

# Lomse library. Tutorial 1 for wxWidgets

This is meant to be an introduction to using Lomse in a wxWidgets program. Before starting, ensure that you have installed the Lomse library. See the installation page for detailed instructions.

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## 1. How does Lomse work

In this first example we are just going to open a window and display an score on it. You can download the full source code for this example from `../examples/wxWidgets/example_1_wxwidgets.cpp`.

The first and most important thing to learn about Lomse is that is platform independent code, with no knowledge about your platform native windows. And, of course, Lomse knows nothing about wxWidgets, wxFrame, wxDC and wxWindow. Therefore, **Lomse can not directly render scores on any wxWindow object.**

Lomse works by rendering the scores on a bitmap buffer, that is, on an array of consecutive memory bytes. As this buffer is provided by the user application, it can be any type of memory, such as a real bitmap, a window's buffer, etc. This implies that before using Lomse you should decide what is the best approach for using Lomse in your application.

The simplest and usual way of rendering scores on a window is just passing Lomse a bitmap in memory, asking Lomse to render on that bitmap, and copying the bitmap onto the window. And this is the approach we will follow for our wxWidgets application.

To render a bitmap in wxWidgets we usually would use a wxBitmap and do something as:

```
wxMemoryDC memoryDC;  
wxBitmap* pBitmap;  
memoryDC.SelectObject(*pBitmap);  
dc.Blit(0, 0, width, height, &memoryDC, 0, 0);
```

But Lomse knows nothing about wxBitmap objects. For Lomse, a bitmap is just an array of bytes containing the image pixels, whereas wxBitmap is a platform dependent class containing a buffer for pixels (in a platform dependent format) and additional data.

We could think on using a native Lomse bitmap and building later a wxBitmap object from it. This solution is complex, puts the work on the user application and also requires platform dependent code. Moreover, it requires internal knowledge about wxBitmap format.

So the best approach I've found for using Lomse in wxWidgets applications is to use an wxImage object. First, wxImage is a platform independent class. Therefore, with this choice, we keep our application free of a lot of conditional compilation statements for supporting different platforms. Second, wxImage contains an internal buffer for the image. It is documented and publicly accessible. It is an array of characters in RGBRGBRGB... format, arranged in top-to-bottom, left-to-right order. That is, the first RGB triplet corresponds to the first pixel of the first row; the second RGB triplet corresponds to the second pixel of the first row, and so on until the end of the first row, with second row following after it and so on. In summary, wxImage contains a buffer for a bitmap in RGB, 24 bits format. Luckily, this is one of the bitmap formats supported by Lomse. And, as a bonus, wxImage can be easily converted to an wxBitmap and, therefore, it can be rendered by your application.

So, once we've learn that Lomse renders on bitmaps and once we have found a solution for communicating wxWidgets with Lomse, let's start with our application.

## 2. Specifications: displaying a score

In this first example we are just going to open a window and display an score on it. For displaying a score the work to do is minimal:

1. Initialize the Lomse library,
2. Pass Lomse the source code for the score to render and a bitmap. Lomse will render the score on the bitmap.
3. Finally, open a window and display the bitmap on it

In this example, the source code for the score is embedded in the code. In a real program you normally will read a file containing the score to display or you will create, by program, the source code for the score. We will do that in a more advanced tutorial.

With previous specifications, the structure of our program will be very simple. The application will be modeled by class MyApp, derived from wxApp. When the app starts running it will create the main frame (class MyFrame, derived from wxFrame) which, in turn, will create a window for displaying the score (class MyCanvas). For it, we will pass Lomse a bitmap, and will ask Lomse to create the score. Then we will render the bitmap on the window. And that's all.

Let's start programming.

## 3. Header files to use Lomse

Before we get into the heart of our basic example, we will include the needed headers. After the usual stuff and headers for wxWidgets, I've included the Lomse needed headers. At the time of writing this the Lomse API is not yet fixed; therefore there is not a single header file (or set of headers) to include. Instead, the headers to include will depend on the classes and functions you would like to use. Anyway, with current API

you will always include:

```
#include <lomse_doorway.h>
#include <lomse_document.h>
#include <lomse_graphic_view.h>
#include <lomse_interactor.h>
#include <lomse_presenter.h>
#include <lomse_events.h>
```

```
using namespace Lomse;
```

`LomseDoorway` is the main interface with the Lomse library. `Document` represents the score to display and is part of the Lomse Model-View-Controller (MVC) architecture. `GraphicView` is a kind of `View` (the window in which the score is going to be displayed). `Interactor` is the controller for the `View`. `Presenter` is also part of the MVC model, and is responsible for maintaining the relationships between a `Document` and its different views and associated interactors. Finally, `lomse_events.h` is required to deal with events received from the Lomse library.

These header files can be typically found in `/usr/local/include/lomse`.

