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1 Introduction

The cl-cffi-gtk library is a Lisp binding to GTK+ (GIMP Toolkit) which is a library for creating graphical user interfaces. Gtk+ is licensed using the LGPL which has been adopted for the cl-cffi-gtk library with a preamble that clarifies the terms for use with Lisp programs and is referred as the LLGPL.

This work is based on the cl-gtk2 library which has been developed by Kalyanov Dmitry and already is a fairly complete Lisp binding to GTK+. The focus of the cl-cffi-gtk library is to document the Lisp library much more complete and to do the implementation as consistent as possible. Most informations about GTK+ can be gained by reading the C documentation. Therefore, the C documentation from www.gtk.org is included into the Lisp files to document the Lisp binding to the GTK+ library. This way the calling conventions are easier to determine and missing functionality is easier to detect.

At this time the Lisp library is developed using SBCL 1.0.53 on a Linux system with the version GTK+ 2.24 of the C library. In addition the library is tested on windows with SBCL 1.0.54 and the version GTK+ 2.24.

The GTK+ library is called the GIMP toolkit because GTK+ was originally written for developing the GNU Image Manipulation Program (GIMP), but GTK+ has now been used in a large number of software projects, including the GNU Network Object Model Environment (GNOME) project. GTK+ is built on top of GDK (GIMP Drawing Kit) which is basically a wrapper around the low-level functions for accessing the underlying windowing functions (Xlib in the case of the X windows system), and gdk-pixbuf, a library for client-side image manipulation.

GTK+ is essentially an object oriented application programmers interface (API). Although written completely in C, GTK+ is implemented using the idea of classes and callback functions (pointers to functions).

A third component is called GLib which contains replacements for standard calls, as well as additional functions for handling linked lists, etc. The replacement functions are used to increase the portability of GTK+, as some of the functions implemented here are not available or are non standard on other Unixes such as g_strerror(). Some also contain enhancements to the libc versions, such as g_malloc() that has enhanced debugging utilities.

In version 2.0, GLib has picked up the type system which forms the foundation for the class hierarchy of GTK+, the signal system which is used throughout GTK+, a thread API which abstracts the different native thread APIs of the various platforms and a facility for loading modules.

As the last component, GTK+ uses the Pango library for internationalized text output.

This tutorial describes the Lisp interface to GTK+. It is based on the official GTK+ 2.0 Tutorial of the C implementation.

2 Getting Started

2.1 A Simple Window

The first thing to do is to download the cl-cffi-gtk source and to install it. The latest version is available from the repository at github.com/crategus/cl-cffi-gtk. The cl-cffi-gtk library can be loaded with the command (asdf:operate 'asdf:load-op:cl-gtk-gtk) from the Lisp prompt. The library is developed with the Lisp SBCL 1.0.53 on a Linux system and GTK+ 2.24. In addition the library is tested on Windows with SBCL 1.0.54 and GTK+ 2.24 for Windows.

Information about the installation can be obtained with the function cl-cffi-gtk-build-info. This is an example for the output, when calling the function from the Lisp prompt after loading the library:

* (cl-cffi-gtk-build-info)

cl-cffi-gtk version: 0.0.0

cl-cffi-gtk build date: 21:54 3/25/2012

GTK+ version: 2.24.6 GLIB version: 2.30.0 Machine type: X86

Machine version: Intel(R) Pentium(R) M processor 1.73GHz

Software type: Linux

Software version: 3.0.0-16-generic Lisp implementation type: SBCL Lisp implementation version: 1.0.53

The cl-cffi-gtk source distribution also contains the complete source to all of the examples used in this tutorial. To begin the introduction to GTK+, the output of the simplest program possible is shown in Figure 2.1 and the Lisp code in Example 2.2.



Figure 2.1: A Simple Window

The program creates a 200 x 200 pixel window. The window has the title default "sbcl". The window can be sized and moved. Because no special action is implemented to close the window, depending on the operating system the program might hang. First in Example 2.1 the C program of the GTK+ 2.0 Tutorial is presented to show the close connection between

the C library and the implementation of the Lisp binding. The code of the Lisp program is shown in Example 2.2.

Example 2.1: A simple window in the programing language C

```
#include <gtk/gtk.h>
int main( int
          char *argv[] )
{
    GtkWidget *window;
    gtk_init (&argc, &argv);
    window = gtk_window_new (GTK_WINDOW_TOPLEVEL);
    gtk_widget_show (window);
    gtk_main ();
    return 0;
}
  Example 2.2: A Simple Window in the programing language Lisp
(defun example-simple-window ()
  (within-main-loop
    (let (;; Create a toplevel window.
          (window (gtk-window-new :toplevel)))
      ;; Show the window.
      (gtk-widget-show window))))
```

The program can be loaded into a Lisp session. But at first the package must be changed to :gtk after loading the library, so all symbols of the library are available.

The macro within-main-loop is a wrapper about a GTK+ program. The functionality of the macro corresponds to the C functions gtk_init() and gtk_main() which initialize and start a GTK+ program. Both functions have corresponding Lisp functions with the names gtk-init and gtk-main, but these functions are not used in this tutorial. gtk-init is automatically called when loading the Lisp library cl-cffi-gtk and the function gtk-main is called from the macro within-main-loop.

Only two further functions are needed in this simple example. The window is created with the function gtk-window-new. The keyword :toplevel tells GTK+ to create a toplevel window. The second call gtk-widget-show displays the new window.

2.2 More about the Lisp binding to GTK+

Example 2.3 shows a second implementation of the simple program shown in Figure 2.1 and Example 2.2. The second implementation uses the fact, that all GTK+ widgets are internally represented in the Lisp binding through a Lisp class. The class gtk-window represents the required window, which corresponds to the C class GtkWindow. An instance of the Lisp

class gtk-window can be created with the function make-instance. Furthermore, the slots of the window class can be given new values to overwrite the default values. These slots represent the properties of the C classes.

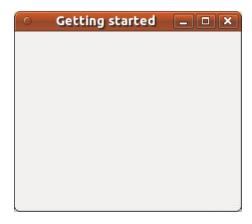


Figure 2.2: Getting started

In Example 2.3 the property type with the keyword :toplevel creates again a toplevel window. In addition a title is set assigning the string "Getting started" to the property title and the width of the window is a little enlarged assigning the value 250 to the property default-width. The result is shown in Figure 2.2.

The keyword :toplevel is one of the values of the enumeration type GtkWindowType in C. In the Lisp binding this enumeration is implemented as gtk-window-type with the two possible keywords :toplevel for GTK_WINDOW_TOPLEVEL and :popup for GTK_WINDOW_POPUP. Most windows are of the type :toplevel. Windows with this type are managed by the window manager and have a frame by default. Windows with type :popup are ignored by the window manager and are used to implement widgets such as menus or tooltips.

The Example 2.3 shows, that the Lisp function gtk-window-new is not really needed. The function gtk-window-new is internally implemented simply as

```
(defun gtk-window-new (type)
  (make-instance 'gtk-window :type type))
```

To set the title of the window or to change the default width of a window the C library knows accessor functions to set the corresponding values. In C the title of the window is set with the function gtk_window_set_title(). The corresponding Lisp function is gtk-

window-set-title. Accordingly, the default width of the window can be set in C with the function gtk_window_set_default_size(), which sets both the default width and the default height. In Lisp this function is named gtk-window-set-default-size. As we have seen, these Lisp accessor functions are not really needed when creating a window, but the functions are provided to allow the user to translate a C program more easy to Lisp.

At last, in Lisp it is possible to use the accessors of the slots to get or set the value of a widget property. The properties default-width and default-height of the Lisp class gtk-window have the Lisp accessor functions gtk-window-default-width and gtk-window-default-height. With these accessor functions the C function gtk_window_set_default_size() is implemented the following way in the Lisp library

As a second example the Lisp implementation of the C function gtk_window_get_default_size() is shown

In distinction to the C function gtk_window_get_default_size(), which is implemented as

the Lisp implementation does not modify the arguments width and height, but returns the values.

2.3 Hello World in GTK+

Now a program with a button is presented. The output is shown in Figure 2.3. Again the C program from the GTK+ 2.0 Tutorial is shown first in Example 2.4 to learn more about the differences between a C and a Lisp implementation.



Figure 2.3: Hello World

Example 2.4: Hello World in the programing language C #include <gtk/gtk.h>

```
g_print ("Hello World\n");
static gboolean delete_event( GtkWidget *widget,
                              GdkEvent *event,
                              gpointer
                                         data )
{
   /* If you return FALSE in the "delete-event" signal handler,
     * GTK will emit the "destroy" signal. Returning TRUE means
     * you don't want the window to be destroyed.
     * This is useful for popping up 'are you sure you want to quit?'
     * type dialogs. */
   g_print ("delete event occurred\n");
   /* Change TRUE to FALSE and the main window will be destroyed with
    * a "delete-event". */
   return TRUE;
}
/* Another callback */
static void destroy( GtkWidget *widget,
                     gpointer
                                data )
{
   gtk_main_quit ();
}
int main( int
                argc,
          char *argv[] )
{
   /* GtkWidget is the storage type for widgets */
   GtkWidget *window;
   GtkWidget *button;
   /* This is called in all GTK applications. Arguments are parsed
     * from the command line and are returned to the application. */
   gtk_init (&argc, &argv);
   /* create a new window */
   window = gtk_window_new (GTK_WINDOW_TOPLEVEL);
   /* When the window is given the "delete-event" signal (this is given
     * by the window manager, usually by the "close" option, or on the
     * titlebar), we ask it to call the delete_event () function
     * as defined above. The data passed to the callback
     * function is NULL and is ignored in the callback function. */
```

}

```
g_signal_connect (window, "delete-event",
                  G_CALLBACK (delete_event), NULL);
/* Here we connect the "destroy" event to a signal handler.
 * This event occurs when we call gtk_widget_destroy() on the window,
 * or if we return FALSE in the "delete-event" callback. */
g_signal_connect (window, "destroy",
                  G_CALLBACK (destroy), NULL);
/* Sets the border width of the window. */
gtk_container_set_border_width (GTK_CONTAINER (window), 10);
/* Creates a new button with the label "Hello World". */
button = gtk_button_new_with_label ("Hello World");
/* When the button receives the "clicked" signal, it will call the
 * function hello() passing it NULL as its argument. The hello()
 * function is defined above. */
g_signal_connect (button, "clicked",
                  G_CALLBACK (hello), NULL);
/* This will cause the window to be destroyed by calling
 * gtk_widget_destroy(window) when "clicked". Again, the destroy
 * signal could come from here, or the window manager. */
g_signal_connect_swapped (button, "clicked",
                          G_CALLBACK (gtk_widget_destroy),
                          window);
/* This packs the button into the window (a gtk container). */
gtk_container_add (GTK_CONTAINER (window), button);
/* The final step is to display this newly created widget. */
gtk_widget_show (button);
/* and the window */
gtk_widget_show (window);
/* All GTK applications must have a gtk_main(). Control ends here
 * and waits for an event to occur (like a key press or
 * mouse event). */
gtk_main ();
return 0;
```

Now, the Lisp implementation is presented in Example 2.5. One difference is, that the function make-instance is used to create the window and the button. Another point is,

that the definition of separate callback functions is avoided. The callback functions are short, implemented through Lisp lambda functions and are passed as the third argument to the function g-signal-connect. More about signals and callback functions follows in the next section.

In Example 2.5 a border with a width of 12 is added to the window setting the property border-width when creating the window with the function make-instance. The C implementation uses the function gtk_container_set_border_width() which is available in Lisp as gtk-container-set-border-width. The property border-width is inherited from the C class GtkContainer, which in the Lisp library is represented through the Lisp class gtk-container. Therefore, the accessor function has the prefix gtk_container in C and gtk-container in Lisp. In addition Lisp knows the accessor function gtk-container-border-width to set or to get the property border-width.

Example 2.5: Hello World in the programming language Lisp

```
(defun example-hello-world ()
  (within-main-loop
    (let (;; Create a toplevel window, set a border width.
          (window (make-instance 'gtk-window
                                 :type :toplevel
                                 :title "Hello World"
                                 :default-width 250
                                 :border-width 12))
          ;; Create a button with a label.
          (button (make-instance 'gtk-button :label "Hello World")))
      ;; Signal handler for the button to handle the signal "clicked".
      (g-signal-connect button "clicked"
                        (lambda (widget)
                          (declare (ignore widget))
                          (format t "Hello world.~%")
                          (gtk-widget-destroy window)))
      ;; Signal handler for the window to handle the signal "destroy".
      (g-signal-connect window "destroy"
                        (lambda (widget)
                          (declare (ignore widget))
                          (gtk-main-quit)))
      ;; Signal handler for the window to handle the signal "delete-event".
      (g-signal-connect window "delete-event"
                        (lambda (widget event)
                          (declare (ignore widget event))
                          (format t "Delete Event Occured.~%")
                          t))
      ;; Put the button into the window.
      (gtk-container-add window button)
      ;; Show the window and the button.
      (gtk-widget-show window))))
```

An attentive reader notes that in distinction to the C implementation the function gtk-widget-show is not called for every single widget, which are in Example 2.5 the window and the button. The C library knows the function gtk_widget_show_all(), which shows the widget and all child widgets in one call. In the Lisp implementation the function gtk-widget-show is implemented using a keyword :all, which defaults to the value T. With the default value T the Lisp function gtk-widget-show internally calls the C function gtk_widget_show_all().

Three more functions are used in Example 2.5. The function gtk-widget-destroy takes as an argument any widget and destroys it. In the above example this function is called by the signal handler of the button. When the button is clicked by the user, the signal "clicked" is catched by the signal handler, which causes a call of the function gtk-widget-destroy for the toplevel window. Now the toplevel window receives the signal "destroy", which is handled by a signal handler of the toplevel window. This signal handler calls the function gtk-main-quit, which stops the event loop and finishes the application.

A second signal handler is connected to the toplevel window to catch the signal "delete-event". The signal "delete-event" occurs, when the user or the window manager tries to close the window. In this case, the signal handler prints a message on the console. Because the value T is returned from the signal handler the window is not closed, but the execution of the application is continued. To close the window, the user has to press the button in this example.

At last, the function gtk-container-add is used to put the button into the toplevel window. Chapter 3 [Packing Widgets], page 17 shows how it is possible to put more than one widget into a window.

2.4 Introduction to Signals and Callbacks

GTK+ is an event driven toolkit, which means Gtk+ will sleep until an event occurs and control is passed to the appropriate function. This passing of control is done using the idea of "signals". (Note that these signals are not the same as the Unix system signals, and are not implemented using them, although the terminology is almost identical.) When an event occurs, such as the press of a mouse button, the appropriate signal will be "emitted" by the widget that was pressed. This is how GTK+ does most of its useful work. There are signals that all widgets inherit, such as "destroy", and there are signals that are widget specific, such as "toggled" on a toggle button.

To make a button perform an action, a signal handler is set up to catch these signals and call the appropriate function. This is done in the C GTK+ library by using a function such as

where the first argument is the widget which will be emitting the signal, and the second the name of the signal to catch. The third is the function to be called when it is caught, and the fourth, the data to have passed to this function.

The function specified in the third argument is called a "callback function", and is for a C program of the form

where the first argument will be a pointer to the widget that emitted the signal, and the last a pointer to the data given as the last argument to the C function <code>g_signal_connect()</code> as shown above. Note that the above form for a signal callback function declaration is only a general guide, as some widget specific signals generate different calling parameters.

This mechanism is realized in Lisp with a similar function g-signal-connect which has the arguments widget, name, and func. In distinction from C the Lisp function g-signal-connect has not the argument func_data. The functionality of passing data to a callback function can be realized with the help of a lambda function in Lisp.

As an example the following code shows a typical C implementation which is used in the Hello World program.

```
g_signal_connect (window, "destroy", G_CALLBACK (destroy), NULL);
```

This is the corresponding callback function which is called when the event "destroy" occurs.

```
static void destroy (GtkWidget *widget, gpointer data)
{
    gtk_main_quit ();
}
```

In the corresponding Lisp implementation we simply declare a lambda function as a callback function which is passed as the third argument.

If it is necessary to have a separate function which needs user data, the following implementation is possible

If no extra data is needed, but the callback function should be separated out than it is also possible to implement something like

is not implemented in Lisp. Again this functionality is already present with the help of lambda functions in Lisp.

2.5 An Upgraded Hello World

Figure 2.4 and Example 2.7 show a slightly improved Hello World with better examples of callbacks. This will also introduce the next topic, packing widgets. First, the C program is shown in Example 2.6.



Figure 2.4: Upgraded Hello World

Example 2.6: An upgraded Hello World in the programming language C #include <gtk/gtk.h>

```
/* Our new improved callback. The data passed to this function
* is printed to stdout. */
static void callback( GtkWidget *widget,
                      gpointer
                                 data )
{
   g_print ("Hello again - %s was pressed\n", (gchar *) data);
}
/* another callback */
static gboolean delete_event( GtkWidget *widget,
                              GdkEvent *event,
                              gpointer
                                         data )
{
   gtk_main_quit ();
   return FALSE;
}
int main( int
                argc,
          char *argv[] )
{
   /* GtkWidget is the storage type for widgets */
   GtkWidget *window;
   GtkWidget *button;
   GtkWidget *box1;
   /* This is called in all GTK applications. Arguments are parsed
    * from the command line and are returned to the application. */
   gtk_init (&argc, &argv);
   /* Create a new window */
   window = gtk_window_new (GTK_WINDOW_TOPLEVEL);
```

```
/* This is a new call, which just sets the title of our
 * new window to "Hello Buttons!" */
gtk_window_set_title (GTK_WINDOW (window), "Hello Buttons!");
/* Here we just set a handler for delete_event that immediately
 * exits GTK. */
g_signal_connect (window, "delete-event",
                  G_CALLBACK (delete_event), NULL);
/* Sets the border width of the window. */
gtk_container_set_border_width (GTK_CONTAINER (window), 10);
/* We create a box to pack widgets into. This is described in detail
* in the "packing" section. The box is not really visible, it
 * is just used as a tool to arrange widgets. */
box1 = gtk_hbox_new (FALSE, 0);
/* Put the box into the main window. */
gtk_container_add (GTK_CONTAINER (window), box1);
/* Creates a new button with the label "Button 1". */
button = gtk_button_new_with_label ("Button 1");
/* Now when the button is clicked, we call the "callback" function
 * with a pointer to "button 1" as its argument */
g_signal_connect (button, "clicked",
                  G_CALLBACK (callback), (gpointer) "button 1");
/* Instead of gtk_container_add, we pack this button into the invisible
 * box, which has been packed into the window. */
gtk_box_pack_start (GTK_BOX(box1), button, TRUE, TRUE, 0);
/* Always remember this step, this tells GTK that our preparation for
 st this button is complete, and it can now be displayed. st/
gtk_widget_show (button);
/* Do these same steps again to create a second button */
button = gtk_button_new_with_label ("Button 2");
/* Call the same callback function with a different argument,
 * passing a pointer to "button 2" instead. */
g_signal_connect (button, "clicked",
                  G_CALLBACK (callback), (gpointer) "button 2");
gtk_box_pack_start(GTK_BOX (box1), button, TRUE, TRUE, 0);
```

```
/* The order in which we show the buttons is not really important, but I
   * recommend showing the window last, so it all pops up at once. */
   gtk_widget_show (button);

gtk_widget_show (box1);

gtk_widget_show (window);

/* Rest in gtk_main and wait for the fun to begin! */
   gtk_main ();

return 0;
}
```

The Lisp implementation in Example 2.7 tries to be close to the C program. Therefore, the window and the box are created with the functions gtk-window-new and gtk-hbox-new. Various properties like the title of the window, the default size or the border width are set with the functions gtk-window-set-title, gtk-window-set-default-size and gtk-container-set-border-width. As described for Example 2.5 the function gtk-widget-show is called only once for the main window, because the default implementation of the Lisp function gtk-widget-show is to show all child widgets.

