

1. The application creates a wxExprDatabase instance.
2. The application adds objects to the database using the API.
3. The application tells the database to write out the entire database, in Prolog or LISP notation.
4. The application deletes or clears the wxExprDatabase.

To use the library, include "wxexpr.h".

## **wxExpr compilation**

For UNIX compilation, ensure that YACC and LEX or FLEX are on your system. Check that the makefile uses the correct programs: a common error is to compile y\_tab.c with a C++ compiler. Edit the CCLEX variable in make.env to specify a C compiler. Also, do not attempt to compile lex\_yy.c since it is included by y\_tab.c.

For DOS compilation, the simplest thing is to copy dosyacc.c to y\_tab.c, and doslex.c to lex\_yy.c. It is y\_tab.c that must be compiled (lex\_yy.c is included by y\_tab.c) so if adding source files to a project file, ONLY add y\_tab.c plus the .cc files. If you wish to alter the parser, you will need YACC and FLEX on DOS.

The DOS tools are available at the AIAI ftp site, in the tools directory. Note that for FLEX installation, you need to copy flex.skl into the directory c:/lib.

If you are using Borland C++ and wish to regenerate lex\_yy.c and y\_tab.c you need to generate lex\_yy.c with FLEX and then comment out the 'malloc' and 'free' prototypes in

lex.yy.c. It will compile with lots of warnings. If you get an undefined `_PROIO_YYWRAP` symbol when you link, you need to remove `USE_DEFINE` from the makefile and recompile. This is because the parser.y file has a choice of defining this symbol as a function or as a define, depending on what the version of FLEX expects. See the bottom of parser.y, and if necessary edit it to make it compile in the opposite way to the current compilation.

To test out wxExpr compile the test program (samples/wxexpr/wxexpr.exe), and try loading test.exp into the test program. Then save it to another file. If the second is identical to the first, wxExpr is in a working state.

## Bugs

These are the known bugs:

1. Functors are permissible only in the main clause (object). Therefore nesting of structures must be done using lists, not predicates as in Prolog.
2. There is a limit to the size of strings read in (about 5000 bytes).

## Using wxExpr

This section is a brief introduction to using the wxExpr package.

First, some terminology. A *wxExprDatabase* is a list of *clauses*, each of which represents an object or record which needs to be saved to a file. A clause has a *functor* (name), and a list of attributes, each of which has a value. Attributes may take the following types of value: string, word, integer, floating point number, and list. A list can itself contain any type, allowing for nested data structures.

Consider the following code.

```
wxExprDatabase db;

wxExpr *my_clause = new wxExpr("object");
my_clause->AddAttributeValue("id", (long)1);
my_clause->AddAttributeValueString("name", "Julian Smart");
db.Append(my_clause);

ofstream file("my_file");
db.Write(file);
```

This creates a database, constructs a clause, adds it to the database, and writes the whole database to a file. The file it produces looks like this:

```
object(id = 1,
      name = "Julian Smart").
```

To read the database back in, the following will work:

```
wxExprDatabase db;
```

```
db.Read("my_file");

db.BeginFind();

wxExpr *my_clause = db.FindClauseByFunctor("object");
int id = 0;
wxString name = "None found";

my_clause->GetAttributeValue("id", id);
my_clause->GetAttributeValue("name", name);

cout << "Id is " << id << ", name is " << name << "\n";
```

Note the setting of defaults before attempting to retrieve attribute values, since they may not be found.

## **wxGrid classes overview**

wxGrid is a class for displaying and editing tabular information.

To use wxGrid, include the wxgrid.h header file and link with the wxGrid library. Create a wxGrid object, or, if you need to override some default behaviour, create an object of a class derived from wxGrid. You need to call CreateGrid before there are any cells in the grid.

All row and column positions start from zero, and dimensions are in pixels.

If you make changes to row or column dimensions, call UpdateDimensions and then AdjustScrollbars. If you make changes to the grid appearance (such as a change of cell background colour or font), call Refresh for the changes to be shown.

## **Example**

The following fragment is taken from the file samples/grid/test.cpp. Note the call to UpdateDimensions, which is required if the application has changed any dimensions such as column width or row height. You may also need to call AdjustScrollbars. In this case, AdjustScrollbars isn't necessary because it will be called by wxGrid::OnSize which is invoked when the window is first displayed.

```
// Make a grid
frame->grid = new wxGrid(frame, 0, 0, 400, 400);

frame->grid->CreateGrid(10, 8);
frame->grid->SetColumnWidth(3, 200);
frame->grid->SetRowHeight(4, 45);
frame->grid->SetCellValue("First cell", 0, 0);
frame->grid->SetCellValue("Another cell", 1, 1);
frame->grid->SetCellValue("Yet another cell", 2, 2);
frame->grid->SetCellTextFont(wxTheFontList->FindOrCreateFont(12,
wxROMAN, wxITALIC, wxNORMAL), 0, 0);
frame->grid->SetCellTextColour(*wxRED, 1, 1);
frame->grid->SetCellBackgroundColour(*wxCYAN, 2, 2);
```

```
frame->grid->UpdateDimensions();
```

## Multithreading overview

Classes: *wxThread* (p. 849), *wxMutex* (p. 541), *wxCriticalSection* (p. 131), *wxCondition* (p. 115)

*wxWindows* provides a complete set of classes encapsulating objects necessary in multithreaded (MT) programs: the *thread* (p. 849) class itself and different synchronization objects: *mutexes* (p. 541) and *critical sections* (p. 131) with *conditions* (p. 115).

These classes will hopefully make writing MT programs easier and they also provide some extra error checking (compared to the native (be it Win32 or Posix) thread API), however it is still an untrivial undertaking especially for large projects. Before starting an MT application (or starting to add MT features to an existing one) it is worth asking oneself if there is no easier and safer way to implement the same functionality. Of course, in some situations threads really make sense (classical example is a server application which launches a new thread for each new client), but in others it might be a very poor choice (example: launching a separate thread when doing a long computation to show a progress dialog). Other implementation choices are available: for the progress dialog example it is far better to do the calculations in the *idle handler* (p. 394) or call *wxYield()* (p. 999) periodically to update the screen.

