

## GrowBox

GrowBox is a Windows NT Application which uses a Hygrosense Humidity/Temperature Sensor as input equipment to control the climate within a growbox.

Please be aware, that It was developped as prototype application, not as an end user application. Eg. all the user input values had intentionally been hardcoded into the source files or written to GrowBox.ini file, what is ok for a prototype, but not for an end user application. It is usually running within VC++ 6.0 in debug mode.

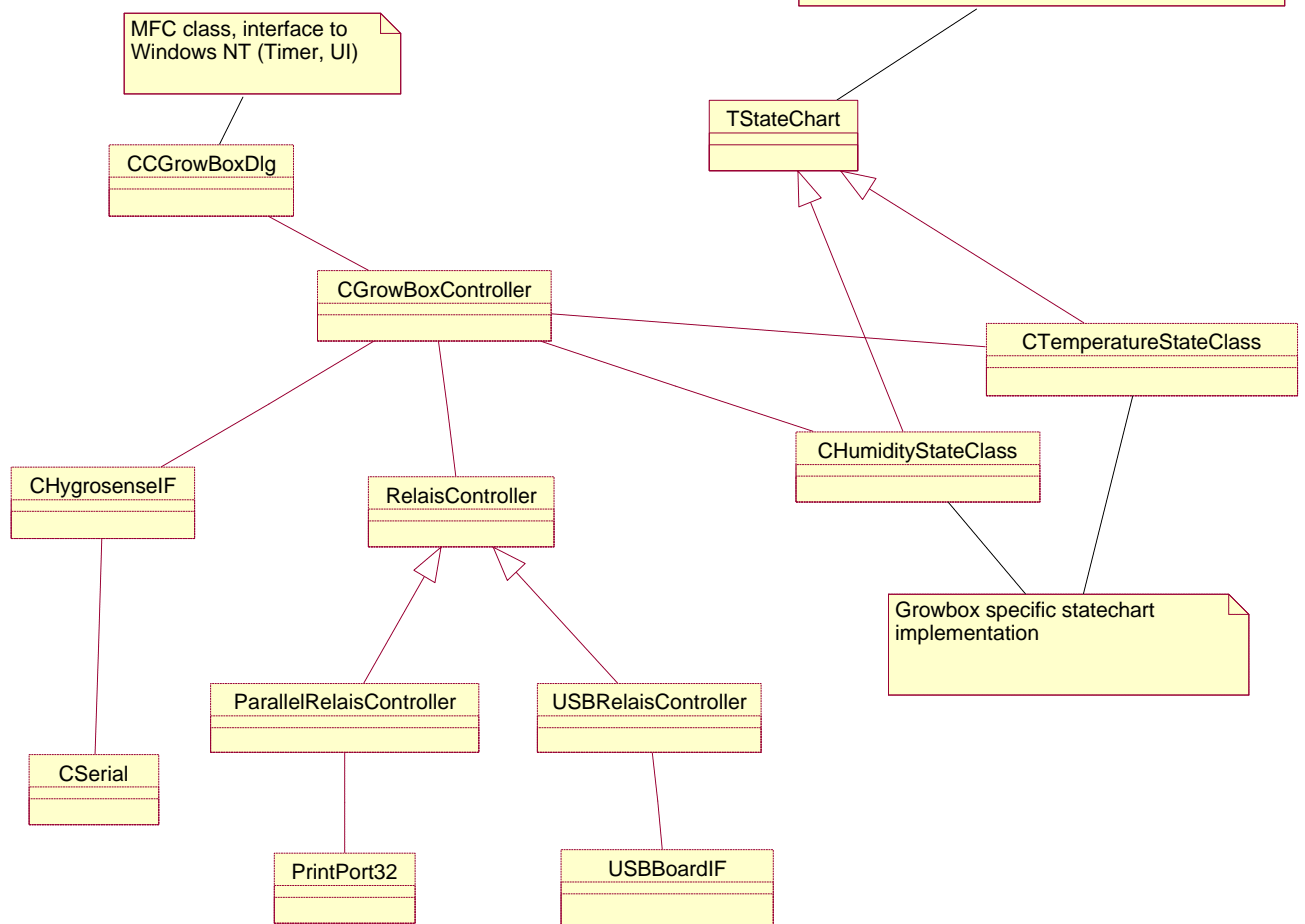
It controls humidifictaion equipment and ventilation equipment in order to keep a humidity of approximately 90% rH inside a microbiological growbox. These equipments are controlled via a parallel port relais board ([kemo-electronic.de](http://kemo-electronic.de) / [conrad.de](http://conrad.de)) or USB Relais Board (Hygrosens REL8HC IN8).

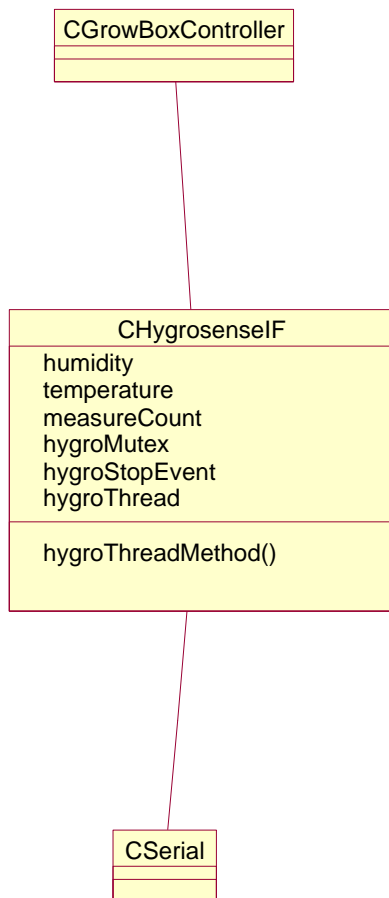
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Class Diagram

lightweight finite state machine framework,  
[codeproject.com/samples/statechart.asp](http://codeproject.com/samples/statechart.asp)

MFC class, interface to  
Windows NT (Timer, UI)





### Threading/Concurrency

The whole application runs within the `messageHandle` thread of the application except for the Hygrosense serial interface, where an own thread continuously reads arriving data from the Hygrosense hardware.

The values `temperature`, `humidity` and `measureCount` are synchronised by `hygroMutex`. Termination of `hygroThread` is synchronised via `hygroStopEvent`. Termination of the application can therefore take up to approx. 7 seconds

### Reading values from Hygrosense Sensor

The current version uses the observed fact that Hygrosense Sensor sends data periodically approx. all 5 seconds. The interface has been designed that it works for any period up to 8 seconds

Statechart  
used to model behaviour

