The CODL library documentation

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1 Introduction

The CODL library is a library that allows you to create applications using console graphics. It was inspired by neurses-based applications.

At the moment this library is very simple and contains basic functions. In the future, it is planned to create an add-on with the ability to create an user interface.

2 Basic functions and concepts

The main role in the library is played "windows" — these are buffers that have a certain position on the screen, width, height, layer, and such internal settings as the background color, symbol color, cursor position in the buffer, alpha channel, and window visibility.

2.1 Initialize, end program

2.1.1 codl_initialize

```
int codl_initialize(void)
```

Required to start working with the library.

Initializes two screen buffers and a terminal window, clears the contents of the terminal emulator.

2.1.2 codl_end

```
int codl_end(void)
```

Required to end working with the library.

Clears all memory allocated for window buffers.

For example:

```
1 #include <codl.h>
2
3 int
4 main (void)
5 {
6   codl_initialize ();
7   ...
8   codl_end ();
9
10   return EXIT_SUCCESS;
11 }
```

2.2 Window type

codl_window is a structure that includes the window buffer and its parameters:

struct codl_window *parent_win

Pointer on the parent window (By default, it refers to term_window)

int x_position, int y_position

Absolute location of the window on the X, Y axis

int ref_x_position, int ref_y_position

Location of the window on the X, Y axis, relative to the parent window

int width, int height

Size of the window

int layer

Window layer. For example: The window on layer 1 will be below the window on layer 2.

int cursor_pos_x, int cursor_pos_y

Buffer cursor location on the X, Y axis

int s_cur_pos_x, int s_cur_pos_y

Saved cursor buffer location (needed for save and restore cursor position)

int colour_bg, int colour_fg

Buffer background and foreground colors

char alpha

Alpha channel setting (CODL_ENABLE or CODL_DISABLE) If this attribute is activated, the empty space of the window will not be displayed on the overall composition.

char text_attribute

Text attribute setting (CODL_BOLD, CODL_ITALIC, CODL_UNDERLINE, CODL_CROSSED_OUT, CODL_DIM)

int window_visible

Window visibility setting (CODL_ENABLE or CODL_DISABLE)

char ***window_buffer

Window buffer

2.3 Create and destroy window

2.3.1 codl_create_window

codl_window *codl_create_window(codl_window *p_win, int layer, int x_pos, int y_pos, int width,
int height)

Parameters:

- *p_win parent window pointer (If the pointer is NULL, the parent window is set as term_window)
- layer layer of the window being created
- x_pos, y_pos location of the window on the X, Y axis, relative to the parent window
- width, heigth size of the window being created

2.3.2 codl_destroy_window

int codl_destroy_window(codl_window *win)

This function has only one argument — a pointer to the window to destroy

For example:

```
1 #include <codl.h>
 2
3 int
 4 main (void)
5 {
 6
    /* We can't create a window until the library is initialized */
 7
    codl_window *first_win = NULL;
8
    codl_window *second_window = NULL;
10
    codl_initialize ();
11
    /* We create the first window with next parameters:
12
     * Parent window = NULL (Refers to the term_window)
13
    * Layer of the window
14
15
    * Rel. position on the X axis = 5
     * Rel. position on the Y axis = 5
16
17
     * Width
18
    * Height
19
     */
20
    first_window = codl_create_window (NULL, 1, 5, 5, 20, 10);
21
22
    /* We are also creating a second window. Now its parent
23
    window will be our first window
24
25
    second_window = codl_create_window (first_window, 2, 2, 10, 5);
26
27
28
                             Some code
29
30
31
    /* If you need to get rid of one of the windows,
     * you can call the code_destroy_window function.
32
33
34
     * For example:
35
     */
36
37
    codl_destroy_window (second_window);
38
    /st Now our second window has been deleted and the pointer to it is NULL st/
39
40
41
    /*
42
                           Some more code
     */
43
44
45
    codl_end ();
46
47 return EXIT_SUCCESS;
48 }
```

2.4 Image type

The cool_image type partially repeats the code_window type, except that it has only two attributes: width and height

- int width
- int height
- char ***image_buffer

This buffer is needed to repeatedly load the image from it, so as not to read the image directly from the disk each time.