Example 2.7: Upgraded Hello world

```
(defun example-upgraded-hello-world ()
  (within-main-loop
    (let ((window (gtk-window-new :toplevel))
          (box (gtk-h-box-new nil 6))
          (button nil))
      (g-signal-connect window "destroy"
                        (lambda (widget)
                          (declare (ignore widget))
                          (gtk-main-quit)))
      (gtk-window-set-title window "Hello Buttons")
      (gtk-window-set-default-size window 250 75)
      (gtk-container-set-border-width window 12)
      (setq button (gtk-button-new-with-label "Button 1"))
      (g-signal-connect button "clicked"
                        (lambda (widget)
                          (declare (ignore widget))
                          (format t "Button 1 was pressed.~%")))
      (gtk-box-pack-start box button :expand t :fill t :padding 0)
      (gtk-widget-show button)
      (setq button (gtk-button-new-with-label "Button 2"))
      (g-signal-connect button "clicked"
                        (lambda (widget)
                          (declare (ignore widget))
```

```
(format t "Button 2 was pressed.~%")))
(gtk-box-pack-start box button :expand t :fill t :padding 0)
(gtk-container-add window box)
(gtk-widget-show window))))
```

The second implementation in Example 2.8 makes even more use of a Lisp style. The window is created with the Lisp function make-instance. All desired properties of the window are initialized by assigning values to the slots of the class. Alternatively, the initialization of the variable box with the function make-instance is shown. In future examples of this tutorial the style shown in Example 2.8 is preferred. Furthermore, the C code is no longer presented for comparison.

Example 2.8: Second implementation of an Upgraded Hello World

```
(defun example-upgraded-hello-world-2 ()
  (within-main-loop
    (let ((window (make-instance 'gtk-window
                                 :type :toplevel
                                 :title "Hello Buttons"
                                 :default-width 250
                                 :default-height 75
                                 :border-width 12))
          (box (make-instance 'gtk-h-box
                              :homogeneous nil
                              :spacing 6)))
      (g-signal-connect window "destroy"
                        (lambda (widget)
                          (declare (ignore widget))
                          (gtk-main-quit)))
      (let ((button (gtk-button-new-with-label "Button 1")))
        (g-signal-connect button "clicked"
                          (lambda (widget)
                            (declare (ignore widget))
                            (format t "Button 1 was pressed.~%")))
        (gtk-box-pack-start box button :expand t :fill t :padding 0))
      (let ((button (gtk-button-new-with-label "Button 2")))
        (g-signal-connect button "clicked"
                          (lambda (widget)
                            (declare (ignore widget))
                            (format t "Button 2 was pressed.~%")))
        (gtk-box-pack-start box button :expand t :fill t :padding 0))
      (gtk-container-add window box)
      (gtk-widget-show window))))
```

A good exercise for the reader would be to insert a third "Quit" button that will exit the program. You may also wish to play with the options to gtk-box-pack-start while reading the next section. Try resizing the window, and observe the behaviour.

3 Packing Widgets

3.1 Packing Boxes

When creating an application, it is necessary to put more than one widget inside a window. The first Hello world example only used one widget so it could simply use the function gtk-container-add to "pack" the widget into the window. But when you want to put more than one widget into a window, how do you control where that widget is positioned? This is where packing comes in.

Most packing is done by creating boxes. These are invisible widget containers that can pack widgets into, which come in two forms, a horizontal box, and a vertical box. When packing widgets into a horizontal box, the objects are inserted horizontally from left to right or right to left depending on the call used. In a vertical box, widgets are packed from top to bottom or vice versa. You may use any combination of boxes inside or beside other boxes to create the desired effect.

To create a new horizontal box of the type GtkHBox, the function gtk-hbox-new or the call (make-instance 'gtk-hbox) is used, and for vertical boxes of the type GtkVbox the function gtk-vbox-new or the call (make-instance 'gtk-vbox). The gtk-box-pack-start and gtk-box-pack-end functions are used to place widgets inside of boxes. The gtk-box-pack-start function starts at the top and works its way down in a GtkVBox, and packs left to right in a GtkHBox. The function gtk-box-pack-end does the opposite, packing from bottom to top in a GtkVBox, and right to left in a GtkHBox. The widgets, which are packed into a box, can be containers, which are composed of other widgets. Using the functions for packing widgets in boxes allows to right justify or left justify the widgets. The functions can be mixed in any way to achieve the desired effect. Most of the examples in this tutorial use the function gtk-box-pack-start.

By using boxes, GTK+ knows where to place the widgets so GTK+ can do automatic resizing and other nifty things. A number of options control as to how the widgets should be packed into boxes. This method of packing boxes gives the user a quite a bit of flexibility when placing widgets.

3.2 Details of Boxes

Because of the flexibility, packing boxes in GTK+ can be confusing at first. A lot of options control the packing of boxes, and it is not immediately obvious how the options all fit together. In the end, however, basically five different styles are available.

A horizontal box is created with the function gtk-hbox-new and a vertical box with the function gtk-vbox-new. Alternatively, a box is created with the function make-instance. Vertical and horizontal boxes have the properties homogeneous and spacing. The property homogeneous controls whether each widget in the box has the same width in a GtkHBox or the same height in a GtkVBox. The second argument spacing controls the amount of space between children in the box.

Figure 3.1 shows an examples of packing buttons into horizontal boxes. The buttons have a small spacing of 3. Each line of the example contains one horizontal box of the type GtkHBox with several buttons. The first button represents the call of the function gtk-box-pack-start and the following buttons represent the arguments of the function. The first

two arguments are box for the box and child for the child widgets to put into the box. In the examples the child widget is a button. The further arguments of gtk-box-pack-start are in C expand, fill and padding. In the Lisp binding to GTK+ these arguments are defined as the keywords :expand and :fill, which both have a default value of T, and :padding with a default value of 0.

○ Example Packing Boxes — □ 🗙
GtkHBox homogeneous nil spacing 3
gtk-box-pack box button NIL NIL 0
gtk-box-pack box button T NIL 0
gtk-box-pack box button T T 0
GtkHBox homogeneous t spacing 3
gtk-box-pack box button T NIL
gtk-box-pack box button T T 0
Quit

Figure 3.1: Example Packing Boxes with a spacing of 3

The keyword argument :expand to the functions gtk-box-pack-start and gtk-box-pack-end controls whether the widgets are laid out in the box to fill in all the extra space in the box so the box is expanded to fill the area allotted to it (T); or the box is shrunk to just fit the widgets (NIL). Setting expand to NIL allows to do right and left justification of the widgets. Otherwise, the widgets expand to fit into the box. The same effect can be achieved by using only one of the functions gtk-box-pack-start or gtk_box_pack_end.

The keyword argument :fill to the gtk-box-pack functions control whether the extra space is allocated to the objects themselves (T), or as extra padding in the box around these objects (NIL). It only has an effect if the keyword argument expand is also T.

The difference between spacing (set when the box is created) and padding (set when elements are packed) is, that spacing is added between objects, and padding is added on either side of a child widget.

The code for Figure 3.1 is shown in Example 3.1. The function example-packing-boxes takes an optional argument spacing, which has the default value 0 and controls the spacing of the buttons in the boxes.

```
Example 3.1: Example Packing Boxes
```

```
:spacing spacing)))
    (gtk-box-pack-start box
                        (gtk-button-new-with-label "gtk-box-pack")
                        :expand expand
                        :fill fill
                        :padding padding)
    (gtk-box-pack-start box
                        (gtk-button-new-with-label "box")
                        :expand expand
                        :fill fill
                        :padding padding)
    (gtk-box-pack-start box
                        (gtk-button-new-with-label "button")
                        :expand expand
                        :fill fill
                        :padding padding)
    (gtk-box-pack-start box
                        (if expand
                             (gtk-button-new-with-label "T")
                             (gtk-button-new-with-label "NIL"))
                        :expand expand
                        :fill fill
                        :padding padding)
    (gtk-box-pack-start box
                        (if fill
                             (gtk-button-new-with-label "T")
                             (gtk-button-new-with-label "NIL"))
                        :expand expand
                        :fill fill
                        :padding padding)
    (gtk-box-pack-start box
                        (gtk-button-new-with-label (format nil "~A" padding))
                        :expand expand
                        :fill fill
                        :padding padding)
   box))
(defun example-packing-boxes (&optional (spacing 0))
  (within-main-loop
    (let ((window (make-instance 'gtk-window
                                  :title "Example Packing Boxes"
                                  :type :toplevel
                                  :border-width 12
                                  :default-height 200
                                  :default-width 300))
          (vbox (make-instance 'gtk-vbox
                                :homogeneous nil
```

```
:spacing 6))
    (button (make-instance 'gtk-button
                            :label "Quit"))
    (quitbox (make-instance 'gtk-hbox
                             :homogeneous nil
                             :spacing 0)))
(g-signal-connect button "clicked"
                  (lambda (widget)
                    (declare (ignore widget))
                    (gtk-widget-destroy window)))
(g-signal-connect window "destroy"
                  (lambda (widget)
                     (declare (ignore widget))
                     (gtk-main-quit)))
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox
                     (make-instance 'gtk-label
                                    :label
                                    (format nil
                                    "GtkHBox homogeneous nil spacing ~A"
                                            spacing)
                                    :xalign 0
                                    :yalign 0)
                    :expand nil
                    :fill nil
                    :padding 0)
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox
                    (make-instance 'gtk-h-separator)
                    :expand nil
                    :fill t
                    :padding 0)
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox
                    (make-box nil spacing nil nil 0)
                    :expand nil
                    :fill nil
                    :padding 0)
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox
                    (make-box nil spacing t nil 0)
                    :expand nil
                    :fill nil
                    :padding 0)
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox
                    (make-box nil spacing t t 0)
                    :expand nil
                    :fill nil
                    :padding 0)
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox
                     (make-instance 'gtk-h-separator)
```

```
:expand nil
                    :fill t
                     :padding 0)
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox
                    (make-instance 'gtk-label
                                    :label
                                    (format nil
                                    "GtkHBox homogeneous t spacing ~A"
                                            spacing)
                                    :xalign 0
                                    :yalign 0)
                    :expand nil
                    :fill nil
                    :padding 5)
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox
                    (make-instance 'gtk-h-separator)
                    :expand nil
                    :fill t
                    :padding 0)
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox
                    (make-box t spacing t nil 0)
                    :expand nil
                    :fill nil
                    :padding 0)
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox
                    (make-box t spacing t t 0)
                    :expand nil
                    :fill nil
                    :padding 0)
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox
                    (make-instance 'gtk-h-separator)
                    :expand nil
                    :fill t
                    :padding 5)
(gtk-box-pack-start quitbox button :expand nil :fill nil :padding 0)
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox quitbox :expand nil :fill nil :padding 0)
(gtk-container-add window vbox)
(gtk-widget-show window))))
```

3.3 Packing Using Tables

Tables are another way of packing widgets and can be extremely useful in certain situations. Using tables a grid is created that widgets can placed in. The widgets may take up as many spaces as specified. Tables can be created with the function gtk-table-new. The function takes three arguments which set the properties of a table. Alternatively, the table is created with the function make-instance.

The first argument of gtk-table-new is the number of rows to make in the table, while the second is the number of columns. The last argument homogeneous has to do with how the boxes of the table are sized. If homogeneous is T, the table boxes are resized to the size of the largest widget in the table. If homogeneous is NIL, the size of a table boxes is dictated by the tallest widget in its same row, and the widest widget in its column. The rows and columns are laid out from 0 to n, where n is the number specified in the call to gtk-table-new. For rows = 2 and columns = 2, the layout is shown in Figure 3.2. Note that the coordinate system starts in the upper left hand corner.



Figure 3.2: Layout of a 2 x 2 table

To place a widget into a box, the function gtk-table-attach can be used. The arguments are listed in Table 3.1. The first argument table is the table you have created and the second child the widget you wish to place in the table. The left and right attach arguments specify where to place the widget, and how many boxes to use. If you want a button in the lower right table entry of a 2 x 2 table, and want it to fill that entry only, left-attach is = 1, right-attach = 2, top-attach = 1, bottom-attach = 2. Now, if you wanted a widget to take up the whole top row of a 2 x 2 table, you would use left-attach = 0, right-attach = 2, top-attach = 0, bottom-attach = 1.

Table 3.1: Arguments of the function gtk-table-attach

table The GtkTable to add a new widget to.

child The widget to add.

left-attach

The column number to attach the left side of a child widget to.

right-attach

The column number to attach the right side of a child widget to.

top-attach

The row number to attach the top of a child widget to.

bottom-attach

The row number to attach the bottom of a child widget to.

:xoptions

Used to specify the properties of the child widget when the table is resized. The default value is '(:expand:fill).

:yoptions

The same as xoptions, except this field determines behavior of vertical resizing. The default value is '(:expand :fill).

:xpadding

An integer value specifying the padding on the left and right of the widget being added to the table. The default value is 0.

:ypadding

The amount of padding above and below the child widget. The default value is 0.

The arguments :xoptions and :yoptions are of the enumeration type GtkAttachOptions and used to specify packing options. The packing options can be OR'ed together to allow multiple options. In the Lisp binding a list of options is used to combine multiple options. Possible values of the enumeration type GtkAttachOptions are listed in Table 3.2.

Padding is just like in boxes, creating a clear area around the widget specified in pixels and is controlled with the arguments :xpadding and :ypadding.

Table 3.2: Values of the type GtkAttachOptions

:fill If the table box is larger than the widget, and :fill is specified, the widget will expand to use all the room available.

: shrink If the table widget was allocated less space then was requested (usually by the user resizing the window), then the widgets would normally just be pushed off the bottom of the window and disappear. If : shrink is specified, the widgets will shrink with the table.

: expand This will cause the table to expand to use up any remaining space in the window.

In the Lisp binding the arguments :xoptions, :yoptions, :xpadding, and :ypadding of the function gtk-table-attach are defined as keyword arguments with default values. In the C library this is realized with a second function gtk_table_attach_defaults(). In the Lisp binding the function gtk-table-attach-defaults is a second equivalent implementation of gtk-table-attach, when using the default values of the keyword arguments.

The functions gtk-table-set-row-spacing and gtk-table-set-col-spacing places spacing between the rows at the specified row or column. The first argument of the functions is a GtkTable, the second argument a row or a column and the third argument the spacing. Note that for columns, the space goes to the right of the column, and for rows, the space goes below the row.

You can also set a consistent spacing of all rows and columns with the functions gtk-table-set-row-spacings and gtk-table-set-col-spacings. Both functions take a GtkTable as the first argument and the desired spacing spacing as the second argument. Note that with these calls, the last row and last column do not get any spacing.

3.4 Table Packing Example

Figure 3.3 is a window with three buttons in a 2 x 2 table. The first two buttons are placed in the upper row. A third, quit button, is placed in the lower row, spanning both columns. The code of this example is shown in Example 3.2.



Figure 3.3: Table packing

Example 3.2: Table Packing

```
(defun example-table-packing ()
  (within-main-loop
    (let ((window (make-instance 'gtk-window
                                  :type :toplevel
                                  :title "Example Table Packing"
                                  :border-width 12
                                  :default-width 300))
          (table (make-instance 'gtk-table
                                 :n-columns 2
                                 :n-rows 2
                                 :homogeneous t))
          (button1 (make-instance 'gtk-button
                                   :label "Button 1"))
          (button2 (make-instance 'gtk-button
                                   :label "Button 2"))
          (quit (make-instance 'gtk-button
                                :label "Quit")))
      (g-signal-connect window "destroy"
                        (lambda (widget)
                           (declare (ignore widget))
                           (gtk-main-quit)))
      (g-signal-connect quit "clicked"
                        (lambda (widget)
                           (declare (ignore widget))
                           (gtk-widget-destroy window)))
      (gtk-table-attach table button1 0 1 0 1)
      (gtk-table-attach table button2 1 2 0 1)
      (gtk-table-attach table quit
                                       0 2 1 2)
      (gtk-container-add window table)
      (gtk-widget-show window))))
```

Figure 3.4 is an extended example to show the possibility to increase the spacing of the rows and columns. This is implemented through two toggle buttons which increase and decrease the spacings. Toggle buttons are described in Section 5.2 [Toggle Buttons], page 31 later in this tutorial. The code of Figure 3.4 is shown in Example 3.3.



Figure 3.4: Table packing with more spacing

Example 3.3: Table Packing with more spacing

```
(defun example-table-packing-2 ()
  (within-main-loop
    (let ((window (make-instance 'gtk-window
                                 :type :toplevel
                                 :title "Example Table Packing"
                                 :border-width 12
                                 :default-width 300))
          (table (make-instance 'gtk-table
                                :n-columns 2
                                :n-rows 2
                                :homogeneous t))
          (button1 (make-instance 'gtk-toggle-button
                                  :label "More Row Spacing"))
          (button2 (make-instance 'gtk-toggle-button
                                  :label "More Col Spacing"))
          (quit (make-instance 'gtk-button
                               :label "Quit")))
      (g-signal-connect window "destroy"
                        (lambda (widget)
                          (declare (ignore widget))
                          (gtk-main-quit)))
      (g-signal-connect button1 "toggled"
         (lambda (widget)
           (if (gtk-toggle-button-get-active widget)
                 (gtk-table-set-row-spacings table 12)
                 (gtk-button-set-label widget "Less Row Spacing"))
                 (gtk-table-set-row-spacings table 0)
                 (gtk-button-set-label widget "More Row Spacing")))))
      (g-signal-connect button2 "toggled"
         (lambda (widget)
           (if (gtk-toggle-button-get-active widget)
                 (gtk-table-set-col-spacings table 12)
                 (gtk-button-set-label widget "Less Col Spacing"))
```

4 Widget Overview

5 Button Widget

5.1 Normal Buttons

We have almost seen all there is to see of the button widget. The button widget is pretty simple. There is however more than one way to create a button. You can use the the function gtk-button-new-with-label or the function gtk-button-new-with-mnemonic to create a button with a label, use gtk-button-new-from-stock to create a button containing the image and text from a stock item or use gtk-button-new to create a blank button. It is then up to you to pack a label or pixmap into this new button. To do this, create a new box, and then pack your objects into this box using the function gtk-box-pack-start, and then use the function gtk-container-add to pack the box into the button.



Figure 5.1: Button with an image from a file

Figure 5.1 is an example of using gtk-button-new to create a button with an image and a label in it. The code to create a box is shown in Example 5.2 and breaken up from the rest so you can use it in your programs. The main program which uses this subroutine is shown in Example 5.1.

The image-label-box function could be used to pack images and labels into any widget that can be a container.

Figure 5.2 shows more buttons, which are created with standard functions and with the function make-instance. To get buttons which show both a label and an image the global setting of the property gtk-button-images has to be set to the value T. The code of Figure 5.2 is shown in Example 5.3.