## 4. Declarations

After headers we are going to declare our application classes: `MyApp`, `MyFrame` and `MyCanvas`. The only thing `MyApp` is going to do is to create the main frame when the application is created. Therefore, we only need to override `OnInit` method. Here is `MyApp` declaration:

```
// Define the application
class MyApp: public wxApp
{
public:
    bool OnInit();

};
```

`MyFrame` is also very simple. It has only a few methods. I will explain them when we arrive to the implementation part, so forget about them for now and let's focus on declaring the variables:

```
LomseDoorway m_lomse;           //the Lomse library doorway
MyCanvas* m_canvas;
```

`m_lomse` is an important variable as it is the main interface with the Lomse library. As we will see later, we have to use it for specifying certain Lomse initialization options. The other variable, `m_canvas` is just the window that we will use to render the scores.

With this we have finished declaring `MyFrame`. Here is the code:

```
class MyFrame: public wxFrame
{
public:
    MyFrame();
    virtual ~MyFrame();

    //commands
    void open_test_document();
};
```

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```
//event handlers (these functions should _not_ be virtual)
void OnQuit(wxCommandEvent& event);
void OnAbout(wxCommandEvent& event);

//callback wrappers
static void on_lomse_request(void* pThis, Request* pRequest);

protected:
    //accessors
    MyCanvas* get_active_canvas() const { return m_canvas; }

    //lomse related
    void initialize_lomse();
    static void get_font_filename(RequestFont* pRequest);

    void create_menu();

    LomseDoorway m_lomse;           //the Lomse library doorway
    MyCanvas* m_canvas;

    DECLARE_EVENT_TABLE()
};
```

Next, we have the declaration of MyCanvas class. It is a window on which we show the scores. It derives from wxWindow. All the functionality for rendering scores and interacting with them will be in this class. Therefore, we need to declare some event handlers and needed methods. Again, let's postpone the description of them until we arrive to the implementation part. And let's focus on declaring some important variables needed by Lomse:

```
LomseDoorway&    m_lomse;           //the Lomse library doorway
Presenter*       m_pPresenter;     //relates the View, the Document and the Interactor
Interactor*      m_pInteractor;    //to interact with the View
```

m\_lomse is the main interface with the Lomse library. It was created by MyFrame and MyCanvas receives it, as parameter, in the constructor. The two other variables, m\_pPresenter and m\_pInteractor are pointers to two important components of the Lomse Model-View-Controller (MVC) architecture. The Interactor is a kind of controller for the view. And the Presenter is responsible for maintaining the relationships between a Document and its different Views and associated interactors. Later, we will learn more about them.

Next we are going to declare a rendering buffer and its associated bitmap:

```
RenderingBuffer  m_rbuf_window;
wxImage*         m_buffer;         //the image to serve as buffer
unsigned char*   m_pdata;          //ptr to the bitmap
int              m_nBufWidth, m_nBufHeight; //size of the bitmap
```

As learn, Lomse knows nothing about wxWidgets, so the Lomse View renders the music scores on a bitmap. To manage the bitmap, Lomse associates the it to a RenderingBuffer object. As Lomse only renders on bitmaps, it is your application responsibility to do whatever is needed with it: rendering it on a wxWindow, exporting it as a file, printing it, etc. In our simple application, we are going to render the bitmap on the MyCanvas window. And to simplify bitmap management, we are going to use an wxImage as bitmap. Therefore, we had defined a variable, m\_pdata, that will point to the internal wxImage bitmap, and we will use variables m\_nBufWidth and m\_nBufHeight to store the size of the needed bitmap.

With this we have finished declaring MyCanvas. Here is the code:

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```
class MyCanvas : public wxWindow
{
public:
    MyCanvas(wxFrame *frame, LomseDoorway& lomse);
    ~MyCanvas();

    void update_view_content();

    //commands
    void open_test_document();

protected:
    //event handlers
    void OnPaint(wxPaintEvent& WXUNUSED(event));
    void OnSize(wxSizeEvent& event);

    void delete_rendering_buffer();
    void create_rendering_buffer(int width, int height);
    void copy_buffer_on_dc(wxDC& dc);
    void update_rendering_buffer_if_needed();

    // In this first example we are just going to display an score on the window.
    // Let's define the necessary variables:
    LomseDoorway&    m_lomse;           //the Lomse library doorway
    Presenter*       m_pPresenter;
    Interactor*      m_pInteractor;    //to interact with the View

    //the Lomse View renders its content on a bitmap. To manage it, Lomse
    //associates the bitmap to a RenderingBuffer object.
    //It is your responsibility to render the bitmap on a window.
    //Here you define the rendering buffer and its associated bitmap to be
    //used by the previously defined View.
    RenderingBuffer  m_rbuf_window;
    wxImage*         m_buffer;         //the image to serve as buffer
    unsigned char*   m_pdata;         //ptr to the bitmap
    int              m_nBufWidth, m_nBufHeight; //size of the bitmap

    //some additional variables
    bool             m_view_needs_redraw; //to control when the View must be re-drawn

    DECLARE_EVENT_TABLE()
};
```

With this, we have finished the declarations. Lets's go now to the implementation.

