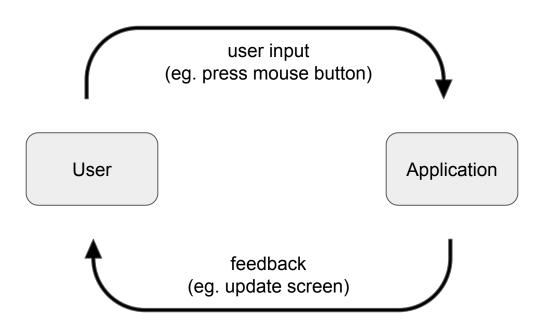
Building an Immediate Mode GUI (IMGUI) from scratch

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https://github.com/Sid-Bhatia-0/JuliaCon2022Talk

https://github.com/Sid-Bhatia-0/SimpleIMGUI.jl

UI Loop



Two Paradigms of Interfacing with a UI Library

- Retained mode
- Immediate mode

Selected Resources

- Immediate-Mode Graphical User Interfaces 2005
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z1qyvQsjK5Y
- About the IMGUI paradigm
 - https://github.com/ocornut/imgui/wiki#about-the-imgui-paradigm

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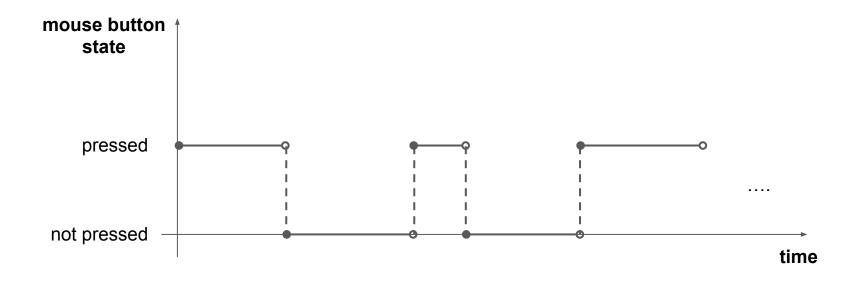
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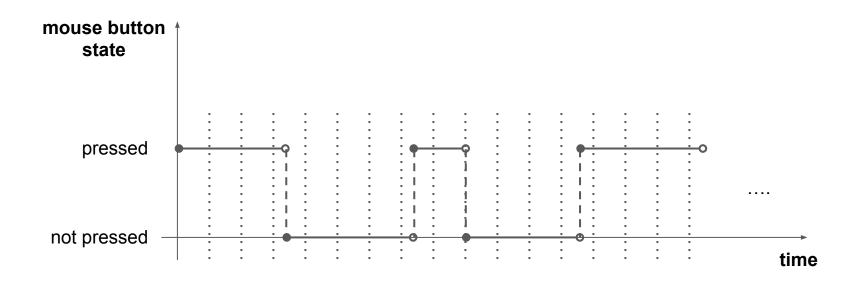
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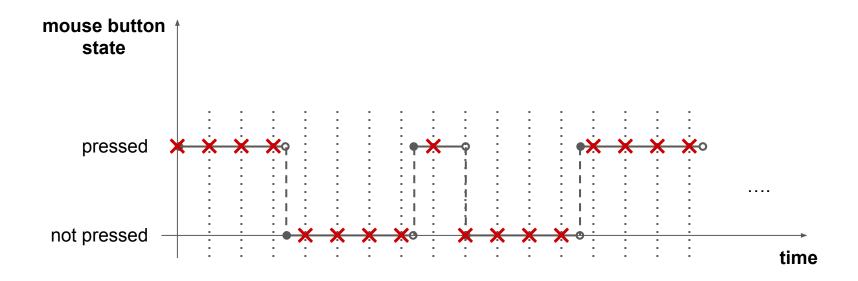
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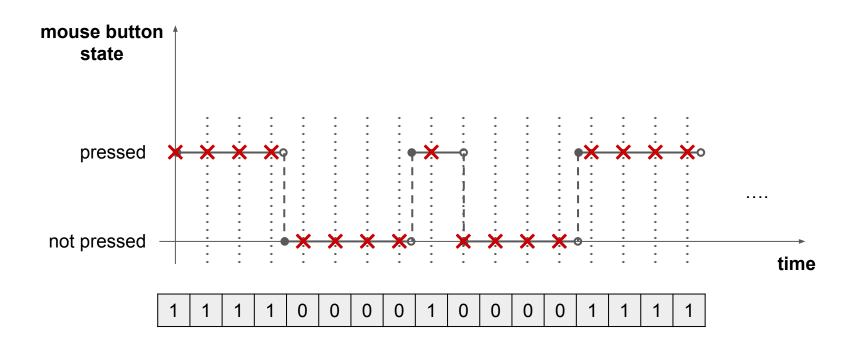
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GLFW.DestroyWindow(window)
# ...
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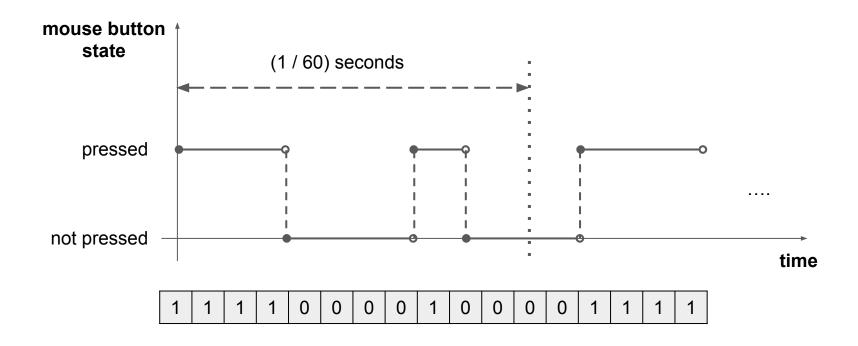
UserInputState

