

Notes to self

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. Exploring property value sources :  
  . The C++ behind the syntax like :  
    NumberAnimation on x { to: 50; duration: 1000 }  
  
  . NumberAnimation is a property value source because the values  
    that go into x come from it.  
  
  . We will be building a random number class, that will act as a property  
    value source for other types.  
  
  . The flow :  
    . You create a custom class  
    . The class will need to inherit QQmlPropertyValueSource  
      class RandomNumber : public QObject, public QQmlPropertyValueSource  
    . The class needs to provide the macro  
      Q_INTERFACES(QQmlPropertyValueSource)  
    . The class needs to provide a setTarget method :  
      virtual void setTarget(const QQmlProperty & prop);  
  
    . The class needs to provide an updateProperty slot :  
      void updateProperty();  
  
    . QQmlProperty has a bunch of methods you can use to forward  
      and pull data to/from the property wrapped around.  
  
    . And what we wrap around is what our Random number bounds to  
      on the QML side, for example, we may be bounding to the  
      radius or width of a rectangle.  
  
    . In updateProperty, we write to the property and what we write  
      is our generated random number.  
  
    . With the plumbing in place, the rest is :  
  
      . exposing to qml :  
        . qmlRegisterType<RandomNumber>("RandomUtil",1,0,"RandomNumber");  
  
      . using the types in QML :  
        Rectangle{  
          id : mRect  
          RandomNumber on width {  
            maxValue: 700  
          }  
          height: 300  
          color: "dodgerblue"  
          RandomNumber on radius {  
            maxValue: 300  
          }  
        }  
      }  
  
  . Use the explanations in the Qt 5 course and improvise.
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class RandomNumber : public QObject, public QmlPropertyValueSource
{
    Q_OBJECT
    Q_PROPERTY(int maxValue READ maxValue WRITE setMaxValue NOTIFY maxValueChanged)
    Q_INTERFACES(QmlPropertyValueSource)
public:
    explicit RandomNumber(QObject *parent = nullptr);
    virtual void setTarget(const QmlProperty & prop);
    int maxValue() const;
    void setMaxValue(int maxValue);
signals:
    void maxValueChanged(int maxValue);
private slots :
    void updateProperty();
private:
    QmlProperty m_targetProperty;
    int m_maxValue;
    QTimer * m_timer;
};

```

Update the property

```
void RandomNumber::updateProperty()  
{  
    m_targetProperty.write(QRandomGenerator::global()->bounded(m_maxValue));  
}
```

Register the types

```
qmlRegisterType<RandomNumber>("RandomUtil",1,0,"RandomNumber");
```

QML

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