If you do decide to use threads in your application, it is strongly recommended that no more than one thread calls GUI functions. The thread sample shows that it is possible for many different threads to call GUI functions at once (all the threads created in the sample access GUI), but it is a very poor design choice for anything except an example. The design which uses one GUI thread and several worker threads which communicate with the main one using events is much more robust and will undoubtedly save you countless problems (example: under Win32 a thread can only access GDI objects such as pens, brushes, &c created by itself and not by the other threads).

Final note: in the current release of *wxWindows*, there are no specific facilities for communicating between the threads. However, the usual *ProcessEvent()* (p. 243) function may be used for thread communication too - but you should provide your own synchronisation mechanism if you use it (e.g. just use a critical section before sending a message) because there is no built-in synchronisation.

## File classes and functions overview

Classes: *wxFile* (p. 257), *wxTempFile* (p. 818), *wxTextFile* (p. 844)

Functions: see *file functions* (p. 964).

*wxWindows* provides some functions and classes to facilitate working with files. As usual, the accent is put on cross-platform features which explains, for example, the *wxTextFile* (p. 844) class which may be used to convert between different types of text files (DOS/Unix/Mac).

*wxFile* may be used for low-level IO. It contains all usual functions to work with files

(opening/closing, reading/writing, seeking...) but, compared to using standard C functions, brings error checking (in case of an error a message is logged using *wxLog* (p. 479) facilities) and closes the file automatically in destructor which may be quite convenient.

*wxTempFile* is a very small file designed to make replacing the files contents safer - see its *documentation* (p. 818) for more details.

*wxTextFile* is a general purpose class for working with small text files on line by line basis. It is especially well suited for working with configuration files and program source files. It can be also used to work with files with "non native" line termination characters and write them as "native" files if needed (in fact, the files may be written in any format).

## Internationalization

Although internationalization (i18n for short) of an application involves far more than just translating its text messages to another message (date, time and currency formats need changing too, some languages are written left to right and others right to left, character encoding may differ and many other things may need changing too), it is a necessary first step. *wxWindows* provides facilities for the messages translation with its *wxLocale* (p. 476) class and is itself fully translated into several languages. Please consult *wxWindows* home page for the most up-to-date translations - and if you translate it into one of the languages not done yet, your translations would be gratefully accepted for inclusion into the future versions of the library!

The *wxWindows* approach to i18n closely follows GNU gettext package. *wxWindows* uses the message catalogs which are binary compatible with gettext catalogs and this allows to use all of the programs in this package to work with them. But note that no additional libraries are needed during the run-time, however, so you have only the message catalogs to distribute and nothing else.

During program development you will need the gettext package for working with message catalogs. **Warning:** gettext versions < 0.10 are known to be buggy, so you should find a later version of it!

There are two kinds of message catalogs: source catalogs which are text files with extension .po and binary catalogs which are created from the source ones with *msgfmt* program (part fo gettext package) and have the extension .mo. Only the binary files are needed during program execution.

The program i18n involves several steps:

1. Translating the strings in the program text using *wxGetTranslation* (p. 972) or equivalently the `_()` macro.
2. Extracting the strings to be translated from the program: this uses the work done in the previous step because *xgettext* program used for string extraction may be told (using its -k option) to recognise `_()` and *wxGetTranslation* and extract all strings inside the calls to these functions. Alternatively, you may use -a option to extract all the strings, but it will usually result in many strings being found which don't have to be translated at all. This will create a text message catalog - a .po file.



3. Translating the strings extracted in the previous step to other language(s). It involves editing the .po file.
4. Compiling the .po file into .mo file to be used by the program.
5. Setting the appropriate locale in your program to use the strings for the given language: see *wxLocale* (p. 476).

See also the GNU gettext documentation linked from `docs/html/index.htm` in your wxWindows distribution.

## Font encoding overview

wxWindows has support for multiple font encodings starting from release 2.2. By encoding we mean here the mapping between the character codes and the letters. Probably the most well-known encoding is (7 bit) ASCII one which is used almost universally now to represent the letters of the English alphabet and some other common characters. However, it is not enough to represent the letters of foreign alphabets and here other encodings come into play. Please note that we will only discuss 8-bit fonts here and not *Unicode* (p. 1036).

Font encoding support is assured by several classes: *wxFont* (p. 285) itself, but also *wxFontEnumerator* (p. 296) and *wxFontMapper* (p. 299). *wxFont* encoding support is reflected by a (new) constructor parameter *encoding* which takes one of the following values (elements of enumeration type `wxFontEncoding`):

<code>wxFONTENCODING_SYSTEM</code>	The default encoding of the underlying operating system (notice that this might be a "foreign" encoding for foreign versions of Windows 9x/NT).
<code>wxFONTENCODING_DEFAULT</code>	The applications default encoding as returned by <i>wxFont::GetDefaultEncoding</i> (p. 287). On program startup, the applications default encoding is the same as <code>wxFONTENCODING_SYSTEM</code> , but may be changed to make all the fonts created later to use it (by default).
<code>wxFONTENCODING_ISO8859_1..15</code>	ISO8859 family encodings which are usually used by all non-Microsoft operating systems
<code>wxFONTENCODING_KOI8</code>	Standard cyrillic encoding for the Internet (but see also <code>wxFONTENCODING_ISO8859_5</code> and <code>wxFONTENCODING_CP1251</code> )
<code>wxFONTENCODING_CP1250</code>	Microsoft analogue of ISO8859-2
<code>wxFONTENCODING_CP1251</code>	Microsoft analogue of ISO8859-5

wxFONTENCODING\_CP1252

Microsoft analogue of ISO8859-1

As you may see, Microsofts encoding partly mirror the standard ISO8859 ones, but there are (minor) differences even between ISO8859-1 (Latin1, ISO encoding for Western Europe) and CP1251 (WinLatin1, standard code page for English versions of Windows) and there are more of them for other encodings.

The situation is particularly complicated with cyrillic encodings for which (more than) three incompatible encodings exist: KOI8 (the old standard, widely used on the Internet), ISO8859-5 (ISO standard for cyrillic) and CP1251 (WinCyrillic).