## 5. MyApp implementation

The only method to implement is the `OnInit` method. In it, we only have to create the `MyFrame` instance and display it. And the, request `MyFrame` to open the score. Here is the code:

```
bool MyApp::OnInit()
{
    MyFrame* frame = new MyFrame;
    frame->Show(true);
    SetTopWindow(frame);

    frame->open_test_document();
}
```

```

    return true;
}

```

## 6. MyFrame constructor

`MyFrame` is a simple class having the only responsibility of managing the GUI main controls: the menu and the window for displaying the scores. Therefore, in constructor we will do only a few things:

```

MyFrame::MyFrame()
    : wxFrame(NULL, wxID_ANY, _T("Lomse sample for wxWidgets"),
              wxDefaultPosition, wxSize(850, 600))
{
    create_menu();
    initialize_lomse();

    // create our one and only child -- it will take our entire client area
    m_canvas = new MyCanvas(this, m_lomse);
    wxSizer *sz = new wxBoxSizer(wxVERTICAL);
    sz->Add(m_canvas, 3, wxGROW);
    SetSizer(sz);
}

```

As you can see it is just three tasks, create the main menu, initialize the Lomse library and create the canvas window, inside a `wxSizer`, so that the canvas is automatically resized to take always the entire `MyFrame` client area.

Method `create_menu()` is the typical `wxWidgets` stuff. In this first example, the menu is not necessary but I have included it to set up the foundations for adding more functionality in following tutorials. In this first tutorial we are going to include only two menu items "File > Exit" and "About". here is the code:

```

void MyFrame::create_menu()
{
    wxMenu *fileMenu = new wxMenu;
    fileMenu->Append(k_menu_file_quit, _T("E&xit"));

    wxMenu *helpMenu = new wxMenu;
    helpMenu->Append(k_menu_help_about, _T("&About"));

    wxMenuBar* menuBar = new wxMenuBar;
    menuBar->Append(fileMenu, _T("&File"));
    menuBar->Append(helpMenu, _T("&Help"));

    SetMenuBar(menuBar);
}

```

## 7. Initializing the Lomse library

The interesting part in `MyFrame` constructor is the initialization of the Lomse library. As Lomse renders music scores on a bitmap it is necessary to inform Lomse about the bitmap format to use, and about other related parameters that are platform dependent. As explained, for `wxWidgets` applications I've found that using a `wxImage` as bitmap buffer is a good strategy, as `wxImage` is a platform independent class and contains a buffer for a bitmap in RGB, 24 bits format.

Apart of specifying the bitmap format to use, Lomse needs to know the resolution to use and the y-axis orientation. In our application, the scores are going to be shown on screen. Therefore, we can use a value of

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96ppi, typical for Linux and Windows systems. In a real application, probably you should get this value by invoking some operating system related methods (i.e. `wxDC::GetPPI()` method).

As to the y-axis orientation, Lomse needs to know if your presentation device follows the standard convention used in screen displays in which the y coordinates increases downwards, that is, y-axis coordinate 0 is at top of screen and increases downwards to bottom of screen. This convention is just the opposite of the normal convention for geometry, in which 0 coordinate is at bottom of paper and increases upwards. Lomse follows the standard convention used in displays (y-axis 0 coordinate at top and increases downwards). Therefore, in our application, we have to inform Lomse that the y-axis follows the standard convention for screens and, therefore, we won't Lomse to reverse it.

One we have decided on the values to use, let's write the code:

```
//the pixel format
int pixel_format = k_pix_format_rgb24; //RGB 24bits

//the desired resolution. For Linux and Windows 96 pixels per inch works ok.
int resolution = 96; //96 ppi

//Normal y axis direction is 0 coordinate at top and increase downwards. You
//must specify if you would like just the opposite behavior. For Windows and
//Linux the default behavior is the right behavior.
bool reverse_y_axis = false;

//Now, initialize the library with these values
m_lomse.init_library(pixel_format, resolution, reverse_y_axis);
```

Next, we have to set up a callback method so that Lomse can ask for any platform dependent information that it could need. We will see this in detail much later. For now just learn that we need to set up this callback. Here is the code:

```
//set required callbacks
m_lomse.set_request_callback(NULL, on_lomse_request);
```

With this, we have finished Lomse initialization. Here is the full code:

```
void MyFrame::initialize_lomse()
{
    // Lomse knows nothing about windows. It renders everything on bitmaps and the
    // user application uses them. For instance, to display it on a wxWindows.
    // Lomse supports a lot of bitmap formats and pixel formats. Therefore, before
    // using the Lomse library you MUST specify which bitmap format to use.
    //
    // For wxWidgets, I would suggest using a platform independent format. So
    // I will use a wxImage as the rendering buffer. wxImage is platform independent
    // and its buffer is an array of characters in RGBRGBRGB... format, in the
    // top-to-bottom, left-to-right order. That is, the first RGB triplet corresponds
    // to the first pixel of the first row; the second RGB triplet, to the second
    // pixel of the first row, and so on until the end of the first row,
    // with second row following after it and so on.
    // Therefore, the pixel format is RGB 24 bits.
    //
    // Let's define the required information:

    //the pixel format
    int pixel_format = k_pix_format_rgb24; //RGB 24bits

    //the desired resolution. For Linux and Windows 96 pixels per inch works ok.
```

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```
int resolution = 96;    //96 ppi

//Normal y axis direction is 0 coordinate at top and increase downwards. You
//must specify if you would like just the opposite behavior. For Windows and
//Linux the default behavior is the right behavior.
bool reverse_y_axis = false;

//Now, initialize the library with these values
m_lomse.init_library(pixel_format,resolution, reverse_y_axis);