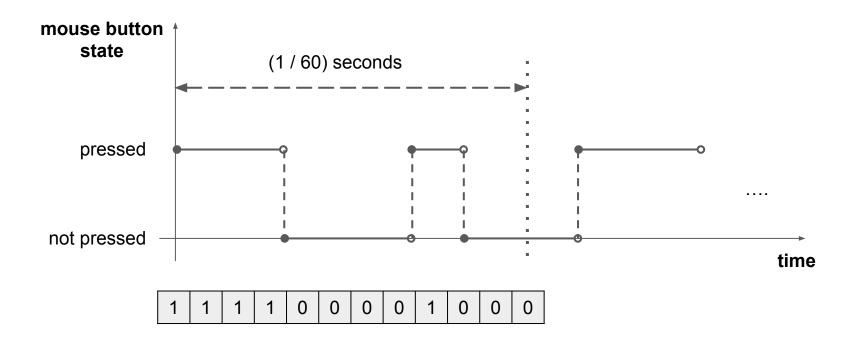


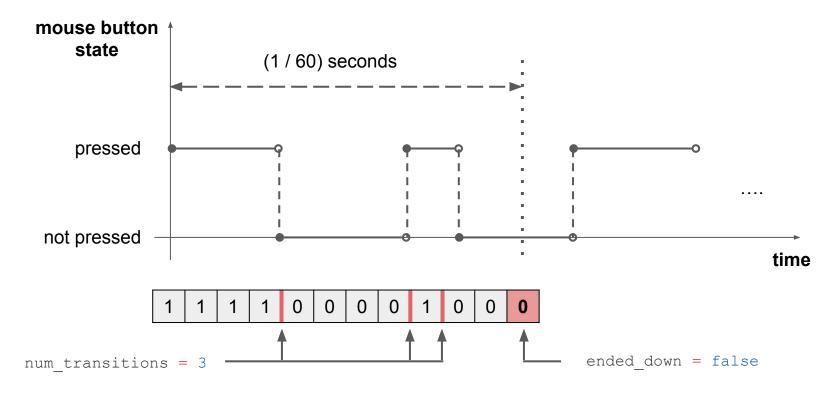












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struct InputButton
    ended_down::Bool
    num_transitions::Int
end
```

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went down(input button) = went down(input button.ended down, input button.num transitions)
went_up(ended_down, num_transitions) = (num_transitions >= 2) ||
                                       ((num transitions == 1) && !ended down)
went_up(input_button) = went_up(input button.ended down, input button.num transitions)
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((num transitions == 1) && ended down)

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```
mutable struct UserInputState
    cursor::Point
    mouse_left::InputButton
    mouse_right::InputButton
    key_up::InputButton
    key_down::InputButton
    # ...
end
```