This abundance of (incompatible) encodings should make it clear that using encodings is less easy than it might seem. The problems arise both from the fact that the standard encodings for the given language (say Russian, which is written in cyrillic) are different on different platforms and because the fonts in the given encoding might just not be installed (this is especially a problem with Unix, or, in general, not Win32, systems).

To allow to see clearer in this, *wxFontEnumerator* (p. 296) class may be used to enumerate both all available encodings and to find the facename(s) in which the given encoding exists. If you can find the font in the correct encoding with *wxFontEnumerator* then your troubles are over, but, unfortunately, sometimes this is not enough. For example, there is no standard way (I know of, please tell me if you do!) to find a font on a Windows system for KOI8 encoding (only for WinCyrillic one which is quite different), so *wxFontEnumerator* (p. 296) will never return one, even if the user has installed a KOI8 font on his system.

To solve this problem, a *wxFontMapper* (p. 299) class is provided. This class stores the mapping between the encodings and the font face names which support them in *wxConfig* (p. 1035) object. Of course, it would be fairly useless if it tried to determine these mappings by itself, so, instead, it (optionally) ask the user and remember his answers so that the next time the program will automatically choose the correct font.

All these topics are illustrated by the *font sample* (p. 1025), please refer to it and the documentation of the classes mentioned here for further explanations.

## **Streams in wxWindows overview**

Classes: *wxStreamBase* (p. 754), *wxStreamBuffer* (p. 755), *wxInputStream* (p. 425), *wxOutputStream* (p. 559), *wxFilterInputStream* (p. 283), *wxFilterOutputStream* (p. 284)

### **Purpose of wxStream**

We had troubles with standard C++ streams on several platforms: they react quite well in most cases, but in the multi-threaded case, for example, they have many problems. Some Borland Compilers refuse to work at all with them and using iostreams on Linux makes writing programs, that are binary compatible across different Linux distributions, impossible.

Therefore, wxStreams have been added to wxWindows because an application should compile and run on all supported platforms and we don't want users to depend on

release X.XX of libg++ or some other compiler to run the program.

wxStreams is divided in two main parts:

1. the core: wxStreamBase, wxStreamBuffer, wxInputStream, wxOutputStream, wxFilterIn/OutputStream
2. the "IO" classes: wxSocketIn/OutputStream, wxDataIn/OutputStream, wxFileIn/OutputStream, ...

wxStreamBase is the base definition of a stream. It defines, for example, the API of OnSysRead, OnSysWrite, OnSysSeek and OnSysTell. These functions are really implemented by the "IO" classes. wxInputStream and wxOutputStream inherit from it.

wxStreamBuffer is a cache manager for wxStreamBase (it manages a stream buffer linked to a stream). One stream can have multiple stream buffers but one stream have always one autoinitialized stream buffer.

wxInputStream is the base class for read-only streams. It implements Read, SeekI (I for Input), and all read or IO generic related functions. wxOutputStream does the same thing but it is for write-only streams.

wxFilterIn/OutputStream is base class definition for stream filtering. I mean by stream filtering, a stream which does no syscall but filter datas which are passed to it and then pass them to another stream. For example, wxZLibInputStream is an inline stream decompressor.

The "IO" classes implements the specific parts of the stream. This could be nothing in the case of wxMemoryIn/OutputStream which bases itself on wxStreamBuffer. This could also be a simple link to the a true syscall (for example read(...), write(...)).

### Generic usage: an example

Usage is simple. We can take the example of wxFileInputStream and here is some sample code:

```
...
// The constructor initializes the stream buffer and open the file
descriptor
// associated to the name of the file.
wxFileInputStream in_stream("the_file_to_be_read");

// Ok, read some bytes ... nb_datas is expressed in bytes.
in_stream.Read(data, nb_datas);
if (in_stream.LastError() != wxStream_NOERROR) {
    // Oh oh, something bad happens.
    // For a complete list, look into the documentation at wxStreamBase.
}

// You can also inline all like this.
if (in_stream.Read(data, nb_datas).LastError() != wxStream_NOERROR) {
    // Do something.
}
```

```
// You can also get the last number of bytes REALLY put into the
buffer.
size_t really_read = in_stream.LastRead();

// Ok, moves to the beginning of the stream. SeekI returns the last
position
// in the stream counted from the beginning.
off_t old_position = in_stream.SeekI(0, wxFromBeginning);

// What is my current position ?
off_t position = in_stream.TellI();

// wxFileInputStream will close the file descriptor on the
destruction.
```

### Compatibility with C++ streams

As I said previously, we could add a filter stream so it takes an istream argument and builds a wxInputStream from it: I don't think it should be difficult to implement it and it may be available in the fix of wxWindows 2.0.

### Notes on using the reference

In the descriptions of the wxWindows classes and their member functions, note that descriptions of inherited member functions are not duplicated in derived classes unless their behaviour is different. So in using a class such as wxScrolledWindow, be aware that wxWindow functions may be relevant.

Note also that arguments with default values may be omitted from a function call, for brevity. Size and position arguments may usually be given a value of -1 (the default), in which case wxWindows will choose a suitable value.

Most strings are returned as wxString objects. However, for remaining char \* return values, the strings are allocated and deallocated by wxWindows. Therefore, return values should always be copied for long-term use, especially since the same buffer is often used by wxWindows.

The member functions are given in alphabetical order except for constructors and destructors which appear first.

### Startup tips overview

Many "modern" Windows programs have a feature (some would say annoyance) of presenting the user tips at program startup. While this is probably useless to the advanced users of the program, the experience shows that the tips may be quite helpful for the novices and so more and more programs now do this.

For a wxWindows programmer, implementing this feature is extremely easy. To show a tip, it's enough to just call *wxShowTip* (p. 977) function like this:

```
if ( ...show tips at startup?... )
{
```

```
    wxTipProvider *tipProvider =  
wxCreateFileTipProvider("tips.txt", 0);  
    wxShowTip(windowParent, tipProvider);  
    delete tipProvider;  
}
```

Of course, you need to get the text of the tips from somewhere - in the example above, the text is supposed to be in the file `tips.txt` from where it's read by the *tip provider*. The tip provider is just an object of a class deriving from *wxTipProvider* (p. 860). It has to implement one pure virtual function of the base class: *GetTip* (p. 860). In the case of the tip provider created by *wxCreateFileTipProvider* (p. 972), the tips are just the lines of the text file.