//set required callbacks
m_lomse.set_request_callback(NULL, on_lomse_request);
}
```

## 8. Creating the score and the View

Once `MyFrame` instance is created (remember that this instance is created in `MyApp::OnInit()`), `MyApp` invokes `m_frame->open_test_document()`; . This is a facade method that just delegates on the canvas:

```
void MyFrame::open_test_document()
{
    get_active_canvas()->open_test_document();

    //BUG_BYPASS
    // In Linux there are problems to catch Key Up/Down events. See for instance
    // http://forums.wxwidgets.org/viewtopic.php?t=33057&p=137567
    // Following line is not needed for Windows (doesn't hurt) but it is
    // necessary for Linux, in order to receive Key Up/Down events
    get_active_canvas()->SetFocus();
}
```

`open_test_document()` method is the equivalent for the typical `open_document` method in which your application opens a dialog for requesting the file to open, and then, processes and displays it. In our example, the score is in a string, so the only thing to do is to request Lomse to create a new document with the specified content. When creating a document, Lomse automatically, creates a View to display it and an Interactor (a kind of Controller for the View). The `open_documented()` method is as follows:

```
void MyCanvas::open_test_document()
{
    //Normally you will load the content of a file. But in this
    //simple example we will create an empty document and define its content
    //from a text string

    //first, we will create a 'presenter'. It takes care of creating and maintaining
    //all objects and relationships between the document, its views and the interactors
    //to interact with the view
    delete m_pPresenter;
    m_pPresenter = m_lomse.new_document(ViewFactory::k_view_vertical_book,
        "(lenmusdoc (vers 0.0) "
            "(content "
                "(para (txt \"Hello world!\")) "
                "(score (vers 1.6) "
                    "(instrument (musicData (clef G) (key C) (time 2 4) (n c4 q) ))) "
                ") "
            ") " );

    //now, get the pointers to the relevant components
}
```



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```
m_pInteractor = m_pPresenter->get_interactor(0);

//connect the View with the window buffer
m_pInteractor->set_rendering_buffer(&m_rbuf_window);
}
```

The `Presenter` is the key object that relates a `Document` with its `Views` and `Interactors`. Also is the access point to get pointers to the `Document` and its `Interactors`. Deleting the `Presenter` also deletes all other related objects.

For creating the `Presenter` (and associated objects) we invoke `LomseDoorway` method `new_document()`, passing as arguments, the type of `View` to create and the content for the document (note: there are other methods, oriented to create the `View` from a file or programatically, but we will not study them in this simple example).

The `View` type is just a `Lomse` enum. In this example, value `ViewFactory::k_view_vertical_book` means that we would like to display the score as book pages, one page after the other in a vertical layout. Other `View` formats are possible out-of-the-box, such as horizontal book or not paginated (the score in a single system) but, in any case, its not complex to develop your own `View` format.

The next parameter is a C string containing the score. It is written in `LenMus` LDP language. Let's split it into lines, and let's analyse it:

```
(lenmusdoc (vers 0.0)
  (content
    (para (txt "Hello world!"))
    (score (vers 1.6)
      (instrument
        (musicData
          (clef G)
          (key C)
          (time 2 4)
          (n c4 q)
        )
      )
    )
  )
)
```

First line means that it is a `LenMus` document, with version 0.0 format. Next line describes the content of the document. The content is just two elements: a paragraph ('para' element) containing text "Hello world!" and a 'score' element. Other types of content are possible: headers, images, tables, lists, etc. You can see `LenMus` documents as `HTML` documents, but allowing also a new type of content: scores.

The score element contains one instrument (this implies, by default, one staff). Finally, element 'musicData' describes the content for this instrument. In the example, a G clef, a C key signature, a 2/4 time signature and a quarter C4 note.

For a detailed description of the LDP language see the LDP Reference Manual. I have plans for supporting scores in `MusicXML` format, as well as to move the LDP language to XML syntax. But other more urgent task force me to always postpone these objectives. Any help is welcome!

Once the `Document` and a `View` for it are created, we just get pointers to the `Interactor`, so that we can 'communicate' with the `Document` and its `View`:

```
//next, get the pointers to the relevant components
m_pInteractor = m_pPresenter->get_interactor(0);
```

Lomse architecture is based on the Model-View-Controller pattern, and supports multiple simultaneous Views for a Document. By default, when creating a Document also a View and its associated Interactor are created. So, parameter '0' in `get_interactor(0)` refers to first Interactor, in this case, the only one created.