Example 5.1: A button with an image and a label

```
(gtk-widget-show window))))
```

Example 5.2: Code to create a button with an image and a label



Figure 5.2: More Examples to create buttons

Example 5.3: More buttons

```
(defun example-buttons ()
  (within-main-loop
    (let ((window (make-instance 'gtk-window
                                 :title "Example Buttons"
                                 :type :toplevel
                                 :default-width 250
                                 :border-width 10))
          (vbox1 (make-instance 'gtk-v-box :spacing 5))
          (vbox2 (make-instance 'gtk-v-box :spacing 5))
          (hbox (make-instance 'gtk-h-box :spacing 5)))
      (g-signal-connect window "destroy"
                        (lambda (widget)
                          (declare (ignore widget))
                          (gtk-main-quit)))
      ;; Set gtk-button-images to T. This allows buttons with text and image.
      (setf (gtk-settings-gtk-button-images (gtk-settings-get-default)) t)
      ;; These are the standard functions to create a button.
      (gtk-box-pack-start vbox1
```

```
(gtk-button-new-with-label "Label"))
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox1
                    (gtk-button-new-with-mnemonic "_Mnemonic"))
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox1
                    (gtk-button-new-from-stock "gtk-apply"))
;; Create some buttons with make-instance.
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox2
                    (make-instance 'gtk-button
                                    :image-position :right
                                    :image
                                    (gtk-image-new-from-stock "gtk-edit"
                                                               :button)
                                    :label "gtk-edit"
                                    :use-stock t))
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox2
                    (make-instance 'gtk-button
                                    :image-position :top
                                    :image
                                    (gtk-image-new-from-stock "gtk-cut"
                                                               :button)
                                    :label "gtk-cut"
                                    :use-stock t))
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox2
                    (make-instance 'gtk-button
                                    :image-position :bottom
                                    :image
                                    (gtk-image-new-from-stock
                                                             "gtk-cancel"
                                                             :button)
                                    :label "gtk-cancel"
                                    :use-stock t))
(gtk-box-pack-start hbox vbox1)
(gtk-box-pack-start hbox vbox2)
(gtk-container-add window hbox)
(gtk-widget-show window))))
```

5.2 Toggle Buttons

Toggle buttons are derived from normal buttons and are very similar, except toggle buttons always are in one of two states, alternated by a click. Toggle buttons can be depressed, and when clicked again, the toggle button will pop back up. Toggle buttons are the basis for check buttons and radio buttons, as such, many of the calls used for toggle buttons are inherited by radio and check buttons.

Toggle buttons can be created with the functions gtk-toggle-button-new, gtk-toggle-button-new-with-label, and gtk-toggle-button-new-with-mnemonic. The first function creates a blank toggle button, and the last two functions, a toggle button

with a label widget already packed into it. The gtk-toggle-button-new-with-mnemonic variant additionally parses the label for '_'-prefixed mnemonic characters.

To retrieve the state of the toggle widget, including radio and check buttons, a construct as shown in the example below is used. This tests the state of the toggle button, by accessing the active field of the toggle widget's structure. The signal of interest to us emitted by toggle buttons (the toggle button check button, and radio button widgets) is the "toggled" signal. To check the state of these buttons, set up a signal handler to catch the toggled signal, and access the property active to determine the state of the button. A signal handler will look something like:

To force the state of a toggle button, and its children, the radio and check buttons, use this function gtk-toggle-button-set-active. This function can be used to set the state of the toggle button, and its children the radio and check buttons. Passing in your created button as the first argument, and a T or NIL for the second state argument to specify whether it should be down (depressed) or up (released). Default is up, or NIL.

Note that when you use the gtk-toggle-button-set-active function, and the state is actually changed, it causes the "clicked" and "toggled" signals to be emitted from the button. The current state of the toggle button as a boolean T or NIL value is returned from the function gtk-toggle-button-get-active.

In Example 3.3 the usage of toggle buttons is shown.

5.3 Check Buttons

Check buttons inherit many properties and functions from the toggle buttons above, but look a little different. Rather than being buttons with text inside them, they are small squares with the text to the right of them. These are often used for toggling options on and off in applications.

The creation functions are similar to those of the normal button: gtk-check-button-new, gtk-check-button-new-with-label, and gtk-check-button-new-with-mnemonic. The gtk-check-button-new-with-label function creates a check button with a label beside it.

Checking the state of the check button is identical to that of the toggle button. Figure 5.3 shows toggle buttons and Example 5.4 the code to create toggle buttons.

5.4 Radio Buttons

Radio buttons are similar to check buttons except they are grouped so that only one may be selected or depressed at a time. This is good for places in your application where you need to select from a short list of options. Creating a new radio button is done with one of these calls: gtk-radio-button-new, gtk-radio-button-new-with-label, and gtk-radio-button-new-with-mnemonic. These functions take a list of radio buttons as the first argument or NIL. When NIL a new list of radio buttons is created. The newly created list for the radio buttons can be get with the function gtk-radio-button-get-group. More radio buttons can then be added to this list. The important thing to remember is that gtk-radio-button-get-group must be called for each new button added to the group, with the previous button passed in as an argument. The result is then passed into the next call to gtk-radio-button-new or the other two functions for creating a radio button. This allows a chain of buttons to be established. Example 5.4 creates a radio button group with three buttons.

You can shorten this slightly by using the following syntax, which removes the need for a variable to hold the list of buttons:

Each of these functions has a variant, which take a radio button as the first argument and allows to omit the gtk-radio-button-get-group call. In this case the new radio button is added to the list of radio buttons the argument is already a part of. These functions are: gtk-radio-button-new-from-widget, gtk-radio-button-new-with-label-from-widget, and gtk-radio-button-new-with-mnemonic-from-widget.

It is also a good idea to explicitly set which button should be the default depressed button with the function gtk-toggle-button-set-active. This is described in the section on toggle buttons, and works in exactly the same way. Once the radio buttons are grouped together, only one of the group may be active at a time. If the user clicks on one radio button, and then on another, the first radio button will first emit a "toggled" signal (to report becoming inactive), and then the second will emit its "toggled" signal (to report becoming active).



:title "Example Toggle Buttons"

Figure 5.3: Toggle Buttons

```
:type :toplevel))
    (vbox (make-instance 'gtk-vbox
                         :homogeneous nil
                         :spacing 0))
    (hbox (make-instance 'gtk-hbox
                         :homogenous nil
                         :spacing 0)))
;; Handler for the signal "destroy"
(g-signal-connect window "destroy"
                  (lambda (widget)
                    (declare (ignore widget))
                    (gtk-main-quit)))
;; Create three radio buttons and put the buttons in a vbox
(let ((vbox (make-instance 'gtk-vbox
                           :homogenous nil
                           :spacing 12
                           :border-width 12))
      (button (gtk-radio-button-new-with-label nil "Radio Button 1")))
  (gtk-box-pack-start vbox button :expand t :fill t)
  (setq button
        (gtk-radio-button-new-with-label
                                    (gtk-radio-button-get-group button)
                                    "Radio Button 2"))
  (gtk-toggle-button-set-active button t)
  (gtk-box-pack-start vbox button :expand t :fill t)
  (setq button
        (gtk-radio-button-new-with-mnemonic
                                    (gtk-radio-button-get-group button)
                                    "_Radio Button 3"))
  (gtk-box-pack-start vbox button :expand t :fill t
  ;; Put the vbox with the radio buttons in a hbox
  (gtk-box-pack-start hbox vbox :expand nil :fill nil))
;; Create three check buttons and put the buttons in a vbox
(let ((vbox (make-instance 'gtk-vbox
                           :homogenous nil
                           :spacing 12
                           :border-width 12)))
  (gtk-box-pack-start vbox
                     (gtk-check-button-new-with-label "Check Button 1")
                     :expand t :fill t :padding 0)
  (gtk-box-pack-start vbox
                     (gtk-check-button-new-with-label "Check Button 2")
                     :expand t :fill t :padding 0)
  (gtk-box-pack-start vbox
                     (gtk-check-button-new-with-label "Check Button 3")
                     :expand t :fill t :padding 0)
  ;; Put the vbox with the buttons in a hbox
```

```
(gtk-box-pack-start hbox vbox :expand nil :fill nil))
;; Put the hbox in a vbox
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox hbox :expand nil :fill nil)
;; Add a separator to the vbox
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox
                    (make-instance 'gtk-h-separator)
                    :expand nil :fill nil :padding 0)
;; Add a quit button to the vbox
(let ((vbox-quit (make-instance 'gtk-vbox
                                :homogeneous nil
                                :spacing 12
                                :border-width 12))
      (button (make-instance 'gtk-button :label "Close")))
  (gtk-box-pack-start vbox-quit button :expand nil :fill nil)
  (gtk-box-pack-start vbox vbox-quit :expand nil :fill t)
  (g-signal-connect button "clicked"
                    (lambda (button)
                      (declare (ignore button))
                      (gtk-widget-destroy window))))
;; Put the vbox in the window widget
(gtk-container-add window vbox)
(gtk-widget-show window))))
```

6 Adjustments

6.1 Introduction

GTK+ has various widgets that can be visually adjusted by the user using the mouse or the keyboard, such as the range widgets, described in Chapter 7 [Range Widgets], page 41. There are also a few widgets that display some adjustable portion of a larger area of data, such as the text widget and the viewport widget GtkViewport.

Obviously, an application needs to be able to react to changes the user makes in range widgets. One way to do this would be to have each widget emit its own type of signal when its adjustment changes, and either pass the new value to the signal handler, or require it to look inside the data structure of the widget in order to ascertain the value. But you may also want to connect the adjustments of several widgets together, so that adjusting one adjusts the others. The most obvious example of this is connecting a scrollbar to a panning viewport or a scrolling text area. If each widget has its own way of setting or getting the adjustment value, then the programmer may have to write their own signal handlers to translate between the "output" of one widget's signal and the "input" of another's adjustment setting function.

GTK+ solves this problem using the object GtkAdjustment, which is not a widget but a way for widgets to store and pass adjustment information in an abstract and flexible form. The most obvious use of GtkAdjustment is to store the configuration parameters and values of range widgets, such as scrollbars and scale controls. However, since GtkAdjustment is derived from GObject, they have some special powers beyond those of normal data structures. Most importantly, they can emit signals, just like widgets, and these signals can be used not only to allow a program to react to user input on adjustable widgets, but also to propagate adjustment values transparently between adjustable widgets.

You will see how adjustments fit in when you see the other widgets that incorporate them: Progress Bars, Viewports, Scrolled Windows, and others.

6.2 Creating an Adjustment

Many of the widgets which use adjustment objects do so automatically, but some cases will be shown in later examples where you may need to create one yourself. An adjustment can be created with the function gtk-adjustment-new which has the arguments value, lower, upper, step-increment, page-increment, and page-size.

The argument value is the initial value you want to give to the adjustment, usually corresponding to the topmost or leftmost position of an adjustable widget. The argument lower specifies the lowest value which the adjustment can hold. The argument step-increment specifies the "smaller" of the two increments by which the user can change the value, while page-increment is the "larger" one. The argument page-size usually corresponds somehow to the visible area of a panning widget. The argument upper is used to represent the bottom most or right most coordinate in a panning widget's child. Therefore it is not always the largest number that value can take, since page-size of such widgets is usually non-zero.

6.3 Using Adjustments the Easy Way

The adjustable widgets can be roughly divided into those which use and require specific units for these values and those which treat them as arbitrary numbers. The group which treats the values as arbitrary numbers includes the range widgets (scrollbars and scales, the progress bar widget, and the spin button widget). These widgets are all the widgets which are typically "adjusted" directly by the user with the mouse or keyboard. They will treat the lower and upper values of an adjustment as a range within which the user can manipulate the value of the adjustment. By default, they will only modify the value of an adjustment.

The other group includes the text widget, the viewport widget, the compound list widget, and the scrolled window widget. All of these widgets use pixel values for their adjustments. These are also all widgets which are typically "adjusted" indirectly using scrollbars. While all widgets which use adjustments can either create their own adjustments or use ones you supply, you will generally want to let this particular category of widgets create its own adjustments. Usually, they will eventually override all the values except the value itself in whatever adjustments you give them, but the results are, in general, undefined (meaning, you'll have to read the source code to find out, and it may be different from widget to widget).

Now, you are probably thinking, since text widgets and viewports insist on setting everything except the value of their adjustments, while scrollbars will only touch the value of the adjustment, if you share an adjustment object between a scrollbar and a text widget, manipulating the scrollbar will automagically adjust the viewport widget? Of course it will! Just like this:

6.4 Adjustment Internals

Ok, you say, that's nice, but what if I want to create my own handlers to respond when the user adjusts a range widget or a spin button, and how do I get at the value of the adjustment in these handlers? To answer these questions and more, let's start by taking a look at the Lisp class representing GtkAdjustment itself:

```
(define-g-object-class "GtkAdjustment" gtk-adjustment
  (:superclass gtk-object
    :export t
    :interfaces nil
    :type-initializer "gtk_adjustment_get_type")
  ((lower
      gtk-adjustment-lower
      "lower" "gdouble" t t)
   (page-increment
      gtk-adjustment-page-increment
      "page-increment" "gdouble" t t)
```

```
(page-size
  gtk-adjustment-page-size
  "page-size" "gdouble" t t)
(step-increment
  gtk-adjustment-step-increment
  "step-increment" "gdouble" t t)
(upper
  gtk-adjustment-upper
  "upper" "gdouble" t t)
(value
  gtk-adjustment-value
  "value" "gdouble" t t)))
```

The slots of the class are lower, page-increment, page-size, step-increment, upper, and value represent the properties of the C class GtkAdjustment. The slots can be accessed with the corresponding accessor functions. Alternativly, the C accessor functions like gtk_adjustment_get_value() and gtk_adjustment_set_value() are availabe in the Lisp binding through e. g. gtk-adjustment-get-value and gtk-adjustment-set-value for the property value.

As mentioned earlier, an adjustment object is a subclass of GObject just like all the various widgets, and thus it is able to emit signals. This is, of course, why updates happen automagically when you share an adjustment object between a scrollbar and another adjustable widget; all adjustable widgets connect signal handlers to their adjustment's "value-changed" signal, as can your program.

The various widgets that use the adjustment object will emit this signal on an adjustment whenever they change its value. This happens both when user input causes the slider to move on a range widget, as well as when the program explicitly changes the value with gtk-adjustment-set-value. So, for example, if you have a scale widget, and you want to change the rotation of a picture whenever its value changes, you would create a callback like this:

What about when a widget reconfigures the upper or lower fields of its adjustment, such as when a user adds more text to a text widget? In this case, it emits the signal "changed". Range widgets typically connect a handler to this signal, which changes their appearance to reflect the change - for example, the size of the slider in a scrollbar will grow or shrink in inverse proportion to the difference between the lower and upper values of its adjustment.

You probably won't ever need to attach a handler to this signal, unless you're writing a new type of range widget. However, if you change any of the values in an adjustment directly, you should emit this signal on it to reconfigure whatever widgets are using it, like this (g-signal-emit-by-name adj "changed").

7 Range Widgets

7.1 Introduction

The category of range widgets includes the ubiquitous scrollbar widget and the less common scale widget. Though these two types of widgets are generally used for different purposes, they are quite similar in function and implementation. All range widgets share a set of common graphic elements, each of which has its own X window and receives events. They all contain a "trough" and a "slider" (what is sometimes called a "thumbwheel" in other GUI environments). Dragging the slider with the pointer moves it back and forth within the trough, while clicking in the trough advances the slider towards the location of the click, either completely, or by a designated amount, depending on which mouse button is used.

As mentioned in Chapter 6 [Adjustments], page 37 above, all range widgets are associated with an adjustment object, from which they calculate the length of the slider and its position within the trough. When the user manipulates the slider, the range widget will change the value of the adjustment.

7.2 Scrollbar Widgets

These are your standard, run-of-the-mill scrollbars. These should be used only for scrolling some other widget, such as a list, a text box, or a viewport (and it's generally easier to use the scrolled window widget in most cases). For other purposes, you should use scale widgets, as they are friendlier and more featureful.

There are separate types for horizontal and vertical scrollbars. There really is not much to say about these. You create them with the functions gtk-hscrollbar-new and gtk-vscrollbar-new. These functions take one argument which can be an adjustment or NIL, in which case one will be created for you. Specifying NIL might actually be useful in this case, if you wish to pass the newly-created adjustment to the constructor function of some other widget which will configure it for you, such as a text widget.

7.3 Scale Widgets

Scale widgets are used to allow the user to visually select and manipulate a value within a specific range. You might want to use a scale widget, for example, to adjust the magnification level on a zoomed preview of a picture, or to control the brightness of a color, or to specify the number of minutes of inactivity before a screensaver takes over the screen.

7.4 Creating a Scale Widget

As with scrollbars, there are separate widget types for horizontal and vertical scale widgets. (Most programmers seem to favour horizontal scale widgets.) Since they work essentially the same way, there is no need to treat them separately here. The following functions create vertical and horizontal scale widgets, respectively: gtk-vscale-new and gtk-vscale-new-with-range, or gtk-hscale-new and gtk-hscale-new-with-range.

The adjustment argument can either be an adjustment which has already been created with gtk-adjustment-new, or NIL, in which case, an anonymous adjustment is created with all of its values set to 0.0 (which is not very useful in this case). In order to avoid

confusing yourself, you probably want to create your adjustment with a page-size of 0.0 so that its upper value actually corresponds to the highest value the user can select. The -new-with-range variants take care of creating a suitable adjustment. (If you're already thoroughly confused, read the section on adjustments again for an explanation of what exactly adjustments do and how to create and manipulate them.)

7.4.1 Functions and Signals

Scale widgets can display their current value as a number beside the trough. The default behaviour is to show the value, but you can change this with this with the function gtk-scale-set-draw-value, which takes as the first argument a widget of type GtkScale and as the second argument draw-value, which is either T or NIL, with predictable consequences for either one.

The value displayed by a scale widget is rounded to one decimal point by default, as is the value field in its adjustment. You can change this with the function gtk-scale-set-digits. The first argument is a widget of type GtkScale and the second argument digits, where digits is the number of decimal places you want. You can set digits to anything you like, but no more than 13 decimal places will actually be drawn on screen.

Finally, the value can be drawn in different positions relative to the trough with the function gtk-scale-set-value-pos. The first argument is again a scale widget. The second argument pos of the function is of the enumeration type GtkPositionType.

GtkPositionType

[Enumeration]

Describes which edge of a widget a certain feature is positioned at, e.g. the tabs of a GtkNotebook, the handle of a GtkHandleBox or the label of a GtkScale.

:left The feature is at the left edge.

:right The feature is at the right edge.

:top The feature is at the top edge.

:bottom The feature is at the bottom edge.

If you position the value on the "side" of the trough (e.g., on the top or bottom of a horizontal scale widget), then it will follow the slider up and down the trough.

All the preceding functions are defined in 'gtk.scale.lisp'. You should look over the files of all widgets that interest you, in order to learn more about their functions and features.

7.5 Common Range Functions

The Range widget class is fairly complicated internally, but, like all the "base class" widgets, most of its complexity is only interesting if you want to hack on it. Also, almost all of the functions and signals it defines are only really used in writing derived widgets. There are, however, a few useful functions that are defined in 'gtk.range.lisp' and will work on all range widgets.

7.5.1 Setting the Update Policy

The "update policy" of a range widget defines at what points during user interaction it will change the value field of its adjustment and emit the "value-changed" signal on this adjustment. The update policies, defined in 'gtk.enumerations.lisp' as type GtkUpdateType, are:

GtkUpdateType [Enumeration]

Used by GtkRange to control the policy for notifying value changes.

:continuous

This is the default. The "value_changed" signal is emitted continuously, i.e., whenever the slider is moved by even the tiniest amount.

:discontinuous

The "value_changed" signal is only emitted once the slider has stopped moving and the user has released the mouse button.

:delayed The "value_changed" signal is emitted when the user releases the mouse button, or if the slider stops moving for a short period of time.

7.6 Getting and Setting Adjustments

Getting and setting the adjustment for a range widget "on the fly" is done, predictably, with the functions gtk-range-get-adjustment and gtk-range-set-adjustment.

gtk-range-get-adjustment returns the adjustment to which range is connected.

gtk-range-set-adjustment does absolutely nothing if you pass it the adjustment that range is already using, regardless of whether you changed any of its fields or not. If you pass it a new adjustment, it will unreference the old one if it exists (possibly destroying it), connect the appropriate signals to the new one, and call the function gtk-range-adjustment-changed, which will (or at least, is supposed to ...) recalculate the size or position of the slider and redraw if necessary. As mentioned in the section on adjustments, if you wish to reuse the same adjustment, when you modify its values directly, you should emit the "changed" signal on it.