UserInteractionState

```
# ...
user interaction state = UserInteractionState(#= ... =#)
# ...
while !GLFW.WindowShouldClose(window)
    # ...
   button1 id = # ...
    button1_value = do_widget!(BUTTON, user_interaction_state, user_input_state, button1_id, #=
... =#)
    if button1 value
       # ...
    end
    # draw button1...
    # other widgets...
end
```

```
# ...
user interaction state = UserInteractionState(#= ... =#)
# ...
while !GLFW.WindowShouldClose(window)
    # ...
    button1 id = # ...
    button1 value = do widget! (BUTTON, user interaction state, user input state, button1 id, #=
... =#)
    if button1 value
        # ...
    end
    # draw button1...
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end
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```
struct WidgetID
    line::Int
end

# file.jl
# ...
button1_id = WidgetID(@__LINE__) # WidgetID(102)
# ...
button2_id = WidgetID(@__LINE__) # WidgetID(124)
```

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# file1.jl
# ...
button1_id = WidgetID(@__LINE__) # WidgetID(102)
# ...

# file2.jl
# ...
button2_id = WidgetID(@__LINE__) # WidgetID(102)
# ...
```

```
file::String
    line::Int
end
# file1.jl
# ...
button1 id = WidgetID(@ FILE , @ LINE ) # WidgetID("/path/to/file1.jl", 102)
# ...
# file2.jl
# ...
button2_id = WidgetID(@__FILE_ , @ LINE ) # WidgetID("/path/to/file2.jl", 102)
# ...
```

struct WidgetID

```
# file.jl
# ...
for i in 1:5
    button_i_id = WidgetID(@__FILE__, @__LINE__) # WidgetID("/path/to/file.jl", 102)
    # ...
end
# ...
```

```
struct WidgetID
    file::String
    line::Int
    instance::Int
end
# file.jl
# ...
for i in 1:5
    button i id = WidgetID(@ FILE , @ LINE , i) # WidgetID("/path/to/file.jl", 102, i)
   # ...
end
```

```
# ...
user interaction state = UserInteractionState(#= ... =#)
# ...
while !GLFW.WindowShouldClose(window)
    # ...
   button1 id = WidgetID(@ FILE , @ LINE , 1) # WidgetID("/path/to/file.jl", 102, 1)
   button1 value = do widget!(BUTTON, user interaction state, user_input_state, button1_id, #=
... =#)
    if button1 value
       # ...
    end
    # draw button1...
    # other widgets...
end
```

```
mutable struct UserInteractionState
   hot_widget::WidgetID
   active_widget::WidgetID
   null_widget::WidgetID
end