${\bf 2.4.1}\quad {\bf codl_image_to_window}$

int codl_image_to_window(codl_window *win, codl_image *img, int x_pos, int y_pos, int x_reg, int y_reg, int width, int height)

This function transfers the area of image (which is selected by the parameters x_reg, y_reg, width, height) from codl_image to the window buffer at coordinates X, Y.

2.4.2 codl_save_buffer_to_file

int codl_save_buffer_to_file(codl_window *win, const char *filename)

In the first argument, we specify the window whose buffer we want to save. In the second argument, we specify the name of the file in which the buffer will be saved.

2.4.3 codl_load_buffer_from_file

int codl_load_buffer_from_file(codl_window *win, const char *filename, int x_pos, int y_pos)

This function loads an image from a file directly into the window buffer at X, Y coordinates.

2.4.4 codl_load_image

codl_image *codl_load_image(const char *filename)

This function loads an image from a file into the codl_image buffer

3 Library error system

The library error system is implemented quite simply: if a library function fails, it returns a null value and uses the codl_set_fault function to determine the cause of this error.

You can get the CODL_FAULTS enum value of this error using <code>code_get_fault_enum</code> or get a string explaining the error using <code>codl_get_fault_string</code>.

4 Setter functions

This section lists all the functions for manipulating windows with a brief description of them.

4.1 Color setters

The first argument in these functions is the window to which the property is applied.

4.1.1 codl_set_colour

int codl_set_colour(codl_window *win, int bg, int fg)

This function takes three parameters:

- A pointer to a window
- Background color (0 to 256)
- Foreground color (0 to 256)

4.2 Text attribute setters

The following attributes are available for attribute setters:

- 1. CODL_NO_ATTRIBUTES zero attribute
- 2. CODL_BOLD makes the text bold
- 3. CODL_ITALIC makes the text italicized
- 4. CODL_UNDERLINE makes the text underlined
- 5. CODL_CROSSED_OUT makes the text crossed out
- 6. CODL_DIM makes the text dim

You can also combine these attributes by using a logical OR (|)

For example:

```
codl_set_attribute (window_name, CODL_BOLD | CODL_ITALIC | CODL_UNDERLINE);
```

4.2.1 codl_set_attribute

int codl_set_attribute(codl_window *win, char attribute)

This function sets the window text attributes completely.

4.2.2 codl_add_attribute

int codl_add_attribute(codl_window *win, char attribute)

This function adds a text attributes to the already set ones.

4.2.3 codl_remove_attribute

int codl_remove_attribute(codl_window *win, char attribute)

This function deletes the attributes specified in the argument.

4.3 Window attribute setters

4.3.1 codl_set_alpha

int codl_set_alpha(codl_window *win, CODL_SWITCH alpha);

This function enables or disables the alpha mode of the window.

The first argument in this function is the window to which the property is applied. The second argument can take two values: CODL_ENABLE or CODL_DISABLE

4.3.2 codl_set_window_visibility

int codl_set_window_visible(codl_window *win, CODL_SWITCH visible)

This function enables or disables window visibility.

The second argument can take two values: CODL_ENABLE or CODL_DISABLE

4.3.3 codl_set_cursor_position

int codl_set_cursor_position(codl_window *win, int x_pos, int y_pos)

This function sets the position of the cursor in the buffer by X, Y coordinates. If the horizontal position overflows, the buffer is shifted down. If the vertical position overflows, the cursor moves to the next line.

4.3.4 codl_save_cursor_position

int codl_save_cursor_position(codl_window *win)

This function saves cursor position in the window to a special field it the codl_window structure.

4.3.5 codl_restore_cursor_position

int codl_restore_cursor_position(codl_window *win)

This function restores cursor position from s_cur_pos_* fields of the codl_window structure.

4.3.6 codl_resize_window

int codl_resize_window(codl_window *win, int width, int height)

This function sets the size of the window (width, length).

