








# Chapter 14: Handling OS InputEvents

we are gonna take an backwards unfolding approach here

## 1. dispatch\_events

- **amGHOST** *StackTrace [Surface ---> Deep]*

**amGHOST:-** lets your headache dissappear about OS::Stuffs/Functions

1. <b>amGHOST_Window</b>	<b>::dispatch_events_with_OSModalLoops()</b>	 [github][1]
2. <b>amGHOST_WindowWIN32</b>	<b>::dispatch_events_with_OSModalLoops()</b>	 [github][2]
3. <b>amGHOST_System</b>	<b>::dispatch_events_with_OSModalLoops()</b>	 [github][3]
4. <b>amGHOST_SystemWIN32</b>	<b>::dispatch_events_with_OSModalLoops()</b>	 [github][4]
5. <b>amGHOST_SystemWIN32.cpp</b>	<b>::actual_implementaion</b>	 [github][5]

- 1. *amGHOST\_Window*
- 2. *amGHOST\_WindowWIN32*
- 3. *amGHOST\_System*
- 4. *amGHOST\_SystemWIN32*
- 5. *amGHOST\_SystemWIN32.cpp*

- *[win32] it has 6 parts*








- The plan is to get this section generalized for all OS & have separate **win32** / **xlib** / **x11** / **wayland** / **macOS** sections below

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1. ::PeekMessage() or ::GetMessage()
2. ::TranslateMessage()
3. ::DispatchMessage() ----> WndProc()
4. static WndProc() -----> ::DefWindowProcessor()
5. ::DefWindowProcessor() -> ModalLoop
6. ModalLoop
```

- vii. **::PeekMessage()**
  - Kinda like pop & grab the last InputEvent/Message from EventQueue
- viii. **::TranslateMessage()**
  - This is needed on some OS, for some specific ops, e.g. KeyBoard events
- ix. **::DispatchMessage()** --> **WndProc**
  - For now, i only know about one kind of Dispatching
    - a. Calls **WindowProcessorFunction** / **WndProc**
      - must have been registered & tied to a window during WindowCreationg
- x. **static WndProc()**
  - InputEvent Processor as per Window
- xi. **::DefWindowProcessor()**
  - Operating System's very own little **InputEvent** Processor
  - Properly Unhandled events must be passed on to this function
  - Some InputEvents/Messages
    - can't really be Properly Handled, e.g. **WM\_SYSCOMMAND**
  - Get's Into **ModalLoops** during events like WINDOW-RESIZING
- xii. *Modal Loops*
  - See below 



## 2. win32

### 1. General Info i

- i. `::CreateWindowA()`
    - Every win32 window needs a `WNDCLASSA` during `::CreateWindowA()`  |
    - Window gets bound to the calling/creating thread as owner thread
  - ii. `::Peek/Get/DispatchMessage()`
    - does not peek/get/dispatch messages of windows from other threads
  - iii. `WNDCLASSA.lpfnWndProc` 
    - Binds the window to a `static WndProc()` 
  - iv. `static WndProc()`
    - WindowProcessorFunction
    - This is a function that you need to implement.
    - It needs to be `static`
    - ⚠ Beware of Static Initialization Order Fiasco
      -  [50-min CppCon Talk](#)
      -  [12-min explainer](#)
      -  [Extras: 1](#)
      -  [Extras: Singleton pitfalls](#)
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## 3. ModalLoop

### • I: Core Behavior

- Starts @ `MouseButtonDown` 
- Peeks, Dispatches (OtherMessages), Waits till `MouseButtonReleased`
- Ends @ `MouseButtonReleased` 

### • II: Triggered During events like

- ReSizing 
- Minimize/Maximize animations (Windows Aero effects) 

### • III: Halts / Blocks Thread

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## ModalLoop : win32

### • IV: ModalLoop Under The Hood:-

- OS has it's own little `dispatch_events()` implementation.
- It keeps on peeking & dispatching & waiting till `MouseButtonReleased` is received