const NULL_WIDGET_ID = WidgetID("", 0, 0)
```

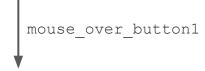
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ACTIVE			

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mouse_over_button1

null_widget	button1	button2	button3
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function try_set_hot_widget(hot_widget, active_widget, null_widget, this_widget, condition)
   if (hot_widget == null_widget) && (active_widget == null_widget) && condition
        return this_widget
   else
        return hot_widget
   end
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mouse_over_button1

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&& mouse_went_down

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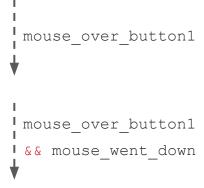
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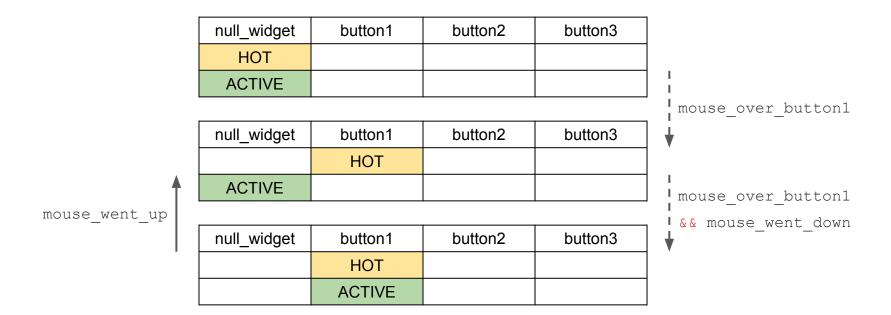
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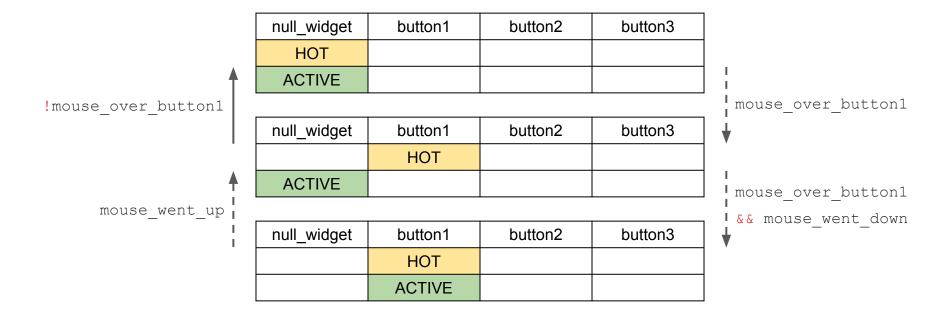
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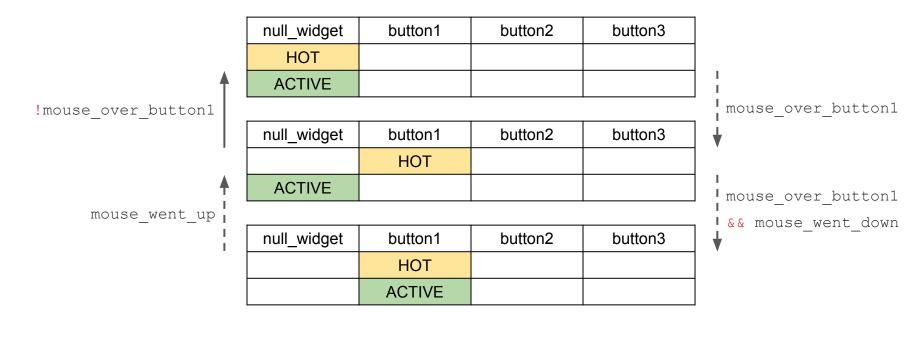


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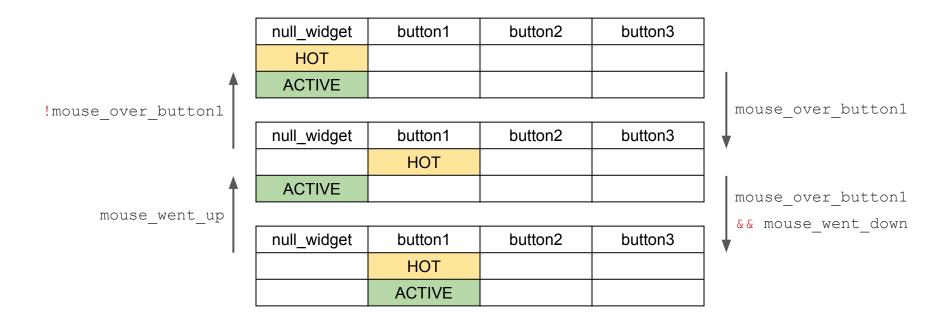


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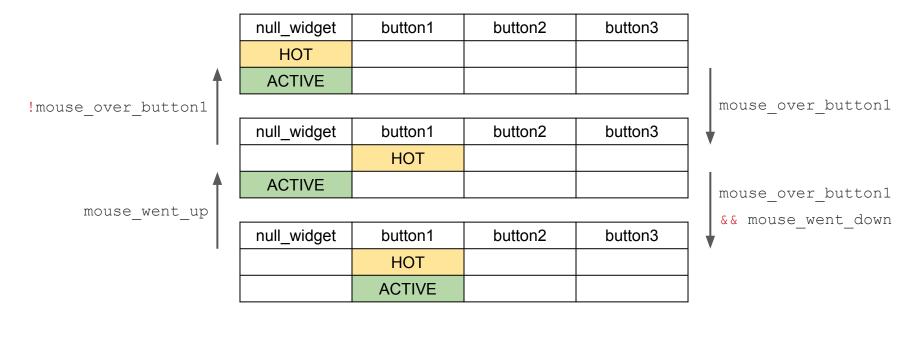




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```
function get_widget_value(::Button, hot_widget, active_widget, this_widget, condition)
   if (hot_widget == this_widget) && (active_widget == this_widget) && condition
        return true
   else
        return false
   end
```



```
function do_widget(widget_type::Button, hot_widget, active_widget, null_widget, this_widget,
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    # ...
end
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mouse went up)
  # ...
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hot widget = try reset hot widget (hot widget, active widget, null widget, this widget, !mouse over widget)

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end
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return hot_widget, active_widget, null_widget, value

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return hot_widget, active_widget, null_widget, value

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function do_widget(widget_type::Slider, hot_widget, active_widget, null_widget, this_widget,
i_min, j_min, i_max, j_max, i_mouse, j_mouse, ended_down, num_transitions, last_value)

mouse_over_widget = (i_min <= i_mouse <= i_max) && (j_min <= j_mouse <= j_max)
mouse went down = went down(ended down, num transitions)</pre>
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mouse_over_widget && mouse_went_down)

value = get widget value(widget type, hot widget, active widget, this widget, clamp(j mouse -
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j_min + one(j_min), zero(j_min), j_max - j_min + one(j_min)), last_value)

active_widget = try_reset_active_widget(hot_widget, active_widget, null_widget, this_widget,
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return hot_widget, active_widget, null_widget, value
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mouse went up = went up(ended down, num transitions)

mouse over widget)

mouse went up)

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mouse_over_widget)

active_widget = try_set_active_widget(hot_widget, active_widget, null_widget, this_widget,
mouse_over_widget && mouse_went_down)

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value = get_widget_value(widget_type, hot_widget, active_widget, this_widget, clamp(j_mouse -
j_min + one(j_min), zero(j_min), j_max - j_min + one(j_min)), last_value)

active widget = try reset active widget(hot widget, active widget, null widget, this widget,
```

