

COMSC-200 Lecture Topic 13

Microsoft Foundation Classes

Reference

codeproject.com
codeproject.com
microsoft.com

Using Visual Studio 2010

New Project->Visual C++->MFC->MFC Application
 type a name; click OK
 Application->Application Type
 CHOOSE: Dialog Based radio button
 CHOOSE: Use MFC In A Static Library radio button
 Click Finished
 set Release mode
 F7 build before 1st Ctrl-F7 compile!
 use the Resource and Solutions tabs

Backup

save only the .SLN file...
 ...and the application's folder
 lose any "release" or "debug" folder

Visual Components

placing "controls" in a window
 View->Toolbox
 in Toolbox: Edit Control (*CEdit*),
 Static Text (*CStatic*), Button (*CButton*)
 control IDs
 change IDs for static text...
 Format->Align, Arrange Buttons, Space Evenly,
 Make Same Size (last clicked is base)
 Format->Tab Order
 & and Static Text

Writing "Handlers"

Double-click button to edit it's handler
 do not directly call a handler

To Delete A Control

Edit->Find & Replace->Find In Files, Find All
 and delete all references.
 Then rebuild

Casting

```
CEdit* pEdit1 = (CEdit*)GetDlgItem(IDC_EDIT1);
```

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Getting Text

```
CString edit1;  
pEdit1->GetWindowText(edit1);
```

Writing To Edit Boxes

```
CEdit* result = (CEdit*)GetDlgItem(IDC_EDIT4);  
result->SetWindowText(CString(...));  
...any quoted literal like this: CString(_T("Hello"))  
...or any C const char*  
...or any C++ string with .c_str()  
property: multi-line  
if true, use \r\n line-separator  
_T is a macro to make strings "character set neutral"
```

The CString Class

the MFC's string class

Converting CString to const char*

Step 1: convert CString to C++ string
 Step 2: convert C++ string to const char*

```
string s = CStringA(cs);  
const char* c = s.c_str();
```

Building Strings

```
#include <sstream>  
using std::ostringstream;  
ostringstream sout; // a buffer  
sout << ...  
sout.str() returns a string  
sout.str().c_str() returns a const char*  
put this in SetWindowText: CString(sout.str().c_str())
```

Editable Static Text

change ID property to match name (e.g., IDC_STATIC to IDC_STATIC1)

```
CStatic* pStatic1 = (CStatic*)GetDlgItem(IDC_STATIC1);
```

Checkboxes and Radios

objects of class **CButton**
 CButton::SetCheck(true), CButton::GetCheck()
 Radios: 1st radio in group: Group=true
 tab order determines 2nd, etc.

The MFC Class Hierarchy

classes derived from **CObject**

Adding Code Modules

put PROTOTYPES in H, function defs in CPP
*"unexpected end of file
 while looking for
 precompiled header directive"*

```
#include "stdafx.h" in the .cpp file
```

Building Strings Using printf Features

```
CString cs;  
cs.Format(_T("i=%d and x=%f"), i, x); // or %f for floating point  
variations: %10d, %.2f, %10.2f, %s  
ref: www.cplusplus.com  
put this in SetWindowText: ...->SetWindowText(cs)
```

Reading Combo Boxes

```
CComboBox* object = (CComboBox*)GetDlgItem(IDC_COMBO1);  
int n = object->GetCurSel();
```

Icon Editing

replace the res\{app}.ico image file

Picture Controls

use BMP format (in Windows Paint: save-as BMP)
 no dynamic resizing! (in Windows Paint: resize)
 1. place BMPs in /res folder
 2. in resource view: "add resource", import bitmap
 each BMP assigned an "IDB_BITMAPx" ID
 3. in Dialog, place Picture Control
 only upper-left matters -- not size
 4. in OnInitDialog, set Picture Control "style"
 and load default picture
 5. in handler(s), load picture(s)

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```
GetLength()
operator==
MakeUpper() and MakeLower()
CString cs = ...;
    converting to int: int i = _ttoi(cs);
    converting to double: double d = _ttof(cs);
    converting to std::string: string s = CStringA(cs);
    std::string to const char*: s.c_str()
```

Private Member Functions

to be called from various handlers in dlg.cpp
add to class definition in dlg.h

File Dialogs