If you want to implement your own tip provider (for example, if you wish to hardcode the tips inside your program), you just have to derive another class from *wxTipProvider* and pass a pointer to the object of this class to *wxShowTip* - then you don't need *wxCreateFileTipProvider* at all.

Finally, you will probably want to save somewhere the index of the tip last shown - so that the program doesn't always show the same tip on startup. As you also need to remember whether to show tips or not (you shouldn't do it if the user unchecked "Show tips on startup" checkbox in the dialog), you will probably want to store both the index of the last shown tip (as returned by *wxTipProvider::GetCurrentTip* (p. 861) and the flag telling whether to show the tips at startup at all.

## File Systems

The *wxHTML* library uses a **virtual file systems** mechanism similar to the one used in Midnight Commander, Dos Navigator, FAR or almost any modern file manager. (Do you remember? You can press enter on ZIP file and its contents is displayed as if it were a local directory...)

## Classes

Three classes are used in order to provide full VFS:

- The *wxFSFile* (p. 311) class provides information on opened file (name, input stream, mime type and anchor).
- The *wxFileSystem* (p. 275) class is the interface. Its main methods are *ChangePathTo()* and *OpenFile()*. This class is most often used by the end user.
- The *wxFileSystemHandler* (p. 277) is the core of VFS mechanism. You can derive your own handler and pass it to *wxFileSystem*'s *AddHandler()* method. In the new handler you only need to overwrite *OpenFile()* and *CanOpen()* methods.

## Locations

Locations (aka filenames aka addresses) are constructed from 4 parts:

- **protocol** - handler can recognize if it is able to open a file by checking its protocol. Examples are "http", "file" or "ftp".
- **right location** - is the name of file within the protocol. In

"http://www.wxwindows.org/index.html" the right location is  
"//www.wxwindows.org/index.html".

- **anchor** - anchor is optional and is usually not present. In "index.htm#chapter2" the anchor is "chapter2".
- **left location** - this is usually an empty string. It is used by 'local' protocols such as ZIP. See Combined Protocols paragraph for details.

### Combined Protocols

Left location pretends protocol in URL string. It's not used by global protocols like HTTP but it's used by local ones - for example you can see this address:

`file:archives/cpp_doc.zip#zip:reference/fopen.htm#syntax`

In this example, protocol is "zip", left location is "reference/fopen.htm", anchor is "syntax" and right location is "file:archives/cpp\_doc.zip". It is used by zip handler to determine in what file this particular zip VFS is stored.

In fact there are two protocols used in this example: zip and file. You can construct even more complicated addresses like this one:

`http://www.archives.org/myarchive.zip#zip:local/docs/cpp/stdio.zip#zip:index.htm`

In this example you access zip VFS stdio.zip stored in another zip (myarchive.zip) which is at WWW.

### File Systems Included in wxHTML

1. Local files
2. HTTP protocol
3. FTP protocol
4. .ZIP archives

## wxHTML Notes

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The wxHTML library provides classes for parsing and displaying HTML.

(It is not intended to be a high-end HTML browser. If you're looking for something like that try <http://www.mozilla.org> (<http://www.mozilla.org>) - there's a chance you'll be able to make their widget wxWindows-compatible. I'm sure everyone will enjoy your work in that case...)

wxHTML can be used as a generic rich text viewer - for example to display a nice About Box (like those of GNOME apps) or to display the result of database searching. There is a *wxFileSystem* (p. 275) class which allows you to use your own virtual file systems.

wxHtmlWindow supports tag handlers. This means that you can easily extend wxHtml library with new, unsupported tags. Not only that, you can even use your own application specific tags! See `lib/mod_*.cpp` files for details.

There is a generic (non-wxHtmlWindow) wxHtmlParser class.

## wxHTML quick start

### Displaying HTML

First of all, you must include `<wx/wxhtml.h>`.

Class *wxHtmlWindow* (p. 382) (derived from *wxScrolledWindow*) is used to display HTML documents. It has two important methods: *LoadPage* (p. 384) and *SetPage* (p. 386). *LoadPage* loads and displays HTML file while *SetPage* displays directly the passed **string**. See the example:

```
mywin -> LoadPage("test.htm");
mywin -> SetPage("<html><body>"
                "<h1>Error</h1>"
                "Some error occurred :-H)"
                "</body></html>");
```

I think the difference is quite clear.

### Displaying Help

See *wxHtmlHelpController* (p. 361).

### Setting up wxHtmlWindow

Because *wxHtmlWindow* is derived from *wxScrolledWindow* and not from *wxFrame*, it doesn't have visible frame. But the user usually want to see the title of HTML page displayed somewhere and frame's titlebar is ideal place for it.

*wxHtmlWindow* provides 2 methods in order to handle this: *SetRelatedFrame* (p. 386)

and *SetRelatedStatusBar* (p. 387). See the example:

```
html = new wxHtmlWindow(this);  
html -> SetRelatedFrame(this, "HTML : %s");  
html -> SetRelatedStatusBar(0);
```

The first command associates html object with it's parent frame (this points to wxFrame object there) and sets format of title. Page title "Hello, world!" will be displayed as "HTML : Hello, world!" in this example.

The second command sets which frame's status bar should be used to display browser's messages (such as "Loading..." or "Done" or hypertext links).

### Customizing wxHtmlWindow

You can customize wxHtmlWindow by setting font size, font face and borders (space between border of window and displayed HTML). Related functions:

- *SetFont*s (p. 385)
- *SetBorders* (p. 385)
- *ReadCustomization* (p. 384)
- *WriteCustomization* (p. 387)

The last two functions are used to store user customization info wxConfig stuff (for example in the registry under Windows, or in a dotfile under Unix).

### HTML Printing

The wxHTML library provides printing facilities with several levels of complexity.

The easiest way to print an HTML document is to use *wxHtmlEasyPrinting* class (p. 357). It lets you print HTML documents with only one command and you don't have to worry about deriving from the wxPrintout class at all. It is only a simple wrapper around the *wxHtmlPrintout* (p. 374), normal wxWindows printout class.