4.3.7 codl_set_window_position

int codl_set_window_position(codl_window *win, int new_x_pos, int new_y_pos)

This function sets the position of the window in X, Y coordinates relative to its parent window.

4.3.8 codl_set_layer

int codl_set_layer(codl_window *win, int layer)

This function sets the layer on which the window

4.3.9 codl_window_clear

int codl_window_clear(codl_window *win)

This function clears the window buffer.

4.4 Terminal attribute setters

It is not recommended to use these functions while working with the library (except for codl_clear(if this function is followed by codl_redraw or the program terminates) and codl_monochrome_mode)

4.4.1 codl_cursor_mode

void codl_cursor_mode(CODL_CURSOR cur)

This function sets the terminal cursor mode: CODL_SHOW or CODL_HIDE

4.4.2 codl_echo

int codl_echo(void)

Enables echo mode (when keyboard input is displayed on stdout).

4.4.3 codl_noecho

int codl_noecho(void)

Disables echo mode.

4.4.4 codl_monochrome_mode

void codl_monochrome_mode(CODL_SWITCH mode)

Enables monochrome mode (text does not have colors and attributes set).

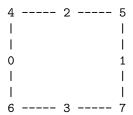
4.4.5 codl_clear

void codl_clear(void)

Clears the terminal screen (not terminal window)

4.5 Primitive setters (Frame setters)

Frame setters work like this: they set parameters for drawing a frame like this



In function arguments, these parts of the frame can be denoted by a prefix (fg_ or ch_) and the number of this part.

4.5.1 codl_set_frame_colours

int codl_set_frame_colours(int fg_0, int fg_1, int fg_2, int fg_3, int fg_4, int fg_5, int fg_6, int fg_7)

Sets the colors for drawing the frame (to understand the arguments, follow the instructions above)

4.5.2 codl_set_frame_symbols

int codl_set_frame_symbols(char *ch_0, char *ch_1, char *ch_2, char *ch_3, char *ch_4, char *ch_5, char *ch_6, char *ch_7)

Sets the characters that the frame will be drawn with. Also in the library there are preset symbols for drawing a frame.

4.6 Error system setters

4.6.1 codl_set_fault

int codl_set_fault(CODL_FAULTS fault_en, const char *fault_str)

This function sets the error value to the internal library buffer.

The first argument is a CODL_FAULTS enum value:

- CODL_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAULT error occurs when allocating memory
- CODL_NULL_POINTER error occurs when pointer is NULL value
- CODL_INVALID_SIZE error occurs when the size is not suitable
- CODL_NOT_INITIALIZED error occurs when the library is not initialized

The second argument is a string with an explanation of the error.

4.7 Tab width setter

By default tab width equals 8 spaces

4.7.1 codl_set_tab_width

void codl_set_tab_width(int width)

Sets a tab width.

4.8 Image setters

4.8.1 codl_clear_image

int codl_clear_image(codl_image *img)

Clears the codl_image buffer

5 Getter functions

5.1 Window getters

5.1.1 codl_get_num_of_wins

int codl_get_num_of_wins(void)

This function returns the number of windows

5.1.2 codl_get_term

codl_window *codl_get_term(void)

This function returns a pointer to the term_window window. This window can be used for drawing, writing. You can also use it to find out the size of the terminal screen.

5.2 Terminal getters

5.2.1 codl_get_term_size

int codl_get_term_size(int *width, int *height)

This function takes as arguments pointers to variables of the int type, in which the width and height of the terminal screen will be written.

If you want to know the size of the terminal screen, you'd better do it with the code_get_term getter.

For example: codl_get_term ()->width, codl_get_term ()->height

5.2.2 codl_resize_term

int codl_resize_term(void)

This function checks whether the size of the terminal has changed, and if it has changed, sets the new size of the terminal window and returns the value 1.

5.3 Error system getters

5.3.1 codl_get_fault_string

char *codl_get_fault_string(void)

This function returns a pointer to a string with an error explanation.

5.3.2 codl_get_fault_enum

CODL_FAULTS codl_get_fault_enum(void)

This function returns the CODL_FAULTS enum value.

