

## Classes and structures

**class Animation: header source** Animation helper class with two easing-in animations: linear and exponential.

**class AsyncMessageQueue: header** Header-only asynchronous message queue. Used by `TwoWayPipeMessageIPC`.

**class TwoWayPipeMessageIPC: header** Header-only asynchronous IPC messaging class. Used by the runner to communicate with the settings window.

**class DPIAware: header source** Helper class for creating DPI-aware applications.

**struct MonitorInfo: header source** Class for obtaining information about physical displays connected to the machine.

**class Settings, class PowerToyValues, class CustomActionObject: header source** Classes used to define settings screens for the PowerToys modules.

**class Tasklist: header source** Class that can detect the position of the windows buttons on the taskbar. It also detects which window will react to pressing `WinKey + number`.

**struct WindowsColors: header source** Class for detecting the current Windows color scheme.

## Helpers

**Common helpers: header source** Various helper functions.

**Settings helpers: header** Helper methods for the settings.

**Start visible helper: header source** Contains function to test if the Start menu is visible.

## Toast Notifications

**Notifications API header source** To use UWP-style toast notifications, simply include the header and call one of these functions:

```

void show_toast(std::wstring_view message);           // #1

void show_toast_background_activated(                // #2
    std::wstring_view message,
    std::wstring_view background_handler_id,
    std::vector<std::wstring_view> button_labels);

```

We might add more functions in the future if the need arises, e.g. `show_toast_xml` which will accept raw XML for rich customization.

Description: - #1 is for sending simple notifications without any callbacks or buttons - #2 is capable of showing a toast with multiple buttons and background activation - `message` is a plain-text argument

Implement a toast activation handler/callback as a function in `handler_functions.cpp` and register its `background_handler_id` via `handlers_map`, e.g.:

```

// Your .cpp where you'd like to show a toast

#include <common/notifications.h>

void some_func() {
    // ...
    notifications::show_toast_background_activated(
        L"Toast message!",                                // text displayed in toast
        L"awesome_toast",                                  // activation handler_id
        {L"Press me!", L"Also could press me!", L"I'm here to be pressed!"} // buttons in a toast
    );
}

// handler_functions.cpp
void awesome_toast_handler(IBackgroundTaskInstance, const size_t button_id)
{
    switch(button_id)
    {
        case 0:
            // handle "Press me!" button click
        case 1:
            // handle "Also could press me!" button click
        case 2:
            // handle "I'm here to be pressed!" button click
    }
}

namespace
{
    const std::unordered_map<std::wstring_view, handler_function_t> handlers_map = {
        // ...other handlers...
    }
}

```

```
    {"L"awesome_toast", awesome_toast_handler}  
};}
```

Note: since *background activation* implies that your toast handler will be invoked in a separate process, you can't share data directly from within a handler and your PT process. Also, since PT is currently a Desktop Bridge app, *foreground activation* is handled the same as background, therefore we don't make a dedicated API for it. You can read more on the rationale of the current design [here](#).