And finally there is the low level class *wxHtmlDCRenderer* (p. 354) which you can use to render HTML into a rectangular area on any DC. It supports rendering into multiple rectangles with the same width. (The most common use of this is placing one rectangle on each page or printing into two columns.)

### Help Files Format

wxHTML library uses a reduced version of MS HTML Workshop format. Tex2RTF can produce these files when generating HTML, if you set **htmlWorkshopFiles** to **true** in your tex2rtf.ini file.

(See *wxHtmlHelpController* (p. 361) for help controller description.)

A **book** consists of three files : header file, contents file and index file.

#### Header file (.hnp)



Header file must contain these lines (and may contain additional lines which are ignored):

```
Contents file=@filename.hhc@
Index file=@filename.hhk@
Title=@title of your book@
Default topic=@default page to be displayed.htm@
```

All filenames (including the Default topic) are relative to the location of .hhp file.

For larger projects I recommend storing everything but .hhp file into one .zip archive. (The contents file would then be referred to as myhelp.zip#zip:contents.hhc)

### Contents file (.hhc)

Contents file has HTML syntax and it can be parsed by regular HTML parser. It contains exactly one list (<ul>....</ul> statement):

```
<ul>

  <li> <object>
    <param name="Name" value="@topic name@">
    <param name="ID" value=@numeric_id@>
    <param name="Local" value="@filename.htm@">
  </object>
  <li> <object>
    <param name="Name" value="@topic name@">
    <param name="ID" value=@numeric_id@>
    <param name="Local" value="@filename.htm@">
  </object>
  ...
</ul>
```

You can modify value attributes of param tags. *topic name* is name of chapter/topic as is displayed in contents, *filename.htm* is HTML page name (relative to .hhp file) and *numeric\_id* is optional - it is used only when you use `wxHtmlHelpController::Display(int)` (p. 362)

Items in the list may be nested - one <li> statement may contain a <ul> sub-statement:

```
<ul>

  <li> <object>
    <param name="Name" value="Top node">
    <param name="Local" value="top.htm">
  </object>
  <ul>
    <li> <object>
      <param name="Name" value="subnode in topline">
      <param name="Local" value="subnode1.htm">
    </object>
    ...
  </ul>
</ul>
```

```
</ul>

<li> <object>
    <param name="Name" value="Another Top">
    <param name="Local" value="top2.htm">
</object>
...
</ul>
```

### Index file (.hhk)

Index files have same format as contents file except that ID params are ignored and sublists are **not** allowed.

## Input Filters

The wxHTML library provides a mechanism for reading and displaying files of many different file formats.

*wxHtmlWindow::LoadPage* (p. 384) can load not only HTML files but any known file. To make a file type known to *wxHtmlWindow* you must create a *wxHtmlFilter* (p. 360) filter and register it using *wxHtmlWindow::AddFilter* (p. 382).

## Cells and Containers

This article describes mechanism used by *wxHtmlWinParser* (p. 387) and *wxHtmlWindow* (p. 382) to parse and display HTML documents.

### Cells

You can divide any text (or HTML) into small fragments. Let's call these fragments **cells**. Cell is for example one word, horizontal line, image or any other part of document. Each cell has width and height (except special "magic" cells with zero dimensions - e.g. colour changers or font changers).

See *wxHtmlCell* (p. 343).

### Containers

Container is kind of cell that may contain sub-cells. Its size depends on number and sizes of its sub-cells (and also depends on width of window).

See *wxHtmlContainerCell* (p. 349), *wxHtmlCell::Layout* (p. 347).

### Using Containers in Tag Handler

*wxHtmlWinParser* (p. 387) provides a user-friendly way of managing containers. It's based on the idea of opening and closing containers.

Use *OpenContainer* (p. 391) to open new a container *within an already opened*

*container*. This new container is a *sub-container* of the old one. (If you want to create a new container with the same depth level you can call `CloseContainer()`;  
`OpenContainer();`)

Use *CloseContainer* (p. 388) to close the container. This doesn't create a new container with same depth level but it returns "control" to the parent container.

It's clear there must be same number of calls to `OpenContainer` as to `CloseContainer`...

### Example

This code creates a new paragraph (container at same depth level) with "Hello, world!":

```
m_WParser -> CloseContainer();  
c = m_WParser -> OpenContainer();  
  
m_WParser -> AddWord("Hello, ");  
m_WParser -> AddWord("world!");  
  
m_WParser -> CloseContainer();  
m_WParser -> OpenContainer();
```

You can see that there was opened container before running the code. We closed it, created our own container, then closed our container and opened new container. The result was that we had *same depth level* after executing. This is general rule that should be followed by tag handlers: leave depth level of containers unmodified (in other words, number of `OpenContainer` and `CloseContainer` calls should be same within *HandleTag* (p. 379)'s body).

## Tag Handlers

The `wxHTML` library provides architecture of pluggable *tag handlers*. Tag handler is class that understands particular HTML tag (or tags) and is able to interpret it.

*wxHtmlWinParser* (p. 387) has static table of **modules**. Each module contains one or more tag handlers. Each time a new `wxHtmlWinParser` object is constructed all modules are scanned and handlers are added to `wxHtmlParser`'s list of available handlers (note: `wxHtmlParser`'s list is non-static).

### How it works

Common tag handler's *HandleTag* (p. 379) method works in four steps:

1. Save state of parent parser into local variables
2. Change parser state according to tag's params
3. Parse text between the tag and paired ending tag (if present)
4. Restore original parser state

See *wxHtmlWinParser* (p. 387) for methods for modifying parser's state. In general you can do things like opening/closing containers, changing colors, fonts etc.

## Providing own tag handlers

You should create new .cpp file and place following lines into it:

```
#include <mod_tmpl.h>
#include <forcelink.h>
FORCE_LINK_ME(yourmodulefilenamewithoutcpp)
```

Then you must define handlers and one module.

## Tag handlers

The handler is derived from *wxHtmlWinTagHandler* (p. 392)(or directly from *wxHtmlTagHandler* (p. 379))

You can use set of macros to define the handler (see src/mod\_\*.cpp files for details). Handler definition must start with **TAG\_HANDLER\_BEGIN** macro and end with **TAG\_HANDLER\_END** macro. I strongly recommend to have a look at *include/wxhtml/mod\_tmpl.h* file. Otherwise you won't understand the structure of macros. See macros reference:

### **TAG\_HANDLER\_BEGIN**(*name*, *tags*)

Starts handler definition. *name* is handler identifier (in fact part of class name), *tags* is string containing list of tags supported by this handler (in uppercase). This macro derives new class from *wxHtmlWinTagHandler* and implements it's *GetSupportedTags* (p. 379) method.

