Desutezeoid Point and Click Game Engine

API and usage manual. By Thomas Leathers $_{\mathrm{v}1.0}$

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History

v1.0: initial version.

Introduction

Desutezeoid is an XML-driven, event-based point and click game engine. It features a plugin system, a string-based event scripting system, music and sound support, and more.

contributions of both code and help with this manual are welcome.

XML Structure

Desutezeoid has a page structure primarily divided into 3 parts:

Pageconf

pageconf is the area where the page is configured, the optional pagekeys are found and activated, background music is controlled, and other related operations occur.

forks

Forks are the heart of Desutezeoid's event logic, and various fork types can be found in the example XML files included with Desutzeoid

core

Core objects are where the display happens, and come in 4 default types:

box, image, label, and text. again, see included examples for more detailed descriptions and examples.

img	show an image
label	show an optionally clickable label
box	create invisible or colored clickable rectangles
text	easily show a paragraph of text.

Plugin API:

The plugin system works by dynamically loading each plugin into a central plugin library.

the plugins all must be located in the "plugins" folder and end in ".dzup.py"

plugin class names should take the form: PLUGIN_pluginname

As always, see example plugins!

each plugin file should have a plugin class, and the following variables defined:

plugname	name of the plugin
plugclass	reference to the plugin class (NOT an instance, the class itself.)
plugpath	the name of the subdirectory in the plugin directory that this plugin uses. (mainly for future-proofing)

Plugin Class functions. (required)

function	description
init(self, screensurf, keylist):	screensurf is the pygame display surface keylist is a direct reference to Desutezeoid's keyid list.
fork(self, tagobj):	called during fork processing, plugins should check any fork tags it wishes to. (tip: for if statements try: tagobj.tag=="yourforktag")
core(self, tagobj)	called during core processing, plugins should check any core tags it wishes to. (tip: for if statements try: tagobj.tag=="yourcoretag") also: Should either return None, or pygame Rect. If Rect is returned, the system will attempt to parse the standard "act" component, and associated related attributes you may also want to use the provided click events in place of the standard act component. if you want hoverkey to be active, you MUST return a Rect! #onkey/offkey masking is honored by the system regardless.

def pump(self):	called every clock loop before pygame events are processed. return a list of clicktab instances to have them appended to Desutezeoid's list of clicktab instances for that loop.
click(self, event):	provides Pygame MOUSEBUTTONDOWN events.
clickup(self, event):	provides Pygame MOUSEBUTTONUP events.
pageclear(self)	called every pageload.

clicktab objects:

clicktab objects are used internally by Desutezeoid to describe clickable objects, and can be returned by the **pump()** method of a plugin class in the form of a list. (even if only 1 clicktab instance is given, it **MUST** be in a list)

clicktabexample=clicktab(box, reftype, ref, keyid, takekey, sfxclick, sound)

box:

box should be the Pygame Rect representing the area of the screen surface you want the clicktab to respond to.

reftype:

what you want the clicktab to do when clicked.

type	description
key	process only keyid and takekey values (see below)
iref	go to page described in "ref" (see below) also process keyids.
prev	goto previous page
quit	prompt user with the quit dialog

ref:

if reftype is iref, load page filename described here.

keyid:

if clicked, add this keyid to keylist, (use "0" for none)

takekey:

if clicked, remove this keyid from keylist, (use "0" for none)

sfxclick and sound:

if sfxclick set to 1, load and play sound file described by "sound" set sfxclick to 0 and sound to None for no click sound

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