mouse_went_up)

hot_widget = try_reset_hot_widget(hot_widget, active_widget, null_widget, this_widget,
!mouse over widget)

return hot_widget, active_widget, null_widget, value

```
function do_widget! (widget_type::TextBox, hot_widget, active_widget, null_widget, this_widget,
i_min, j_min, i_max, j_max, i_mouse, j_mouse, ended_down, num_transitions, text, characters)

mouse_over_widget = (i_min <= i_mouse <= i_max) && (j_min <= j_mouse <= j_max)
mouse_went_down = went_down(ended_down, num_transitions)
mouse_went_up = went_up(ended_down, num_transitions)

hot_widget = try_set_hot_widget(hot_widget, active_widget, null_widget, this_widget,
mouse_over_widget)</pre>
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active_widget = try_set_active_widget(hot_widget, active_widget, null_widget, this_widget,

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mouse_over_widget && mouse_went_up)
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value = get widget value! (widget type, hot widget, active widget, this widget, text,

characters)

active widget = try reset active widget (hot widget, active widget, null widget, this widget,

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!mouse_over_widget && mouse_went_up)
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hot_widget = try_reset_hot_widget(hot_widget, active_widget, null_widget, this_widget,
!mouse over widget)

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return hot_widget, active_widget, null_widget, value
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function do_widget! (widget_type::TextBox, hot_widget, active_widget, null_widget, this_widget,
i_min, j_min, i_max, j_max, i_mouse, j_mouse, ended_down, num_transitions, text, characters)

mouse_over_widget = (i_min <= i_mouse <= i_max) && (j_min <= j_mouse <= j_max)
mouse_went_down = went_down(ended_down, num_transitions)
mouse_went_up = went_up(ended_down, num_transitions)

hot_widget = try_set_hot_widget(hot_widget, active_widget, null_widget, this_widget,
mouse_over_widget)

active_widget = try_set_active_widget(hot_widget, active_widget, null_widget, this_widget,
mouse_over_widget && mouse_went_up)</pre>
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value = get_widget_value!(widget_type, hot_widget, active_widget, this_widget, text,
characters)
```

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active widget = try reset active widget(hot_widget, active_widget, null_widget, this_widget,
!mouse_over_widget && mouse_went_up)

hot widget = try reset hot widget(hot widget, active widget, null widget, this widget,
```

!mouse_over_widget)

return hot widget, active widget, null widget, value
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Thank You!

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