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Subject: SplitterFrame: How to build this?

Posted by [imos](#) on Thu, 10 Jan 2019 23:49:47 GMT

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Hi!

I would like to build a GUI app with the following macro details:

Tree | Layout/controls

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ArrayCtrl

However I can not get this using 2 SplitterFrame2:

```
SplitterFrame sfHor;  
ArrayCtrl list;  
SplitterFrame sfVert;  
TreeCtrl tree;
```

```
typedef App CLASSNAME;  
TopWindow app;  
App()  
{  
    CtrlLayoutOKCancel(*this, "Test SplitterFrame");  
    tree.SetRoot(CtrlImg::Dir(), "Data Channels");  
    AddFrame(sfVert.Bottom(list,200));  
    sfHor.Left(tree, 200);  
    //sfVert.Top(sfHor,200); //Error!  
    sfVert.SizeMin(100).MinSize(100);  
    Sizeable();  
}
```

This code shows a listview on the bottom and the layout on the top. But I did not set any content for the top. Why is layout set automatically to the top?

In fact I need to create controls during runtime and not design them during development time. So the layout is not the right option, right? A kind of empty container would be better, right? But I can not find any container to use (such as panel in Java). Is it possible to add new controls to an empty layout during runtime?

Thanks a lot

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Subject: Re: SplitterFrame: How to build this?  
Posted by [Oblivion](#) on Fri, 11 Jan 2019 08:28:25 GMT  
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Hello, imos

Layouts are not objects, they are simply visual representations (in the IDE) of your predefined widgets (It is c++ code) and they are added dynamically, as in your code:

```
CtrlLayoutOKCancel(*this, "Test SplitterFrame");
```

Above code (and other variants of CtrlLayout() function) simply adds and initializes a set of predefined widgets (visually represented as a "layout") to the given Ctrl. (In your case it is referenced by \*this, which is a TopWindow. You can also assign layouts to otherCtrls.). You can modify (add, remove, move position, change their properties etc) the widgets in your layout in runtime, as you like.

You can even define multiple layouts and use them interchangeably in runtime.

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Yes, see the above answer.

And you can use ParentCtrl. It is meant to be a container, for grouping widgets.

Best regards,  
Oblivion

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Subject: Re: SplitterFrame: How to build this?  
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Thanks for the explanations, but How to get this GUI skeleton:

Tree | Layout/controls

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ArrayCtrl at bottom

using 2 SplitterFrames?

Why does "CtrlLayout" stays in the top of the first SplitterFrame if I did nothing to achieve that (according to the provided source code)?

Why can not I add first horizontal SplitterFrame to the top of vertical split frame?

Thanks

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Subject: Re: SplitterFrame: How to build this?  
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Hello imos,

In such cases you should try Splitter instead of SplitterFrame, as it seems to be what you need and is more flexible.

Please find attached a simple example that demonstrates the requested behaviour. (I was lazy, so I used a DocEdit instead of TreeCtrl).

It also demonstrates a simple way of adding a widget to the layout dynamically.

Best regards,  
Oblivion

#### File Attachments

1) [SplitterExample.zip](#), downloaded 332 times

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Subject: Re: SplitterFrame: How to build this?  
Posted by [imos](#) on Sat, 12 Jan 2019 17:20:20 GMT  
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Great example! Thank you!

It is what I was looking for. Just one more question/detail

Imagine that I want to create multiple widgets during runtime or even just one but a large one, such as:

```
pctrl.Add(button.SetLabel("Added button!").LeftPos(10, 150).TopPos(100, 1140));
```

Is it possible to configure "WithContainerLayout<ParentCtrl>" with vertical scroll bar in order to be possible to see the whole button?

Thanks  
Imos

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