5.4 Tab width getter

$5.4.1 \quad codl_get_tab_width$

int codl_get_tab_width(void)

This function returns the value of the tab width.

5.5 Input getters

5.5.1 codl_get_key

unsigned int codl_get_key(void)

If the key was pressed, this function returns:

- The ASCII value of the key
- \bullet The value of the key that is listed in the CODL_KEY enum

• The value of CODL_KEY_UNICODE, in the case of which we can call the getter codl_get_stored_key to get the unicode value of the key

Or 0 value if a key has not been pressed.

5.5.2 codl_get_stored_key

```
char *codl_get_stored_key(void)
```

This function returns a pointer to the buffer where the unicode key was written (the size of this buffer is 4, because the maximum UTF-8 character size is 4 bytes)

You can also use the **strcmp** function from the standard library to compare a pressed key with a unicode character.

For example:

```
1 #include <codl.h>
2
3 int
4 main (void)
5 {
6
    unsigned int key = 0;
7
8
    codl_initialize ();
9
10
    /* The loop will end if the resulting key is equal to the Escape
     * key code (this code can be viewed in CODL_KEY enum)
11
12
13
    while ((key = codl_get_key ()) != CODL_KEY_ESC)
14
15
         switch (key)
16
           {
17
           case 0:
             continue;
18
19
20
           case CODL_KEY_UP:
             codl_write (codl_get_term (), "Oh, honey, you pushed the up button..."
21
22
                                             " Push something else;)\n");
23
24
             break;
25
           case CODL_KEY_UNICODE:
26
             codl_write (codl_get_term (), "Wow, you hit the button ");
27
             codl_write (codl_get_term (), codl_get_stored_key ());
28
             codl_write (codl_get_term (), "\n");
29
30
31
             break;
32
           default:
33
34
             codl_write (codl_get_term (), "You don't spoil me... Can you press "
35
                                             "the up key or some non-ASCII key?\n");
36
37
             break;
38
39
40
         codl_display ();
41
42
43
    codl_end ();
44
45
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
46 }
```

5.6 String getters

5.6.1 codl_strlen

```
size_t codl_strlen(const char *string)
```

This function is analog of strlen function from string.h

5.6.2 codl_string_length

```
size_t codl_string_length(const char *string)
```

This function counts the number of characters in a string. Supports UTF-8

6 Functions for manipulating the buffer

This section contains functions for working with the codl_window buffer.

6.1 codl_buffer_scroll_down

```
int codl_buffer_scroll_down(codl_window *win, int down)
```

This function shifts the contents of the window buffer by a certain number of characters down.

6.2 codl_buffer_scroll_up

```
int codl_buffer_scroll_up(codl_window *win, int down)
```

This function shifts the contents of the window buffer by a certain number of characters up.

7 Functions for writing and drawing primitives

The functions of this section output text to the terminal with the attributes that you set with the color and text setters (except for the codl_frame function, which has its own setters (the frame takes the background color from the window attributes))

7.1 Functions for writing

7.1.1 codl_write

```
int codl_write(codl_window *win, char *string)
```

This function writes a string to the window buffer. It is the main function of writing to a window buffer. Supports parsing ANSI sequences. For example:

```
1 codl_write (window_name, "\033[1mHello world!\033[0m");
```

7.1.2 codl_replace_attributes

```
int codl_replace_attributes(codl_window *win, int x0_pos, int y0_pos, int x1_pos, int y1_pos)
```

This function replaces the text attributes with those that you previously set using color and text setters in the region marked with coordinates x_0, y_0, x_1, y_1

7.2 Functions for drawing primitives

7.2.1 codl_line

```
int codl_line(codl_window *win, int x1, int y1, int x2, int y2, char *symbol)
```

This function draws a line at coordinates x_0, y_0, x_1, y_1 using a character, which is specified as the last argument using a string literal

7.2.2 codl_rectangle

int codl_rectangle(codl_window *win, int x0_pos, int y0_pos, int x1_pos, int y1_pos, char *symbol)

This function draws a rectangle at coordinates x_0, y_0, x_1, y_1 using a character, which is specified as the last argument using a string literal

7.2.3 codl_rectangle

int codl_rectangle(codl_window *win, int x0_pos, int y0_pos, int x1_pos, int y1_pos, char *symbol)

This function draws a frame at coordinates x_0, y_0, x_1, y_1 using a characters set by codl_set_frame_symbols function and with colors set by codl_set_frame_colours function.

