The base Quake 2 UI system is inflexible, very code-heavy, has no way for the server to tell a client which UI to draw and impossible to modify from game code. Zombono uses a new UI system that is designed to rectify this issue – it’s based on the concept of **controls** and **UI scripts.** It is also designed to rectify the severe issues that Zombono-Q1’s UI system had, such as the server depending on variables only the client can possibly understand.

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1. **UI Overall Design**

UI is handled and drawn on the client side, with events sent to the server for processing. All UI is handled in C code that calls the **UI\_** client functions (with **UI\_Init** being called to initialise the UI system). Each UI (consisting of a **ui\_t** structure) is created at runtime to reduce overhead related to creating UIs during gameplay. Each UI is made up of a series of **controls** (all implemented in the monolithic **ui\_control\_t** struct, in the array **controls** of a **ui\_t** structure; presently there are a maximum of 32 chara), and **event handlers** that attach to various events. When a UI is being displayed, the **current\_ui** global variable is set to that UI. It is set to **NULL** when a UI is not being displayed.

For a UI system to be useful, it must also use events. An **event** is an occurrence that allows a UI to do something when it happens, and it is attached to the UI system’s event loop (which is a part of the regular Zombono Engine event loop).

1. **UI Controls**

A UI control is an individual element of a UI. It must be contained within a **ui­\_t** element via its **controls** array; there are several types of controls that each use their own constituent parts of the larger **ui\_control\_t** structure (the reason this is a monolithic design is in order to ensure consistency with the rest of the engine – especially the entity and edict structure, which uses a monolithic design of this type – “either fit it in **edict\_t** or don’t do it”). A control is drawn as part of the larger **UI\_Draw** loop during the game’s draw loop – it is drawn under the legacy menus in order to reduce conflicts with legacy menus (of which there are two separate systems, one for drawing the menus and one for drawing the in-game HUD).

There are several types of UI controls that are intended to both provide new functionality on top of the capabilities of the Quake 2 UI engine and bridge functionality used by the old engine.

* 1. **UI Controls: Text**

Draws text using the image font engine.

**Properties**:

**Text** – The text that will be displayed. If the string contains a **^** character, followed by a number between 0 and f, the text will be drawn in a colour corresponding to the list of extended Quake 3 colour codes – for further information, see the FontEngine.docx document.  
**X Position** – The X position of the text to draw. This property, in combination with the **Text\_GetSize** may be used to centre it – see the FontEngine.docx document for further information.  
**Y Position** – The Y position of the text to draw. This property, in combination with the **Text\_GetSize** may be used to centre it – see the FontEngine.docx document for further information.

* 1. **UI Controls: Image**
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