7.7 Key and Mouse bindings

All of the GTK+ range widgets react to mouse clicks in more or less the same way. Clicking button-1 in the trough will cause its adjustment's page_increment to be added or subtracted from its value, and the slider to be moved accordingly. Clicking mouse button-2 in the trough will jump the slider to the point at which the button was clicked. Clicking button-3 in the trough of a range or any button on a scrollbar's arrows will cause its adjustment's value to change by step_increment at a time.

Scrollbars are not focusable, thus have no key bindings. The key bindings for the other range widgets (which are, of course, only active when the widget has focus) are do not differentiate between horizontal and vertical range widgets.

All range widgets can be operated with the left, right, up and down arrow keys, as well as with the Page Up and Page Down keys. The arrows move the slider up and down by step_increment, while Page Up and Page Down move it by page_increment.

The user can also move the slider all the way to one end or the other of the trough using the keyboard. This is done with the Home and End keys.

7.8 Example

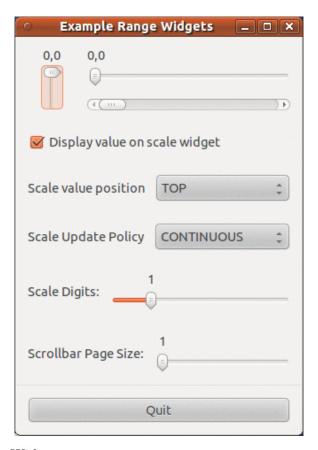


Figure 7.1: Range Widgets

Example 7.1 is a somewhat modified version of the "range controls" test from 'testgtk.c'. It basically puts up a window with three range widgets all connected to the same adjustment, and a couple of controls for adjusting some of the parameters mentioned above and in the section on adjustments, so you can see how they affect the way these widgets work for the user.

You will notice that the program does not call g-signal-connect for the "delete-event", but only for the "destroy" signal. This will still perform the desired function, because an unhandled "delete-event" will result in a "destroy" signal being given to the window.

(box1

```
:homogeneous nil
                               :spacing 0))
     (box2
               (make-instance 'gtk-hbox
                               :homogeneous nil
                               :spacing 12
                               :border-width 12))
     (box3
               (make-instance 'gtk-vbox
                               :homogeneous nil
                               :spacing 12))
     (adj1
               (make-instance 'gtk-adjustment
                              :value 0.0
                              :lower 0.0
                              :upper 101.0
                               :step-increment 0.1
                               :page-increment 1.0
                               :page-size 1.0))
               (make-instance 'gtk-v-scale
     (vscale
                               :update-policy :continuous
                               :digits 1
                               :value-pos :top
                               :draw-value t
                               :adjustment adj1))
     (hscale
               (make-instance 'gtk-h-scale
                               :update-policy :continuous
                               :digits 1
                               :value-pos :top
                               :draw-value t
                               :width-request 200
                               :height-request -1
                               :adjustment adj1))
     (scrollbar (make-instance 'gtk-h-scrollbar
                               :update-policy :continuous
                               :adjustment adj1)))
;; Connect handler for the signal "destroy" to the main window.
(g-signal-connect window "destroy"
                  (lambda (widget)
                    (declare (ignore widget))
                    (gtk-main-quit)))
;; Packing of the global widgets hscale, vscale, and scrollbar
(gtk-container-add window box1)
(gtk-box-pack-start box1 box2 :expand t :fill t :padding 0)
(gtk-box-pack-start box2 vscale :expand t :fill t :padding 0)
(gtk-box-pack-start box2 box3 :expand t :fill t :padding 0)
(gtk-box-pack-start box3 hscale :expand t :fill t :padding 0)
(gtk-box-pack-start box3 scrollbar :expand t :fill t :padding 0)
;; A check button to control whether the value is displayed or not.
```

(make-instance 'gtk-vbox

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(let ((box (make-instance 'gtk-hbox
                          :homogeneous nil
                          :spacing 12
                          :border-width 12))
      (button (make-instance 'gtk-check-button
                             :label "Display value on scale widget"
                             :active t)))
  (g-signal-connect button "toggled"
                    (lambda (widget)
                      (setf (gtk-scale-draw-value hscale)
                            (gtk-toggle-button-active widget))
                      (setf (gtk-scale-draw-value vscale)
                            (gtk-toggle-button-active widget))))
  (gtk-box-pack-start box button :expand t :fill t :padding 0)
  (gtk-box-pack-start box1 box :expand t :fill t :padding 0))
;; A ComboBox to change the position of the value.
(let ((box (make-instance 'gtk-hbox
                          :homogeneous nil
                          :spacing 12
                          :border-width 12))
      (combo (make-instance 'gtk-combo-box-text)))
  (gtk-combo-box-text-append-text combo "TOP")
  (gtk-combo-box-text-append-text combo "BOTTOM")
  (gtk-combo-box-text-append-text combo "LEFT")
  (gtk-combo-box-text-append-text combo "RIGHT")
  (gtk-combo-box-set-active combo 0)
  (g-signal-connect combo "changed"
     (lambda (widget)
       (let ((pos (intern (gtk-combo-box-get-active-text widget)
                          :keyword)))
         (gtk-scale-set-value-pos hscale pos)
         (gtk-scale-set-value-pos vscale pos))))
  (gtk-box-pack-start box
                      (make-instance 'gtk-label
                                     :label "Scale value position")
                      :expand nil :fill nil :padding 0)
  (gtk-box-pack-start box combo :expand t :fill t :padding 0)
  (gtk-box-pack-start box1 box :expand t :fill t :padding 0))
;; Another ComboBox for the update policy of the scale widgets.
(let ((box (make-instance 'gtk-hbox
                          :homogeneous nil
                          :spacing 12
                          :border-width 12))
      (combo (make-instance 'gtk-combo-box-text)))
  (gtk-combo-box-text-append-text combo "CONTINUOUS")
  (gtk-combo-box-text-append-text combo "DISCONTINUOUS")
  (gtk-combo-box-text-append-text combo "DELAYED")
```

```
(gtk-combo-box-set-active combo 0)
  (g-signal-connect combo "changed"
     (lambda (widget)
       (let ((policy (intern (gtk-combo-box-get-active-text widget)
                             :keyword)))
         (setf (gtk-range-update-policy hscale) policy)
         (setf (gtk-range-update-policy vscale) policy))))
  (gtk-box-pack-start box
                      (make-instance 'gtk-label
                                     :label "Scale Update Policy")
                      :expand nil :fill nil :padding 0)
  (gtk-box-pack-start box combo :expand t :fill t :padding 0)
  (gtk-box-pack-start box1 box :expand t :fill t :padding 0))
;; Create a scale to change the digits of hscale and vscale.
(let* ((box (make-instance 'gtk-hbox
                           :homogeneous nil
                           :spacing 12
                           :border-width 12))
       (adj (make-instance 'gtk-adjustment
                           :value 1.0
                           :lower 0.0
                           :upper 5.0
                           :step-increment 1.0
                           :page-increment 1.0
                           :page-size 0.0))
       (scale (make-instance 'gtk-h-scale
                             :digits 0
                             :adjustment adj)))
  (g-signal-connect adj "value-changed"
     (lambda (adjustment)
       (setf (gtk-scale-digits hscale)
             (truncate (gtk-adjustment-value adjustment)))
       (setf (gtk-scale-digits vscale)
             (truncate (gtk-adjustment-value adjustment)))))
  (gtk-box-pack-start box
                      (make-instance 'gtk-label
                                     :label "Scale Digits:")
                      :expand nil :fill nil :padding 0)
  (gtk-box-pack-start box scale :expand t :fill t :padding 0)
  (gtk-box-pack-start box1 box :expand t :fill t :padding 0))
;; Another hscale for adjusting the page size of the scrollbar
(let* ((box (make-instance 'gtk-hbox
                           :homogeneous nil
                           :spacing 12
                           :border-width 12))
       (adj (make-instance 'gtk-adjustment
                           :value 1.0
```

```
:lower 1.0
                           :upper 101.0
                           :step-increment 1.0
                           :page-increment 1.0
                           :page-size 0.0))
       (scale (make-instance 'gtk-h-scale
                             :digits 0
                             :adjustment adj)))
  (g-signal-connect adj "value-changed"
     (lambda (adjustment)
       (setf (gtk-adjustment-page-size adj1)
             (gtk-adjustment-page-size adjustment))
       (setf (gtk-adjustment-page-increment adj1)
             (gtk-adjustment-page-increment adjustment))))
  (gtk-box-pack-start box
                      (make-instance 'gtk-label
                                     :label "Scrollbar Page Size:")
                      :expand nil :fill nil :padding 0)
  (gtk-box-pack-start box scale :expand t :fill t :padding 0)
  (gtk-box-pack-start box1 box :expand t :fill t :padding 0))
;; Add a separator
(gtk-box-pack-start box1
                    (make-instance 'gtk-h-separator)
                    :expand nil :fill t :padding 0)
;; Create the quit button.
(let ((box (make-instance 'gtk-vbox
                          :homogeneous nil
                          :spacing 12
                          :border-width 12))
      (button (make-instance 'gtk-button :label "Quit")))
  (g-signal-connect button "clicked"
                    (lambda (button)
                      (declare (ignore button))
                      (gtk-widget-destroy window)))
  (gtk-box-pack-start box button :expand t :fill t :padding 0)
  (gtk-box-pack-start box1 box :expand nil :fill t :padding 0))
(gtk-widget-show window))))
```

8 Miscellaneous Widgets

8.1 Labels

Labels are used a lot in GTK+, and are relatively simple. Labels emit no signals as they do not have an associated X window. If you need to catch signals, or do clipping, place it inside a GtkEventBox widget or a Button widget.

To create a new label, use gtk-label-new or gtk-label-new-with-mnemonic. The sole argument is the string you wish the label to display. To change the text of the label after creation, use the function gtk-label-set-text. The first argument is the label you created previously, and the second is the new string. The space needed for the new string will be automatically adjusted if needed. You can produce multi-line labels by putting line breaks in the label string.

To retrieve the current string, use gtk-label-get-text. The label text can be justified using gtk-label-set-justify. The first argument is the label and the second argument one of the following keyword of the enumeration type GtkJustification in Table 8.1.

Table 8.1: Values of the type GtkJustification

:left The text is placed at the left edge of the label.

:right The text is placed at the right edge of the label.

:center The text is placed in the center of the label.

:fill The text is placed is distributed across the label.

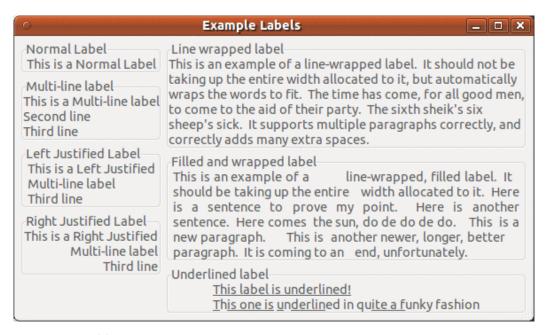


Figure 8.1: Lables

The label widget is also capable of line wrapping the text automatically. This can be activated using the function gtk-label-set-line-wrap. The first argument is the label and the second wrap argument take T or NIL.

If you want your label underlined, then you can set a pattern on the label with the function gtk-label-set-pattern. The pattern argument indicates how the underlining should look. It consists of a string of underscore and space characters. An underscore indicates that the corresponding character in the label should be underlined. For example, the string "__ __" would underline the first two characters and eight and ninth characters.

If you simply want to have an underlined accelerator ("mnemonic") in your label, you should use gtk-label-new-with-mnemonic or gtk-label-set-text-with_mnemonic, not gtk-label-set-pattern.

Figure 8.1 and Example 8.1 illustrate these functions. This example makes use of the frame widget to better demonstrate the label styles. You can ignore this for now as the frame widget is explained later on.

In GTK+ 2.0, label texts can contain markup for font and other text attribute changes, and labels may be selectable (for copy-and-paste). These advanced features won't be explained here.

```
Example 8.1: Labels
(defun example-labels ()
  (within-main-loop
    (let ((window (make-instance 'gtk-window
                                  :type :toplevel
                                  :title "Example Labels"
                                  :border-width 6))
          (vbox1 (make-instance 'gtk-vbox
                                 :homogeneous nil
                                 :spacing 6))
          (vbox2 (make-instance 'gtk-vbox
                                 :homogenous nil
                                 :spacing 6))
          (hbox (make-instance 'gtk-hbox
                                :homogeneous nil
                                :spacing 6)))
      ;; Connect a handler for the signal "destroy" to window.
      (g-signal-connect window "destroy"
                         (lambda (widget)
                           (declare (ignore widget))
                           (gtk-main-quit)))
      ;; Create a Normal Label
      (let ((frame (make-instance 'gtk-frame
                                   :label "Normal Label"))
            (label (make-instance 'gtk-label
                                   :label "This is a Normal Label")))
        (gtk-container-add frame label)
        (gtk-box-pack-start vbox1 frame :expand nil :fill nil))
```

```
;; Create a Multi-line Label
(let ((frame (make-instance 'gtk-frame
                             :label "Multi-line label"))
      (label (make-instance 'gtk-label
                            :label
                             (format nil "This is a Multi-line label~%~
                                          Second line~%~
                                          Third line"))))
  (gtk-container-add frame label)
  (gtk-box-pack-start vbox1 frame :expand nil :fill nil))
;; Create a Left Justified Label
(let ((frame (make-instance 'gtk-frame
                            :label "Left Justified Label"))
      (label (make-instance 'gtk-label
                            :justify :left
                             :label
                             (format nil
                                     "This is a Left Justified"%"
                                      Multi-line label~%~
                                      Third line"))))
  (gtk-container-add frame label)
  (gtk-box-pack-start vbox1 frame :expand nil :fill nil))
;; Create a Right Justified Label
(let ((frame (make-instance 'gtk-frame
                            :label "Right Justified Label"))
      (label (make-instance 'gtk-label
                             :justify :right
                             :label
                             (format nil
                                     "This is a Right Justified~%~
                                      Multi-line label~%~
                                      Third line"))))
  (gtk-container-add frame label)
  (gtk-box-pack-start vbox1 frame :expand nil :fill nil))
;; Create a Line wrapped label
(let ((frame (make-instance 'gtk-frame
                            :label "Line wrapped label"))
      (label (make-instance 'gtk-label
                             :wrap t
                            :label
                             (format nil
                                     "This is an example of a \tilde{}
                                      line-wrapped label. It should ~
                                      not be taking up the entire ~
                                      width allocated to it, but ~
                                      automatically wraps the words to ~
```

```
fit. The time has come, for all ~
                                    good men, to come to the aid of ~
                                    their party. The sixth sheik's ~
                                    six sheep's sick. It supports ~
                                    multiple paragraphs correctly, ~
                                    and correctly adds many extra ~
                                    spaces."))))
  (gtk-container-add frame label)
 (gtk-box-pack-start vbox2 frame :expand nil :fill nil))
;; Create a Filled and wrapped label
(let ((frame (make-instance 'gtk-frame
                           :label "Filled and wrapped label"))
     (label (make-instance 'gtk-label
                           :wrap t
                           :justify :fill
                           :label
                           (format nil
                                   "This is an example of a \tilde{\ }
                                    line-wrapped, filled label. It ~
                                    should be taking up the entire ~
                                    width allocated to it. Here is ~
                                    a sentence to prove my point. ~
                                    Here is another sentence. Here ~
                                    comes the sun, do de do de do.
                                    This is a new paragraph. This ~
                                    is another newer, longer, better ~
                                    paragraph. It is coming to an ~
                                    end, unfortunately."))))
 (gtk-container-add frame label)
  (gtk-box-pack-start vbox2 frame :expand nil :fill nil))
;; Create an underlined label
(let ((frame (make-instance 'gtk-frame
                           :label "Underlined label"))
      (label (make-instance 'gtk-label
                           :justify :left
                           :use-underline t
                           :pattern
      :label
                           (format nil
                                   "This label is underlined! "%"
                                    This one is underlined in quite \tilde{\ }
                                    a funky fashion"))))
  (gtk-container-add frame label)
 (gtk-box-pack-start vbox2 frame :expand nil :fill nil))
;; Put the boxes into the window and show the window
(gtk-box-pack-start hbox vbox1 :expand nil :fill nil)
```

```
(gtk-box-pack-start hbox vbox2 :expand nil :fill nil)
(gtk-container-add window hbox)
(gtk-widget-show window))))
```

At last, Figure 8.2 shows some more possibilities with labels. The code is shown in Example 8.2.



Figure 8.2: More Labels

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```
Example 8.2: More Labels
(defun example-more-labels ()
  (within-main-loop
    (let ((window (make-instance 'gtk-window
                                  :type :toplevel
                                  :title "Example More Labels"
                                  :default-width 300
                                  :border-width 6))
          (vbox1 (make-instance 'gtk-vbox
                                 :homogeneous nil
                                 :spacing 6))
          (vbox2 (make-instance 'gtk-vbox
                                 :homogeneous nil
                                 :spacing 6))
          (hbox (make-instance 'gtk-hbox
                                :homogeneous nil
                                :spacing 6)))
      (g-signal-connect window "destroy"
                        (lambda (widget)
                           (declare (ignore widget))
                           (gtk-main-quit)))
      (gtk-box-pack-start hbox
                           (make-instance 'gtk-label
                                          :label "Angle 90"
                                          :angle 90))
      (gtk-box-pack-start vbox1
```

```
(make-instance 'gtk-label
                                    :label "Angel 45"
                                    :angle 45))
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox1
                    (make-instance 'gtk-label
                                    :label "Angel 315"
                                    :angle 315))
(gtk-box-pack-start hbox vbox1)
(gtk-box-pack-start hbox
                    (make-instance 'gtk-label
                                    :label "Angel 270"
                                    :angle 270))
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox2 hbox)
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox2
                    (make-instance 'gtk-hseparator))
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox2
                    (gtk-label-new "Normal Label"))
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox2
                    (gtk-label-new-with-mnemonic "With _Mnemonic"))
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox2
                    (make-instance 'gtk-label
                                    :label "This Label is Selectable"
                                    :selectable t))
(gtk-container-add window vbox2)
(gtk-widget-show window))))
```

8.2 Arrows



Figure 8.3: Arrows

The arrow widget draws an arrowhead, facing in a number of possible directions and having a number of possible styles. It can be very useful when placed on a button in many applications. Like the label widget, it emits no signals.

There are only two functions for manipulating an arrow widget gtk-arrow-new and gtk-arrow-set. The first creates a new arrow widget with the indicated type and appearance. The second allows these values to be altered retrospectively. The type of an arrow can be one of the following values of the enumeration type GtkArrowType in Table 8.2.

Table 8.2: Values of the type GtkArrowType to indicate the direction in which a GtkArrow should point.

:up Represents an upward pointing arrow.

:down Represents a downward pointing arrow.
:left Represents a left pointing arrow.
:right Represents a right pointing arrow.
:none No arrow.

These values obviously indicate the direction in which the arrow will point. The shadow type argument is of the enumeration type GtkShadowType and may take one of the the values in Table 8.3.

Table 8.3: Values of the enumeration type GtkShadowType used to change the appearance of an outline typically provided by a GtkFrame.

:none No outline.
:in The outline is bevelled inwards.
:out The outline is bevelled outwards like a button. This is the default.
:etched-in The outline has a sunken 3d appearance.
:etched-out

The outline has a raised 3d appearance.