Example: TAG\_HANDLER\_BEGIN(FONTS, "B,I,U,T")

### **TAG\_HANDLER\_VARS**

This macro starts block of variables definitions. (Variables are identical to class attributes.) Example:

```
TAG_HANDLER_BEGIN(VARS_ONLY, "CRAZYTAG")
    TAG_HANDLER_VARS
        int my_int_var;
        wxString something_else;
TAG_HANDLER_END(VARS_ONLY)
```

This macro is used only in rare cases.

### **TAG\_HANDLER\_CONSTR**(*name*)

This macro supplies object constructor. *name* is same name as the one from TAG\_HANDLER\_BEGIN macro. Body of constructor follow after this macro (you must use `and` `)`. Example:

```
TAG_HANDLER_BEGIN(VARS2, "CRAZYTAG")
    TAG_HANDLER_VARS
        int my_int_var;
```

```
    TAG_HANDLER_CONSTR(vars2)
    { // !!!!!!!
        my_int_var = 666;
    } // !!!!!!!
TAG_HANDLER_END(VARS2)
```

Never used in wxHTML :-)

### **TAG\_HANDLER\_PROC(*varib*)**

This is very important macro. It defines *HandleTag* (p. 379) method. *varib* is name of parameter passed to the method, usually *tag*. Body of method follows after this macro. Note that you must use `and` and `!` Example:

```
TAG_HANDLER_BEGIN(TITLE, "TITLE")
    TAG_HANDLER_PROC(tag)
    {
        printf("TITLE found...\n");
    }
TAG_HANDLER_END(TITLE)
```

### **TAG\_HANDLER\_END(*name*)**

Ends definition of tag handler *name*.

## **Tags Modules**

You can use set of 3 macros TAGS\_MODULE\_BEGIN, TAGS\_MODULE\_ADD and TAGS\_MODULE\_END to inherit new module from *wxHtmlTagsModule* (p. 380) and to create instance of it. See macros reference:

### **TAGS\_MODULE\_BEGIN(*modname*)**

Begins module definition. *modname* is part of class name and must be unique.

### **TAGS\_MODULE\_ADD(*name*)**

Adds the handler to this module. *name* is the identifier from TAG\_HANDLER\_BEGIN.

### **TAGS\_MODULE\_END(*modname*)**

Ends the definition of module.

### **Example:**

```
TAGS_MODULE_BEGIN(Examples)
    TAGS_MODULE_ADD(VARS_ONLY)
    TAGS_MODULE_ADD(VARS2)
    TAGS_MODULE_ADD(TITLE)
TAGS_MODULE_END(Examples)
```

## **Tags supported by wxHTML**

wxHTML is not full implementation of HTML standard. Instead, it supports most common tags so that it is possible to display *simple* HTML documents with it. (For example it works fine with pages created in Netscape Composer or generated by tex2rtf).

Following tables list all tags known to wxHTML, together with supported parameters. A tag has general form of `<tagname param_1 param_2 ... param_n>` where `param_i` is either `paramname="paramvalue"` or `paramname=paramvalue` - these two are equivalent. Unless stated otherwise, wxHTML is case-insensitive.

### Table of common parameter values

We will use these substitutions in tags descriptions:

[alignment]	CENTER LEFT RIGHT
[v_alignment]	TOP BOTTOM CENTER
[color]	#nnnnnn where n is hexadecimal digit
[fontsize]	-2 -1 +0 +1 +2 +3 +4
[pixels]	integer value that represents dimension in pixels
[percent]	i% where i is integer
[url]	an URL
[string]	text string
[coords]	c(1),c(2),c(3),...,c(n) where c(i) is integer

### Document layout and structure

P	ALIGN=[alignment]
BR	ALIGN=[alignment]
DIV	ALIGN=[alignment]
CENTER	

BLOCKQUOTE

TITLE

BODY           TEXT=[color]  
                  LINK=[color]  
                  BGCOLOR=[color]

HR             ALIGN=[alignment]  
                  SIZE=[pixels]  
                  WIDTH=[percent]  
                  WIDTH=[pixels]

FONT           COLOR=[color]  
                  SIZE=[fontsize]

U

B

I

TT

H1

H2

H3

H4

H5

H6

A             NAME=[string]  
                  HREF=[url]

PRE

LI

UL

OL

TABLE           ALIGN=[alignment]  
                  WIDTH=[percent]  
                  WIDTH=[pixels]  
                  BORDER=[pixels]  
                  VALIGN=[v\_alignment]  
                  BGCOLOR=[color]  
                  CELLSPACING=[pixels]  
                  CELLPADDING=[pixels]

TR	ALIGN=[alignment] VALIGN=[v_alignment] BGCOLOR=[color]
TH	ALIGN=[alignment] VALIGN=[v_alignment] BGCOLOR=[color] WIDTH=[percent] WIDTH=[pixels] COLSPAN=[pixels] ROWSPAN=[pixels]
TD	ALIGN=[alignment] VALIGN=[v_alignment] BGCOLOR=[color] WIDTH=[percent] WIDTH=[pixels] COLSPAN=[pixels] ROWSPAN=[pixels]
IMG	SRC=[url] WIDTH=[pixels] HEIGHT=[pixels] ALIGN=TEXTTOP ALIGN=CENTER ALIGN=ABSCENTER ALIGN=BOTTOM USEMAP=[url]
MAP	NAME=[string]
AREA	SHAPE=POLY SHAPE=CIRCLE SHAPE=RECT COORDS=[coords] HREF=[url]



## wxPython Notes

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### What is wxPython?

wxPython is a blending of the wxWindows GUI classes and the Python (<http://www.python.org/>) programming language.

### Python

So what is Python? Go to <http://www.python.org> (<http://www.python.org>) to learn more, but in a nutshell Python is an interpreted, interactive, object-oriented programming language. It is often compared to Tcl, Perl, Scheme or Java.