8 Functions for working with memory

8.1 Memory (re-)allocation functions

This subsection contains wrappers over the memory allocation functions from the standard library. These are safe functions that have integration with the error system of this library.

8.1.1 codl_malloc_check

void *codl_malloc_check(size_t size)

This function allocates size bytes on the heap and returns a pointer to the beginning of this area.

8.1.2 codl_realloc_check

void *codl_realloc_check(void *ptrmem, size_t size)

This function reallocates memory blocks. The size of the memory block referred to by the ptrmem parameter is changed to size bytes. The memory block can shrink or grow in size.

8.1.3 codl_calloc_check

void *codl_calloc_check(size_t number, size_t size)

The calloc function allocates a block of memory for an array of number elements, each of which is size bytes, and initializes all of its bits to zeros. As a result, a memory block of number * size bytes is allocated, and the entire block is filled with zeros.

8.2 Set and copy memory functions

This subsection contains the safe counterparts of the standard library functions.

8.2.1 codl_memset

int codl_memset(void *dest, codl_rsize_t destsize, int ch, codl_rsize_t count)

This function fills the count bytes of memory at dest with ch. If count is bigger than destsize, the function sets destsize bytes of memory.

8.2.2 codl_memcpy

int codl_memcpy(void *dest, codl_rsize_t destsize, const void *src, codl_rsize_t count)

This function copies count bytes of memory from src to dest. If count is greater than destsize, the function copies destsize bytes of memory. This function is protected from memory overlap.

9 Display functions

9.1 codl_display

int codl_display(void)

This function is engaged in displaying the picture and all its changes on the screen of your terminal. This is the main display function, in most cases you need to use it.

9.2 codl_redraw

int codl_redraw(void)

This function completely redraws the image on the screen. It may be useful after using the codl_clear function, in other cases it is better to refrain from using it.

9.3 codl_redraw_diff

int codl_redraw_diff(void)

This function can re-display the changes that have occurred on the screen. The function is needed only in theory, in practice it has not yet been used.

10 Other functions

This section contains features that do not fall into other categories

10.1 codl_itoa

char *codl_itoa(int num, char *string)

This function converts an int value to a string.

10.2 codl_input_form

int codl_input_form(codl_window *win, char **str, int pos_x, int pos_y, size_t size)

This function creates a form for input in a win window of size size characters, which will be located at the x, y coordinates relative to the specified window. Also, this function accepts a pointer to a string in order to write the result into it after the end of the work. The memory for the row is allocated on the heap, so remember to clear the memory after you finish.

11 Some more examples

11.1 Image demo

```
1 #include <codl.h>
2
3 int
4 main (void)
5 {
    codl_window *win = NULL;
    codl_window *s_win = NULL;
   codl_image *img
                      = NULL;
9
10
    codl_initialize ();
11
    /* Creating window */
12
    win = codl_create_window (NULL, 1, 5, 5, 24, 8);
13
    /* Creating centered child window of "win" */
14
15
    s_win = codl_create_window (win, 2, 2, 2, win->width - 4, win->height - 4);
16
    /* Setting window color attributes for drawing rectangle for fill window
17
     * buffer with solid color
18
19
20
    codl_set_colour (win, CODL_BRIGHT_GREEN, CODL_DEFAULT_COLOUR);
21
22
    /* Fill the window buffer with rectangle */
23
    codl_rectangle (win, 0, 0, win->width, win->height, " ");
24
25
    /* Draw window frame with default frame settings and bright green
     * background color
26
27
    codl_frame (win, 0, 0, win->width, win->height);
28
29
30
    /* Setting cursor position, text and colour attributes for writing */
31
    codl_set_cursor_position (win, 6, 1);
    codl_set_colour (win, CODL_BLUE, CODL_BRIGHT_WHITE);
32
33
    codl_set_attribute (win, CODL_BOLD | CODL_UNDERLINE);
34
    /* Write "Hello world!" */
35
36
    codl_write (win, "Hello world!");
37
38
    /* Write some text to the second window with default attributes */
39
    codl_write (s_win, "This is some text in second window :P\nYou wrote: ");
40
    /* Save the window buffer of "win" to file "file_image.cdl" */
41
    codl_save_buffer_to_file (win, "file_image.cdl");
42
43
44
    /* Load our file to image buffer "img" */
    img = codl_load_image ("file_image.cdl");
45
46
47
    /* Load image from image buffer to terminal window buffer */
48
    codl_image_to_window(codl_get_term (), img, 14, 15, 0, 0,
49
                          img->width, img->height);
50
    /* Free our pointer after using */
51
52
    codl_clear_image (img);
53
54
    /* Display our results */
55
    codl_display ();
56
    /* As a result, we have a copy of the image from the win window
57
     * in our terminal window.
58
59
60
61
    codl_end ();
62
```

```
63 return EXIT_SUCCESS;
64 }
```