Example 8.3 shows a brief example to illustrate the use of arrows in buttons. In addition, this example introduces the function gtk-widget-set-tooltip-text, which attaches a tooltip to the button widget. The tooltip pops up, when the mouse is over the button.

```
Example 8.3: Buttons with Arrows
```

```
(defun create-arrow-button (arrow-type shadow-type)
  (let ((button (make-instance 'gtk-button)))
    (gtk-container-add button
                       (make-instance 'gtk-arrow
                                       :arrow-type arrow-type
                                       :shadow-type shadow-type))
    (gtk-widget-set-tooltip-text button
                                  (format nil
                                          "Arrow of type ~A"
                                          (symbol-name arrow-type)))
   button))
(defun example-arrows ()
  (within-main-loop
    (let ((window (make-instance 'gtk-window
                                  :type :toplevel
                                  :title "Arrow Buttons"
                                  :default-width 250
                                  :border-width 12))
          (box (make-instance 'gtk-hbox
```

```
:homogeneous t
                         :spacing 0
                        :border-width 6)))
(g-signal-connect window "destroy"
                  (lambda (widget)
                    (declare (ignore widget))
                    (gtk-main-quit)))
(gtk-box-pack-start box
                    (create-arrow-button :up :in)
                    :expand nil :fill nil :padding 3)
(gtk-box-pack-start box
                    (create-arrow-button :down :out)
                    :expand nil :fill nil :padding 3)
(gtk-box-pack-start box
                    (create-arrow-button :left :etched-in)
                    :expand nil :fill nil :padding 3)
(gtk-box-pack-start box
                    (create-arrow-button :right :etched-out)
                    :expand nil :fill nil :padding 3)
(gtk-container-add window box)
(gtk-widget-show window))))
```

8.3 Progress Bars

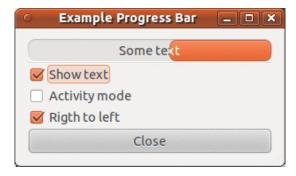


Figure 8.4: Progress Bar

Progress bars are used to show the status of an operation. They are pretty easy to use, as you will see with the code below. But first lets start out with the function gtk-progress-bar-new to create a new progress bar. Now that the progress bar has been created we can use it and set the fraction with the function gtk-progress-bar-set-fraction, which has two arguments. The first argument is the progress bar you wish to operate on, and the second argument is the amount "completed", meaning the amount the progress bar has been filled from 0-100%. This is passed to the function as a real number ranging from 0 to 1.

A progress bar may be set to one of a number of orientations using the function gtk-progress-bar-set-orientation. The second argument is the orientation and can take one of the values

The orientation argument may take one of the values of Table 8.4 to indicate the direction in which the progress bar moves.

Table 8.4: GtkProgressBarOrientation is an enumeration representing possible orientations and growth directions for the visible progress bar.

```
:left-to-right
```

A horizontal progress bar growing from left to right.

:right-to-left

A horizontal progress bar growing from right to left.

:bottom-to-top

A vertical progress bar growing from bottom to top.

:top-to-bottom

A vertical progress bar growing from top to bottom.

As well as indicating the amount of progress that has occurred, the progress bar may be set to just indicate that there is some activity. This can be useful in situations where progress cannot be measured against a value range. The function gtk-progress-bar-pulse indicates that some progress has been made. The step size of the activity indicator is set using the function gtk-progress-bar-set-pulse-step.

When not in activity mode, the progress bar can also display a configurable text string within its trough, using the function gtk-progress-bar-set-text.

You can turn off the display of the string by calling gtk-progess-bar-set-text again with NIL as second argument.

The current text setting of a progressbar can be retrieved with the function gtk-progress-bar-get-text.

Progress Bars are usually used with timeouts or other such functions (see section on Timeouts, I/O and Idle Functions) to give the illusion of multitasking. All will employ the gtk-progress-bar-set-fraction or gtk-progress-bar-pulse functions in the same manner.

Example 8.4 shows an example of the progress bar, updated using timeouts. This code also shows you how to reset the Progress Bar. The output of this example is in Figure 8.4.

```
(gtk-progress-bar-set-fraction (pbar-data-pbar pdata) val)))
 t)
(defun example-progress-bar ()
  (within-main-loop
    (let ((window (make-instance 'gtk-window
                                 :type :toplevel
                                 :title "Example Progress Bar"
                                 :default-width 300))
          (pdata (make-pbar-data :pbar (make-instance 'gtk-progress-bar)
                                 :mode nil))
          (vbox (make-instance 'gtk-vbox
                               :border-width 12))
          (align (gtk-alignment-new 0.1 0.9 1.0 0.0))
          (table (gtk-table-new 2 3 t)))
      (setf (pbar-data-timer pdata)
            (g-timeout-add 100
                           (lambda ()
                              (progress-bar-timeout pdata))))
      (g-signal-connect window "destroy"
                        (lambda (widget)
                          (declare (ignore widget))
                          (g-source-remove (pbar-data-timer pdata))
                          (setf (pbar-data-timer pdata) 0)
                          (gtk-main-quit)))
      (gtk-box-pack-start vbox align)
      (gtk-container-add align (pbar-data-pbar pdata))
      (gtk-box-pack-start vbox (make-instance 'gtk-hseparator))
      (gtk-box-pack-start vbox table)
      (let ((check (gtk-check-button-new-with-mnemonic "_Show text")))
        (g-signal-connect check "clicked"
           (lambda (widget)
             (declare (ignore widget))
             (let ((text (gtk-progress-bar-get-text (pbar-data-pbar pdata))))
               (if (or (null text) (zerop (length text)))
                   (gtk-progress-bar-set-text (pbar-data-pbar pdata)
                                               "Some text")
                   (gtk-progress-bar-set-text (pbar-data-pbar pdata)
                                               "")))))
        (gtk-table-attach table check 0 1 0 1))
      (let ((check (gtk-check-button-new-with-label "Activity mode")))
        (g-signal-connect check "clicked"
           (lambda (widget)
             (declare (ignore widget))
             (setf (pbar-data-mode pdata)
                   (not (pbar-data-mode pdata)))
             (if (pbar-data-mode pdata)
```

```
(gtk-progress-bar-pulse (pbar-data-pbar pdata))
           (gtk-progress-bar-set-fraction (pbar-data-pbar pdata)
                                          0.0))))
  (gtk-table-attach table check 0 1 1 2))
(let ((check (gtk-check-button-new-with-label "Rigth to left")))
  (g-signal-connect check "clicked"
     (lambda (widget)
       (declare (ignore widget))
       (case (gtk-progress-bar-orientation (pbar-data-pbar pdata))
         (:left-to-right
           (setf (gtk-progress-bar-orientation (pbar-data-pbar pdata))
                 :right-to-left))
         (:right-to-left
           (setf (gtk-progress-bar-orientation (pbar-data-pbar pdata))
                 :left-to-right)))))
  (gtk-table-attach table check 0 1 2 3))
(let ((button (gtk-button-new-with-label "Close")))
  (g-signal-connect button "clicked"
                    (lambda (widget)
                      (declare (ignore widget))
                      (gtk-widget-destroy window)))
  (gtk-box-pack-start vbox button))
(gtk-container-add window vbox)
(gtk-widget-show window))))
```

8.4 Dialogs

8.4.1 General Dialog

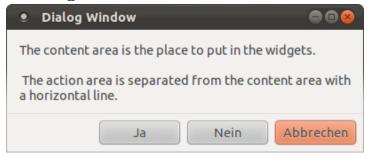


Figure 8.5: General Dialog Window

The dialog widget is just a window with a few things pre-packed into it. The dialog widget is of type GtkDialog which is represented by the Lisp class gtk-dialog. A dialog widget can be created with the function gtk-dialog-new or the call (make-instance 'gtk-dialog). The function gtk-dialog-new does not take an argument. The C library knows in addition the function gtk_dialog_new_with_buttons() which is not implemented for the Lisp binding.

:no

:apply

:help

The dialog widget consists of an content-area which is of type GtkVBox. The content area can be filled with the content of a dialog. At the button of the window the dialog widget has an action-area which takes the desired buttons of the dialog. The action area can be separated with a horizontal from the content area setting the property has-separator of GtkDialog.

The function gtk-dialog-get-content-area gets the content area of a dialog. Because the content area is a vertical box of type GtkVBox any desired widgets can be added to the content area with the functions gtk-box-pack-start or gtk-box-pack-end. To display the content area it is necessary to call the function gtk-widget-show explicitly. The function create-dialog in Example 8.5 shows how to fill widgets into a dialog widget.

The action area can be filled with the desired buttons for the dialog window. Standard buttons can be added with the function gtk-dialog-add-button. The function takes three arguments. The first argument is the dialog window the button is added to. The second argument is a string which is the text of the button or a stock id. The last argument is of the enumeration type GtkResponseType and defines the response type of the button. Possible values of GtkResponseType are shown in Table 8.5.

Alternatively to the function gtk-dialog-add-button buttons can be added with the functions gtk-box-pack-start or box-pack-end to the action area. The action area is of type GtkHBox and can be get with the function gtk-dialog-get-action-area.

Table 8.5: Predefined values for use as response ids in gtk-dialog-add-button. All predefined values are negative, GTK+ leaves positive values for application-defined response ids.

:none	Returned if an action widget has no response id, or if the dialog gets programmatically hidden or destroyed.
:reject	Generic response id, not used by GTK+ dialogs
:accept	Generic response id, not used by GTK+ dialogs
:event	Returned if the dialog is deleted
:ok	Returned by OK buttons in GTK+ dialogs
:cancel	Returned by Cancel buttons in GTK+ dialogs
:close	Returned by Close buttons in GTK+ dialogs
:yes	Returned by Yes buttons in GTK+ dialogs

After creation and configuration of the dialog window the dialog is executed with the function gtk-dialog-run. The function takes the dialog window of type GtkDialog as the only argument. After closing the dialog window with one of the buttons the response is returned as an integer value of type GtkResponseType.

Returned by No buttons in GTK+ dialogs

Returned by Apply buttons in GTK+ dialogs

Returned by Help buttons in GTK+ dialogs

8.4.2 Message Dialog



Figure 8.6: Message Dialog

A message dialog GtkMessageDialog is a subclass of the more general class GtkDialog and gives an easy way to display messages to the user. Figure 8.6 shows an example for an informational message.

A message dialog is created with the call make-instance 'gtk-message-dialog. The C functions gtk_message_dialog_new() and gtk_message_dialog_new_with_markup() have no corresponding Lisp implementation. Various properties control the appearance of a message dialog. The function create-message-dialog in Example 8.5 shows the settings of the properties message-type, buttons, text, and secondary-text. The type of a message dialog is one of the values of GtkMessageType. The possible values are listed in Table 8.6. Predefined buttons of type GtkButtonsType for a message dialog are listed in Table 8.7.

Table 8.6: The type of message being displayed in the dialog.

:info Informational message

:warning Nonfatal warning message

:question

Question requiring a choice

:error Fatal error message

:other None of the above, doesn't get an icon

Table 8.7: Prebuilt sets of buttons for a message dialog. If none of these choices are appropriate, simply use :none then call gtk-dialog-add_buttons. Please note that :ok, :yes-no, and :canel are discouraged by the GNOME Human Interface Guidelines.

:none no buttons at all

:ok an OK button

:close a Close button

:canel a Cancel button

:yes-no Yes and No buttons

:ok-cancel

OK and Cancel buttons

8.4.3 About Dialog



Figure 8.7: About Dialog

The GtkAboutDialog offers a simple way to display information about a program like its logo, name, copyright, website and license. It is also possible to give credits to the authors, documenters, translators and artists who have worked on the program. An about dialog is typically opened when the user selects the About option from the Help menu. All parts of the dialog are optional.

About dialogs often contain links and email addresses. GtkAboutDialog displays these as clickable links. By default, it calls gtk_show_uri() when a user clicks one. The behavior can be overridden with the "activate-link" signal.

To make constructing a GtkAboutDialog as convenient as possible, the C library knows the function gtk_show_about_dialog() which constructs and shows a dialog and keeps it around so that it can be shown again. This function is not implemented in the Lisp binding.

Note that GTK+ sets a default title of _("About %s") on the dialog window, where %s is replaced by the name of the application, but in order to ensure proper translation of the title, applications should set the title property explicitly when constructing a GtkAboutDialog.

It is possible to show a GtkAboutDialog like any other GtkDialog, e.g. using gtk-dialog-run. In this case, you might need to know that the 'Close' button returns the :cancel response id.

Example 8.5: Examples for a general, a message, and an about dialog.

(defun license-text ()
 (format nil

"This program is free software: you can redistribute it and/or ~ modify it under the terms of the GNU Lesser General Public ~ License for Lisp as published by the Free Software Foundation, ~ either version 3 of the License, or (at your option) any later ~ version and with a preamble to the GNU Lesser General Public ~ License that clarifies the terms for use with Lisp programs and ~ is referred as the LLGPL.~%~% ~

This program is distributed in the hope that it will be useful, $\tilde{}$ but WITHOUT ANY WARRANTY; without even the implied warranty of $\tilde{}$

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MERCHANTABILITY or FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. See the ~
          GNU Lesser General Public License for more details. ~%~% ~
          You should have received a copy of the GNU Lesser General Public ~
          License along with this program and the preamble to the Gnu ~
          Lesser General Public License. If not, see ~
          <http://www.gnu.org/licenses/> and ~
          <http://opensource.franz.com/preamble.html>."))
(defun create-dialog ()
  (let ((dialog (make-instance 'gtk-dialog
                               :title "Dialog Window"
                               :has-separator t)))
    ;; Add a border width to the vbox of the content area
    (gtk-container-set-border-width (gtk-dialog-get-content-area dialog) 12)
    ;; Add a label widget with text to the content area
    (let ((vbox (make-instance 'gtk-vbox :border-width 12))
          (label (make-instance 'gtk-label
                                :wrap t
                                :label
                                (format nil
                                        "The content area is the place to \tilde{\ }
                                         put in the widgets. ~%~% ~
                                         The action area is separated from ~
                                         the content area with a horizontal ~
                                         line."))))
      (gtk-box-pack-start vbox label)
      (gtk-box-pack-start (gtk-dialog-get-content-area dialog) vbox)
      ;; Show the content area of the dialog
      (gtk-widget-show (gtk-dialog-get-content-area dialog)))
    ;; Add buttons with a stock id to the action area
    (gtk-dialog-add-button dialog "gtk-yes" :yes)
    (gtk-dialog-add-button dialog "gtk-no" :no)
    (gtk-dialog-add-button dialog "gtk-cancel" :cancel)
    (gtk-dialog-set-default-response dialog :cancel)
    ;; Change the order of the buttons
    (gtk-dialog-set-alternative-button-order dialog
                                              (list :yes :cancel :no))
    ;; Run the dialog and print the message on the console
    (format t "Response was: ~S~%" (gtk-dialog-run dialog))
    ;; Destroy the dialog
    (gtk-widget-destroy dialog)))
(defun create-message-dialog ()
  (let ((dialog (make-instance 'gtk-message-dialog
                               :message-type :info
                               :buttons :ok
                               :text "Info Message Dialog"
```

```
:secondary-text
                                (format nil
                                        "This is a message dialog of type \tilde{\ }
                                         :info with a secondary text."))))
    ;; Run the message dialog
    (gtk-dialog-run dialog)
    ;; Destroy the message dialog
    (gtk-widget-destroy dialog)))
(defun create-about-dialog ()
  (let ((dialog (make-instance 'gtk-about-dialog
                                :program-name "Example Dialog"
                                :version "0.00"
                                :copyright "(c) Dieter Kaiser"
                                :website
                                "github.com/crategus/cl-cffi-gtk"
                                :website-label "Project web site"
                                :license (license-text)
                                :authors '("Kalyanov Dmitry"
                                           "Dieter Kaiser")
                                :documenters '("Dieter Kaiser")
                                :artists '("None")
                                :logo-icon-name
                                "applications-development"
                                :wrap-license t)))
    ;; Run the about dialog
    (gtk-dialog-run dialog)
    ;; Destroy the about dialog
    (gtk-widget-destroy dialog)))
(defun example-dialog ()
  (within-main-loop
    (let ((window (make-instance 'gtk-window
                                  :type :toplevel
                                  :title "Example Dialog"
                                  :default-width 250
                                  :border-width 12))
          (vbox (make-instance 'gtk-vbox
                                :spacing 6)))
      (g-signal-connect window "destroy"
                         (lambda (widget)
                           (declare (ignore widget))
                           (gtk-main-quit)))
      (gtk-container-add window vbox)
      (let ((button (make-instance 'gtk-button
                                    :label "Open a Dialog Window")))
        (gtk-box-pack-start vbox button)
```

```
(g-signal-connect button "clicked"
     (lambda (widget)
       (declare (ignore widget))
       ;; Create and show the dialog
       (create-dialog))))
(let ((button (make-instance 'gtk-button
                             :label "Open a Message Dialog")))
  (gtk-box-pack-start vbox button)
  (g-signal-connect button "clicked"
     (lambda (widget)
       (declare (ignore widget))
       ;; Create and show the message dialog
       (create-message-dialog))))
(let ((button (make-instance 'gtk-button
                             :label "Open an About Dialog")))
  (gtk-box-pack-start vbox button)
  (g-signal-connect button "clicked"
     (lambda (widget)
       (declare (ignore widget))
       ;; Create and show the about dialog
       (create-about-dialog))))
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox
                    (make-instance 'gtk-hseparator))
;; Create a quit button
(let ((button (make-instance 'gtk-button
                             :label "Quit")))
  (g-signal-connect button "clicked"
                    (lambda (widget)
                      (declare (ignore widget))
                      (gtk-widget-destroy window)))
  (gtk-box-pack-start vbox button))
(gtk-widget-show window))))
```

8.5 Statusbars



Figure 8.8: Statusbar

Statusbars are simple widgets used to display a text message. They keep a stack of the messages pushed onto them, so that popping the current message will re-display the previous text message.

In order to allow different parts of an application to use the same statusbar to display messages, the statusbar widget issues context Identifiers which are used to identify different "users". The message on top of the stack is the one displayed, no matter what context it is in. Messages are stacked in last-in-first-out order, not context identifier order.

A statusbar is created with a call to gtk-statusbar-new. A new context Identifier is requested using a call to the function gtk-statusbar-get-context-id with a short textual description of the context as the second argument.

There are three functions that can operate on statusbars: gtk-statusbar-push, gtk-statusbar-pop, and gtk-statusbar-remove. The first function, gtk-statusbar-push, is used to add a new message to the statusbar. It returns a message identifier, which can be passed later to the function gtk-statusbar-remove to remove the message with the given message and context identifiers from the stack of the statusbar. The function gtk-statusbar-pop removes the message highest in the stack with the given context identifier.

In addition to messages, statusbars may also display a resize grip, which can be dragged with the mouse to resize the toplevel window containing the statusbar, similar to dragging the window frame. The functions gtk-statusbar-set-has-resize-grip and gtk-statusbar-get-has-resize-grip control the display of the resize grip.

Example 8.6 creates a statusbar and two buttons, one for pushing items onto the statusbar, and one for popping the last item back off.