Once we've got the Interactor we only have one **important** tasks to do: to inform the Interactor about the rendering buffer that must be used for its associated View:

```
//connect the View with the window buffer
m_pInteractor->set_rendering_buffer(&m_rbuf_window);
```

## 9. Creating the bitmap for the rendering buffer

In the previous step, in last line of `open_test_document()` we passed to the interactor the address of the rendering buffer but, we have not yet created any bitmap! Don't worry, the bitmap will not be used until we ask Lomse to render something, so we can delay its creation until really needed. Nevertheless, as we are talking about this, let's study now the code for creating the rendering buffer. As we will render the bitmap on the `wxWindow` area, the required bitmap size will change if the window is resized. Therefore, the method for creating the rendering buffer needs to receive as parameters the desired bitmap size. Here is the code:

```
void MyCanvas::create_rendering_buffer(int width, int height)
{
    //creates a bitmap of specified size and associates it to the rendering
    //buffer for the view. Any existing buffer is automatically deleted

    // allocate a new rendering buffer
    delete m_buffer;          //delete any previous wxImage
    m_nBufWidth = width;
    m_nBufHeight = height;
    m_buffer = new wxImage(width, height);

    //get pointer to wxImage internal bitmap
    m_pdata = m_buffer->GetData();

    //Attach this bitmap to Lomse rendering buffer
    #define BYTES_PER_PIXEL 3    //wxImage has RGB, 24 bits format
    int stride = m_nBufWidth * BYTES_PER_PIXEL;    //number of bytes per row
    m_rbuf_window.attach(m_pdata, m_nBufWidth, m_nBufHeight, stride);

    m_view_needs_redraw = true;
}
```

In this method we start allocating a new `wxImage`:

```
// allocate a new rendering buffer
delete_rendering_buffer();
m_nBufWidth = width;
m_nBufHeight = height;
m_buffer = new wxImage(width, height);
```

Next, we get a pointer to `wxImage` internal buffer, so that we can access it and use it as Lomse bitmap buffer:

```
//get pointer to wxImage internal bitmap
```

```
m_pdata = m_buffer->GetData();
```

Now, we attach this bitmap to the Lomse rendering buffer:

```
//Attach this bitmap to Lomse rendering buffer
#define BYTES_PER_PIXEL 3 //wxImage has RGB, 24 bits format
int stride = m_nBufWidth * BYTES_PER_PIXEL; //number of bytes per row
m_rbuf_window.attach(m_pdata, m_nBufWidth, m_nBufHeight, stride);
```

The need to create a new rendering buffer comes from two events: either because the window is being created or because the window size has changed. And in any case, before displaying this new bitmap we need to ask Lomse to paint something on it! So, as a final step we raise a flag to signal that the window has to be repainted:

```
m_view_needs_redraw = true;
```

With this, we have finished this method.

## 10. Painting the window

In function `open_document()` we have created a Lomse Document and its associated View. We also set up a callback for receiving events related to this View. But the bitmap has not yet been created and nothing has been yet displayed in `MyCanvas`. We will study now how the score is displayed in the window.

After invocation of `open_test_document()`, instances of `MyFrame` and `MyCanvas` are already created and there are no more work to do in `MyApp::OnInit`. So the application enters in the main loop for handling events. There, there is are several events waiting for execution. One of them is a `wxSizeEvent` that takes place before painting the frame and the window. Therefore, this event is dispatched and finally arrives to `MyCanvas::OnSize` handler method. Here is the code for dealing with it:

```
void MyCanvas::OnSize(wxSizeEvent& WXUNUSED(event))
{
    wxSize size = this->GetClientSize();
    create_rendering_buffer(size.GetWidth(), size.GetHeight());

    Refresh(false /* don't erase background */);
}
```

The only thing to do whenever the window is resized is to create a new bitmap and to generate a paint event. Thats all!

And when a `wxPaintEvent` arrives we only have to repaint the window. Here is the code for dealing with these events:

```
void MyCanvas::OnPaint(wxPaintEvent& event)
{
    if (!m_pInteractor)
        event.Skip(false);
    else
    {
        update_rendering_buffer_if_needed();
        wxPaintDC dc(this);
        copy_buffer_on_dc(dc);
    }
}
```

If there is no interactor is because the window has just been created and nothing else has been done. In this case, just ignore the event, as there is nothing to paint. This can never happen in our sample code but it can be a safeguard to avoid spurious crashes in more complex applications.

If the interactor is already created, the only thing to do is to ask Lomse to paint the bitmap and copy it to the window. But notice that we don't have to ask Lomse to paint the bitmap whenever a `wxPaintEvent` event arrives. These events are generated because several reasons. The most frequent is when our window image is damaged (i.e. another window covering our window has moved). But in these cases the image is preserved in the bitmap so it is enough to re-display the bitmap. Other cases for receiving paint events are because the window has changed: when the window is created or when it is resized or when our program changes its content (i.e. because the if the user asks to open a different score). In our application this last case is not possible and so, the only source for additional paint event com form size events.

But as we have seen, whenever the window is resized a new bitmap is automatically created, and flag `m_view_needs_redraw` is set. Therefore, this flag can be used to determine if have to ask Lomse to repaint the bitmap. Here is the code:

```
void MyCanvas::update_rendering_buffer_if_needed()
{
    if (m_view_needs_redraw)
        update_view_content();

    m_view_needs_redraw = false;
}

void MyCanvas::update_view_content()
{
    //request the view to re-draw the bitmap

    if (!m_pInteractor) return;
    m_pInteractor->redraw_bitmap();
}
```

Finally, when the bitmap is ready to be displayed, method `is` is invoked:

```
void MyCanvas::copy_buffer_on_dc(wxDC& dc)
{
    if (!m_buffer || !m_buffer->IsOk())
        return;

    wxBitmap bitmap(*m_buffer);
    dc.DrawBitmap(bitmap, 0, 0, false /* don't use mask */);
}
```

As you can see, we just transform the Lomse bitmap (an `wxImage`) to a `wxBitmap`, and then paste this bitmap on the `wxWindow`. That's all.