11.2 Small demo

```
1 #include <codl.h>
2
3 int
4 main (void)
5 {
                      = NULL;
6
    codl_window *win
7
    codl_window *s_win = NULL;
8
    char *str
                      = NULL;
9
    unsigned int key = 0;
10
    codl_initialize ();
11
    /* Creating window */
12
13
         = codl_create_window (NULL, 1, 5, 5, 24, 8);
14
    /* Creating centered child window of "win" */
15
    s_win = codl_create_window (win, 2, 2, 2, win->width - 4, win->height - 4);
16
17
    /* Setting window color attributes for drawing rectangle for fill window
18
19
     * buffer with solid color
20
     */
    codl_set_colour (win, CODL_BRIGHT_GREEN, CODL_DEFAULT_COLOUR);
21
22
    /* Fill the window buffer with rectangle */
23
24
    codl_rectangle (win, 0, 0, win->width, win->height, " ");
25
26
    /* Draw window frame with default frame settings and bright green
27
     * background color
28
29
    codl_frame (win, 0, 0, win->width, win->height);
30
    /\ast Setting cursor position, text and colour attributes for writing \ast/
31
32
    codl_set_cursor_position (win, 6, 1);
33
    codl_set_colour (win, CODL_BLUE, CODL_BRIGHT_WHITE);
34
    codl_set_attribute (win, CODL_BOLD | CODL_UNDERLINE);
35
36
    /* Write "Hello world!" */
    codl_write (win, "Hello world!");
37
38
    /st Write some text to the second window with default attributes st/
39
    codl_write (s_win, "This is some text in second window :P\nYou wrote: ");
40
41
42
    /* Prompt the user to enter a string */
    codl_set_colour (win, CODL_CYAN, CODL_BRIGHT_WHITE);
43
44
    codl_input_form(win, &str, 6, win->height - 2, 11);
45
46
    codl_set_attribute (s_win, CODL_BOLD);
47
    codl_write (s_win, str);
48
49
    /* Free memory after using codl_input_form function */
50
    free (str);
51
52
    /* Display our results */
53
    codl_display ();
54
55
    /* Create a loop in which the user can move the main window using the arrows
56
    while ((key = codl_get_key ()) != CODL_KEY_ESC)
57
58
        switch (key) {
59
60
        case 0:
```

```
61
          continue;
62
         case CODL_KEY_RIGHT:
63
          codl_set_window_position (win, win->x_position + 1, win->y_position);
64
65
          break;
66
67
        case CODL_KEY_LEFT:
68
          codl_set_window_position (win, win->x_position - 1, win->y_position);
69
          break;
70
        case CODL_KEY_UP:
71
72
          codl_set_window_position (win, win->x_position, win->y_position - 1);
73
          break;
74
75
        case CODL_KEY_DOWN:
76
          codl_set_window_position (win, win->x_position, win->y_position + 1);
77
        }
78
79
80
        codl_display ();
81
82
83
    codl_end ();
84
85
   return EXIT_SUCCESS;
86 }
```