```
Example 8.6: Statusbar
(defun example-statusbar ()
  (within-main-loop
    (let* ((window (make-instance 'gtk-window
                                   :type :toplevel
                                   :title "Example Status Bar"
                                   :default-width 300
                                   :border-width 12))
           (vbox (make-instance 'gtk-vbox
                                 :homogeneous nil
                                 :spacing 3))
           (statusbar (make-instance 'gtk-statusbar))
           (id (gtk-statusbar-get-context-id statusbar "Example Status Bar"))
           (count 0))
      (g-signal-connect window "destroy"
                         (lambda (widget)
                           (declare (ignore widget))
                           (gtk-main-quit)))
      (gtk-box-pack-start vbox statusbar)
      (let ((button (gtk-button-new-with-label "Push Item")))
        (g-signal-connect button "clicked"
           (lambda (widget)
```

```
(declare (ignore widget))
    (setq count (+ 1 count))
    (gtk-statusbar-push statusbar id (format nil "Item ~A" count))))
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox button :expand t :fill t :padding 3))
(let ((button (gtk-button-new-with-label "Pop Item")))
    (g-signal-connect button "clicked"
        (lambda (widget)
               (declare (ignore widget))
                (gtk-statusbar-pop statusbar id)))
    (gtk-box-pack-start vbox button :expand t :fill t :padding 3))
(gtk-container-add window vbox)
(gtk-widget-show window))))
```

8.6 Text Entries



Figure 8.9: Text Entry

The entry widget allows text to be typed and displayed in a single line text box. The text may be set with function calls that allow new text to replace, prepend or append the current contents of the Entry widget.

Create a new Entry widget with the function gtk-entry-new. The function gtk-entry-set-text alters the text which is currently within the entry widget. The function gtk-entry-set-text sets the contents of the entry widget, replacing the current contents. Note that the class entry implements the editable interface which contains some more functions for manipulating the contents.

The contents of the entry can be retrieved by using a call to the function gtk-entry-get-text. This is useful in the callback functions described below.

If we do not want the contents of the entry to be changed by someone typing into it, we can change its editable state with the function <code>gtk-editable-set-editable</code>. This function allows us to toggle the editable state of the entry widget by passing in a T or NIL value for the editable argument.

If we are using the entry where we do not want the text entered to be visible, for example when a password is being entered, we can use the function gtk-entry-set-visibility, which also takes a boolean flag.

A region of the text may be set as selected by using the function gtk-editable-select-region. This would most often be used after setting some default text in an Entry, making it easy for the user to remove it.

If we want to catch when the user has entered text, we can connect to the activate or changed signal. Activate is raised when the user hits the enter key within the entry widget. Changed is raised when the text changes at all, e.g., for every character entered or removed.

Example 8.7 is an example of using an entry widget.

```
Example 8.7: Text Entry
```

```
(defun example-text-entry ()
  (within-main-loop
    (let* ((window (make-instance 'gtk-window
                                  :type :toplevel
                                  :title "Example Text Entry"
                                  :default-width 250))
           (vbox (make-instance 'gtk-vbox))
           (hbox (make-instance 'gtk-hbox))
           (entry (make-instance 'gtk-entry
                                 :text "Hello"
                                 :max-length 50))
           (pos (gtk-entry-get-text-length entry)))
      (g-signal-connect window "destroy"
                        (lambda (widget)
                          (declare (ignore widget))
                          (gtk-main-quit)))
      (g-signal-connect entry "activate"
                        (lambda (widget)
                          (declare (ignore widget))
                          (format t "Entry contents: ~A"
                                  (gtk-entry-get-text entry))))
      (gtk-editable-insert-text entry " world" pos)
      (gtk-editable-select-region entry 0 (gtk-entry-get-text-length entry))
      (gtk-box-pack-start vbox entry :expand t :fill t :padding 0)
      (let ((check (gtk-check-button-new-with-label "Editable")))
        (g-signal-connect check "toggled"
           (lambda (widget)
             (declare (ignore widget))
             (gtk-editable-set-editable
                                       (gtk-toggle-button-get-active check))))
        (gtk-box-pack-start hbox check))
      (let ((check (gtk-check-button-new-with-label "Visible")))
        (gtk-toggle-button-set-active check t)
        (g-signal-connect check "toggled"
           (lambda (widget)
             (declare (ignore widget))
             (gtk-entry-set-visibility
                                       (gtk-toggle-button-get-active check))))
        (gtk-box-pack-start hbox check))
      (gtk-box-pack-start vbox hbox)
      (let ((button (gtk-button-new-from-stock "gtk-close")))
```

8.7 Spin Buttons

Not accelerated	
	onth: Year:
1 1	1998
ccelerated	
Value:	Digits :
1,00	2
Snap to 0.5-tic	ks
Numeric only i	nput mode
	Value as Float
Value as Int	
Value as Int	0

Figure 8.10: Spin Button

The spin button widget is generally used to allow the user to select a value from a range of numeric values. It consists of a text entry box with up and down arrow buttons attached to the side. Selecting one of the buttons causes the value to "spin" up and down the range of possible values. The entry box may also be edited directly to enter a specific value.

The spin button allows the value to have zero or a number of decimal places and to be incremented or decremented in configurable steps. The action of holding down one of the buttons optionally results in an acceleration of change in the value according to how long it is depressed.

The spin button uses an adjustment object to hold information about the range of values that the spin button can take. This makes for a powerful spin button widget.

Recall that an adjustment object is created with the function gtk-adjustment-new, which has the arguments value, lower, step-increment, page-increment, and page-size. These properties of an adjustment are used by the spin button in the following way:

value initial value for the Spin Button

lower range value

upper upper range value

step-increment

value to increment/decrement when pressing mouse button 1 on a button

page_increment

value to increment/decrement when pressing mouse button 2 on a button

page_size

unused

Additionally, mouse button 3 can be used to jump directly to the upper or lower values when used to select one of the buttons. A spin button is created with the function gtk-spin-button-new, which as the arguments adjustment, climb-rate, and digits.

The climb-rate argument take a value between 0.0 and 1.0 and indicates the amount of acceleration that the spin button has. The digits argument specifies the number of decimal places to which the value will be displayed.

A spin button can be reconfigured after creation using the function gtk-spin-button-configure. The first argument specifies the spin button that is to be reconfigured. The other arguments are as specified for the function gtk-spin-button-new.

The adjustment can be set and retrieved independently using the two functions gtk-spin-button-set-adjustment and gtk-spin-button-get-adjustment.

The number of decimal places can also be altered using the function gtk-spin-button-set-digits and the value that a spin button is currently displaying can be changed using the function gtk-spin-button-set-value.

The current value of a spin button can be retrieved as either a floating point or integer value with the functions gtk-spin-button-get-value and gtk-spin-button-get-value-as-int.

If you want to alter the value of a spin button relative to its current value, then the function gtk-spin-button-spin can be used, which has the three arguments spin-button, direction, and increment. The argument direction is of the enumeration type GtkSpinType, which can take one of the values shown in Table 8.8.

Table 8.8: The values of the GtkSpinType enumeration are used to specify the change to make in gtk-spin-button-spin

:step-forward

Increment by the adjustments step increment.

:backward

Decrement by the adjustments step increment.

:forward Increment by the adjustments page increment.

:page-backward

Decrement by the adjustments page increment.

:home Go to the adjustments lower bound.

end Go to the adjustments upper bound.

:user-defined

Change by a specified amount.

:step-forward and :step-backward change the value of the spin button by the amount specified by increment, unless increment is equal to 0, in which case the value is changed by the value of step-increment in the adjustment.

:page-forward and :page-backward simply alter the value of the spin button by increment.

:home sets the value of the spin button to the bottom of the adjustments range and :end sets the value of the spin button to the top of the adjustments range.

:user-defined simply alters the value of the spin button by the specified amount.

We move away from functions for setting and retrieving the range attributes of the spin button now, and move onto functions that affect the appearance and behavior of the spin button widget itself.

The first of these functions is gtk-spin-button-set-numeric, which is used to constrain the text box of the spin button such that it may only contain a numeric value. This prevents a user from typing anything other than numeric values into the text box of a spin button.

You can set whether a Spin Button will wrap around between the upper and lower range values with the function gtk-spin-button-set-wrap. You can set a spin button to round the value to the nearest step-increment, which is set within the adjustment object used with the spin button. This is accomplished with the function gtk-spin-button-set-snap-to-ticks.

The update policy of a spin button can be changed with the function gtk-spin-button-set-update-policy. The possible values of policy are either :always or :if-valid. These policies affect the behavior of a Spin Button when parsing inserted text and syncing its value with the values of the adjustment.

In the case of :if-valid the spin button value only gets changed if the text input is a numeric value that is within the range specified by the adjustment. Otherwise the text is reset to the current value. In case of :always we ignore errors while converting text into a numeric value.

Finally, you can explicitly request that a spin button update itself with the function gtk-spin-button-update.

```
:homogeneous nil
                           :spacing 0
                           :border-width 6))
    (vbox2 (make-instance 'gtk-vbox
                          :homogeneous nil
                           :spacing 0
                           :boder-width 6))
    (hbox (make-instance 'gtk-hbox))
    (frame1 (make-instance 'gtk-frame
                            :label "Not accelerated"))
    (frame2 (make-instance 'gtk-frame
                            :label "Accelerated"))
    (label (make-instance 'gtk-label
                          :label "0")))
(g-signal-connect window "destroy"
                  (lambda (widget)
                    (declare (ignore widget))
                    (gtk-main-quit)))
(let ((vbox (make-instance 'gtk-vbox))
      (spinner (make-instance 'gtk-spin-button
                               :adjustment
                               (make-instance 'gtk-adjustment
                                              :value 1.0
                                              :lower 1.0
                                              :upper 31.0
                                              :step-increment 1.0
                                              :page-increment 5.0
                                              :page-size 0.0)
                               :climb-rate 0
                               :digits 0
                               :wrap t)))
  (gtk-box-pack-start vbox
                      (make-instance 'gtk-label
                                      :label "Day :"
                                      :xalign 0
                                      :yalign 0.5)
                      :expand nil)
  (gtk-box-pack-start vbox spinner :expand nil)
  (gtk-box-pack-start hbox vbox :padding 6))
(let ((vbox (make-instance 'gtk-vbox))
      (spinner (make-instance 'gtk-spin-button
                               :adjustment
                               (make-instance 'gtk-adjustment
                                              :value 1.0
                                              :lower 1.0
                                              :upper 12.0
                                              :step-increment 1.0
```

```
:page-increment 5.0
                                              :page-size 0.0)
                               :climb-rate 0
                               :digits 0
                               :wrap t)))
  (gtk-box-pack-start vbox
                      (make-instance 'gtk-label
                                      :label "Month :"
                                      :xalign 0
                                      :yalign 0.5)
                      :expand nil)
  (gtk-box-pack-start vbox spinner :expand nil)
  (gtk-box-pack-start hbox vbox :padding 6))
(let ((vbox (make-instance 'gtk-vbox))
      (spinner (make-instance 'gtk-spin-button
                               :adjustment
                               (make-instance 'gtk-adjustment
                                              :value 1.0
                                              :lower 1998.0
                                              :upper 2100.0
                                              :step-increment 1.0
                                              :page-increment 100.0
                                              :page-size 0.0)
                               :climb-rate 0
                               :digits 0
                               :wrap t)))
  (gtk-box-pack-start vbox
                      (make-instance 'gtk-label
                                      :label "Year :"
                                      :xalign 0
                                      :yalign 0.5)
                      :expand nil)
  (gtk-box-pack-start vbox spinner :expand nil :fill t)
  (gtk-box-pack-start hbox vbox :padding 6))
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox1 hbox :padding 6)
(gtk-container-add frame1 vbox1)
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox frame1)
(setq hbox (make-instance 'gtk-hbox))
(let ((vbox (make-instance 'gtk-vbox))
      (spinner1 (make-instance 'gtk-spin-button
                                :adjustment
                                (make-instance 'gtk-adjustment
                                               :value 1.0
                                               :lower -10000.0
                                               :upper 10000.0
                                               :step-increment 0.5
                                               :page-increment 100.0
```

```
:page-size 0.0)
                              :climb-rate 1.0
                              :digits 2
                              :wrap t))
    (spinner2 (make-instance 'gtk-spin-button
                              :adjustment
                              (make-instance 'gtk-adjustment
                                             :value 2
                                             :lower 1
                                             :upper 5
                                             :step-increment 1
                                             :page-increment 1
                                             :page-size 0)
                              :climb-rate 0.0
                              :digits 0
                             :wrap t)))
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox
                    (make-instance 'gtk-label
                                    :label "Value :"
                                    :xalign 0
                                    :yalign 0.5)
                    :fill t)
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox spinner1 :expand nil)
(gtk-box-pack-start hbox vbox :padding 6)
(g-signal-connect spinner2 "value-changed"
  (lambda (widget)
     (declare (ignore widget))
     (gtk-spin-button-set-digits
                       spinner1
                       (gtk-spin-button-get-value-as-int spinner2))))
(setq vbox (make-instance 'gtk-vbox))
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox
                    (make-instance 'gtk-label
                                    :label "Digits :"
                                    :xalign 0
                                    :yalign 0.5)
                    :expand nil)
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox spinner2 :expand nil)
(gtk-box-pack-start hbox vbox :padding 6)
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox2 hbox :padding 6)
(let ((check (make-instance 'gtk-check-button
                            :label "Snap to 0.5-ticks"
                            :active t)))
  (g-signal-connect check "clicked"
     (lambda (widget)
       (gtk-spin-button-set-snap-to-ticks
                             spinner1
```

```
(gtk-toggle-button-get-active widget))))
    (gtk-box-pack-start vbox2 check))
  (let ((check (make-instance 'gtk-check-button
                              :label "Numeric only input mode"
                               :active t)))
    (g-signal-connect check "clicked"
       (lambda (widget)
         (gtk-spin-button-set-numeric
                               spinner1
                               (gtk-toggle-button-get-active widget))))
    (gtk-box-pack-start vbox2 check))
  (gtk-container-add frame2 vbox2)
  (setq hbox (make-instance 'gtk-hbox))
  (let ((button (gtk-button-new-with-label "Value as Int")))
    (g-signal-connect button "clicked"
       (lambda (widget)
         (declare (ignore widget))
         (gtk-label-set-text
                label
                (format nil "~A"
                        (gtk-spin-button-get-value-as-int spinner1)))))
      (gtk-box-pack-start hbox button))
  (let ((button (gtk-button-new-with-label "Value as Float")))
    (g-signal-connect button "clicked"
       (lambda (widget)
         (declare (ignore widget))
         (gtk-label-set-text
                       label
                       (format nil "~A"
                                (gtk-spin-button-get-value spinner1)))))
    (gtk-box-pack-start hbox button))
  (gtk-box-pack-start vbox2 hbox)
  (gtk-box-pack-start vbox2 label))
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox frame2)
(let ((button (make-instance 'gtk-button
                             :label "Close")))
  (g-signal-connect button "clicked"
                    (lambda (widget)
                      (declare (ignore widget))
                      (gtk-widget-destroy window)))
  (gtk-box-pack-start vbox button))
(gtk-container-add window vbox)
(gtk-widget-show window))))
```

8.8 Combo Box

8.8.1 General Combo Box

• Example C	ombo Box	00
Title:	Value:	
		Add
Monday		1 ‡

Figure 8.11: Combo Box

A GtkComboBox is a widget that allows the user to choose from a list of valid choices. The GtkComboBox displays the selected choice. When activated, the GtkComboBox displays a popup which allows the user to make a new choice. The style in which the selected value is displayed, and the style of the popup is determined by the current theme. It may be similar to a Windows-style combo box.

The GtkComboBox uses the model-view pattern; the list of valid choices is specified in the form of a tree model, and the display of the choices can be adapted to the data in the model by using cell renderers, as you would in a tree view. This is possible since GtkComboBox implements the GtkCellLayout interface. The tree model holding the valid choices is not restricted to a flat list, it can be a real tree, and the popup will reflect the tree structure.

To allow the user to enter values not in the model, the has-entry property allows the GtkComboBox to contain a GtkEntry. This entry can be accessed by calling gtk-bin-get-child on the combo box.

For a simple list of textual choices, the model-view API of GtkComboBox can be a bit overwhelming. In this case, GtkComboBoxText offers a simple alternative. Both GtkComboBox and GtkComboBoxText can contain an entry.

```
(title-entry (make-instance 'gtk-entry))
     (value-entry (make-instance 'gtk-entry))
     (button (make-instance 'gtk-button :label "Add"))
     (table (make-instance 'gtk-table
                           :n-rows 3
                           :n-columns 3)))
;; Define two columns
(store-add-column model "gchararray" #'tvi-title)
(store-add-column model "gint" #'tvi-value)
;; Fill in data into the columns
(store-add-item model (make-tvi :title "Monday" :value 1))
(store-add-item model (make-tvi :title "Tuesday" :value 2))
(store-add-item model (make-tvi :title "Wednesday" :value 3))
(store-add-item model (make-tvi :title "Thursday" :value 4))
(store-add-item model (make-tvi :title "Friday" :value 5))
(store-add-item model (make-tvi :title "Saturday" :value 6))
(store-add-item model (make-tvi :title "Sunday" :value 7))
;; Set the first entry to active
(gtk-combo-box-set-active combo-box 0)
;; Define the signal handlers
(g-signal-connect window "destroy"
                  (lambda (w)
                    (declare (ignore w))
                    (gtk-main-quit)))
(g-signal-connect button "clicked"
   (lambda (widget)
     (declare (ignore widget))
     (store-add-item model
                     (make-tvi :title
                               (gtk-entry-text title-entry)
                               (or (parse-integer
                                     (gtk-entry-text value-entry)
                                     :junk-allowed t)
                                   0)))))
(g-signal-connect combo-box "changed"
   (lambda (widget)
     (declare (ignore widget))
     (show-message (format nil "You clicked on row ~A~%"
                           (gtk-combo-box-get-active combo-box)))))
;; Create renderers for the cells
(let ((renderer (make-instance 'gtk-cell-renderer-text
                               :text "A text")))
  (gtk-cell-layout-pack-start combo-box renderer :expand t)
  (gtk-cell-layout-add-attribute combo-box renderer "text" 0))
(let ((renderer (make-instance 'gtk-cell-renderer-text
                               :text "A number")))
```

```
(gtk-cell-layout-pack-start combo-box renderer :expand nil)
  (gtk-cell-layout-add-attribute combo-box renderer "text" 1))
;; Align the labels
(gtk-misc-set-alignment title-label 0.0 0.0)
(gtk-misc-set-alignment value-label 0.0 0.0)
;; Put the widgets into the table
(gtk-table-attach table title-label 0 1 0 1)
(gtk-table-attach table value-label 1 2 0 1)
(gtk-table-attach table title-entry 0 1 1 2)
(gtk-table-attach table value-entry 1 2 1 2)
(gtk-table-attach table button
                                    2 3 1 2)
(gtk-table-attach table combo-box
                                    0 3 2 3)
;; Put the table into the window
(gtk-container-add window table)
;; Show the window
(gtk-widget-show window))))
```

8.8.2 Combo Box Text

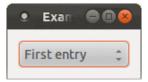


Figure 8.12: Combo Box Text

A GtkComboBoxText is a simple variant of GtkComboBox that hides the model-view complexity for simple text-only use cases.

 $\label{thm:combo-box-text-new} To\ create\ a\ {\tt GtkCombo-BoxText},\ use\ {\tt gtk-combo-box-text-new}\ or\ {\tt gtk-combo-box-text-new}\ or\ {\tt gtk-combo-box-text-new}.$

You can add items to a GtkComboBoxText with gtk-combo-box-text-append_text, gtk-combo-box-text-insert-text or gtk-combo-box-text-prepend-text and remove options with gtk-combo-box-text-remove.

If the GtkComboBoxText contains an entry (via the has-entry property), its contents can be retrieved using gtk-combo-box-text-get-active-text. The entry itself can be accessed by calling gtk-bin-get-child on the combo box.

```
(gtk-combo-box-set-active combo 0)
(gtk-container-add window combo)
(gtk-widget-show window))))
```

8.9 Calendar



Figure 8.13: Calendar

GtkCalendar is a widget that displays a Gregorian calendar, one month at a time. It can be created with gtk-calendar-new.

The month and year currently displayed can be altered with gtk-calendar-selectmonth. The exact day can be selected from the displayed month using gtk-calendar-select_day.

To place a visual marker on a particular day, use gtk-calendar-mark-day and to remove the marker, gtk-calendar-unmark-day. Alternative, all marks can be cleared with gtk-calendar-clear-marks.

The way in which the calendar itself is displayed can be altered using gtk-calendar-set-display-options.

The selected date can be retrieved from a GtkCalendar using gtk-calendar-get-date.

Users should be aware that, although the Gregorian calendar is the legal calendar in most countries, it was adopted progressively between 1582 and 1929. Display before these dates is likely to be historically incorrect.

