Managing Selections

Scenario

The desktop application StyleADVISOR draws various charts that display data series associated with what is called a 'manager'. The user can select managers by clicking on the corresponding data series in the chart. Furthermore, the user can globally set the list of managers displayed in a chart.

Task

Write a component that manages the selection state of managers currently shown in StyleADVISOR. Internally, the managers are represented by unique string ids. The following operations need to be supported:

- Changing the selection status for a manager
- Querying the selection status for a manager
- Setting the list of displayed managers

The component should provide a means for clients to receive notifications whenever the selection state of a manager changes.

Environment

Write portable code. The code must compile on a standard conforming C++ compiler/library. The use of the C++ standard library is strongly encouraged. You may use the current version of the Boost library, if desired. The use of other libraries (portable or not) is discouraged.

Deliverables

Provide the code, supporting documentation, and anything else you deem worthwhile for the component so that it could be readily used in production code. No binaries are needed. A rationale document discussing design choices is welcome, but not required. Please also document the compiler used to prepare the code.