## 11. Other functions: Lomse requests

At this point, our sample application is practically finished. But I'd like to comment on a pending issue. Do you remember that at Lomse initialization we had to set up a callback method so that Lomse could ask for any platform dependent information that it could need?. Let me explain this in detail. Here is the code in which we set up the callback:

```
void initialize_lomse()
```

```
{
    ...
    ...
    m_lomse.set_request_callback(NULL, on_lomse_request);
}
```

Lomse library does not contains any platform dependent code. But, for certain tasks, Lomse needs specific platform information. As I was aware of these needs, I was solving them without including platform dependent code. The chosen solution has been to delegate on user application the responsibility for providing this information at appropriate places. For instance, the bitmap format to use has to be specified at Lomse initialization. But in other cases I didn't have clear ideas about how to proceed, so I decided to postpone any decision until the Lomse library development was more advanced, and solve any specific need by forwarding a 'request' for the needed information to the user application. And this is the purpose of the callback that we set up at Lomse initialization.

Currently, the only request that Lomse will issue is when having to render texts. In these cases Lomse needs to get the files containing the fonts to use. As the location of these fonts is a platform dependent issue, Lomse delegates on the user application. Here is the code for serving Lomse requests:

```
void MyFrame::on_lomse_request(void* pThis, Request* pRequest)
{
    int type = pRequest->get_request_type();
    switch (type)
    {
        case k_get_font_filename:
            get_font_filename( dynamic_cast(pRequest) );
            break;

        default:
            fprintf(stderr, "on_lomse_request] Unknown request\n");
    }
}
```

In a real application, function `get_font_filename()` should use operating system services to find a suitable font. But in our demo application I just hardcoded some font files. Please, review this code as the hardcoded paths could be different for your system. Here is the code:

```
void MyFrame::get_font_filename(RequestFont* pRequest)
{
    //This is just a trivial example. In real applications you should
    //use operating system services to find a suitable font

    //notes on parameters received:
    // - fontname can be either the face name (i.e. "Book Antiqua") or
    //   the family name (i.e. "sans-serif")

    const string& fontname = pRequest->get_fontname();
    bool bold = pRequest->get_bold();
    bool italic = pRequest->get_italic();

#ifdef __WXGTK__

    string path = "/usr/share/fonts/truetype/";

    //if family name, choose a font name
    string name = fontname;
    if (name == "serif")
        name = "Times New Roman";
```

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```
else if (name == "sans-serif")
    name = "Tahoma";
else if (name == "handwritten" || name == "cursive")
    name = "Monotype Corsiva";
else if (name == "monospaced")
    name = "Courier New";

//choose a suitable font file
string fontfile;
if (name == "Times New Roman")
{
    if (italic && bold)
        fontfile = "freefont/FreeSerifBoldItalic.ttf";
    else if (italic)
        fontfile = "freefont/FreeSerifItalic.ttf";
    else if (bold)
        fontfile = "freefont/FreeSerifBold.ttf";
    else
        fontfile = "freefont/FreeSerif.ttf";
}

else if (name == "Tahoma")
{
    if (bold)
        fontfile = "freefont/FreeSansOblique.ttf";
    else
        fontfile = "freefont/FreeSans.ttf";
}

else if (name == "Monotype Corsiva")
{
    fontfile = "ttf-dejavu/DejaVuSans-Oblique.ttf";
}

else if (name == "Courier New")
{
    if (italic && bold)
        fontfile = "freefont/FreeMonoBoldOblique.ttf";
    else if (italic)
        fontfile = "freefont/FreeMonoOblique.ttf";
    else if (bold)
        fontfile = "freefont/FreeMonoBold.ttf";
    else
        fontfile = "freefont/FreeMono.ttf";
}

else
    fontfile = "freefont/FreeSerif.ttf";

pRequest->set_font_fullname( path + fontfile );

#ifdef __WXMSW__

pRequest->set_font_fullname("");

string path = "C:\\WINNT\\Fonts\\";

//if family name, choose a font name
string name = fontname;
if (name == "serif")
```

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```
        name = "Times New Roman";
    else if (name == "sans-serif")
        name = "Tahoma";
    else if (name == "handwritten")
        name = "Lucida Handwriting";
    else if (name == "cursive")
        name = "Monotype Corsiva";
    else if (name == "monospaced")
        name = "Courier New";

    //choose a suitable font file
    string fontfile;
    if (name == "Times New Roman")
    {
        if (italic && bold)
            fontfile = "timesbi.ttf";
        else if (italic)
            fontfile = "timesi.ttf";
        else if (bold)
            fontfile = "timesbd.ttf";
        else
            fontfile = "times.ttf";
    }

    else if (name == "Tahoma")
    {
        if (bold)
            fontfile = "tahomabd.ttf";
        else
            fontfile = "tahoma.ttf";
    }

    else if (name == "Lucida Handwriting")
    {
        fontfile = "lhandw.ttf";
    }

    else if (name == "Monotype Corsiva")
    {
        fontfile = "mtcorsva.ttf";
    }

    else if (name == "Courier New")
    {
        if (italic && bold)
            fontfile = "courbi.ttf";
        else if (italic)
            fontfile = "couri.ttf";
        else if (bold)
            fontfile = "courbd.ttf";
        else
            fontfile = "cour.ttf";
    }

    else
        fontfile = "times.ttf";

    pRequest->set_font_fullname( path + fontfile );

#else
```

```
pRequest->set_font_fullname("");  
  
#endif  
}
```

The issue of finding a good solution for locating font files is pending. Current solution of delegating on user application should be avoided as it creates a non-trivial burden on user applications. Probably, the best solution will be to create a Lomse helper library with all needed platform dependent code. But for now, this is the situation. If you would like to help with this you are welcome!