```
Example 8.11: Calendar

(defun calendar-detail (calendar year month day)

(declare (ignore calendar year month))

(when (= day 23)

"!"))

(defun example-calendar ()
```

```
(within-main-loop
  (let ((window (make-instance 'gtk-window
                               :title "Example Calendar"
                               :type :toplevel
                               :default-width 250
                               :default-height 100))
        (calendar (make-instance 'gtk-calendar
                                  :detail-function #'calendar-detail)))
    (g-signal-connect window "destroy"
                      (lambda (widget)
                        (declare (ignore widget))
                        (gtk-main-quit)))
    (g-signal-connect calendar "day-selected"
                      (lambda (widget)
                        (declare (ignore widget))
                        (format t "selected: year "A month "A day "A"%"
                                 (gtk-calendar-year calendar)
                                 (gtk-calendar-month calendar)
                                 (gtk-calendar-day calendar))))
    (gtk-container-add window calendar)
    (gtk-widget-show window))))
```

8.10 Color Selection



Figure 8.14: Color Selection Widget

The color selection widget is a widget for interactive selection of colors. This composite widget lets the user select a color by manipulating RGB (Red, Green, Blue) and HSV (Hue, Saturation, Value) triples. This is done either by adjusting single values with sliders or

entries, or by picking the desired color from a hue-saturation wheel/value bar. Optionally, the opacity of the color can also be set.

The widget comes in two flavors GtkColorSelection and GtkColorSelectionDialog. A GtkColorSelection widget is created with (make-instance 'gtk-color-selection) or the function gtk-color-selection-new. The function gtk-color-selection-new does not have an argument. The most common color selection is the dialog created with (make-instance 'gtk-color-selection-dialog) or the function gtk-color-selection-dialog-new. This function takes one argument, which is a string and specifies the title of the dialog window.

The color selection widget currently emits only one signal, "color-changed", which is emitted whenever the current color in the widget changes, either when the user changes the color or if the color is set explicitly through the function gtk-color-selection-set-current-color or the accessor function gtk-color-selection-current-color.

The color selection widget supports adjusting the opacity of a color (also known as the alpha channel). The opacity control is disabled by default. Calling the function gtk-color-selection-set-has-opacity-control with the argument has_opacity set to T enables opacity. Likewise, has_opacity set to NIL will disable opacity.

You can set the current color explicitly by calling gtk-color-selection-set-current_color with an argument color of type GdkColor. Setting the opacity (alpha channel) is done with gtk-color-selection-set-current-alpha. The alpha value should be between 0 (fully transparent) and 65535 (fully opaque). When you need to query the current settings, typically when the "color-changed" signal is received, you can use the functions gtk-color-selection-get-current-alpha.

The simple example demonstrates the use of the ColorSelectionDialog. The program displays a window containing a drawing area. Clicking on it opens a color selection dialog, and changing the color in the color selection dialog changes the background color.

```
Example 8.12: Color Selection Widget
(let ((color (make-gdk-color :red 0
                              :blue 65535
                              :green 0)))
  (defun drawing-area-event (widget event area)
    (declare (ignore widget))
    (let ((handled nil))
      (when (eql (gdk-event-type event) :button-press)
        (let* ((colorseldlg (make-instance 'gtk-color-selection-dialog
                                            :title "Select Background Color"))
               (colorsel
                 (gtk-color-selection-dialog-color-selection colorseldlg)))
          (setq handled t)
          (gtk-color-selection-set-previous-color colorsel color)
          (gtk-color-selection-set-current-color colorsel color)
          (gtk-color-selection-set-has-palette colorsel t)
          (g-signal-connect colorsel "color-changed"
```

```
(lambda (widget)
             (declare (ignore widget))
             (let ((color (gtk-color-selection-current-color colorsel)))
               (gtk-widget-modify-bg area :normal color))))
        (let ((response (gtk-dialog-run colorseldlg)))
          (gtk-widget-destroy colorseldlg)
          (if (eql response :ok)
              (setq color (gtk-color-selection-get-current-color colorsel))
              (gtk-widget-modify-bg area :normal color)))))
   handled))
(defun example-color-selection ()
  (within-main-loop
    (let ((window (make-instance 'gtk-window
                                 :title "Example Color Selection"
                                 :default-width 300))
          (area (make-instance 'gtk-drawing-area)))
      (g-signal-connect window "destroy"
                        (lambda (widget)
                          (declare (ignore widget))
                          (gtk-widget-destroy window)))
      (gtk-widget-modify-bg area :normal color)
      (gtk-widget-set-events area :button-press-mask)
      (g-signal-connect area "event"
                        (lambda (widget event)
                          (drawing-area-event widget event area)))
      (gtk-container-add window area)
      (gtk-widget-show window)))))
```

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8.11 File Chooser

Figure 8.15: File Chooser

GtkFileChooser is an interface that can be implemented by file selection widgets. In GTK+, the main objects that implement this interface are GtkFileChooserWidget, GtkFileChooserDialog, and GtkFileChooserButton. You do not need to write an object that implements the GtkFileChooser interface unless you are trying to adapt an existing file selector to expose a standard programming interface.

GtkFileChooser allows for shortcuts to various places in the filesystem. In the default implementation these are displayed in the left pane. It may be a bit confusing at first that these shortcuts come from various sources and in various flavours, so lets explain the terminology here:

Bookmarks

are created by the user, by dragging folders from the right pane to the left pane, or by using the "Add". Bookmarks can be renamed and deleted by the user.

Shortcuts can be provided by the application or by the underlying filesystem abstraction (e.g. both the gnome-vfs and the Windows filesystems provide "Desktop" shortcuts). Shortcuts cannot be modified by the user.

Volumes are provided by the underlying file system abstraction. They are the "roots" of the file system.

File Names and Encodings

When the user is finished selecting files in a GtkFileChooser, your program can get the selected names either as filenames or as URIs. For URIs, the normal escaping rules are applied if the URI contains non-ASCII characters. However, filenames are always returned in the character set specified by the G_FILENAME_ENCODING environment variable. Please see the Glib documentation for more details about this variable.

Note: This means that while you can pass the result of gtk-file-chooser-get-filename to open(2) or fopen(3), you may not be able to directly set it as the text of a GtkLabel widget unless you convert it first to UTF-8, which all GTK+ widgets expect. You should use g-filename-to-utf8 to convert filenames into strings that can be passed to GTK+ widgets.

Adding a Preview Widget

You can add a custom preview widget to a file chooser and then get notification about when the preview needs to be updated. To install a preview widget, use gtk-file-chooser-set-preview-widget. Then, connect to the "update-preview" signal to get notified when you need to update the contents of the preview.

Your callback should use gtk-file-chooser-get-preview-filename to see what needs previewing. Once you have generated the preview for the corresponding file, you must call gtk-file-chooser-set-preview-widget-active with a boolean flag that indicates whether your callback could successfully generate a preview.

Adding Extra Widgets

You can add extra widgets to a file chooser to provide options that are not present in the default design. For example, you can add a toggle button to give the user the option to open a file in read-only mode. You can use gtk-file-chooser-set-extra-widget to insert additional widgets in a file chooser.

Note: If you want to set more than one extra widget in the file chooser, you can use a container such as a GtkVBox or a GtkTable and include your widgets in it. Then, set the container as the whole extra widget.

8.11.1 File Chooser Button

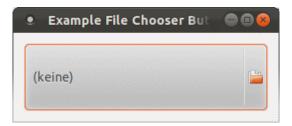


Figure 8.16: File Chooser Button

The GtkFileChooserButton is a widget that lets the user select a file. It implements the GtkFileChooser interface. Visually, it is a file name with a button to bring up a GtkFileChooserDialog. The user can then use that dialog to change the file associated with that button. This widget does not support setting the "select-multiple" property to TRUE.

Example 8.13 creates a button to let the user select a file.

The GtkFileChooserButton supports the GtkFileChooserActions :open and :select-folder.

The GtkFileChooserButton will ellipsize the label, and thus will thus request little horizontal space. To give the button more space, you should call gtk-widget-get-preferred_size, gtk-file-chooser-button-set-width-chars, or pack the button in such a way that other interface elements give space to the widget.

```
Example 8.13: File Chooser Button
(defun example-file-chooser-button ()
  (within-main-loop
    (let ((window (make-instance 'gtk-window
                                  :title "Example File Chooser Button"
                                  :type :toplevel
                                  :border-width 12
                                  :default-width 300
                                  :default-height 100))
          (button (make-instance 'gtk-file-chooser-button
                                  :action :open)))
      (g-signal-connect window "destroy"
                         (lambda (widget)
                           (declare (ignore widget))
                           (gtk-main-quit)))
      (g-signal-connect button "file-set"
                         (lambda (widget)
                           (declare (ignore widget))
                           (format t "File set: ~A~%"
                                   (gtk-file-chooser-filename button))))
      (gtk-container-add window button)
      (gtk-widget-show window))))
```

8.11.2 File Chooser Dialog

GtkFileChooserDialog is a dialog box suitable for use with "File/Open" or "File/Save as" commands. This widget works by putting a GtkFileChooserWidget inside a GtkDialog. It exposes the GtkFileChooserIface interface, so you can use all of the GtkFileChooser functions on the file chooser dialog as well as those for GtkDialog.

Note that GtkFileChooserDialog does not have any methods of its own. Instead, you should use the functions that work on a GtkFileChooser. In the simplest of cases, you can the code in Example 8.14 to use GtkFileChooserDialog to select a file for saving.

There are various cases in which you may need to use a GtkFileChooserDialog:

- 1. To select a file for opening, as for a File/Open command. Use : open.
- 2. To save a file for the first time, as for a File/Save command. Use :save and suggest a name such as "Untitled" with gtk-file-chooser-set-current-name.
- 3. To save a file under a different name, as for a File/Save As command. Use :save, and set the existing filename with gtk-file-chooser-set-filename.
- 4. To choose a folder instead of a file. Use :select-folder.

```
Example 8.14: File Chooser Dialog
(defun example-file-chooser-dialog ()
  (within-main-loop
    (let ((window (make-instance 'gtk-window
                                 :title "Example File Chooser Dialog"
                                 :type :toplevel
                                 :border-width 12
                                 :default-width 300
                                 :default-height 100))
          (button (make-instance 'gtk-button
                                 :label "Select a file for save ..."
                                 :image
                                 (gtk-image-new-from-stock "gtk-save"
                                                            :button))))
      ;; Handle the signal "destroy" for the window.
      (g-signal-connect window "destroy"
                        (lambda (widget)
                          (declare (ignore widget))
                          (gtk-main-quit)))
      ;; Handle the signal "clicked" for the button.
      (g-signal-connect button "clicked"
         (lambda (widget)
           (declare (ignore widget))
           (let ((dialog (make-instance 'gtk-file-chooser-dialog
                                         :action :save
                                         :title "Choose file to save")))
             (gtk-dialog-add-button dialog "gtk-save" :accept)
             (gtk-dialog-add-button dialog "gtk-cancel" :cancel)
             (when (eq (gtk-dialog-run dialog) :accept)
               (format t "saved to file "A"%"
                       (gtk-file-chooser-filename dialog)))
             (gtk-widget-destroy dialog))))
      (gtk-container-add window button)
      (gtk-widget-show window))))
```

9 Container Widgets

9.1 Event Box

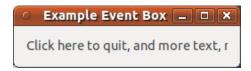


Figure 9.1: Event Box

Some GTK+ widgets do not have associated X windows, so these widgets just draw on their parents. Because of this, they cannot receive events and if they are incorrectly sized, they do not clip so you can get messy overwriting. If you require more from these widgets, the GtkEventBox widget is for you.

At first glance, the GtkEventBox widget might appear to be totally useless. It draws nothing on the screen and responds to no events. However, it does serve a function - it provides an X window for its child widget. This is important as many GTK+ widgets do not have an associated X window. Not having an X window saves memory and improves performance, but also has some drawbacks. A widget without an X window cannot receive events, and does not perform any clipping on its contents. Although the name GtkEventBox emphasizes the event-handling function, the widget can also be used for clipping.

To create a new GtkEventBox widget, use the call (make-instance 'gtk-event-box) or the function gtk-event-box-new. A child widget can then be added to this GtkEventBox with the function gtk-container-add. With the function gtk-widget-set-events the events are set for the event box which can be connected to with a signal handler. To create the resources associated with an event box, the function gtk-widget-realize has to be called explictely for the GtkEventBox widget.

Example 9.1 demonstrates both uses of a GtkEventBox widget - a label is created that is clipped to a small box, and set up so that a mouse-click on the label causes the program to exit. Resizing the window reveals varying amounts of the label.

In addition, Example 9.1 shows how to change the mouse pointer over a window. Every widget has an associated window of type GdkWindow, which can be get with the function gtk-widget-window. The function gdk-window-set-cursor sets a mouse pointer for this GdkWindow. A new mouse pointer is created with the function gdk-cursor-new. The functions takes one argument, which is a keyword for a predefined mouse pointer. In Example 9.1 the mouse pointer: hand1 is choosen. This new mouse pointer is than associated to the GdkWindow with the function gdk-window-set-cursor.

```
:border-width 12))
    (eventbox (make-instance 'gtk-event-box))
    (label (make-instance 'gtk-label
                          :width-request 120
                          :height-request 20
                          :label
                          "Click here to quit, and more text, more")))
(g-signal-connect window "destroy"
                  (lambda (widget)
                    (declare (ignore widget))
                    (gtk-main-quit)))
(gtk-container-add window eventbox)
(gtk-container-add eventbox label)
(gtk-widget-set-events eventbox :button-press-mask)
(g-signal-connect eventbox "button-press-event"
                  (lambda (widget event)
                    (declare (ignore widget event))
                    (gtk-widget-destroy window)))
(gtk-widget-realize eventbox)
(gdk-window-set-cursor (gtk-widget-window eventbox)
                       (gdk-cursor-new :hand1))
(gtk-widget-show window))))
```

9.2 Alignment widget



Figure 9.2: Alignment Widget

The alignment widget GtkAlignment allows to place a widget within its window at a position and size relative to the size of the GtkAlignment widget itself. For example, it can be very useful for centering a widget within the window.

The GtkAlignment widget has the four properties xalign, yalign, xscale, and yscale. The properties are floating point numbers, which can range from 0.0 to 1.0. The xalign and yalign properties affect the position of the widget placed within the GtkAlignment widget. The xscale and yscale properties affect the amount of space allocated to the widget.

The properties are set when creating the GtkAlignment widget with the function gtk-alignment-new. For an existing GtkAlignment widget the properties can be set with the function gtk-alignemt-set. A child widget can be added to the GtkAlignment widget using the function gtk-container-add.

Example 9.2: Alignment Widget

```
(defun example-alignment ()
  (within-main-loop
    (let ((window (make-instance 'gtk-window
                                  :type :toplevel
                                  :title "Example Alignment"
                                  :default-width 300
                                  :default-height 200
                                  :border-width 12))
          (button (make-instance 'gtk-button
                                  :label "Quit"))
          (alignment (make-instance 'gtk-alignment
                                     :xalign 0.25
                                     :yalign 0.25
                                     :xscale 0.75
                                     :yscale 0.50)))
      (g-signal-connect window "destroy"
                        (lambda (widget)
                          (declare (ignore widget))
                          (gtk-widget-destroy window)))
      (gtk-container-add alignment button)
      (gtk-container-add window alignment)
      (gtk-widget-show window))))
```

9.3 Fixed Container



Figure 9.3: Fixed Container

The GtkFixed widget is a container widget which allows to place child widgets at a fixed position within the container, relative to the upper left hand corner. The position of the child widgets can be changed dynamically. Only a few functions are associated with the GtkFixed widget like gtk-fixed-new, gtk-fixed-put, and gtk-fixed-move.

The function gtk-fixed-new creates a new GtkFixed widget. gtk-fixed-put places a widget in the container fixed at the position specified by the arguments x and y. The function gtk-fixed-move allows the specified widget to be moved to a new position.

Normally, Fixed widgets do not have have their own X window. Since this is different from the behaviour of GtkFixed widgets in earlier releases of GTK+, the function gtk-fixed-set-has-window allows the creation of GtkFixed widgets with their own X window. The function has to be called before realizing the widget.

The following example illustrates how to use a fixed container.

```
Example 9.3: Fixed Container
(defun move-button (button fixed)
  (let* ((allocation (gtk-widget-get-allocation fixed))
         (width (- (gdk-rectangle-width allocation) 20))
         (height (- (gdk-rectangle-height allocation) 10)))
    (gtk-fixed-move fixed button (random width) (random height))))
(defun example-fixed ()
  (within-main-loop
    (let ((window (make-instance 'gtk-window
                                  :type :toplevel
                                  :title "Example Fixed Container"
                                  :default-width 300
                                  :default-height 200
                                  :border-width 12))
          (fixed (make-instance 'gtk-fixed)))
      (g-signal-connect window "destroy"
                        (lambda (window)
                          (declare (ignore window))
                          (gtk-main-quit)))
      (gtk-container-add window fixed)
      (dotimes (i 3)
        (let ((button (gtk-button-new-with-label "Press me")))
          (g-signal-connect button "clicked"
                             (lambda (widget)
                               (move-button widget fixed)))
          (gtk-fixed-put fixed button (random 300) (random 200))))
      (gtk-widget-show window))))
```

9.4 Layout Container

The Layout container is similar to the Fixed container except that it implements an infinite (where infinity is less than 2^32) scrolling area. The X window system has a limitation

where windows can be at most 32767 pixels wide or tall. The Layout container gets around this limitation by doing some exotic stuff using window and bit gravities, so that you can have smooth scrolling even when you have many child widgets in your scrolling area.

A Layout container is created using gtk-layout-new which accepts the optional arguments hadjustment and vadjustment to specify Adjustment objects that the Layout widget will use for its scrolling.

Widgets can be add and move in the Layout container using the functions gtk-layout-put and gtk-layout-move. The size of the Layout container can be set using the function gtk-layout-set-size.

The final four functions for use with Layout widgets are for manipulating the horizontal and vertical adjustment widgets: gtk-layout-get-hadjustment, gtk-layout-get-vadjustment, and gtk-layout-set-vadjustment.

9.5 Frames



Figure 9.4: Frame Widget

Frames can be used to enclose one or a group of widgets with a box which can optionally be labelled. The position of the label and the style of the box can be altered to suit.

A Frame can be created with (make-instance 'gtk-frame or the function gtk-frame-new. The label is by default placed in the upper left hand corner of the frame. A value of Nil for the label argument will result in no label being displayed. The text of the label can be changed using the function gtk-frame-set-label.

The position of the label can be changed using the function gtk-frame-set-label-align which has the arguments xalign and yalign which take values between 0.0 and 1.0. xalign indicates the position of the label along the top horizontal of the frame. yalign is not currently used. The default value of xalign is 0.0 which places the label at the left hand end of the frame.

The function gtk-frame-set-shadow-type alters the style of the box that is used to outline the frame. The second argument is a keyword of the enumeration GtkShadowType. The possible values are listed in Table 8.3.

Example 9.4 illustrates the use of the frame widget.

Example 9.4: Frame Widget