```
CFileDialog dlg(true, NULL, NULL,
    OFN_HIDEREADONLY|
    OFN_OVERWRITEPROMPT,
    NULL, this);
if (dlg.DoModal() == IDOK)
```

the CFile class: msdn.microsoft.com/library

Here's another legitimate place to get a Visual Studio 2010: <http://imaginecup.com/>. It's a Microsoft-sponsored competition. If you register, you'll get access to some programs that could be used for program development.

GetWindowText vs GetWindowTextA vs GetWindowTextW

The version of an MFC member function without a trailing "A" is a *macro* that the compiler interprets as either the GetWindowTextA or the GetWindowTextW function. Projects with the (default) unicode option interpret this as GetWindowTextW, while ASCII projects use GetWindowTextA instead. GetWindowText itself does not show up in the popup menus, therefore, because it's not a *function*. So just use GetWindowText and other function macros, without the trailing A (or W).

```
BOOL CTestDlg::OnInitDialog()
{
    ...
    // ref. http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/yft127ws(v=vs.80).aspx
    CTabCtrl* pTab = (CTabCtrl*)GetDlgItem(IDC_TAB1);
    pTab->InsertItem(0, _T("One"));
    pTab->InsertItem(1, _T("Two"));
    pTab->InsertItem(2, _T("Three"));
    pTab->InsertItem(3, _T("Four"));
    pTab->SetCurSel(0); // set initial control visibility to match this

    // to size the pull-down area, click on the down arrow first...
    // ref. http://www.functionx.com/visualc/controls/combobox.htm
    CComboBox* pCombo = (CComboBox*)GetDlgItem(IDC_COMBO1);
    pCombo->InsertString(0, _T("One"));
    pCombo->InsertString(1, _T("Two"));
    pCombo->InsertString(2, _T("Three"));
    pCombo->InsertString(3, _T("Four"));
    pCombo->SetCurSel(0); // or -1 for unselected
    ...

    // Radio Buttons and Checkboxes (class CButton)
    // ref. http://www.functionx.com/visualc/controls/radiobutton.htm
    pRadio->SetCheck(BST_CHECKED);
    pCheck->SetCheck(BST_CHECKED);
    ...

    // Picture control setup
    // place BMPs in /res, import as bitmap resources (IDB_BITMAP1, etc)
    CStatic* pPicture = (CStatic*)GetDlgItem(IDC_STATIC3);
    pPicture->ModifyStyle(0xF, SS_BITMAP, SWP_NOSIZE);
}

void CTestDlg::OnSelchangeTab1(NMHDR* pNMHDR, LRESULT* pResult)
{
    // get pointers to all controls in all tabs
    CEdit* pEdit1 = (CEdit*)GetDlgItem(IDC_EDIT1);
    //...

    // hide all controls in all tabs
    pEdit1->ShowWindow(SW_HIDE);
    //...

    // show controls for selected tab
    CTabCtrl* pTab = (CTabCtrl*)GetDlgItem(IDC_TAB1);
```

```
switch (pTab->GetCurFocus())
{
    case 0:
        pEdit1->ShowWindow(SW_SHOW);
        //...
        break;

    case 1:
        //...
        break;

    case 2:
        //...
        break;

    case 3:
        //...
        break; // YES, YOU NEED THE LAST BREAK
}

...
CComboBox* pCombo = (CComboBox*)GetDlgItem(IDC_COMBO1);
int n = pCombo->GetCurSel(); // -1 for unselected, 0 for first item...
...
CButton* pRadio = (CButton*)GetDlgItem(IDC_RADIO1);
int r = pRadio->GetCheck(); // BST_UNCHECKED for unselected, BST_CHECKED for selected
...
CButton* pCheck = (CButton*)GetDlgItem(IDC_CHECK1);
int c = pCheck->GetCheck(); // BST_UNCHECKED for unselected, BST_CHECKED for selected

CStatic* pPicture = (CStatic*)GetDlgItem(IDC_STATIC3);
HBITMAP hb = (HBITMAP)::LoadImage(AfxGetInstanceHandle(),
    MAKEINTRESOURCE(IDB_BITMAP1), IMAGE_BITMAP, 0, 0, LR_CREATEDIBSECTION);
pPicture->SetBitmap(hb);
```

MFC ref: [MSDN](#)