Python combines remarkable power with very clear syntax. It has modules, classes, exceptions, very high level dynamic data types, and dynamic typing. There are interfaces to many system calls and libraries, and new built-in modules are easily written in C or C++. Python is also usable as an extension language for applications that need a programmable interface.

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### wxPython

wxPython is a Python package that can be imported at runtime that includes a collection of Python modules and an extension module (native code). It provides a series of Python classes that mirror (or shadow) many of the wxWindows GUI classes. This extension module attempts to mirror the class hierarchy of wxWindows as closely as possible. This means that there is a wxFrame class in wxPython that looks, smells, tastes and acts almost the same as the wxFrame class in the C++ version.

wxPython is very versatile. It can be used to create standalone GUI applications, or in situations where Python is embedded in a C++ application as an internal scripting or macro language.

Currently wxPython is available for Win32 platforms and the GTK toolkit (wxGTK) on most Unix/X-windows platforms. The effort to enable wxPython for wxMotif will begin shortly. See *Building Python* (p. 2) for details about getting wxPython working for you.

### Why use wxPython?

So why would you want to use wxPython over just C++ and wxWindows? Personally I prefer using Python for everything. I only use C++ when I absolutely have to eek more performance out of an algorithm, and even then I usually code it as an extension module and leave the majority of the program in Python.

Another good thing to use wxPython for is quick prototyping of your wxWindows apps. With C++ you have to continuously go through the edit-compile-link-run cycle, which can be quite time consuming. With Python it is only an edit-run cycle. You can easily build an

application in a few hours with Python that would normally take a few days or longer with C++. Converting a wxPython app to a C++/wxWindows app should be a straight forward task.

## Other Python GUIs

There are other GUI solutions out there for Python.

### Tkinter

Tkinter is the defacto standard GUI for Python. It is available on nearly every platform that Python and Tcl/Tk are. Why Tcl/Tk? Well because Tkinter is just a wrapper around Tcl's GUI toolkit, Tk. This has its upsides and its downsides...

The upside is that Tk is a pretty versatile toolkit. It can be made to do a lot of things in a lot of different environments. It is fairly easy to create new widgets and use them interchangeably in your programs.

The downside is Tcl. When using Tkinter you actually have two separate language interpreters running, the Python interpreter and the Tcl interpreter for the GUI. Since the guts of Tcl is mostly about string processing, it is fairly slow as well. (Not too bad on a fast Pentium II, but you really notice the difference on slower machines.)

It wasn't until the latest version of Tcl/Tk that native Look and Feel was possible on non-Motif platforms. This is because Tk usually implements its own widgets (controls) even when there are native controls available.

Tkinter is a pretty low-level toolkit. You have to do a lot of work (verbose program code) to do things that would be much simpler with a higher level of abstraction.

### PythonWin

PythonWin is an add-on package for Python for the Win32 platform. It includes wrappers for MFC as well as much of the Win32 API. Because of its foundation, it is very familiar for programmers who have experience with MFC and the Win32 API. It is obviously not compatible with other platforms and toolkits. PythonWin is organized as separate packages and modules so you can use the pieces you need without having to use the GUI portions.

### Others

There are quite a few other GUI modules available for Python, some in active use, some that haven't been updated for ages. Most are simple wrappers around some C or C++ toolkit or another, and most are not cross-platform compatible. See this link (<http://www.python.org/download/Contributed.html#Graphics>) for a listing of a few of them.

## Building wxPython

I used SWIG (<http://www.swig.org>) to to create the source

code for the extension module. This enabled me to only have to deal with a small amount of code and only have to bother with the exceptional issues. SWIG takes care of the rest and generates all the repetitive code for me. You don't need SWIG to build the extension module as all the generated C++ code is included under the src directory.

I added a few minor features to SWIG to control some of the code generation. If you want to play around with this you will need to get a recent version of SWIG from their CVS or from a daily build. See <http://www.swig.org/> (<http://www.swig.org/>) for details.

wxPython is organized as a Python package. This means that the directory containing the results of the build process should be a subdirectory of a directory on the PYTHONPATH. (And preferably should be named wxPython.) You can control where the build process will dump wxPython by setting the TARGETDIR variable for the build utility (see below).

1. Build wxWindows as described in its BuildCVS.txt file. For Unix systems I run configure with these flags:

```
--with-gtk
--with-libjpeg
--without-odbc
--enable-unicode=no
--enable-threads=yes
--enable-socket=yes
--enable-static=no
--enable-shared=yes
--disable-std_iostreams
```

You can use whatever flags you want, but I know these work.

For Win32 systems I use Visual C++ 6.0, but 5.0 should work also. The build utility currently does not support any other Win32 compilers.

2. At this point you may want to make an alias or symlink, script, batch file, whatever on the PATH that invokes `$(WXWIN)/utils/wxPython/distrib/build.py` to help simplify matters somewhat. For example, on my Win32 system I have a file named `build.bat` in a directory on the PATH that contains:

```
python %WXWIN/utils/wxPython/distrib/build.py %1 %2 %3 %4
%5 %6
```

3. Change into the `$(WXWIN)/utils/wxPython/src` directory.
4. Type `"build -b"` to build wxPython and `"build -i"` to install it, or `"build -bi"` to do both steps at once.

The `build.py` script actually generates a Makefile based on what it finds on your system and information found in the `build.cfg` file. If you have troubles building or you want it built or installed in a different way, take a look at the docstring in `build.py`. You are able to override many configuration options in a file named `build.local`.

5. To build and install the add-on modules, change to the appropriate directory

- under `$(WXWIN)/utils/wxPython/modules` and run the build utility again.
6. Change to the `$(WXWIN)/utils/wxPython/demo` directory.
  7. Try executing the demo program. For example:

```
python demo.py
```

To run it without requiring a console on Win32, you can use the `pythonw.exe` version of Python either from the command line or from a shortcut.

## Using wxPython

### First things first...

I'm not going to try and teach the Python language here. You can do that at the Python Tutorial (<http://www.python.org/doc/tut/tut.html>). I'm also going to assume that you know a bit about wxWindows already, enough to notice the similarities in the classes used.