```
(defun example-frame ()
  (within-main-loop
    (let ((window (make-instance 'gtk-window
                                  :type :toplevel
                                  :title "Example Frame"
                                  :default-width 250
                                  :default-height 200
                                  :border-width 12))
          (frame (make-instance 'gtk-frame
                                 :label "Gtk Frame Widget"
                                 :label-xalign 1.0
                                 :label-yalign 0.5
                                 :shadow-type :etched-in)))
      (g-signal-connect window "destroy"
                        (lambda (widget)
                           (declare (ignore widget))
                           (gtk-main-quit)))
      (gtk-container-add window frame)
      (gtk-widget-show window))))
```

9.6 Aspect Frames

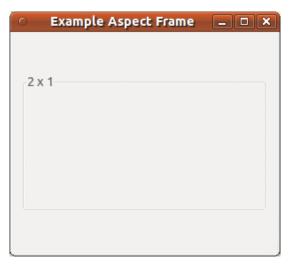


Figure 9.5: Aspect Frame Widget

The aspect frame widget is like a frame widget, except that it also enforces the aspect ratio (that is, the ratio of the width to the height) of the child widget to have a certain value, adding extra space if necessary. This is useful, for instance, if you want to preview a larger image. The size of the preview should vary when the user resizes the window, but the aspect ratio needs to always match the original image.

To create a new aspect frame use (make-instance 'gtk-aspect-frame or the function gtk-aspect-frame-new. xalign and yalign specify alignment as with Alignment widgets.

If obey_child is TRUE, the aspect ratio of a child widget will match the aspect ratio of the ideal size it requests. Otherwise, it is given by ratio.

The options of an existing aspect frame can be changed with the function gtk-aspect-frame-set.

As an example, the following program uses an AspectFrame to present a drawing area whose aspect ratio will always be 2:1, no matter how the user resizes the top-level window.

Example 9.5: Aspect Frame Widget

```
(defun example-aspect-frame ()
  (within-main-loop
    (let ((window (make-instance 'gtk-window
                                  :type :toplevel
                                  :title "Example Aspect Frame"
                                  :default-width 300
                                  :default-height 250
                                  :border-width 12))
          (frame (make-instance 'gtk-aspect-frame
                                 :label "2 x 1"
                                 :xalign 0.5
                                 :yalign 0.5
                                 :ratio 2
                                 :obey-child nil))
          (area (make-instance 'gtk-drawing-area
                                :width-request 200
                                :hight-request 200)))
      (g-signal-connect window "destroy"
                        (lambda (widget)
                          (declare (ignore widget))
                          (gtk-main-quit)))
      (gtk-container-add window frame)
      (gtk-container-add frame area)
      (gtk-widget-show window))))
```

9.7 Paned Window Widgets

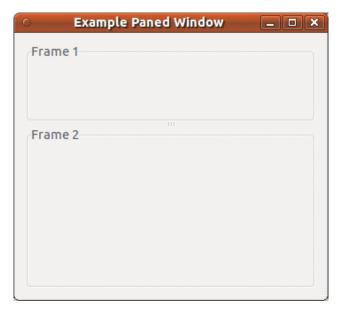


Figure 9.6: Paned Window Widgets

The paned window widgets are useful when you want to divide an area into two parts, with the relative size of the two parts controlled by the user. A groove is drawn between the two portions with a handle that the user can drag to change the ratio. The division can either be horizontal (GtkHPaned) or vertical (GtkVPaned).

To create a new paned window, call one of the functions gtk-hpanded-new or gtk-vpaned-new.

After creating the paned window widget, you need to add child widgets to its two halves. To do this, use the functions gtk-paned-add1 an gtk-paned-add2. gtk-paned-add1 adds the child widget to the left or top half of the paned window. gtk-paned-add2 adds the child widget to the right or bottom half of the paned window.

Example 9.6 shows a simple example.

Example 9.6: Paned Window Widgets

```
(gtk-main-quit)))
(gtk-widget-set-size-request window 350 300)
(gtk-container-add window vpaned)
(gtk-paned-add1 vpaned frame1)
(gtk-paned-add2 vpaned frame2)
(gtk-widget-show window))))
```

9.8 Viewports

It is unlikely that you will ever need to use the viewport widget directly. You are much more likely to use the scrolled window widget which itself uses the viewport.

A viewport widget allows you to place a larger widget within it such that you can view a part of it at a time. It uses adjustments to define the area that is currently in view.

A viewport is created with the function gtk-viewport-new. The function takes two arguments to specify the horizontal and vertical adjustments that the widget is to use when you create the widget. It will create its own if you pass NIL as the value of the arguments.

You can get and set the adjustments after the widget has been created using the one of the four functions gtk-viewport-get-hadjustment, gtk-viewport-get-vadjustment, gtk-viewport-set-hadjustment, and gtk-viewport-set-vadjustment.

The only other viewport function is gtk-viewport-set-shadow-type used to alter its appearance. The second argument is of type GtkShadowType. Possible values are listed in Table 8.3.

9.9 Scrolled Windows

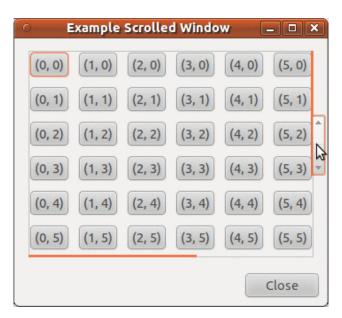


Figure 9.7: Scrolled Window

Scrolled windows are used to create a scrollable area with another widget inside it. You may insert any type of widget into a scrolled window, and it will be accessible regardless of the size by using the scrollbars.

The function gtk-scrolled-window-new is used to create a new scrolled window. Where the first argument is the adjustment for the horizontal direction, and the second, the adjustment for the vertical direction. These are almost always set to NIL.

The function gtk-scrolled-window-set-policy sets the policy to be used with respect to the scrollbars. The first argument is the scrolled window you wish to change. The second sets the policy for the horizontal scrollbar, and the third the policy for the vertical scrollbar.

The policy is of the enumeration type GtkPolicyType and may be one of :automatic or :always. :automatic will automatically decide whether you need scrollbars, whereas :always will always leave the scrollbars there. All possible values of GtkPolicyType are listed in Table 9.1.

Table 9.1: The values of the enumeration type GtkPolicyType determines when a scroll bar will be visible.

:always The scrollbar is always visible.

:automatic

The scrollbar will appear and disappear as necessary. For example, when all of a GtkCList can not be seen.

:never The scrollbar will never appear.

You can then place your object into the scrolled window using the function gtk-scrolled-window-add-with-viewport.

Example 9.7 is a simple example that packs a table with 100 toggle buttons into a scrolled window. Try playing with resizing the window. You will notice how the scrollbars react. You may also wish to use the gtk-widget-set-size-request call to set the default size of the window or other widgets.

```
Example 9.7: Scrolled Window
(defun example-scrolled-window ()
  (within-main-loop
    (let ((window (make-instance 'gtk-dialog
                                  :type :toplevel
                                  :title "Example Scrolled Window"
                                  :border-width 0
                                  :width-request 350
                                  :height-request 300))
          (scrolled (make-instance 'gtk-scrolled-window
                                    :border-width 12
                                    :hscrollbar-policy :automatic
                                    :vscrollbar-policy :always))
          (table (make-instance 'gtk-table
                                 :n-rows 10
                                 :n-columns 10
                                 :row-spacing 10
                                 :column-spacing 10
                                 :homogeneous nil)))
```

```
(g-signal-connect window "destroy"
                  (lambda (widget)
                    (declare (ignore widget))
                    (gtk-main-quit)))
(gtk-box-pack-start (gtk-dialog-get-content-area window) scrolled)
(gtk-scrolled-window-add-with-viewport scrolled table)
(dotimes (i 10)
  (dotimes (j 10)
    (gtk-table-attach table
                      (make-instance 'gtk-button
                                     :label
                                     (format nil "(~d, ~d)" i j))
                      i (+ i 1) j (+ j 1))))
(let ((button (make-instance 'gtk-button
                             :label "Close"
                             :can-default t)))
  (g-signal-connect button "clicked"
                    (lambda (widget)
                      (declare (ignore widget))
                      (gtk-widget-destroy window)))
  (gtk-box-pack-start (gtk-dialog-get-action-area window) button)
  (gtk-widget-grab-default button))
(gtk-widget-show window))))
```

9.10 Button Boxes



Figure 9.8: Button Boxes

Button boxes are a convenient way to quickly layout a group of buttons. They come in both horizontal and vertical flavours. You create a new Button Box with one of the following functions gtk-hbutton-box-new or gtk-vbutton-box-new, which create a horizontal or vertical box, respectively.

Buttons are added to a Button Box using the usual function gtk-container-add.

Example 9.8 is an example that illustrates all the different layout settings for Button Boxes.

Example 9.8: Button Boxes

```
:border-width 6
                              :layout-style layout
                              :spacing spacing)))
  (gtk-container-add bbox (gtk-button-new-from-stock "gtk-ok"))
  (gtk-container-add bbox (gtk-button-new-from-stock "gtk-cancel"))
  (gtk-container-add bbox (gtk-button-new-from-stock "gtk-help"))
  (gtk-container-add frame bbox)
  frame))
(defun example-button-box ()
  (within-main-loop
    (let ((window (make-instance 'gtk-window
                                 :type :toplevel
                                 :title "Example Button Box"
                                 :border-width 12))
          (vbox1 (make-instance 'gtk-vbox
                                :homogeneous nil
                                :spacing 0))
          (vbox2 (make-instance 'gtk-vbox
                                :homogeneous nil
                                :spacing 0))
          (hbox (make-instance 'gtk-hbox
                               :homogeneous nil
                               :spacing 0)))
      ;; Set gtk-button-images to T. This allows buttons with text and image.
      (setf (gtk-settings-gtk-button-images (gtk-settings-get-default)) t)
      (g-signal-connect window "destroy"
                        (lambda (widget)
                          (declare (ignore widget))
                          (gtk-main-quit)))
      ;; Create Horizontal Button Boxes
      (gtk-box-pack-start vbox1
                          (make-instance 'gtk-label
                                          :ypad 6
                                          :xalign 0
                                          :use-markup t
                                          :label
                                          "<b>Horizontal Button Boxes</b>")
                          :expand nil
                          :fill nil)
      ;; Create the first Horizontal Box
      (gtk-box-pack-start vbox2
                          (create-bbox t "Spread (spacing 12)" 12 :spread))
      ;; Create the second Horizontal Box
      (gtk-box-pack-start vbox2
                          (create-bbox t "Edge (spacing 12)" 12 :edge))
      ;; Create the third Horizontal Box
```

```
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox2
                    (create-bbox t "Start (spacing 6)" 6 :start))
;; Create the fourth Horizontal Box
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox2
                    (create-bbox t "End (spacing 6)" 6 :end))
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox1 vbox2)
;; Create Vertical Button Boxes
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox1
                    (make-instance 'gtk-label
                                   :ypad 12
                                    :xalign 0
                                    :use-markup t
                                    :label
                                   "<b>Vertical Button Boxes</b>")
                    :expand nil
                    :fill nil)
;; Create the first Vertical Box
(gtk-box-pack-start hbox
                    (create-bbox nil "Spread (spacing 12)" 12 :spread))
;; Create the second Vertical Box
(gtk-box-pack-start hbox
                    (create-bbox nil "Edge (spacing 12)" 12 :edge))
;; Create the third Vertical Box
(gtk-box-pack-start hbox
                    (create-bbox nil "Start (spacing 6)" 6 :start))
;; Create the fourth Vertical Box
(gtk-box-pack-start hbox
                    (create-bbox nil "End (spacing 6)" 6 :end))
(gtk-box-pack-start vbox1 hbox)
(gtk-container-add window vbox1)
(gtk-widget-show window))))
```

9.11 Toolbar

A toolbar is created with a call to gtk-toolbar-new.

A toolbar can contain instances of a subclass of GtkToolItem. To add a GtkToolItem to the a toolbar, use gtk-toolbar-insert. To remove an item from the toolbar use gtk-container-remove. To add a button to the toolbar, add an instance of GtkToolButton.

Toolbar items can be visually grouped by adding instances of GtkSeparatorToolItem to the toolbar. If the GtkToolbar child property "expand" is TRUE and the property "draw" is set to FALSE, the effect is to force all following items to the end of the toolbar.

Creating a context menu for the toolbar can be done by connecting to the "popup-context-menu" signal.

9.12 Notebook

The GtkNotebook widget is a GtkContainer whose children are pages that can be switched between using tab labels along one edge.

There are many configuration options for GtkNotebook. Among other things, you can choose on which edge the tabs appear (see gtk-notebook-set-tab-pos), whether, if there are too many tabs to fit the notebook should be made bigger or scrolling arrows added (see gtk-notebook-set-scrollable), and whether there will be a popup menu allowing the users to switch pages (see gtk-notebook-popup-enable, gtk-notebook-popup-disable).

10 Menu Widget

10.1 Manual Menu Creation

GtkMenuShell

A GtkMenuShell is the abstract base class used to derive the GtkMenu and GtkMenuBar subclasses.

A GtkMenuShell is a container of GtkMenuItem objects arranged in a list which can be navigated, selected, and activated by the user to perform application functions. A GtkMenuItem can have a submenu associated with it, allowing for nested hierarchical menus.

GtkMenuBar

The GtkMenuBar is a subclass of GtkMenuShell which contains one or more GtkMenu-Items. The result is a standard menu bar which can hold many menu items.

GtkMenu

A GtkMenu is a GtkMenuShell that implements a drop down menu consisting of a list of GtkMenuItem objects which can be navigated and activated by the user to perform application functions.

A GtkMenu is most commonly dropped down by activating a GtkMenuItem in a Gtk-MenuBar or popped up by activating a GtkMenuItem in another GtkMenu.

A GtkMenu can also be popped up by activating a GtkOptionMenu. Other composite widgets such as the GtkNotebook can pop up a GtkMenu as well.

Applications can display a GtkMenu as a popup menu by calling the gtk_menu_popup() function. The example below shows how an application can pop up a menu when the 3rd mouse button is pressed.

GtkMenuItem

The GtkMenuItem widget and the derived widgets are the only valid childs for menus. Their function is to correctly handle highlighting, alignment, events and submenus.

As it derives from GtkBin it can hold any valid child widget, altough only a few are really useful.

GtkCheckMenuItem

A GtkCheckMenuItem is a menu item that maintains the state of a boolean value in addition to a GtkMenuItem usual role in activating application code.

A check box indicating the state of the boolean value is displayed at the left side of the GtkMenuItem. Activating the GtkMenuItem toggles the value.

GtkImageMenuItem

A GtkImageMenuItem is a menu item which has an icon next to the text label.

Note that the user can disable display of menu icons, so make sure to still fill in the text label.

GtkSeparatorMenuItem

The GtkSeparatorMenuItem is a separator used to group items within a menu. It displays a horizontal line with a shadow to make it appear sunken into the interface.

GtkTearoffMenuItem

A GtkTearoffMenuItem is a special GtkMenuItem which is used to tear off and reattach its menu.

When its menu is shown normally, the GtkTearoffMenuItem is drawn as a dotted line indicating that the menu can be torn off. Activating it causes its menu to be torn off and displayed in its own window as a tearoff menu.

When its menu is shown as a tearoff menu, the GtkTearoffMenuItem is drawn as dotted line which has a left pointing arrow graphic indicating that the tearoff menu can be reattached. Activating it will erase the tearoff menu window.

```
(defun example-menu ()
  (within-main-loop
    (let ((window (make-instance 'gtk-window
                                  :type :toplevel
                                  :default-width 200
                                  :default-height 200
                                  :title "Example Menu Widget"))
          (vbox (make-instance 'gtk-vbox)))
      (g-signal-connect window "destroy"
                        (lambda (widget)
                           (declare (ignore widget))
                           (gtk-main-quit)))
      ;; Create the menu-bar and the items of the menu-bar.
      (let ((menubar (make-instance 'gtk-menu-bar
                                     :visible t
                                     :can-focus nil))
            ;; Item file of the menu-bar.
            (item-file (make-instance 'gtk-menu-item
                                       :label "_Datei"
                                       :use-underline t))
            ;; Item edit of the menu-bar.
            (item-edit (make-instance 'gtk-menu-item
                                       :label "_Bearbeiten"
                                       :use-underline t))
            ;; Item help of the menu-bar.
            (item-help (make-instance 'gtk-menu-item
                                       :label "_Hilfe"
                                       :use-underline t)))
        ;; Create submenu for the item file.
        (let ((submenu (make-instance 'gtk-menu
                                       :visible t
                                       :can-focus nil))
              (item-file-new (make-instance 'gtk-image-menu-item
                                        :label "gtk-new"
                                        :use-underline t
                                        :use-stock t))
              (item-file-open (make-instance 'gtk-image-menu-item
                                         :label "gtk-open"
```

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:use-underline t
                                :use-stock t))
      (item-file-save (make-instance 'gtk-image-menu-item
                                :label "gtk-save"
                                 :user-underline t
                                :use-stock t))
      (item-file-save-as (make-instance 'gtk-image-menu-item
                                         :label "gtk-save-as"
                                         :user-underline t
                                         :use-stock t))
      (item-file-quit (make-instance 'gtk-image-menu-item
                                      :label "gtk-quit"
                                      :user-underline t
                                      :use-stock t)))
  ;; Add the items to to the submenu.
  (gtk-menu-shell-append submenu item-file-new)
  (gtk-menu-shell-append submenu item-file-open)
  (gtk-menu-shell-append submenu item-file-save)
  (gtk-menu-shell-append submenu item-file-save-as)
  ;; Insert a GtkSeparatorMenuItem.
  (gtk-menu-shell-append submenu (gtk-separator-menu-item-new))
 ;; Add the item file quit to the submenu
  (gtk-menu-shell-append submenu item-file-quit)
 ;; Set the submenu of the item file.
  (gtk-menu-item-set-submenu item-file submenu))
;; Create submenu for the item edit.
(let ((submenu (make-instance 'gtk-menu
                              :visible t
                              :can-focus nil))
      (item-edit-cut (make-instance 'gtk-image-menu-item
                                     :label "gtk-cut"
                                     :use-underline t
                                     :use-stock t))
      (item-edit-copy (make-instance 'gtk-image-menu-item
                                     :label "gtk-copy"
                                      :use-underline t
                                     :use-stock t))
      (item-edit-paste (make-instance 'gtk-image-menu-item
                                       :label "gtk-paste"
                                       :user-underline t
                                       :use-stock t))
      (item-edit-delete (make-instance 'gtk-image-menu-item
                                        :label "gtk-delete"
                                        :user-underline t
                                        :use-stock t)))
 ;; Add the items to to the submenu.
  (gtk-menu-shell-append submenu item-edit-cut)
```

```
(gtk-menu-shell-append submenu item-edit-copy)
          (gtk-menu-shell-append submenu item-edit-paste)
          (gtk-menu-shell-append submenu item-edit-delete)
         ;; Set the submenu of the item edit.
         (gtk-menu-item-set-submenu item-edit submenu))
        ;; Create submenu for the item help.
        (let ((submenu (make-instance 'gtk-menu
                                     :visible t
                                     :can-focus nil))
             (item-help-about (make-instance 'gtk-image-menu-item
                                             :label "gtk-about"
                                             :use-underline t
                                             :use-stock t)))
         ;; Add the items to to the submenu.
         (gtk-menu-shell-append submenu item-help-about)
         ;; Set the submenu of the item help.
         (gtk-menu-item-set-submenu item-help submenu))
        ;; Add the items file, edit, and help into the menubar.
        (gtk-menu-shell-append menubar item-file)
        (gtk-menu-shell-append menubar item-edit)
        (gtk-menu-shell-append menubar item-help)
        ;; Pack the menubar into the vbox.
        (gtk-box-pack-start vbox menubar))
      ;; Pack the vbox into the window.
      (gtk-container-add window vbox)
      ;; Show the window.
      (gtk-widget-show window))))
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```

```
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       </child>
      </object>
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 </object>
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(defun example-menu-builder ()
  (within-main-loop
    (let ((builder (make-instance 'gtk-builder)))
      (gtk-builder-add-from-file builder "example-menu-builder.ui")
      (g-signal-connect (gtk-builder-get-object builder "window") "destroy"
                        (lambda (widget)
                          (declare (ignore widget))
                          (gtk-main-quit)))
     (gtk-widget-show (gtk-builder-get-object builder "window")))))
```

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