```
while(true) {  
    ::SendMessage()           // Blocks Thread if no message is there till smth arrives  
    ::TranslateMessage()  
    ::DispatchMessage()  
    calls -> static WndProc() [userProvided]  
  
    if (msg == WM_EXITSIZEMOVE) {break;}  
    // Obviously there will be a heck ton other extra processing going on, but you get the idea  
}
```

- It's so darn similar to `MainLoop`

- V:- `win32` *Sample Implementation (odin32):-*

- i. [win32wbase.cpp#L1581](#)
- ii. [win32wbase.cpp#L1922](#)
- iii. [win32wbasenonclient.cpp#L1318](#)
- iv. `SC_SIZE`: This is the key for Window Resizing event
- v. [wintrack.cpp#L441](#)
- vi. & Here goes the ModalLoop
- vii. [wintrack.cpp#L564](#)

## 1. FAQ?

- Exactly where does the ModalLoop gets Trigger? 
  - When we pass `WM_SYSCOMMAND` to `::DefWindowProc()`
- `WM_LBUTTONDOWN` vs `WM_NCLBUTTONDOWN` 
  - Pressing mouse on OS-Window Frame/Corner/Border  sends `WM_NCLBUTTONDOWN` (not `WM_LBUTTONDOWN`)
  - NC = Non-Client 
  - LBUTTON = Left Mouse Button
- What if we ignore `WM_NCLBUTTONDOWN`? 
  - `WM_SYSCOMMAND` won't generate!
  - Must call `::DefWindowProc()` on `WM_NCLBUTTONDOWN` 
  - Passing This one to `::DefWindowProc()` is exactly how the OS internally keeps track of MouseButtonDown 
- When does `WM_ENTERSIZEMOVE` occur? 
  - When you call `::DefWindowProc()` with `WM_SYSCOMMAND`
- ModalLoop starts on passing `WM_SYSCOMMAND` or `WM_ENTERSIZEMOVE`? 
  - I believe, it's `WM_SYSCOMMAND` [gotta test 
- If `WM_SYSCOMMAND` starts the ModalLoop, why'd we even catch `WM_ENTERSIZEMOVE` in our `static WndProc()`?
  - Well, it's because, `win32` wanted us to catch all those events, but still wanted us to call `::DefWindowProc()` on those

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## ModalLoop : `xlib`

- IV: `X11` / `XCB` / `Wayland` [Linux] & [MacOS]

- To be added, really soon! (when i port `amGHOST` to `x11/xcb/wayland/macos`)

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## ModalLoop : `summary`



- VI: In Words:-

- Operating System enters it's very own `Loop` when `MouseButton` is PressedDown
- This is what's called `ModalLoop`
- The `ModalLoop` doesn't `return/break` till `MouseButton` is Released
  - Yes, that does mean that your `mainThread` is blocked and waiting!

## 4. Resizing ↔

- **Generates** `WM_SYSCOMMAND`
  - right when we pass `WM_NCLBUTTONDOWN` --> `::DefWindowProcessor()`
- **Triggers ModalLoop**
  - right when we pass `WM_SYSCOMMAND` --> `::DefWindowProcessor()`
- **Messages sent while inside ModalLoop**

```
[REPEATED]:- WM_NCMOUSEMOVE --> WM_NCHITTEST --> WM_SETCURSOR
[REY_MODAL_LOOP]:- WM_NCLBUTTONDOWN --> Entering: DefWindowProc
[REY_MODAL_LOOP]:- WM_SYSCOMMAND --> Entering: DefWindowProc
[Win32GUI]:- WM_GETMINMAXINFO
[Win32GUI]:- WM_ENTERSIZEMOVE
[Win32GUI]:- WM_NCMOUSELEAVE
[Win32GUI]:- WM_CAPTURECHANGED
[Win32GUI]:- WM_WINDOWPOSCHANGING
[Win32GUI]:- WM_GETMINMAXINFO
[Win32GUI]:- WM_EXITSIZEMOVE
[REY_MODAL_LOOP]:- WM_SYSCOMMAND --> Returned: DefWindowProc
[REY_MODAL_LOOP]:- WM_NCLBUTTONDOWN --> Returned: DefWindowProc
[REPEATED]:- WM_NCMOUSEMOVE --> WM_NCHITTEST --> WM_SETCURSOR
```

-  **REY\_DOCS**
  - Well, if you wanna do anything inside the Window, while it's being resized, You must do it in a different thread  because of the `MainThread` being stuck in the `modalLoop`

## 5. Window Creation & Destruction

- TBA: `WM_CREATE`, `WM_DESTROY`, `WM_KEYDOWN`, + Show Code / Redirect to my `WndProc` implementations

### 1. `amGHOST` Events <-- (Win32/XCB/X11/Wayland/macOS)

- EventTypes
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xnopUoZbMEk&list=PLlrATfBNZ98dC-V-N3m0Go4deliWHPFwT>