Take a look at the following wxPython program. You can find a similar program in the `wxPython/demo` directory, named `DialogUnits.py`. If your Python and wxPython are properly installed, you should be able to run it by issuing this command:

```
python DialogUnits.py
```

---

```
001: ## import all of the wxPython GUI package
002: from wxPython.wx import *
003:
004: ## Create a new frame class, derived from the wxPython Frame.
005: class MyFrame(wxFrame):
006:
007:     def __init__(self, parent, id, title):
008:         # First, call the base class' __init__ method to create
the frame
009:         wxFrame.__init__(self, parent, id, title,
010:                           wxPoint(100, 100), wxSize(160, 100))
011:
012:         # Associate some events with methods of this class
013:         EVT_SIZE(self, self.OnSize)
014:         EVT_MOVE(self, self.OnMove)
015:
016:         # Add a panel and some controls to display the size and
position
017:         panel = wxPanel(self, -1)
018:         wxStaticText(panel, -1, "Size:",
019:                       wxDLG_PNT(panel, wxPoint(4, 4)),
wxDefaultSize)
020:         wxStaticText(panel, -1, "Pos:",
021:                       wxDLG_PNT(panel, wxPoint(4, 14)),
wxDefaultSize)
022:         self.sizeCtrl = wxTextCtrl(panel, -1, "",
023:                                     wxDLG_PNT(panel, wxPoint(24,
```

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```

4)),
024:         wxDLG_SIZE(panel, wxSize(36, -
1)),
025:         wxTE_READONLY)
026:     self.posCtrl = wxTextCtrl(panel, -1, "",
027:         wxDLG_PNT(panel, wxPoint(24,
14)),
028:         wxDLG_SIZE(panel, wxSize(36, -
1)),
029:         wxTE_READONLY)
030:
031:
032:     # This method is called automatically when the CLOSE event is
033:     # sent to this window
034:     def OnCloseWindow(self, event):
035:         # tell the window to kill itself
036:         self.Destroy()
037:
038:     # This method is called by the system when the window is
resized,
039:     # because of the association above.
040:     def OnSize(self, event):
041:         size = event.GetSize()
042:         self.sizeCtrl.SetValue("%s, %s" % (size.width,
size.height))
043:
044:         # tell the event system to continue looking for an event
handler,
045:         # so the default handler will get called.
046:         event.Skip()
047:
048:     # This method is called by the system when the window is
moved,
049:     # because of the association above.
050:     def OnMove(self, event):
051:         pos = event.GetPosition()
052:         self.posCtrl.SetValue("%s, %s" % (pos.x, pos.y))
053:
054:
055: # Every wxWindows application must have a class derived from wxApp
056: class MyApp(wxApp):
057:
058:     # wxWindows calls this method to initialize the application
059:     def OnInit(self):
060:
061:         # Create an instance of our customized Frame class
062:         frame = MyFrame(NULL, -1, "This is a test")
063:         frame.Show(true)
064:
065:         # Tell wxWindows that this is our main window
066:         self.SetTopWindow(frame)
067:
068:         # Return a success flag
069:         return true
070:
071:
072: app = MyApp(0)      # Create an instance of the application class

```

---

```
073: app.MainLoop()      # Tell it to start processing events
074:
```

---

### Things to notice

1. At line 2 the wxPython classes, constants, and etc. are imported into the current module's namespace. If you prefer to reduce namespace pollution you can use "from wxPython import wx" and then access all the wxPython identifiers through the wx module, for example, "wx.wxFrame".
2. At line 13 the frame's sizing and moving events are connected to methods of the class. These helper functions are intended to be like the event table macros that wxWindows employs. But since static event tables are impossible with wxPython, we use helpers that are named the same to dynamically build the table. The only real difference is that the first argument to the event helpers is always the window that the event table entry should be added to.
3. Notice the use of wxDLG\_PNT and wxDLG\_SZE in lines 19 - 29 to convert from dialog units to pixels. These helpers are unique to wxPython since Python can't do method overloading like C++.
4. There is an OnCloseWindow method at line 34 but no call to EVT\_CLOSE to attach the event to the method. Does it really get called? The answer is, yes it does. This is because many of the *standard* events are attached to windows that have the associated *standard* method names. I have tried to follow the lead of the C++ classes in this area to determine what is *standard* but since that changes from time to time I can make no guarantees, nor will it be fully documented. When in doubt, use an EVT\_\*\*\* function.
5. At lines 17 to 21 notice that there are no saved references to the panel or the static text items that are created. Those of you who know Python might be wondering what happens when Python deletes these objects when they go out of scope. Do they disappear from the GUI? They don't. Remember that in wxPython the Python objects are just shadows of the corresponding C++ objects. Once the C++ windows and controls are attached to their parents, the parents manage them and delete them when necessary. For this reason, most wxPython objects do not need to have a \_\_del\_\_ method that explicitly causes the C++ object to be deleted. If you ever have the need to forcibly delete a window, use the Destroy() method as shown on line 36.
6. Just like wxWindows in C++, wxPython apps need to create a class derived from wxApp (line 56) that implements a method named OnInit, (line 59.) This method should create the application's main window (line 62) and use wxApp.SetTopWindow( ) (line 66) to inform wxWindows about it.
7. And finally, at line 72 an instance of the application class is created. At this point wxPython finishes initializing itself, and calls the OnInit method to get things started. (The zero parameter here is a flag for functionality that isn't quite

implemented yet. Just ignore it for now.) The call to `MainLoop` at line 73 starts the event loop which continues until the application terminates or all the top level windows are closed.

### **wxWindows classes implemented in wxPython**

The following classes are supported in wxPython. Most provide nearly full implementations of the public interfaces specified in the C++ documentation, others are less so. They will all be brought as close as possible to the C++ spec over time.

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Since wxPython is a blending of multiple technologies, help comes from multiple sources. See <http://alldunn.com/wxPython> (<http://alldunn.com/wxPython>) for details on various sources of help, but probably the best source is the wxPython-users mail list. You can view the archive or subscribe by going to

<http://starship.python.net/mailman/listinfo/wxpython-users>  
(<http://starship.python.net/mailman/listinfo/wxpython-users>)

Or you can send mail directly to the list using this address:

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