## 12. Closing the application

The only important point to comment is to remind you that, to avoid memory leaks, it is necessary to delete the rendering buffer and the Presenter (which in turn will delete all Lomse related objects, such as the View, the Document and the Interactor). This code has been included in `MyCanvas` destructor:

```
MyCanvas::~MyCanvas()  
{  
    delete_rendering_buffer();  
  
    //delete the Presenter. This will also delete the Document, the Interactor,  
    //the View and other related objects  
    delete m_pPresenter;  
}
```

With this, I finish the explanation of the code. You can download the full source code for this example from `../examples/wxWidgets/example_1_wxwidgets.cpp`. In the next section we are going to build and run our sample.

## 13. Compiling your code and building

### 13.1 Building in Linux

Your project makefile must include the following paths for Lomse header files:

```
/usr/local/include/lomse  
/usr/local/include/lomse/agg
```

Some Lomse headers include freetype2 references and, therefore, it is necessary to include Freetype2 headers. As the specific paths could be different in your machine, the best for this is to use the pkg-config tool:

```
`pkg-config --cflags freetype2`
```

It will generate something as `-I/usr/include/freetype2`.

It would be nice to use the pkg-config tool for Lomse but Lomse installation scripts do not generate (yet) the necessary .pc file. If you would like to contribute by improving Lomse installation scripts you are welcome!. Join the Lomse list and post a message.

Also, do not forget to add paths and options for wxWidgets. The best approach is to use the `wx-config` command:



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```
`wx-config --cflags`
```

As to the libraries to link, you will have to include `/usr/local/lib/liblomse.so` and the wxWidgets libraries. For wxWidgets, the best approach is to use the `wx-config` command as follows: ``wx-config --libs``

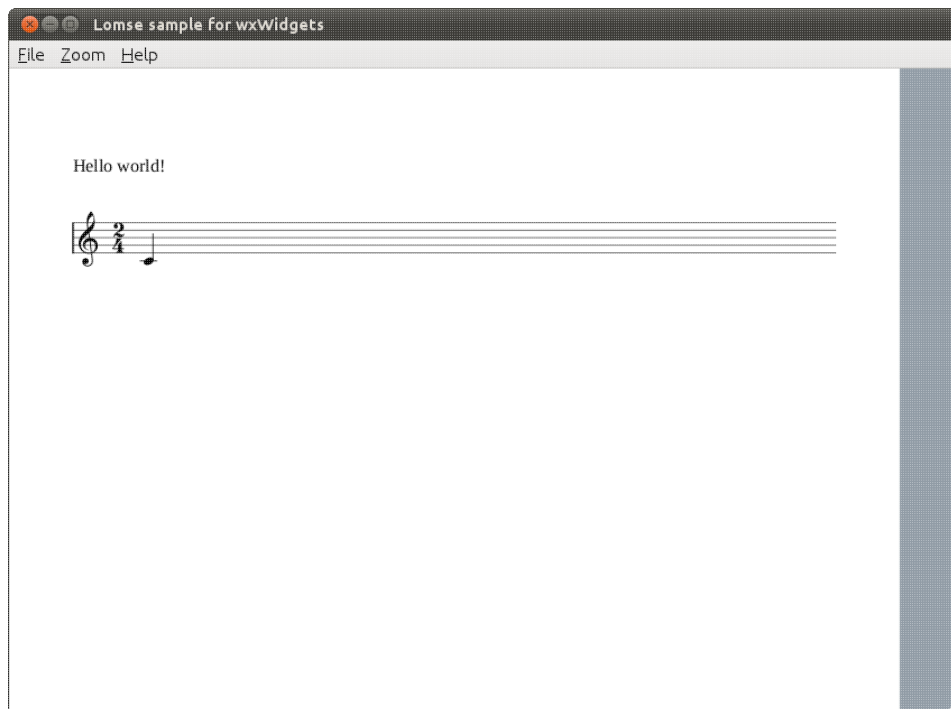
Ok, let's do it. Open a terminal window, move to the directory containing the sample code and type (fix paths if necessary):

```
gcc example_1_wxwidgets.cpp -o example-1-wx `wx-config --cflags` \
-I /usr/local/include/lomse -I /usr/local/include/lomse/agg \
-I /usr/include `pkg-config --cflags freetype2` \
-L /usr/local/lib -llomse `wx-config --libs`
```

And now, execute your first program using Lomse:

```
./example-1-wx
```

You should see something as:



## 13.2 Building in Windows

Your project makefile must include the following paths for Lomse header files. For instance:

```
C:\Program Files\LenMus\lomse\include\  
C:\Program Files\LenMus\lomse\include\agg\
```

Some Lomse headers include freetype2 references and, therefore, it is necessary to include Freetype2 headers. For me, guessing where things are installed in Windows is a nightmare. Therefore, I have included all the needed libraries in the Lomse distribution package. So, if you also doesn't know if freetype2 is installed in your machine and were, just use the freetype prebuilt library included in Lomse sources, at:

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C:\Program Files\LenMus\lomse\packages\freetype2\

Finally, do not forget to add paths and options for wxWidgets.

As to the libraries to link, you will have to include Lomse and the wxWidgets libraries. Take into account that the Lomse library needs to be linked with all the required libraries, such as boost, zlib, libpng or freetype2. Therefore, if you built it as dynamic DLL you will have to include all these libraries when building your program. For zlib and libpng you can use the wxWidgets equivalent libraries, wxzlib and wxpng.

A common problem of building for Windows is caused because there are several C++ run-time libraries available. If you have to link your code against two or more libraries, you have great chances that each library is using a different run-time library. And you will have a problem (LNK4098 - defaultlib "library" conflicts with use of other libs; use /NODEFAULTLIB:library).

The "solution" is to rebuild all the required libraries, ensuring that they are built with the same options. And this includes the wxWidgets library.

You are warned!

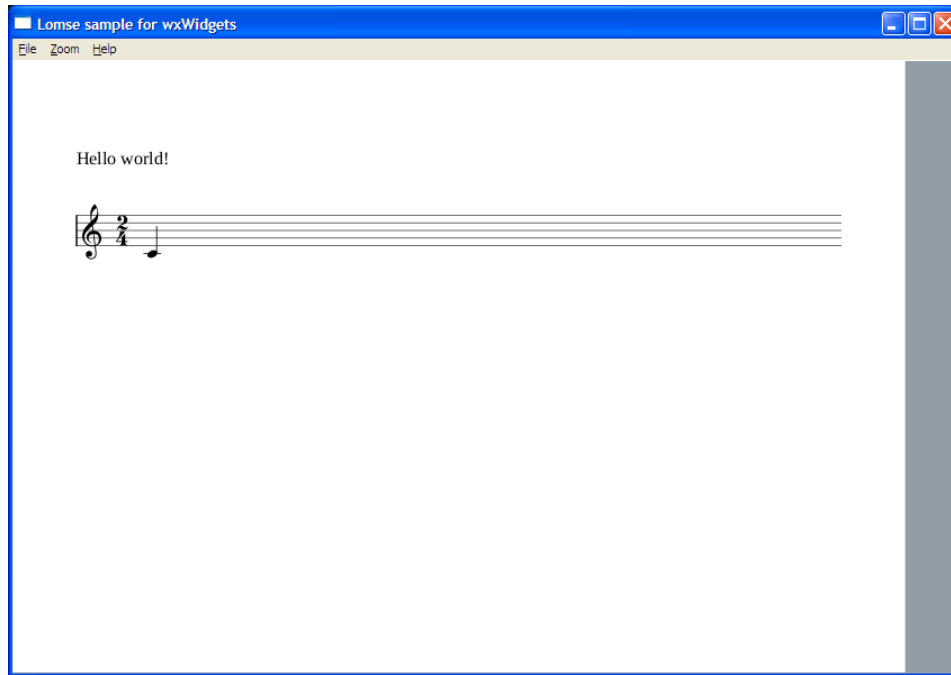
Using MS Visual Studio, the steps to create the project file and build our example code are the following:

- From Visual Studio's *File* menu, select *New > Project...*
- In the left-hand pane of the resulting *New Project* dialog, select *Visual C++ > Win32*.
- In the right-hand pane, select *Win32 Project*.
- In the *name* field, enter "example-1-wx"
- Right-click **example-1-wx** in the *Solution Explorer* pane and select *Properties* from the resulting pop-up menu
- In *Configuration Properties > C/C++ > General > Additional Include Directories*, enter the path to the required include directories, for example

```
C:\Program Files\LenMus\lomse\include\, and  
C:\Program Files\LenMus\lomse\include\agg  
C:\Program Files\LenMus\lomse\packages\freetype2\  
and the wxWidgets include dirs (typically $(WXWIN)/include)
```

- In *Configuration Properties > C/C++ > Precompiled Headers*, change *Use Precompiled Header (/Yu)* to *Not Using Precompiled Headers*.
- In *Configuration Properties > Linker > Additional Library Directories*, enter the path to the Lomse library, e.g. C:\Program Files\LenMus\lomse\bin\. And the path to the wxWidgets libraries (typically \$(WXWIN)/libs/).
- Replace the contents of the `example-1-wx.cpp` generated by the IDE with the code of our `example_1_wxwidgets.cpp` file.
- From the *Build* menu, select *Build Solution*.

When running the program you should see something as:



## 14. Conclusions

This document is a very basic introduction. In the second tutorial I will add more code to our sample application for opening files with scores and interacting with the scores (zooming, dragging, selecting objects, etc.).

If you would like to contribute with more tutorials or by adapting this tutorial for other platforms, you are welcome!. Join the Lomse list and post me a message.

